

Tony K. Emmenegger
P.O. Box 301
Bethel Park, PA 15102

January 14, 1985

Members of the Board of the Swiss American Society
Mrs. Barbara Kuenzi
106 Pine Tree Drive
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

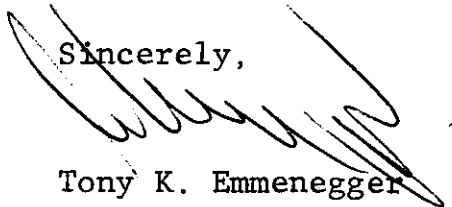
Ladies & Gentlemen:

Following our earlier letter to the Greater Swiss Community of Western Pennsylvania (copy of which is enclosed), we would appreciate the opportunity of an early meeting with you to discuss the issues raised in our correspondence.

May we draw your attention to the second paragraph on page 2 where we state our preference for a business-like discussion that is likely to result in a mutually acceptable compromise. We are looking forward to your contacting the undersigned at 539-4708 (office) or 831-8968 (home) to make arrangements for a meeting in the not-too-distant future.

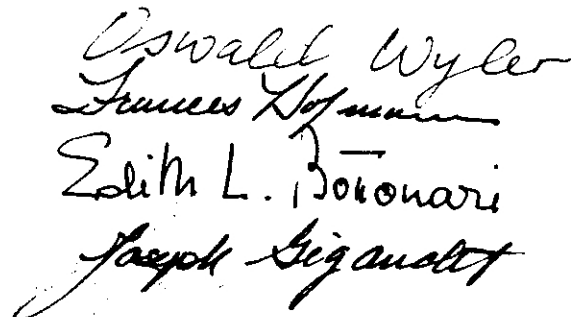
We appreciate your honest and serious consideration of our initiative and we are looking forward to our discussions.

Sincerely,


Tony K. Emmenegger

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Enclosure


Oswald Wyler
Frances Hoffman
Edith L. Bononari
Joseph Sigault

Chères Compatriotes et Amis de la Suisse
Cari Compatrioti e Amici della Svizzera
Liebe Mitbürger und Freunde der Schweiz

Over the past years a situation has been developing in the Swiss community of Pittsburgh which recently has resulted in a frank confrontation. It seems urgent to analyze the developments which brought on the present impasse and then to search for an amicable solution. This will require give and take from all concerned.

For many years the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, under the vigorous leadership of Florence Cappe has been the sole organized group in town that concerned itself with Swiss affairs. The activities of this Society consist in organizing a picnic commemorating Swiss Independence day and a Christmas dinner held at Cranberry Hall. Occasionally the Society has organized trips to New Glarus or to festivals of Swiss clubs in other states or towns. Recently the membership has shown little interest in the latter affairs.

The Swiss-American Society has, for many years, been unable to recruit first generation Swiss living in or around Pittsburgh. These compatriots have shown little interest in joining presumably because of a total lack of interesting and patriotic programs. Under Article II of the constitution of the Swiss-American Society one reads that it is the purpose of the Society to "Acquaint Swiss and Americans with the scientific and cultural life and achievements of both nations as an aid to good relationship and understanding between their people." It is stated further "in order to achieve the foregoing general aims, the Society shall undertake activities such as social gatherings, reception and entertainment of Swiss visitors, newcomers and friends of Switzerland; an August 1st celebration; lectures and discussions; musical and athletic events; meetings of professional and scientific groups and similar activities." These are noble aims indeed; however, during the last 10 years they have not been pursued.

The reasons for this may well reside in the management of the Society. Under the tight control of Florence Cappe, a small group of loyal followers have found a way to be re-elected to office year after year and "outsiders" who may have brought new ideas and a different style were carefully excluded. Two recent exceptions to this, Oswald Wyler and Heinz Kunz, are first generation Swiss who joined the Society and each served as vice president and then president. Their efforts to bring about change, however, have been frustrated by the board of directors and as the result of unpleasant confrontations, Heinz Kunz has resigned his presidency. This is a most unhealthy development which will add significantly to the polarization amongst the Swiss community at large and the Society.

