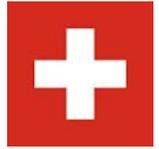




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President's Welcome Message, 2012:

GRUEZI -Welcome to our 2012 CELEBRATIONS,

-SWISS ROOM 321 in Cathedral of Learning will be fully completed with frieze and chairs installed this March.

-BANQUET 21 APRIL at Pittsburgh Athletic Association on 4215 Fifth Ave begins 6pm social hour, 7pm dinner

-DEDICATION 22 APRIL noon in Heinz Chapel, then to Cathedral of Learning 1pm for Swiss cookies + punch.

TEUTONIA SPRING FLING 25 MARCH Sunday 11am-5pm, arrangements for food and music by VP Annamarie Frick.

FOLK FESTIVAL of world cultures in Monroeville Convention Center opens for students Friday 15 May, 16-17 May adults and families - theme of crafts - Jhon Smith will be weaving. Tickets will be \$12 at door; pre-buy with Jhon at \$8 and you also can offer 2-4 hours of welcoming & informing visitors.

TRI-ANNUAL SÄNGERFEST Friday 29 June to 1 July is at nearby Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario - singing and yodeling. Coni Ostertag, Andy Schwarz, Lyndall Huggler invite us.

PRO-PATRIA DAY 2012 returns to Richland Barn 28 July, a Saturday - 1pm games/music, 4pm wursts/covered dishes meal, 6pm tombala - arrangements Walter Schaller. More news will be in our SASP summer newsletter.

GREET Ellen Carlson, our newest 2012 board member adds tech know how. Lyndall Huggler as Membership Secretary, shifts tasks with Christina Sims, our SASP 2012 newsletters compiler, editor and publisher. Andy Schwarz returns after a year's absence. On Saturday 12 MAY at 1:30pm - 4pm you can join your SASP Board to listen and to add comments.

Much JOY and GOOD TIMES prevail for all of us in 2012,

Paul Lienhardt, President 412.835.9345

A listing of 2011 SASP Board members names, emails and phone numbers are listed on page 6. Do seek us out, it's your inputs that make SASP more responsive and meaningful.

Thank you, Paul Lienhardt

| <u>2011 EVENTS</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| SUN 25 MAR 11a - 5pm | Swiss Spring Fling Teutonia Maennerchor, The Ratskeller, 857 Phineas St, Pittsburgh |
| SAT 21 APR 6pm | Nationality Room Banquet Pittsburgh Athletic Association – 4215 Fifth Ave, Oakland, PA <i>6pm-Social 7pm-Dinner</i> |
| SUN 22 APR Noon | Nationality Room Dedication Heinz Chapel/Cathedral of Learning - Oakland, PA <i>12pm-Heinz Chapel Dedication 1pm-Cathedral of Learning for Cookies & Punch</i> |
| SAT 12 MAY 1:30pm-4pm | SASP Board Meeting 1527 High Knoll Dr. Upper St. Clair Twp, Pgh, PA <i>All SASP members welcome.</i> |
| FRI – SUN 15-17 MAY | Folk Festival Monroeville Convention Ctr 209 Mall Blvd. Monroeville, PA 15146 |
| 29 JUN-1 JUL | Sängerfest Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario |
| SAT 28 JUL 2-9pm | Swiss Independence Picnic Richland Barn, Bakerstown, PA <i>Swiss meal, music, and activities, tombola</i> |
| TBA | Annual Christmas Luncheon |
| TBA | Sami Claus Event |

SWISS NATIONALITY ROOM SPRING 2012

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

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

**Celebratory Banquet at PAA Set for
Saturday Evening April 21, 2012
Beginning at 6pm**

**SWISS ROOM CONSTRUCTION
ROLLING TO COMPLETION!**



The Swiss Room construction that required the room be totally closed to student use was successfully completed by year-end 2011. Classes in the room began January 4, 2012 with Arthur Erbe, a professor of Swiss heritage, teaching English Lit in the room. It is happy news that the first professor using the Swiss Room is of Swiss heritage!

Over the University of Pittsburgh Spring Break March 3-11, more new features that do not require the room to be closed will be moved in and installed, along with the door being removed and remodeled and the Kachelofen being installed.

Richard Sink is working day-to-day with site supervisor Don Show, project manager Shaun Mason, Facilities Management Head Rich Vogel and architect-of-record Stephen Altherr on installation of the last bay window area features: bench work, framed stained glass & leaded windows, final wall trim, radiator covers, and the bay window high ceiling with diamond molding trim.

