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***CORRECTION!!! - FONDUE PARTY RESERVATION - CORRECTION!!!***  
***DATE IS MARCH 17, 2013!!!***

Please complete and send with your check made out to **Seattle Swiss Society** no later than March 11, 2013.  
 I/we will attend the Fondue Party on **March 17, 2013**, at the **Monroe Swiss Hall**. Enclosed is a check for  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ members \_\_\_\_\_ guests (\$20 members, \$25 guests)  
 Name(s) as you would like them on the name tags: \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring our children: Name(s) and age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No charge for members under age 12.

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

Please mail with check to:  
**Patty Richert**  
**4122 135th Place SE**  
**Bellevue, WA 98006**

We encourage carpooling!  
 I/we am/are unable to drive to Monroe.  
 Please arrange for a ride for me/us.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2013 Membership Dues**

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:

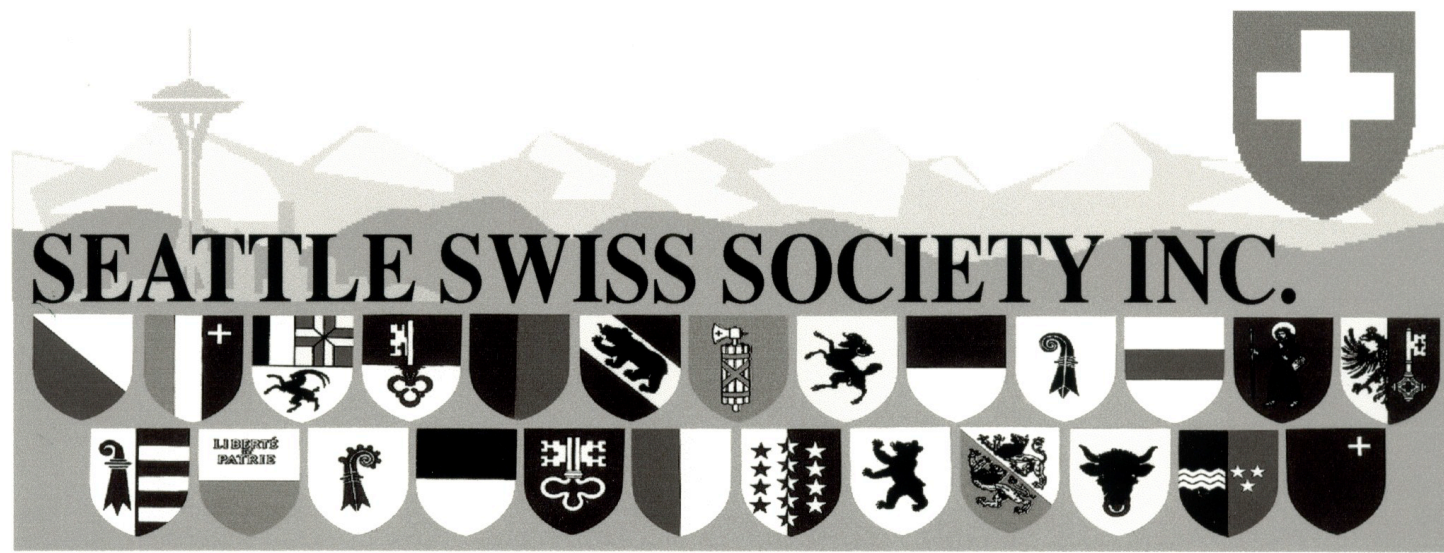
**Patty Richert**  
**4122 135th PI SE**  
**Bellevue, WA 98006**

I / we enclose the following dues: **Family or Couple: \$30.00**  
**Single: \$20.00**

**Please Print Clearly**  
**First & Last Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have a new address, phone number, e-mail address (please note any changes below):  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_





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*New!* **Seattle Swiss Ski-In** *New!*

Swiss Ski Club at Stevens Pass

Sunday March 24 – Monday March 25

Members may arrive Sunday morning or later. The Cabin must be cleaned and closed after skiing Monday (3:00 - 4:00)

**Capacity:** There is space for around 20 guests.

**Cost:** \$15 per person which goes to the Swiss Ski Club for guest fees.

**Dinner:** Cheese Fondue dinner. There will be a small fee of about \$8 - \$10 per person to cover the meal. We also request members to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and to bring your own drinks.

**Bedding:** Guests need to bring their own sleeping bags or bedding and pillows. The bunks have mattresses. You may want ear plugs...

**Meals:** Lunch & breakfast - bring whatever food you would enjoy for these meals. A lunch soup will be provided by the Swiss Ski Club. There are staples such as coffee, tea, hot chocolate, condiments, etc. supplied by the Swiss Ski Club.

**Access:** The cabin requires a short walk on a snow cat road. Snow boots are recommended. A backpack or sled will make it easier to transport your things.

