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President's Message

Gruezi!

We welcome you to our first newsletter of 2013.

Please make plans to attend the Spring Dinner at Teutonia on April 7!

We will be selling tickets for the Folk Festival at the Spring Dinner. We encourage you to purchase tickets for this event directly from the SASP. We need to sell a minimum number of tickets in order to present our cultural displays and to have a performance by the Swiss Singers. The Folk Festival will take place at Soldiers and Sailors this year, on Friday and Saturday, April 19 / 20.

I am honored to serve as your new SASP President, and I extend heartfelt thanks to my predecessor, Paul Lienhardt, for his guidance and prior service to the SASP. Paul is not going away, however, as he is taking over Treasurer duties from Walter Schaller, who is stepping away from that position after 15 years of dedicated service. Kudos also to Walter for his many years of service!

In this and forthcoming newsletters, we will be highlighting some of the "Living Traditions of Switzerland". In this issue, for personal reasons, I have selected Woodcarving in Brienz. My great-great-grandfather, Melchior Huggler, was born in Brienz in 1834 and immigrated to the USA in 1854, settling as a farmer in Indiana. Alas, he did not quite have the woodcarving talent of his first cousin (also born in 1834), Johann Huggler, who came to be known as the "Schnitzlerkönig von Brienz".

Feel free to contact me if you have a particular Living Tradition that you would like to see highlighted in a future issue.

Hopp Schwiiz!
Lyndall Huggler

SASP 2013 EVENTS

April 7 2pm Sunday	<u>Spring Swiss Dinner at Teutonia</u> Choice of Beef Rouladen or Chicken Cordon Bleu Reservation Form included on page 4
April 19 & 20 Fri & Sat	<u>56th International Folk Fest</u> Soldiers and Sailors
May 4 1:30 Saturday	<u>SASP Fall Board Meeting</u> 908 Fairview Road Pittsburgh, PA 15238 <i>All SASP members welcome</i>
August 3 Saturday	<u>Swiss Independence Day Picnic</u> Pro Patria Picnic at Richland Barn
December 7	<u>Annual Christmas Luncheon</u> at PETER'S PLACE South Hills <i>Details in Fall SASP newsletter</i>

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Rest in Peace Trudy Kuenzi

Gertrude R. Kuenzi, March 5, 1925 - January 11, 2013, age 87. Trudy passed peacefully this morning after a full life and one difficult year. Preceded in death by her husband of 40 years Ernest R. Kuenzi. Beloved mother of Rudy (Tammy) of NC, Bruce (Beth) of Pittsburgh, Mark (Donna) of WV; grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 8. Also survived by sister Ruth (Phil) of Buffalo, NY and 10 nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her companion Joe Opsitnick of Verona. Trudy was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Forest Hills for over 60 years. She was also active in the Century Club of Wilkins Twp., Swiss American Society of Pgh., and a volunteer at the Veterans Hospital at Highland Dr. and Aspinwall. She was also active in card clubs and senior organizations. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Forest Hills; Swiss American Society; Century Club of Wilkins Twp.; or VFW Post 441

Rest in Peace Shirley Engel

Shirley M. Engel, age 81, of Cranberry Twp., formerly of Mars, died Saturday evening, December 22, 2012, at UPMC Passavant Hospital. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 19, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Hilda Kern Weid. Shirley founded the Laurel Mountain Rug Hooking School, where she taught workshops for the craft for over 20 years. She was a member of the Plains Presbyterian Church, the Mars Chapter #271, Order of the Eastern Star, the North Hills Newcomers Club and the SASP. Surviving are her husband of over 60 years, Elmer T. Engel, who she married on March 7, 1951, her son, Rick Engel and his wife, Heide of Gibsonia, her grandchildren, Alex and Dan Engel, her special niece, Barbara Somerville of Freedom and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor Adams and her brother, Theodore Weid. Memorials may be made to the Plains Presbyterian Church.

