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Swiss Nationality Room News

by Fred Carlson/Co-Chairman of Swiss
Swiss Nationality Room Committee-

Gruezi all!

Our recent 5-language 16 page book **THE SWISS NATIONALITY ROOM** has been mailed to many new prospects around the world thanks to the efforts of fund raising committee members Walter Schaller and Charles Buenzli. The entire book will be readable soon as a pdf file on the new www.swisspittsburgh.org website recently created by Charles Buenzli. This site, also hotlinked to the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms site, plans to be a source uniting the news relating to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh events, the Swiss Nationality Room Committee project, and the Helvetia Männerchor Swiss singers. This site is currently under construction but should be a helpful resource for guiding interested Swiss and "friends of Switzerland" to read for themselves the Swiss Room project's intent and generate another level of donations through the web. Fred Carlson also fulfilled requests from the DC Swiss Club, and their President Walter von Rautencratz, for 200 copies of the booklet, and for another 50 to go to the South Florida Swiss and their President, Emil Zahner. These books were distributed at August 1 Festivities at the Swiss Embassy in Washington DC and in Bonita Springs, Florida. Contributions are starting to come in from this

new outreach. We ask our membership that if they need copies of this book to give to possible donors, please ask a S-ASP board member or a Room Committee member and they will gratefully get copies to those people you designate. We need the help of ALL Swiss as ambassadors for this important project.

With the investment climate getting more positive, our Swiss Room Fund raising Chair Charles Buenzli is crafting a new round of outreach for funding from the Frick Foundation, the HJ Heinz Foundation, and the US Steel Foundation. We are planning a second round of mailing outreach to previous donors NOT members of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh in the next few months in an effort guided by Walter Schaller. We have received substantial donations from supporters of the project from CH, many of whom are Pitt alumni. The first 10 months of 2003 saw our finances benefit by about \$5500.- in donations through the Society events and through other mailing outreach, and we continue to look for greater numbers as our corporate outreach begins to be reviewed in an optimistic business climate. Current level of funding for our project is approximately \$42,000.- at press time.

The Room Committee members thank the following leaders for their recent efforts to publicize the project: President Koni Ostertag took a few hundred copies

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**EAST PITTSBURGH UNITED
SWISS BROTHERS MEMORABILIA
DONATED TO HEINZ HISTORY
CENTER by Trudy Kuenzi,**

At the Swiss Farm Dairy office attic this past summer, relatives and friends of John Fankhauser discovered 4 important framed historical pieces relating to the history of the United Swiss Brothers, a forerunner of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh. History of the club between 1905 and 1966 was documented in these framed pictorial documents discovered off Churchill Road up the hill from Turtle Creek. Three of these framed items were displayed at the August 1 picnic and have been donated to the Heinz History Center by Bruce and Trudy Kuenzi.

These fascinating objects included:1. The original charter of the UNITED SWISS BROTHERS of EAST PITTSBURGH dated April 1, 1905. This charter was recognized by decree of the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas No. 2 approving the application for charter by a certificate of authorization.2. This first photographic

piece represents every member of the organization from 1903-1918. Depictions of all the Swiss cantons surround the photos of the members titled in German: East Pittsburgh Ver Schweitzer-brüder.3. This next photographic piece shows individuals from the 1928 member list. The club had shrunk slightly from 1918, but had a building on Electric Avenue in East Pittsburgh. This building still stands today but is not occupied.4. This final photographic piece is a montage of members dating from 1903-1958.

Many members of today's Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh enjoyed seeing loved ones in these framed photo groupings at the picnic this past summer along with many familiar names! The Heinz History Center showed interest in these items and took them on September 12, 2003 for their educational archives, along with three sets of membership cards dating from 1963, 1965, and 1966. Thanks to Bruce and Trudy Kuenzi for following through with this donation of Swiss heritage to our Heinz regional history museum.

Sami Klaus Party

**Saturday, December 13, 2003 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Teutonia Mannerchor**

The Swiss-American Society will again hold its annual Sami Klaus Party in conjunction with the Teutonia Kinderchor. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for the children and are included in the registration fee. A sandwich buffet will be provided for the adults, funded by a donation jar. Also a donation of ethnic cookies and /or other baked goods would be appreciated. The traditional treat bags and visit from Sami Klaus are planned. The cost is \$5.00 per Family. Please register on the enclosed form and mail by Monday, November 24, 2003.

Annual Swiss Christmas Luncheon

When: Saturday, December 6, 2003

Where: Wright's Seafood Inn
1837 Washington Street
Heidelberg, PA
412.923.1225

Schedule: Noon Cash bar and plated lunch

After Lunch Business Meeting followed by a Tombola

Menu: Choice of three entrees:

Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast
Roasted Salmon with Brown Sugar Rub
Beef Tips in Madiera Mushroom Sauce

Entrees includes Soup, Tossed Salad with House Dressing, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, Italian Beans with Tomatoes, Rolls and Butter, and Vanilla Ice Cream with Raspberry Sauce for desert.

Cost: \$17.00 per person

What to Bring: Tombola donations and items to sell at the Nationality Room open house on December 7th

Registration: Send enclosed registration form and check payable to Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh by Monday, November 24, 2003 to:

Frank Gloor
312 Ridgeway Drive

Don't forget to vote!

It is time to vote for next year's Board and Officers. Even if you cannot attend the Christmas Luncheon or the Sami Klaus Party, please fill out the Ballot section of the registration form and return it by Monday, November 24, 2003.



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
2003 Ballot and Christmas Party Registration Form

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Office	Nominated by the Committee	Write in
President	<input type="checkbox"/> Koni Ostertag	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Egli	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Schaller	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Gloor	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Membership Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lizann Maddamma	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Board Member #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Annemarie Frick	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Board Member #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Buenzli	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Auditor #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Carlson	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Auditor #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Joan Gloor	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Amendment 1 - Change the last sentence in Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws to read "66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the total Board membership shall constitute a quorum."	<input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against	The Board recommends a vote for this amendment.
Amendment 2 - Change Article I, Section 3B of the By-Laws to read "Any active member may become a life member by contributing a minimum \$500 which excludes him from any further payment of dues." This change shall be made effective January 1, 2003.	<input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against	The Board recommends a vote for this amendment.

Christmas Luncheon Registration

Total attending X \$17.00 per person

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Sami Klaus Party Registration

Number of children attending

1000

Registration fee is \$5.00 per family

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Landjäger from Tank Meats

Pair at \$1.80 per pair

S. Saito et al.

2003 Membership Dues

\$10.00 per family

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TOTAL ENCLOSED

S. Srinivasan

Mail by Monday, November 22, 2002 to: Charles Buenzli, 2571 Barnwood Drive, Wexford, PA 15090