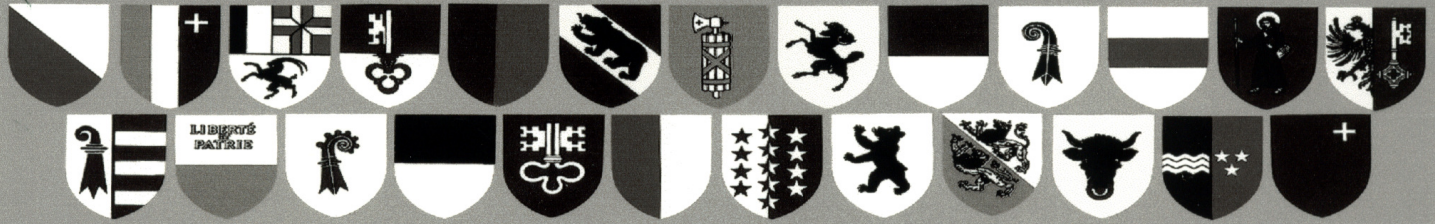


SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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March 2012

Important Dates:

March 24	Fondue Party
April 22	Jass Party
July 29	1st August Picnic
Aug/Sep	Hike
Late Oct	Fall Dinner
December	Christmas Party

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends,

It seems we only just celebrated Christmas and here it is early March, with spring just around the corner. While we do not expect major changes to our annual program, I would like to mention two items:

As noted on page 2 in this newsletter, you will start receiving our newsletter by e-mail (except

those members who do not have e-mail). This will save paper, postage and time, plus we can send messages to you on short notice if something unexpected happens. As an additional advantage, you will always know where to find the newsletter online without worrying where you might have put it.

We are hoping to initiate a Book Exchange.

For more information please see our notice on page 3 of this newsletter.

I am willing to run it for a year or so and if you help make it a success, I will continue to offer it.

I hope that you will enjoy our events during the year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Hans Saxer

FONDUE PARTY

Now that winter is almost behind us and spring is in sight, we once more look forward to the cozy comfort of our annual **Fondue Party**.



Please join us for our traditional Swiss Cheese Fondue on **Saturday, March 24**, 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.

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

As a special treat the "Cascade Alphorns" will

"Fondue isch guet und git a guet i Luune"

be playing for us. They are two Swiss trained players who will raise the Swiss ambiance of our event to a new level. Bring your children and grandchildren. They will enjoy watching and listening to these traditional instruments just as much as we will.



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

YOUR 2012 BOARD

President:	<i>Hans Saxer</i>	360-863-2094
Vice President:	<i>Roland Oberholzer</i>	425-637-8750
Treasurer:	<i>Patty Richert</i>	425-444-7672
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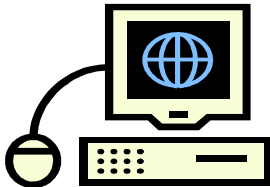


CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012




<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 24	<i>Fondue Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall
April 22	<i>Jass Party</i>	Evelyn & Bob Reutimann
July 29	<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	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Monroe Swiss Hall

Great News!



To keep up with today's technology we are now making our club newsletter and other announcements available to you by e-mail, rather than snail mail. Anyone who has an e-mail address may access our club communications online. In order to accomplish this, we need your **current e-mail** address. Please send your e-mail address to seattleswissclub@gmail.com, or you may list the address on the membership renewal form on page 5 in this newsletter. For those who do not have e-mail, we will continue to mail out our newsletter as "in the old days."

2011 SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY FINANCIALS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS	
01-01-11 BALANCE				\$19,504.24
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,915.00	\$0.00	\$1,915.00	
GENERAL MEETING '11	\$0.00	-\$426.61	-\$426.61	
NEWSLETTER	\$0.00	-\$1,004.43	-\$1,004.43	
GENERAL OFFICE	\$0.00	-\$267.90	-\$267.90	
FONDUE	\$1,490.00	-\$730.25	\$759.75	
WINE/CHEESE TASTING	\$460.00	-\$498.00	-\$38.00	
JASS PARTY	\$192.00	-\$188.69	\$3.31	
1ST OF AUGUST	\$746.00	-\$861.98	-\$115.98	
FALL HIKE	\$380.00	-\$305.00	\$75.00	
FALL DINNER	\$2,370.00	-\$2,428.81	-\$58.81	
SCHWINGEN	\$475.00	-\$195.00	\$280.00	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	\$0.00	-\$157.61	-\$157.61	
GENERAL MEETING '012	\$0.00	-\$125.00	-\$125.00	
NET PROFIT			\$838.72	\$838.72
12/31/11 BALANCE				\$20,342.96

FALL DINNER RECAP

On October 28, 2011, we gathered for our annual Fall Dinner at South Seattle Community College.

After a long commute for some, 60 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful dinner. After a busy social hour and yummy appetizers, we sat down to a delicious Onion Tart, followed by Beef Goulash and Spaezli. Once again dinner was prepared by Chef Robert Houot with

the help of his culinary college students.