FROM BRUSSELS WITHOUT LOVE:

Changes and Challenges to Swiss-EU Relations

Relations between Switzerland and the European Union (EU) share a complex and multifaceted economic, social, and political relationship. Obviously Switzerland is an enclave mostly surrounded by larger EU member states (other than the microstate of Liechtenstein) and is strongly linked to those states. Switzerland is the 4th largest trading partner of the EU (depending upon the statistics used Switzerland could be considered the second largest partner of the EU following the United States) and many EU goods transiting Europe travel on Swiss roads, rail and waterways. While Switzerland opted out of EU membership when other European Free Trade Association members (including Austria, Finland, and Sweden) decided to become EU members, Switzerland has successfully pursued a fairly positive and productive series of bilateral treaties with the EU on a range of economic and social policies. -*contd. on page 6*

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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 one of the Board Members.

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!

Father of Swiss Precision in the United States

How long is a foot? That seems like a pretty simple question with a simple answer. But did you know that in 1776 when the United States came into being, there were 282 different units of length worldwide – all designated as “one foot.” Imagine how hard it would be to buy 100 feet of lumber from another country or town, if the seller and the buyer each had different ideas of how long a foot was? -*contd. on page 6*

Living Traditions

Lebendige Traditionen / Tradition vivantes /
Tradizioni viventi / Tradiziuns vivas

Basel carnival, Swiss graphic design, *Hornussen*, and the Vevey grape harvest festival are some of the practices that feature on the current "Inventory of Living Traditions in Switzerland". All traditions that appear in the Inventory share the following three features:

- +they are still practiced in Switzerland.
- +they change and evolve.
- +they are an integral part of Swiss cultural diversity and identity.

It is precisely these three aspects that enable living traditions (or intangible cultural heritage, as they are also known) to connect one generation to next generations and to foster exchange. Take, for example, the *Zibelimärit*, the traditional onion market in Bern. Every year, young and old, city and country dwellers, locals and visitors come together to enjoy this festive event.

Living traditions are our intangible cultural heritage. To stress the importance it gives to these traditions, Switzerland acceded to the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (16 October 2008). In doing so, Switzerland pledged to compile and periodically update an inventory of the living traditions found on its territory.

Woodcarving in Brienz

In the famine of 1816, wood turner Christian Fischer from Brienz started decorating goods with wood carvings and selling them to tourists. In order to meet growing demand he soon began teaching the skill to people from the region. In 1851, Brienz woodcarving achieved international recognition at the London Exposition. "Brienz Woodcarving School" was founded in 1884, becoming an educational institution and official training workshop of the canton of Bern in 1928. Now known as the "School of Woodcarving", the institution is the only place in Switzerland where young people can learn the art of woodcarving. Since 2009 the school has also provided vocational training for new turners, basket makers, coopers and white-wood coopers. Today, professional woodcarvers run independent businesses, fulfilling demanding contracts but also producing souvenirs, since the ties between woodcarving and tourism remain strong after two hundred years despite various attempts at diversification. Because the products and the historical and practical knowledge of woodcarving are threatened by the changing generations, the "Association for the Collection and Exhibition of Brienz Woodcarvings" was established in 1990, in turn establishing the "Swiss Woodcarving Museum" in 2009. -the preceding was taken from www.lebendige-traditionen.ch

For more information on the Living Traditions in Switzerland, go to www.lebendige-traditionen.ch



Johann Huggler
(1834–1912):
Melchthal Group
1898
walnut
40 cm high

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Stiftung für
Angewandte
Kunst und
Gestaltung

Spring Teutonia Swiss Dinner

Sunday, April 7th at 2 PM

Teutonia Männerchor Hall
 857 Phineas St
 Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Hot Dinner Choices: Beef Rouladen (Fleischvoegel) or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Includes Cup of Soup, Salad, Spätzle, Green Beans, Breads, Coffee, & Carrot Cake for dessert.

Pricing:

- \$28. -Hot Dinner of your choice
 - \$16 -Chicken Fingers and Fries Kid's Meal
 - \$8. -Cold Buffet only
- *\$10 discount on Hot Dinners for Kinderchor & Swiss Singers

- TOMBOLA - bring raffle prizes
- Enjoy the Kinderchor / Jugendchor performance at 3 PM
- Cold Buffet will be served for all



****Please pre-register with below form for better food count.*

Please remit check payable to Swiss American Society Pittsburgh by April 1st to:

Lyndall Huggler
 908 Fairview Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15238

April 7th Swiss Teutonia Dinner Registration Form

Please Print First and Last Names:

Circle "A" for Cold Buffet, "B" for Beef Rouladen, "C" for Chicken Cordon Bleu, or "D" for Kid's Meal

_____	A B C D	\$____.00
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Total Price for Attendees: \$_____00

My/Our total prepayment is: \$_____00

Swiss in the War of 1812?

