

MEETING ON MAY 14, 1986

The Executive Board meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh met in the home of Barbara Kuenzi.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance as of 5/14/86 of \$3650.98.

Due to the ~~resignation~~ of Florence Cappe as Membership Secretary, the President suggested asking Trudy Kuenzi to fill the vacancy. A phone call was made to Trudy and she accepted.

The Christmas Holiday Party reservations were made at Peter's Place in Kirwan Heights for Sunday, December 7th.

The August 3rd Picnic was discussed. Hans Leumann is to ask Jerry Williams to do the children's games and Ernie Gubser for the adult games. Walter Schaller will cook and supply the dinner meal. Harry Jacob will be asked to take care of the beverages. Florence Jacob will handle the Tombola. Mabel Muntwyler will get the guessing games. Hans Leumann will ask Chuck Erb to bring the PA system. Walter Schaller will ask Eberhardt Miller to play music. Alice Wilson will handle the cheese stabbing game. \*\*

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

\*\* Prices for the picnic will be \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children; if you bring your own basket the prices will be \$3.00 adults and \$1.00 for children.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara A. Kuenzi*

Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary

June 20, 1986

Mr. Frederic Lehmann  
3915 Greenway Dr.  
Erie, Pa. 16506

Dear Mr. Lehmann,

Thank you for your letter dated June 13th. Please excuse my delay in answering it. I was on vacation in Alaska and just returned on 6/24. Anyway we got together!

Our Swiss-American Society is 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 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.

We are having a picnic to celebrate the Swiss Independence Day. It will be on August 3rd. I have enclosed a notice on it.

I personally live in Turtle Creek close to Route 22 (between Wilkinsburg and Monroeville). 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.

As to information about Washington, Pa., I do not know any. I will remind Hans Leumann about your letter. A couple of years ago I rented a cabin in North East, Pa. and visited in Erie. It was nice in the summer but I know that Erie is in a snow zone during the winter!

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

# SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

## ANNUAL SWISS PICNIC

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1986

1:00 P.M.

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

As a result of the excellent comments after last year's picnic, we will again have a dinner menu more along the Swiss type - wurst, salads and Swiss type pastries. Raclette and Swiss beer will be available at an EXTRA COST. Live music will be provided for your entertainment.

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

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

GAMES will start promptly at 2:30 P.M.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

DINNER at 5:00 P.M.

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 (list all names of those attending) and return with your check by JULY 15th to: (Make check payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh)

Mrs. Barbara A. Kuenzi  
106 Pine Tree Drive  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145 (PHONE: 824-0449)

SPECIAL NOTE: Reserve: SUNDAY, December 7, 1986 for the Christmas dinner party

Please reserve:

Adults @ \$6.00 each

Children @ \$4.00 each

Bringing own basket:

Adults @ \$3.00 each

Children @ \$1.00 each

NAME (s) \_\_\_\_\_

ESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed

## SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY

REPORT - PICNIC, 1986Receipts

Dinners	\$ 771.50
Swiss Beer Sales	12.00
Badges	69.00
Food Sale	9.00
Tombola	<u>229.00</u>
	<b>\$1,090.50</b>

Expenses

<u>Tombola</u>	
Wine	62.33
Fruit Baskets	14.11
Chocolate	9.90
Cheese	15.97
Posters (no chg.)	<u>-</u>
	<u>102.31</u>
12 bottles Swiss Beer	<u>10.33</u>
	<u>112.64</u>

<u>Prizes</u>	
Wine	12.00
Peanuts	3.98
Chocolate	1.98
Children	<u>34.93</u>
	<u>52.89</u>

<u>Beer Expense</u>	
Swiss Beer	20.66
Ice	2.10
Cups & Soft Drinks	12.31
Iron City	<u>46.64</u>
	<u>81.71</u>
Less: Tombola (Swiss Beer)	<u>10.33</u>
	<u>71.38</u>

<u>General Expense</u>	
Permits	85.00
Flyers	7.95
Eggs	1.70
Towels	.45
Onion Sauce (Cash out)	6.00
Watermelon	3.78
Beans	-
Equipment Rental (Kitchen)	20.00
Music	100.00
Food	509.75
Badges	<u>75.00</u>
	<u>809.63</u>
	<u>1,046.54</u>

Profit

\$ 43.96

SEPTEMBER 4, 1986 MEETING

The Executive Board of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh met in the home of Mabel Muntwyler. Those present were: Hans Leumann, John Fankhauser, Trudy Kuenzi, Barbara Kuenzi, Florence Jacob, Alice Wilson and Mabel Muntwyler.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$3837.99. A breakdown on the summer picnic was distributed. There was a Profit on the picnic of \$43.96. Two recommendations for next year are: Discontinue selling the Swiss beer and help should be lined up to clean up the area at the close of the picnic.