Work will continue the remainder of March and early April in Richard Sink's studio near Helvetia, WV to complete the assembly of the chairs, lectern and the finished carving of the 75+ foot long frieze that runs around the top of the room at the crown molding level. Dave Houser, of Moatsville, WV, is our glass artisan who delivered the 20 separate leaded glass sections to Richard's studio in early February to be framed in and dropped into hinged window sections.

FINAL STRETCH DETAILS!

A sound narrative that will play as one enters the room has had its script completed and recording should be complete by the time you get this newsletter. Maxine Bruhns, Director of the Nationality Rooms Program, recites 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 Confederation history, the Room elements, and a complete history of the Swiss Room planning) has been edited and Fred is currently placing this text into a design program and is selecting graphics and photos that illustrate our 13-year story. The Donor Book text is in its final editing stage and two copies of the pages are to be custom bound into handsome hardcover bindings in time for the Dedication.

KACHELOFEN PROGRESS

Andy Anderson of Red Clay Tile reports on-schedule progress firing the tiles for the Kachelofen. Antiquing painter Gina Chalfant recently delivered the 'figure tiles'-important replicas of the Swiss figures on the Schloss Wulflingen Kachelofen - that is the inspiration for this construction. Andy's studio in Bellevue is open for members of the S-ASP to visit, but call first 412.734.2222. He expects to move the unit into the room at the beginning of March. The Swiss images on this Kachelofen are collected from the H. H. Graaf Kachelofen on display at the castle Schloss Wulflingen in Winterthur and design choices have been arranged by Dr. Kunz and Evelyn Ruffing. We again thank Ed Graf for conceiving of and underwriting this important addition to the room.

OTHER ARTWORK: FREIZE, MAP, PORTRAITS

The antique map of Helvetia is scheduled to be affixed to the bay window wall during Spring Break, as are the two Hans Holbein-styled portraits of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi to go on the rear wall. Patricia Sink is drawing the frieze motifs now and creates a milk paint tinting on the features before Richard Sink does his relief carving. The frieze panels are presently at Patricia's studio in Salem, South Carolina, and will be completed back at Richard's shop in March.

LOOKING AHEAD INTO MARCH AND APRIL

Invitations for the April 22 Dedication and April 21 Banquet are scheduled to go out to all donors, S-ASP members, University Trustees, and all other names of people who express an interest in attending in mid-March. All events related to the Dedication and Banquet will be RSVP'd from these invitations and are due back to the Nationality Rooms Offices by April 7, 2012. RSVPs must be received so we can plan for the reception numbers. The Reception and Dedication on Sunday is no cost to attendees but the Celebratory Banquet the night before on Saturday has a cost involved since the banquet has to be self-supporting. If you have particular names you wish to

be invited to both events please give those names and addresses to Dr. Kunz or Nancy Carlson before the end of February as we develop the invitation list fully. If you are wondering if someone you know is on the donor list or not, ask Fred or Nancy Carlson. Ambassador Barras, Consul General from NYC, will be present at the Dedication and the Banquet.

FINAL FUNDRAISING

The “Unfreeze the Frieze” year-end campaign was successful! Our \$10,000 goal to complete the frieze in this cycle of construction was surpassed with a generous \$11,600 being donated. The SNRC heartily thanks one and all who gave.

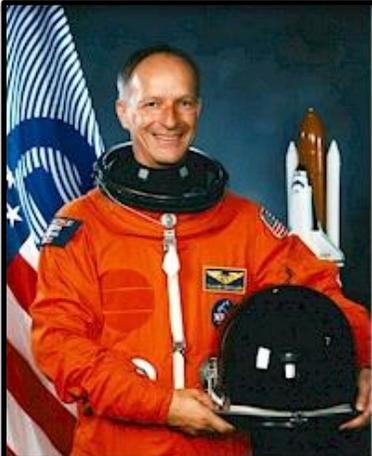
We ask that if you can, be generous with this project one more time. You know we have been as frugal as possible with the entire progress of the Swiss Room construction. We want to make sure our final preparations are fully funded so the Swiss Room can receive the ceremony it deserves. If you can underwrite support for the hand-forged and finished metal ironworks, the Dedication Book printing costs, support for the Dedication Reception which is no cost to the attendees, or help with the startup of the Scholarship Fund, send your tax deductible contributions made out to UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH (memo

Swiss Room Agency Account) 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 call (412.856.0982) or email me at fred@carlsonstudio.com and request a donor coupon to fill in credit card info. Even though the hardbound custom Donor Books are planned to be at the binder by the time you read this article, we can prepare special supplemental pages to be dropped into the back of the books as an appendix so you WILL be officially recognized for further generosity past the end of February.