**Sign-up:** **Thursday 3/21 sign-up deadline.**

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**Please Note:**

The Seattle Swiss Society does not carry insurance. By participating in this ski outing, you agree that it is your own responsibility to look out for your safety.

**FONDUE PARTY!** *"Fondue isch guet und git a guet i Luune"*

**Communications**

Our club newsletter and other announcements are available to you by email, or you may access our communications online at:

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

For email delivery please send your email address to

[seattleswissclub@gmail.com](mailto:seattleswissclub@gmail.com)

or you may list your address on the membership renewal form on page 1.

For those who do not have e-mail, we will still mail out our newsletter as "in the old days."

It's almost time for our annual **Fondue Party!**

Please join us for our traditional Swiss Cheese Fondue on **Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 PM** at the **Monroe Swiss Hall**.

**Chef Roland Oberholzer** has agreed once again to be in charge of preparing the fondue. The cost is \$20 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, **good Swiss Kirsch** is an important ingredient for a nice fondue and donations will be greatly appreciated.

As a special treat the **"Cascade Alphorns"** will be playing for us. They are two Swiss-trained players who will raise the Swiss ambiance of our event to a new level. Bring your children and grandchildren. They will enjoy watching and listening to these traditional instruments just as much as we will.

From the Publisher's Desk . . . **Stories Wanted!**

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:

Rick Bützberger [rick.butzberger@gmail.com](mailto:rick.butzberger@gmail.com) 206-395-5153

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 24-25	<i>Ski-In</i>	Stevens Pass
March 17	<i>Fondue Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall
April 21	<i>Jass Party</i>	Tony Ruegg's
August 4	<i>1st of August Picnic</i>	Edgebrook Club
Aug/Sept	<i>Hike</i>	Stevens Pass
Late Oct	<i>Fall Dinner</i>	South Seattle Community College
December	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall

## FALL DINNER RECAP

We had our annual Fall Dinner on October 26 at South Seattle Community College. 50 members and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner which included Seafood Vol au Vent, Beef Strip Loin with Sauce Béarnaise and for dessert Vanilla/Strawberry Bavaois with Chocolate Sauce prepared by **Chef Robert Houot** along with students from the college. We also had a surprise treat as the **Swiss Consul General Julius Anderegg** attended our dinner.

Hoi Seattle Swiss club members,

We have the possibility of a Vernissage at the **Henry Art Gallery** at the UW in Seattle, where they will pull unique Swiss art pieces out from the basement, just for us. So stay tuned to our website, and read our newsletter, for information and dates.

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

Here's a link to a new website. Who knew there were so many Bierstuben and Stammtisches in the Seattle area.

[www.seattleaufdeutsch.com](http://www.seattleaufdeutsch.com)

For the board.

**Roland Oberholzer**

## YOUR 2013 BOARD

President:	<i>Hans Saxer</i>	360-863-2094
Vice President:	<i>Roland Oberholzer</i>	425-637-8750
Treasurer:	<i>Patty Richert</i>	425-444-7672
Secretary:	<i>Dick Reutimann</i>	206-232-7022
Events Chair:	<i>Margret Aebersold</i>	425-353-0788
Newsletter:	<i>Rick Bützberger</i>	206-395-5153
Auditors:	<i>Simone Studer</i>	
	<i>Jon Boyce</i>	

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you attended our general meeting, you are already aware that **Hanna LeMaster** has retired as publisher of our newsletter. For ten years she has produced and mailed the letters keeping us all informed of the activities of our club. In recognition of this excellent effort she has been made an honorary member by vote of the general meeting. Well deserved - thank you Hanna.

We were lucky that **Rick Butzberger** has agreed to take over this function. All the other members of the board have agreed to stay another year, so we are ready to go forward into 2013. We are planning the regular functions of the club and maybe we will be able to get some additional activities going.

You as our members are the most important part of our club. Your participation inspires the board to work harder. The more active and involved you become the better the club functions for all of us.

I hope to see you at the fondue on March 17 and then at our other upcoming functions.

**Hans Saxer**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

When we asked Santa if he would visit us again this year, we received the response from the North Pole that indeed he would visit the Seattle and Monroe Swiss in early December. So we got together for the luncheon at the Monroe Swiss Hall. Each club provided a ham and a turkey to feed the hungry crowd. Our ham was cooked by the **Aebersolds** and the turkey by the Rueggs. The **Wehrles** donated the Christmas tree and the kids helped decorate it. It has now become almost tradition that **Roland Oberholzer** prepares cookie dough. Right after the meal, the kids were assembled by **Doris Oberholzer** and **Patty Richert** to go to work, cutting out the cookies and decorating them.