During the last few years a number of first generation Swiss and their American friends have established contact and have come together to celebrate the 1st of August in the spirit of Switzerland with Swiss food, Swiss music and conversation in their native languages. This group, at the present time, numbers approximately 50 people and they are adamant in their desire to establish a truly representative Swiss Society. This course of action has been discussed for some time and there is considerable interest to move in the direction of establishing a Swiss organization independent of the Swiss-American

Society. Such a move would split the Swiss into two camps and would further add to the present unhealthy climate.

As compromise is usually the best way to solve problems such as the one that exists today, we the undersigned would be pleased to entertain discussions on this subject with the officers of the Swiss-American Society to come to a mutually satisfactory conclusion. Should such a course of action fail to resolve the problem, it seems highly likely that a competing Swiss organization will be formed.

For the group interested in a better Swiss organization in Pittsburgh,

Please sign the enclosed sheet of paper and return it at your earliest convenience to:

Dr. Heinz Kunz
4742 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Your signature will be reproduced at the end of this letter along with the signatures of approximately 40 others who support this position. The letter will be mailed to all the members of the Swiss community and members of the Swiss-American Society.

Date changed

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

January 21, 1985

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

²¹
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: ~~ANN SMITH-JONES HOME~~ *Flo Coppes*
~~113 cKay St.~~
~~Pgh., Pa. 15218~~ (Regent Square - Edgewood Area)
Phone: ~~731-5511~~

Directions are enclosed or call Ann.

Please call Ann if you are unable to attend.

Barbara
Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary

FEBRUARY 21, 1985 BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh met in the home of Florence Cappe. The following were present: Hans Leumann, Robert Leuenberger, Barbara Kuenzi, Florence Jacob, Florence Cappe, John Hone and Walter Schaller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A thank you note was received from Betty Montgomery and Hazel Von Arx for flowers sent to Paula Von Arx. A letter was read from Karol Schaier of Honolulu, Hawaii regarding thanks for reading her letter to our members regarding rental of a room in her home.

The Treasurer reported a balance on 1/24/85 of \$3447.92. We had a yearly interest on our account of \$281.90 and had a profit on the Christmas Dinner party of \$14.29.

It was moved by Bob Leuenberger and seconded to pay Harry Jacob \$85.00 for the permit for the summer picnic to be held on August 4, 1985. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barbara Kuenzi and seconded to make Honorary members of Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Feller. Motion carried.

It was discussed on having postal cards printed with information regarding overdue dues and to quote the section in our By-Laws regarding payment of dues.

A letter was read from the Handharmonika Orchestra regarding a performance in Pittsburgh and asking for our participation as sponsors. It was agreed not to do so.

Plans were discussed to plan a trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend the 31st Swiss American Singing Festival on June 21, 22, 23, 1985. A separate mailing will be made on this.

There being no further, the meeting was adjourned. *Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Kuenzi, Sec.*

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SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

March 18, 1985

DATE: Thursday, ~~March 28~~ 1985 *April 11, 1985*

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Bob Leuenberger's home
101 Ida Drive
Glenshaw, Pa. 15116
Phone: 486-3374

Directions are enclosed or call Bob for further instructions.

Please call Bob if you are unable to attend.

Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

March 1985

WHAT: "CHARTERED BUS TOUR"

PRICE: \$72.00 round trip (bus fare)

WHEN: June 21, 22, 23, 1985

WHERE: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

EVENT: 31st SWISS AMERICAN SINGING FESTIVAL

HEADQUARTERS: Marc Plaza Hotel

RATES: Double Room \$60.00 (3 in a room \$65.00)
(4 in a room \$70.00)

DEPARTURE: Leave Pittsburgh - Thursday, June 20th - 10 P.M.
Arrive Milwaukee, Friday noon

RETURN: Leave Milwaukee - Sunday noon
Arrive Pittsburgh, 12 Midnight

NOTE: This tour is packed with activities too numerous to mention.

