



# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



September 2018

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Dinner	Sebi's Bistro	Oct 27
Xmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall	Dec 2
General Mtg	Our Redeemer	Jan 19

## Events Chairperson Wanted

Simone Oberholzer, our events chairperson has been accepted into the Nursing School at the University of Nebraska Medical College beginning in January. Simone has done a great job and will be missed. Congratulations from the Seattle Swiss Society as you take the next step in your career.

We will need to find a volunteer to fill her position. Please contact a Board member or send us an email if you are interested.

## Jass Tournament Recap

The 2018 Jass Turney was held March 31st at the Mercer Island home of Honorary Consul Philippe Goetschel.

Congratulations to Werner Baer who outlasted the field and was crowned the 2018 Jass Champion. After the tournament ended all of the participants enjoyed a fabulous smorgasbord buffet. Many thanks to the Goetschel's for extending their hospitality and sharing their lovely home for this competition.

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## FALL DINNER Saturday, October 27th

Chef Firmin has decided to retire and has closed his Café de Paris in Edmonds. We are pleased to announce our new location for our annual Fall Dinner - Sebi's Bistro in Seattle's East Lake Union neighborhood. Don't miss out on this popular event!

Here's the menu:

### Appetizer Buffet

**First Course – Soup or Salad (choose one):**

**Soup choices:** Pickle Soup, Wild Mushroom, Borsht or Creamy Tomato.

**Salad choices:** Garden, Caesar, Arugula or Greek salad.

### Entrees (choose one):

Salmon Filet

Jäger Schnitzel

Silesian dumplings (vegetarian option)

Herb & Wine Braised Beef tenderloin

### Sides (choose one)

Roasted Potatoes

Kaese Spätzle

Sauerkraut or Beets

### Dessert (choose one):

Apple Pie

"Pavlova" dessert

Price per person \$50.  
Nonmembers \$60. Includes one glass of wine.

Happy hour: 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner: 7:00

Pay online at [seattleswiss.org](http://seattleswiss.org) or use the form on page 4.

The [Organisation of the Swiss Abroad](https://evoting2021.ch/) (OSA) is launching a petition calling for the introduction of electronic voting for all Swiss Abroad by 2021. Often, because the voting documentation arrives too late, the Swiss Abroad cannot participate in voting and elections. Find out more here: <https://evoting2021.ch/>

Seattle Swiss Facebook Photos:

[https://www.facebook.com/SeattleSwissSociety/photos\\_stream](https://www.facebook.com/SeattleSwissSociety/photos_stream)

## KINOFEST SEATTLE!

Barbara Curran, SIFF

Hi follow Swiss,

A Swiss movie is coming to Seattle. I hope to see you all there....

**STREAKER (Flitzer)**

Switzerland 2017, 91 min

Balz, a high school's bookkeeper/literature teacher has been massaging the budget hoping to save enough money to turn his fav author's house into a museum. However, the school board decides to reallocate the funds for a new soccer field. Balz hatches a plan...

SUN. OCT. 21, 2018 @ 07.00 PM

SIFF, 305 Harrison St, Seattle

<https://www.siff.net/year-round-cinema/film-festivals/kinofest/streaker>

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Sunday, December 2nd**

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!

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

## FROM THE HONORARY CONSUL

Philippe Goetschel

- Of the expatriate Swiss who were registered, only 13-32% actually voted in 2015, compared to a total turnout that varied between 37-60%, depending on the canton. The turnout among the whole expat Swiss community was only 4.5%. Of course, voting involves more effort for expatriates, who must post their envelopes on time while in-country Swiss can run to the polling station at the last moment. But that cannot be the only reason. Some feel Swiss expats who no longer pay taxes in Switzerland and are not directly affected by a vote's outcome have limited interest in voting.
  - The EPFL Lausanne and University of Washington are working on launching a joint master's degree in Information Technology. Students will be spending up to 50% of their time in Switzerland and the rest in Seattle. The program will be focusing on programming, user interface design and entrepreneurial skills. The University of Washington computer science department and EPFL are among the most highly rated departments in their respective countries and worldwide.
  - Federal councilors Johann Schneider-Amman and Doris Leuthard will both be retiring soon setting off races to replace them. Unlike in the US, new federal councilors rarely affect Switzerland's stability and direction. The system has many checks and balances to assure a political culture of multi-partisanship and compromise.
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## Bundesfeier Recap

This year we had a bit of a change. We celebrated the First of August at Seattle's Gas Works Park. We enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon with an abundance of bratwurst and dessert. With the change in venue, we had a small turnout of about 25 people. We did manage to meet a family from Switzerland who were visiting America for the first time. They stopped to see what was going on when they saw the Swiss flags and were impressed that there was a group of Seattle Swiss celebrating. Too bad they couldn't stay - they had plans and a short layover in Seattle. Even with the small crowd, those who came were able to enjoy the afternoon next to the water. Next year, the plan is to be back at the Edgebrook Club.

## LINKS & STUFF

Seattle German resources: [www.seattleaufdeutsch.com](http://www.seattleaufdeutsch.com)  
 From Gerard Wirz: [www.iloveseattle.org](http://www.iloveseattle.org)  
 Barbara Curran wants Swiss teachers for the Greater Seattle German-American School - 206-349-3609  
[barbara@curranonline.com](mailto:barbara@curranonline.com)    [www.sagashool.org](http://www.sagashool.org)

### Monroe Swiss Colony

[monroeswisscolony@yahoo.com](mailto:monroeswisscolony@yahoo.com)

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

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

### Tacoma Swiss Clubs

Joe & Louise Hespenthal at 253-896-2593

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

### Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)

For information contact **Martin & Heidi Stoller**  
 (509)782-5808

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**Seattle Swiss Society**

[Online Renewal & Membership Application](#)

Now accepting



**Philippe Goetschel**

**Honorary Consul**

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## Sounders Game

On the 18th of August a small group of us cheered on Swiss goalkeeper Stefan Frei and the Seattle Sounders as they took on the LA Galaxy. It was a beautiful afternoon and we were treated to quite the game. The Sounders scored within the first 3 minutes and cruised to a 5-0 win. Our event chair Simone did a great job organizing everything and adding a new activity to our schedule.

## Fondue Recap

The annual cheese fondue party was held on March 17th at the Monroe Swiss Hall. We had good participation. Hanspeter Aebersold did a great job preparing the fondue for all to enjoy. 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 Hanspeter for cooking the fondue and each and every one of you who helped with the set-up and clean-up.

## Frühlingsspaziergang Recap

We had our third annual Spring Walk on Sunday, May 6th, with a dozen of us enjoying the perfect weather on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail.

After exploring the trail to the south we broke at Chainline Brewery for a delicious cervelat lunch prepared by Lynn and Rick Butzberger. We then headed north for a post-meal stroll.





## FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM - OCTOBER 27, 2018 (Due October 17)

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Non-members or guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

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