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President's 2011 Winter Wonders Welcome

Your **EXPECTATIONS - SWISS ROOM 321** are realized as reconstruction transforms classroom. **SEE the PROGRESS** on Sunday 4 December.

Ambassador Francois Barras and Catherine Scharf, Cultural Head, of New York Consulate visit SWISS Nationality Room 28 Sept. 2011.

Christmas Luncheon 3 December 2011 finds new site – **AMICI Banquet Center** – the former Tambellini's – on Saw Mill Run Boulevard. Buffet table provides you three entrees, salad, vegetable, a starch, plus an ice cream dessert.

Frank GLOOR conferred **Honorary Member** at our 31 July 2011 Pro Patria Richland Barn Picnic.

This fall **SASP Newsletter** goes **E-MAIL** to 60 families, while sent postally to 30 other families. This allows color usage while saving postage and lowering your SASP newsletter printing costs.

E-mail recipients should print out select pages. Luncheon Reservations, 2012 \$10 Dues, and your ballot responses sought by 21 November.

YOUR 2011 SASP BOARD MEMBERS

President	<i>Paul Lienhardt</i>
Vice-President	<i>Annemarie Frick</i>
Secretary (Recording)	<i>Jhon Smith</i>
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Member 2011-2012	<i>Conrad Ostertag</i>
Member 2011-2012	<i>Lyndall Huggler</i>
Auditors 2011	<i>Fred Carlson</i> <i>Philip Bottonari</i>

*May your 2011 Thanksgiving become a pause of appreciation and rededication towards peace,
-Paul Lienhardt, President*

Our SASP 2011-12 EVENTS Calendar

2011

SAT 3 DEC. 11:30 – 3:30 Annual Christmas Luncheon
Saw Mill Run Blvd. – Rte. 51
Amici's Banquet Center

SUN 4 DEC. 11 am – 4 pm Nationality Rooms Open House
Cathedral of Learning
University of Pittsburgh
Oakland - Parking \$5 at
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial

SAT 10 DEC. 11:30 Sami Klaus for Children - \$5
Teutonia
Coordinator - Annamarie Frick

2012

SAT 21 JAN. SASP Spring Board Meeting
Residence of Paul Lienhardt

SUN 25 March 11a-4p Spring 2012 Swiss Day
Teutonia
Annamarie Frick and
Coordinator - Walter Schaller

SUN 22 April SWISS ROOM DEDICATION
Oakland
Cathedral of Learning
Add'l details to come in Spring

FRI-SAT-SUN May 18-19-20 55th International Folk Festival
Monroeville Convention Center
Staffing welcomers needed

Your chance to vote!

Don't forget to vote for next year's Officers! Whether or not you can attend the Christmas Luncheon, please return your vote by Nov. 20th. Please also pay your dues and consider contributing to the Nationality room!

NOMINEES 2012 SASP OFFICERS & BOARD

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Member 2012-2013	Ellen Carlson
Member 2012-2013	Andy Swartz

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Member 2011-2012	Christina Sims
Member 2011-2012	Conrad Ostertag

Auditors 2012 Nancy Kunz & Fred Carlson

This ballot for 2012 compiled by Evelyn Ruffing, Nancy Carlson and Heinz Kunz. We thank them.

Treasurer's Report

by Walter Schaller

We have a balance of \$ 8193.59 as of September 15, 2011. The beginning balance on Apr. 30, 2011 was \$ 7250.21.



Do you have a Swiss recipe?

Have a recipe you'd like to share? Looking for a particular Swiss recipe? Email Christina Sims at c.sims@concordhotels.com to request a recipe or to have your recipe published in the newsletter!

SwissCommunity.org

The platform for the Swiss Abroad



JOIN NOW!!

This new website is a high-quality platform for Swiss living abroad to connect.

- Stay in touch with other Swiss abroad you already know.
- Meet new Swiss abroad and share thoughts and experiences. Discuss current events related to Switzerland or to Swiss living abroad. Find out where the Swiss restaurants are in town when you visit other places.
- Find information about your local Swiss organization or other Swiss organizations around the world!
- Get information about news, politics, and current events from all of Switzerland or from your particular canton of interest.

