



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC.3RD 1995

On Sunday December the 3rd 1995, seventy eight members were present for our Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Tivoli's Restaurant in Penn Hills.

Bruce Kuenzi welcomed everyone & then Charles Claudon shared the blessing for dinner.

Business Metting was then called to order about 7:30 p.m. by President Bruce Kuenzi, he discused things of the future, of Dr. Kunz not being there -his letter to all members. Then Sandra Tengowski read her minutes from Oct. 5th, Trudy Kuenzi membership secretary reported 198 members as of November, & then Treasurer Florance Jacob did her report Balance 4,435.00 ^{Report} as of November when the books were Audited. The Auditors, was in in order and 100% of the members were elected-Board Members- President-Bruce Kuenzi, Vice President-Charles Claudon, Secretary-Sandra Tengowski, Treasurer-Florence Jacob, Membership Secretary-Trudy Kuenzi, Directors for two year term Sam Gerber & Hans Meier. Directors have one more year to serve Evelyn Ruffing & Ronald J. Saffron. also Auditors for 1996 George Cline & Barbara Kuenzi.

Then as the meeting moved along Sam Gerber and other members spoke of the Nationality room and the future.

Chuck Erb made a motion to close the meeting, Bruce Kuenzi seconded it. About 8:30 the start of the Tombola--Also the very end of the evening tickets were sold as for two prizes- for Special Classrooms Drawing- sold by Sam Gerber!

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Tengowski



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BALLOT 1995

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 reservations. If you do not plan to attend the dinner, please mail your ballot anyway.

President	Bruce Kuenzi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Vice President	Charles Claudon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Secretary	Sandra Tengowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Treasurer	Florence Jacob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Membership Sec.	Trudy Kuenzi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Directors for two year term (vote for two)	Sam Gerber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
	Hans Meier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
Directors Evelyn Ruffing and Ronald J. Saffron have one more year of a two-year term to serve.				
Auditors 1996 (vote for two)	George Cline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>
	Barbara Kuenzi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>yes</u>

We wish to thank all those who served on the board.

Nominating Committee

Fred Carlson
Sam Gerber
Conrad Ostertag

All were
voted
in



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SAMI KLAUS PARTY

Once again this year the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh will be holding the Annual Sami Klaus Party. The Kinderchor will provide entertainment, refreshments for all and a visit from Sami Klaus. This years party will be held at CMU Student Center ROOM 207, Parking available off Forbes Avenue-its the first right beyond the bridge from Musuem, or the last left off Forbes from Squirrel Hill-behind last years location. We would encourage all children and grandchildren to participate in the fun.

PLACE: Carnegie Mellon University Student Center-ROOM 207

DATE: Saturday, December 9 1995, 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

\$5.00 per Family-DONATIONS of HOMEMADE COOKIES (preferably SWISS) will be APPRECIATED!

RESERVATIONS MUST be received by December 1 1995

MAIL TO : Mrs. Trudy Kuenzi, 207 Churchill Road, Turtle Creek PA 15145-1139 (823-1867)

NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

*2 families
11 kids + 17 Kinderchor 28 total*

YES, I WILL BRING COOKIES _____ \$5.00 PER FAMILY _____

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON AT THE CARNEGIE INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY JANUARY 14

A work by distinguished artist Remy Zaugg (b. 1943 Courgenay, Jura: now residing in Basel) has been chosen for exhibit.

We will brunch in the Museum Cafe at 12 noon and tour the International at 2 p.m. as a group if we have sufficient number (50¢ extra per person), or on your own.

CARNEGIE INTERNATIONAL

1995

There is a Public Gallery Talk at 3 p.m. available to all at no additional charge.

Members - No Charge

Entrance to the Museum - \$5.00 (\$4.00 srs.)
+Brunch - \$9.95. 3.00 Children

To join in our group reservations, call or write Florence Jacob, 5415 McCandless Ave., Pgh, PA 15201 Phone 781-1375 (wait for beep, leave call-back message)

Deadline for reservations - December 21 for special tour.
December 30 for Brunch only.

No advance money required--but we do need to have a firm count for reservations.

*19 Brunch
15 Tour*

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH



Dear Members,

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and so is our annual Christmas Party. On Sunday, December 3, 1995 we will again be at Tivoli's Restaurant. Come and enjoy the evening with family and friends. We will be concluding the years business with the Election of Officers and will conclude the festive evening with our ever popular Tombola.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

DATE: Sunday, December 3, 1995 Friends are Welcome!
PLACE: Tivoli Restaurant, 419 Rodi Road, Penn Hills
TIME: 4:00 p.m.- Cash Bar 5:30 p.m.- Dinner
MENU: Choice of: Roast Prime Rib of Beef - \$21.00
Fresh Broiled Scrod - \$19.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu - \$17.00
Includes: Wedding Soup, Salad, Twice Baked Potato,
Rolls & Butter, one glass of Wine, Coffee or Tea,
Raspberry Torte. Tax and Gratuity.
TOMBOLA: Your donation of some craft item that you have made,
wine, or baked goods will be gratefully accepted for
Tombola prizes.
REMINDER: T-Shirts & Swiss Christmas Balls see Charles Claudon
REMINDER: Please also include your 1996 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 Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145 (823-1867)
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Please have your reservations in by
November 25, 1995.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
MAIL TO: Send Reservation form, ballot and dues to:
Mrs. Sandra Tengowski, 69 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick
PA 15024-9740 (826-9266)

PLEASE RESERVE:	41	Roast Prime Rib	@ \$21.00 each	Total	_____
	72	Broiled scrod	@ \$19.00 each	"	_____
	12	Chicken Cordon Bleu	@ \$17.00 each	"	_____
		Dues @ \$5.00 (per family)	"	"	_____
Patron List Donation:		___\$10, ___\$20, \$___	"	"	_____

Phone: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name(S) Attending & Dinner Choice: _____

78 Total

_____ Please check here if you are donating a Tombola Prize.



CONSULATE OF SWITZERLAND
P.O. Box 7379
PITTSBURGH, PA 15213

November 13, 1995

Bruce Kuenzi, President
Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
7211 Church Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Dear Bruce,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the Swiss-American Society Christmas Dinner. Unfortunately I will not be able to come to this year's dinner as I will be in Australia from December 1 through December 10 for an important international meeting. Please extend my apologies to the members of the society.

