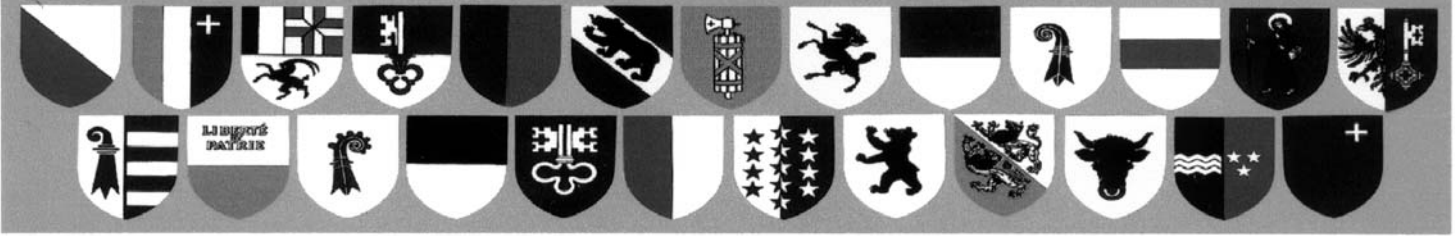


SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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February 2007

Important Dates:

March 17	<i>Fondue Party</i>
April 15	<i>Jass Party</i>
July 29	<i>1st August Celebration</i>
Sept. 15-16	<i>Hike</i>
Oct. 26	<i>Fall Dinner</i>
Dec. 2	<i>Christmas Party</i>

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

The annual "Samichlaus" Party on December 3, 2006 concluded our annual event calendar for the Seattle Swiss Society. The board had decided earlier in the year to combine our festivities with our friends to the North, the Monroe Swiss Colony. They are the proud owners of a building (in earlier times referred to as

a "Grange Hall"). After many years of neglect, the members of the Monroe Swiss Colony decided to resurrect it from an almost inevitable "condemnation" by the local building inspectors. With a lot of hard work and thousands of man (woman) hours, the club remodeled and refurbished the hall to its current impressive new look, a proud testament to the spirit of the

Monroe Swiss Colony and its re-energized Swiss traditions and culture. This was a great opportunity for our club to share an event with them and we thank them for their hospitality.

Peter Schiess



FONDUE PARTY

Once again, our ANNUAL FONDUE PARTY is just around the corner. We hope you will join us as we get together for our traditional Swiss Cheese Fondue. This is an ever popular and fun-for-all get-together that is planned for Saturday, **March 17, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm** at the **Braeburn Club** in Redmond (see directions on page 4). Please note that seating is limited so please sign up early! Chef Roland Oberholzer,



owner of Sasi's Café in Kirkland, has agreed once again to be in charge of preparing the fondue for us this year. The cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests. We are asking that you bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share.

Please also bring your fondue pots, burners, and

forks as without them, we are unable to serve our many guests. (Please do mark all your belongings).

As you know, Kirsch is an important ingredient for a good fondue and donations will be greatly appreciated. Please note on the reservation form on page 5 what you will bring.

"Fondue isch guet and git a gueti Luune"

GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The General Meeting of the Seattle Swiss Society was held in January as directed by our bylaws. But we suspect that many of our members are eager to use this occasion to get together with friends and to enjoying the traditional Swiss Wurstsalat, a “staple” in the local “Landgasthof” in the rural areas of Switzerland. We had about 32 members as well as some newcomers in attendance. After a “meet and greet” period and a glass or two of wine to get us into

the proper mood, the Society got down to business at 7:30 pm. Our President, Peter Schiess, presided over the meeting. The minutes from last year’s meeting were acknowledged and the treasurer’s report by Hans Saxer was approved. The agenda items of old and new business were fairly standard and non-controversial. The current Board was nominated for another year and with no serious competition from the floor, they hand-

ily carried the vote. However, Norma Vogeli, our Party Chair, indicated that she would like to retire, and we are looking for someone to follow in her footsteps. The board will also make every effort to continue the tradition of our fall dinner and to meet the high standards set by now retired Karl Hutter. The President adjourned the official part of the meeting by 8:20 pm. At last we were able to enjoy the Wurstsalat, expertly

prepared by Norma Vogeli. Lively conversation followed and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Norma for organizing this event and to the many hands that helped with set-up and clean-up.



YOUR 2007 BOARD

- President: *Peter Schiess* 206 522-0778
- Vice President: *Pattie Geppert* 425 562-3025
- Treasurer: *Hans Saxer* 206 236-0219
- Secretary: *Dick Reutimann* 206 232-7022
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- Newsletter: *Hanna LeMaster* 425 868-4238
- Auditors: *Markus Wernli*
John Ryter



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 17	<i>Fondue Party</i>	Braeburn Club
April 15	<i>Jass Party</i>	Reutimanns
July 29	<i>1st August Celebration</i>	Edgebrook Club
September 15-16	<i>Hike</i>	Stevens Pass
October 26	<i>Fall Dinner</i>	TBD
December 2	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Colony

JASS PARTY

April 15, 2007
1:00 p.m. to ???



This year’s Jass Party will be held at Evelyn and Bob Reutimann. Please call Bob at 206-232-9802 no later than April 10 if you would like to participate, and to find out what you can bring and about costs.

