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President's Fall 2012 Chat looks ahead...

Year 2012 had many significant accomplishments:

- ▶ The Swiss Nationality Room was dedicated at University of Pittsburgh, Heinz Chapel & Cathedral of Learning
 - ▶ A record 118 people braved the rain to celebrate the Pro Patria Swiss Independence Day Picnic at Richland Barn
 - ▶ On 6 Oct. Board Directors unanimously recommended the redrawn SASP Constitution & By-Laws effective 1/1/2013
 - ▶ Honorary Membership was conferred to Fred & Nancy Carlson
- Thanks to everyone for your helping ideas, hands & gifts!:

Upcoming Gathering Opportunities in December 2012:

- ▶ Our 2012 Christmas Luncheon at Peter's Place will feature choice of 3 entrees, veggie & potato, pecan ball dessert, includes tip + gratuity for **\$25**. Christmas music to sing & hear!

- ▶ Christmas Luncheon is this year's SASP General Assembly: All Adult Members can vote on the following issues:

Lower our Life Membership to \$300 from \$500, with option: 4 payments of \$75.; Secretary positions redefined; Annual family dues go from \$10 to \$15 while a family joining after July 1st pays \$10 for initial year of membership; Membership application info process made easier.

- ▶ Sunday 2 Dec 11a-4p SWISS ROOM Open House
University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms Visitation Day
-Do plan to be present to explain our room & to greet

- ▶ Saturday 15 Dec 11:30am Samiklaus at Teutonia -\$5/family

These three years as your SASP President have been invigorating and challenging times as we did marshal time & collective energies to broaden Swiss-American awareness of our cultural heritage & educational goals among the peoples of our region and even world-wide.

My appreciation to so many for so much achieved. Yet, now we enter upon a new horizon of opportunities. Our strengths of ideas, leadership and persuasiveness can become beacons toward a more peaceful world.

Thank you,
Paul Lienhardt, President

UPCOMING SASP EVENTS

SAT 1 Dec. 11:30-3:30	<u>Annual Christmas Luncheon</u> Peter's Place, South Hills <i>Registration form inside</i>
SUN 2 Dec. 11a-4p	<u>Nationality Rooms Open House</u> Cathedral of Learning University of Pittsburgh <i>Parking \$5, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial</i>
SAT 15 Dec. 11:30am	<u>Samiklaus Children's Event</u> Teutonia, Annemarie Frick Coordinator \$5/family, children's activities
SAT 19 Jan.	<u>SASP New Board Directors Mtg.</u> 908 Fairview Road Pittsburgh, PA 15238 <i>All SASP members welcome</i>
SUN 7 Apr.	<u>Spring 2013 Swiss Day</u> To be held at Teutonia
FRI -SAT 19 th -20 th April 2013	<u>56th International Folk Fest</u> Soldiers and Sailors
SAT 3 Aug. 2013	<u>Pro Patria 2013</u> Will return to Richland Barn

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From the 2012 Swiss Pro Patria Independence Day Picnic

Steinstossen Winners:
Matt & Suzanne Maddamma

Balloon Toss Winners:
Alessio Lacroce & Frank Gubser



Ed Graf (right) is honored by The Germanic Alliance, displaying plaque with Conrad Ostertag (left) and Fred Carlson (center)

Swiss Room Scholarship Endowment Fundraising Launched

Following the successful dedication of the Swiss Nationality Room on April 22, 2012, the Room Committee is now focused on endowing a Swiss Room Scholarship at Pitt. We formally launched the fundraising effort at the Swiss Independence Day celebration in Pittsburgh this summer, and our initial goal is to raise \$10,000 by December 31, 2012. A number of donors have already stepped forward to contribute to this important initiative, but many more are needed.

In collaboration with the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh (SASP), the Room Committee's longer-term goal is to raise \$50,000, and at that point begin awarding travel scholarships to Pitt students interested in studying in Switzerland. Scholarship recipients will also receive a complimentary SASP membership and be invited to make a presentation on their experiences in Switzerland at an SASP event.

Please watch for a year-end scholarship fundraising mailing and consider the Swiss Room Scholarship in your charitable giving for 2012.

