

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 26, 1989

The board met at 7:30 at the home of John Fankhauser, 239 Churchill Road, Turtle Creek. The following officers were present:

Hazel Von Arx, President
Henry Heer, Vice President
Florence Jacob, Treasurer
Nancy Flury Carlson, Secretary
Trudy Kuenzi, Membership
John Fankhauser, Director
Pat Heer, Director
Frederick Carlson, Director
Betty Montgomery,

Renate Emmenegger, Director, was unable to attend.

Trudy Kuenzi gave to all officers the updated membership list for 1989, which includes the names and addresses of all current members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Hazel Von Arx.

Minutes of the last meeting were not read because the former secretary, Barbara Kuenzi, was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

The only item of old business was the issue of whether our club should donate money to the proposed Swiss Abroad monument in Brunnen (part of a lakeside park planned for the CH-91 celebration). Officers who were present at the last meeting remembered that it had been tentatively agreed to donate one-half of the tombola profits, but that the question had been tabled. Continuing discussion brought forth the following points:

Hazel read an open letter to Swiss-American Club Presidents from the Swiss-American Review (12-7-88), encouraging participation.

John pointed out that the Swiss Abroad monument issue is undergoing much discussion and disagreement in Switzerland, and that the outlook is not particularly optimistic. Henry added that no Swiss tax money is to be allocated to this project.

Ways to raise money for the project were discussed, including: designating a percentage of the tombola profit; door prizes; 50/50 raffle; soliciting by including a flyer in future mailings to the members.

Trudy moved that one-half the tombola profits for 1989 be donated, and that this method might be continued in 1990. This motion was not seconded; instead much more discussion followed, including a break for the Treasurer's report (see below).

Finally it was moved by John, and seconded by Henry, that \$500 be donated within the next few months, from the checking account, and that this money will be replaced into the account when possible through tombola and other profits. It was also agreed that the membership should be apprised of this action and encouraged to support the tombola and other money-making endeavors as a means of subsidizing our donation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Florence reported a balance of \$4293.96 in the checking account. This figure represents an all-time high.

The figures for the 1988 Christmas dinner were reported:

1845.00	taken in
1735.38	spent on the dinner
12.06	spent on flyers
39.75	spent of flowers

1787.19	spent, not including stamps
57.81	profit

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Trudy reported that we now have 171 members including 2 new members. The club lost two couples: Mr. & Mrs. H. Heer, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Batchlette. Also, Frank Waelchli passed away in January 1989.

New members this year are Kathleen Vater and Ronald J. Saffron.

The question was raised whether the Club should reimburse one member who was unable to attend the Christmas dinner; the matter was tabled.

A thank you note from Florence Cappe was read, expressing appreciation for the bouquet of roses presented to her at the Christmas dinner, in honor of her many years of service to the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Keeping Club Membership Informed

Hazel asked whether the officers thought that the Club membership should receive a newsletter informing them of developments in the board meetings and in club affairs. Pat Heer suggested that the Swiss-American Review (SAR) might instead be used as a channel to reach many of our members. Nancy agreed to submit news from our chapter to the SAR on a regular basis (perhaps twice a year).

2. Attracting New Members

Difficulties of attracting new members were discussed. In general, the young Swiss who have moved here directly from Switzerland are not interested in involvement with a Swiss-American organization. Also, there has traditionally been a very poor response from mailings designed to attract new members. Most officers agreed that word-of-mouth is still the most effective way to recruit new members.

The topic of bulk mail was discussed in connection with this issue; Nancy mentioned the various fees and regulations for this type of mailing. No decisions were made to pursue the idea.

3. May Open Business Meeting

It was decided that the tradition of holding an open business luncheon meeting should be continued this year. Saturday, May 6, 1989, was selected as the date. The business meeting will commence at 12:00 noon and the lunch will begin at 12:30. Restaurants considered included: Palmieri's, the Harmarville Holiday Inn, the Sheraton Station Square, and the Vista International. The Sheraton Station Square was decided upon; Pat Heer will obtain more information about their luncheon menu and begin making arrangements.

4. Swiss Picnic

Florence reported that her husband has volunteered to stand in line to obtain the picnic permit for our customary location, and that he would appreciate assistance. John, Trudy, and others offered their help. The sign-up date will be in March. Our preferred dates for the picnic are:

- #1 July 30, 1989
- #2 August 6, 1989
- #3 July 29, 1989
- #4 August 5, 1989

5. Christmas Dinner

The date for the 1989 Christmas dinner is Sunday, December 3. Among the restaurants considered are: the Radisson in Monroeville, Chesterfield's, the Sheraton Station Square, Tivoli's, Palmieri's, and Charlie J's. After a report on the typical prices and menu choices from Pat, Fred moved and John seconded, that Tivoli's be chosen. Pat will confirm the reservation and find out more about the wine and cash bar.

