



Switzerland



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Greetings everyone! Hope you are all doing well as we head into the final weeks of 2016. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 3, at the Teutonia Männerchor in Pittsburgh. The Christmas Luncheon also serves as our annual general meeting and election of officers for 2017. Please make plans to attend, and respond by sending in your registration form, which is included at the end of this newsletter.

The Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House will be held at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning on Sunday, December 4, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. If you can help by contributing authentic Swiss food items or assisting with the Swiss booth, please contact Walter Schaller at wschaller2@gmail.com. You can bring your food items to the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday if you are unable to attend the Open House on Sunday.

Coming Events – Save the Date!

December 3	SASP Christmas Luncheon @ Teutonia Männerchor
December 4	Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House @ Cathedral of Learning
December 10	Sami Klaus Party @ Teutonia Männerchor
March 2017	Fasnacht Party – Details TBD
April 8, 2017	Alliance of Germanic Societies / Spring Volksmusik Fest @ Teutonia
July 29, 2017	Swiss Nationality Day Picnic @ Richland Park Barn

Notice of Annual Meeting of General Assembly / Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The 2016 annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh will be held in conjunction with the Christmas Luncheon at Teutonia on December 3, 2016. The General Assembly will elect directors and officers for 2017.

At the meeting, we will be voting on a proposed amendment to our By-Laws to delete the following language from Article II, Section 6: "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 by persons not nominated by the Committee."

IN MEMORIAM - Albert Flury was born January 2 1923 in Solothurn, Switzerland and died in Monroeville, PA on September 5 2016. He served in the Swiss Air Force and the United States Army. He was trained in Switzerland as a tool and die maker. On moving to the United States in 1947, he was employed first by Westinghouse Electric Corporation in East Pittsburgh, PA, as a machine designer. In Pittsburgh he met his wife, Marion Dalton Schumacher, who rented a room from Albert's aunt Marie and uncle Werner in the Bloomfield/Friendship neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Albert and Marion were married in 1952 and lived in several cities throughout the Midwest as his career took him to different companies and opportunities. His last position was as a project engineering manager at General Metals Products in St. Louis, MO. They had two children: Albert Clifford (Thom) Flury, and Nancy Jane Flury Carlson. Thom and his wife Marisa have two children and one grandchild. Nancy and her husband Fred have two children. Albert's wife Marion passed away in 1986, and he married Phyllis Flynn in 1988. They resided in Chesterfield, MO until Phyllis' death in 2014, after which Albert moved back to the Pittsburgh area to live with Nancy and Fred.

Albert's approach to life combined the best values of Switzerland and United States, including a superb work ethic, attention to quality, precision and order, and cordial engagement of his family, colleagues, friends and guests, ensuring that their needs were met with grace. He enjoyed music, sports, and travel. He was a dual citizen of Switzerland and the US, and participated in functions of Swiss American social groups in several cities. He also made several donations to the building fund for the Swiss Nationality Room which was dedicated in 2012.

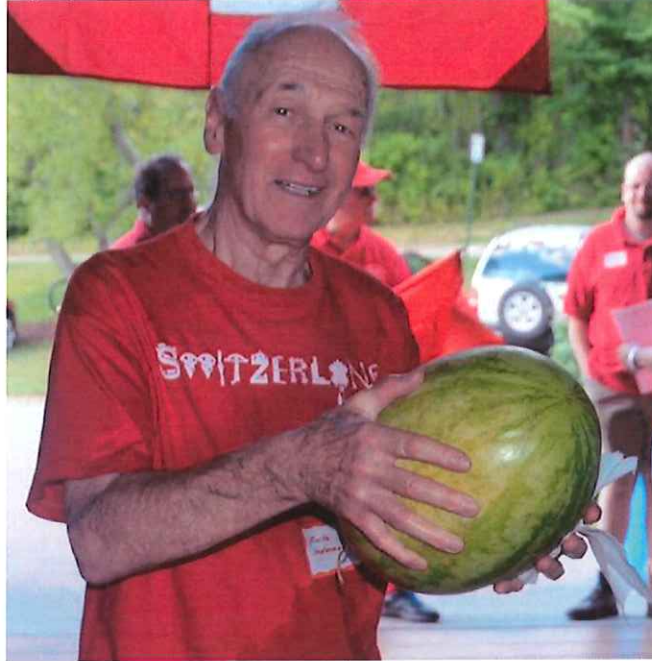
The family asks that any memorial donations be made to the Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship funds--checks should be made to: **University of Pittsburgh**, memo 'Swiss Nationality Room agency fund--scholarships in memory of Albert Flury'. Send contributions to: University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning #1209, Nationality Rooms Program, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.