For more detailed information, call FLORENCE CAPPE (931-0143).
She has all the data and will accept reservations on a
"First Come, First Reserved Basis".

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS is May 1st.

The attached sheet is just a partial list of activities and prices.
You do NOT have to buy the Fest Card if you wish to attend other
festival functions. Events may be purchased separately.

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Mail to: Mrs. Florence Cappe
600 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229

APRIL 11, 1985 BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh met in the home of Bob Leuenberger. Those present were: Hans Leumann, Ann Smithhammer, John Hone, Joan Gloor, Florence Cappe, Florence Jacob, Barbara Kuenzi, and Bob Leuenberger. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter will be sent again to the Swiss Publishing Co., Inc. in New York to change the president's name and address. as listed in their newspaper.

A trip to Milwaukee on June 21, 22 and 23rd was discussed. The Swiss Singing Society of Milwaukee is hosting the 31st Swiss American Singing Festival. Information to be sent out to our members will be compiled by Florence Cappe and the deadline for reservations will be May 1st. A motion was made by Bob Leuenberger to take a 1/4 page ad in the sovenir book. Motion was seconded and carried.

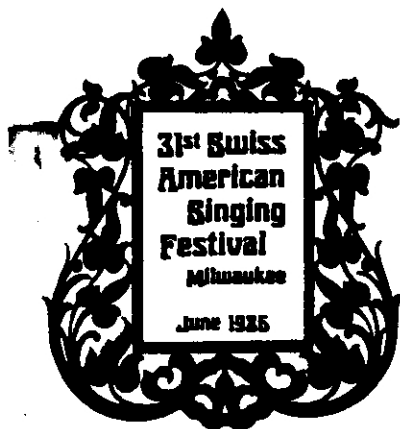
A letter was read from Walter Schaller regarding food for the Annual Picnic. Bob Leuenberger volunteered to take care of the pop and beer. More definite plans will be made at the next board meeting to be held at Ann Smithhammer's on June 6th.
by Ann Smithhammer

It was moved/and seconded to have the Christmas Dinner & Meeting at Gregory's. John Hone is to reserve a date, preferably Dec. 6th. \$100.00 deposit will be required.

There being no further Business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kuenzi
Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary



Swiss Singing Society of Milwaukee

June 21, 22, 23, 1985

FEST CARD DETAILS

For your information, the following explains the details of our Fest Card. You will find our card includes all meals with the exception of breakfast, which we left to your leisure.

- * One **COMPLIMENTARY TOAST** to your arrival.
- * **GALA DINNER** on Friday evening served in the beautiful **CRYSTAL BALLROOM** of the Marc Plaza Hotel located in the heart of downtown Milwaukee. Dancing and entertainment follows. \$ 12.00
- * **CATERED LUNCH** on Saturday at **MECCA/Auditorium** located a short walk from the hotel. \$ 12.00
- * **PRIVATE RECEPTION** at the Milwaukee Public Museum including **CATERED BUFFET EVENING MEAL**. Guided tours of the 'Old Streets of Milwaukee' and the 'European Village' will be given for your enjoyment. \$ 10.00
- * **ADMISSION** to the Grand Concert held at the Milwaukee Auditorium (Bruce Hall). Dancing and Gemuetlichkeit will follow in the hotel's lovely **EMPIRE BALLROOM**. \$ 2.00
- * **DELICIOUS CATERED NOON MEAL** served at the Old Heidelberg Park/Bavarian Inn planned by well known Swiss Chef. \$ 14.00
- * **SOUVENIR BOOK**, describing Switzerland and its culture, will be attractive, informative and well worth saving.
- * **SOUVENIR GIFT** and
- * **UNIQUE and USEFUL FEST BADGE** specially designed for us in Switzerland. \$ 6.00

We know you will enjoy our festival which has been planned with YOU in mind. Hospitality - good food - lovely accommodations - great entertainment - all around Gemuetlichkeit will be yours to remember. We welcome you to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the City of Festivals, on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan.

