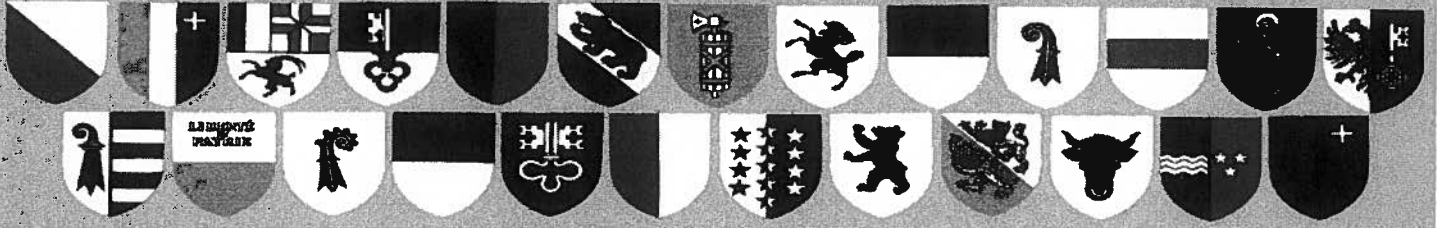




SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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March 2011

Important Dates:

March 3	Wine&Cheese
March 26	Fondue Party
April 10	Jass Party
July 31	1st August Picnic
Aug/Sep	Hike
Late Oct	Fall Dinner
Dec 4	Christmas Party

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends,

Looking back over last year's events I feel that the year was quite successful. The 1st of August picnic was a hugely popular. At least 100 people helped us celebrate our national day.

Attendance at our other events remained about the same as the year before. We hope that 2011 will bring us together once again to get acquainted with new members and to deepen our existing friendships.

We will try to weave activities for children into some of our events to make it more attractive for young families to participate. I encourage parents and/or grandparents to help out with ideas, stories and games, so that we can keep the youngsters interested.

At this year's Jass championship we will have one or two tables for our new players. We want to find out if graduation from last

year's Jass lessons is in fact adequate to qualify for full participation. At the very least it will provide some direct contact between the "old-timers" and the "yearlings."

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events and wish you and your families a happy and healthy year.

Hans Saxer

FONDUE PARTY

Even though we were spared the extreme winter weather in other parts of this country, we are looking forward to the cozy comfort of our annual **Fondue Party**.

Please join us for our traditional Swiss Cheese Fondue on **Saturday, March 26**, from 4:00 PM.– 8:00 PM at the **Monroe Swiss Hall** in Monroe. 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.



"Fondue isch guet und git a guet i Luune"

As you know, Kirsch is an important ingredient for a good fondue and donations will be greatly appreciated.

You may also bring your preschool children. We will keep them entertained with stories and/or games while you enjoy your fondue.

To sign up, complete the *Reservation Form* on page 5, and please let us know what you will bring.

YOUR 2011 BOARD

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GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The annual general meeting of the Seattle Swiss Society was held on January 29, 2011 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

There were approximately 32 members in attendance. We reviewed the events of the past year and presented the tentative calendar of events for 2011. A new board (same members as last year) was proposed and confirmed by the membership.

The new board received a round of applause and a special thank you from the membership for their service during the past year.

As is customary, we ended our evening by enjoying a traditional "Wurstsalat" served along with wine, bread and a selection of delicious desserts and coffee. Thank you to Patty Richert for making the delicious Würstsalat!



The BOD would like to thank all of our members

who participated, helped with setup and cleanup and contributed in making this a successful meeting.

J A S S

JASS PARTY

April 10, 2011
 1:00 p.m. to ???



This year's Jass Party will be held at the home of **Evelyn and Bob Reutimann**. Please call them at (206) 232-9802 no later than April 4 if you would like to participate, and to find out what you can bring.



Evelyn & Bob Reutimann
 9611 SE 72nd Street
 Mercer Island, WA 98040
 (206) 232-9802

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 Bob know about your level of knowledge.

JASS LESSONS

February 27, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Patty & Jason Richert
 4122 135th Place SE
 Bellevue WA 98006
 (425) 444-7672



Beginners, Intermediate and the Pros welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 3	<i>Wine & Cheese Tasting</i>	The Grape Choice, Kirkland
March 26	<i>Fondue Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall
April 10	<i>Jass Party</i>	Evelyn & Bob Reutimann
July 31	<i>1st August Picnic</i>	Edgebrook Club
Aug/Sept	<i>Hike</i>	Stevens Pass
Late Oct.	<i>Fall Dinner</i>	South Seattle Community College
December 4	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall

FALL DINNER RECAP

As fall approaches and the days are getting shorter, a great way to reconnect with our Swiss friends is to get together for a nice dinner.