Swiss Picnic August 1 National Day Largest in Two Decades

At the Swiss Independence Day picnic this past July 28 at Richland Barn in Gibsonia, the Swiss welcomed the largest crowd since the early 1990s: 118 participants. The recent Swiss Room Dedication and completion of construction and fundraising efforts no doubt spurred the joyous participation this summer. The Swiss Room Scholarship campaign unveiling was a featured part of the picnic. The Helvetia Maennerchor provided entertainment fresh from their second place finish at the recent NASSA (North American Swiss Singing Associations) competition in Kitchener, Canada. Dr. E. Maxine Bruhns was again our honored guest, and Swiss room craftsman Richard Sink and his family were present for accolades and camaraderie on a job well done. Tribute was paid by former S-ASP President Frank Gloor to former SNRC member Charles Buenzli who had just passed away with inoperable brain cancer at his home in North Carolina, having been unable to attend our recent Dedication festivities in April. The Tombola raised \$327 for the Swiss Room. Also \$230 was raised from the sale of Pro Patria pins (these funds are sent to the Swiss Consulate in New York).

Ed Graf Honored by the Germanic Alliance September 8 at Teutonia

Helvetia Maennerchor leader Conrad Ostertag and SNRC Vice-Chairman Fred Carlson were part of a celebration sponsored by the Germanic Alliance honoring the lives of Eberhard Mueller and Edward Graf on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at a Teutonia Rathskeller luncheon. S-ASP officers Andy Schwarz and Lyndall Huggler, and other members of the Helvetia Maennerchor, were also in the audience.

Ed Graf was honored for his philanthropy to both the German-American community as well as his generosity to the Swiss Room of his own Swiss heritage. Ed exhibited creative design leadership and came through with all the funding for the kachelofen featured in the Swiss Room. Pittsburgh City Council announced a proclamation honoring Eberhard and Ed that week in a formal pronouncement read at City Hall and the Teutonia gathering.

--Frederick H. Carlson

Please join us for the 2012 Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday December 1st at Peter's Place

There will be Swiss and traditional Christmas music performed and to sing along with!

Menu includes:

- Fruit cup appetizer
- Choice of Salisbury Steak, Boston Scrod Almandine, or Chicken Kelly
- Veggies, rolls, & potato
- pecan ball dessert
- Tea, coffee, pop, milk

All for **\$25** including gratuity.

This last event of 2012 is our SASP General Assembly, so present adult members may vote on the following SASP issues:

- Your 2013 SASP board: Officers & 2 Directors at Large
- The SASP Constitution & By-Laws revisions drawn on October 6 and unanimously recommended by the Board Directors (effective 1/1/2013)



Men's Steinstossen participants from 2008 Swiss Picnic

SASP FAMILY MEMBER DUAL PRONG RESPONSE INITIATIVE ASKS:

- 1 - Please list all family members (even those not attending luncheon)
- 2 - December Luncheon Reservations

Peter's Place 1 Dec. 11:30-3:30 Christmas Luncheon has 3 entrée choices:

A-Salisbury Steak, B-Boston Scrod Almandine, C-Chicken Kelly (pecans & cranberries stuffed)

<u>LAST NAME (please print)</u>	<u>FIRST NAME (also print)</u>	<u>Born Mo-Day-Year</u>	<u>Entree Choice (mark A,B,orC)</u>
_____	_____	____/____/____	\$25 _____
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Total Amount Enclosed: _____

SEND THIS FORM LISTING ALL PERSONS IN YOUR FAMILY even if not coming to luncheon.

Make check to: SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY of PITTSBURGH for number of persons attending.

**Send to: Paul Lienhardt, 1527 High Knoll Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15241-3311 by 26 Nov. 2012.
For more information or directions - Call Paul at 412-835-9345**

Good News as Swiss Room Construction Account Closes Out

John Walluk of University of Pittsburgh Facilities Management reported on October 8, 2012, that all bills relating to the construction of the Swiss Room had been paid and the construction account officially had a surplus remaining of \$4,781.01. Those monies would be transferred over to our Swiss Room agency account, would fulfill any minor charges that might remain relating to the Dedication and Banquet, and most would go on to our Scholarship Fund.