Please reply to: The price for the Fest Card.....\$68.00 per person
8238 North Allen Lane
Milwaukee, WI 53217

4-11-85

To the Board of Directors of the S.A.S.

I am very sorry that I am not able to attend tonight's meeting, especially because I know the picnic activities were going to be discussed. I am writing a few ideas and questions that I hope you would consider.

If it is decided that we will do our own Swiss cooking and food preparation, I would be more than glad to organize the food committee and make menu suggestions. I have one item which is of immediate concern and that is having Raclette as a side dish at the picnic. We have a special electric oven for this and my father would be able to prepare this. My Uncle in Switzerland makes his own Walliserhäse and I will have him send one if it approved by the board of Directors & that the club would be willing to pay the cost. My other Uncle in Dayton also wants one so I could order two and we could split the airfreight charges. I am not sure how much the total of the cheese will be. (Please ask Florence to let me know if you would like to order one.)

I have spoken with Eberhard & Rita Müller about entertaining at the picnic. I think this would be a great improvement over listening to records. They are both from Germany and they will sing, jodel and play the accordion and ~~alphorn~~ Alphorn. I am sure that the costs would be within reason. (\$100.00 est.)

Rita

Rita is also the head cook at the Teutonia and I will speak to the Teutonia President and Vice President about using their ^{kitchen} facilities to prepare the food for the Kitchess-Binni.

If our group goes to Milwaukee, I think we should reconsider putting at least a quarter page ad in the souvenir book if there is still time. Putting on an event like this requires a lot of money and by taking out an ad we would be showing we are really supporting their affair. This would also draw attention to the fact that there is an active Swiss Society in Pittsburgh.

W Schalle

April 12, 1985

Swiss-American Society Of Pgh.
John W. Hone

We are in receipt of your deposit check in the amount
of \$100.00 confirming your banquet reservation for

Friday December 6, 1985 at 6:30PM.

Thank you for selecting Gregory's Restaurant for your
upcoming affair and we look forward to hearing from
you within a few weeks of your event with more particulars.

With Compliments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele D. Piacquadio".

Banquet Directors
R. W. Duhon
Michele Piacquadio

May 15, 1985

The Swiss Publishing Co., Inc.
608 Fifth Ave., Suite 609
New York, N. Y. 10020

SUBJECT: LISTING IN SWISS AMERICAN REVIEW

Gentlemen:

Would you please change the listing in your "Swiss American Review" newspaper for the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh to read:

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF PITTSBURGH

Mrs. Hans Leumann, President, (412-222-1562)
P.O. Box 91, Washington, Pa. 15301
Mrs. Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary (412-824-0449)
100 Pine Tree Drive, Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary

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JUNE 5, 1985 BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Swiss- American Society of Pittsburgh met.

Those present were: Ann Smithhammer, John Hone, Walter Schaller, Joan Gloor, Hans Leumann, Florence Cappe and Barbara Kuenzi. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter was received from a group in Switzerland (Sardona Films) wanting our group to sponsor a stop and performance in Pittsburgh. Hans Leumann will write a lettering offering our regrets.

It was reported that a \$50.00 ad money had been sent to the Swiss- American Society of Milwaukee for an ad in the Festival booklet.

The Summer picnic was discussed. Supervising the preparation of the food will be Walter Schaller. It was decided to have Raclette at an additional charge and also Swiss beer. Live Alpine music will be secured. Badges are to be secured and distributed by Florence Jacob.

Florence Cappe reported that approximately 23 had made reservations for the trip to Milwaukee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



ANNUAL SWISS PICNIC

DATE: Sunday, August 4, 1985

1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Activities Building, Riverview Park (same place as last year)

We are adding some interesting features. Of special attraction will be our dinner menu which will include Kalbsbratwurst (veal sausage), several salads and Swiss type pasteries. Raclette and Swiss beer will be available at an EXTRA COST. Live Alpine music should add a touch of authenticity to top off our day.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Bring along your own pitcher, glasses and a lawn chair.

TICKETS: Joan Gloor will be in the building to check you in and give you a ticket for your meal. BE SURE TO CHECK WITH JOAN.

