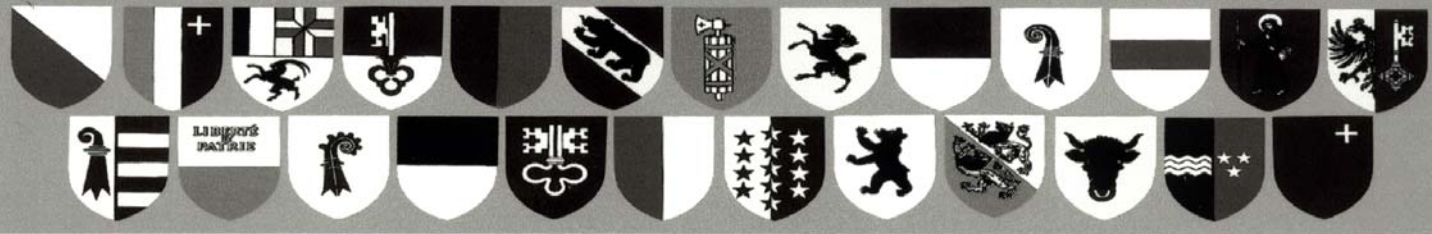


# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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October 2008

## Special points of interest:

Oct. 24

**Fall Dinner**  
**South Seattle**  
**Community**  
**College**  
**7:00 PM**

Dec. 7

**Christmas**  
**Party**  
**at**  
**Monroe Swiss**  
**Hall**  
**12:30 PM**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

Once again Tina and I spent time this summer in Switzerland to reconnect with family and friends and for me for professional reasons. I found it interesting to follow some of the political events in Switzerland as well as how the Swiss follow the events in the USA. In one of the newspapers I found a "mock photograph" of

Barak Obama on the Ruetli behind a "Rednerpult" (lectern) with a Swiss flag.

Tina and I took time out to travel through Switzerland. One of the places we visited was the "Berner Seeland" where we stopped at the Anker House in Ins. Anker, as you probably remember, was and still is famous for painting rural life, similar to the well known Norman Rockwell

paintings in the USA. While at the museum, the house-keeper showed us many interesting items, and as one radio host had it: "...and now, the rest of the story." One of the items that intrigued us was a pair of typical blue farmer pants made of sail cloth. In those days they were worn by the local Bernese farmers.

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## FALL DINNER

Fall has arrived and with it the time for our annual Fall Dinner. We are delighted that we were able to make arrangements with the new Chef at the South Seattle Community College, Robert Houot (who took over from Karl Hutter) to once again hold our **Fall Dinner** at one of our favorite places, the **Alki Room**. The date is **Friday, October 24**. We hope to see many of our members and friends for this wonderful evening. The social hour starts at **7:00 p.m.** followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m.

The cost is just \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members and guests. This includes the reception, dinner, beverages, tax and gratuity.

**Please send in your sign-up form no later than October 15 as seating is limited.**

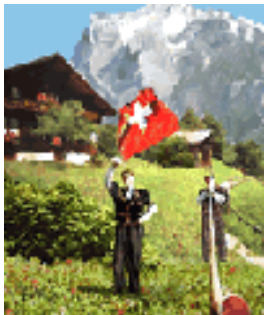
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**Dinner Menu**

Appetizers  
 Soup a la Bier  
 Onion Leek Tart with Baby Greens  
 Stuffed Chicken with Wild Mushrooms in Port Sauce  
 Spaetzle  
 Seasonal Vegetables  
 Ginger-saffron  
 Crème Brule

## 1st OF AUGUST RECAP



The Swiss Independence Day celebration was held at the Edgebrook Club in Bellevue on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> on a beautiful day. We had great attendance with approximately 80 people participating in this most enjoyable celebration.

Vice President Hans Saxer presented the Swiss Independence Day speech to the group. But what would this occasion be without food. We enjoyed delicious grilled sausages and a huge variety of fabulous

side dishes provided by our attendees. No one had to go hungry and people enjoyed the camaraderie and the opportunity to visit with their Swiss friends. It is also customary for some of our members to play a few hands of Jass.

The Seattle Swiss Society would like to recognize and thank all who volunteered or helped in any way to make this a very successful celebration.