Pat also read the banquet contract, indicating what information must be supplied by the Club. Florence agreed to complete the form but requested input from the rest of the officers on some questions.

Hazel pointed out that the two chefs mentioned in Tivoli's flyer have ties to Switzerland. Dominic More was formerly a Swiss embassy chef, and Michael Sciulli worked in Zurich.

The suggestion was made by Florence that we consider the costs vs. benefits of selecting a more elegant dessert than the standard ice cream. Many officers were enthusiastic about the idea. This question will be decided at the summer meeting.

6. Sami Chlaus Party

Betty suggested that we sponsor a Sami Chlaus children's party this year. She mentioned the DANK, Teutonia, and Austrian parties as models. Betty will pursue the idea, and look into the possibility of teaming up with one of the other clubs for this purpose.

7. Eva Ringling

Betty mentioned that a student teacher from Switzerland, Eva Ringling, is willing to participate with the Kinderchor group by introducing Swiss customs, songs, etc. to the children after their chorus practice. Betty will contact Consul Claudon, informing him that Ms Ringling would be there twice a month.

8. Swiss Evening at the Teutonia

Betty inquired whether a Swiss Evening could be planned this fall at the Teutonia. It was agreed that we should do this.

9. Communications from Consul Claudon

Hazel read a letter from the Consul which mentions a steering committee for CH-91 which is being formed by the Swiss Society of Boston. He inquires whether our Club, in

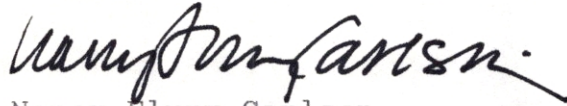
connection with the consul and friends of Switzerland, would be interested in forming a similar committee. It was agreed that as many of our officers as possible should meet with Consul Claudon to discuss this issue. Hazel will arrange the meeting for sometime in February.

Pat Heer read a letter from the Consul which expressed appreciation for the picnic held at Pat and Henry Heer's.

Trudy informed the officers that Mrs. Claudon had told her that February is National Swiss Cheese Month at McGinnis Sisters markets. Everyone is urged to support the theme by buying cheese and telling their friends.

Pat moved to close the meeting, Nancy seconded the motion, and the meeting came to an end at approximately 10:30 PM. The group adjourned to enjoy a variety of wonderful Swiss cookies and other treats.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Flury Carlson
Secretary

Nancy Flury Carlson
Secretary, Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
2335 Meadow Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Swiss American Review
The Editorial Board
608 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10020

February 14, 1989

Gentlemen:

Attached is a report of the recent activities of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh. As newly appointed secretary, I would like to contribute news from our club on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. I have noticed that in the past few years, our club has not sent regular news to your publication.

Please feel free to edit the attached as necessary. Also, could you inform me if there are regularly scheduled issues of the SAR which specialize in news from local-level Swiss clubs. I seem to remember that there are, but I do not have my back copies of the paper, in order to check.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nancy Flury Carlson
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NEWS FROM THE SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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SWISS AMERICAN REVIEW

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R.D.#6 Box 160
Rome, N.Y. 13440
March 15, 1989

Swiss American Society
of Pittsburgh
207 Churchill Road
Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania 15145

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a graduate student currently researching the Swiss in America and the Swiss migration to America. I need information and I would very much appreciate any assistance from your organization that would provide it.

I am particularly interested in learning about the factors that influenced the Swiss' decision to emigrate, their settlement patterns in America, their religious, political, economic, and educational activities, and in general, their assimilation experience in the United States. Statistical information of any kind is most welcome.

Incidentally, I am of Swiss descent and I am looking forward to learning more about this aspect of my heritage. I eagerly await your reply.

Sincerely,



Matthew R. Fidler



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
LUNCHEON MEETING
Saturday, May 6, 1989

We have scheduled a general membership luncheon meeting to discuss future activities for the Swiss-American Society, including "PGH/CH-91" (local efforts to celebrate Switzerland's 700th birthday), and to solicit members' suggestions regarding social activities. Our Vice President, Henry Heer, will also present his beautiful slides of our beloved Switzerland.

DATE: Saturday, May 6, 1989
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: Jack's
(intersection of Rts. 356 & 28,
Sarver, PA - see map enclosed)
PRICE: \$8.50 per person

The luncheon buffet will consist of chicken, pasta, fish, potato, vegetable, salads, ice cream, home made cookies, and beverage. Head Chef Dan Fankle has promised to make this an extra nice buffet.