Sami Klaus Party

The Swiss-American Society will again hold its annual Sami Klaus Party in conjunction with the Teutonia Kinderchor on Saturday, Dec 10, 2011 at 11:30am. Pizza and soft drinks, included in the registration fee, will be provided for the children. A sandwich buffet will be provided for the adults, funded by a donation jar. The traditional treat bags and a visit from Sami Klaus are planned. The cost is \$5.00 per Family. Please register on the enclosed form.

Sangerfest 2012

This occurs June 28 through July 1, 2012 and it's only about a 6 hour drive from Pittsburgh.

Please feel free to check out their website at:

www.saengerfest2012.ca

MEET FRANK & BETSY GLOOR

Let me start by saying it was a great honor to be asked to make the announcement at our First of August celebration to recognize Frank and Betsy Gloor for all their years of service. It all started with the nominating committee asking Frank to accept the nomination of Vice President which he did and served with President Fred Carlson. I believe the time period was 1964. His next post was President succeeding Fred, which was customary at the time, serving two years as Vice President and was considered a grooming time for him to take over as President. Now my memory does not always serve me well, but I seem to remember that Frank also served a couple of terms as Secretary and helped put out the newsletter, wrote articles for it, and maintained a connection with some of our out of town members. Frank has also served as Board of Directors. During all these years and up until today, Frank and Betsy have assisted at all of our functions with the storing of the Cantonal Flags, National Flags, items for the Tombola, and stones for the stone tossing.

Frank also provides a sound system when needed, sets up, tears down and helps with carting for the stand at the Folk Festival. For all that they have done, the least that we, the Board, could do was to bestow upon Frank and Betsy an Honorary Membership for Life. We should all use them as a guide for the future.

-Respectfully submitted by Director Conrad Ostertag.



SWISS NATIONALITY ROOM FALL/WINTER 2011

*By Frederick H. Carlson/Vice-Chairman Swiss
Nationality Room Committee*



**SWISS ROOM
DEDICATION DATE
SET FOR SUNDAY
APRIL 22, 2012**

**SWISS ROOM
CONSTRUCTION
CONTINUES!**

The construction process continues to transform Room 321 in the Cathedral of Learning into the Swiss Nationality Room. Our contractor, PJ Dick, has completed the prep work above the ceiling

and all the base carpentry. As Richard Sink delivers finished wooden room elements he supervises the installation of such complex parts as the carved ceiling beams, the crown molding, and the rosettes. The oak floor is laid and the complicated fitting of the LED lighting into the ceiling beam rosettes is done. Wall and ceiling panels and the wall molding elements are being delivered as I write this report.

Richard is working day-to-day with site supervisor Don Show, project manager Shaun Mason and architect-of-record Stephen Altherr on installation and construction design issues that arise. Scheduling issues are managed by Rich Vogel of the Cathedral's Facility Management Department. Site meetings are held every two weeks at the room to keep the information flow fresh and questions answered as quickly and efficiently as possible. I personally stay busy keeping the

SNRC and S-ASP up to speed on this progress. Architect Stephen Altherr stays busy making decisions on everything from the window sill trim to the door handles to the Swiss Cross window opening in the door. Stephen keeps artistic architectural director Justin Rüssli apprised at his studio in Luzern.

Work will continue in Richard Sink's studio near Helvetia, WV from mid-November to mid-December on the radiator covers, projection box, display cases, and framing for the blackboard, windows, and AC diffuser coverings. Dave Houser, of Moatsville, WV, is completing the leaded and stained glass windows at present and will be delivering them to Richard's studio for framing in early December.

FINAL STRETCH DETAILS!

A sound narrative that will play as one enters the room has been completed in script form by SNRC members Carlson, Smith, and Kunz in conjunction with Rooms Director Maxine Bruhns. Maxine will recite the narrative and it will be activated by a toggle switch inside the doorway telling the story of the Swiss Room. The Dedication Book (which will be handed to everyone at the Dedication and will stand as the permanent record of Swiss history, the Room elements, and a complete history of the Swiss Room planning) has been drafted by Fred Carlson with editing assistance from Philip Bottonari, Jhon Smith, Heinz Kunz, and Maxine Bruhns. Fred is currently placing this text into a design program and is selecting graphics and photos that illustrate our 13-year story. The room plaque text has been completed by Fred and Maxine. The Donor Book text has been completed in alphabetical order making it easy for readers to find their loved ones in the Donor list with the testimonials. Dr. Kunz is managing the volunteer tasks related to the Dedication ceremony set for Sunday, April 22, 2012 and the banquet tentatively scheduled the night before on Saturday, April 21.

