

SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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October 2009

Special points of interest:

Oct. 23



Fall Dinner
South Seattle
Community
College
7:00 PM

Dec. 6



**Christmas
Party**
at
Monroe Swiss
Hall

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

Already the summer has passed and I hope yours was a pleasant one. I hope you had a nice vacation trip or even one of the newly popular "staycations". The upcoming fall dinner will give you the opportunity to share your experiences with your Swiss friends.

I heard from several Club members that they liked the 1st of August picnic. This is primarily thanks to the Enzian Swiss Ladies Choir from Tacoma. Their singing aways brings back memories of our home country. It also gave us an opportunity to meet some members of the Tacoma Swiss

community. I hope that we will be able to strengthen the bonds with our neighboring Swiss Clubs. The next opportunity to do so will be on December 6, when we celebrate the holidays with our "Samichlaus" Party with the Monroe Swiss Club.

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FALL DINNER

As the days are getting shorter and colder, there is no better way to spend an evening than with your friends.

On **Friday, October 23** we are once again holding our annual **Fall Dinner** at the South Seattle Community College in the **Alki Room**. Chef *Robert Houot* has put together another fabulous menu for our Club. We hope to see many of our members and friends at 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 12 as seating is limited.

Menu

Appetizers

**Split Pea Soup
with Smoked
Pork Sausage**

**Onion Tart with
Greens**

**Poularde with
Riesling Reduction
Rice Pilaf and
Vegetables**

**Chocolat Gateaux
with
Crème Anglaise**

(Reservation Form on page 5)

1st OF AUGUST RECAP

About 60 people enjoyed our annual 1st of August Celebration at the Edgebrook Swim and Tennis Club on August 2. The Sunday afternoon was perfect, warm but with plenty of seating in the shade.

This year was extraordinary thanks to our special guests, the Enzian Swiss Ladies Choir from Tacoma, who performed for us and made it a real Swiss celebration.



Our special thanks to this group, and especially to their President, Irene Wagner, who initiated this collaboration. We hope for similar opportunities in the future to enjoy each other's company and to listen to these talented ladies sing. We listened to the speech by Hans-Rudolf Merz, president of Switzerland, and our Honorary Consul Philippe Goetschel gave a brief update on the latest Swiss news.

A special thank you to Doris and Roland Oberholzer,

who stepped into our trusted party chairperson Norma Vogeli's shoes during her absence, to make this another successful event. A big thank you also to Patty Richert for making it possible to celebrate at the Edgebrook and to the many helpers and our members and guests who brought delicious salads and other goodies to share.



President's Message

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Unfortunately, only four people signed up for our fall hike, so we decided to cancel it. It was a shame, because the weather on that weekend was gorgeous. If you are interested in hiking, please let me know if another date or venue would have enticed you to participate. We can always make changes to our program as long as we are getting good feedback. Some members indicated that they would like to learn how to play "Jass", the traditional Swiss card game. If you are interested, you will find more information on page 5.

I hope to see you at our fall dinner on Friday, October 23.

Hans Saxer

SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY WINE TASTING

An exclusive wine tasting for the Seattle Swiss Society was held on July 23rd at the Twisted Cork Wine Bar in Bellevue. There were about 20 people in attendance who enjoyed a special evening of wine and appetizers. Thomas Vogeles of Zero One Vintners treated our members to tastings from their two inaugural releases of the "The Wild Sky" Cabernet Sauvignon from Walla Walla, and "Golden Delicious" Riesling from Columbia Valley.

Thomas and his wife Kristin Vogeles, co-founders of Zero One Vintners, have received high marks on both of their wines from Wine Enthusiast and The Seattle Times.

Both of these wines were very delicious and we would highly recommend them to any of you wine connoisseurs.

The Seattle Swiss Society would like to extend special thanks to Thomas and Kristin Vogeles of Zero One Vintners for arranging this exclusive event for our members.



YOUR 2009 BOARD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates:



December 6
Christmas Party

January 30, 2010
General Meeting



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Tacoma Swiss Society 2009 Events

November 14
 Rippli Dinner/ Enzian
 Concert

December 13
 Swiss Children's
 Christmas Party

For information call the Tacoma Swiss
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Monroe Swiss Colony