Excellent communications, sacrificial volunteerism, and attention to honoring the value of our construction funds raised over 13+ years helped us complete this project to completion with a small amount left over. A hearty thank you from the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh goes to these important people who made this project go so smoothly since demolition began in summer 2011:

Project Architect of Record:
Stephen Altheer, AIA

Pitt Facilities:
John Walluk, Rich Vogel, Adrienne Spallone, and their staff

Pitt Nationality Rooms Program: Dr. E. Maxine Bruhns-Director
Susan Langer, Cristina Langnese, Miriam Philips, Michael Walter, Eileen Kiley (retired)

PJ Dick:
Shaun Mason-on-site manager and scheduler; Don Show-Site manager and lead carpenter; and all the carpenters, the electricians, the fitters, the asbestos workers; and Justin Hough-account representative

...and our excellent vendors who did exactly what they were asked to do and went so far beyond aesthetic expectations creating the most beautiful nationality room:
Richard Sink, wife Sarah and family-all furniture and exposed wood features
Patricia Sink-painted features on chairs and frieze
David Houser-lead and stained glass windows
RJ Leuenberger Ornamental iron-hinges, latches, doorstraps
Andy Anderson, Gina Chalfant, & Don Marchese-kachelofen

SAS-P Communications

The SAS-P is continually striving to improve its ability to communicate with its membership regarding important events. In particular, we are currently looking at ways that we can provide immediate notice to the membership in the event of a death of one of our members. If you become aware of a death of a member, we ask that you contact one of our Board members. We are working on developing the capacity to send an e-mail alert to the membership in such event. Of course, this will also require that we have your current e-mail address! Please send any e-mail (or other) address updates to our Membership Secretary, Lyndall Huggler (lynbeth@msn.com).

Treasurer Report: Walter Schaller reports SAS-P cash balance \$7391 at 4-30-12 increased by \$275 to \$7666 at 8-31-12 as Swiss Picnic receipts, tombola sales and wurst sales from the successful Pro Patria picnic drew in funds.

YOUR 2012 SASP Board

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Nationality Rooms Council Meeting October 11, 2012

Dr. Kunz represented the Swiss Room at the recent Nationality Rooms Council meeting.

Holiday Decorating Team Beginning Work

Under the direction of Dr. Kunz, our Swiss Room and Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh volunteers are looking forward to decorating the Swiss Room for the Christmas holidays later this fall. It will be our first time participating! Dr. Kunz is working with Edith Bottonari, Annemarie Frick, and others to prepare our display card about Swiss Holiday traditions and to create our initial decorating on Saturday morning, November 10. Our Swiss Room committee plans to participate in the December 2 Open House as well.

Webmaster

The SAS-P is looking for a volunteer with web editing skills who would be willing to keep our web site up to date. Could that person be you? If so, please contact one of our Board members. It would be very much appreciated!

Notice of Annual Meeting of General Assembly

The 2012 annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh will be held in conjunction with the Christmas luncheon at Peter's Place on December 1, 2012. The General Assembly will elect directors and officers for 2013 and will vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. A copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws are attached to this newsletter



Schweizer Maennerchor Helvetia Participate in 40th Saengerfest



The Pittsburgh Swiss Singers (Schweizer Maennerchor 'Helvetia') participated in the 40th Saengerfest of the North American Swiss Singing Alliance held in Kitchener Canada from June 28th to July 1st 2012.

The main highlight for us was that we received a Silver Medal in the competition singing which was a second among 15 choirs.

Thames Valley, a small group of mostly first generation immigrant Swiss farmers, put on a first rate festival which included the Jodelklub Alpenroesli from Einsiedeln Schweiz who demonstrated the art of whip cracking, a first in our memory. Also, the food was the best since our festival in 1997 at Seven Springs. -Andrew Schwarz



◀ The Swiss Flag is tossed masterfully behind alpen horn players
 ▼ Members of the Jodelklub Alpenroesli demonstrate whip cracking



Our next Samiklaus Children's Event will take place on December 15th at Teutonia. Let's take a look at Samiklaus Christmas 20 years ago (December 18th, 1992)....