-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



- First and only Swiss astronaut
- Born September 2, 1944
- **Biography**

Treasurer's Report by Walter Schaller

| Swiss-American Society - Pittsburgh Funds | |
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| Beginning Balance (9/15/2011) | \$8,193.59 |
| End Balance (1/15/2012) | \$7,978.22 |

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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 abroad. Find Swiss restaurants 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.

Pittsburgh Folk Festival 2012

The 55th annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival will again be at the Monroeville Convention Center, this year on May 18, 19, and 20. This will also be the 15th anniversary of Friday morning multicultural educational program for school students, called the "Around the World in One Day." As in the past few years, the Swiss-American Society will be represented with a cultural display and by the Swiss Singers.

A few things are different this year. For one, while advance sale tickets will still be \$8, the price for tickets at the door has increased to \$12. For another, hours are being extended. The theme for displays, which is "Ancestry," is being promoted primarily for the multicultural program. It hasn't been settled yet how this will integrate with the display for the rest of the festival; stay tuned for further updates.

There are several things we need help with in order to make our participation and the festival a success. First and foremost, we need help selling and buying advanced sale tickets. They should be available by early March from Jhon Smith. The Festival was unable to get as much corporate sponsorship as in the past few years and there is more need to sell tickets ahead, as well as to get people in the door. We can get the Swiss Singers a preferred time slot only if we can get 100 tickets sold. Second, as always we need volunteers, especially for Friday morning. In addition, this year we need to be sure of adequate help at closing, tearing things down. Third, if you have any interesting skill or craft that you can say was practiced by any (late) Swiss ancestors, please get in touch with Jhon. We won't expect you to demonstrate (unless you want to) but we can probably work it into our theme.

If you can help out, contact Jhon at 412-521-2584 or jhsst7@gmail.com. ***To buy tickets***, please send \$8 per ticket in a check payable to "Pittsburgh Folk Festival" and send to Jhon Smith, c/o Kaplan, 130 N. Bellefield Ave. 3rd floor Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The more pre-paid tickets bought through the Swiss-American Society, the better performance time slot the Swiss Singers get!

New SASP Executive Board

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724.898.3029

Board Member: Christina Sims
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Board Member: Ellen Carlson
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Board Member: Andy Schwartz
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When Eating Fondue...

Did you know that when you lose your piece of bread in the cheese, you have to pay for the next bottle of wine, sing a song or do something embarrassing?

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members!

Laine & Tom Baer recently joined the SAS-P. Laine is the niece of fellow member Rosan Habegger, and she is the daughter of the late Ruth Michaels, who was also a member. Laine and Tom live in Erie, Pennsylvania and have two adult children (Michael, age 24 and Drew, age 22). Laine is a food broker, while Tom is a financial adviser.

Arthur & Anne Erbe are also new members. Arthur is a professor at Pitt, and Anne is a retired teacher. The Erbes have Swiss heritage from the Cantons of Schaffhausen, Bern and Lucerne, and have visited Switzerland several times. Appropriately, Professor Erbe is the first teacher in the new Swiss Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh!

John E. Graf, the son of Ed and Mary Graf, has also joined. John is the Vice President of Operations for Priory Hospitality Group, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of The Priory Hotel, Grand Hall at the Priory, and Priory Fine Pastries. In addition to his duties with Priory Hospital Group, John serves as the President of the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association.

Obituary – Margaret Hone

SAS-P member Margaret Hone passed away on January 2, 2012, at the age of 99. Mrs. Hone was the wife of the late John Hone and the sister of SAS-P Honorary Member Alice J. Wilson. She is survived by her daughter, Laverne Smith, four children and seven great-grandchildren. A donation has been made by the SAS-P to the Swiss Nationality Room in Mrs. Hone's memory.

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).

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!

Want to become a SAS-P member?

Download and complete the application at: www.swisspittsburgh.org/node/10. Send this to Lyndall Huggler along with a \$10 check for your 2012 dues. Or, mail in the check with your name, contact information, and an indication if you have a personal connection to a particular canton (origin or interest). Lyndall will then send you an application. Checks can be made out to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh:

Lyndall Huggler SASP Membership Secretary
908 Fairview Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1730

Your support assures you of awareness of our SAS-P news & events in this year's newsletters.