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children

You are the members we want to please; so come and share your ideas. Let's have a big turn-out on May 6th!

Please have your reservations in by April 29th, 1989.

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Mail to: Nancy Flury Carlson
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The treasurer's report was then given by Treasurer Florence Jacob.

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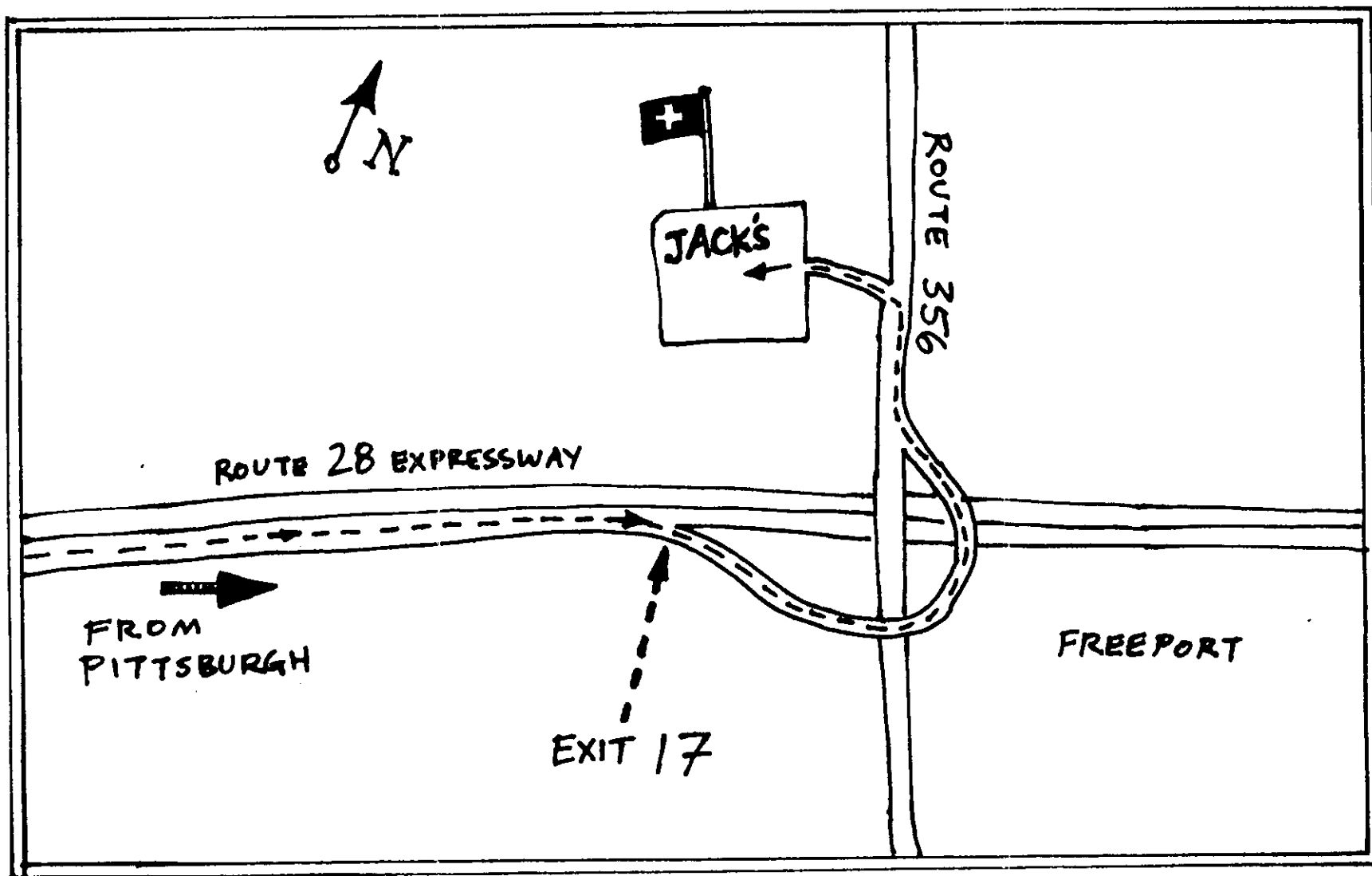
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June 1, 1989

The board met at 7:30 at the home of Florence Jacob. The following were present:

Hazel Von Arx, President
Florence Jacob, Treasurer
Nancy Flury Carlson, Secretary
John Fankhauser, Director
Frederick Carlson, Director
Betty Montgomery

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the 1989 Swiss Picnic.