KACHELOFEN PROGRESS

In mid-September the interior carpentry for the Kachelofen, created by Don Marchese of Custom Wood & Laminate, was delivered to Red Clay Tileworks. Andy Anderson of Red Clay is currently creating the molds and pressing the tiles for the Kachelofen. Antiquing painter Gina Chalfant will

be adding her decorative glazes and colors to the tiles and Andy and Don hope to have the Kachelofen slid into place in the front right corner of the room by year-end. Andy's studio in Bellevue is open for members of the S-ASP to visit, but call first 412.734.2222. The Swiss images on this Kachelofen are collected from the Graaf Family Kachelofen on display at the Winterthur Museum in Zürich and arranged by Dr. Kunz and Evelyn Ruffing. We again thank Ed Graf for conceiving of and underwriting this important addition to the room.

LAST MINUTE SCHEDULING

1. When you visit the room during the December 4 Open House, it will still appear to be a construction site. By year-end we expect the room to be basically done and the contractor's presence and equipment to be removed. Classes are scheduled to start January 3 in the room, but 3 things are still likely to be completed early in 2012. The trestle tables will be in place as of January 3, 2012, but ordinary classroom seats for the students will be in place until late January when Richard will deliver the assembled *stabellen* chairs and teacher's lectern.
2. The Kachelofen, if not installed in late December, may need one day for installation sometime in early 2012. We are not rushing Ed Graf's team of vendors to get it in place by January 3, but the team is using that date for deadline focus.
3. The frieze will be retrofitted onto the crown molding in late March 2012 or over Pitt's Spring Break. Everything will be in place for the Dedication April 22, 2012. The sketches for this frieze have already begun at Pat Sink's studio in Salem, South Carolina.

OTHER ARTWORK: FREIZE, MAP, PORTRAITS

As mentioned before, the frieze will be completed by Richard Sink and his artist mother Pat Sink after January 1, 2012, but will be installed before the dedication. This frieze is a 88-foot long wooden mural that goes all the way around the

room where the ceiling molding meets the walls. The frieze depicts a vine of life motif with associated images of harvest, plenty, fruit, birds, farmer costumes, etc. The negative spaces are carved into the wood about one quarter inch and the flush surfaces are painted a subdued set of ochres, greens and reds. The antique map of Switzerland donated by Dr. Kunz and the two portraits of Pestalozzi and Rousseau donated by Fred Carlson will take their place framed in the room in December. Dr. Kunz has graciously underwritten the framing of Fred Carlson's two portraits of Pestalozzi and Rousseau done in the style of Basler Hans Holbein, and these frames match the frame on the antique map.

LOOKING AHEAD INTO 2012

Invitations for the Dedication and Banquet are scheduled to go out to all donors, S-ASP members, and local dignitaries in late February. All events related to the Dedication and Banquet will be rsvp'd from these invitations. If you have particular names you wish to be invited please give those names and addresses to Dr. Kunz and Bruce Kuenzi asap as we develop this invitation list fully in early 2012. If you are wondering if someone you know is on the donor list or not, ask Fred Carlson. We expect Ambassador Barras and some of his team from NYC to be present at the Dedication. We have volunteer help with this team effort from S-ASP Board members Bruce Kuenzi, Walter Schaller, Paul Lienhardt, Tim Maddamma, Koni Ostertag, and Jhon Smith so far and we welcome your assistance. Contact Room Chairman Dr. Heinz W. Kunz at 412.967.9123 or hwk1@verizon.net to sign up for helping us.

Evelyn Ruffing reports that with all Swiss punctuality, even the Swiss Room dedication key is now complete, based on the Obwalden key. Thanks to Evelyn for overseeing this important addition to the dedication ceremony for next spring, and to Jane Lubic for underwriting the key's cost.