I have received a letter from the secretary regarding the telephone listing and will make the necessary arrangements. I have not heard from Florence Jacob regarding the bank account that she was asked to open. I would like very much to deposit the proceeds from the raffle as we discussed at the last board meeting. Would you please ask her whether the account has been opened.

After my return from Australia I will get in touch with you regarding the Nationality Classroom Programs Committee. I have been extremely busy and have traveled a great deal.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Heinz W. Kunz, Ph.D.
Consul

cc: Charles Claudon
Sandra Tengowski

Sami Klaus Party - This event to be held on December 9, at the CMU Teacher's Lounge will be handled as follows:

Hall at CMU	- Bruce Kuenzi
Santa Klaus	- Bruce Kuenzi
Food and Kinderchoir	- Betty Montgomery
Favors	- Trudy Kuenzi
Storyteller	- Nancy Carlson

Swissair Ticket Raffle - It was announced that \$437 had been realized from the Swissair ticket raffle. Dr. Kunz pledged to match this sum. The club also pledged to match this sum. It was decided to form a separate committee, chaired by Dr. Heinz Kunz to oversee our interest in the Nationality Rooms. It was moved by Florence Jacob and seconded by Evelyn Ruffing that such committee be titled "Swiss-American Society Nationality Classrooms Committee" and that a savings account titled "Swiss-American Society Nationality Classrooms Fund" be established. \$100 of the Swiss Club match is to be held out until January 1 and used to pay our first year's dues for the Nationality Rooms Committee.

1995 International at The Carnegie - Dr. Kunz informed us that a Swiss artist, "Remy Zaugg" had been selected to exhibit at The Carnegie International art exhibit November 5 to February 18. It was suggested that the members of the Swiss-American Club get together and attend this event. Florence Jacob was to contact The Carnegie with respect to accommodations for our club. Details are to be included in the Holiday Dinner flyer (deadline November 1).

Nominating Committee - Such committee was formed: Fred Carlson
Sam Gerber
Conrad Ostertag

Offices to be filled for 1996 are:	President
Secretary	Vice President
Membership Sec.	2 Directors (each to serve 2 yrs.)
Treasurer	2 Auditors

It was decided by common consent that our club name be listed in the telephone Book. There will be a modest cost.

At 10:15 the meeting was adjourned.

Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
Meeting - Board of Directors
October 5, 1995

The Board of Directors met at the home of Bruce Kuenzi at 7 p.m. on October 5, 1995. Present were:

Bruce Kuenzi	- Acting President	Sandra Tengowski	- Secretary
Charles Claudon	- Acting Vice Pres.	Evelyn Ruffing	- Director
Florence Jacob	- Treasurer	Ronald Saffron	- Director
Trudy Kuenzi	- Membership Secretary		

Dr. Heinz Kunz, Swiss Consul of Pittsburgh, was our guest at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Kuenzi, Acting President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report showing a balance of \$4,211.10 was read and accepted. The resignation of Joseph Gigondet was accepted. It was moved by Evelyn Ruffing and seconded by Florence Jacob that Bruce Kuenzi assume the Presidency and Charles Claudon assume the Vice Presidency. The motion carried.

Membership Secretary Trudy Kuenzi reported that ten members had been dropped due to nonpayment of dues and that our present membership totaled 198.

Review of the August First Picnic - It was concluded that the picnic was a distinct success. The menu was a pleasant change; the sound system set up outside in conjunction with Henry Tengowski's boom box worked exceedingly well. It was felt that in the future this arrangement would work for music and dancing and that perhaps various members would like to bring Swiss tapes to play.

Review of Fall Bus Trip - This trip had to be postponed. It will be considered in the springtime. A separate meeting will be set up for this discussion.

Holiday Dinner - For the dinner to be held Sunday December 3, at 4 p.m. at the Tivoli, the following responsibilities were designated:

Reservation at Tivoli	- Bruce Kuenzi
Registration	- Sandry Tengowski
Tombola	- Florence Jacob and Henry Tengowski
Cake Order	- Florence Jacob
Charles Claudon	- Tee Shirt Sales



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10/6/95

Mr. Dennis Smith
Swiss Air
One Bala Plaza
Suite 625
Bala Cynwyd PA 19004

Dear Mr. Smith;


Just a note to Thank You for your fliers, 5th Anniversary Promotion. I mailed them out on September the 30th to our members. We have 198 members as of 10/5 meeting.

I mailed out 120 envelopes @32¢ Total \$38.40 You can make check out to Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh and mail to: Mrs Florence Jacob 5415 McCandless Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15201

She is our Treasurer

Thank You also making up copies & labels, inclosed is your updated list of members

Respected Submitted
Secretary


Sandra Tengowski



September 22, 1995

Mrs. Sandra Tengowski
Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
69 Rich Hill Rd.
Cheswick, PA 15024

Swiss Air Transport Company Ltd.

One Bala Plaza
Suite 625
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Telephone: 610 660-5480
Telefax: 610 660-5490

Dear Mrs. Tengowski;

Enclosed you will find approximately 170 copies of our 5th Anniversary promotion flier offered to the three established Swiss Clubs located in Pennsylvania.

