

SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



September 2019

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Happy Hour	Reinhaus	Sep 26
Fall Dinner	Lilac Cafe	Oct 19
Xmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall	Dec 8
General Mtg	TBD	TBD

Jass Tournament Recap

The 2019 Jass Tourney was held Sunday April 28 in Bellevue. Congratulations to Tony Ruegg who was crowned the 2019 champion out of the 12 competitors! After the tournament ended all of the participants enjoyed a fabulous smorgasbord buffet. Many thanks to the Ruegg's for extending their hospitality and sharing their lovely home for this competition.



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FALL DINNER Saturday, October 19th

This year's location for our annual Fall Dinner – Lilac Café in downtown Kirkland. Address: 212 Central Way, Kirkland, WA 98033. There are only 40 spots available. Don't miss out on this popular event!

Appetizer Buffet

First Course – Soup (choose one): Wild Mushroom or French Onion (with gruyere cheese)..

Entrees (choose one):

Ribeye Steak with peppercorn sauce

Seared Duck Breast with bing cherry red wine sauce

Chicken Cordon Bleu with mustard cream sauce

Four Cheese Gnocchi with parmesan, gruyere, ricotta, and gorgonzola

Each entree comes with:

Scalloped Potatoes

Sauteed Vegetables

Dessert (choose one):

Chocolate Mousse

Apple Tart

Price per person \$65.

Nonmembers \$75.

Dinner includes one glass of wine.

Note: There is no corkage fee if you BYOB

Happy hour: 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner: 7:00

RSVP and pay using the form on page 4.

YOUR 2019 BOARD

President	<i>Dick Reutimann</i>	206-232-7022
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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8th

The Monroe Swiss Colony

11:30 AM - Hall Opens 12:30 PM - Potluck

Santa Arrival - approx. 2:30 PM

You are invited to join us and SANTA for our annual Swiss Christmas Party. We will provide the meat dishes and beverages for this POTLUCK LUNCHEON. Please provide a side dish or some home-made Christmas cookies or other dessert to share with our friends.

After visiting with Santa, your children (with parents' help, if needed) may make their very own Swiss Christmas cookies! We'll provide the ingredients but we need someone to provide guidance for making Mailänderli. Bring an apron, your favorite Christmas cookie cutters and your enthusiasm.

In the spirit of giving, we will collect food and toys for those less fortunate. Please bring some non-perishable food items for the food bank or an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Thank you!

Bundesfeier

Thanks to everyone that joined us for the Swiss National Day Celebration at Aubrey Davis Park on Mercer Island. We had a beautiful day and a great turnout. Weisswurst was the group favorite and participants brought some tasty sides and desserts!



Seattle Swiss Facebook Photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleSwissSociety/photosstream>

Fondue Dinner

The annual cheese fondue party was held on March 17th at the Monroe Swiss Hall. The Seattle and Monroe Swiss members shared a scrumptious assortment of appetizers, side dishes, salads and desserts. The Seattle Swiss Society would like to thank the Monroe Swiss Colony for allowing us to share their facility. The club would also like to thank all those who helped with cooking the fondue and everyone who helped with the set-up and clean-up.



Spaziergang Events

We had several spaziergang outings this year, that were well attended and lots of fun. The first one was on May 19 on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail. The second walk was on June 23 along the Burke Gilman Trail near Freemont, with a Fire and Scrape raclette food truck experience, and the third one was on August 18 at Coal Creek Park.



FROM THE HONORARY CONSUL

Philippe Goetsche

- You can lose your Swiss citizenship as a dual national. In a first since WWII a dual national has been stripped of his Swiss citizenship. According to Article 30 of the Ordinance on Swiss Citizenship, this is the case if the person has committed a serious crime in connection with terrorist activities or violent extremism. The man had been sentenced to several years in prison for carrying out propaganda and recruiting fighters for an Islamist terrorist organization.
- Switzerland's foreign policy for the US and the EU is narrowly focused on achieving 2 objectives:
 - 1. Free Trade Agreement with the US: It failed in 2006 and Switzerland is trying again. However, the physical goods trade balance is \$18bn meaning Switzerland exports more goods to the US than it imports. The current administration focuses only on physical goods trade balance where Switzerland exports mostly pharmaceuticals and machinery. It excludes services (which includes US software) where the US is much stronger. It remains a challenge to convince the Trump administration and its "America First" policy to change its definition just for Switzerland.
 - 2. Framework Agreement (Rahmen Abkommen): Swiss diplomats are in a difficult spot. On the one hand the Swiss people have decided not to join the EU and have rejected accepting EU immigration policies. On the other hand Swiss business leaders (excluding agriculture), academia and centrist parties want to adopt as many EU policies as possible. For the first time, our administration has admitted that our policy of cherry picking (Rosinenpicker) is not viewed favorably by the EU. We are perceived as pariahs and they point out that Switzerland has benefited the most from globalization. Even though the EU is by far Switzerland's largest trading partner, a solution will be largely modeled by what happens with Britain. A solution is not likely anytime soon.
- A new parliamentary election will be taking this fall. A move to the left is widely expected but we will see.



FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM - OCTOBER 19, 2019 (Due October 11)

Number of members _____ x \$65.00 = \$ _____

Non-members or guests _____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____

Total amount of check: \$ _____

Please include your meal choices with your reservation.

Name(s) as you would like them to appear on the name tag, meal choice, and contact phone number

NAME	Meal Choice	Contact Phone Number
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