



SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



November 2017

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Xmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall	Dec 3
General Mtg	Our Redeemer	Jan 27

Online: <https://tinyurl.com/y85h8drp>

2018 General Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 6:00 PM
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
2400 NW 85th Street
Seattle, WA

AGENDA:

Past year in review
Election of Board
Upcoming events

Refreshments and Wurstsalat

Frühlingsspaziergang Recap

We had our third annual Spring Walk on Sunday, May 7th, with 14 human and 2 canine participants. Once again we strolled on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail, covering several miles on this scenic level route. The weather was perfect!

After the initial northern segment we broke at Chainline Brewery for a delicious cervelat lunch prepared by Das Brat Wagen's Alex. We then covered the southern end after our meal.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at The Monroe Swiss Colony

11:30 - Hall Opens; 12:30 - Potluck; Santa Arrival ~ 2:30

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! Simone Oberholzer will provide the ingredients and guidance for making Mailänderli. Bring an apron, your favorite Christmas cookie cutters and your enthusiasm. Please contact Simone at 425-753-3055 with #, age and gender of kids so she can prepare the treat bags.

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!

18500 Tualco Road, Monroe, WA
From 1-405 North or South: (Allow 45-60 minutes from 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.

Stevens Pass Hike Weekend

Curses! Foiled again! This year we were looking forward to enjoying the freshly renovated chalet, but extensive wildfires in the area created an unhealthy level of smoke. An added side trip to the Leavenworth Wine Walk had attracted a few more members, so we'll consider that option again next year. Keep your fingers crossed!

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<https://www.facebook.com/SeattleSwissSociety/photos> stream

FROM THE HONORARY CONSUL

Philippe Goetschel

- The first ever Washington State delegation visited Switzerland to study its renowned apprenticeship program. Headed up by Governor Jay Inslee it consists of 45 local senior business, government and educational leaders. They were welcomed in Bern by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.
- They also visited the apprenticeship program at the following companies: Swisscom, CSL Behring, ABB, Careum, and RUAG as well as with the ETHZ and ICT Switzerland.
- Governor Inslee has made it a priority to develop career opportunities for Washington students other than the standard 4 year college degree. The information technology sector and the healthcare sector have a particular need for apprentices who can get started at the age of 15 just like the Swiss model.

Fall Dinner Recap

The Fall dinner was held at Café de Paris for the third consecutive year. There were 45 attendees with many new faces. The French onion soup and the Geschnetzeltes were the best dishes of the night. It was incredible to have such great company and conversation. Big thanks goes out to everyone who helped make the evening happen, but most importantly Chef Firmin Berclaz and the wait staff. Hopefully we can get an even bigger turnout next year!
- Tyler Reutimann



Fondue Recap

We had a great turnout for the annual cheese fondue party which was held on Saturday, February 18th, at the Monroe Swiss Hall. It was a very special evening as we wished our former president Roland Oberholzer and his wife Doris farewell before their move back to

Switzerland. Hanspeter Aebersold and Roland Oberholzer did a fantastic job preparing the fondue for all to enjoy. Our members contributed a delicious assortment of appetizers, salads and desserts. The Seattle Swiss Society extends a special thanks to the Monroe Swiss club for sharing their facility. Thanks also to our chefs and to all of you who helped to make this an evening to remember.

Bundesfeier Recap

The Swiss Independence Day celebration was held at the Edgebrook Swim and Tennis Club in Bellevue on Sunday, July 30th. We had a great turnout and it was great to see a number of new families in attendance. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon socializing and eating grilled sausages and delicious pastries and playing a bit of Jass. Special thanks goes to our party chair, Simone Oberholzer, who organized this event and to all the other members who pitched in when needed. We couldn't do it without you.



Jass Recap

This year's Jass Tourney was held April 23rd at Tony and Martha Ruegg's home. We had 16 amazing players, but in the end Rene Vogt took home the coveted trophy. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a fabulous potluck buffet. Many thanks to the Ruegg's for sharing their lovely home for this competition. A good time was had by all.

Raclette

On November 14th, a few of our members will be enjoying a tasty raclette dinner at the home of the Bützbergers. We'll broil the usual selection of cheeses, meats, fruits and vegetables while carrying on a delightful conversation. Thanks, Lynn and Rick!

LINKS & STUFF

Seattle German resources: www.seattleaufdeutsch.com

From Gerard Wirz: www.iloveseattle.org

Swiss teachers wanted for the Greater Seattle German-American School - 206-349-3609

barbara@curranonline.com www.sagaschool.org

Monroe Swiss Colony

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Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sundays
Doors open at noon, lunch at 1 pm, then our meeting.