Minutes from the Business Meeting of May 6, 1989, were read by Nancy, and approved as read.

Florence Jacob presented the Treasurer's report, indicating that the club currently has a balance of \$3631.79 on hand. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Membership Secretary Trudi Kuenzi was not present, so the Membership report was not read.

Discussion followed on the following aspects of the picnic:

1. Caterers

Brochures from the following caterers were examined and discussed: Monteverde, Serro's, Ginny's, and Foodarama. After comparing menus and prices, Ginny's was selected because it offered the most appealing choices for a reasonable price. The following menu items were chosen: hamburgers, hot dogs, cheese assortment, cole slaw, baked beans, fried chicken, rigatoni, kolbassi & sauerkraut, fruit, relish, coffee. Pat Heer will be asked to contact the caterer to finalize arrangements.

After discussion about what prices we should charge, it was decided that we charge the same amounts as the previous year.

2. Beverages

Harry Jacob will be in charge of acquiring the beer and soda; Fred Carlson will assist Harry with selection, purchase, transportation and setting up if needed. Ice is being made in advance by Florence and Nancy.

3. Tombola

Florence Jacob is in charge of preparing items for the tombola, and will call upon others for assistance if needed.

Prizes planned include: cheese, chocolate, wine, canned nuts.

Fred Carlson will obtain the wine needed for the tombola (12 bottles), and 2 bottles for balloon toss prizes.

John Fankhauser will call the numbers for the tombola.

4. Games

Trudi Kuenzi will be asked to conduct the children's games. Ernie Gubser will be asked to conduct the adults' games. Betty Montgomery will prepare one or two "guessing" games, such as "guess the weight of this watermelon", etc.

5. Entertainment

Betty Montgomery will ask the Helvetia Maennerchor if they will perform at the picnic in exchange for free meals for the singers.

Henry Heer will bring cassette tapes of Swiss music.

6. Check-in

Nancy Flury Carlson will sit at the registration table to check people in and distribute meal tickets and name tags.

7. Announcements

Announcements will be sent out as soon as possible, and will request that reservations be returned no later than July 22.

PGH/CH-91

Hazel explained to the board that she had been invited to lunch with Charles Claudon and Heinz Kunz, and there had learned that Claudon feels it was premature for us to have formed the PGH/CH-91 Steering Committee. His reason for this advice was that the local branches of Swiss companies should take the lead in planning 1991 activities, or should initially offer funding for such activities. Hazel agreed to inform Charles that the Steering Committee members desire more information about this decision.

Suggestions

Nancy Flury Carlson read some suggestions sent by Chuck and Frances Erb, regarding future activities for the club, including:

Tombola suggestions: have more turkeys; save 2 or 3 turkeys as the last prizes to prevent people from leaving early;

combine prizes and draw numbers for prizes announced in advance.

Perhaps plan a trip to the Festival of Lights in Oglebay Park, WV.

Plan a Fasnacht celebration to bridge the activities gap between Christmas and August First.

Nancy moved to close the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Fred and carried. The board adjourned to continue sampling the wines of the evening (a Fankhauser, a Carlson, and a Tombola wine). Angelfood cake with strawberries and ice cream was the next order of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Flury Carlson
Secretary



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

June 7, 1989

Dear Hans:

You may remember me from our conversation at the Swiss Christmas dinner in 1985 or 1986, shortly after my husband and I joined the club. We discussed Westinghouse, among other things, because at the time I was working for a Westinghouse subsidiary. In any case, I am writing on behalf of the current board of directors of the Swiss American Society.

At our last meeting, to plan the July picnic, your name came up and we realized we hadn't seen you at any club functions in a while. So we wanted to drop you a line just to say that we hope you'll be joining us at the picnic this year or at some other club functions in the future.

We hope everything is going well with you and your family, and wish you a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

Nancy Flury Carlson
Secretary



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

ANNUAL SWISS PICNIC

Plan now to attend this year's fabulous picnic, featuring good food, games, and Gemuetlichkeit! As always, you have the choice of purchasing the catered meal or bringing along your own picnic fare. The picnic menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, kolbassi, rigatoni, salads, fruit, etc. Bring along your family and friends to enjoy our traditional Erste August event.

DATE: Sunday, July 30, 1989

TIME: 1:00 PM, dinner at 5:00 PM

PLACE: Activities Building, Riverview Park

For your convenience, bring along your own pitchers, glasses, lawn chairs and anything else that will make your day comfortable and enjoyable.