I spoke with Dr. Kunz who in turn discussed this promotion with Bruce Kuenzi. Both are very appreciative that we are doing something special the membership. Our only request, which is actually good for both of us is that it is only open to Bona fide members of your club. If they want to take advantage of this promotion they must be of Swiss ancestry as well as members.

We will also cover your mailing cost so please send us a bill on your letterhead with the number of pieces mailed. The mailing labels are from a one year old list. I would appreciate you sending me an updated copy at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to having a number of your members fly with us this season. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at: 610 660-5480.

Cordially,

Dennis Smith
S W I S S A I R

120 mailed out 9/30

philadelphia



Celebrating 5 Years of

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Service to
PHILADELPHIA
1990-1995

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ZÜRICH 

Exclusive Offer for Members of the

Swiss Clubs of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh:

\$ 475.00 (plus taxes) round-trip fare from Philadelphia to Switzerland
(more than a 25 % reduction off the standard winter midweek fare of \$ 658.00)

Special Conditions:

- *** Valid 11/1/95 til 12/14/95 and 12/27/95 til 1/31/96. All travel to be completed by 1/31/96. Travel is limited to departing Philadelphia on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, and to returning from Switzerland on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- *** Limited number of seats are available per flight.
- *** Minimum stay in Switzerland of six days with a maximum stay of 21 days.
- *** No change of travel dates is allowed any time after ticket is issued.
- *** Ticketing and reservations must be done at the latest 21 days prior to departure.
- *** Tickets are fully refundable up to 21 days prior to departure. After this time a \$ 100.00 cancellation fee will apply, except for death/hospitalization of passenger or immediate family.
- *** This offer is valid only to members in good standing of the Swiss Clubs of Pennsylvania.

Please mail the request form below to: Swissair, One Bala Plaza, Suite 625, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 or fax the information to (610) 660-5490.

Once your flight is confirmed Swissair will contact you to arrange payment.

Request for special anniversary tickets for Swiss club members:

Name(s) of travelers: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number (day): _____ Flight dates: _____

Destination (circle one): Zürich Geneva Basel

Swiss Club Affiliation: _____



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER THE
8th 1995 7PM

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Board Candidates for 1995
3. Review of the August First Picnic
4. Fall Bus Trip
5. Sami Klaus Party
6. Christmas Dinner
7. New Business

LOCATION : BRUCE KUENZI 7211 Church Street, Swissvale, PA
15218. 271-5003



CONSULATE OF SWITZERLAND

P.O. Box 7379
PITTSBURGH, PA 15213
Tel: 412-621-8804
Fax: 412-621-9611

July 12, 1995

Dear Compatriots and Friends of Switzerland,

With Swiss National Day only weeks away I would like to take this opportunity and ask you to take part in the celebration at the annual August 1 picnic. It will be held on Saturday, July 29, at the Rose Barn in North Park.. I had invited Ambassador Defago, Consul General of Switzerland in New York, but due to time constraints he is not able to visit us on that day; however, he is planning to make an official visit later this fall.

This year there awaits a surprise for the participants at the picnic. Swissair, the national airline of Switzerland, has graciously donated a round trip ticket to Switzerland to the Swiss community of Western Pennsylvania. The ticket is valid from Swissair's US gateway Philadelphia, for travel to Switzerland from August 1, 1995 through July 31, 1996. Raffle tickets can be purchased from members of the Board of the Swiss-American Society in the coming days and at the picnic. The drawing of the raffle prize will be done at the picnic and the winner must be present to claim the prize. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh to be set aside in a special account to be used solely for participation in the Nationality Rooms Programs of the University of Pittsburgh. It is my hope that this will entice the members of the Swiss-American Society to actively pursue membership in the Nationality Rooms Programs, in support of the motion that was passed by the members of the board of the Swiss-American Society.

I would like to thank Swissair for this generous gift and I urge you to choose Swissair for your next trip to Europe.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Switzerland's 704th Birthday Party.

Sincerely yours,

Heinz W. Kunz, Ph.D.
Consul of Switzerland

Henry Arpagaus
was
trip!



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Mailed 7/10/95

Dear Members,

It's time again, Come and Celebrate the summer at our annual August 1st Picnic. Adding to the festivities will be traditional Swiss food, music and song, games for all and Gemuetlichkeit! There is so much to do this year that it barely fits into one day so Come early & Plan to stay late!

ANNUAL SWISS PICNIC

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1995

PLACE: ROSE BARN, NORTH PARK

TIME: 11:30am - 1:30 - Registration - EVERYONE MUST REGISTER
12:30pm - Children's and Adult Games - Including SWISS STEINSTOSSEN
3:00pm - Selections - Teutonia Mannerchor
3:30pm - 5:00pm - Dinner and Speeches
5:00pm - Tombola followed by Fannenschwingen
6:00pm - 9:00pm - The Ed Hrabel's Band will provide dance music
7:00pm - Lampion Parade

MENU: Dinner will include Schnitzel Cutlet, Potato Salad, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee & Dessert. Other beverages such as soft drinks & beer too!

PRICE: \$12.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12. Anyone wishing to bring a Picnic Basket - \$5.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child under 12 to cover the cost of beverages. Friends are welcome.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Please bring your own pitcher, glasses & lawn chairs. Pets are not permitted.

