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35TH NORTH AMERICAN SWISS SINGING ALLIANCE FESTIVAL

SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT - PITTSBURGH, PA

JULY 18-20, 1997

HOST SOCIETY
SCHWEIZER MAENNERCHOR
HELVETIA
PITTSBURGH, PA

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I(We) would like to order:

- ☐ Full page (@8x10) \$250.00
- ☐ 1/2 page (@8x5) \$160.00
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- ☐ See enclosed advertisement
 - ☐ See back of order form
 - ☐ Use my business card attached
 - ☐ Create ad from info provided
 - ☐ Please get in touch with me(us)
- PHONE: _____

PAYMENT IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 35TH NASSA FESTIVAL

SEND TO: ROBERT E. BAYER
23 ALLEN AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15210
(412)431-2189

ALL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE LAYOUT OR PRICING OF ADS, SHOULD
BE DIRECTED TO: ROBERT DENMARSH, (412)561-2689.

PHOTOS: HIGH GLOSS BLACK AND WHITE.
GROUP 8x10 - INDIVIDUAL 5x7

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 1997 - ALL INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATION ADS.

Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL SWISS HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, December 7, 1997

WHERE: Teutonia Maennerchor, 857 Phineas St., Pittsburgh PA 15212

SCHEDULE: 4:00 PM
5:30 PM

Cash Bar

Dinner -- choice of three entrees:

Prime Rib of Beef

Baked Kassler Ripchen (Smoked Pork Chops)

Veal Schnitzel

*Dinner also includes: Tossed Salad, Oven Browned Potatoes,
Green Beans, Rye and Pumpernickel Breads, Tea or Coffee,
Surprise Dessert.*

(Cash Bar)

After Dinner

Tombola

Your donation of a craft item, wine, baked goods, or other gift item will be gratefully accepted for Tombola prizes.

Swiss Music

Bring Swiss CDs or tapes for the enjoyment of all!!

REMINDER: Please also include your 1998 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 (412)-823-1867)

COST: Prime Rib of Beef: \$20
Baked Kassler Ripchen \$16
Veal Schnitzel \$20

HOW TO REGISTER: Send check payable to SWISS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH to Nancy Carlson, 118 Monticello Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 (412)856-0982 by Saturday, November 29, 1997

REGISTER BY SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29 1997

Name _____ Choice _____

Name _____ Choice _____

Name _____ Choice _____

Name _____ Choice _____

(please list additional names and dinner choices on the other side of the page)

Phone: _____

28 Prime Rib @ \$20.00 \$ _____

23 Baked Kassler Ripchen @ \$16.00 \$ _____

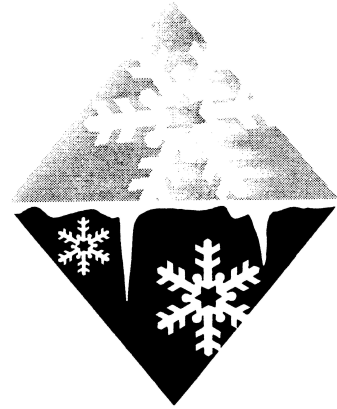
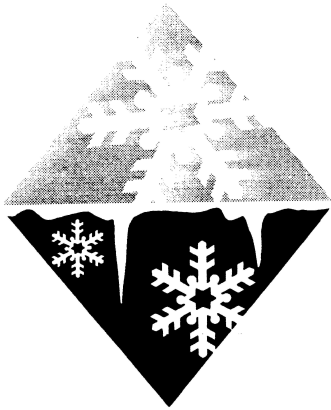
17 Veal Schnitzel @ \$20.00 \$ _____

1998 Dues @ \$5.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

TOTAL 68

Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh



SAMI KLAUS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, December 13

11:30 to 1:30

WHERE: Teutonia Maennerchor

WHAT TO BRING: Parents are encouraged to **bring traditional Swiss desserts or cookies** for the attendees to sample.

The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh will again hold its annual Sami Klaus party in conjunction with the Teutonia Kinderchor. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for the children, and are included in the cost of the registration. For adults, a sandwich buffet will be provided, funded by a donation jar to help defray costs. The traditional treat bags and visit from Sami Klaus are planned. The cost is only \$5 per family.

HOW TO REGISTER: Send check payable to SWISS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH to Nancy Carlson, 118 Monticello Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 (412)856-0982 by **Saturday, December 6, 1997**. (or include your Sami Klaus registration with your Christmas dinner reservation due November 29, 1997)

REGISTER BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 1997

Dec 13 at Teutonia

Name: _____

Number of Children: *11 children + other Kinderchor*

Phone Number: _____

Total Enclosed (\$5 per family): \$ _____

*Carlson II
Kuenzi's
Maddammas IIII
Claudons II
Schallers III*

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Robert Bayer

35th NASSA Festival

Dear Bob,

I am writing in regards to the placement of an ad in the NASSA program by the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh. In checking our minutes, the intention of the \$200.00 presented was indeed intended as advance payment for an ad in the program. I am uncertain if the check was made to the 35th NASSA Festival or to the Pittsburgh Swiss Singers. Perhaps that is the source of the confusion. At the time of our action no fee for ad sizes had been presented. Please consider the balance of the \$200.00 payment and the 1/2 page ad as a donation from our society toward expenses your group will incur toward the festival.

If I may be of further assistance please feel free to contact me. Best wishes and let us know if our group may be aid to you at the festival.

Sincerely,



Bruce Kuenzi

SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

World Swiss Congress

45 Hawk Crescent

Ottawa, Ontario

Canada (K1V 9G8)

Dear Doctor Lyon:

I was pleased to receive your correspondence of February 20, 1997. It was discussed at our regular board meeting of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh. We share your concerns with the current attacks on Switzerland for many of the same reasons you stated.