▲ The youth choir performs Christmas songs while Trudi Kuenzi and children look on
 ◀ Young Rick Carlson sits on Samiklaus' lap
 ▼ 2 amazed boys take in the Grittibaenz (pastry man) and other Swiss pastries and baked goods



Rest In Peace Charles Buenzli

Buenzli, 65, passed away this year on July 17th. Charles served as secretary during my 2 year term as president along with Ed Kappeler, vice president. The three of us formed an unbroken bond of friendship. Charles graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an electrical engineer. Ed was an ordained minister.

Charles contributed his expertise in the many facets of the Pittsburgh SAS. Here are some examples: The first SAS – Pgh. website, construction of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival Swiss display, served on the University of Pittsburgh Swiss room board.

He retired (c.a.2009), built a new home in the Wake Forest area of NC for his wife, Mary Kay and himself, anticipating a long and happy retirement. He unfortunately developed a brain tumor which took his life.

I will always remember what he did for me and our Swiss Club.

- Frank Gloor

Swiss Room and Dedication Photography Available

The Swiss Committee wishes to pass on this information from our official photographer Alex Patho regarding his photography of the Swiss Room Dedication:

The following is the link to the 123 images of the dedication.

<http://www.pathophoto.com/swissroom>

Please feel free to share it with everyone. Also if anyone needs higher resolution versions please let me know which images and I will upload them.

Sincerely,
Alex

Alexander Patho Photography

www.pathophoto.com

412-486-1621



Photograph of Dedication Day Ceremony at Cathedral of Learning

New Location, New Date for the Folk Festival

Next year's Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be at a new place—Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oakland next to the University of Pittsburgh campus. The 56th annual event will also be a few weeks earlier, April 19 & 20, 2013 and will run just Friday and Saturday. Otherwise, the multicultural program Friday morning for school groups, the cultural displays, food booths, and performances including the Swiss Singers will be held as in the past. The Folk Festival is making the move, hoping to attract greater attendance while keeping expenses within revenue. More than ever, we need to support the event by getting people to attend, as it has been a significant way to build the visibility of the Swiss American Society and has brought new members to the organization.

-Jhon Smith

Steeler Nation: Revise to Steeler Planet

My wife, Luanne, and I lived in Basel for a few years, returning to the US last year. During our first weekend in Switzerland, we decided to explore our new city. My wife had been in Basel a few times before, as her company is headquartered there. I had been there only once. We walked down the hill from our home in Oberwil BL to take the tram into Basel. We walked around the city, noting the diversity of architecture, everything from early 2000s construction to buildings that have been there since the 900s! Our walking took us to the Münsterplatz, where the cathedral has stood on the hill since construction began in 1019, overlooking the Rhine River, having survived mostly intact from the earthquake of 1356. The first inhabitants on this hill were Celts, settling there around 4,000 BCE. Opposite the Münster is a restaurant, "zum Isaak." As it was the early afternoon, our thoughts had turned to lunch. The air was cool on this Saturday. I was wearing a ski jacket and a yellow Steelers hat. The hat has the Steelers logo and the word "Steelers" on it. While looking at the menu posted outside, a couple exited the restaurant, passing us. The gentleman stops, looks at my hat, and in a Basel accent that I came to adore, said "Pittsburgh." I said to Luanne: "This is a good omen!" Steelers Nation needs to be revised to "Steelers Planet." Needless to say, we had a fabulous experience living there and consider Basel our second home.

-Jim Shock



▲ Maxine Bruhns, Richard Sink, & Fred Carlson at the Swiss Picnic

▶ President Paul Lienhardt distributes nametags at Picnic



The Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship Fund

Do students attending class in the Swiss Room
get inspired to study in Switzerland?

Ja, Oui, Sì, Gea, Yes!



Please give generously to the **Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship Fund** at the University of Pittsburgh. This endowed fund will help Pitt students realize their dreams of **living and learning in Switzerland**.