A thank you note was received from the Jossi family for the memorial gift for Mrs. Ida Jossi.

Membership Report: Trudy Kuenzi recommended the following persons be nominated for Honorary membership: Margaret DeForest, Freda Feller, Sophia Hahn, Freda Hoesly, Rose Lienhard and Charles Jufer. By special unanimous action of the Board, the recommendation was accepted. A motion was made by John Fankhauser and seconded to have special cards made out for them. A motion was made by Barbara Kuenzi and seconded to accept Sandra Kuenzi for membership. Both motions were carried. Dr. Harold Footerman reapplied for membership.

Plans were made for the summer picnic for 1987. It was recommended by the Board that we get a permit for Riverview Park again preferably for Sunday, August 2, 1987. If that date is not available, then Saturday, August 1st. Harry Jacob will be asked to secure the permit.

John Fankhauser suggested that if he is elected president he will invite Consul Claudon to a meeting to coordinate activities of the Swiss groups in the New Year.

A reception for the Swiss Ambassador was discussed. John Fankhauser is to contact Consul Claudon and make plans for this. It was agreed to work with

the Consul in making arrangements.

Names were suggested for members of the nominating committee. They were:

Sam Gerber, Bob Leuenberger, Jr., Adolph Gloor, Ann Smithhammer, Henry Heer, Sr.,

Mrs. Wyler, Hazel Von Arx or Betty Montgomery. Barbara Kuenzi was to contact them and contact them to serve.

The Christmas Dinner party was discussed. It was decided to serve a choice of stuffed chicken breast or prime rib roast of beef, fresh fruit cup, tossed salad, green beans almondine, heavenly potato and sundae's. Wine will be ordered to be served with the meal. A PA system will be requested. People will be assigned to special tables if requested on their reservations. Harry

Jacob will be asked to contact Connie Ostertag, Jr., for music during the cocktail hour. Price of the meals will be \$17.00 for the chicken and \$20.00

for the prime rib. Florence Jacob has tickets for the tombola. John

Fankhauser was to secure items for the tombola. It was suggested to get 4 turkeys, 6 wine, 6 cheese, 2 hams. Trudy Kuenzi is to get 6 chocolate

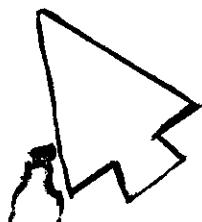
items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

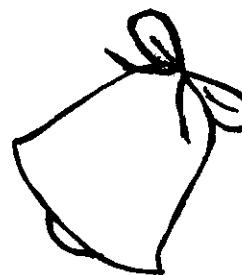
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kuenzi

Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary



**SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**  
**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**



October 31, 1986

Dear Member:

Plans are being made for another Holiday Dinner Party. We hope that you have already reserved SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1986 and will be joining us at:

## THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

PETERS PLACE (same as last year)  
1199 Washington Pike  
Bridgeville, Pa. 15017  
(Kirwan Heights Exit off of 79) 221-5000

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7, 1986 (NOTE: Sunday this year)

CASH BAR: 4:00 P.M.

DINNER: 5:00 P.M.

MENU: CHOICE OF: Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast \$17.00  
or  
Prime Rib Roast of Beef \$20.00  
Wine will be served with the meal

## TOMBOLA

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

O.K. to invite your friends

PRICES: \$17.00 for chicken  
\$20.00 for Prime Rib

In order to eliminate some confusion and time at the dinner, please mail your 1987 dues (\$3.00) with your reservation and ballot. If you do not plan to attend the dinner, please mail your ballot and dues to Barbara Kuenzi.

Send reservation, ballot and dues to: Mrs. Barbara A. Kuenzi  
106 Pine Tree Drive  
Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145  
(Phone: 824-0449)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: November 20th. Please observe the deadline and have yours in to Barbara by the 20th. (not mailed on the 20th)

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Please Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Reservations - Chicken @ \$17.00 ea.

Dinner Reservations - Prime Rib @ \$20.00 e...

3.00 Dues

Total enclosed

(List names & meal choices separately)

Be Sure to check dinner choices.

If you prefer to sit with someone special, please indicate on reservation.

*The Consul General of Switzerland*

New York, November 7, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

Also on behalf of my wife I would like to thank you, and through you all the members of the Swiss American Society for your generous and warm hospitality.

It was a pleasure to meet so many compatriots and Swiss Americans living in the neighbourhood of Pittsburgh. We enjoyed the dinner and, of course, the opportunity to talk to so many people.

We will keep a very pleasant memory of this event which you were so kind to organise.