SWISS MUSIC!! The Helvetia Maennerchor will perform Swiss songs for the enjoyment of all, and Henry Heer will provide taped Swiss music so that we need not picnic in silence!

GAMES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN BEGIN AT 2:00 PM, including the fabulous "Kaes Stache" (Cheese Stabbing!!!)

TOMBOLA! Chances to win a variety of great prizes!

CHECK-IN AND TICKETS: Nancy Flury Carlson will be in the building to check you in, distribute name tags, and give you your tickets for the meal. Be sure to check in!

Please send the completed reservation form, with a check payable to "Swiss-American Society of PGH", by **July 22nd**, to:
Nancy Flury Carlson, 2335 Meadow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-371-8951

Please reserve:	_____ adult dinners @ 7.50 each
	_____ children under 12 @ 4.00 each
Bringing own basket:	_____ adults @ 3.00 each
	_____ children under 12 @ 1.00 each
	_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please list below the names of all persons attending:

The Consul General of Switzerland

New York, July 11, 1989

Mrs. Hazel von Arx
President of the
Swiss American Society
of Pittsburgh
758 Fourth Ave.

Oakmont, PA 15239

Dear Mrs. von Arx,

As you know Consul Alexander Kubli has left New York in May to take new responsibilities at the headquarters in Berne.

I am glad to inform you that Mr. Kubli's successor as Head of the Consular Department, Consul Franz von Atzigen, has arrived in New York and has begun his official duties on July 5, 1989. Consul von Atzigen is married and has served before, besides Berne, in Nairobi, Beijing, Vienna and Washington.

M. von Atzigen looks forward to meet you and to pursue the fruitful and friendly relations you had with his predecessor.

As these are my last days in New York before leaving for a new assignment in Geneva, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the constant support you and your institution has extended to me and to the Consulate General. It was a pleasure to meet you and I send to you and to your institution my best wishes of succes for the future.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

THE CONSUL GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND



B. de Riedmatten
Ambassador



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Bob Bayer
Helvetia Maennerchor
23 Allen Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

August 10, 1989

Dear Mr. Bayer:

On behalf of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh, I would like to extend sincere and hearty thanks for the performance of the Helvetia Maennerchor at our August First Picnic (July 30, 1989).

Prior to the picnic, I received a number of inquiries as to the exact time the music would start; members wanted to be sure to be in time to hear the Maennerchor! The singing and jodeling were excellent, bringing back warm memories for those who have heard such music in Switzerland, and offering a genuine flavor of the homeland for those who have not. Many people have remarked that they especially enjoyed the coins spinning in the bowls. It was definitely my favorite, since my husband Fred and I were invited to "operate" two bowls during the performance.

Again, please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation for your group's participation in our Swiss picnic.

Sincerely,

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Meeting, August 10, 1989

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The purpose of the meeting was to plan the bus trip to Warren, PA, scheduled for October.

OLD BUSINESS

Before discussing the bus trip, everyone brainstormed for ideas to improve next year's picnic, since this year's was still so fresh in our minds. The following ideas were presented:

have coffee available all day long

put out the tombola prizes from the start, and sell tickets all day long

don't forget to get the meal tickets!

have better food. (bad reviews for this year's caterer were unanimous.)

ideas: have Swiss food; maybe raclette; get ideas at the Swiss restaurant.

find out whether Coni Ostertag and Hans Meier would play the bass and accordion during the picnic, as they did informally at the end of this year's.

reminder: Coni has the cheese bell.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazel reported that she had looked into trip arrangements with two bus companies: Lincoln, and Butler.

Lincoln: \$563 for a 38 passenger bus
\$593 for a 46 passenger bus
20% deposit with contract, balance 2 weeks prior.

Butler: \$515 for a 46 passenger bus from Harmarville
\$620 for a 46 passenger bus from Monroeville
\$50 deposit, balance anytime before, or give to driver.

Hazel will look into the bathroom situation on the buses.

We plan to go up to Warren on the scenic route, and return the faster way. The trip will be a one-day trip, leaving early and arriving home at a reasonable hour, since the trip will be on a Sunday. October 22 was selected due to the availability of buses on that day. The price was decided at \$21 per person, which would include the lunch at the Swiss Cross Restaurant, the bus fare, and the gratuities. Possible side trips near Warren were mentioned, including: The Christmas Store, the Blair Outlet, and Kinzua Dam. This decision will be made closer to the trip date, when it can be determined whether the stores are open, how far they are away from the restaurant, and how much time there will be.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Flury Carlson



9380 McKnight Road
Suite 102
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 364-6554

September 17, 1989

*Dear Friends of the
Swiss-American Society
of Lgh,*

As Americans of German-Austrian descent, we have the wonderful heritage of two cultures; and just as we want to grow as Americans, we do not want to overlook the tremendous dedication, devotion, and cultural heritage, which is ours also through our forefathers.