SPECIAL REMINDER: PLEASE CLEAN YOUR TABLE AFTER DINNER - NO LITTERING PLEASE!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Please have your reservations in by Saturday, July 22, 1995!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

MAIL TO: Sandra Tengowski, 69 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick, PA
15024-9740

PLEASE RESERVE: _____ ADULT DINNERS @ \$12.00 _____ ADULT BASKET @ \$5.00 each
_____ CHILD'S Dinner @ \$5.00 _____ CHILDREN under 12 \$1.00 each

PHONE: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE list the names of all persons attending:

130 120 134 attending



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, Friday 23 1995
7:00

We all meet at Trudy Kuenzi's home, nine members were present About 7:20 the meeting was called to order by the President, Joseph Gigandet, I Sandra Tengowski read the minutes from our Spring meeting at the Teutonia Mannerchor on April 29th, they were accepted. Florence Jacob read her Treasures Report from about Christmas till Spring happenings-balance \$4,850.93-Its was approved. Trudy Kuenzi did her Membership Report our total is 198,,7 members dropped, 2 new members. Also Adolph Gloor (Gooch) passed away.

New Business The Picnic Saturday July 29th 1995 Rose Barn was discussed at length.

Registration - Sandra Tengowski
Decorations - ~~Joseph Gigandet~~, Bruce Kuenzi
Childrens Games - Trudy Kuenzi, Bruce Kuenzi
Adult Games - Ernest Gubser
Steinstossen - Ernest Gubser
~~Tombola - Florence Jacob~~
~~Dance Music - Ed Hrable~~
Dessert - Hazel VonArx
Beer & Soft drinks - Bruce Kuenzi
Watermelon & Peanut Games - Bruce Kuenzi
~~A Bulletin Board - Lynn Gigandet~~
Sign up Sheet for Fall Trip - Evelyn Ruffing
Selling of T shirts - Charles Claudin Jr. \$14.00

→ Charles Claudin
Sandra +
Henry

sold tickets for Swiss
Ass

MENU: Schnitzel Cutlet, Potato Salad, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee and Dessert.

Old Business Talked of some changes to the stationary, adding color to the letterhead, Bringing your pictures of the past picnic so Lynn can do her job. Also of having a sign up sheet for those interested in a Fall Trip.

Next year Picnic will be August 3rd also voted for a DJ Sandra Tengowski made a motion to adjourn meeting Bruce Kuenzi seconded, the motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respected Submitted Secretary

Sandra Tengowski
Sandra Tengowski

Special note: as of 7/12/95 President Joseph Gigandet resigned.



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1995 7 pm

*sent out
6/5/95*

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Review of Spring Meeting
3. August First Picnic
4. Fall Bus Trip
5. New Business

LOCATION: Mrs Trudy Kuenzi
207 Churchill Road, Turtle Creek 823-1867

Come Join us!
Secretary Sandra T.
826-9266



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Finally 2:00 Paul Lienhard moved to end the meeting and Evelyn Ruffing seconded.

We all then watched the video on Helvia, West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary Sandra Tengowski



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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MINUTES OF SPRING LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

We all gathered at the Teutonia Mannerchor on the North-side for our Buffet, on Saturday, April 29th at noon. Thirty-six members were present. We sat down to eat around 12:30. The German Buffet was good, a nice selection was served, when almost done, we were entertained by little people-Janet Aland The Pittsburgh District Kinderchor, for they were upstairs practicing.

About 1:15 the meeting was called to order by the President Joseph Gigandet; I the Secretary Sandra Tengowski read the minutes from meeting on Friday 17th, accepted as read. Trudy Kuenzi did her Membership Report - two new members as of that day. Then also she read the Treasures Report in Florence Jacob absence.

Old Business was discussed about the Newsletter, will need someone else to take it over, most members enjoy this.

New Business talked of the President's wife Lynn taken on a job as Historian for the club. Also talked of the Swiss Flag-the lack of understanding-and to educate people. Also talked about picnic is July 29th it is a Saturday. A fall trip to Helvia, West Virginia, other suggestions Sugar Creek, Ohio, also to reach out to other clubs in the area.

Swiss Franc Continues to Get Stronger

Travelling in Switzerland continues to get more expensive due to the rising value of the Swiss franc compared to the U.S. dollar. Recently, the official exchange rate was at sFr. 1.17/dollar. However, if you are actually buying Swiss banknotes you only get about sFr.1.12/dollar. Keep saving for this trip you are planning! A consequence of the strong Swiss franc has been a 10% reduction in overnight stays in Swiss hotels in 1994 compared to 1993. Other negative effects involve the export of Swiss goods.

Swatch Tells When to Take the Pills

The Swiss watch maker Swatch is teaming up with the Swiss telephone company to develop a special watch that can beep its owner at a given time of the day to remind her that it is time to take the pills. The watch dial then displays specific information about what to take.

Swiss Humor

A professor in Switzerland warned her class to beware of polls and pollsters. "They can get any answer they want with loaded questions," she warned. She cited the case of Swiss voters who replied 'no' when asked if they approved of smoking while praying. "The vote turned to 'yes' when the same people were asked if they approved of praying while smoking," she told the class.

Supplied by Evelyn Ruffing

"Was angeln Sie?" "Forellen."

"Schon etwas gefangen?"

"Nein."

"Aha. Und woher wissen Sie denn, dass Sie Forellen angeln?"

Einer am Stammtisch: "Was isch eigentli en Lokalpatriot?"

Der Kollege: "Daenk eine wo immer I der gliiche Beiz verchehrt."

Swiss Voters Reject Agricultural Reform, but agree on 'spending brake'

Despite the fact that Switzerland has chronic overproduction of milk, cheese, and other agricultural products, that then are highly subsidized to sell them outside the country, Swiss voters recently rejected an agricultural reform package. Many groups did not think that the proposals went far enough. Environmental groups have called for greater support of organic farming conservatives and consumer circles wanted freer market conditions.