With best regards to you and your wife.

Yours sincerely,

THE CONSUL GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND



B. de Riedmatten  
Ambassador

Mr. Hans E. Leumann  
President  
Swiss American Society  
c/o Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
Post Office Box 160  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0160

**SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**  
**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

BALLOT

November 1986

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: John Fankhauser \_\_\_\_\_

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VICE PRESIDENT: Hazel Von Arx \_\_\_\_\_

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SECRETARY: Barbara A. Kuenzi \_\_\_\_\_

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TREASURER: Florence Jacob \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Trudy Kuenzi \_\_\_\_\_

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AUDITORS:  
(Vote for Two) Henry Arpagaus \_\_\_\_\_

Walter Schaller \_\_\_\_\_

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE:  
(Vote for Two) Samuel Gerber \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heer, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_

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Board members Alice Wilson and Mabel Muntwyler have one more year of a two-year term to serve. We wish to thank all those who serve on the board.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Ernest Gubser

Henry Heer, Sr.

Robert Leuenberger, Jr.

## RESUME OF 1986 ACTIVITIES

The Executive Board held two meetings during the year of 1986. Plans were made for the summer picnic, ambassador's reception and the Holiday Dinner Party.

Notices of these events were sent to all members.

Trudy Kuenzi was appointed by the Board to be Membership Secretary due to the resignation of Florence Cappe.

A ballot of nominees for officers and board members was prepared by the Nominating committee, Ernest Gubser, Henry Heer, Sr., and Bob Leuenberger Jr. This was mailed along with the dinner announcement to all members.

DINNER MEETING DECEMBER 7, 1986

The annual dinner meeting of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh was held at Peter's Place in Bridgeville, Pa. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the president, Hans Leumann. Dinner was served. Hans gave greetings to everyone. He announced that he had received a thank you letter from the ambassador, B. de Riedmatten, for the reception and dinner in his honor at Edgewood Country Club. Hans thanked those who organized the reception. He also thanked Trudy Kuenzi for the favors for the dinner meeting and the Schaller family for cooking the meal for the summer picnic. The president presented an Honorary Membership to Barbara Kuenzi.

The secretary, Barbara Kuenzi, read a resume of activities for 1986.

Ernest Gubser gave a report of the Nominating Committee. He reported:

For	Votes Received
President: John Fankhauser	55
Franklin Gloor	1
Vice President: Hazel Von arx	56
Secretary: Barbara A. Kuenzi	56
Treasurer: Florence Jacob	56
Membership Secretary: Trudy Kuenzi	55
Florence Cappe	1
Directors: Samuel Gerber	54
Henry Heer, Jr.	55
Ernest Gubser	1
Auditors: Henry Arpagaus	55
Walter Schaller	55
Total votes received:	56

Alice Wilson and Mabel Muntywyler have one more year of a two year term to serve.

Those elected were: President, John Fankhauser; Vice President, Hazel Von arx; Secretary, Barbara Kuenzi; Treasurer, Florence Jacob; Membership Secretary, Trudy Kuenzi, Directors, Samuel Gerber, Henry Heer, Jr.; Auditors, Henry Arpagaus and Walter Schaller.

The membership secretary, Trudy Kuenzi, reported on additions and changes in the membership. The following were made Honorary members: Margaret DeForest, Freda Feller, Sophia Hahn, Freda Hoesly, Rose Lienhard and Charles Jufer. Four

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deaths were reported and a moment of silent prayer followed.

The treasurer, Florence Jacob, reported a balance on 11/30/85 of R3601.06 and on 11/30/86 a balance of \$3623.36. The auditors report was given by Bob Leuenberger, Jr., and he stated that the books had been examined and found to be in good order. Mabel Muntwyler suggested we give an applause to the outgoing president, Mr. Leumann. The new president, John Fankhauser, was welcomed and given a bouquet of flowers. Consul Claudon was asked to speak and gave greetings to all present. The meeting was then turned over to the newly elected president, John Fankhauser. He announced plans to look into another site for the summer picnic. Riverview Park will also be reserved as a back-up for 8/2/87.

The president announced that a letter had been received from the Akkordeon Orchestra Zug from Affoltern, Switzerland wanting to be hosted by our group in July 1987. He appointed a committee of Betty Montgomery and Hazel Von arx, Harry Jacob and Gloria Sutter to check into arrangements for this.

A show of hands indicated a majority approved of Peter's Place for the Christmas dinner meeting. There was a tombola. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara A. Kuenzi*  
Barbara A. Kuenzi, Secretary

December 10, 1986

Mr. Emil Zahner  
Akkordeon-Orchester Zug  
Zurichstrasse 156  
CH 8910 Affoltern  
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Zahner,

This is to officially invite The Akkordeon-Orchester Zug to come to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 28, 29 and 30, 1987.