GAMES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

TOMBOLA

FRIENDS ARE INVITED

PRICE: \$6.00 for adults \$4.00 for children (12 or under)

Anyone wishing to bring their own basket supper may pay only \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child (12 or under) to cover the cost of beverages. Please submit this with your reservation.

Please fill out the attached reservation form and return it with your check by JULY 15th to: (Make check payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh)

Mrs. Florence Cappe
600 Perrysville Ave.

Pgh., Pa. 15229 (PHONE: 931-0143)

SPECIAL NOTE: Reserve FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1985 for the Christmas Dinner.

Please reserve:

_____ Adults @\$6.00 each

_____ Children @ \$4.00 each

Bringing own basket:

_____ Adults @\$3.00 each

_____ Children @ \$1.00 each

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

_____ Amount enclosed

August 16, 1985

Consul Charles Claudon
149 Teton Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239

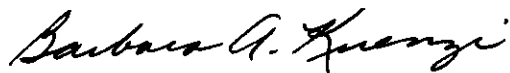
Dear Consul Claudon:

We are enclosing your check which you gave for the August 4th picnic.

Thank you for your kind gesture but in respect for your position as consul the Board prefers to keep your reservations complimentary.

We were glad your schedule permitted you to be there and hope that you can make it to the Christmas Dinner Party on Friday, December 6th. Info on that will be mailed later.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary

Enclosure

Sept. 1., 1955

Mr. Daniel Luffet
2186 Old Mill Lane Road
Grove City, Pa. 15127

Dear Daniel,

Thanks for your letter regarding information about our Swiss-American Society here in Pittsburgh. Please excuse my delay in answering but I was traveling a little and it was sent to our past president's address. He is very kind in forwarding things to us though.

We just had a picnic in August (to celebrate Aug. 1st) and we are planning a Christmas dinner meeting on December 8th. In June, we traveled to Milwaukee to attend the 31st Swiss-American Singing Festival.

We are basically a social organization and have no set place of meeting. In the past we have participated in the Folk Festival in Pittsburgh, had receptions for the consuls, trips to Sugarcreek, Ohio and New Glarus, Wisconsin and other get-togethers as a special occasion arose.

Our present president's name is: Mr. Hans Leumann, P.O. Box 91, Washington, Pa. 15301. Our membership secretary is: Mrs. Florence Cappe,, 600 Ferrysville Ave., Pgh., Pa. 15229. We have an executive board meeting in October and I will give your letter to Florence and I am sure that she will contact you if possible. I will keep your address too and mail you a notice of the Christmas dinner meeting.

Our members are mostly from all over western Pennsylvania and are all ages. We do speak English but I would say at least half can speak Swiss.

I personally live in Turtle Creek close to Rt. 22. (Between Wilkinsburg and New Castle). If you would ever have time to visit down here, please feel free to call to see if I am home and come for a visit. We have a lot of relatives on my husband's side of the family in Switzerland. I have visited several times with them.

Thanks again for your letter and I hope that we can get to meet you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary
106 Pine Tree Drive
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145
412-824-0449

Phone Nos.:
Hans Leumann 222-1562
Florence Cappe 931-0143

P.S.: Daniel, on Sept. 28th there is a Swiss Cheese Festival in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The parade is about 12 or 1:00 and it is a lot of fun. I plan to go.

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Oct. 2, 1985

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 17, 1985

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: John Hone's home
157 Beram Ave.
Bridgeville, Pa. 15017

Phone: 221-3471

Please call John if you need directions

also, call if you are unable to attend.

Barbara A. Kuenzi
Secretary

OCTOBER 17, 1985 BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh met in the home of John Hone. Those present were: Hans Leumann, Florence Cappe, Florence Jacob, John Hone, Ann Smithhammer, Walter Schaller, Bob Leuenberger and Barbara Kuenzi.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a Balance on hand of \$3565.75. Also read was a report on the picnic. The Society made a profit of \$57.30 on the picnic. Walter Schaller was thanked for preparing the food for the picnic.

