

January 18, 1968

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lienhard:

On behalf of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, we wish to thank you for the use of your beautiful Swiss films. They certainly made an enjoyable afternoon for our group.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Kuenzi  
Secretary

# SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

February 21, 1968

To the Members of the Board of the  
Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Please be advised of a Board Meeting, Saturday, March 16, 1968,  
at 8:00 P.M. at the home of President Harry Jacob, 5415 McCandless Avenue.

If you are unable to attend, please phone Harry Jacob, our  
President, at 781-1375 immediately.

We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Sincerely

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary



March 16, 1968

The meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by President Harry Jacob at his home.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Harry Jacob, Arthur Rudolf, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fischer, Florence Cappe, John Fankhauser, Jr. Marcelle Bouvier and Heinz Gonser.

The December 2, 1967 minutes were read and approved.

Florence Cappe reported on membership. Approximately 60 members have paid. She will send out notices to unpaid members to collect delinquent dues.

The Treasurer reported that the books were recently audited and are in order. Cash Balance to date \$2,555.11

Correspondence from the United Swiss Clubs of East Coast U.S.A. was read pertaining to a trip to Switzerland as a group this summer. The Secretary was authorized to write a letter for information for our club to join.

The Constitution was discussed and will be printed. John Fankhauser, Jr. made a motion to have 200 copies of the By-Laws printed at \$60.00. The motion was seconded by Florence Cappe and carried.

A discussion of who will receive flowers in case of death was again brought to the Board's attention. We concluded that only paid up members for the current year will receive flowers in case of death of husband or wife.

It was mentioned that a Swiss Singing Society wants to have a raffle at our next function. We agreed that this group should join our organization 100 per cent and then we could help support them.

Plans were discussed for a Card Party and Supper to be held at Teutonia Hall at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, April 21 or 28 or a Friday evening Card Party and Snack if Sunday is not available. Marcell Bouvier will be chairman of the Card Party and Frank Fischer along with our President, Harry Jacob will look into the supper-snack menus.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion of John Fankhauser Jr. Motion seconded and carried, and meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary



March 20, 1968

Charles Reichmuth, President  
United Swiss Clubs of the East Coast U.S.A.  
2900 Cathedral Avenue N.W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh wishes information on becoming a member of the United Swiss Clubs of the East Coast U.S.A. in order that our membership can take part in your group travel program. Please send information to the following address:

Mrs. E. Kuenzi, Secretary  
207 Churchill Road  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145

Thank you for your co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. Kuenzi, Secretary



May 1, 1968

President Harry Jacob called a special meeting to order at Cranberry Hall.

Members present were as follows: Harry Jacob, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fischer, Florence Cappe and Marcel Bouvier and John Fankhauser Jr.

This was in regards to dropping members who have not paid their 1968 dues and to make Counsil Rene Nigg an honorary member of our Society.

A motion was made by Florence Cappe to make Rene Nigg, Swiss Counsil an honorary member of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh. Marcel Bouvier second the motion and it was carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Harry Jacob.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
*Secretary*



Come to our

M A I E F E S T

May 19, 1968  
Teutonia Club, North Side  
Phineas Street Pittsburgh Pa.

A great occasion to bring your friends  
and meet your friends

CARD PARTY                      3:00 P M - 5:30 P M  
Followed by  
BUFFET SUPPER                      6:00 P M

Play Your Favorite Card Game

CARD PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES

Galore

Card Party & Buffet Supper  
\$2.25 Per Person

Buffet Supper ONLY  
\$1.50 Per Person

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Dear Fellow Member:

Spring is here and it seems like a good time to have a Swiss gathering once again. Please help make this a successful event.

At our last Board Meeting, it was decided to send a questionnaire of activities in which we could participate as a group. Our Vice President, Arthur Rudolf, has prepared the attached suggestions. Please indicate if you would be interested in taking part in any of the activities mentioned. It will be appreciated if each membership will return the enclosed questionnaire as it will help the Board decide about activities we could undertake in the future.