The US and Canada are observing the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, fought between Great Britain and the United States. As a British colony, Canada and the bordering states were the scene of many land and naval battles. Among the British Army reinforcements sent to Canada in 1813 were two Swiss infantry units, the Regiment de Meuron and the Regiment de Watteville.

For several centuries, one of the principal exports of Switzerland, then a poor, mostly agricultural nation, was professional military units and officers. Many of them came from what are now the French-speaking areas of Switzerland, conquered and ruled by other cantons, principally Berne. For ambitious young gentlemen and unemployed farmhands, the only way up was out. Many major and minor European nations contracted with Swiss cantons to provide complete disciplined military units, traditionally uniformed in red. Many units became family franchises, sons succeeding fathers as colonels. The Swiss Guards at the Vatican are the only remainder of this system.

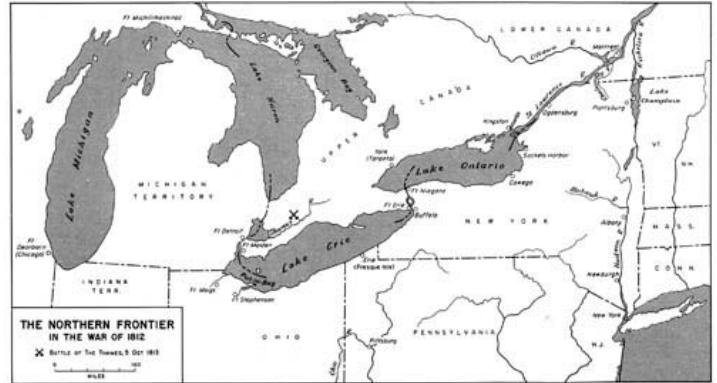
The French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars caused turmoil in Switzerland, but an increased demand for soldiers. Great Britain in particular employed a large number of foreign units. The Regiment de Meuron was originally employed by the Dutch in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). When the colony was taken over by the British, the regiment simply changed employers. De Meuron fought in battles in India and Spain before being sent to Canada in 1813. Commanded by Lt. Col. Francois-Henry de Meuron-Bayard, they arrived with over 1,000 men, 92 wives, and 42 children. The majority were Swiss, with many Germans. Their only major battle was at Plattsburg, New York in September of 1814, where they were hailed for their good discipline. They were uniformed in black felt shakos and red coats with striking light blue cuffs and collars. Disbanded in 1816, 343 officers and men settled in Canada with their families.

The Regiment de Watteville was formed from the remnants of several Swiss units in the Austrian service. With Austria's surrender to Napoleon in 1801, Great Britain gathered many of the units and employed them in the Mediterranean and Spain. Most of the officers remained Swiss, but only 20% of the men were Swiss by this time. The rest were Germans, Italians, Poles, and others - prisoners of war, deserters, soldiers simply looking for reliable pay and food in the turmoil of Napoleonic Europe. Commanded by Col. Louis de Watteville, the regiment arrived in Canada in 1813 with 1500 men, 45 wives, and 38 children. Col. de Watteville, a gifted administrator, was popular with the French Canadians and was immediately promoted to Major-General. Lt. Col. Victor Fischer commanded the regiment in the field. The mixed makeup of the regiment caused discipline problems and desertions. When a night attack on American forces at Ft. Erie (across from Buffalo) failed with many casualties, British officers, perhaps unfairly, blamed the Regiment de Watteville. Disbanded in 1816, most of the men chose to

return to Europe. Their uniform was a red coat with black collar and cuffs.

Both of these Swiss regiments are fondly remembered in Canada, with some Canadians proudly tracing their ancestors to Swiss settlers from de Meuron, and a small Polish group from de Watteville.

By Bruce Egli, re-creating the War of 1812 as the Pittsburgh Blues, US Volunteers



The Northern Frontier of the War of 1812

The two Swiss Regiments' battles occurred on the Northern Frontier of the War of 1812 in NY and Canada.