Beatrice Hook, Albert Flury, and Nancy Carlson at the Swiss Nationality Day Picnic, August 6, 2016

2016 NATIONALITY DAY PICNIC

We welcomed 70 guests to our Swiss Nationality Day Picnic on August 6 at the Richland Park Barn. The Tombola raised \$302 for the Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship Fund. A good time was had by all (especially by Fritz Indermauer, who won the watermelon!)



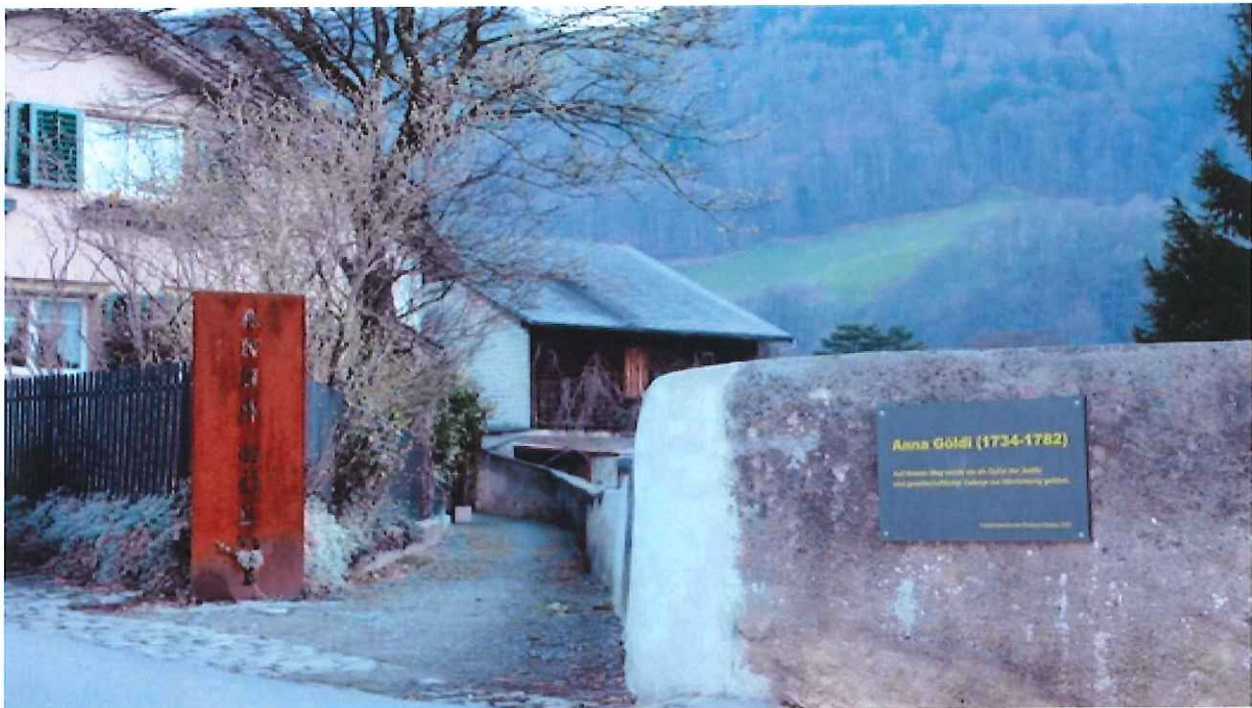
Musical entertainment was provided by Schweizer Männerchor Helvetia.



Lebendige Traditionen / Tradition vivantes / Tradizioni viventi / Tradiziuns vivas

Anna Göldi

The Glarus region rose to prominence for the wrong reasons at the end of the eighteenth century when, in 1781, the area became the setting for one of the last witch trials in Europe. The tragedy arose in a time when the power of oligarchic family structures was diminishing. These classes attempted to restore their influence by staging a spectacular court case. A mixture of superstition and the Enlightenment fueled the case, finding resonance across the popular classes. The events spawned the term "judicial murder", which has since been used for all forms of murder carried out under a government's arbitrary powers. The "Göldi case" struck a chord when it was revived in the novel by Eveline Hasler, published in 1982. The Anna Göldi Museum in Mollis was opened in 2007, dedicated to the life and suffering of the "last witch". The extent to which the injustice remains a part of life in Glarus is demonstrated by Anna Göldi's official rehabilitation in 2008 and by the activities of the Anna Göldi Foundation, which has awarded a human rights prize once every two years since 2009.