On October 22nd we once again met at the South Seattle Community College to enjoy appetizers and a glass of wine while sharing our summer experiences. It is this *togetherness* with our Swiss friends that makes these dinners so enjoyable.

The conversations quieted as we settled down at the dinner tables. We enjoyed a delicious meal of "Zürcher

Geschnätzeltos with Spätzle", prepared and served by the students of the College under the guidance of Chef Robert Houot.



After dinner each table was handed a quiz to test our knowledge of Swiss geography and history. The winning table was rewarded with (of course) Swiss chocolate.

A big thank you to Margret Aebersold for coordinating the event and providing the decorations, as well as to all the students and their Chef.

Annual Dues are Due

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 page 5.

Thank you!

Do you have a new e-mail address? Please let us know by marking it on the annual dues form on page 5, or by e-mail at seattleswissclub@gmail.com. Thank you!

From the Publisher's Desk . .

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, Hanna LeMaster, at lemaster22@gmail.com or (360) 455-8376

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CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

For our Christmas Party on December 5th, we teamed up once again with the Monroe Swiss Colony. We gathered around noon and the children were able to help decorate the Christmas tree which was donated by Tony Wehrle.



The Aebersolds and Oberholzers provided ham and turkey, while everybody else brought homemade delicacies to share for our potluck lunch. We all enjoyed a truly festive and delicious meal.

After lunch, the Monroe Swiss held a short meeting. To get into the Christmas spirit, we then sang Christmas songs both in English and German. This cheerful sound must have carried quite far. Before we could finish we heard bells ringing and the bearded jolly old fellow was pushing open the door. This was the big event

for the little ones who lined up to tell Santa just how good they were during the year. Santa must have been impressed. He handed out presents to every single one of them.

Roland Oberholzer once again was ready with the cookie dough so that the children,

big and small, were able to make their very own cookies. The little ones especially concentrated on their work and all were rewarded with a small batch of "their very own cookies".



Thanks to the Monroe Swiss for hosting the party and to the numerous people who contributed to the event by bringing food and helping with setup and clean-up.

Philippe Goetschel

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DIRECTIONS TO MONROE SWISS HALL

The Monroe Swiss Hall
18500 Tualco Road, Monroe, WA

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

Take Woodinville/Monroe/Highway 522 Exit and follow 522 to end (in Monroe) where it meets Highway 2. Turn left at light onto Highway 2. Follow 0.6 miles to Lewis St/ Highway 203. Turn right onto Lewis St/Highway 203. Follow for 1.7 miles and take a right on Tualco Road. Follow 0.7 miles to Swiss Hall.

Tacoma Swiss Society 2011 Calendar

<u>March</u>	20-21	Spring Crab Feed & Dance
<u>April</u>	17	Easter Egg Hunt
	30	Männerchor Concert
<u>June</u>	18	Spring Schwingfest
<u>July</u>	31	First of August Bundesfeier
<u>August</u>	13	Fall Schwingfest & Dance
	14	Buebe Schwingfest & Dance
<u>September</u>	24	Octoberfest
<u>November</u>	12	Rippli Dinner/ Enzian Concert

For information call the Tacoma Swiss Society -
Joe & Louise Hospenthal at (253) 896-2593

Monroe Swiss Colony 2011 Calendar

Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sunday

April 3 Tacoma "Männerchor" Concert
(please bring a side dish to share)

July/August— no meetings, except August 28

Sept. 2 Dance

For information contact: Eileen Crutcher
(360) 939-2334.

Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)

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



The Seattle Swiss Society proudly presents a Cheese Tasting With Wine

Did you know that Switzerland produces more than just
Emmenthaler and *Gruyere* cheese?

Of course you did!

Sher, from the **Calf and Kid Artisan Cheese Shop**
on Capital Hill, will guide us through a tasting of

Appenberger, *Schlossberger*, *Maritchas* and *Le Cousin*
cheeses, all imported by **Corsica Cellar**

When: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 6:30 PM

Where: The Grape Choice Wine Store in Kirkland

Cost: \$20.00 per person, includes
cheese and wine tasting

Reservation: Call Roland Oberholzer at (425) 889-2411
or send an e-mail to tetedemoin@gmail.com

Space is limited so make your reservation early!

