

# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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March 2008

## Important Dates:

March 29	<b>Fondue Party</b>
April 20	<b>Jass Party</b>
August 3	<b>1st August Celebration</b>
Sept. 13-14 or 20-21	<b>Hike</b>
Oct. 25	<b>Fall Dinner</b>
Dec. 7	<b>Christmas Party</b>

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

I want to take this opportunity to praise your Seattle Swiss Society Board. As I am sure you are aware, all our Board members lead busy and active lives while still giving freely of their spare time to our Swiss Club. Having served in this capacity for a number of years while being pulled in different directions professionally, I want to recognize our loyal Board members who have always stepped up to the challenges when professional reasons prevented me from doing so.

Someone once said that a CEO is only as good as the members of his Board. I could not agree more.

I wish to express my appreciation and special thanks to my supportive Board members: *Norma Vogeli*, who always makes sure that our events are well planned and executed; *Hans Saxer*, now our new Vice president who, as Treasurer for many years, has faithfully kept our books; *Patty Geppert*, formerly our Vice-President and now our new treasurer (a professional accountant), for stepping in for me when

I could not be present; *Dick Reutimann* who, among other duties, records the minutes of our Board meetings; and last but not least, *Hanna LeMaster* who keeps us informed through our newsletters.

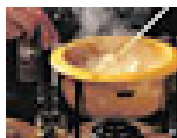
I hope to see you as well as some new people at this year's functions. I urge you to reach out to other people of Swiss origin or who have ties to our home country and tell them about our activities. Better yet, bring them along to our next event.

Peter Schiess



## FONDUE PARTY

Once again, our Annual Fondue Party is just around the corner. We hope you will join us for our traditional Swiss Cheese Fondue. This is an ever popular and fun-for all get-together that is planned for **Saturday, March 29** from 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. at the **Monroe Swiss Colony Hall** in Monroe (note change of venue and time). 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. The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$25 for guests.

We ask that you bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Also please bring your fondue pots, burners, and forks (all marked with your name); without them we are unable to serve

our many guests. As you know, Kirsch is an important ingredient for a good fondue and donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please note what you will bring on page 4 of the reservation form.

**"Fondue isch guet and git a gueti Luune"**



## GENERAL MEETING RECAP

Our annual General Meeting (Generalversammlung) was held on January 26, 2008 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. The weather advisory for this day called for snow flurries, ice and wind. Still, 23 brave members attended the meeting that was presided over by a skeleton board, (both Dick Reutimann and Norma Vogeli were out of town.) The 2007 minutes and the financial report were presented and approved by the members.

One of the main tasks of this meeting was the election of a new Board. The main changes as presented were that Hans Saxer agreed to take over as Vice President and Patty Geppert will

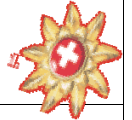
assume Hans' former responsibility as treasurer. The other board members agreed to stay on for another term in their current position. The newly organized board was unanimously approved by the membership as well as the motion to increase membership dues starting in 2009. For this year's events, please see the 2008 Calendar of Events on this page.

The evening closed out with our traditional "Wurstsalat" expertly prepared by Patty Geppert. A special thank you to the many hands who helped with set-up and clean up after the meeting.

## YOUR 2008 BOARD

<b>President:</b>	<b><i>Peter Schiess</i></b>	<b>206-522-0778</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b><i>Hans Saxer</i></b>	<b>360-863-2094</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b><i>Patty Geppert</i></b>	<b>425-444-7672</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b><i>Dick Reutimann</i></b>	<b>206-232-7022</b>
<b>Events Chair:</b>	<b><i>Norma Vogeli</i></b>	<b>206-297-0332</b>
<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b><i>Hanna LeMaster</i></b>	<b>425-868-4238</b>
<b>Auditors:</b>	<b><i>John Ryter</i></b>	
	<b><i>Theres Fillmore</i></b>	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 29	<i>Fondue Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Colony
April 20	<i>Jass Party</i>	Reutimanns
August 3	<i>1st August Celebration</i>	Edgebrook Club
September 13-14 or 20-21	<i>Hike</i>	Stevens Pass
October 25	<i>Fall Dinner</i>	TBD
December 7	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Colony

## JASS PARTY

April 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m. to ???



This year's Jass Party will be held at the home of Evelyn and Bob Reutimann. Please call Bob at 206-232-9802 no later than April 15 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

## DIRECTIONS TO MONROE SWISS COLONY

The Monroe Swiss Colony  
18500 Tualco Road, Monroe, WA

From 1-405 North or South: (Allow 45 to 60 minutes from downtown Seattle).

Take Woodinville/Monroe/Highway 522 Exit and follow 522 to end (in Monroe) where it meets Highway 2. Turn left at light onto Highway 2. Follow 0.6 miles to Lewis St/ Highway 203. Turn right onto Lewis St/Highway 203. Follow 1.7 miles and take a right on Tualco Road. Follow 0.7 miles to Swiss Hall.

**New Location  
For Fondue!**

## FALL DINNER RECAP



The annual "Fall Dinner", the social highlight of our year, was a hugely successful event. This year it was held at a different venue since the South Seattle Community College facility is no longer available to us.