Image credit: *Map 15*

<http://www.history.army.mil/books/AMH/AMH-06.htm>

Watch Swiss & Other European Channels in Pittsburgh

Many of us like to keep up on events in Europe or practice our German by watching Swiss, German, or Austrian TV channels. Some of the channels stream their signal, but due to various reasons, are not always available in the USA. They're not available because your ISP server has a USA internet address. It is possible to view these channels, but you need to be routed through a European server.

To access these channels, you need a VPN, or Virtual Private Network. There are many services available for as little as \$8 per month or with a yearly subscription. As an additional step, you log into your VPN, which then sends your local ISP signal to a European server. Your computer is now identified as originating from a European country. If you want a choice of many TV channels on one screen, you can also go through various free services, such as ZATTOO. With these type of websites, you have access to channels from many countries but you still need a European internet address.

Do you want to see the new "Wetten, dass...?" or catch the next installment of "Musikantenstadl" with Andy Borg or watch live, winter sporting events? Using a VPN allows you to access the German language programming.

- James Shock

Father of Swiss Precision in the US *(contd from pg 2)*

In 1830 US President Andrew Jackson appointed a Swiss, Ferdinand Rudolph Hassler, to undertake a study and comparison of the different weights and measures in use at the principal customhouses in the US. After concluding that the standards in use were so irregular that it was not worth continuing the study, Hassler defined the fundamental units of length, mass, and capacity that were subsequently adopted by the US Treasury in 1832. By 1836, Congress created the Office of Weights and Measures in the Coast Survey. This organization later became the National Bureau of Standards and is today known as the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). Hassler was appointed as the institute's first superintendent

So how did this Swiss end up telling us how much water is in a cup or how long a foot is? Hassler had spent the bulk of his career surveying, and in the process he developed a passion for precision and instrumentation.

Hassler was born in Aarau, in canton Aargau, on October 7 1770. He started his university study in Bern at age 16, initially in law but later in mathematics, astronomy and geodesy. In 1791 he began mapping the area around Bern but was hampered by imprecise instruments and measurement standards. Throughout the 1790s he continued surveying in Switzerland, and traveled to France and Germany for further studies and to buy better instruments and standards. In 1805 he moved to the United States to found a Swiss colony. Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin welcomed Hassler on his arrival in Philadelphia, and introduced him to President Jefferson. In 1807 he undertook a survey of the coasts of the United States, funded by a \$50,000 grant appropriated by Congress.

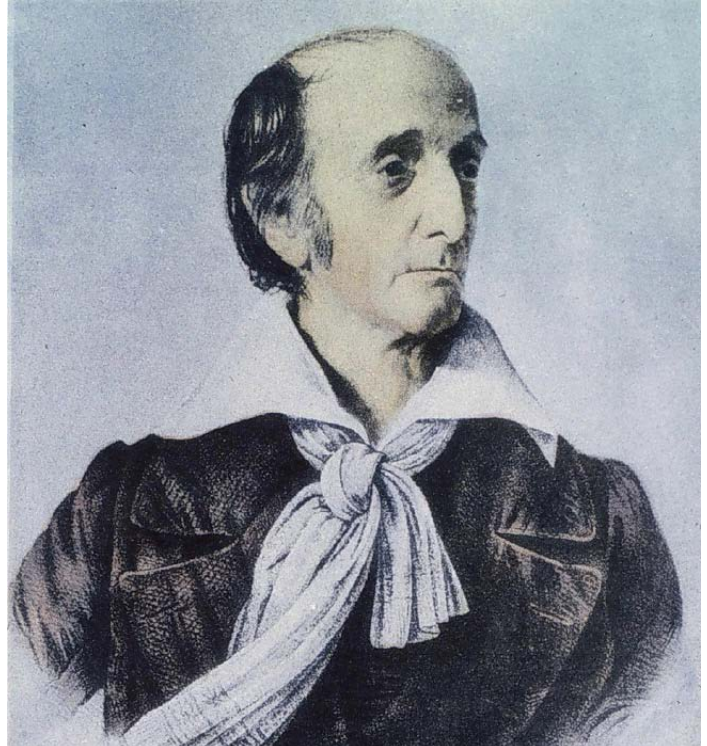
He went to great lengths and expense to design or acquire the best and most accurate measuring instruments for the survey work. For example, prior to starting work on the US coast survey, Hassler spent two years in England and France overseeing the design and fabrication of several customized instruments, including a two-foot diameter theodolite (used to measure horizontal and vertical angles), a telescope, balances, thermometers and barometers.