At our DANK meetings, we have often thought of your efforts to maintain our cultural heritage; and in order to strengthen this bond between us, we want to send you this very special invitation to become members of DANK-Pittsburgh if you do not have a DANK chapter in your vicinity. We would be delighted if you would send delegates to our DANK meetings and if your organization would become a member. It is our hope that through our combined cooperation German-American relationships can be cemented for very positive results.

We are enclosing invitations to our second GALA BALL. Won't some of you join us for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. AND don't forget the OKTOBERFEST, which is being held on October 22, 23, and 24 at Pittsburgh's Station Square.

We look forward to hearing from you. God bless you all.

Auf Wiedersehen und hoeren!

Most sincerely,

Erna Jochum
Erna M. Jochum
DANK - Pittsburgh

Enclosures



Schweiz - Suisse - Switzerland
Montreux (Lac Léman)
Le quai et les Dents-du-Midi

Dear friends,

I thank you very much for

your invitation to the
fabulous picnic to the
1. August.

As you see from my post-
card Unfortunately I
will not be able to

attend. But I hope it
will be possible in
another year.

Sincerely yours:

Marcus Witta M.D.

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pediatric Radiologist

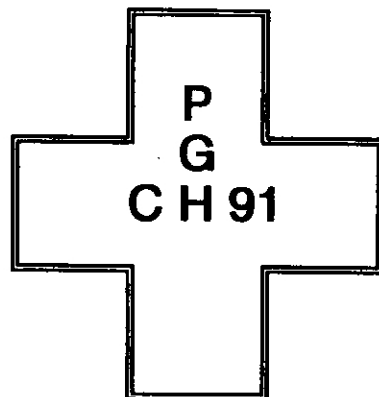
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LUFTPOST
PARAVION VIA AEREA



FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE PGH/CH91

SEPTEMBER 26, 1989 7:00 P.M.

PITTSBURGH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The meeting was called to order by Consul Charles Claudon at 8:00 P.M. by acknowledging Dr. Heinz W. Kunz for initiating the activity. Mr. Claudon proceeded to introduce and thank the volunteers who were present:

Mr. Robert Newmark	President, Chief Executive Officer, Contraves Goerz Corporation
Mrs. Hazel von Arx	President, Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
Dr. Jürg Saladin	Professor of Physics, University of Pittsburgh
Mr. Tony Emmenegger	Kennametal, Inc., Latrobe
Mr. Joseph Gigandet	Psychologist, Reconciliation House, Charleroi
Mr. Malek Francis	Civil Engineer, PENNDOT; National Chairman, American Lebanese Congress
Dr. Heinz Kunz	Professor of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh

Mr. Claudon then moved to nominate Dr. Kunz as Chairman of the Steering Committee. Mr. Newmark seconded the motion. There was unanimous acceptance of Dr. Kunz as Chairman. Mr. Claudon moved to nominate Mr. Gigandet as Co-Chairman, which was seconded by Dr. Saladin. There was unanimous acceptance of Mr. Gigandet as Co-Chairman.

Mr. Claudon explained exactly what CH91 is, the 700th anniversary of Switzerland's independence. He has made arrangements for the Cultural Attaché from Washington, D.C. to attend the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Claudon reviewed some ideas that had been shared between him and Dr. Kunz:

1. A Consular Ball to start the festivities, including the local Consuls of France, Italy, Canada, etc.
2. An Ethnic Festival, with Swiss musical groups. Pittsburgh has been included on the list at the Washington Embassy for a stop of any Swiss Touring Groups.
3. TV and Radio Shows can be arranged by Mr. Francis.

An Open Discussion followed.

Mr. Newmark What is the objective of PGH/CH91?

Mrs. von Arx To let everyone know what Switzerland is all about. What is available from the Swiss government for the celebration?

Mr. Gigandet The objective is to have a Birthday Party. Discuss what being Swiss in America means. Explore what will be available from the Swiss government for our celebration.

Mr. Newmark Again - decide what we WANT, then tell Washington and New York what we WANT, and let them tell us what is available. Take the offensive approach.

Mr. Emmenegger The objective should be to inform the public what the celebration is about, and to have fun.

Dr. Saladin We must develop themes and stayed focused.

Mr. Francis Will get a tape of the first radio talk show that Mr. Claudon had in Uniontown.