Our Events Chairperson, Norma Vogeli, searched high and low for a suitable venue, finally settling on the Braeburn Club. Most of you are familiar with this place since we typically hold our fondue party there. 64 members enjoyed the great food, wine, and especially the opportunity to get together with old and new friends.

The event's Chef, Roland Oberholzer, his wife, Doris and their team, created a festive ambiance complete with white tablecloths and centerpieces.

Chef Oberholzer prepared a traditional Swiss menu of "Zürcher Geschnetzeltes mit Spätzle" that was outstanding and received the highest praise from our guests. The excellent service was provided by the Oberholzers' daughter and her friend under Doris's guidance.

A special thank you to the Oberholzer family.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

Our December Samichlaus Party was held for the second year at the Swiss Hall of the Monroe Swiss Colony. With over 100 people in attendance it appears destined to become one of the greater social affairs of our society. To meet the "Samichlaus" who made a special trip from the old country is a great event for our children. But this event is just as enjoyable for our adult guests as they celebrate the holiday festivities with their friends and share in the plentiful potluck provided by our two Clubs.

Martha and Tony Ruegg cooked the ham and turkey, and together with the many wonderful dishes provided

by our members, no one had to go hungry. Norma made sure that the Samichlaus arrived with a full bag of presents for the children and Hans Hauser sent the Samichlaus directions to the Monroe Swiss Hall. The Christmas tree was a gift from Tony Wehrle.



A big thank you to Norma Vogeli, Margrit Saxer and their many helpers for their hard work in making this a most enjoyable party. And last, but not least, a thank you to the Monroe Swiss Colony for jointly hosting the event.

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

**[www.seattleswiss.org](http://www.seattleswiss.org)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our newest Honorary Members:

**Martin & Theresia Blaser**

**Philippe & Laura Goetschel**

**Stephen Rusch**

**Rene Vogt**

### In Memory

We are saddened by the loss of Swiss Club members who passed away in 2007:

**Robert Durussel**

**Bob Moore**

**Ella Reisinger**

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families, relatives and friends.

### **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 [lemaster22@gmail.com](mailto:lemaster22@gmail.com) or (425) 868-4238.

### **To contact the Swiss Consulate:**

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**Tacoma Swiss Society 2008 Calendar**

<u>March</u>	
7-8	Spring Crab Feed & Dance
16	Easter Egg Hunt
<u>April</u>	
12	Mannerchor Concert
<u>June</u>	
20-21	Polkafest
28	Spring Schwingfest
<u>July</u>	
27	First of August Bundesfeier
<u>August</u>	
9	Fall Schwingfest & Dance
10	Buebe Schwingfest & Dance
<u>September</u>	
27	Octoberfest
<u>November</u>	
8	Rippli Dinnner/ Enzian Concert

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

**Monroe Swiss Colony**

For information contact: Eileen Crutcher (360) 939-2334.

**Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)**

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

**Swiss Sangerfest**

**July 17-20, 2008  
Portland, Oregon**



Over 200 yodlers and singers in concert, with an Alpchilbi, huge cow bells, a Swiss costume show and yodeling styles of Moutathal, Appenzell, Bern, Fribourg and Tessin.

For more information: <http://swissfest2008.asharperfocus.net>. For hotel reservations at special "Swiss Singer" rates call 1-800-996-0510 before June 16, 2008. To be entered on the Oregon mailing list write to Swissfest 2008, P.O. Box 1955, Corvallis, OR 97339 or e-mail bobulrich@earthlink.net.



**FONDUE DINNER RESERVATION**

Please complete and send with your check made out to *Seattle Swiss Society* no later than March 19, 2008.

I/we will attend the Fondue Dinner on March 29, 2008, at the *Monroe Swiss Colony Hall* in Monroe.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ members \_\_\_\_\_ guests  
(\$20 members, \$25 guests)

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: **Patty Geppert**  
**4122 135th Place SE**  
**Bellevue, WA 98006**

**2008 Membership Dues Are Now Due**

**DUES & ADDRESS LIST UPDATE**

We plan on providing you with an updated address list. Please take a moment to review this newsletter's address label and make any necessary corrections in the space provided below.

If you see a **P** or **H** in the upper right hand corner of your address label, that indicates that you have already paid your 2008 dues or that you are an honorary member.

To pay your **2008 dues** and to help us update our records, please complete this form and mail it to Patty Geppert at the address listed below (even if no dues are due.) Address lists will be available at Club functions later this year to members in good standing (i.e. paid-up or honorary members.)

Please complete this form and send it together with your check made out to **Seattle Swiss Society** to:

**Patty Geppert  
4122 135th Place SE  
Bellevue, WA 98006**

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

**Note:** Please write your name(s) as you would like them to be listed on our address list.

**First & last name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:** Name and year of birth under age 18 (will not go on address list):

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**Opting Out:**

**Note:** It will state on the address list that this information will not to be used for commercial purposes. This should help, but does not guarantee, that no one will misuse it

- do do not include my name and address in the new address list
- do do not include my phone number
- do do not include my e-mail address