As a Swiss social and cultural organization, the board did not feel that expressing political views was within our principles or charter. Sharing of information and views is certainly within our rights as private citizens and our directors indicated they would respond as private citizens to articles published locally.

We thank you for your initiative in organizing the World Swiss Congress. It is gratifying to know there are others who share our common heritage and concerns. Unfortunately, Swiss ethnic organizations seem to have no central clearing house for information. I am enclosing copies of our newsletter which I would encourage you to pass on to individuals or organizations. Awareness of groups sharing of ideas may serve to strengthen Swiss organizations in North America as well as ties to Switzerland. If you would forward addresses of Swiss organizations you

have acquired (we would like to contact them before the North American Swiss Singer Alliance Festival in July) we would be pleased.

The Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh is about 30 years old. Our members include native Swiss and descendants and friends thereof. The Society was organized after the last of three traditional ethnic clubs of the 1920's in the Pittsburgh area closed. Currently we have about 180 adult members. To fax information you may use the number of our secretary, Nancy Carlson, 412 856 0983.

On a personal note, I am a second generation of Swiss descent with all four of my grandparents having come from Switzerland in the 1920's. I look forward to hearing from you and am confident that Switzerland's legacy of sound ethical business practices will not allow any shadow of controversy to linger.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kuenzi

President, Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh

7211 Church Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15218

(412) 271-5003



35TH SAENGERFEST

SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT • PITTSBURGH, PA • JULY 18-20, 1997

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Carlson:

As you know, the Schweizer Helvetia Maennerchor of Pittsburgh, also known as the Pittsburgh Swiss Singers, will be hosting the 35th North American Swiss Singing Alliance Festival in July, 1997. This Festival will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Alliance.

The Festival will be held on July 18, 19 and 20, 1997, at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, in Champion, PA [approximately 65 miles from Pittsburgh].

Several members of your Society have requested information from us regarding the Festival, so we thought we would share the information with all of you.

For those who might be interested in the entire weekend's festivities, the prices for the Festival package are as follows:

\$265.00 per person, single occupancy
\$214.00 per person, double occupancy
\$192.00 per person, triple/quad occupancy

The package includes: Friday and Saturday night lodging, tax on lodging, Friday evening Bar B Cue and bon fire, Saturday Buffet Breakfast, Buffet Dinner and Evening Post Concert Reception and Dance, plus Sunday Brunch. It also includes all tax and gratuities for food service. There will be cash bars at all dinners, reception and dance.

Children ages 17 and younger lodge complimentary when staying in the same room with parents. Children's meals will be an additional cost.

Those who purchase the package, would also need to purchase a \$50.00 Fest Card. This card serves as your admission to all the singing performances, a festival souvenir pin and a souvenir book.

For those who would care to attend the Saturday festivities only, there is a one day ticket for \$50.00. This ticket naturally does not include any type of lodging. It does include your admission to the prize singing and the grand concert; plus the Saturday buffet dinner and post concert reception.

If you cannot join us at the Festival, but would like to have your name listed in the souvenir book as a "well wisher", there are three levels of support. They are:

\$5.00 Well Wisher
\$10.00-25.00 Schweizer Freunde
\$30.00-50.00 Edelweiss

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Checks for "well wisher" contributions should be made payable to 35th NASSA Festival and mailed to me at the address below no later than June 15, 1997. Please print or type your name as you wish it to appear in the book.

If you are interested in joining us at Seven Springs, please contact me at [412]431-2189 for registration forms and/or tickets.

We hope you will be able to join in this 100th Anniversary celebration.

Yours in Swiss Song,

Bob Bayer

Robert E. Bayer
Festival Chairman
23 Allen Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Annice
Members can donate to event or
volunteer for event help — call Bob Bayer
(412) 431-2189 ASAP.

PAUL M.H. LIENHARDT 1527 High Knoll Dr Pgh 15241 835-9345

SWISS FALL OHIO OUTINGS -- A FEW IDEAS

Jane and I recently stayed in Ohio overnite one May weekend

Adjoining Tuscarawas and Holmes County bring extensive Swiss and Amish communities together in close proximity for dual travel enjoyments.

Sugarcreek, Dover, New Philadelphia and Baltic adjoin Wilmot, Berlin, Kidron, Mt. Hope, Walnut Creek and Charm to offer insights into Swiss life and also an Amish community larger then that in Lancaster, PA.

Whether September or October, with fall colors coming forth, perhaps a few or many Swissers would relish an overnighter to nearby scenic Ohio.

Travel time is 2.5-3 hours depending on routes chosen. Rather than a bus I propose using a few vans or autos of members to provide choices:

- Go Friday and return Sunday or go Saturday and return Sunday
- Shared ride costs at \$5 one way for non-drivers to join in, with
- Flex option: Drive out with one and return with another
- Or, Make just a DAY trip - on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Lodging at multiple Beds and Breakfasts as space available, PLUS
- Multiple choices for places and events to see, shop and eat !

Sept 29, 30 Ohio Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek -

Sept 16, 23, 30 Apple Butter Stirring at Yoder's Amish Home Walnut Creek

Oct 7, 8 Homes County Antique Festival and Apple Dumpling Festival

Just west of Charm is Guggisberg Cheese, Guggisberg Swiss Inn and Chalet in the Valley Restaurant, where we might all gather for one meal.

I have a listing of several Bed and Breakfasts that I can contact, but do suggest common lodging (ASAP reserved) at Guggisberg Swiss Inn, with specified nites and deposits paid in by July 29 at latest. They can do two, three or four per room with two double beds, superb/spacious, at \$70/\$80 for two to \$85/\$95 for four, plus tax, per nite. Will arrange group rates at Inn and Chalet Valley for a Fri/Sun meal if so desired.

IF dates are agreed upon and drivers/open seats available are identified then I'll coordinate lodging and reservations on paid deposits basis and match up any persons needing travel arrangements on their dates.