Hassler's work on the coast survey was highly regarded although he exceeded both the time frame and funding appropriated by Congress. Because of his reputation for accuracy and precision, combined with his connections with government dignitaries including Gallatin, he was an obvious choice to undertake the development of the weights and measures, and their associated standards, for the United States.

Hassler remained in the United States until his death in 1843, continuing with his survey work. A storm in Delaware brought snow, rain and high winds to the survey camp. The tents blew away, exposing some of the instruments. Hassler hurried to protect the instruments but was thrown down onto a pointed rock. Exposure from the storm, combined with his injuries, led to his

death after just a few days, during which he continued to write in his journal and complete his reports to Congress.

-Nancy Flury Carlson



Ferdinand Rudolph Hassler

From Brussels Without Love *(contd from pg 2)*

After the 1992 referendum against membership, Switzerland pursued a series of bilateral agreements with the EU. The first ratified in 1999 and the second in 2004 (usually called Bilateral I and Bilateral II). These bilateral agreements (numbering nearly 120 separate agreements) have been considered by many scholars and EU legal experts to be the most complex and comprehensive set of treaties that the EU maintains with any other state. Much of the existing EU law has already been adopted into law by the Swiss Parliament over the past fifteen years and there is a sizeable Swiss business and governmental presence in the hallways of Brussels. Despite non-membership Switzerland essentially has access to the single market equal to that of EU and European Economic Area (EEA) members. As EU Ambassador to Switzerland Richard Jones suggested in 2012, "Switzerland has enjoyed greater access to the single market than other non-EU country." Switzerland contributes to numerous EU-led projects, institutions, and regulatory organizations. Compared to other non-member states like Iceland or Norway who are more institutionally connected to the EU as members of the European Economic Area (EEA), the Swiss relationship is actually far more robust in many critical ways and has generally been quite successful for the Swiss in maintaining a close relationship with and economically critical access to the EU markets while still being able to protect a *(contd next pg.)*

From Brussels Without Love

(contd from prev pg) distinctly sovereign Swiss identity and role in Europe and the world. However, since 2010 the Swiss-EU bilateral arrangement has become imperiled by increasing criticism from the EU in regards to the bilateral nature of the relationship. While Switzerland sought a new round of talks on Swiss-EU relations, dubbed Bilateral III, the EU seems less enthralled by such proposals. In essence, the EU has begun to institutionally frown upon negotiation of bilateral treaties like those with Switzerland towards multilateral treaties that encompass several or dozens of states at a time. In late 2010, EU foreign ministers essentially called for major revisions of the relationship between the EU and Switzerland explicitly stating that the system of bilaterals had reached unsustainability. However, by early 2011 European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, after meeting with Swiss Federal President Micheline Calmy-Rey, had suggested that differences had been mostly set aside and that new and more streamlined talks would commence between the EU and Switzerland. However, by mid-2012 increasing frustration of the EU commission grew as the complexity of the negotiations started to bog down on issues of corporate tax standardization amongst the Swiss cantons and other issues which ultimately led the EU to freeze Switzerland out of EU transport and energy reform debates. By January 2013, there had been some improvement to the diplomatic language between Bern and Brussels but without much concrete outcomes. The 2012 decision by Switzerland to limit migration from eight Eastern European members of the EU has added additional complexity to EU demands from Switzerland towards integration of the single market. Overall, while Brussels and Bern continue to make some progress on the revision of the Swiss-EU relationship, there is a noticeable change in the rhetoric from the European Commission towards a less idiosyncratic set of Swiss-EU treaties and agreements. This poses significant challenges for Switzerland which has mostly enjoyed unfettered access with limited intrusions of EU policy on Swiss sovereignty. However, the EU, despite its numerous recent crises, has seemed to collectively altered its operating framework towards non-members states and the "special relationship" between Switzerland and the EU might be becoming less acceptable. Whatever one may say about Swiss-EU relations, the economic, social, transportation, and political relationship between the two actors is far too important commerce with the EU and the EU relies upon Swiss investment, banking, insurance, agriculture, markets, and transportation infrastructure to make Europe whole. to languish. Switzerland relies upon vibrant trade and and commerce with the EU and the EU relies upon Swiss investment, banking, insurance, agriculture, markets, and transportation infrastructure to make Europe whole.