In the same vote a constitutional amendment introducing a 'spending brake' was overwhelmingly accepted. In practice it means that spending plans beyond a certain limit will in the future have to be approved by a majority of all members of parliament, rather than only by a majority of all the members present on a given day. Over eighty percent of the voters approved this mild form of further spending control.

Canton Jura Close to Achieving its Goals

The interesting exercise in democracy begun a few years ago with the secession of the Canton Jura from Canton Bern continues. Recently, the Bernese voters overwhelmingly decided to modify their cantonal borders once again and transfer the small village of Vellerat (70 inhabitants) to the Canton Jura. The Vellerats have been interested in this move since 15 years.

The last claim of Jura against Bern for all remaining French-speaking districts in the Bernese Canton will have to be settled later. While on the surface this might be another sensible move, there is another and also old reason that might not lead to its success in a future vote. The current borders were established in the 16th century, when the southern French-speaking districts of Switzerland changed, together with the neighbouring German-speaking Bern, from the catholic to the reformed church.

Swiss Woman Skier Again Clinches Slalom and Overall Skiing Title

Vreni Schneider, triple Olympic champion, won her sixth World Slalom title by placing second in the recent slalom races in Lenzerheide and winning the final race in Bormio, Italy. She is also first in the overall standings for women. The Swiss men skiers had a more difficult time in this season, with all categories continuing to be dominated by Alberto Tomba from Italy. In the women's downhill category the winning skier in this season is the American Picabo Street, also of Olympic fame.

Consul Heinz Kunz briefly addressed the group congratulating them on another successful year of activities and thanking departing President Rolf Kuehni for his efforts.

As always, a well-stocked tombola provided excitement not only for the attending members and guests but also for the waiting personnel.

Membership News

We are sorry to hear of the passing of our member Kathleen Vater on December 21, 1994. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

The Society welcomes back Robert B. and Tina Lienhard.

Currently the Society has 193 members. The family membership continues to be \$5.00 per year. We thank all those who have sent their 1995 dues and encourage the few who have not yet done so to send a check payable to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh to Trudy Kuenzi (see address on front page).

Milbert and Lorly Fichter will celebrate their 54 years of marriage in May. Congratulations to you both on this great milestone in your lives.

Trudy Kuenzi, Membership Secretary

New Identity Cards for Swiss Abroad

Starting in 1995 Swiss Abroad will be able to obtain new identity cards from their local responsible consular agency (New York in the case of Pittsburgh). The current identity cards are being replaced because they are easy to forge. The new model, in credit card format, is being introduced during 1995. The information given on the cards are in Switzerland's four languages, as well as in English. A three-stage system of security elements in the card will make forgery impossible. All personal details on the card will be centrally stored at the Federal Office of Police in Switzerland. Data protection is guaranteed. The price of the card has not yet been decided but it will cost less than a passport. If you are interested contact the Consulate General in New York or consult the local Consul Heinz Kunz.

A Source Tax on Pension Benefits

A law has become effective in Switzerland on January 1, 1995 according to which Swiss federal, cantonal, or municipal pension benefits for recipients residing abroad have 1% of the gross pension income deducted. This amount is collected by the Swiss Federal Government. Cantonal governments soon will also introduce taxation at the source (withholding), by deducting an additional amount (varying by Canton). There are only two things in life certain

Switzerland

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SPRING 1995

Forthcoming Events

Enclosed with this newsletter you find the invitation for the traditional Spring Luncheon. While we have not had a very hard winter this year we all are looking forward to sunshine, warmth, flowers, green, and soft breezes. The Spring Luncheon will help to enjoy them and to renew some old acquaintances.

Holiday Dinner and 1995 Officers

A good crowd was in attendance at the 1994 Holiday Dinner. An unavoidable business trip to Europe for President Rolf Kuehni made it impossible for him to attend the final official event of his tenure. Joseph Gigandet ably filled in for him in welcoming the guests and chairing the brief business meeting.

A nominating committee chaired by Chuck Erb did a yeoman's job in coming up with a slate of officers. The membership supported their efforts by electing all proposed candidates.

The 1995 slate of officers of the Society are as follows:

Joseph Gigandet, President

Bruce Kuenzi, Vice President

Sandra Tengowski, Secretary

Florence Jacob, Treasurer

Trudy Kuenzi, Membership Secretary

Directors elected for 1 year:

Ernest Gubser

Ronald J. Saffron

Directors elected for 2 years:

Charles Claudon, Jr

Evelyn Ruffing

Auditors:

George Cline and Barbara Kuenzi

We wish all of them much success in their efforts to provide the members with an interesting and stimulating program.

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SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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SPRING LUNCHEON

Our Spring Luncheon will take place this year at the Teutonia Mannerchor, the German Club on the Northside. After the Buffet we will see a Film on Helvetia, West Virginia, and see if anyone would be interested in a Fall Trip! Parking is available on Phineas Street.

LOCATION: Teutonia Mannerchor, 857 Phineas Street

DATE and TIME: Saturday, April 29, 1995, 12 Noon-3 o'clock

COST: GERMAN BUFFET \$11.95 per person

RESERVATIONS must be received by Friday, April 21, 1995!