Plans were made for the Christmas Dinner Party. A menu of choice of Scrod stuffed with crab meat and prime rib roast, Soup du Jour, Tossed salad, baked potato, broccolli and Hot fudge sundae for dessert. Wine will be provided for during the meal. Florence Cappe will receive reservations. Harry Jacob is to be asked to get wine for the tombola. John Hone is to order 6 poinsetta's. Walter Schaller is to coordinate the tombola.

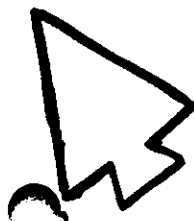
The following persons will be asked to make up a nominating committee: Charles Erb, Gloria Sutter, Ernie Gubser, Trudy Kuenzi and Harry Jacob. Three will serve on the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA



Dear Member:

Plans are being made for another Holiday Dinner Party. We hope that you have reserved FRIDAY, December 6, 1985 and will be joining us at:

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

PETERS PLACE (formerly Gregory's)
1199 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, Pa. 15017
(Kirwan Heights Exit off of 79) 221-5000

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 6, 1985 (NOTE: Friday this year)

CASH BAR: 6:30 P.M.

DINNER: 7:00 P.M.

MENU: Choice of: Scrod stuffed with crab meat or
Prime Rib Roast of Beef

Wine will be served with the meal

DOOR PRIZES AND TOMBOLA

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRICE: \$18.00 per person

O.K. to invite your friends

In order to eliminate some confusion and time at the dinner, please mail your 1986 dues (\$3.00) with your reservation and ballot to Florence Cappe. If you do not plan to attend the dinner, please mail your dues and ballot to Florence.

Send reservation, ballot and dues to: Mrs. Florence Cappe
600 Perrysville Ave.
Pgh., Pa. 15229 (Phone: 931-0143)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: November 15th. Please observe the deadline and have yours in to Florence by the 15th (not mailed on the 15th).

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

FROHLICHE WEINACHTEN * * * * * HAPPY HOLIDAYS * * * * * JOYEUX NOEL

Please Reserve:

_____ Dinner Reservations @ \$18.00 each

\$ 3.00 _____ Dues

_____ Enclosed herewith

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

211 CODE _____ PHONE _____

Be sure to check dinner choice: SCROD _____

PRIME RIB _____

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

November 1985

BALLOT

The following ballot was submitted by the Nominating Committee. If for any reason this ballot does not meet with your approval, please write in your choice and VOTE.

Send the ballot along with your dinner reservation. If you do not plan to attend the dinner, please mail your ballot anyway.

PRESIDENT: Hans Leumann _____

VICE PRESIDENT: John Fankhauser _____

SECRETARY: Barbara Kuenzi _____

TREASURER: Florence Jacob _____

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Florence Cappe _____

AUDITORS: Robert Leuenberger Jr. _____
(Vote for Two)

Gloria Sutter _____

DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Alice Wilson _____
(Vote for Two)

Mabel Muntwyler _____

Board members Joan Gloor and Walter Schaller have one more year of a two-year term to serve. We wish to thank all those who serve on the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Charles Erb
Ernest Gubser
Harry Jacob

RESUME OF 1985 ACTIVITIES

The Executive Board held five meetings during the year of 1985.

Plans were made for a trip to Milwaukee for the Swiss-American Singing Society Festival, a picnic and the Holiday Dinner Party.

Notices of these events were sent to all members.

A ballot of nominees for officers and board members was prepared by the Nominating Committee, Charles Erb, Ernest Gubser and Harry Jacob. This was mailed along with the dinner announcement to all members.

December 6, 1985

The Christmas Dinner meeting of the Swiss - American Society was held at Peter's Place, Kewman Heights. The meeting was called to order by the president, Hans Leumann. A welcome was given by Hans followed by a prayer. Congratulations and sincere thanks were given to the Schallers for cooking for the summer picnic. Thanks also was given to Rudy Kuenzi for again making fanny.