+ All donations made to the University of Pittsburgh – Swiss Nationality Room are tax-deductible +
Questions? Contact Philip at 412-216-5144 or bottonari@alumni.nd.edu

Gift Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail (*required for credit card gifts*) _____

Mail to: Nationality Rooms Program
1209 Cathedral of Learning
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Payment Options:

Check (payable to “University of Pittsburgh”)

Please write “Swiss Room Scholarship” in memo

Credit Card (\$50 minimum; you can also go to: <http://www.pitt.edu/giving.html> to make an online credit card gift, but be sure to include a comment of “Swiss Room Scholarship”)

Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX

Credit Card # _____

Security Code _____

(3- or 4-digit value printed on card or signature strip)

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Nationality Rooms Program/Swiss Room account: 09.01031.4400.95927.000000.00000.00000

CONSTITUTION

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Article I – Name

The name of the Society shall be the SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Article II – Purpose

The Society shall exist to fill the need for an organization with which all Swiss-Americans and other persons interested in the aims of the Society can affiliate to achieve the following principal purposes:

- A. To achieve a closer social and cultural contact among Swiss and descendants of Swiss.
- B. To cultivate and strengthen the existing bonds of friendship between the Swiss and the American people.
- C. In general, to acquaint Swiss and Americans with the scientific, educational and cultural life and achievements of both nations as an aid to good relationships and understanding between their people.
- D. To play host to visiting Swiss dignitaries and assist new arrivals.
- E. Whereas, the Society having dedicated the Swiss Nationality Room in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh on 22 April 2012 as an active classroom for undergraduate and graduate students, the Society is now dedicated to the establishment of a [Swiss Room Scholarship] at the University of Pittsburgh that will send scholars from the University of Pittsburgh to Switzerland to further cross-cultural understanding.
- F. We do further create the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh Pestalozzi Educational Fund for the purpose of bringing individuals from Switzerland to our western Pennsylvania region to learn more about our culture and to share their experiences, hopes and knowledge, with the goal of promoting a more informed, peaceful and cooperative world community.

In order to achieve the foregoing general aims, the Society shall undertake activities such as:

- A. Social gatherings; reception and entertainment of Swiss students, visitors, newcomers and friends of Switzerland; an August 1st Swiss Confederation independence celebration; lectures and discussions; musical and athletic events; meetings of professional and scientific groups; and similar activities.
- B. Participation with other groups in meetings, folk festivals, guest speakers, student and educator exchange programs, and similar events which are consistent with the general purposes of the Society.

Article III – Society Address

The address of the Society shall be c/o Blumling & Gusky, LLP, Attn: Lyndall J. Huggler, 436 Seventh Ave., Suite 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, or at such other address as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Society.

BY-LAWS

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Article I – Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the aims of the Society is eligible to be a member.

Section 2. Memberships shall consist of the following:

- A. Active Members
- B. Life Members
- C. Honorary Members

A membership (whether active, life or honorary) includes all adult individuals residing at the same address, each of whom shall be deemed to be a member for purposes of voting in the General Assembly.

Section 3.

A. Any person may become an active member or life member of the Society by submitting an application for membership in the form approved by the Board of Directors and payment of the required annual dues.

B. Any active member may become a life member by making a one-time payment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), which excludes him or her from any further payment of dues. Life member dues may be paid in four (4) consecutive annual payments of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per year; a member making payments on such basis shall be recognized as an active member so long as he or she remains current with such payments, and shall be recognized as a life member upon full payment of the required amount.

C. Any person of recognized special merit in relation to the purposes of the Society may be elected to honorary membership by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, having all rights and privileges of active membership with exemption from payment of dues.

Section 4. Membership in any class expires through death, resignation, nonpayment of dues, or suspension due to conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Society. Resignation should be presented to the Membership Secretary in writing. Suspension due to conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Society shall become effective by an affirmative vote of 75% of the Board of Directors.

Article II – Administration

Section 1. The General Assembly consists of all members of the Society.

It is the duty of the General Assembly to elect the Directors of the Society. The General Assembly shall vote on proposals relating to basic policy of the Society, including such matters as setting of dues and amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors at Large. The officers shall be elected annually and can succeed themselves. Two Directors at Large shall be elected each year to serve a two-year term and can succeed themselves. If not otherwise a member of the Board of Directors, the immediate past president of the Society shall also be a member of the Board of Directors for one year after the expiration of his or her term as president.