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
Mail to: Mrs. Sandra Tengowski, 69 Rich Hill Road, Cheswick,
PA. 15024-9740

826-9266

Please reserve _____ Luncheon tickets @ \$11.95 per
person

NAMES: _____

~~36~~ 36 people attended

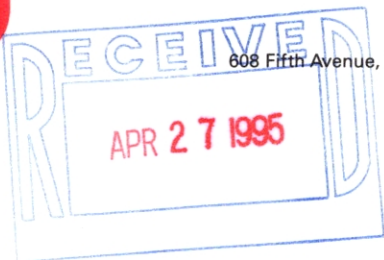


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April 1995



Dear Friends:

From time to time, other Swiss (and sometimes Americans) ask us if there is really a need for the Swiss Benevolent Society. In this day and age, everybody is doing quite well and has the necessary sophistication to deal with the system, right? Wrong! Consider the following examples; only the names of the clients have been changed:

Martha R. is a middle-aged, very well educated woman who has lived in New York for about 30 years. She has been unable to work for many, many years because of chronic depression and panic attacks. Her family in Switzerland has been supporting her financially, but can no longer continue. In desperation, out of food and money and with an eviction notice in hand, Martha turned to the SBS. Our Social Worker was able to set her up with Medicaid, food stamps and some rent assistance. We were also able to replace some furniture and household items which Martha had sold for food money. Unfortunately, the welfare bureaucracy is such that the approved benefits are not issued on time and the amounts are generally wrong. Martha's application for disability was rejected. In addition to regular counseling sessions with Martha, our Social Worker fights a daily battle on her behalf with various agencies. Our short-term goal is to get Martha some benefits she can depend on, so that her medical status can be stabilized and her day-to-day existence safeguarded. In the long run, we will try to get Martha into an outpatient clinic for therapy. One day, she may even be able to work again.

Emma is looking forward to her 95th birthday in a few weeks. She was managing just fine on her own, having established a network of friendly neighbors and shopkeepers. Recently, she had a few falls and had to be hospitalized three times; she is no longer able to go out. We were able to set her up with a home aide, found a doctor and a podiatrist who make house calls, and visit her regularly. These services allow Emma to remain in her own home, where she is quite happy.

In the last few years, our clients have ranged from a new-born baby taken away from his emotionally disturbed mother to a feisty lady who wished for a bottle of beer for her 104th birthday. We have counseled parents whose children have trouble adjusting to American schools, and arranged housing for the parents of a little Swiss girl who needed surgery which is only performed in New York. The greater part of our work is with the elderly Swiss, for whom this "Swiss connection" is unbelievably important. We are happy to take the part of the family they no longer have.

We are proud that 100% of our membership contributions and donations are used for Social Service, unless the donor specifies otherwise. *Please help us help our fellow Swiss by becoming a member!* Your contribution can make a big difference.

Sincerely yours,

Annemarie Gilman
Executive Director



Pension fund benefits (2nd pillar)

Tax at source from 1995

On January 1, 1995, the new Federal Law on Direct Federal Taxation is due to come into force. This provides that pension funds must deduct at source 1% of gross pension income from benefits paid to persons resident abroad. It applies only to direct federal taxes, most of which – in contrast to cantonal and municipal taxes – is used for central government purposes.

For their part, cantonal authorities must introduce

taxation at source by January 1, 2001, at the latest. The canton in which a pension fund is domiciled is entitled to this tax. Following the new provisions applicable to direct federal taxation, the tax laws of most cantons have already been revised, also with effect from January 1, 1995. This means that normally federal and cantonal taxes will be cumulative from that date. Cantonal deductions have not yet been laid down everywhere,

but it may be assumed that the cumulation could result in a total burden of over 10%.

The vast majority of Swiss Abroad live in countries with which Switzerland has concluded agreements to avoid double taxation. In such cases, the following rule usually applies: benefits provided under state pension schemes (federal, cantonal or municipal) are taxable in Switzerland, i.e. at source, while benefits from private schemes are taxable in the country of residence, i.e. not at source.

Old-age and disability pensions unaffected

The tax change does not apply to government old-age and disability pensions. These are exempt from taxation at source and will continue to be taxed in the country of residence only.

Swiss Abroad living in countries with which such agreements have not been reached risk having their pensions taxed twice.

Further information may be obtained from pension funds or from cantonal tax administrations.

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Registration form for Swiss Abroad entitled to vote

(please write clearly in block letters and send it to your embassy or consulate)

Addressee

To the Swiss diplomatic post at

Sender

Family name

First name

Maiden name

Precise address abroad

Date of birth

Place of birth

Marital status

since

Place of origin

Canton

Post code

Family name/First name of father

Family name/First name of mother

On the basis of the Federal Law of December 19, 1975, and the Ordinance of October 16, 1991, on Political Rights for the Swiss Abroad, I wish to exercise my right to vote in federal elections and referendums and to sign popular initiatives and demands for referendums.

As voting municipality I wish to choose:

Place

Canton

Post code

* because this is my municipality of origin

* because I resided here from 19..... to 19.....

(* Cross out where not applicable)

Place/Date

Signature

New identity cards

Convenient and safe



At last! From January 1995, Swiss Abroad will be able to obtain new identity cards from their diplomatic posts.

The brown and beige identity cards valid today are to be replaced because they can be easily forged. A new model, in credit-card format, is being gradually introduced, and the process should be complete by January 1995. The details given on the new cards will be in Switzerland's four languages and in English. A three-stage system of integrated security elements makes forgery impossible.

For reasons of both safety and speedy delivery, particu-

From next year, for Swiss Abroad too: the handy new Swiss identity card.

larly abroad, all details on the cards will be centrally recorded at the Federal Office of Police. Data protection will be guaranteed.

The price has not yet been finally decided, but the new card will cost less than a passport.

A later issue of Swiss Review will bring you further details.

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Membership Report for Newsletter

To date we show 186 members. We were happy to ~~re-instate and~~ welcome back Robert B. and Tina Lienhard to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh.

I wish to thank all of you who responded to the dues are due letter. There are still a few who have not responded. Please do so as soon possible and mail your #5 check payable to the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh to Trudy Kuenzl, 207 Churchill Rd. Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145.