After a short Swiss history quiz, Hans Saxer updated the group on the club's activities, followed by an update of Swiss Abroad information from Philippe Goetschel, our Honorary Consul.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Arthur Dietrich donated the biography of Jean Hotz, the Swiss Minister of Trade during the Second World War, to the club. I was thinking that other club members might be interested in this book and maybe others have books they would be willing to share with our members. Thus the idea of a **Book Exchange** was born. Here is how it works:

I will bring the books to our events. If you are interested in a book you take it home. If it is not available, you sign up for it.

Our booklist is currently short, just 8 titles. But I hope that you will have books that you are willing to loan. They should be about Switzerland or by a Swiss author. We do not want to compete with the public library:

German: **Der Minister aus dem Bauernhaus**, by René Bondt

Schweizer Geschichte, by Peter Dürrenmatt

Kulturführer Schweiz, from ExLibris
Naturparadies Schweiz, by Fritz Bachmann

French: **A la rencontre de Jean-Jacques Rousseau**, by Bernard Gagnebin

English: **The Pledge**, by Friederich Dürrenmatt

Children's Books (English)

A Bell for Ursli, by Chonz & Cargiet
Grimm's Fairy Tales (illustrated), by Brothers Grimm

I hope we can make this work. Hans Saxer

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!

CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 4th at the Monroe Swiss Colony hall, festively decorated for the season and attended by both our clubs. With a little help from the grownups, the children decorate the Christmas tree that was donated once again by Tony Wehrle. Everybody brought a favorite dish or dessert to share for the potluck lunch.

The Aebersolds and Oberholzers provided the ham and turkey to make this a splendid traditional Christmas meal.

To give our lunch a chance to settle, we sang Christmas songs both in English and German. Soon ringing bells heralded the arrival of good old Santa Claus. This, of

course, was the highlight for the children, even if it was a little frightening for the little ones. But they soon dried their tears when Santa handed them a present.



In the kitchen, Roland Oberholzer put on his chef hat and rolled out the cookie dough. What fun it was for the children to cutout their own cookies and to sugarcoat them. Soon several cookie sheets were ready for baking. Better yet, they all brought home a bag of "their very own Christmas cookies".

Our many thanks to the Monroe Swiss for hosting this event and to all the members.

GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The annual General Meeting of the Seattle Swiss Society was held on January 28, 2012 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and attended by 39 members.

The past events of 2011 were reviewed and the calendar of scheduled events for 2012 presented. The Board of Directors was unanimously approved to serve another term 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.

Once the official business was concluded we enjoyed a traditional "Würstsalat" served with wine, bread and a selection of delicious desserts and coffee.

Special thanks go to Patty and Jason Richert for making the delicious Würstsalat!

The BOD would also like to thank everyone who participated and helped set-up, clean-up and contributed in making this a successful meeting.

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

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 2012 Calendar

<u>March</u>	23-24	Spring Crab Feed & Dance
<u>April</u>	1	Easter Egg Hunt
	21	Männerchor Concert
<u>June</u>	30	Spring Schwingfest
<u>July</u>	29	First of August Bundesfeier
<u>August</u>	11	Schwingfest & Dance
	12	Buebe Schwingfest & Dance
<u>September</u>	29	Oktoberfest
<u>November</u>	10	Rippli Dinner/ Enzian Concert

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

Monroe Swiss Colony 2012 Calendar

Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sunday

July/August no meetings

For information contact: Lonni or Laurie Turner
(360) 793-0387

Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)

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

JASS PARTY



April 22, 2012 - 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 16 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

March 11, 2012, 12:00 p.m., play 1:00 p.m.

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

Beginners, Intermediate and the Pros welcome.

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!

Philippe Goetschel
Honorary Consul
Consulate of Switzerland



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Mercer Island, WA 98040
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2012 Membership Dues Are Now Due

If you have not already paid (except Honorary Members), please complete this form and send it together with your check made out to **Seattle Swiss Society** to:

**Patty Richert
4122 135th Place SE
Bellevue, WA 98006**

I / we enclose the following dues: **Family or Couple: \$30.00**

Single: \$20.00

Please Print Clearly

First & last name(s): _____

I/we have a new address, phone number, e-mail address (please note any changes below:)

Address: _____

City, State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____



FONDUE PARTY RESERVATION

Please complete and send with your check made out to *Seattle Swiss Society* no later than March 15, 2012.



I/we will attend the Fondue Party on March 24, 2012, at the *Monroe Swiss Hall* in Monroe.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ members _____ guests
(\$20 members, \$25 guests)

Name(s) (as you would like them on the name tags)

We will bring our children:
Name(s) and age: _____

No charge for members under age 12.

I/ we will bring: (please let us know how many of each you will bring)

_____ Fondue Pot _____ Burner _____ Fondue Fork _____ Bottle of Kirsch
 Appetizer (ready to serve) Salad Dessert

Please mail with check to: **Patty Richert
4122 135th Place SE
Bellevue, WA 98006**

We encourage carpooling!
 I/we am/are unable to drive to Monroe.
Please arrange for a ride for me/us.
Name & Phone #: _____