Dr. Paul S. Adams – Assistant Professor of Poli Sci at the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg does extensive research on EU relations with non-member European states. He is working on a manuscript called *Neither Inside nor Out: The Politics of European Integration and EU Relations for Non-Member States in Europe*.

Resort Island or Power Plant?



It is always a pleasure to meet Swiss people here in the US. Last week at work, I happened to overhear the familiar beloved Schwyzer-Dütsch language walking through the parking lot, so I introduced myself to the speaker. The fellow - (last name Wiesendanger, as he explained 'Wiesen' is buffalo and 'danger' is small hills) - is a visiting project engineer from Muhen, Switzerland. Subsequently he sent me a few photographs of his workplace. I was thunderstruck. This is Kernkraftwerk Beznau (Beznau Nuclear Power Plant), operated by the Swiss electric utility Axpo. The pristine little island is not a 'Ferieninsel' or vacation island, but a nuclear power plant located in the middle of Northern Switzerland, in Canton Aargau. Nuclear power currently provides over 40% of the electricity in Switzerland. The Swiss had been planning to build additional nuclear capacity but decided to phase out nuclear by 2034 following the Fukushima disaster in Japan. Switzerland will soon hold a referendum to vote on this plan. According to the International Energy Agency, "In the absence of nuclear power, maintaining sufficient electricity capacity will require strong policies to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Such measures have already been outlined, but they will likely not be enough. For baseload generation, gas-fired power plants would be the simplest option." It will be interesting to see what lies ahead for the future of electricity production in Switzerland.

-Ellen Carlson



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 _____

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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”)

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Nationality Rooms Program/Swiss Room account: 09.01031.4400.95927.000000.00000.00000

Swiss Nationality Room Committee Report

New Active List of SNRC Members and Duties

The University of Pittsburgh has requested a new *active member* list of SNRC members now that the Swiss Room has been completed and has taken its place within the 29 Nationality Rooms of the NRIEP. We are happy to report that no current members declined to participate in this next stage of our presence at the University! Our new roster of duties will involve these functions:

1. Report on schedule of events related to the Swiss Room and the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh at twice annual Nationality Council meetings. Dr. Kunz will represent us at the next meeting March 7.
2. Continue to fundraise for a Swiss Room Scholarship Fund to support University of Pittsburgh student future studies in Switzerland, and invite those traveling students to share their stories with the S-ASP. The fundraising will involve an annual mailing campaign and specific outreach to targeted large donor sources. We will continue to report on funds periodically to the Swiss-American Society Board, and to the membership, as funds are raised.
3. Help screen other rooms' scholarship applicants, when asked. For example, Fred Carlson just helped the Austrian Room Committee screen and present two awards this month. There were over 180 applicants for 45 total room scholarship awards this past spring, requiring E. Maxine Bruhns to make over 120 phone calls obtaining volunteers for this screening task. The NRIEP is extremely well-prepared making your screening task a pleasure.
4. Decorate the Swiss Room for the Holidays by the second Saturday in November, and Undecorate by the third Saturday in January. Materials can be stored at the University.
5. Communicate efficiently and participate in the Holiday Open House the first Sunday of December with proceeds going to Swiss Room Scholarship funding.
6. Continue to supervise Swiss Room educational display case content and update and improve as we decide.

New Swiss Nationality Room Committee:

Chairman/Holiday Decorating Dr. Heinz W. Kunz
Vice-Chairman/Secretary Frederick H. Carlson
Sales Table/Holiday Open House Walter Schaller
Fundraising Chair Philip Bottonari
Consulting Historian Evelyn Ruffing
Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Pittsburgh Dominique Schinabeck
Quo Vadis Contact Jhon Smith
Swiss-American Society President (President of the S-ASP is member of the SNRC) Lyndall J. Huggler
Other Members Nancy Flury Carlson, Edith Bottonari

Special Assignments:

Holiday Decorating/Undecorating Team Dr. Heinz Kunz assembles team annually
Cash Reports from Pitt: Kunz, Carlson, Schaller
Holiday Open House Manager: Schaller (team assembled annually)
Fundraising Mailing Team: Carlson, Schaller
Nationality Council Reps: Kunz, Carlson, Smith, Huggler, Nancy Flury Carlson
Swiss scholarships screening: Kunz, F & N Carlson, P. Bottonari, Ruffing, Smith
Consultant on Room Care and Maintenance (also on file with Pitt carpentry offices):
Richard Sink/Mountaineer Wood Industries, Rt 1 Box 29 French Creek West Virginia 26218 304.924.5318 tel and fax
richsink@gmail.com www.mountaineerwoodindustries.com

Many thanks to Paul M.H. Lienhardt as well as all the S-ASP Boards of Directors who worked with our team since 1998 to bring the Swiss Nationality Room to life!