FINAL FUNDRAISING

SNRC members Philip Bottonari, Walter Schaller, and Fred Carlson are creating a year-end appeal to focus on 3 needs we still have. Although the construction costs have been met, our Room Committee will be seeking assistance to:

1. "Unfreeze the Frieze": to help complete full funding of this important decorative element to crown the Swiss Room with it's beauty
2. Assist with Dedication Ceremony costs, and to
3. Begin Scholarships Fundraising.

We ask that if you can, be generous with us and this year-end giving opportunity. You know we have been as frugal as possible with the entire progress of the Swiss Room construction. We want to make sure our final preparations are fully funded so the Swiss Room can receive the ceremony it deserves. We hope you review our mailing outreach fully in late November and support these final needs. Send your tax deductible contributions made out to SWISS NATIONALITY ROOM FUND along with testimonials/tributes of any length to: Frederick H. Carlson/Vice-Chairman Swiss Nationality Room Committee, 118 Monticello Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. If you wish to use a credit card email me at fred@carlsonstudio.com and request a donor coupon to fill in credit card info.

-written by Frederick H. Carlson
Vice-Chairman/Secretary
for the Swiss Nationality Room Committee:
Dr. Heinz W. Kunz/ Chairman
Dominique Schinabeck/Honorary Consul for
Switzerland in Western Pennsylvania
Walter Schaller/Treasurer, Philip & Edith Bottonari,
Nancy Flury Carlson, Jhon Smith, Evelyn Ruffing
Paul Lienhardt/S-ASP President, Dr. E. Maxine
Bruhns/NRIEP Director

*Building a Tribute to Swiss Heritage and Culture
on the Theme of Education*

CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCHEON Saturday 3 DEC. RESERVATION
PLEASE SUBMIT BY MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER TO PROVIDE COUNT TO AMICI

Come 11:30 am, buffet opens at noon – goes to 1:30. You can choose any or each of three entrees -

Boneless / skinless CHICKEN BREAST with Marsala Sauce, TILAPAI with Lemon Chardonnay Sauce, and PORK MEDALLIONS in a Rosemary Pan Gravy
 Includes AMICI SALAD, SEASONAL VEGETABLE, a STARCH, ROLL/BUTTER, cold / hot BEVERAGE with ICE CREAM served at our round tables that seat eight

HOW MANY ____ **@ Cost \$27 per person = \$** ____ **.00 - Please provide each person's name**

Renew friendships as we join in Christmas fellowship

Bring your TOMBALA offerings - Program and short talks will precede - Concludes by 3:30 pm
 AMICI Banquet Center is on Saw Mill Run Blvd. If exit Liberty Tunnel south bound, go PA 50 east.
 Will be on right within .2 mile. Ample parking - Ground level easy access.

SAMI KLAUS Saturday 10 December \$5.00 per family

Provide names and ages of children _____ & _____

ANNUAL \$10.00 FAMILY SASP 2012 DUES are payable if you are not a Life, Honorary, prepaid Annual (Muelly, Wagner), or CN Swiss Room Complimentary.

Our Life \$500 paid are: Fisch, Kress, Lienhardt, Maddamma, Ostertag, Partilla, W. Schaller, while our Honorary are: Gloor, Heer, Trudy Kuenzi, Kunz, Hans Meier, Fran Reichl, Weilenmann, and Wilson.
 CN email Complimentary Newsletters go to: Stephen Altherr – architect, Maxine Bruhns – U Pitt head Nationality Rooms, Richard Sink – craftsman tables/chairs/room, Justin Russli architect Lucerne CH New York Swiss Ambassador Francois Barras, and D.C. Swiss Ambassador Manuel Sager.

Make check or money order payment to: SWISS-AMERICAN Society of Pittsburgh

Mail to Paul Lienhardt	# ____ Luncheons at \$27 = \$ ____ .00
1527 High Knoll Drive	<i>Donation to, or Sami Klaus reservation = \$ ____ .00</i>
Pittsburgh PA 15241-3311	Your Family 2012 \$10 dues \$ ____ .00
QUESTIONS 412-835-9345	MY TOTAL PAYMENT is \$ ____ .00

CAST OUR FAMILY BALLOT FOR ALL SASP 2012 BOARD OFFICERS/MEMBERS

Yes

Exceptions are names/office: _____

Preferred alternatives - writeins are: _____ for _____ ,
 _____ for _____ , _____ for _____ .

I have spoken to my writeins and obtained their agreement to serve - _____