Dr. Kunz We should have one or two simple goals and take steps to accomplish them.

Mr. Emmenegger We should get back to objectives. 1) Have the Mayor declare August 1, 1991 as Swiss Day, or the Month of August as Swiss Month. 2) We should provide information and have fun.

Mr. Newmark We should lay out objectives and then design a timetable. He sees these objectives: 1) explain what Switzerland is, 2) explain what Switzerland has contributed to Pittsburgh, western Pennsylvania, the United States, 3) celebrate a birthday. We should decide on objectives and develop events from that.

Mr. Gigandet Someone should approach the Mayor now. The Consular Ball should culminate, not initiate the festivities.

Dr. Kunz We should discuss objectives and details of the Ball at the next meeting. All this needs to be digested for the next meeting. Is there anyone else that the volunteers know of who could be of help?

The next meeting is set for Thursday evening, October 26, 1989. Details and minutes will be sent to the volunteers, including Mr. Karlowitz, who was not able to attend this first meeting.

Mr. Claudon The meeting was adjourned 9:30 P.M.

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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A FALL TRIP TO WARREN, PA.

33 members of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh, Pa., boarded a bus Sunday, October 22, 1989 at 9:00 AM.. We drove to the end of Rte 28, then onto Rte 6 to Sheffield, then to Warren, Pa., to the Swiss Cross Restaurant. We arrived there at 12:30. It was a beautiful, crisp and sunny fall day. The scenery and foliage were simply ~~beautif~~ beautiful. We had a wonderful meal of soup of salad - two large Patty Shells, one filled with creamed veal and the other filled with creamed vegetables and for dessert Karamel Koepfli with whipped cream. The atmosphere at the restaurant is without a doubt 100% truly SWISS.

At 2:30 we said good-bye to Eric and Beatrice von Burg, the owners of the Swiss Cross Restautant and drove to Kinzua Dam where we lingered a while. Then at 5:00 PM we were homeward bound and arrived approximately 8:30 at our destination. It was a grand fun day, and the weatherman could not have been any kinder to us. Everyone enjoyed the outing tremendously.

Nancy,

You may change, add or eliminate from the above article. I thought this might be a nice little description of one of our activities, since, ^{as} stated ~~as~~ in their letter, they desire such news items.

Betty



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
October 30, 1989

Believe it or not, it is already time to plan to attend our annual Holiday Dinner Party! We hope that you have kept Sunday, December 3, 1989, free for our get-together at:

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 1989

TIVOLI RESTAURANT
419 Rodi Road
Penn Hills

CASH BAR: 4:00 PM

DINNER: 5:30 PM

MENU: Choice of:	Fresh Broiled Scrod	\$20.00
	Stuffed Breast of Chicken	\$17.00
	Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$20.00

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

TOMBOLA: Your donation of some craft item that you have made, wine, or baked goods will be gratefully accepted to be used as a tombola prize.

Please also include your 1990 dues (\$5.00) with your reservation and ballot. If you do not plan to attend the dinner, please send your dues to Trudy Kuenzi, 207 Churchill Rd., Turtle Creek, PA 15145 (phone 823-1867).

Send reservation form, ballot, and dues to: Nancy Flury Carlson
2335 Meadow Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
371-8951

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: November 20

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Please Reserve:	_____ Scrod	@ \$17.00 each
	_____ Chicken	@ \$17.00 each
	_____ Prime Rib	@ \$20.00 each
Phone # _____	+\$5.00 Dues	

TOMBOLA DONATION? yes/no _____ Total Enclosed

NAME _____ DINNER CHOICE _____

please use reverse if you need more space for names.



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

BALLOT

1989

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.