Thanks to Beatrice Hook, Annamarie Frick, and Nancy Kunz who assisted Dr. Heinz Kunz with ideas and display items for our first year of Holiday Decorating and Undecorating.

Future Swiss Room Scholarship Funds Report -Total \$13,204.86:

-Reported by Fred Carlson

Since the August 1 National Day picnic, the future Swiss Room Scholarship Fund has grown as follows:

Our Swiss Room agency account began with an imputed balance of \$2,842.89 after all bills related to the Dedication and Reception were paid. Our Swiss Room construction account ended with all bills paid and a balance left of \$4,781.01. This amount will be transferred soon to this agency account. From the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh we have received: \$327 (August 1 tombola), \$150 (\$50 Memorial Gifts in honor of Joseph Schaller, Trudy Kuenzi, Shirley Engel), \$280 (Christmas Luncheon tombola), and \$250 (Holiday Open House table sales) totaling \$1,007.

Gifts in memory of Swiss: Joseph Schaller (Talaricos, Leichers, Schallers, Sheros, Schumachers) Totaling \$340
 Charles Buenzli (Betsy & Frank Gloor, Mary Kay Buenzli) Totaling \$250
 Trudy Kuenzi (Jane Lubic, Walt & Kay Kuenzi, Besty & Frank Gloor) Totaling \$230
 Margrit Kumpli (Carlsons) \$100

\$1000 Gifts: Paul M.H. Lienhardt, Rick Perdian (Zürich)

\$500 Gifts: E. Maxine Bruhns (in honor of Fred Bruhns), Alex Weilenmann

\$200 Gifts: James Funkhouser (Dayton OH), Alice Wilson, Rudy & Elisabeth Keller

\$100 Gifts: Brian Hayden (in honor of Fabienne Lechmatter's birthday), The Huggler Family, Alan Montgomery, Betsy & Frank Gloor, George Mandl (former Austrian Honorary Consul), Ignacio Grossman

Other Gifts: Walt & Patty Schaller, Rob Domenick, John Geiser (retired Honorary Consul for Switzerland in New Orleans), Esther Nathanson (in honor of Marianne Wion), Concordia at Rebecca \$170 Total

NRIEP: \$250 received in payment for Swiss Room Dedication booklets to sell at Gift Store

Interest received from February 2011 to the present: \$16.54

There was a check for \$982.58 drawn on the agency account in October to repay Fred Carlson for expenses related to the 2 hard-cover Donor Books, 4 soft-cover Donor Books, Banquet Programs, Dedication Programs, and Invitation postage.

This leaves our unofficial working total of \$13,204.86 as of paperwork received through February 8, 2013.

THANK YOU ALL!

Year 2012 Fiscal Recap Provided by Paul Lienhardt: Cash Flows: \$5,412.30 Rec'd, \$5,879.95 Spent, \$(983.65) Net Cash Balance 01/01/2012: \$8,373.22. Cash Balance 12/31/12: \$7,389.57

	Gatherings: Net 292.57			News and Miscellaneous: Net (444.71)						Dedict'n Net (516.)	Passing through/U Pitt: Net (315.51)			
	Teut- onia	Picnic	Xmas lunch	Dues / Newsstr	Sami- klaus	Folk Fest	Hono rary	Bank int/fees	Germanic Society		Apr. Dedic- ation	Tombala / U Pitt	Propat Pins	Mem orials
Rec'd	937.50	1824.	1175.	415.	-	-	-	18.80	-	-	812.	230.	-	-
Spent	1136.64	1387.32	1119.97	547.83	60.	194.52	10.	16.16	50.	516.	812.	230.	100.	215.51
Net	(199.14)	436.68	55.03	(132.83)	(60.)	(194.52)	(10.)	2.64	(50.)	(516.)	0	0	(100.)	(215.51)