It is very important that we know by Monday, May 13, how many will attend the Maiefest so please return the enclosed by that date. You need not forward any money but sign and return your questionnaire. If any additional information regarding the Maiefest is desired, please contact your Maiefest committee:

Mr. Marcel Bouvier              441-4575  
Mrs. Betty Montgomery        828-9523  
Miss Hazel Von Arx            828-9523

We now have available copies of our Constitution and By-Laws. Anyone wishing one need only make their desire known in the space provided.

Keep in mind and plan to attend our big summer event--The August 1st celebration day picnic.

Sincerely,

*Harry W. Jacob*

Harry W. Jacob  
President

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY  
OF PITTSBURGH

I will attend the Maifest on May 19, 1968

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

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I am interested in attending as a group:

Pittsburgh Opera Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Pirate Baseball Game Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Pittsburgh Playhouse Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Buhl Planetarium Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Night River Cruise on Gateway Clipper  
with supper afterwards in the Pilot  
House Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Antique Show (for the ladies) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tour of Duquesne Brewery Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tour of H. J. Heinz Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tour of Pittsburgh Press Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Conducted Tour of Picture Gallery at  
Carnegie Museum (on a Saturday or  
Sunday) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For Children (on Saturday) Tour of  
Nature Museum, Dinosaurs, Birds, etc.  
with Movies Afterwards--Cafeteria  
downstairs Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Trip to the Altoona Swiss Club  
via Chartered Bus Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Swiss-  
American Society of Pittsburgh

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: (by May 13)

Mrs. Ernest Kuenzi Jr.  
207 Churchill Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a new address?



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

June 19, 1968

To the Members of the Board of the  
Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Please be advised of a Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 3, 1968,  
at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Trudy Kuenzi, 207 Churchill Road. This is  
in regards to our August 1st Picnic.

We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

*Trudy Kuenzi*

Secretary

July 3, 1968

The meeting of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh came to order by the President Harry Jacob at Trudy Kuenzi's home. The following members were present: Harry Jacob, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fischer, Florence Cappe, Marcel Bouvier, John Fankhauser Jr. Heinz Gonser and Walter Heer.

The minutes of March 16th and May 1st were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of approximately \$2600.00.

A letter was presented to the Board to take part at the County Fair in the Foreign Activities. It was unanimously agreed upon that we could not participate.

The picnic was discussed and it will be a basket picnic at Rene Nigg's Farm, August 4th. In case of real bad weather one could call Harry Jacob, Rene Nigg or Trudy Kuenzi if it were to be cancelled. Heinz Gonser will take care of the Public Address System. Marcel Bouvier will contact Coni Ostertag about music. It was agreed by the majority to pay \$20 per person up to and not to exceed \$60. There will be no admission charge but a tombola will be held at 7:00 P.M. followed by a Bonfire at 9:00 P.M. Games will be taken care of by Trudy Kuenzi.

It was discussed and agreed upon by the majority to send the By-Laws and Constitution to all members who requested them and also give it to new members joining the organization.

The tentative date to Altoona, Pa. will be October 20th.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi, Secretary*

Dr. and Mrs. Hans P. Stauffer

519 Bigelow Street  
Pittsburgh Pa 15207

Pittsburgh, August 1968

To

Swiss American Society  
of Pittsburgh.....  
Twiddle Creek, Pa.....

We wish to inform you, that we will be leaving the  
country on October 23 to assume permanent residence  
in Switzerland.

Our new address:  
Dr. H.P. Stauffer  
Laboratoire de Recherche  
Fabriques de Tabac Reunies  
CH - 2003 Neuchatel-Serrieres  
Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

Anne-Mare Stauffer

Mrs. Hans P. Stauffer

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Because we had a new baby there were very  
few activities we could attend. But those  
we enjoyed thoroughly!.....  
Thank you very much!.....

**SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

**August 26, 1968**

**Dear Member,**


**We regret that we were unable to fill the quota of 82 persons for the Holiday Plane Trip to Switzerland.**

**Considering the very short time in which the members had to take advantage of the greatly reduced fare, we had a wonderful response. There could be a possibility of such a rate again around the month of March, and if so we will discuss it at the annual General Assembly meeting near the end of the year.**

**Please find your check enclosed. We hope we can make a full quota the next time.**

**Thank you for your interest.**

**Yours very truly,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry W. Jacob".

**Harry W. Jacob  
President**



September 22, 1968

The Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh held its meeting at President Harry Jacob's home. Before the actual meeting started Koni Ostertag was present and invited us to a singerfest program October 4th and to a kick-off meeting on October 6th for the Swiss American Singing Alliance of North America in regards to a Saengerfest in Pittsburgh in 1971. He requests the support of our group. We will inform our members about it along with our next communication about the Altoona Trip.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Harry Jacob. The following members were present: Harry Jacob, Arthur Rudolf, Trudy Kuenzi, Frank Fischer, John Fankhauser Jr. and Heinz Gonser.

The minutes were read and approved.

The financial report from the August 4th Picnic was a deficit of \$13.40. It was discussed to put out a questionnaire on where to have next year's picnic for August 1st.

Also the Swissair trip was discussed. For a short notice the response was very good and maybe in the future the trip will be a reality.

The coming Altoona trip was discussed and arrangements were made as follows:

The bus will hold a capacity of 49 people at the cost of \$202.50. Deadline for reservations by bus is October 7th. It will leave at 9:00 A.M. at the Gateway Plaza, Penn and Stanwix Streets downtown and also a pickup stop at 9:30 A.M. at the Miracle Mile Shopping Center by J. C. Penny's Store. The fare will be \$4.50 per person round trip and will leave Altoona approximately at 7:00 P.M. A meal will be furnished at your own expense at the Swiss Rifle Club in Altoona. Notices will be sent out to this effect and dinner reservations will be made for those intending to go by bus or automobile.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary

**SWISS AMERICAN SOCIETY  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**FALL FOLIAGE TRIP**

Your organization has planned a Fall Foliage Trip to the Altoona Swiss Club on Sunday, October 20, 1968. The Swiss Club is located at the base of one of our beautiful Pennsylvania Mountains. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. at the Swiss Club at a reasonable cost to you.

We have chartered a bus for this trip. The bus will leave from Gateway Plaza at Penn and Stanwix, Pittsburgh, at 9 a.m. The bus will make an additional stop at the Miracle Mile Shopping Center, Monroeville, in front of J. C. Penneys at 9:30 a.m. Bus fare will be \$4.50 per person, payable in advance. We must have advance reservations in on or before October 7, 1968.

IF YOU REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION, CALL JOHN FANKHAUSER, JR. - 824-2314

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces on the bus at \$4.50 each.

If you wish to drive your own auto, please notify us so we can make dinner reservations for you.

Please send your reservation and check to our Secretary,

Mrs. E. R. Kuenzi  
207 Churchill Road  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145

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The Swiss-American Singing Alliance of North America invites all our members to a Kickoff Meeting for the Swiss Sangerfest which will be held in Pittsburgh in the late spring of 1971. This meeting will be held Sunday, October 6, 1968, at 2 p.m. at the V.F.W. Club, Allen Street, near Warrington Avenue, Beltshoover District, Pittsburgh.

The Mennerchor Helvetia of Pittsburgh is the host club for this affair. Joseph A. Miller, the National President of the Alliance, from St. Louis, will attend this meeting.

We urge your participation.



# UNITED SWISS CLUBS OF THE EAST COAST U.S.A.

2900 CATHEDRAL AVENUE N.W.

WASHINGTON 8, D.C.

October 1968

Dear Friends:

For the past several years we have been offering to the members of our association special group flights at reduced rates, which have found a very good acceptance.

Prompted by the success of our latest departure, the group flight to Zurich on July 15th, which was attended by 84 passengers, we would like to take another step forward and offer our members for the next season and for the following years a program of tours and group flights which should have appeal for everyone.

It is our intention, to make a survey among the many thousands of members of Swiss clubs on the East Coast, in order to determine their particular preferences and wishes as far as the flights to Switzerland are concerned. The responses will be evaluated and the results will to a great extent influence our decisions regarding the departure dates, the length of the trip, etc.

In order that we can reach every single member, we need your cooperation in supplying us with an up-to-date list of the members of your club. This list should also contain their exact home addresses.