A big Thank You to Werner & Sabrina Dreier for

providing their van and time to set-up, deliver and return the tables & chairs from the Monroe Swiss hall for the event. To Jason Richert for the marvelous job he did grilling the knockwursts and bratwursts. To Patty Gepfert for scheduling and coordinating the event once again at the Edgebrook Club. And finally, but not least, we need to thank Norma Vogeli, our party chair, for planning and coordinating another great Swiss Independence Day celebration.

### Was heisst Chochichästli?

Chochichästli" ist die Schweizer Variante des Wortes "Küchenschränkchen". Das Wort wird unablässig herangezogen zum Beweis, dass Schweizerdeutsch keine Sprache sei, sondern eine Halskrankheit. Zu diesem Zweck halten die buchstäblich bösen Zungen die drei CH-Laute sekundenlang in der Tiefe des Rachens, besonders den mittleren. Im täglichen Sprachgebrauch ist das Wort etwa gleich häufig wie der hochdeutsche Begriff "Ostfriesisches Felsengebirge".



## FALL HIKE RECAP

Our 2008 Fall Hike on September 20/21 was another memorable and exciting weekend even in the rain! This year, the group of hikers included two youngsters under eleven (Katia and Luca) and an adorable dachshund (Freddy) who led the hikers on Sunday up the Pacific Trail.



Saturday's hike was up to Barclay Lake where Mike Bessette and Mike Albert caught (and released) six trout.

Following this, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Stevens Pass Swiss Cabin prepared by Evelyn and Bob Ruettimann. An equally great breakfast on Sunday morning was dished up by Simone Studer.

We were well fed and well taken care of! A special Thank You to Theres Fillmore who once again organized this year's hike, and to our members who provided the wonderful meals during the weekend. And last, but not least, thank you to all who participated and made the weekend another memorable one!

## President's Message (continued)

They called them "Bleu de Genes" named so for their blue color, Indigo, which was brought in through the port of Genoa, or Genes in French. Even at that time, a good number of Swiss left Switzerland to settle in the USA. Among the things they brought with them were those "working pants" where these "Bleu de Genes" slowly evolved into "Blue Jeans" and an enterprising fellow named Levi Strauss

started to make them on a large scale, adding the rivets. "...and now, you know the rest of the story."

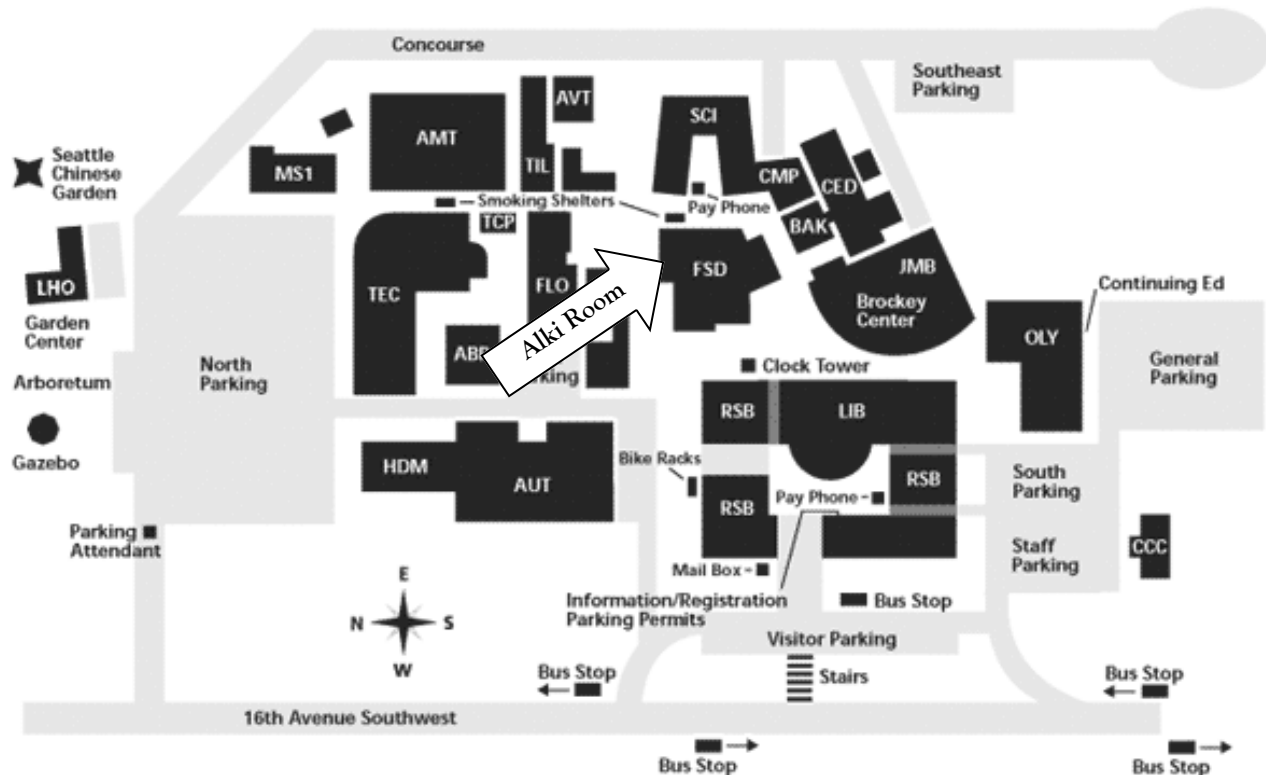
I hope you had an interesting summer and hope to see you at our next event, the Fall Dinner.