Some other places to see (but not on Sundays) are: LEHMAN HARDWARE at Kidron (prefer over Mt. Hope), ALPENSTOCK and WOODEN TOY SHOP (etc) in Wilmot, WHITMER'S STORE in Winesburg and YANKEE WORKSHOP in Berlin.

CHEESES: also at HEINI's (1m ne of Berlin) and WALNUT CREEK CHEESE !!

EATS: AMISH DOOR RESTAURANT in Wilmot. DER DUTCHMAN of WALNUT CREEK, Mrs. YODER'S KITCHEN in Mt. Hope, and MILLER's DUTCH KITCHEN of Baltic for good 'AMISH' food, ..but also not open on Sundays.



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

SPRING LUNCHEON ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Spring Luncheon will take place this year at the interesting Church Brew Works in the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh. The owner of the brewery will take groups of 15 on a 20-minute tour of the facility, which handcrafts 4 beers. After the tours there will be a sumptuous luncheon (check your choices below) and a very brief business meeting. See you there!!

LOCATION: The Church Brew Works 3525 Liberty Ave, PGH, PA 15201
(in Lawrenceville just up the hill from Iron City's brewery)

DATE: Saturday, May 3, 1997

TIME: Noon sharp for tours; luncheon to follow and brief business meeting

COST: \$10.- per person covers all food, tax, gratuity
Beverages are extra (but what a choice!)

*Brews include: Celestial Gold

Pipe Organ Pale Ale

Bell Tower Brown

Pius Monk Dunkel

Also soft drinks, coffee, tea, etc available.

RESERVATIONS please return to the secretary by Saturday, April 19, 1997!

Make checks payable to: Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh

Mail to: Nancy Flury Carlson, 118 Monticello Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146-4837

Please reserve _____ Broiled Chicken Breast*lightly seasoned, chargrilled and
served over a julienne of seasonal
vegetables, topped with wild mushrooms
_____ Vegetarian Strudel*fresh seasonal vegetables blended with
pine nuts, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh
herbs, tofu, served in filo pastry
drizzled with roasted garlic pimienta
vinaigrette, served with baby greens
_____ Texas Barbecued Buffalo*slow-roasted, fork tender, braised
lagered barbecue sauce served on
barley focaccia with cole slaw

Total lunches at \$10.- each _____. Total enclosed \$_____.

Phone: _____

Name(s) attending and lunch choices:

48 total attended

SWISS CANTON CONTEST FOR AGES 13 TO ADULT



Name the 13 Swiss Cantons which were part of the Confederation in 1776 when the 13 Colonies decided to become the United States. For extra credit, include the year each Canton was admitted to the Confederation. Please bring your list to the Picnic, where a random drawing of all correct entries will determine the winner.

CANTON NAME

YEAR

_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

SWISS CANTON CONTEST FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER



Can you memorize the names of the cantons of Switzerland? If you can, you'll win a prize at the picnic. Here is a list for you to study before the picnic. The list shows all 23 cantons in alphabetical order. In parentheses are the names of the half-cantons associated with three of the cantons (You don't have to memorize the half-canton names). You will also notice that some canton names are shown in German and French; you can memorize either form of the name, but you don't have to memorize both. At the picnic, you will recite the canton names to one of the Board members. Good luck!

Aargau

Appenzell (*Appenzell Ausserrhoden / Appenzell Innerrhoden*)

Basel (*Basel Stadt / Basel Land*)

Bern / Berne

Freiburg / Fribourg

Genève

Glarus

Graubünden

Jura

Luzern

Neuchâtel

Sankt Gallen

Schaffhausen

Schwyz

Solothurn

Thurgau

Ticino

Unterwalden (*Obwalden / Nidwalden*)

Uri

Vaud

Wallis / Valais

Zug

Zürich

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CANTON NAME	YEAR
Appenzell	1513
Basel	1501
Bern	1353
Freiburg	1481
Glarus	1352
Luzern	1332
Schaffhausen	1501
Schwyz	1291
Solothurn	1481
Unterwalden	1291
Uri	1291
Zug	1352
Zurich	1351

— Anna Hoffmann
won
this
drawing

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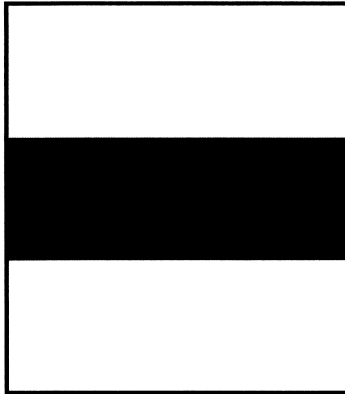
Aargau	1501 - Schaffhausen
1513 - Appenzell (Appenzell Ausserrhoden / Appenzell Innerrhoden)	1291 - Schwyz
1501 - Basel (Basel Stadt / Basel Land)	1481 - Solothurn
1353 Bern / Berne	Thurgau
1481 - Freiburg / Fribourg	Ticino
Genève	1291 - Unterwalden (Obwalden / Nidwalden)
1352 - Glarus	1291 - Uri
Graubünden	Vaud
Jura	Wallis / Valais
1332 - Luzern	1352 - Zug
Neuchâtel	1351 - Zürich
Sankt Gallen	

Anna & Rita
Schaller

Christina
Maddamma

Ellen
Carlson
won this
contest

Information about the Kanton Zug



Short Term:

ZG

State Capital:

Zug City ("Stadt Zug")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1352

Administrative language:

German

Size:

239 km²

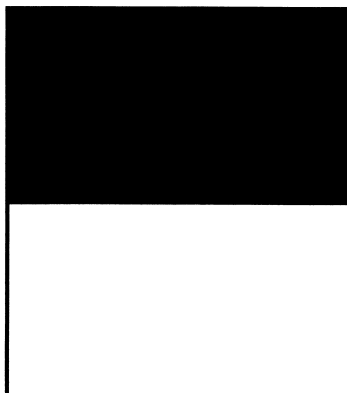
Remarks:

- ☐ Much more locale information.