After this enjoyable work was done, we got together to sing a few songs. That is when we heard a noise and some bell ringing. Santa had arrived and he was meeting with all the children. Since they all had behaved well the past year, they all did receive a little bag of goodies, prepared by **Margret Aebersold**. Soon it was time to say goodbye to Santa and after the cookies came out of the oven the kids and the grown-ups left for home - it was a happy afternoon.



## DIRECTIONS TO MONROE SWISS HALL - *route change!*

The Monroe Swiss Hall  
18500 Tualco Road, Monroe, WA

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

Take Woodinville/Monroe/Highway 522 Exit and follow 522 to Monroe. **Exit onto US-2 E toward Wenatchee.** Follow 0.9 miles to Lewis St/ Hwy 203, then turn right. Follow for 1.8 miles and take a right on Tualco Road. Follow 0.8 miles to Swiss Hall.

### Tacoma Swiss Clubs Calendar

March	3	Family Game Day (Bunco, Jass)
	15-16	Spring Crab Feed & Dance
	24	Easter Egg Hunt
April	20	Männerchor Concert
June	29	Spring Schwingfest
July	28	First of August Bundesfeier
August	10	Schwingfest & Dance
	11	Buebe Schwingfest & Dance
Sept	28	Oktoberfest
Nov	9	Rippli Dinner/ Enzian Concert

For information call the Tacoma Swiss Society -  
**Joe & Louise Hospenthal** at (253) 639-5072  
[www.tacomaswissclubs.com](http://www.tacomaswissclubs.com)

## *JASS PARTY!*

**April 21 - 1:00 p.m. to ???**

This year's Jass Party will be held at the home of **Martha & Tony Ruegg**. Please call them at 425-747-3608 no later than April 14 if you would like to participate, and to find out what you can bring.

**Martha & Tony Ruegg**  
**4218 135th Place SE**  
**Bellevue**  
**425-747-3608**

As you are aware, this party is to determine the Jass champion. However, if you have participated in the Jass lessons or are a player with limited experience, you are invited as well. We will have 1-2 tables for aspiring players and you may also do some kibitzing how the "masters" do it. Please let Tony know your ability level.

## GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The annual general meeting of the Seattle Swiss Society was held on February 9, 2013 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

We had 35 members in attendance, including 5 "new" faces. We reviewed the past events of 2012 and presented the calendar of events for 2013. The current Board, along with our our new newsletter editor **Rick Bützberger**, were unanimously approved by the membership. The new Board received a round of applause and a thank you from the group for their service during the past year.

We held a moment of silence for those whom we lost last year. Special thanks were given to **Hanna LeMaster** for her past years of service on the Board, and to **Jason Richert** and **Roland Oberholzer** for their contributions.

We enjoyed a traditional (and yummy!) Wurstsalat with wine, bread and delicious desserts and coffee. Special thanks to **Margret and Hanspeter Aebersold** for making the delicious Wurstsalat!

The Board would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a successful meeting.

### 2012 SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY FINANCIALS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS	
01/01/2012 BALANCE				\$ 20,342.96
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,320.00	
GENERAL MEETING '12	\$ 100.00	\$ (333.94)	\$ (233.94)	
NEWSLETTER	\$ 0.00	\$ (573.30)	\$ (573.30)	
GENERAL OFFICE	\$ 0.00	\$ (309.25)	\$ (309.25)	
FONDUE	\$ 1,635.00	\$(1,073.37)	\$ 561.63	
JASS PARTY	\$ 208.00	\$ (196.69)	\$ 11.31	
1ST OF AUGUST	\$ 805.00	\$(1,023.01)	\$ (218.01)	
FALL HIKE	\$ 102.00	\$ (96.00)	\$ 6.00	
FALL DINNER	\$2,080.00	\$(2,164.69)	\$ (84.69)	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	\$ 0.00	\$ (203.81)	\$ (203.81)	
GENERAL MEETING '13	\$ 0.00	\$ (125.00)	\$ (125.00)	
NET PROFIT				\$ 150.94
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,250.00</b>	<b>\$(6,099.06)</b>	<b>\$ 150.94</b>	<b>\$ 20,493.90</b>

**Monroe Swiss Colony**

Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sundays  
Doors open at 12 pm, potluck at 1 pm sharp, then meeting  
**July/August - no meetings**

**Monroe Swiss Hall**, 18500 Tualco Road, Monroe

For hall rental and club information, contact:  
[thorpe84@msn.com](mailto:thorpe84@msn.com) or call 425-327-4363

**Philippe Goetschel**  
*Honorary Consul*  
Consulate of Switzerland

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(509)782-5808

***It's Annual Dues Time***  
***Your Swiss Club depends on your support.***  
***If you have not already***  
***paid your annual dues,***  
***please do so now by completing***  
***the Membership form on the front page.***  
***Thank you!***

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