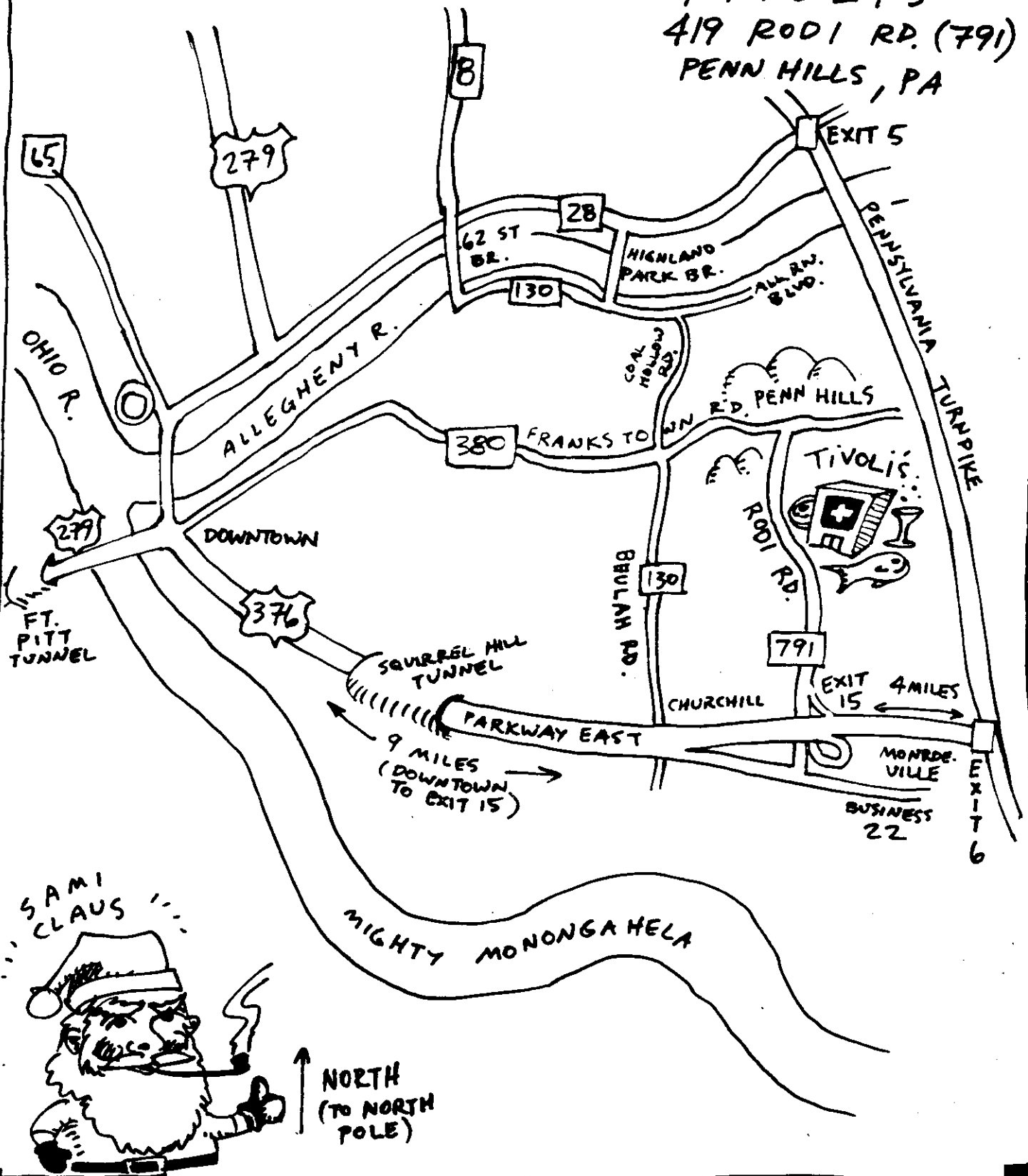
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AUDITORS: (vote for two)	_____ Walter Schaller _____ Roberta Reisacher _____ _____
DIRECTORS AT LARGE:	_____ Betty Montgomery _____ Patrick Hayes _____ _____

Board members John Fankhauser and Frederick Carlson have one more year of a two-year term to serve. We wish to thank all those who served on the board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Betty Montgomery
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY
SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

COME ONE, COME ALL! MAP TO
TIVOLI'S
419 RODI RD. (791)
PENN HILLS, PA



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Annual Holiday Dinner and Meeting
Tivoli Restaurant, Penn Hills
December 3, 1989

This report of the dinner meeting is intended to summarize the events of the evening, mentioning details which may be forgotten before the next dinner is planned.

Although Tivoli's had told Pat that there would be a Christmas tree, there was none. There were, however, decorations and Christmas lights. The atmosphere was not as nice as Peters has been for Christmas dinners.

Because there was some icy weather, we had about eight no-shows. They had already paid, however, and we paid Tivoli's for their dinners. It occurred to us a few days later that we should have been given their dinners to take home.

There was an unfortunate misunderstanding regarding the turkeys in the tombola. We had announced that the last three prizes would be turkeys, in order to keep people from leaving before the tombola was over. However, a last minute decision was made to make the last six prizes be three turkeys and three other gifts. It was reasoned that if someone had already won a turkey earlier, they would then get a different prize if they won again at the end. In practice, this theory did not work. What happened was that the first three of the last six winners all took turkeys, and then the last winners (who would have expected to win turkeys) won lesser prizes.

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