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Information about the Kanton Freiburg / Canton Fribourg



Short Term:

FR

State Capital:

Fribourg City ("Freiburg"/"Ville Fribourg")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1481

Administrative language:

French and German

Size:

1670 km2

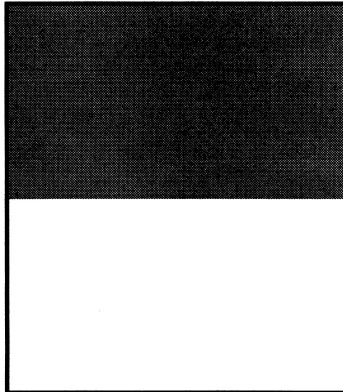
Remarks:

- ☐ The University of Fribourg ("Université de Fribourg") is run by the "Canton Fribourg".



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Information about the Kanton Solothurn



Short Term:

SO

State Capital:

Solothurn City ("Stadt Solothurn")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1481

Administrative language:

German

Size:

791 km²

Remarks:

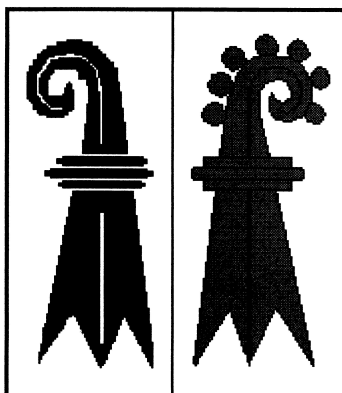


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Information about the Kanton Basel



Short Term:

none

State Capital:

none (see remarks)

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1501

Administrative language:

German

Size:

465 km² (Basel Stadt + Basel Land)

Remarks:

- ☐ Basel is divided into the two "split states" ("Halb-Kantone"):
 - ☐ Basel Stadt
 - ☐ Basel Land



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Information about the Kanton Schaffhausen



Short Term:

SH

State Capital:

Schaffhausen City ("Stadt Schaffhausen")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1501

Administrative language:

German

Size:

298 km²

Remarks:



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Information about the Kanton Appenzell



Short Term:

none

State Capital:

none (see remarks)

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1513

Administrative language:

German

Size:

415 km2 (Appenzell Ausserrhoden + Appenzell Innerrhoden)

Remarks:

- ☐ Appenzell is divided into the two "split states" ("Halb-Kantone"):
 - ☐ Appenzell Ausserrhoden
 - ☐ Appenzell Innerrhoden



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Information about the Kanton Zürich



Short Term:

ZH

State Capital:

Zurich City ("Stadt Zürich")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1351

Administrative language:

German

Size:

1729 km2

Remarks:

- ☐ Zurich City is the largest town in Switzerland. Population including suburbs: approx. one million.
- ☐ Zurich City is located at the end of lake Zurich ("Zürichsee") on both sides of the river "Limmat" (therefore the name "Limmatstadt").
- ☐ The University of Zurich ("Universität Zürich") is run by the "Kanton Zürich".
- ☐ The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich ("Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich", ETH for short) is run by the Swiss Federal Government.
- ☐ Zurich-Guide
- ☐ much more local information
- ☐ internet café zürich

Information about the Kanton Bern / Canton Berne



Short Term:

BE

State Capital:

Bern City ("Bern" / "Berne Ville")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1353

Administrative languages:

German ("Bern") and French ("Berne")

Size:

6049 km²

Remarks:

- ☐ Hosts the capital of Switzerland.
- ☐ Second largest state of Switzerland.
- ☐ Hosts the world famous mountains "Eiger", "Mönch" and "Jungfrau".
- ☐ The University of Bern is run by the "Kanton Bern".



Information about the Kanton Luzern



Short Term:

LU

State Capital:

Luzern City ("Stadt Luzern")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1332

Administrative language:

German

Size:

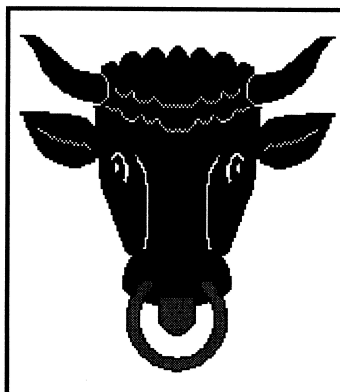
1492 km²

Remarks:

- ☐ Located in the center of Switzerland.
- ☐ Hosts the world famous chapel bridge ("Kapellbrücke")
- ☐ Die Wappen des Standes, der Aemter, Gemeinden und der bisherigen Bundesräte, Bundesrichter, Schultheissen und Stadtpräsidenten.
- ☐ Much more local information.



Information about the Kanton Uri



Short Term:

UR

State Capital:

Altdorf

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1291

Administrative language:

German

Size:

1076 km2

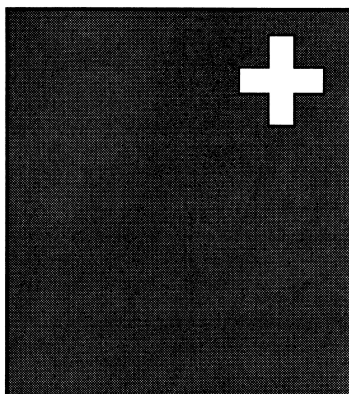
Remarks:

- ☐ Founding member of the Swiss Federation ("Ur-Kanton")



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Information about the Kanton Schwyz



Short Term:

SZ

State Capital:

Schwyz City (Stadt Schwyz)

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1291

Administrative language:

German

Size:

908 km2

Remarks:

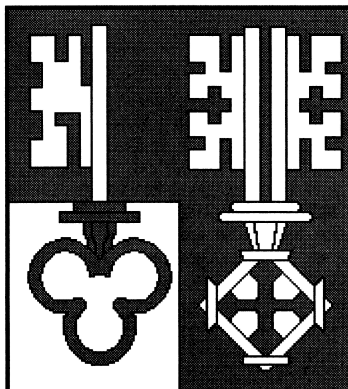
- ☐ Founding member of the Swiss Federation ("Ur-Kanton")



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Information about the Kanton Unterwalden



Short Term:

UW

State Capital:

none (see remarks)

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1291

Administrative language:

German

Size:

766 km² (Obwalden + Nidwalden)

Remarks:

- ☐ Founding member of the Swiss Federation ("Ur-Kanton")
- ☐ Unterwalden is divided into the two "split states" ("Halb-Kantone"):
 - ☐ Obwalden
 - ☐ Nidwalden



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Information about the Kanton Glarus



Short Term:

GL

State Capital:

Glarus City ("Stadt Glarus")

Member of the Swiss Federation since:

1352

Administrative language:

German

Size:

685 km²

Remarks:

☐ [find more information about glarus here](#)



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ANNUAL SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC

WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 1997

WHERE: Rose Barn, North Park

SCHEDULE: 11:30 to 1:30 **Registration**
Everyone Must Register!!
12:30 to 3:30 **Children's and Adults' Games**
Including the popular Steinstossen!!
3:30 to 4:00 **Schweizer Maennerchor Helvetia**
Our favorite Swiss jodelers are back!!
4:00 to 5:30 **Dinner and Speeches**
Reflect on the anniversary of the Swiss nation.
5:30 to 6:00 **Tombola**
The exciting Swiss raffle - donate something if you wish!!
6:00 to 9:00 **Swiss Music**
Bring Swiss CDs or tapes for the enjoyment of all!!

MENU: **Catered Picnic:** Schnitzel Cutlet, Potato Salad, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Rolls and butter, Coffee and Dessert.

-or-

Bring your own Picnic Basket

Soft Drinks and Beer will be available for all.

COST: Catered Picnic: \$ 13.00/adult \$ 5.25/child
Picnic Basket: \$ 5.00/adult \$ 1.00/child

WHAT TO BRING: Your own Pitcher, Glasses and Lawn Chairs. Pets are not permitted.

HOW TO REGISTER: Send check payable to SWISS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH to Nancy Carlson, 118 Monticello Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 (412)856-0982 by Saturday, July 28, 1997

REGISTER BY SATURDAY JULY 28 1997

Names (Please list the names of all persons attending):

Phone Number: _____

Number of Dinners: 61 Adult Catered @ 13.00 \$ _____
19 Child Catered @ 5.25 \$ _____
28 Adult Basket @ 5.00 \$ _____
12 Child Basket @ 1.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: 120 - total attending \$ _____

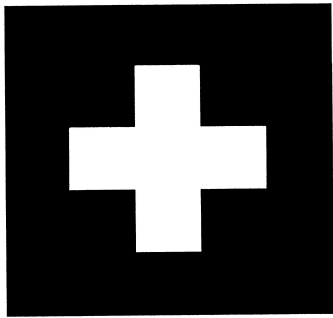
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World Swiss Congress
Schweizer Weltkongress
Congrès suisse mondial

February 20, 1997

Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
7211 Church Street
Pittsburgh, P.A. 15218, U.S.A.
Attention: Mr. Bruce Kuenzi, President

Dear Mr. Kuenzi:

The purpose of my letter to you is an informal request as a private citizen of Swiss extraction to solicit your organisation's expression of support for the newly formed Swiss World Congress, which I am gradually organising. The purpose of the Congress is initially:

1. to promote the land of our forefathers, their wonderful successes throughout their history in international business and finance, the sciences, arts, culture, humanism - and above all, their wonderfully sensible, democratic way of life;
2. to make us North Americans of Swiss extraction aware of potentially damaging attacks on Switzerland where we, as private citizens can help - and to formulate the kind of assistance that might be helpful; and
3. to react swiftly and collectively to press reports - good or bad - support journalists, publications and broadcasters traditionally friendly to Switzerland and let them know our views on a regular basis and challenge, or provide information to those who are particularly unfriendly to Switzerland - especially those who have ulterior commercial, financial, political, or economic motives and interests they seek to promote by attacking the land of our forefathers. If we let anyone poison our roots, our healthy and happy North American tree will die!

In essence, I would be in touch with you whenever major issues arise to explain, or seek explanations from you and discuss a possible form of relief or assistance. This would generally simply require a letter or some monitoring on your behalf. Secondly, whenever you see a local article or a radio/TV broadcast item about Switzerland - good or bad - I would ask you to take note of the publication, the writer or radio/TV broadcaster and have the members of your organisation contact him/her by whatever means is most convenient, congratulate them on their accuracy, or correct their views with sensible argument. Use your initiative and express your own feelings on the matter. As God has blessed us with prosperity and a great and happy past, this will rarely be needed, but one such dark cloud has come up right now.

This major current issue of concern to all of us North Americans of Swiss extraction is the unprecedented attack on us from some militant and vocal members of the Jewish community. Remember that these are not our Jewish friends whom we know and love, but some unsavoury dark elements that we perhaps encounter for the first time. The issue of Jewish gold that the Swiss have somehow hidden and will not release is of particular concern to me, because I am familiar with the issue, not only because the Swiss banking system was one of the first we had to study thoroughly during my MBA program in California, but more importantly because I worked at the headquarters of one of the major Swiss banks in Zurich and am familiar with the issue. I want to let you know that the Swiss numbered accounts were set up in the thirties when Nazi spies suddenly appeared in great numbers to try to extract information on Jewish accounts. The reason at the origin of these numbered accounts was the bankers' concern for their Jewish clients - and

any other interpretation is outright wrong, or highly suspect. Naturally, they rarely knew the religious affiliation of their clients, since an inborn respect for privacy would forbid them to ask where and how their clients worshipped.