Glarus has its own Göldi path, marking the route Anna Göldi took to her execution on 13 June 1782. © Heinrich Speich, 2011

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

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Recording Secretary Jhon Smith calls the Tombola at the Swiss Nationality Day Picnic.

Call for SASP Board Directors and Officers!

We have a constant need for member involvement in our organization, and are currently looking to put together a slate of directors and officers for 2017. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Lyndall Huggler (lynbeth@msn.com or 412-480-1660) if you would be interested in serving on the SASP board in 2017. Thank you!



Real Rocks Adorn New Stamps Honoring World's Longest Traffic Tunnel

Two recent stamps from Switzerland not only commemorate the opening of the world's longest and deepest traffic tunnel, they also contain actual rock dust from the tunnel's construction. The Gotthard Base Tunnel opened June 1, and Swiss Post issued the two stamps on that day.

The world-famous Alps region of central Switzerland creates a magnificent landscape for winter sports and resorts. Historically, though, this landscape has made travels within the country and connection from north to south difficult. With an astonishing tube length of 35 miles, the Gotthard Base Tunnel solves this transportation problem.

In constructing this tunnel, roughly 28 million tons of material were removed from the Gotthard Pass, of which around 33 pounds went to Swiss Post for the stamps. The rock was ground into dust and then applied to the stamps using a special printing method and finish, or varnish.

The two 1-franc stamps are connected by a label. These three elements form a single, continuous design. Swiss Post described the design: "The two stamps featuring the bridge show the relief of the Saint-Gotthard Massif along with an Alpine panorama and the south and north portals. At each end of the tunnel stands an SBB locomotive, one in the colder north, depicted in blue, and the other in the warmer south, symbolized by the yellow."

Mit Musik in den Frühling
Spring Show 2017

Yasmine-Chanelle
Schweiz

Gitte & Klaus
Sachsen

Thüringer Waldspitzbuben
Thüringen

SANNY
Friesland

For Information:
Gisela Lewis: 732-528-5135 * Wolfgang Ribbert: 440-237-4131

Join the Alliance of Germanic Societies of Pittsburgh for a Spring Volksmusik Fest! Four acts from Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands are coming to Pittsburgh on Saturday, April 8, 2017, to perform Volksmusik and Schlager Hits! Two shows (afternoon and evening) with a great big Teutonia dinner in between! More details to come!

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Date: December 3, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Place: Teutonia Männerchor, 857 Phineas Street, Pittsburgh

Price: \$25.00 per person / \$10.00 Children 12 & Under

Chef Michael Twigg (formerly executive chef at the University Club) will be creating a special menu --- salad, entrée [choice of Beef Rouladen (Swiss German: Fleischvögel) or Lemon Chicken], two sides (spätzle and mixed vegetables), and dessert. Coffee/soft drinks included; alcoholic beverage available for separate purchase. Price includes sales tax and gratuity.

The Kinderchor and Jugendchor will be singing Christmas carols for us at 11:30. After the luncheon, we will have our annual business meeting and a Tombola to raise current use funds for the Swiss Nationality Room Scholarship.

Please return the below form by **Tuesday, November 29**, with check payable to the "Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh", to:

Lyndall Huggler
908 Fairview Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

PLEASE BRING PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA!

SASP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entrée (Beef or Chicken)</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remit your membership dues for 2017 with this notice! We look forward to another year of activities that will give us the chance to connect with our Swiss heritage and culture.

Please remit your **\$15.00*** dues payment (check payable to Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh) by **January 31, 2017**, to:

Richard Engel
SASP Membership Secretary
5713 Wesleyann Drive
Gibsonia, PA 15044-9448

* You also have the option to become a Life Member upon payment of \$300.00 (which may be paid in four annual installments of \$75.00).

Also, let us know if you are willing to help with any of the following: Board of Directors / Auditors / Spring Banquet / Folk Festival / Pro Patria Picnic / Christmas Luncheon / Nationality Rooms Open House / Events Helper / Publicity / Anything Else That Floats Your Boat! Thanks!

Enclosed are my Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh dues (\$15.00*) for calendar year 2017.
(*optional \$300.00 for a new life membership, which may be paid \$75.00/year for 4 years)

Name:	_____	Additional Family Members at this
Address:	_____	address or at college (name / age):
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Phone(s):	_____	_____
e-mail:	_____	_____

I am willing to help the SASP in the following ways: _____

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