Peter Schiess



The original "Blue Jeans" or formerly known as "Bleu de Genes"

## DIRECTIONS TO SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### From north-or southbound I-5 or southbound Route 99

- Take West Seattle bridge exit from I-5 or Route 99.
- Take the Delridge Way S.W. exit.
- At third light, turn left onto S.W. Oregon Street.
- Take arterial to top of hill, veering right onto 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S.W.
- Stay on arterial as it winds up hill and turns into 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W.
- Follow 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. south for ¼ mile to SSCC campus.

### From south suburbs

- At Southcenter interchange of I-5 and I-405, exit to Highway 518 westbound.
- Exit to northbound Highway 509 at Burien interchange.
- Take the Cloverdale/South Park exit (do not cross First Ave S. bridge).
- Turn left at light onto S.W. Cloverdale Street and drive up the hill.
- Get in the righthand lane and veer right at light onto Olson Place S.W.
- Stay in right lane and veer right onto S.W. Roxbury.
- Turn right at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. and drive north for about 2 miles.

or

- From Burien, drive north for six miles, beginning on Ambaum Blvd. S.W.
- Ambaum becomes 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. at 116<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.

### Michigan-Corson exit off I-5, north or southbound

- Take Michigan-Corson exit.
- Turn right onto South Michigan St.
- Follow Michigan to First Ave South bridge, taking ramp onto bridge.
- Take FIRST exit – West Marginal Way/South Seattle Community College.
- Turn right on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.W.
- Turn left on West Marginal Way S.W.
- Turn left on Highland Park Way
- Go up Highland Park Way to top of hill.
- Take first right turn onto S.W. Holden Street.
- Turn right onto 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W., follow north one mile to SSCC campus.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and best wishes to **Margrit and Hans Saxer** who just celebrated their **70th** birthdays!



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### Tacoma Swiss Society 2008 Events

#### September

27 Octoberfest

#### November

8 Rippli Dinner/ Enzian Concert

For information call the Tacoma Swiss Society - Joe & Louise Hospenthal at (253) 896-2593

### 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.

### 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 or (360) 455-8376.

## THE MATTERHORN



The Matterhorn (4,478m), the "Horn" as the locals call it fondly, is the most impressive and famous peak in Switzerland and the Alps. Many mountaineers tried to climb the legendary mountain, and the first to succeed was the Englishman Edward Whymper who ascended the Matterhorn together with a team of six people in 1865. Four of them lost their lives during this undertaking.

The climbing of the Matterhorn is considered extremely difficult and dangerous and is only recommended for skilled mountaineers accompanied by a local guide. All others can get as close as possible to the "Horn" by hiking to the Hörnli-hut (3,260m), but be aware that you need good mountain gear. The Klein Matterhorn (3,884 m), the "Little Matterhorn" directly opposite the Matterhorn, is the highest mountain station of the Alps and offers a spectacular panoramic view, the Theodul glacier, where you can ski even during summer time, and the highest glacier grotto of the world at a height of 3,820 m.

Best time for climbing the Matterhorn: Mid-July until mid-September.

The Mountain Railroads to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise (Klein Matterhorn) run all year round.

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### FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM \*

**(Due October 15, 2008)**

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members or guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of check:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on the name tag:

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Please mail this form together with your check made out to the SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY to:

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**No later than October 15, 2008, please!**