I want to let you know, however, that privacy was not respected when it came to the business at hand. Whenever a client arrived to open any account, they had to tell us in writing where they got the funds. In no other country did I ever have to do that. Nobody at my bank who came to claim moneys of a deceased relative would ever have had any problems retrieving the funds. Naturally, their identity and their rightful claim to the money would have to be established.

The problem with the current Jewish claims is inexplicable to me, because the bank had a policy of returning foreign moneys that lay dormant in a certain account for an established number of years to the Government of the State of Origin. I believe most other Swiss banks have the same policy - generally after 50 years of dormancy. It is just about 50 years since the last world war and I can't help wondering if the current crisis was not triggered by the fact that governments are now beginning to receive such unclaimed funds. I also recall a lady who came to me at the Bank and confided to me that her relative had died in a Jewish concentration camp and had told her he had deposited money in Switzerland. She did not know which bank it was, or where in Switzerland the funds were deposited, nor what amount it was. We checked our records for the name she gave us and there had never been such an account. She had, of course, no death certificate, or any other documentation that would give her the right to claim any amount. Had there been any way we could have helped her, we would have. I believe this is what most other Swiss banks did as well. I have also worked for a Canadian bank and have had dealings with many international financial institutions in all parts of the world. Rarely do you encounter the same degree of client service and efficiency that I saw at the Bank in Zurich. That is why I find the issue so incomprehensible.

I would, therefore, like you and your members to write quietly to Senator D'Amato of New York to explain to him that you, as a North American citizen/resident of Swiss extraction, do not appreciate any unsubstantiated claims he is supporting. Urge him to be fair and allow for the facts to speak - not greed, or misguided emotions. His address is: **Senator D'Amato, Senate Hart Office Building, Room 520, Washington, D.C. 20510** - or give him a quick call at (202) 224-6542. --- Do respond to any story in the media that gives you unsubstantiated claims of some wrongful financial dealings. They are most likely untrue. All it takes is a quick note to the writer, or broadcaster. Speak to your Jewish friends and reassure them that if any of them have any rightful claims, they could not possibly be ignored. Call radio stations and television stations that say the wrong things that hurt us all - and please do it today.

I have left Switzerland many years ago, yet to me - and no doubt to you too - she is one of the loveliest and happiest countries I know. Oh, do let us keep it that way - and do not let her doubt her own goodness - not even for a moment.

I thank you most cordially.

Sincerely,


Kathy Lyon (Dr.)

P.S.: If you have a fax number, or an Internet code, please let me have it.

March 7, 1997
Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
Board Meeting Minutes

President Bruce Kuenzi called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. The following board members were present: President Bruce Kuenzi, Secretary Nancy Carlson, Membership Secretary Trudi Kuenzi, Directors Connie Ostertag, Sam Gerber and Hans Meier. Auditor Fred Carlson was also present.

REPORTS

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved. The dates of the Saengerfest were corrected to read July 18, 19 and 20, 1997.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The Membership Secretary's report showed 164 currently paid members, and two members who were deceased: Edgar Kress and Rudy Stierli. Mary Stierli, Rudy's widow, has moved away and resigned. Unpaid dues notices were mailed to 36 addresses. The Membership Secretary's report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed lessons learned from the Christmas event. It was noted that the traditional first December Sunday date fell on the long Thanksgiving weekend in 1996 and that is what led to a lower than usual turnout. For variety, the group discussed changing the location next year; suggestions are to be given to Charles Claudon.

In discussing the Sami Klaus party, the board agreed that the arrangement with the Kinderchor in which both groups shared responsibility for the event, was successful and should be continued.

NEW BUSINESS

The board then selected the date of Saturday May 3, 1997, and Church Brew Works as the location for the Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting and planned the logistics for the announcements. Bruce will coordinate the menu and the announcements will be mailed out at the end of March.

The upcoming 35th Saengerfest sponsored by the North American Swiss Singing Alliance will take place July 18, 19 and 20, 1997 at Seven Springs Resort. The Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh will be placing a ½ page ad in the program. Design of the ad will be completed by Fred Carlson. The board will send a reminder of the event in our Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting announcement mailing. The reminder will also include information about the Well Wisher donation program and opportunities to volunteer.

The Secretary introduced the idea of donating the society's archives to the Senator John Heinz Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania (The History Center). The History Center's former Executive Director John Herbst had indicated that the center would be interested in our archives. Nancy Carlson will obtain more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Kuenzi distributed correspondence from an organization offering watches with Edelweiss patterns, and from an organization called the World Swiss Congress. The World Swiss Congress appears to be an organization formed to monitor and respond to coverage of the current Swiss banking problems related to World War II assets.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

DECEMBER 1, 1996 THRU NOVEMBER 30, 1997

Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
Treasurer's Report
Walter Schaller

Presented by Bruce Kenzys @ March 7 1997 Board Mtg.

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SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

To: OFFICERS OF THE SWISS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
From: NANCY FLURY CARLSON/Secretary
Re: Board Meeting Announcement

The second Board meeting of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh will be held at Nancy and Fred Carlson's home at 7:30 PM, Monday evening June 16, 1997.