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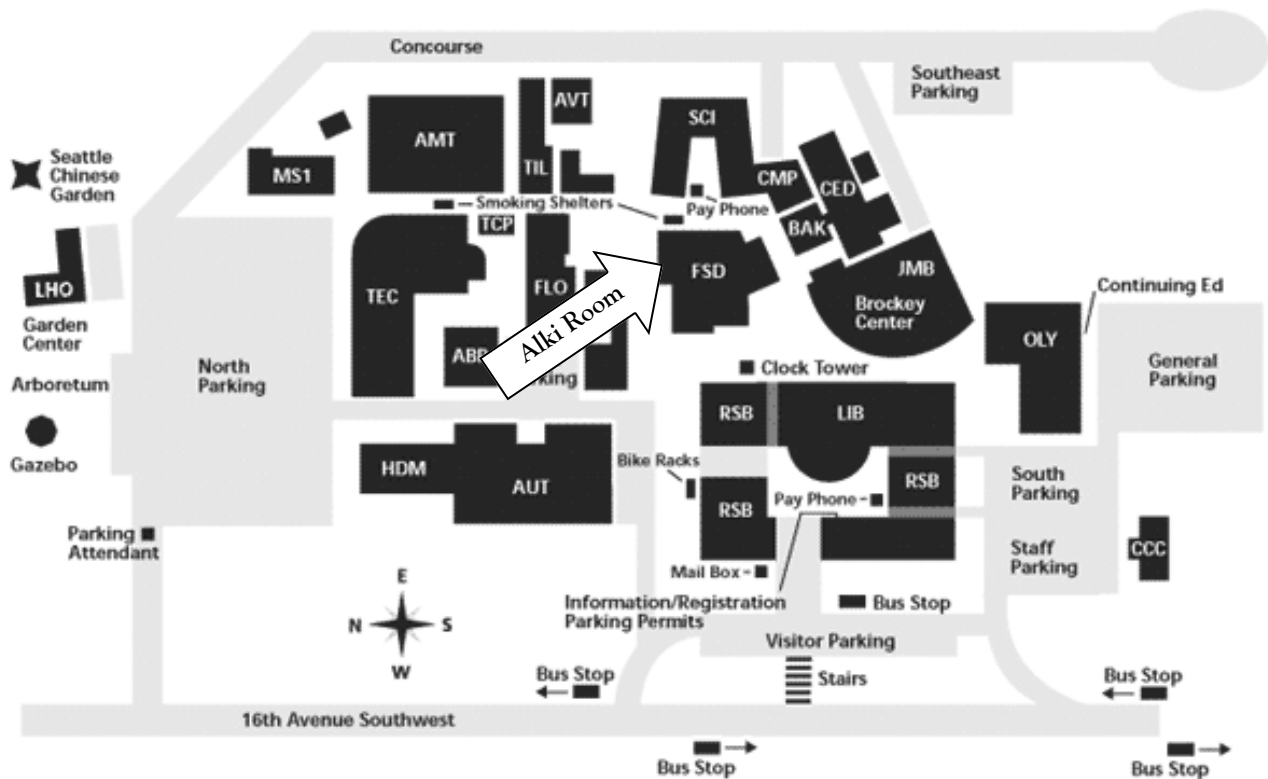
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**From the Publisher's
 Desk**

Do you have any news,
 information, thoughts or
 ideas that you would like
 to share with other mem-
 bers of the Club? Please
 contact your publisher/
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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 21st Ave S.W.
- Stay on arterial as it winds up hill and turns into 16th Ave S.W.
- Follow 16th Ave S.W. south for ¼ mile to SSSC 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 16th 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 16th Ave S.W. at 116th 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 2nd 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 16th Ave S.W., follow north one mile to SSSC campus.

South Seattle Community College
 6000 16th Ave. S.W.
 Seattle, WA 98106
 (206) 730-4251 (Security Office)

LEARN TO PLAY JASS



Here is your opportunity to learn (or get reacquainted with) the national indoor sport of Switzerland, **Jass**. We hope that serious learning will be mixed with fun and friendship. We expect to have at least six (6) sessions. There will be something for all levels of Jass players:

- Learning** - beginners
- Brush up** - intermediate
- Teaching** - experts



Sign up at the fall dinner or call Hans or Margrit Saxer at (360) 863-2094. Please respond to the following four questions for signing up:

1. **Qualifying:** Beginner/ intermediate/ experienced player
2. **Preferred date/time:** Weekday evening/ Saturday or Sunday afternoon
3. **Preferred cards:** Original Swiss cards or standard (French) cards
4. **Hosting:** Could you accommodate 8 to 12 players at your home? Participants will bring their own snacks and/or drinks.



To get ready, review the "Jass" rules at: <http://www.pagat.com/jass/swjass.html>

FALL DINNER OCTOBER 23 RESERVATION FORM

(Due October 12, 2009)

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:

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

Patty Richert
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No later than October 12, 2009, please!

