

SWISS IN PITTSBURGH

Newsletter of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

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Summer 2018

Greetings everyone! I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying your Summer. Planning and preparations are under way for the **Swiss National Day Picnic, Sunday, July 29**, at the Richland Township Community Park Barn. Please make plans to attend, and respond by sending in the registration form included with this newsletter. Also, please be mindful that Richland Township is asking us to refrain from parking on the grass --- please use the parking lots!

Also, please note the attached flyer for the **Swiss Room Scholarship Challenge**, and consider making a donation at this time. We hope to "Reach the Summit" by the end of the year!

Hopp Schwiiz!
Lyndall Huggler

Coming Events – Save the Date!

July 29	Swiss National Day Picnic @ Richland Park Barn
September 15	Alliance of Germanic Societies Luncheon @ Teutonia Männerchor
December 8	SASP Christmas Luncheon @ Teutonia Männerchor

The Swiss foundation Pro Patria has asked us to express their appreciation and send warm regards to all their supporters. Below is an image of the 2018 Swiss National Day pin which will



be sold at the Swiss National Day Picnic. Pictured is a dandelion as a relief of 26 Swiss crosses – each of them representing a canton. It was created as a sign of the bond with Switzerland on the national holiday. The pin is made in Switzerland and will be sold for US \$6.00. [Note: the pins have arrived, so we will have them at the picnic this year!]

IN MEMORIAM – Paul M. H. Lienhardt (1932-2018) of Upper St. Clair, peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 17, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Jane Lienhardt for 60 years; Loving father of Scott (Phyllis) Lienhardt and Amy (Chris) Farrar; proud grandfather of Kate Farrar, Mark and Shawn Lienhardt; caring son of the late Max Cornelius Lienhardt and Gladys Margarethe. He graduated from Lehigh University with a BA in Accounting and became a CPA. Paul worked at Joy Manufacturing Company in Pittsburgh and Price Waterhouse Coopers in New York City as well as AMP in Harrisburg. He was the past President and Treasurer in the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh.

The Swiss were well represented at the memorial service for Paul on Saturday, June 23, at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park. Four former SASP Presidents were in attendance (Bruce Kuenzi, Fred Carlson, Koni Ostertag and Frank Gloor).



S-ASP Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance	12-31-16	\$ 11,993.01
Account Balance	5-31-18	\$ 13,635.93
Change from Prior Report		+ \$1,642.92

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Mr. Simon Geissbühler, Minister & Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in the United States of America (Washington D.C.), visited Pittsburgh on Monday, March 12, to give a lecture at the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Geissbühler is a Holocaust historian, and the title of his lecture was “Erased: Holocaust Memory in the Ukrainian-Romanian-Moldovan Borderlands”. Prior to the lecture, Mr. Geissbühler met with members of the SASP board (pictured here with Annemarie Frick and Koni Ostertag).



Swiss Nationality Room Committee (SNRC) Report

The Swiss Nationality Room Committee held its 2018 annual meeting in April in the Swiss Room. The Committee is focused on its fund raising campaign to endow the Swiss Room Scholarship with sufficient funds to be able to award a scholarship every year. We are close to our goal, and hope to achieve it by the end of this year. We are also planning a meet and greet luncheon with this year's Swiss Room Scholarship recipient, Andrew Aukerman, in the fall.

Fasnacht Party



A good time was had by all at the Fasnacht Party in February at the Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh. Sitting on the enclosed deck and enjoying the event are Beth and Bruce Kuenzi, Bruce Egli, and Owen Meier and his guest.

News from the Swiss Singers

Schweizer Männerchor Helvetia of Allegheny City participated in the 42nd Saengerfest of the North American Swiss Singing Alliance in Toledo, Ohio, from June 28 to July 1. Our singers took home a Silver award for their performance of "Morgen im Walde". Koni Ostertag was honored as a 55 year member of NASSA, and Alphonse Murer was honored as a 50 year member. The next NASSA Saengerfest will be in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 2021.



Koni Ostertag, President of Schweizer Männerchor Helvetia of Allegheny City, presents the group's flag at the opening ceremony of the 42nd Saengerfest of the North American Swiss Singing Alliance in Toledo, Ohio.

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts in Switzerland has a new course of study for scholars to pursue: a bachelor's or master's in yodeling. Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, students will be able to major in the traditional form of singing, which was used by Swiss herdsmen to communicate with each other in the mountains. The BBC reported that prize-winning yodeler Nadja Rass will lead the courses, which will also include musical theory and history. "We have long dreamed of offering yodeling at the university," gushed Michael Kaufmann, head of the school's music department. [BBC, Jan. 30, 2018]

Lebendige Traditionen / Tradition vivantes / Tradizioni viventi / Tradiziuns vivas

Youth Festivals in Aargau and Solothurn

Large youth festivals take place in a number of towns in the cantons of Aargau and Solothurn. They are of great significance to the identity of the respective town and to all the generations of its residents, often representing the key event on the calendar. The youth festivals in Aarau, Brugg and Lenzburg are more than 400 years old; those in Baden and Olten date back around 200 years. As they are usually held before the summer holidays, they mark the end of the academic year for schoolchildren. During the festivals, which span a few days, children and teenagers compete in games and sports events and, most importantly, take part in processions, which are the highlight of the events. School classes parade with their teachers through the town, usually with the girls wearing flowers in their hair and the boys sporting a single flower on their lapels. Music groups and not infrequently local politicians are also part of the procession, and the program includes addresses made to the schoolchildren. Annually in Zofingen and every two years in Lenzburg, the Freischaren troops “attack” the cadets in a spectacular and entertaining show.



Parade of schoolchildren through Aarau old town in the 2011 May procession © Karin Janz, 2011



Drummers in the Olten school festival procession © Oliver Lang, 2011



The Freischaren troops attacking © Thomas Hofstetter, 2010

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

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
SWISS NATIONALITY DAY PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018
at the Richland Park Barn in Bakerstown
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<u>Schedule of Events</u>	<u>Price</u>
2:00 p.m. Social Gathering	\$20.00 – Age 13 & over
3:00 p.m. Games & Activities	\$10.00 – Picnic Only (without Buffet)
4:00 p.m. Schweizer Männerchor Helvetia	FREE – Children 12 & Under
4:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon	
6:30 p.m. Tombola	

Things to Bring!

- Tombola Donations to benefit the Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship Fund!
- Food to Share (not required, but we are grateful to the Buffet Luncheon participants who also bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share!)

Directions – Route 8 to Red Belt / Bakerstown, proceed North on Heckert Road at the stop sign, then turn right at Van Velsor Drive into the Richland Township Park

PLEASE RETURN THE BELOW REGISTRATION FORM, BY JULY 22, WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH, to:

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SASP SWISS NATIONALITY DAY PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM

Names: Price (\$20 Buffet / \$10 Picnic / 12 & Under Free)

1.	_____	\$ _____
2.	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	\$ _____
5.	_____	\$ _____
6.	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____