Agenda: August 1st Picnic Planning
Christmas Dinner Planning
Fall Event Possibilities
Nationality Rooms (Pitt)
Other business

Second Board Meeting/1997

Date: Monday June 16, 1997

Place: Nancy & Fred Carlson's home-118 Monticello Drive Monroeville PA 15146-4837
(412)856-0982 (fax 856-0983)

Time: 7:30 PM

Directions to Carlsons

1. Parkway East (376) to exit 16A (Monroeville)--this is the exit out near the Turnpike. If taking Turnpike, exit 6 (Monroeville)-bear to left onto Business 22, go left at light onto PA 48 south.
2. Take 48 South from the intersection with business 22, through 4 lights.
3. At 5th light, bear left at Haymaker Road off of 48 south. You will see Forbes Regional Hospital on your left.
4. Go straight through light at Forbes Hospital entrance driveway (you will need to be in the right lane on Haymaker Road to do this).
5. Go 1.3 miles past Forbes driveway on Haymaker. Note Crossroads Prebyterian Church on left. Immediately after church lot, there is a traffic light. This is Ramsey Road.
6. Go left at Ramsey Road. At second stop sign, go left on Monticello Drive.
7. Go down hill to stop sign. Go straight starting up hill, we're third driveway on right after stop sign (#118). See you then!

June 16, 1997

**Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh
Board Meeting Minutes**

President Bruce Kuenzi called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM at the home of Secretary Nancy Carlson. The following board members were present: President Bruce Kuenzi, Secretary Nancy Carlson, Membership Secretary Trudi Kuenzi, Treasurer Walter Schaller, Directors Hans Meier and Lizann Maddamma. Auditor Fred Carlson was also present.

REPORTS

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Current balance is \$4025.52.

The Membership Secretary's report showed 182 currently paid members. This includes 16 honorary, 5 life, 5 golden age, 3 resignations, 10 dropped, and 7 new members. The Membership Secretary's report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed lessons learned from the Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting. The location of the Church Brew Works was a good choice in that it attracted a larger than usual crowd (48). However, the downside is that the acoustics were so bad that we could not conduct a business meeting.

Discussion of the upcoming Saengerfest: Hans reported on the recent event planning meeting of the Schweizer Maennerchor Helvetia. 500 bags of Ricola have been received! There is interest in trying to get a one-day bus trip organized for Saturday of the event. The Maennerchor will need help from the Swiss club in such activities as stuffing registration bags, staffing the T-shirt booth, checking people in. Hans will contact Bruce with further specifics.

NEW BUSINESS

PICNIC

The board then selected the date of Sunday August 2nd, 1997 for the August First Picnic. Rose Barn will again be the location. Responsibilities were decided as follows:

Registration:

Nancy Carlson will check people in and distribute meal tickets

Meal Tickets:

Nancy Carlson will ensure we have the appropriate tickets. For convenience, may mark name badges to serve as meal/beer tickets.

Decorations:

Bruce has the small canton flag banners. The large canton flags had been previously borrowed from the Consulate in New York and we don't think we can get them this year.

Pro Patria Pin Sales:

Bruce will confirm with Heinz that Heinz will be obtaining the pins.

Music:

Henry Tengowski will bring the boom box and PA system. We will encourage people to bring tapes of Swiss music. Hans has a recently purchased tape of yodeling music.

We will ask the Schweizer Maennerchor Helvetia to perform for one-half hour. In the past we have provided free meals to them. To simplify, this year we will pay their engagement fee and send them announcements so that they may register and pay for the dinner if they wish, at the same price as the membership. Even if they do not sign up for the catered dinner, we will provide free drinks for them.

Games:

Trudy Kuenzi will organize the children's games. Bruce will bring the turtle game.

Ernie Gubser customarily does the adults' games.

Nancy Carlson will send the list of current Swiss cantons along with the picnic announcement for children under 12. The children will be asked to memorize the names and recite them to a board member at the picnic. Bruce Kuenzi will provide rappen coins for the children who participate.

The 13 cantons contest announced in the spring newsletter will be culminated at the picnic. A reminder will be sent with the announcement. All entrants will receive a nominal prize (undecided). The winner will receive a bottle of wine if over 21, and a large Toblerone if under 21.

Caterer:

Walter Schaller will contact last year's caterer Margot Probstdorfer to see if she is available and to determine pricing. He will forward pricing and menu information to Nancy Carlson for the announcement. We hope to have the same menu and pricing as last year if possible.

Nancy Carlson will check with Florence Jacob about the dessert, which was purchased separately.

Beer:

Walter Schaller will get the beer (1 half keg and 1 quarter keg) from Pittsburgh Brewing. May need to determine if the association's tap will fit the keg.

Tombola:

Nancy Carlson will contact Florence Jacob for guidance and/or assistance with the tombola purchases and typical budget. We will also mention in the announcement that attendees may want to contribute a tombola prize. In the past we have not solicited tombola gifts for the picnic, but only for the Christmas dinner.

ARCHIVES

Nancy Carlson reported further on the issue of donating the association's archives to the History Center. She has obtained the History Center's standard memorandum of agreement, and has consulted with the archivist at the center. For several reasons, Nancy recommended that we make this an ongoing process so that the Swiss American Society and the History Center both enjoy the maximum benefit from this donation. We should comprehensively collect all of our archives first, ensure that we retain a working copy of everything or retain originals of items which may be discarded by the History Center, and determine whether we require legal assistance in executing the agreement.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The date for the Christmas dinner will be Sunday December 7, 1997. Walt will determine if the Teutonia is available.