Section 3. Two Auditors shall be elected by the General Assembly and shall not be members of the Board of Directors. The Auditors shall examine the financial records and reports of the Treasurer promptly after the close of the Society's fiscal year and shall provide their report for inclusion in the Society's next newsletter to members.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining all Society operating policies and procedures. The Board of Directors shall consider and report upon all business to be acted upon by the Society, shall be the custodian of all its property, shall authorize all contracts and expenditures, but shall not incur liabilities exceeding the amounts of the unappropriated funds in the hands of the Treasurer.

Section 5. The **President** shall maintain effective liaison with the Board of Directors, shall call meetings of the Society, shall preside at these meetings, shall, except as otherwise provided, create and discharge general committees, and perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

The **Vice President** shall act in the absence or incapacity of the President. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all general committees. He shall carry out other duties as may be delegated to him by the President.

The **Recording Secretary** shall maintain Society records and archives, shall act as Secretary for all Board of Directors meetings and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

The **Membership Secretary** shall collect dues from the members, shall receive new member applications, shall maintain a roster of the Society membership and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

The **Corresponding Secretary** shall conduct Society correspondence, shall inform the membership of all Society activities through appropriate means of communication and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

The **Treasurer** shall maintain financial records of dues and other income, shall disburse funds, shall prepare a yearly financial statement and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

Section 6. The election of officers and Directors at Large shall be by the General Assembly. A Nominating Committee consisting of three non-Board Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least sixty days prior to the Annual General Assembly. The report of the Nominating Committee and ballots shall be submitted to the members thirty days prior to the Annual General Assembly. Votes may be cast for persons not nominated by the Committee. In the event of a vacancy (other than President, in which case the Vice President shall act as President), the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy until the next election of officers and Directors at Large by the General Assembly.

Section 7. The terms of all officers and Directors at Large shall coincide with the Society's fiscal year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Article III – Meetings

Section 1. The General Assembly shall meet annually in connection with the last event of the Society held before January 1. Notice of the annual meeting of the General Assembly shall be published in the Society's newsletter. The General Assembly shall receive the reports of the outgoing officers.

An extraordinary General Assembly of the Society may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. It must be called by the President upon written request of at least 20% of the members.

The presence of members entitled to cast 20% of the votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any action of the General Assembly. All actions of the General Assembly shall be decided by majority vote.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will meet at least twice yearly and at other times as necessary to transact necessary business. 50% of the total Board membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per active membership. Dues shall be reduced to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for any new member joining after July 1, for the balance of the calendar year in which such person joins the Society.

Section 2. Members should have dues paid by April 1 of each year. A member dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by payment of dues for the year in which he became delinquent, plus the current year. Members who have resigned in good standing may be reinstated by paying dues for the current year.

Article V – Dissolution

Section 1. A majority vote of 75% of the members present at the General Assembly is required to pass on the question of dissolution of the Society. In case of dissolution, any funds or other assets shall be contributed in equal shares to the Stiftung Kinderdorf Pestalozzi in Switzerland and to the [Swiss Room Scholarship].

In the event the Stiftung Kinderdorf Pestalozzi is not in existence at time of dissolution, an organization with similar aims shall be selected by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

This Constitution and these By-Laws, effective January 1, 1968, were amended on January 1, 2003, and further amended effective [January 1, 2013].

Slate for 2013: matter for vote on 1 Dec. 2012 at General Assembly (Christmas Luncheon):

Shirley Engel is chair of nominating committee.

The 2013 board nominees are:

President - Lyndall Huggler

Vice-President - Annemarie Frick

Recording Secretary - Jhon Smith

Membership Secretary - Shirley Engel

Treasurer - Paul Lienhardt

2013-2014 Board Members - Beatrice Hook and Nancy Carlson.

Continuing 2012-2013 Board Directors - Andrew Schwarz and Ellen Carlson.

Corresponding Secretary position would come effective in 2013 - new post that Ellen Carlson as newsletter editor says she will accept.

In January 2013, this then leads to one year vacancy 2012-2013 Board Member position that new board can fill.