We are right now preparing a letter and a form with specific questions which we would like to mail out as soon as we receive from you the membership list of your club.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome any comments and suggestions you may care to make.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles F. Reichmuth*

Charles F. Reichmuth  
President



Oct. 22, 1968.

Dear Harry,

Last Sunday in Altoona Ostertag came to me to tell me that he had an option on Syria Mosque for the 1971 Saengerfest and paid down a certain amount to bind the contract. I tried to explain to him that they had no proper organization to undertake such a tremendous job, explaining all the difficulties, but he would not listen, saying that they would manage, giving only a smiling answer to my arguments and explanations.

I was very much perturbed and disgusted with his attitude and since then I have been thinking and worrying a lot about this matter, primarily because the good name of the Swiss in Pittsburgh and our reputation is involved. Convinced that something must be done without delay, I wrote down my reasons why I think this Saengerfest project must be stopped before it is gone too far.

Enclosed you will find my "dissertation" giving all my reasons for my negative attitude.

I believe the best thing would be to have a meeting with these Ostertag people, at which I would gladly give further explanations.

However I leave that to you and the other officers. I shall be glad to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Fred Henzi



October 1968 .

To whom it may concern:

From the official report on the Swiss-American Saengerfest in Canton, Ohio, last June I was shocked to perceive that at the final meeting of the Delegates of the participating <sup>at</sup> Societies it was resolved that the next Saengerfest in 1971 will be held in Pittsburgh. I immediately got in touch with the officers and leading members of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, the only still remaining Swiss organization properly functioning under a charter granted by the local Courts, with duly elected Officers under the constitution and by-laws. The Swiss-American Society was organized in 196 and chartered in 1966.

The consensus of opinion of this society is:

1. That the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, which is representing the majority of the Swiss of Western Pennsylvania, has no intention and no desire to either participate or to assist in the organization and the carrying through of a Saengerfest in Pittsburgh, for many reasons:

(a) The "Helvetia Maennerchor of Allegheny City, Pa.", as it was chartered in the 1880ies, and which flourished for many decades as a prominent singing society, participating at the first Saengerfest of the Swiss-American Singing Alliance in Cleveland in 1897, and thereupon at most of the succeeding Singing Festivals, reaching the pinnacle at the 1907 Saengerfest in Canton, where we had 57 active singers, all of whom were Swiss. Under the direction of Hans Zwicky from Glarus, who at the time was a prominent local organist and a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, there in Canton we easily won the first prize. As an outstanding chorus we sang an extra selection at the Grand Concert.

OCTOBER 1968



In 1939 the turn came to Pittsburgh to take over and carry through the 16th Saengerfest of the Alliance. At that time we had spacious headquarters and adequate social rooms on the North Side, where the visiting singers could be properly entertained. For the Concerts and Prize singing the City Authorities gave us permission to use the Auditorium of the North Side Carnegie Library. The Director of the Helvetia Maennerchor, Hans Glomb, acted as Festal Director.

(b) In the thirty years past since the conditions have completely changed. The Society lost its Hall and meeting quarters, mostly through mismanagement and constantly increased rentals for its quarters. As a result the owners of the building on Ohio Street practically evicted the society and all its activities ceased to function. Therefore the Helvetia Maennerchor must be considered as defunct, having lost its charter by default.

How a few Swiss singers managed to get together a choral group of a dozen or so singers in order to participate under the name of the defunct Helvetia Maennerchor of Pittsburgh at several of the last few Saengerfests is for some one else to explain. I, for one do not know.

Under these deplorable conditions these very few Swiss have offered in Canton to take over, organize and carry through the next Saengerfest in 1971 in Pittsburgh. How that is possible without the voluntary and enthusiastic co-operation of the whole Swiss Colony of Western Pennsylvania is for them to explain. There is no lawful organization, there <sup>are</sup> to my knowledge no funds to start the ball rolling, no authorized officers etc. etc..... Most important is the legal aspect; these few men cannot lawfully enter into an agreement or contract with the owners of Concert



Halls and Hotels, or any other corporation. It is absolutely necessary that they get an opinion on that point from an Attorney, especially as to their own personal liability.