The Secretary read a resume of activities of the organization for 1985. The treasurer reported:

Balance on hand. 12/1/85 \$3196.82

Closing balance \$3601.67

The treasurer gave a report on the 1984 Christmas dinner and the summer picnic.

The Membership Secretary read a report on the membership listing 203 individual memberships, 22 Honorary and 1 Life member. New members were introduced.

Auditor, Pat Leuenberger Jr. reported the treasurer's ^{books} report were audited and in good order.

~~The~~ Charles Erb reported the results of the election of officers. The following were elected to serve in 1986:

President: Hans Leumann

Vice President: John Buckhauer

Secretary: Barbara Quenzi

Treasurer: Florence Jacob

Membership Secretary: Florence Cappe

Auditors: Robert Levinberger, Jr. and
Gloria Sutter

Directors at Large: Alice Wilson and

Mabel Muntwyler

Tickets for a tombola were sold and
the raffle held.

The president wished everyone a very
Merry Christmas with safe and happy holidays.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Barbara Quenzi

Berne Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 85
Berne, IN 46711
April 1, 1985

Dr. Heinz Junz, President
Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
4742 Centre Ave. Apt. 604
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

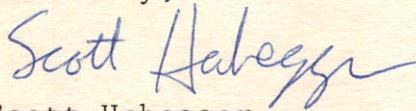
Dear Dr. Junz:

This year as in the past, we in Berne will be celebrating Swiss Days on the last weekend of July. We have had a yodeling contest the last few years, and we hope that this year's contest will be the biggest ever.

This is where we would like your assistance. Could you send us a list of people in your area who can yodel so that we may send them an invitation to our contest?

Thank you!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Habegger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Habegger" clearly distinguishable.

Scott Habegger
Director, Berne Chamber of Commerce



March 29, 1985

Gentlemen:

In association with the "Federation del'Industrie Horlogere Suisse", a project has been initiated to promote the rediscovery of the Swiss Watch Industry of today to the American Watch Trade. The enclosed documentation offers you a complete description of the proposed trip. We would very much appreciate your collaboration for the distribution of the enclosed information among the members of your association.

I, Willy E. Giroud - presently the Vice-President of the "Swiss Watch Technical Center", and, on my way to being retired, will be your technical guide during the trip. I have already arranged for visits to the most interesting watch factories.

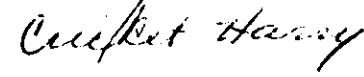
You can call the travel agency for the general information. If you need additional technical documentation, please call me. Following are the addresses and phone numbers of both myself and the travel agency.

Willy E. Giroud
277 Bluff View Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717)569-9682

Bon Voyage Travel
221 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717)291-8900

Sincerely Yours,


Willy E. Giroud


Cricket Harry
Owner of Bon Voyage Travel

TIME THE SWISS WAY is pioneering technology

About 500 years ago, nothing seemed to predispose the Swiss to becoming the world's premier watchmakers. Nothing that is, save their scenic, yet rugged land. Barely more than 6% of Switzerland's territory is arable. There is no gas, oil, or other natural resources to speak of. Yet, the country had to live. Thanks to its inhabitants' resourcefulness, it has.

Situated at the crossroads of Europe, Switzerland has always been open to the flow of ideas and of people and goods as well. Today's industrial revolution is taking place in the realm of micro-mechanics and micro-electronics; areas where Swiss watchmakers are active and productive. Where, as so often in the past, the watch industry is providing more than its share of pioneering leadership creating the future of Time.

In collaboration with the "Federation de l'Industrie Horlogere Suisse" and many factories, the opportunity to discover the Swiss Watch Industry of today, is being offered to you. Explore the Swiss Watch Industry of today, its potential, its factories, and its leaders. And since we will be in Switzerland, why not enjoy the beautiful and scenic Switzerland as well.