We are sorry to report Kathleen Vater passed away the end of December, 1994. She will be missed by many of her Swiss Friends. Mulbert & Lorly Fichter will celebrate 54 years of marriage in May. Congratulations to you both. This is a great milestone.

2-17-95

Memberships Report 2-17-95

I wrote 35 delinquent dues letters and received 23 responses. We have a total of 186 members including

20 Honorary Members

5 Life Members

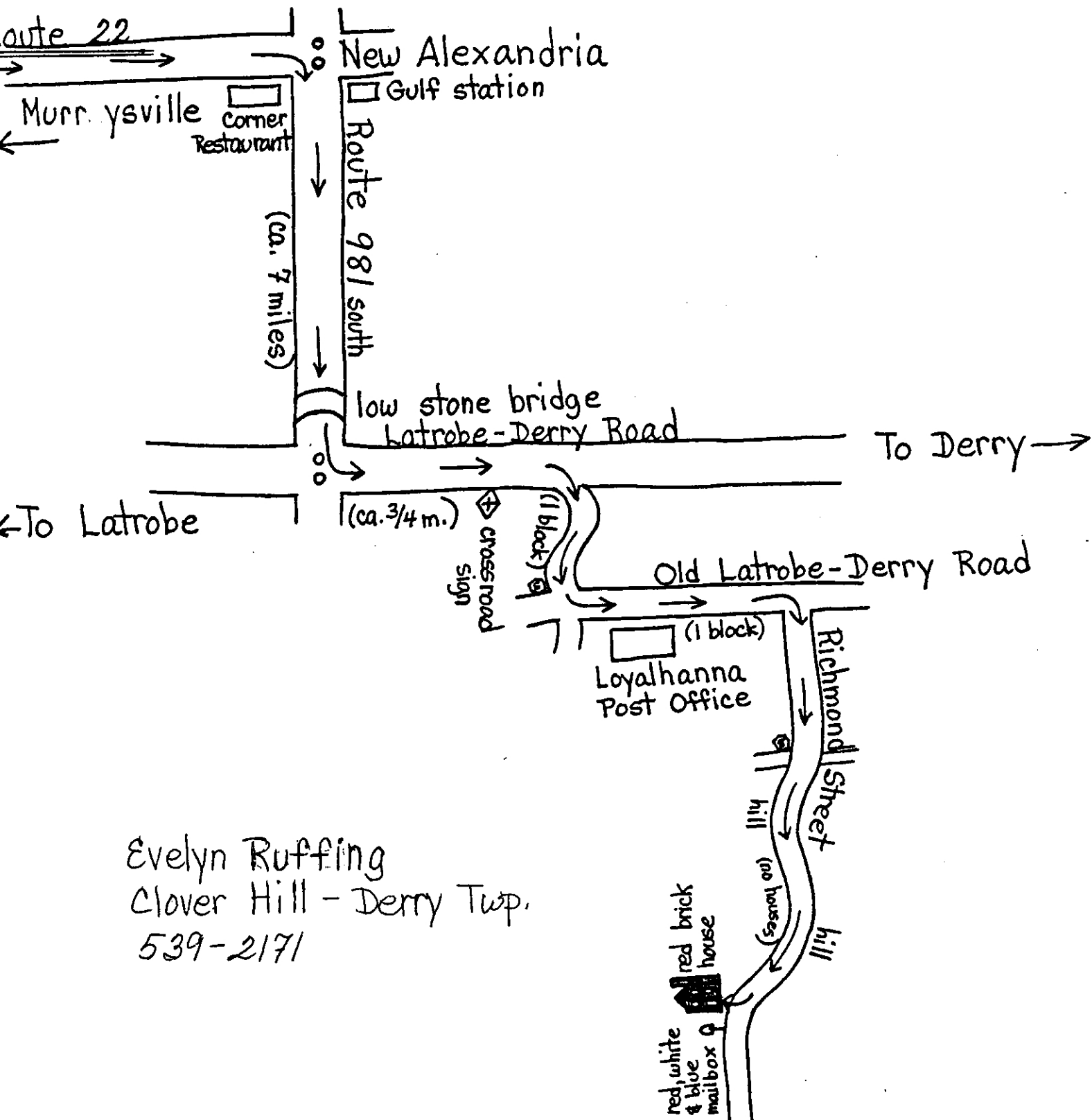
1 Golden Age Member

2 members Re-instated

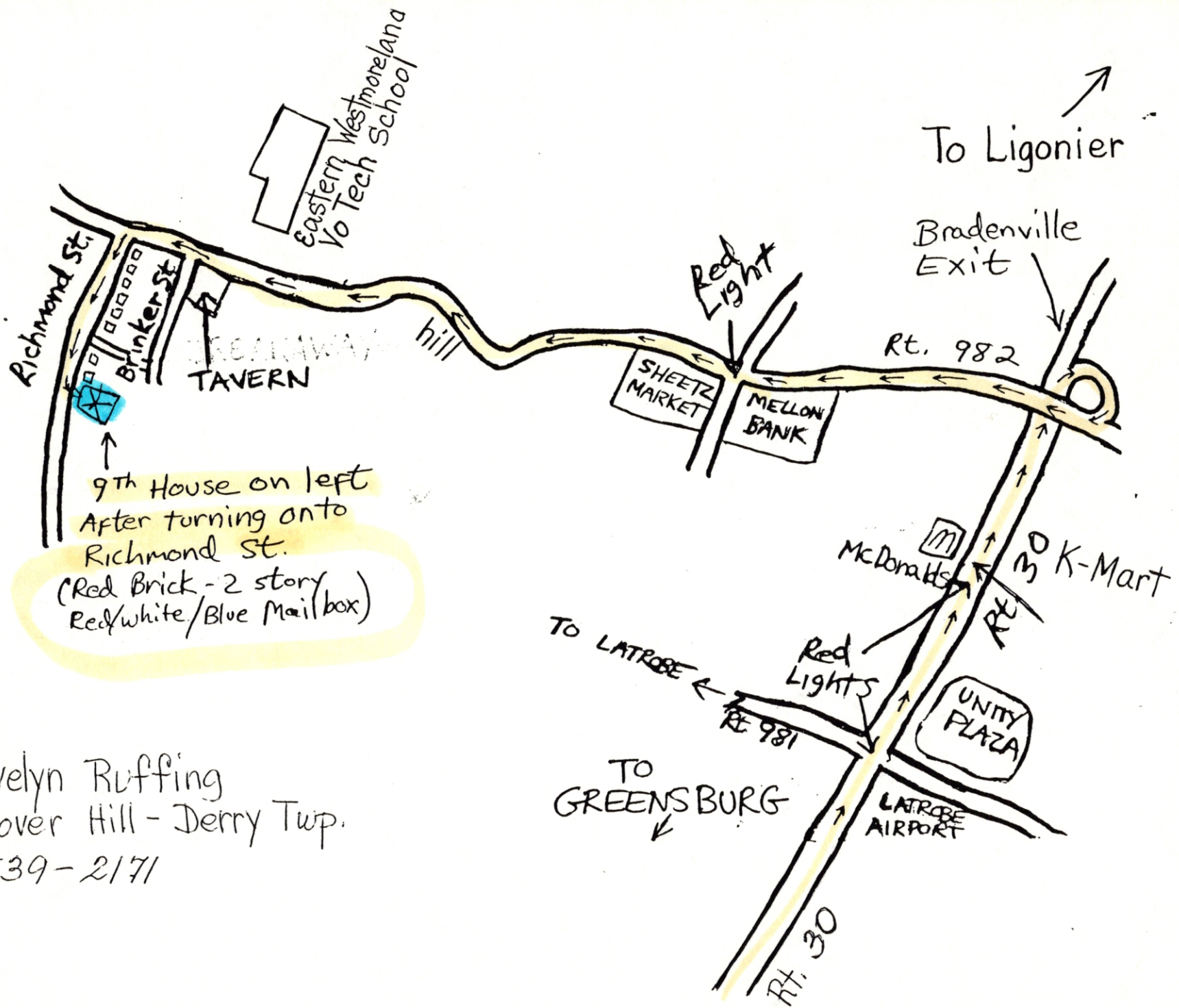
Kathleen Vater passed away December, 1994. We were sorry to hear this.

Respectfully submitted by

Trudy Kuenzi
Membership Secretary



Evelyn Ruffing
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SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 17, 1995

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Spring Meeting, date, location, visit of Ambassador
3. Planning of First of August Picnic, Band, ProPatria Pins
4. Newsletter
5. New Business

LOCATION: Professor Evelyn Ruffing
Clover Hill-Derry Township
phone-539-2171

(refreshments will be served)



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This was in-to letters to organizations that discredited the Swiss flag.

Joe and Evelyn will discuss with Heinz about getting the Nationally Room at the University Of Pittsburgh. It might be the right time to move on this.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M. It was seconded by Evelyn.

Submitted by
Sandra Tengowski
Swiss Secretary.

4/8/95 ★ Teutonia Männerchor 851 Phineas
231 - 9141
still April 29th 1995
12: - 3:00



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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Board Meeting Friday-February 17th 1995 7:00 P.M.

We all gathered at Evelyn Ruffings home. Her and her husband served a delicious dinner prior to the meeting. Eight members were present. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 P.M. by Joseph Gigandet- President. I read the minutes of December 4th 1994 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. No treasurer report due to her absence.