I therefore suggest that the foregoing explanations be brought to the attention of the interested parties.

Respectfully submitted by

F. O. Henzi.





*Robert E. Bayer, Sec. of  
Maennarchor Helvetica  
23 Allen St.*

*Chatham Center, Inc.*

November 4, 1968

Mrs. E. R. Kuenzi  
Swiss American Society  
207 Churchill Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15145

Dear Mrs. Kuenzi:

We cordially invite you to consider Pittsburgh and the facilities of Chatham Center for the Swiss Sangerfest in the late spring of 1971.

Pittsburgh answers the transportation needs of every convention guest. Located within easy driving distance, via turnpike systems of Eastern and Midwestern cities, eight major airlines, five railroads and seventeen interstate buslines serve the area.

Chatham Center, the latest crown jewel in the City's Renaissance, is centrally located in the Upper Golden Triangle opposite Pittsburgh's unique Civic Arena. Only a four minute stroll from the heart of downtown Pittsburgh, Chatham Center is surrounded by major public transit lines, served by airline limousine and taxi cabs.

Your members will enjoy free parking, free "year round" swimming pool, sauna bath and health club privileges for overnight guests. Color television is provided in all guest rooms and free ice is available on each sleeping room floor.

We are enclosing a descriptive brochure which lists in detail all information on our guest rooms and convention facilities.

Our sleeping room rates are as follows:

Singles	\$18.00 - \$20.00 - \$22.00
Doubles or Twins	\$24.00 - \$26.00 - \$28.00

We urge your serious consideration of our facilities in determining the site for the 1971 Swiss Sangerfest.

Cordially,

*Emily Schultz*

Emily Schultz, Director  
Special Sales and Promotions

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*Chatham Center · Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 · Area Code 412-391-5000*

November 10, 1968

The meeting of the Board of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh was called to order by the President Harry Jacob at the home of Frank Fisher.

Members present were as follows: Harry Jacob, Arthur Rudolf, Trudy Kuenzi Frank Fischer, Florence Cappe, Heinz Gonser and John Fankhauser Jr.

The minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was also read.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2600.00. John Fankhauser Jr. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Florence Cappe and the motion was carried.

President Harry Jacob appointed the following to the Nominating Committee: Hans Leuenberger, Ruth Dodd and Walter Krumich.

Saengerfest Report: Harry Jacob attended the kick-off meeting of the Swiss American Singing Alliance. Helen McComb, Hazel Vonarx and Betty Montgomery were also present from our organization. President Harry Jacob made it known that our organization will not support the Saengerfest as a group.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh as an organization will not support the Swiss Saengerfest planned by the Swiss American Singing Alliance in Pittsburgh in 1971. This motion was unanimously approved. However, any individual wishing to participate on his own can do so. A letter will be written to the Secretary of the Swiss American Singing Alliance to this effect.

General Assembly Dinner Meeting will be held at Cranberry Hall on December 21st 1968. There will be a cocktail hour, followed by dinner, a short business meeting and dancing. A Tombola will also be included. John Fankhauser Jr. will be in charge of getting the music. Harry Jacob will get name tags and Frank Fisher will take care of the cocktail hour, & Heinz Gonser the Tombola.

The August First Picnic Place will be put to a vote before the General Assembly. The Folk Festival was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by our President Harry Jacob.

Respectfully submit ed,

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary

November 12, 1968

Miss Emily Schultz, Director  
Special Sales and Promotions  
Chatham Center  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Miss Schultz:

We have received your letter of November 4 and our Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Kuenzi, is taking the liberty to forward it to the concerned parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, which is the only bona fide chartered organization representing a great number of the Swiss in the Pittsburgh area, is in no way sponsoring or supporting, as a group, the Swiss Sangerfest in 1971.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Jacob  
President

November 15, 1968

Mr. Robert Bayer, Secretary  
Mannerchor Helvetia  
23 Allen Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

Dear Mr. Bayer:

Please be advised that at our Board Meeting of November 10, 1968 it was regularly moved and seconded that the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh, as an organization will not support the Swiss Saengerfest planned by the Swiss American Singing Alliance in Pittsburgh in 1971. This motion was unanimously approved.