TRIP DATES: September 16 - 26, 1985

COST PER PERSON: \$1,540.00 sharing a double room

Single supplement is \$130.00

Rate is based on the value of the Swiss Franc as of January 15, 1985

YOUR SWITZERLAND TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Roundtrip (economy class) airfare between New York and Geneva via SWISSAIR
- * Transportation and touring in Switzerland by ultra modern bus
- * Continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- * City tour of Berne with an English speaking guide
- * City tour of Geneva with an English speaking guide
- * Guided tours of three watch manufactures
- * Nine (9) nights accommodations in First Class Hotels with private bath in each room
- * Boat ride from Laveno to Pallanza
- * Taxes and gratuities on the above features
- * Escorted by Mr. Willy Giroud - Vice-President of the Swiss Watch Technical Center

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Please see reverse side for booking information.

**DEPOSIT & FINAL
PAYMENT:**

A \$150.00 per person deposit is required to secure your reservation. Final payment is due on or before August 2, 1985.

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations received prior to August 2, will receive a full refund. On or after August 2, a cancellation would result in total loss of all monies paid, except for the airfare portion. The airfare is refundable until September 1, at which time you would be penalized 25% of the airfare. The tour price is based on the current airfare of \$641.00.

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Enclosed is my \$150 per person deposit for the "Swiss Watchmaker" tour on September 16 - 26, 1985.

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**Welcome
to Switzerland.**



WHY SWITZERLAND?

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- Sept. 16 Flight from New York, J.F.K., to Geneva, Switzerland via SWISSAIR
- Sept. 17 After a morning arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Geneva where you will have a chance to rest before having lunch at the hotel. An English speaking guide will give you a tour of Geneva in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 18 Following a morning visit to a reknown Swiss watch manufacture in Geneva and lunch, you will be taken to Berne by way of Lausanne and Vevey. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 19 Using Berne as a base, you will visit one of the factories of the ETA Group - Marin Electronique. After lunch in Neuchatel and a spectacular view of the Alps, you will proceed to La Chaux-de-Fonds for a visit of the "International Museum of Horology". You will return to Berne by way of St. IMIER, Bienne, and Lyss. In the evening, members of the "Federation de l'Industrie Horlogere Suisse" will be present to describe "What is today the Swiss Watch Industry".
- Sept. 20 A free morning in Berne. In the afternoon we will visit another important watch factory. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 21 Today you will pass through some of the most beautiful countryside in the world. The motorcoach will take you to the charming town of Lugano in southern Switzerland. However, you will first drive through Interlaken, Grimsel Pass, Gletsch, Nufenen Pass, the Valley of Bedretto, Airolo, Biasca, and Mount Ceneri, just to mention a few of the unforgettable places. Dinner at the hotel and then perhaps a walk by the lake.
- Sept. 22 A free day for shopping and sightseeing in this picturesque town. A short excursion into the countryside may be arranged. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 23 Today you will witness the truly wide variety of Swiss cultures as you leave the Italian speaking people of Lugano and proceed to the French speaking people of Montreux. Your journey will include a boat ride from Laveno to Pallanza, travel through Domodossola, the famed Simplon Pass, Brique, le Valais, and along Lake Lemman, more popularly referred to as Lake Geneva. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 24 A free day to explore this charming town nestled in the mountains along Lake Lemman. Dinner arrangements to be announced later.
- Sept. 25 Enjoy your last day in Montreux, for after lunch you will be driven back to Geneva. Dinner at the hotel.
- Sept. 26 You will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to the United States.

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Dear Barbara Kuenzi;

I wanted to write to you for some time now, to express my gratitude for your help and your very gracious letter of November 8. 1984. It was trully nice of you to go to the trouble.

How was your Christmas Party? I do hope it was a success. I have a letter from a member in your Club... Anne Smithhammer.. and Sabine Aischermann, her house guest. Who is possibly coming here in the future. We have house guest or zimmergäste in comon... it seems. And our Neighbor also a Swiss is also doing this. having an "Appenzeller" at this time but for a special price by the Month of \$400⁰⁰ us. Over the Holidays I have a "Zimmergast" from Berne for the same special monthly rate (this doesn't include meals.) We enjoy this. We have met some very nice people. I hope we will meet too someday in the future.

With Friendly Regards:

Karol Schaefer