July/August - no meetings

Monroe Swiss Hall - 18500 Tualco Road, Monroe

For hall rental and club information, contact:

thorpe84@msn.com or call 425-327-4363

Tacoma Swiss Clubs

Louise Hospenthal at 253-896-2593

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AUSLÄNDER CORRESPONDENCE

Swiss signs of fall

Whenever summer begins to fade, I always get a little pang of homesickness. I get homesick for Seattle and the Pacific Northwest and all the things and feelings that come with it: the new school year, spending time in coffee shops to get out of the rain, the coming holidays and time spent with family.

Fall in Switzerland isn't unlike fall in Seattle. We have rain, pumpkin spice lattes and Halloween too. But one thing we have that I'm pretty sure you don't is "heissi marroni." Stands that sell heissi marroni – roasted chestnuts – begin to pop up at every train station around this time of year. If that's not a sign that fall has truly arrived, then I'm not sure what is. And if you're a train commuter like I used to be, they're a blessing on cold days. The hot chestnuts come in a paper sack thin enough to let the heat from the nuts warm your frigid hands while you wait for your train to arrive.

My favorite stand is at the train station in Biel near where I live. I buy 150 grams, that's about ten to 12 chestnuts, and let them warm me up from the outside in. This guy's bags are ingenious – one part of the bag stores the chestnuts, the other holds the nutshells after you peel them. Soft, chewy, sweet – they are a perfect fall snack, and one thing I'm sure I would be homesick for if I was on the other side of the Atlantic this time of year.

This "Ausländer Correspondence" is a bit different. There's nothing about culture or differences or exciting observations. For those of you who have spent time here, maybe it's a little detail that brings feelings of nostalgia. If you have other bonds to this country, maybe it's a nice thought knowing your relatives probably also enjoyed heissi marroni in the fall. But no matter what, this article is a reminder to enjoy the small, simple things that make you happy. Because believe me, when you have to wait eight minutes for your train at 6:40 pm at the station in Olten and the wind is blowing straight across the platform, you're happy you have something as simple as chestnuts to keep you toasty until you get home.

From Switzerland, and on behalf of the whole Oberholzer family, happy holidays!

Helvetica?

After receiving some complaints about the readability of our default Times New Roman font, I asked a trusted source (my wife Lynn), what she recommended. “Helvetica, of course!” she replied. She went on to inform me that the font was created by a Swiss artist. How appropriate! I did an online search and found more of the story. From [Wikipedia](#):

Helvetica is a widely used sans-serif typeface developed in 1957 by Swiss typeface designer Max Miedinger with input from Eduard Hoffmann.

Helvetica is a neo-grotesque or realist design, one influenced by the famous 19th century typeface Akzidenz-Grotesk and other German and Swiss designs. Its use became a hallmark of the International Typographic Style that emerged from the work of Swiss designers in the 1950s and 60s, becoming one of the most popular typefaces of the 20th century.

Developed by the Haas'sche Schriftgiesserei (Haas Type Foundry) of Münchenstein, Switzerland, its release was planned to match a trend: a resurgence of interest in turn-of-the-century grotesque typefaces among European graphic designers. Hoffmann was the president of the Haas Type Foundry, while Miedinger was a freelance graphic designer who had formerly worked as a Haas salesman and designer.

Miedinger and Hoffmann set out to create a neutral typeface that had great clarity, no intrinsic meaning in its form, and could be used on a wide variety of signage. Originally named Neue Haas Grotesk (New Haas San Serif), it was rapidly licensed by Linotype and renamed Helvetica, being similar to the Latin adjective for Switzerland, Helvetia. “Helvetia” was already in use by others, hence the alteration. A film about the creation directed by Gary Hustwit was released in 2007 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the typeface's introduction in 1957.

Helvetica is among the most widely used sans-serif typefaces. Versions exist for Latin, Cyrillic, Hebrew, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Hindi, Urdu, Khmer, and Vietnamese alphabets. Chinese faces have been developed to complement Helvetica.

Helvetica is a popular choice for commercial wordmarks, including those for 3M, American Apparel, BASF, Behance, Blaupunkt, BMW, Diaspora, ECM, Funimation, General Motors, J. C. Penney, Jeep, Kawasaki, Knoll, Kroger, Lufthansa, Motorola, Nestlé, Oath, Panasonic, Parmalat, Philippine Airlines, Sears, Seiko Epson, Skype, Target, Texaco, Tupperware, Viceland, and Verizon. Apple used Helvetica as the system typeface of iOS until 2015.

Federal income tax forms are set in Helvetica, and NASA even used the type on its Space Shuttles!

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