However, any individual wishing to participate on his own can do so.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. Kuenzi, Jr.  
Secretary

# SWISSAIR

RESERVATIONS—INFORMATION  
781-5880

THE AIRLINE OF SWITZERLAND • 504 HANNA BLDG., 1422 EUCLID AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

SALES — ADMINISTRATION  
781-7510



November 25, 1968

Mr. Renee Nigg  
Honorary Consul of Switzerland  
928 Frick Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

Dear Mr. Nigg:

I am enclosing herewith a small supply of flyers announcing the respective departure dates to Zurich of the Alpenroesli Singing Society of Navarre, Ohio.

In the event that somebody should be interested in your territory to join either departure, please drop me a note and I shall be most happy to send additional information, if needed.

May I thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter. Looking forward hearing from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
S W I S S A I R

*Joachim P. Beekmans / ekr*  
Joachim P. Beekmans  
District Sales Manager

JTB:ekr  
enclosure





SWISS CONSULAR AGENCY

November 29, 1968

Dear Harry,

It is with great regret that due to other committments within my business neither Diane nor I will be able to join all of you on this occasion, nevertheless I wish to comment on one part of your questionnaire. Since there is obviously a demand from some sources to hold our traditional first of August celebration on a weekday evening at North Park, and since the primary purpose of this event is to accommodate as many of the Swiss as possible, I wish to take this opportunity to suggest to the committee in charge that they consider holding next years event on this basis as a trial. In my opinion to let people vote on an unknown quantity is hardly relevent.

Wishing all of you the very best of success for tonight's event, I remain

Cordially yours,



December 4, 1968

Mr. Peter Ebner  
Swissair  
Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Pete:

Please find enclosed the announcement of our annual dinner party at which time the annual general assembly meeting will be held immediately following dinner.

This would be a wonderful time to present any proposal for a future flight to Switzerland for our members. I realize after our conversation in October that a spring trip may be too late to talk about but a late summer or fall trip could perhaps be planned.

If you cannot attend our party on December 21, 1968, will you kindly drop me a line with perhaps some proposals or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Jacob  
President

HWJ/fmj

December 21, 1968

The Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh had their annual Christmas Dinner meeting at Cranberry Hall. A cocktail hour was held, followed by a delicious dinner and short business meeting.

The November 10th minutes were read and approved. Reports were given as follows: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2600.90 at this time.

The Membership Secretary showed a chart with the status of our membership when the organization began to the present state. We now have 153 members. Originally there were 80 members - net gain 73 members.

The election of officers took place and the following were elected:

Arthur Rudolf - President

Heinz Gonser - Vice President

Trudy Kuenzi - Secretary

Frank Fischer - Treasurer

Florence Cappe - Membership Secretary

Board of Directors: Walter Heer - 2 years

Paul Debrunner - 2 years

Ann Brown - 1 year

Auditors: Arthur Burgi

Werner Schneider

Paul Debrunner made a motion to give a 5 year pin for the services of the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koval and carried.

Past President Harry Jacob turned over our Charter to the newly elected President Arthur Rudolf.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a tombola and music for dancing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trudy Kuenzi*  
Secretary

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY  
PITTSBURGH, Pa.

January 3, 1968

TO OUR MEMBERSHIP:

It is our pleasure to invite you and your friends to see a film which has been made available to us by the Swiss Embassy as well as two Swiss films made available through one of our members.

DAVOS PARSENN (in color--20 min.)

DIE RHONE (in color--20 min.)

ATTENTION AVALANCHE (in color--45 min. - English comment)

It shows the principles of avalanche formation, the operation of Swiss warning system, gives hints for correct behavior of saiers in avalanche danger.

January 14, 1968 (Sunday afternoon) 3 to 5 P.M.

No Admission charge -- doors open at 2 P.M.

Robert Morris School (downtown Pittsburgh)

610 Fifth Avenue\* -- Fourth Floor -- Elevator will be running.

Please enter rear entrance.

We will be pleased to have you there.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY

\*Behind City County Building