

2004 PICNIC Attendance = 75



# Switzerland



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## President's Message

by Evelyn Ruffing

Swiss Night was a great success! Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen. The Swiss Singers have re-grouped and are in their usual top form.

Congratulations to Gloria Sutter, the winner of the tickets to Switzerland. Have a great trip, Gloria!

On July 31st we will be celebrating 713 years of continuous democracy in Switzerland at our annual picnic. I often reflect on this small nation that has given so much to me and to the world. In past and present times of unrest and uncertainty, Switzerland has held firm. May it always be so.

## Swiss National Day News

On Sunday, August 1st, the German Hour Radio Program, WPIT AM (730 on the dial) at 4:00PM, will focus on Switzerland Independence. Heino and Dena Coelle, who host the German Hour will interview our Pittsburgh Honorary Swiss Consulate, Dr. Heinz Kunz. The Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh will partly sponsor this particular day. Be sure to tune in and listen to this interview

of such special interest to the Swiss of Pittsburgh.

## Treasurer's Report

by Walter Schaller

The beginning balance as of 12-31-03 was \$7614.20. Income receipts totalled \$2516.28. Expenses were \$2416.71 leaving a balance as of \$7713.77. The current estimated balance in the University of Pittsburgh Swiss Room Account is \$50,116.14.

## Swiss National Day Picnic

Saturday, July 31st is the date of this year's Swiss National Day Picnic. The picnic will be held at The Bethel Park Lions Club, 5757 Irishtown Road, Bethel Park, PA.

Since our membership spans the greater Pittsburgh area we are attempting to move the picnic around various locations to make it more convenient.

We always welcome suggestions and ideas from the membership.

Pro Patria pins will be offered for sale at the registration table. Purchase of this pin is a donation that benefits the cultural and social works of the Pro Patria Foundation

The picnic will again feature a tombola this year. Remember to bring your donations.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed as officers, board members, and various other functions. If interested please contact any board member.

## The Battle of Bushy Run

This year on August 7th and 8th there is going to be a battle of major significance near Harrison City, Pennsylvania with Swiss roots. The confrontation will involve several Indian tribes and the men and officers of the American Regiment. It is small enough-a piece of land in the Allegheny Mountain range, enfolded by dense woods of large oaks and chestnuts, rolling hills, swamps, small creek beds. There on Chestnut Ridge near an outpost called Bushy Run, Colonel Henry Bouquet, will be leading a relief expedition to the British stronghold at Fort Pitt, and is attacked by Delaware, Mingoe, Shawnee, and Wyandot Indians. The following day he will successfully drive them out.

Those are the simple facts of what took place on August 5, 1763 at twenty-five miles east of present-day Pittsburgh, on a fragment of Pennsylvania wilderness where Bouquet organized his troops. The true meaning of the Battle of Bushy Run is complex and historically significant.

By the time the engagement ended, it was clear that colonial expansion would continue westward, that the British had control of North America, and that, no

matter how Native Americans negotiated treaties with the colonists, their fate was sealed; their own eastern homeland and hunting grounds were lost to them, and they would continue to be pushed further west.

## Ulrich Inderbinen

Ulrich Inderbinen, a legendary Swiss mountain guide who made his last ascent of the Matterhorn at the age of 90, has died. He was 103.

Inderbinen died in his sleep at his home in the southern Swiss resort of Zermatt. The "king of the Alps" as Inderbinen was known to admirers, around the world, spent 70 years leading mountaineers up Switzerland's peaks. He was 95 when he finally retired.

Even in his 90's, he regularly climbed peaks of more than 13,000 feet and estimated that he stood on the summit of the Matterhorn - "the most beautiful mountain in the world" - at least 370 times.

"I have never felt bored," he once said in an interview with the Associated Press. "That is unless my clients walk too slowly."

Inderbinen was born into a family of nine children December 3, 1900, and spent most of his childhood tending animals in the mountains above Zermatt, at that time still an impoverished farming community.

He made his first ascent of the 14,700 foot Matterhorn in September, 1921 with his younger sister. He got his first job as a mountain guide four years later.

## Annual Swiss Independence Day Picnic

When: Saturday, July 31, 2004

Where: Bethel Park Lions Club (see map on the Registration Form)

Schedule: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration  
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children's and Adults' Games  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Speeches  
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tombola  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Swiss Music from all cantons  
(bring CDs and cassette tapes, if you wish.)

