

# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Dinner	Cafe de Paris	Oct 22
Xmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall	Dec 4
General Mtg	Our Redeemer	Jan 28

## Frühlingsspaziergang Recap

We had our second annual Spring Walk on Sunday, April 17th, with 25 human and 2 canine participants. Once again we strolled on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail, covering 6 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 Doris and Roland Oberholzer. We then covered the southern end after our meal.

## Jass Tournament Recap

This year's Jass Tourney was held April 9th at the Mercer Island home of Honorary Consul Philippe Goetschel. It was a beautiful sunny day, allowing us to play outside.

Following several spirited rounds by the 16 players, some serious number crunching revealed the 2016 Champion to be Karl Hutter. Karl edged out Tony Ruegg and event judge Hans Saxer. We then all enjoyed a fabulous potluck buffet.

Many thanks to Laura and Philippe for sharing their lovely home for this competition. A good time was had by all.

## FALL DINNER Saturday, October 22nd

We will be returning to the Café de Paris in Edmonds. Award winning Chef Firmin Berclaz will be creating some culinary masterpieces for our dining enjoyment.

Doors open at 6 pm, social hour starts at 6:30, dinner served at 7:30.

The cost is \$48 for members and \$58 for non-members/guests. This includes the reception, dinner, a glass of wine, non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity.

**Please RSVP by Oct 17th** using the form on this newsletter.

**Cafe de Paris  
109 Main Street  
Edmonds, WA**

### Menu as of now:

#### *Appetizers*

Hors d'oeuvre buffet  
Soup of the day or French onion.  
Salad with house dressing.

#### *Entrées*

Geschnetzeltes Veal Zürich style with Rösti. Please indicate on your reservation if you want this dish.

Beef filet with potatoes  
One other dish to be decided on

#### *Desserts*

Dessert a la carte

## March Fondue Recap

The annual Cheese Fondue dinner was held on Sunday afternoon March 20th at the Monroe Swiss Hall. Roland Oberholzer and Hans Peter Aebersold did a magnificent job preparing the fondue for all to enjoy. Our members prepared a delicious assortment of appetizers and desserts. We had good participation from our membership. The Seattle Swiss Society would like to thank the Monroe Swiss club for the use of the facility. Thanks also to our chefs and to all of you who helped to make this a special evening. A great big thank you to Doris Oberholzer for the time spent organizing and planning the event.

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## KINOFEST SEATTLE!

### Elizabeth Shepherd, Northwest Film Forum

I am so excited to announce an upcoming event that will surely be of great interest to your organization - the first-ever KINOFEST Seattle, set for October 7-9 at Northwest Film Forum, 1515 12th Avenue, Seattle.

This festival, which is being presented by the Portland German Film Festival in collaboration with Northwest Film Forum, will include the newest in German-language cinema. Features, documentaries and short films from Germany, Austria and Switzerland will be shown.

All details and links to buy tickets are at:

[www.nwfilmforum.org/live/page/series/4066](http://www.nwfilmforum.org/live/page/series/4066)

I look forward to hearing back from you, and seeing you at the movies!

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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

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## FROM THE HONORARY CONSUL

Philippe Goetschel

**Solar Impulse** – the Swiss solar aircraft – has completed the first-ever round-the-world flight by a solar plane. The record-breaking flight covered more than 40,000 km without a single drop of liquid fuel. The circumnavigation flight feat represents the latest of many solar aviation records broken by the [Solar Impulse](#) project. Others include first night flight, first intercontinental flight, first ocean crossing, and longest

distance and duration for a solar flight. Then there was the longest-ever solo flight for any aviator in any aircraft, when Swiss pilot André Borschberg was in the air for more than 117 hours. For the final leg of the round-the-world tour, project initiator and Swiss adventurer Bertrand Piccard was at the controls. This very visible accomplishment helps establish Switzerland as a high tech leader.

The **Gotthard Base Tunnel** through the Alps has opened to great fanfare from across Europe. The Gotthard, at 57 kilometers in length, is the world's longest and deepest rail tunnel. The event attracted a lot of international interest: Germany's Angela Merkel, France's François Hollande, Italy's Matteo Renzi and the new Austrian chancellor Christian Kern were in attendance. The tunnel was 17 years in the making at a cost of \$16.65 billion.

Our own [Amazon.com](#) has launched a company in Switzerland. Headquartered in Zurich, the new Amazon Data Services provides services connected to the Amazon data cloud. This is not the retail arm of Amazon; it is the cloud service that offers IT services and storage to large corporations. Discussions began in 2006 and it is good to finally see the results of this 10 year sales effort. We all hope this may lead to a direct flight connection to Zurich in the not too distant future.

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## Bundesfeier Recap

The Swiss Independence Day celebration was held at the Edgebrook Club in Bellevue on Sunday, July 31st. We had a good turnout and it was great to see a number of young families in attendance. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon socializing and eating grilled sausages and delicious pastries. We were treated to a wonderful Alphorn performance by Cascade Alphorns musicians Evelyn Zeller and Nels Magelssen. The Seattle Swiss Society would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make this a very successful celebration. Special thanks to Cascade Alphorns and to Doris and Roland Oberholzer for planning and coordinating the Swiss Independence Day celebration.

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## Raclette Recap

On February 10th, a few of us were lucky enough to enjoy a tasty raclette dinner at the home of the Reutimanns. We broiled the usual selection of cheeses, meats, fruits and vegetables while carrying on a delightful conversation. Thanks, Patty and Dick!

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## Stevens Pass Hike Weekend

We were hoping to revive the annual hike in August, but ran into a bit of difficulty. The ski cabin we normally use was being renovated, and the project wasn't completed in time for our event. It should be in fantastic shape for our 2017 hike, though! Thanks, Dick and Patty, for keeping us informed.

**LINKS & STUFF**

Seattle German resources: [www.seattleaufdeutsch.com](http://www.seattleaufdeutsch.com)

From Gerard Wirz: [www.iloveseatle.org](http://www.iloveseatle.org)

Barbara Curran wants Swiss teachers for the Greater Seattle German-American School - 206-349-3609  
[barbara@curranonline.com](mailto:barbara@curranonline.com) [www.sagaschool.org](http://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 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 Hospenthal at 253-896-2593

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

**Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)**

For information contact **Martin & Heidi Stoller**  
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**Summer Fondue in the Park Recap**

Our fearless leader Roland came up with the brilliant idea to have a Fondue party at St Edward State Park in Kenmore. August 10th was a perfect summer afternoon, and we had a good turnout. We even had a couple walk-up guests who were at another event!

Thanks to Doris and Roland Oberholzer, Jan Palmer and Dave Nuttall for the organization and logistics.



March Fondue



Jass Tournament



Frühlingsspaziergang



Cascade Alphorns at Bundesfeier.



Fondue in the Park

**FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM - OCTOBER 22, 2016 (Due October 17)**

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$48.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members or guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$58.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of *Geschnetzeltes Veal Zürich style with Rösti* \_\_\_\_\_

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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