

SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



October 2014

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Oct 24	Fall Dinner	S Seattle Comm Coll
Dec 7	Christmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall
Late Jan, 2015	General Meeting	

Event Chairperson wanted

After many years of service to our club, Margret Aebersold is retiring from our Board, so we need someone to fill her shoes. Please contact a Board member if you are interested.

FALL DINNER

The Swiss Fall Dinner in the **Alki Room** at South Seattle Community College is set for Friday, October 24th. This is always one of the favorite events on our calendar.

Chef Robert Houot has created a delicious-sounding menu so please come join us for a delightful culinary evening.

The social hour starts at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30.

The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 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 17th as seating is limited.

(Reservation Form on page 4)

Menu

Appetizers

Buendner Barley Soup, Salad Melee

Entrée

Geschnezeltes with Roesti

Dessert

Zuger Kirsch Torte

South Seattle Community College
6000 16th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98106



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Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 2014

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! Our chef, Roland Oberholzer, will provide the ingredients and 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!

Directions to The Monroe Swiss Colony:

18500 Tualco Road, Monroe, WA

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

SR 522 E 12.9 miles to Monroe

Exit onto US-2 E toward Wenatchee for 0.9 miles

Turn right onto WA-203 S / N Lewis St. Continue to follow WA-203 S for 1.8 miles Turn right onto Tualco Rd for 0.8 miles

Fall Hike Recap

Our annual hike was held the weekend of September 6th & 7th on Stevens Pass. As many as 12 of us were involved at various stages, beginning Saturday morning at Der Bäring Store. We all met there, and were joined by Betsy, an adventurer who didn't want to hike alone. After hiking with us and sampling some Swiss treats, Betsy might just join our community!



Our first foray into the wilderness was a 1.9 mile, 800' climb through virgin forest from the trailhead to [Lake Dorothy](#). We had a bite to eat and, since it was a gorgeous 80° day, three of the women made a brisk swim across the lake.

After the hike we made our way to the Swiss Ski Club lodge. We warmed up the delicious pork stew prepared by Roland Oberholzer, and were joined for dinner by Bryce, a lodge member, and his girlfriend Fiona. The Rösler boys, Tristan and Christoph, did an amazing job bringing in and stacking firewood in the basement.



After breakfast on Sunday, we cleaned and secured the cabin before heading west to the [Barclay Lake](#) trailhead. For this trek we started with 10, but some of us turned back early. The trail was incredibly busy, a veritable freeway. Again, the old growth timber provided welcome shade on this warm late-summer day.



Many thanks to Doris and Roland for preparing the bread and food for us, and to the Reutimanns and Swiss Ski Club for the use of the lodge.

Lynn Bützberger snapped some photos:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsk3BY5dK>

First of August Celebration Recap

On July 27th, the Seattle Swiss Society once again celebrated the Swiss National Holiday at Edgebrook Swim and Tennis Club in Bellevue. The event was well attended with about 60 members and friends present. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of socializing and feasting on sausages, brot, side dishes and desserts. Many thanks go to those who helped out that afternoon: Roland & Doris Oberholzer for helping prepare and getting the tables and chairs delivered, and Margret Aebersold for getting things organized. We were entertained by Cascade Alphorns musicians Evelyn Zeller and Nels Magelssen.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chrüsümüsi

Hoi Swiss Club!

After a quiet summer we are heading into a busy fall/winter season at the Swiss Club – the Fall Dinner, Christmas party and the general meeting are the next big things coming up. Perhaps we will add a couple of smaller events into the mix so check your inbox frequently!

Did you know that you can open a bank account in Switzerland again? It's with PostFinance. Philippe Götschel should have the answers to all your questions.

Remember, your club only works if we all participate and try to keep our Swiss heritage alive. Mitenand we can enjoy gmütlichkeit and zämeghörigkeit, appreciating the best parts of our culture. So, come out and be a part of our events so that we can celebrate what makes Switzerland so unique... mitenand.

- Roland Oberholzer

AUSLÄNDER CORRESPONDENCE

Hosting a tourist is arguably one of the best ways to get out and see your surroundings; it gives you the perfect excuse to go on all those day-trips you've tentatively planned while daydreaming at work.

So when the weather gods finally decided to give us a little bit of summer sunshine, my younger sister, Simone, and I spent the day in Ballenberg - Switzerland's open-air museum - where centuries of Swiss culture and heritage were on display. After the Biel-Bern-Interlaken-Brienz train ride, we time-traveled to the 16th and 17th centuries, wandering through the different regions of the country and stepping into homes and farmhouses that had been delicately taken down piece-by-piece, transported from their original locations and rebuilt in Ballenberg in the Berner Oberland.

It's fascinating how a country so small can have so many personalities and traditions. While geraniums decorated windowsills in all the canton areas we visited, no two homes looked the same. And when we strolled through the various regions, I felt a tug on my heart strings as I thought about my ancestors - the generations of Oberholzers and Känel before me who'd lived in these wooden houses with their lightly decorated rooms and sparse-but-functional kitchens.

Being the self-proclaimed foodie that I am, the cherry on top of the cake (or the pineapple on top of the raclette chäs) was the delicious äplermakkaroni we enjoyed for lunch, with a perfect side of öpfumes.

It was a day to remember – not only by my taste buds, but by that very Swiss part of my soul as well.

About the writer:

Samantha is an expatriate living in Nidau, helping the watch industry thrive one text at a time. She's particularly drawn to Ovomaltine chocolate bars and will always "aww" at baby cows. Samantha blogs about her adventures at www.cup-of-culture.com.

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barbara@curranonline.com www.sagaschool.org

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Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sundays
 Doors open at noon, lunch at 1 pm, then we have our meeting.
July/August - no meetings
Monroe Swiss Hall - 18500 Tualco Road, Monroe
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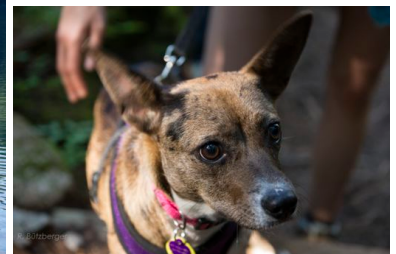
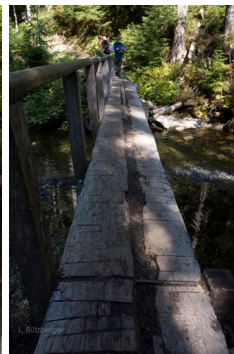
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Do you have any news, information, thoughts or ideas that you would like to share with other members of the Club? Please contact your publisher/editor:

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FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM - OCTOBER 24, 2014 (Due October 17)

Number of members _____ x \$40.00 = _____
 Number of non-members or guests _____ x \$50.00 = _____
 Total amount of check: \$ _____
 Name(s) as you would like them to appear on the name tag:

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

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