New Business- Spring Luncheon

* Spring Luncheon is set for Saturday April 29th 1995 at Jacks Restaurant. We hope the new ambassador will be able to attend. Plus a film on helvetia, West Virginia. To see if any-one is interested in a fall trip, Evelyn would get more information on it.

Swiss Picnic

*Scheduled
July 29th*
The swiss picnic was discussed. The permit was obtained by Bill Englert for July 30th 1995 at North Park. Location is the Rose Barn. Also looking for a D.J. Charles also said maybe selling of T- Shirts, or sweat-shirts, plus the selling of the Propatria pins at this event.

Newsletter

The newsletter was also discussed at length as Rolf Kuehn. The publisher will be moving. Joseph will talk with him.

Also talked about free Embassey publications and Identity cards for members.

Membership

Then Trudy Kuenzi gave her membership report. 186 members to date. Kathleen Vator passed away December 1994.

Joseph Gigandet proposed that his wife Lynn as a historian, for the club, you know for our stories, pictures, events. Bruce Kuenzi made a motion to accept. Evelyn Ruffing second and the motion was carried.

We all discussed to up-date the stationary Charles Claudon Jr. Made a motion to accept then Ron Saffran seconded, motion carried.

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called people on 2/11

Present at meeting - 2/17/95

President Joseph Gigandet
Vice President Bruce Kuenzi
Secretary Sandra Tengowski
Membership Todd Kuenzi

Board Members

Charles Clendenen
Evelyn Ruffing
Ernest Gubser
Ronald Saffron

Memberships

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Lorelei ~~Palma~~ Di Palma and Mrs. Mary Stepak as members of the Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh. We now have a total of 198 paid up members.

We are sad to report of the passing of Adolph (Booch) Gloor on May 28, 1995. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Lorraine and all the Gloor family.

~~Respectfully~~

Thank you to Hans Meier and Cone Distertag who helped Trudy Kuenzi at the Shaker Area Middle School Ethnic Day at the Swiss Booth which we maintained.