The following is a schedule that we have set up:

Meet the bus at the Pittsburgh Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike at noon or shortly thereafter on July 28th. Have a concert on the evening of the 28th.

July 29th, an outdoor public appearance and concert at Market Square in Downtown Pittsburgh at 12:00 Noon till 1:30 P.M. In the evening, another outdoor public appearance and concert at Station Square, Bessemer Court, South Side, Pittsburgh.

July 30th, depart for Detroit at the time to be arranged.

Your group will be met at the bus and housed by Swiss families in the Pittsburgh area. You will also have breakfast and perhaps dinner with your hosts. Your hosts will also take you to your various appearances and also to the bus when you depart.

You will have the opportunity to sell cassettes at all of the appearances. A definite time table will be worked out in the future.

We are assumming that you will travel by bus. This is really the most convenient way to get around with a group of your size. It is also most flexible.

If for some reason you would come a day early or stay a day longer this would pose no problem. That way, you could spend an entire day with your host for sightseeing or whatever.

Until we hear from you,

Very sincerely,

John Fankhauser, President  
Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

JF:bak

Erie, Pa. June 13th. 1986.

Dear Mrs. Kuenzi,

Last April the 27th., I wrote Mr. Leumann a letter, (see enclosed copy) to obtain some information regarding your town of Washington. Unfortunately, I never received an answer to my letter. Maybe Mr. Leumann did not receive my letter or does no longer live in Washington.

I would be most grateful to you, Mrs. Kuenzi, if you could supply me with of the requested information. Please tell me also where the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, meets and how often.

I should be thankful to you Mrs. Kuenzi, if you ~~WOULD~~ supply me the answers to some of my questions.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain:

Sincerely Yours:



F. E. Lehmann  
3915 Greenway Dr.  
ERIE, PA. 16506.

Erie, Pa. April 27th, 1986

Dear Mr. Leumann,

From the Swiss-American Review, I noticed that you are the President of the "Swiss-American Society" of Pittsburgh".

As you probably are, I also, am a Swiss born American Citizen and have lived in the USA. since 1946. I was born in Delémont, (Delsberg), educated in Switzerland, where I lived for 30 years, prior to my coming to the United States. I recently retired and moved to Erie, (which is my wife's hometown. Erie is not exactly my kind of a town, too damn cold around here.

I have been interested in the Pittsburgh area and Washington in particular. I wonder, Mr. Leumann, if you would be kind enough and tell me something about Washington, (size of town, type of town, housing availability, etc.)

I should be most appreciative to you, Mr. Leumann, if you could supply me with such information. Hoping to hear from, *you* I remain:

Sincerely Yours:

F.E. Lehmann  
5915 Greenway Dr.  
Erie, Pa. 16506.

P.S. I am sure, You and I will never forget each others names!

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY  
OF PITTSBURGH

Mr. Hans Leumann, Pres., P.O. Box 91,  
Washington, Pa. 15301 (412) 222-1562.  
Mrs. Barbara A. Kuensi, Sec'y, 106 Pine  
Tree Drive, Turtle Creek, Pa. 15146.  
(412) 824-0449.

Erie, Pa. July 5th. 1986.

Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

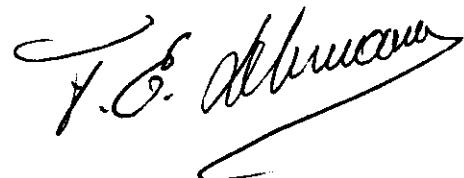
Dear Mrs. Kuenzi,

I have received your letter of June 26th. 1986 and I wish to thank you very sincerely for your prompt response.

As of this writing, I have not heard from your man Leumann and I really do not expect to hear from him. My letter to him, was dated April 27th. and I can only conclude that the man is too damn busy or does not care. Anyway, I am developing other sources of communications to obtain the information which I had requested from Leumann.

Thank you again, Mrs. Kuenzi, for the info which you have given me. Maybe some day, I might drop in one of your meeting, (of course I would give a ring first). I travel to the Pittsburgh area quite often; we a married daughter who lives in Jeannette Pa. (near Greensburgh) and we also have a son who lives, you never would guess, in Helvetia, West Virginia, which is a small hamlet founded by Swiss emigrants in the latter part of the 18th. century. So, we visit our "kids" 2 or 3 times a year.

Hope to see you sometime, Mrs Kuenzi, and until I have the pleasure of doing so, I am sending you my best salutations.



F.E. Lehmann  
3915 Greenway Dr.  
ERIE, PENNA. 16506.