The Reutimanns
9611 SE 72nd Street
Mercer Island WA 98040
206-232-9802

CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

Our traditional Samichlaus event took a different form this time. We joined the Monroe Swiss Colony in their Swiss Hall to celebrate the event. A large crowd was there, both from the Monroe Swiss Colony as well as from our Society. The event started around noon with a lunch potluck. Many delicious lunch dishes and desserts were prepared by Monroe Swiss Colony and Seattle Swiss Society members. Our club provided a ham and turkey, expertly prepared by Martha and Tony Ruegg. After this

generous and delicious lunch, the group sang Christmas songs. On the podium stood a beautiful Christmas tree donated by Tony Wehrli and decorated with handmade ornaments by the children. Then, at long last, and to the delight of everyone, the Samichlaus did indeed arrive after his long trip across the ocean. Even a few of the more skeptical older kids (teenagers) could not resist sitting on his lap and receiving a present from the Samichlaus. There were plenty of opportunities to talk with old friends and get

acquainted with our friends to the North as well as with some of the members of the Leavenworth Swiss Society who took the long trip across the Mountains. Thank you to Norma Vogeli, Margrit Saxer and the members of the Monroe Swiss Colony for organizing this enjoyable event. Thank you also to all who helped with decorating the hall and with set-up and clean-up.



BREAD FASHION THROUGH THE AGES

Bread - of one sort or another - has been baked in Switzerland for millennia. The oldest known loaf dates back to about 3530 BC, earlier than any other in Europe. It was found at Twann on Lake Biel in 1976. The people known as the lake dwellers, who built houses on stilts on the edges of lakes or perhaps even out over the water, cooked flat bread on hot stones, covering it with ashes. More than 3,000 years BC they knew how to ferment their dough, and they made their bread of

wheat or millet. Switzerland claims it has more varieties of bread than any other country - between 200 and 300 kinds, rivaling the number of its cheeses.

Every canton has its own traditional loaf, and then there are all kinds of special breads baked for different occasions: for christenings, weddings and funerals,

for religious holidays and carnival time. Not surprisingly, there are all sorts of stories and traditions linked with these breads. If the Swiss are so inventive about what they put into their loaves and the shapes they bake them in, perhaps it isn't surprising, since they've had time to accumulate plenty of experience: their ancestors were baking bread here nearly 6,000 years ago.



For more information on our Club and to see pictures of past events, please check out our website at:

www.seattleswiss.org

DIRECTIONS TO BRAEBURN COUNTRY CLUB

Braeburn Country Club
2409 182nd Ave. NE
Redmond, WA

From Seattle:

Take SR520 East. Take Exit 148 Ave. NE South. Turn right onto 148th Ave. NE. Take either one of the two left-turn lanes and turn left at first traffic light at NE 24th Street. Go approx. 2 miles and turn left onto 182nd Ave. NE. Take first driveway on the left into the Braeburn Country Club parking lot.

From Eastside:

From 148th Ave. NE, turn east onto NE 24th Street. Go approx. 2 miles and turn left onto 182nd Ave. NE. Take first driveway on the left into the Braeburn Country Club parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Congratulations to our newest Honorary Members, **Annemarie and Bill Newsom**.



Dues Are Due

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, please support your local Swiss Club by doing so now. Please complete and mail in the Membership Form on page 5. Thank You! Your Swiss Club depends on your support!

Tacoma Swiss Society 2007 Calendar

March

23-24 Spring Crab Feed & Dance

April

14 Mannerchor Concert

June

15-16 Polkafest
30 Spring Schwingfest

July

29 First of August Bundesfeier

August

11 Fall Schwingfest & Dance
12 Buebe Schwingfest & Dance

September

29 Octoberfest

November

10 Rippli Dinnner/ Enzian Concert

For information call the Tacoma Swiss Society - Joe & Louise Hospenthal at (360) 663-0178

Monroe Swiss Colony

For information about the Monroe Swiss Colony, please contact: Eileen Crutcher – (360) 939-2334.

Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)

June 10 Annual Swiss Picnic

For information contact Martin & Heidi Stoller, (509)782-5808.

From the Publisher's Desk . . .

Do you have any news, information, thoughts or ideas that you would like to share with other members of the Club? Please contact your publisher/editor, Hanna LeMaster, at hanna@cmcfs.com or (425) 868-4238.



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FONDUE DINNER RESERVATION

Please complete and send with your check made out to *Seattle Swiss Society* no later than **March 5, 2007**
I/we will attend the Fondue Dinner on March 17, 2007, at the Braeburn Club in Redmond.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ members _____ guests
(\$15 members, \$20 guests)

Name(s) (as you would like them on the name tags)

I/ we will bring: (please let us know how many of each you will bring)
_____ Fondue Pot _____ Burner _____ Fondue Fork _____ Bottle of Kirsch
Appetizer (ready to serve) Salad Dessert

Please mail with check to: Hans Saxer
7560 86th Ave. SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040



MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007

Once again it is time to pay your Seattle Swiss Society membership dues. Many of you have already paid your annual dues. If you see a **P** in the upper right corner of the address label on this newsletter, that indicates that you have **already paid** or that you are an Honorary Member. If you have not already paid (except Honorary Members), please complete this form and send it together with your check made out to *Seattle Swiss Society* to:

Hans Saxer
7560 86th Ave. SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040

I/ we enclose the following 2007 dues: Family or Couple: \$ 20.00 Single: \$15.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First & Last Name(s): _____

Name of child: _____ Year of birth: _____

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Name of child: _____ Year of birth: _____

I/we have a new address/phone number (please note any changes below):

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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