Menu & Cost: Catered Picnic: Bratwurst, potato salad, fresh vegetable salads, coffee, tea and carrot cake for dessert. \$15.00 adults / \$9.00 children  
or  
Bring your own picnic basket - \$5.00 adults / \$2.00 children  
Soft drinks and beer will be available for all.

What to Bring: Your own pitcher, glasses, lawn chairs, Tombola donations, cameras, Swiss CDs and cassette tapes. No pets please.

Registration: Send enclosed registration form and check payable to Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh by Friday, July 23, 2004 to Frank Gloor.

### SAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, July 31, 2004**

**National Day Picnic**  
**Bethel Park Lions Club**  
**5757 Irishtown Road**  
**Bethel Park, PA**

**Sunday, August 1, 2004**

**German Hour Radio Program**  
**Featuring Switzerland**  
**730 on the dial WPIT at 4:00**

**Saturday, August 7, 2004**

**Battle of Bushy Run Re-enactment**  
**Harrison City, PA**

**Sunday, August 8, 2004**

**Christmas Luncheon**  
**Peters Place**  
**Bridgeville, PA**

**Saturday, December 4, 2004**

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### 12:30 to 3:30 Children's and Adults' Games

#### **4:00 to 5:30 Dinner and Speeches**

### 5:30 to 6:00 Tombola

6:00 to 8:00 Swiss Music

Music from all cantons-bring CDs and tapes if you wish.

**Menu:** Catered Picnic: Bratwurst, potato salad, fresh vegetable salads, coffee, tea and carrot cake for dessert

-or- Bring your own picnic basket

Soft drinks and beer will be available for all.

**Cost:** Catered Picnic: \$15.00 Adult / \$9.00 Child

**Picnic Basket: \$5.00 Adult / \$2.00 Child**

**What to Bring:** Your own pitcher, glasses and lawn chairs. Tombola donations, cameras. Pets are not permitted.

**Registration:** Send check payable to Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh to Frank Gloor, 312 Ridgeway Drive, Baden, PA 15005  
**Please mail by Friday, July 23, 2004**

**Names (Please list the names of all persons attending):**

Number of Dinners:      Adult Catered @ \$15.00 \$

Child Catered @ \$9.00 \$

Adult Basket @ \$ 5.00 \$

Child Basket @ \$2.00 \$

— and basket. (See Fig. 1.)

Total Enclosed: \$

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## Directions to Bethel Park Lions Club Park

### From the North or South via Route 79:

1. Take exit number 55 toward HEIDELBERG/KIRWAN HEIGHTS.
2. Take the PA-50 WASHINGTON PIKE ramp toward BRIDGEVILLE.
3. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto PA-50/WASHINGTON PIKE. Continue to follow PA-50.
4. Turn LEFT onto BOWER HILL RD/ORANGE BELT.
5. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto MCLAUGHLIN RUN RD/ORANGE BELT. Continue to follow ORANGE BELT.
6. Turn LEFT onto BETHEL CHURCH RD.
7. Turn SHARP RIGHT onto DRAKE RD.
8. Turn LEFT onto SOUTH PARK RD.
9. Turn RIGHT onto PATTERSON RD.
10. Turn RIGHT onto LOGAN RD.
11. Turn RIGHT onto IRISHTOWN RD. Park is approximately 0.3 miles from the intersection of IRISH-TOWN RD and LOGAN RD.

### Directions from Pittsburgh and East:

1. Take ROUTE 279 SOUTH through the Fort Pitt Tunnel.
2. Take the US-19 S/BANKSVILLE ROAD exit- exit number 5A- toward US-19-TRUCK S/PA-51 S/UNIONTOWN.
3. Merge onto US-19 S via the ramp- on the left- toward MT LEBANON.
4. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto MCFARLAND RD.
5. Turn RIGHT onto W LIBERTY AVE/US-19 TRUCK. Continue to follow US-19 TRUCK.
6. US-19 TRUCK becomes WASHINGTON RD/US-19.
7. Turn LEFT onto FORT COUCH RD.
8. FORT COUCH RD becomes BETHEL CHURCH RD.
9. Turn LEFT onto LOGAN RD.
10. Turn LEFT to stay on LOGAN RD.
11. Turn RIGHT onto IRISHTOWN RD. Park is approximately 0.3 miles from the intersection of IRISH-TOWN RD and LOGAN RD.

### From Saw Mill Run (Rt. 51 South)

To Rt. 88 south (to Bethel Park through Castle Sahannon)

RIGHT onto Logan Road

LEFT onto Irishtown Road approximately 0.3 miles

*See map other side*