SAS-P Members: *Have you paid your dues?*

Did you receive a notice that your 2012 dues are not yet paid? If so, please send your \$10 family dues for 2012 to Lyndall Huggler, or include them in your registration for Swiss Day in March.

Schweizer Volksmusik im Internet!

Looking for an internet site where you can listen to Swiss folk music on your computer 24 hours a day?

*Then check out
The following web sites:*

www.buureradio.ch

www.volksmusiknet.ch

SWISS DAY

When: Sunday, March 25, 2012
Where: The Ratskeller (downstairs),
Teutonia Männerchor
857 Phineas St; Pittsburgh, PA
Schedule:
1:00 pm Social hour, Jass, cash bar, and
appetizers
3:00 pm Schweizer Männerchor &
Kinderchor Performance
3:45pm **Sit-down / served dinner**
Entree options: Geschnetzelttes, Rippli, or Pastetli
with Rösti or Rice
& Rüeblli Kuchen with Coffee/Tea
Tombola raffle
Cost: \$25 per adult (over age 11)
\$12.50 ages 5-11
Free under age 5
To bring: Tombola gifts & extra Jass cards!!
Registration: Send enclosed registration & check
to Walter Schaller: 3886 Grove Rd. Gibsonia, PA
15044-9451. Registration must be received by
March 20th

Swiss Day Food Options

Never heard of geschnetzelttes, rippli, pastetli, or rösti or rüeblli? A brief description is below:

- ⤴ **Geschnetzelttes:** Swiss-style small cut meat in a cream sauce
- ⤴ **Pastetli:** "meat pie" - open on the top, with vegetables in a creamy sauce.
- ⤴ **Rippli:** ribs
- ⤴ **Rösti:** grated, fried potato
- ⤴ **Rüeblli Kuchen:** carrot cake

SÄNGERFEST 2012

Time is drawing near to the Sängerbund 2012 at Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. If you haven't heard, here are the dates and what is to transpire. All time frames have not been spelled out at this time and I think check-in will start at 12 noon. Thursday 6/28/12: Singers arrive and register; dinner; opening concert. Friday 6/29/12: 9:00 – 11:00 Mass choir rehearsal; lunch; Prize singing competition at Centre in the Square; 6:00 pm Director's meeting; Dinner and dance. Saturday 6/30/12: 10:00 – 12:00 NASSA Delegates meeting; Discover famous St. Jacobs and / or its Farmer market; Lunch; 1:00 pm Mass choir rehearsal; light snack before concert; Grand concert at Centre In The Square; 9:30 pm Late dinner and Afterglow party. Sunday 7/1/12: 9:00 Ecumenical Service; 10:30 Brunch followed by Closing ceremonies. Beverages are usually available at a cash bar.

The Singers here have already made their reservations at the Holiday Inn in Kitchener, and the room rate should be 124.99 + tax Canadian \$. When you call there make sure you tell them your reservations are for the Sängerbund 2012. A fest card that entails all the events costs 270 Canadian \$ if purchased before 4/15/12 and 280 Canadian \$ after that date. Without a fest card, you can attend the choral competition for 17.50 Canadian \$ or the Grand Concert for 27.50 Canadian \$ (17.50 Canadian \$ for children). For further information check out their web site, www.saengerfest2012.ca

Please make plans to join us for an enjoyable weekend, and remember that Kitchener is roughly only a 6 hour drive. If you have any questions please call Conrad Ostertag at 724.898.3029.



"e-Voting for Everyone"

Petition to the Federal Council from the OSA

The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) has launched a petition calling for the introduction, as quickly as possible, of voting in elections and referenda via the internet (e-voting & e-election). Please lend your support to this petition, as the number of signatures will be decisive to its success. To sign, you can go straight to: [Sign Petition](#)

2012 Swiss Day Registration Form

Number of adults and youth (over age 11) at \$25 each: _____ x \$25.00 = \$_____

| Name | Circle one: | Choose one: |
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| | Geschnetzeltes Rippli Pastetli | Rösti Rice |
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Number of children at \$12.50 each (age 5 – 11 years): _____ x \$12.50 = \$_____

Number of children attending free (less than 5 yrs): _____

| Name | Circle one: | Choose one: |
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TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ \$_____

Contact Phone #: _____

Please make checks payable to: Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh.

Please mail to: Walter Schaller
3886 Grove Rd
Gibsonia, PA 15044-9451

Registration must be received by March 21st.