NATIONALITY ROOMS

We currently have \$1200 toward a Swiss Nationality Room. However, this issue is on hold until we meet with Pitt. Should we consider a fund raising event?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Bruce read the reply he wrote to the World Swiss Congress.
The Ausland Schweizer Kongress is in Ticino in July 1997.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 PM. --Respectfully submitted / Nancy Flury Carlson

Picnic Timetable
~~Saturday~~ Sunday August 2 1997

11:30 - 1:30 Registration
12:30 - 3:30 Games
3:30 - 4:00 Singers
4:00 - 5:30 Dinner & Speeches
5:30 - 6:00 Tombola
6:00 - 9:00 Music (tapes)



CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND

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Swiss National Day 1997

Information regarding the discussion on the role of Switzerland and Swiss Institutions during and in the aftermath of World War II

1. Internet - Homepages

- Task Force, Switzerland (English, French, Italian, German): <http://www.eda-tf.ethz.ch>
- Swiss Embassy, Washington D.C. (English): <http://www.swissemb.org>
- Swiss Confederation / Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft: <http://www.admin.ch>
- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, Switzerland (German, English): <http://www.nzz.ch>
- Le Nouveau Quotidien, Switzerland (French): <http://www.edicom.ch/lnq>
- Tages Anzeiger, Switzerland (German): <http://www.tages-anzeiger.ch>
- The U.S. Department of State, USA (English): <http://www.state.gov>
- The Ambassadors Review, USA (English): <http://www.his.com/~council>
- The New York Times, USA (English): <http://www.nytimes.com>
- The Simon Wiesenthal Center, USA (English): <http://www.wiesenthal.com>

2. Various Articles

- Alfred Cattani, *Im Schatten des Zweiten Weltkrieges, Ein Schwerpunkt Dossier, [In the Shadow of World War II, A Focus File]*, (Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 1997, German, English).
- Walter Hofer, *Wer hat wann den Zweiten Weltkrieg verlängert? [Who prolonged World War II - and when?]*, (Neue Zuercher Zeitung, June 7-8, 1997, German, English).
- Faith Whittlesey, *Switzerland on Trial, The Ambassadors Review*, (Spring Issue 1997, English).

3. Bibliography

- Jacques Picard, *Die Schweiz und die Juden, 1933-1945, [Switzerland and the Jews, 1933-1945]*, (Chronos Verlag, 1994, German).
- Christian Kubitschek, *Die Wirtschaftliche Situation der Schweiz im Zweiten Weltkrieg, [The Economic Situation of Switzerland during WW II]*, (1991, German).
- Willi Gautschi, *General Guisan, Die Schweizerische Armeeführung im Zweiten Weltkrieg, [The Swiss Army Command during WW II]*, (Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 1991, German).
- Klaus Urner, *"Die Schweiz muss noch geschluckt werden!" Hitlers Aktionsplaene gegen die Schweiz - Zwei Studien zur Bedrohungslage der Schweiz im Zweiten Weltkrieg, [Switzerland must be swallowed, Hitler's action plans against Switzerland - Two studies on the military threat to Switzerland during WW II]*, (Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 3rd ed, 1991, German).
- Joseph E. Persico, *Piercing the Reich, The Penetration of Nazi Germany by American Secret Agents during WW II*, (reprint, 1997, English). Order by phone: 1 - 800 - 843 2665.
- Bernard Wasserstein, *Britain and the Jews in Europe 1939 - 1945*, (Institute of Jewish Affairs, London, Oxford University Press, 1979, English).
- Saul Friedländer, *Nazi Germany and the Jews, v. 1, The Years of Persecution, 1933-1938*, (1997, English).
- Elliott Abrams, *Faith or fear: how Jews can survive in a Christian America* (1997, English).
- Arthur Hertzberg, *Judaism, The Classic Introduction to One of the Great Religions of the Modern World*, (rev ed, 1991, English).

The above information is designed to help you follow the discussion as well as to provide resources for background information on economic, refugee, security and spiritual issues. You will find these books in your bookstore, public library or you can order them directly at the publisher's.

over, please...



35TH SAENGERFEST

SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT • PITTSBURGH, PA • JULY 18-20, 1997

August 7, 1997

Dear Patron:

The 35th North American Swiss Singing Festival which was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on July 18, 19 and 20, 1997, was a tremendous success. This, of course, was due in part to your support in the form of your ad placed in our Souvenir Book or your generosity in your donation of time or materials.

The overwhelming response from businesses such as yours has been very gratifying and we would like to take a moment of your time to personally express our heartfelt appreciation for your contribution to this successful Festival.

Sincerely yours,

Schweizer Männerchor Helvetia

Bob Bayer

Robert E. Bayer
Festival Chairman

President Bruce Kuenzi called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM at the home of Membership Secretary Trudy Kuenzi. The following board members were present: President Bruce Kuenzi, Secretary Nancy Carlson, Membership Secretary Trudi Kuenzi, Treasurer Walter Schaller, Directors Hans Meier, Sam Gerber, Coni Ostertag and Lizann Maddamma.

REPORTS

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The Membership Secretary's report showed 194 currently paid members. This includes 16 honorary, 5 life, 5 golden age, 3 resignations, 8 dropped, 2 deceased, and 17 new members. The Membership Secretary's report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed lessons learned from the August First Picnic. Bruce noted that the recorded message from the President of Switzerland was not played at the picnic, because we were fortunate to have Mr. Ottolini deliver remarks on the topic of the World War II Swiss bank activities. Mr. Ottolini's remarks were more pertinent and up-to-date. The idea of making a picnic checklist was again discussed. Nancy Carlson volunteered to draft an initial checklist from the spring board minutes related to the picnic.

Comments from the Saengerfest: Hans and Coni indicated that the Maennerchor appreciated the help and participation received from members of the Swiss American Society. It was noted that T-shirts are still available, now at the sale price of \$5. Several members of the Maennerchor have also recently joined the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh. Bruce asked whether the Swiss American Society could have access to the Saengerfest registration list for the purpose of soliciting new members.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party

The board then selected the date of Sunday December 7, 1997 for the Christmas Party at the Teutonia. The menu was selected. Sam Gerber's wife was volunteered to make meringues for dessert. We will have a cash bar only; no wine will be included with the dinner. For the Tombola we will purchase five turkeys and solicit donations for other prizes. Trudy will make the favors. We will again ask people to bring tapes or CDs, and Coni will bring a CD player.

Elections

Fred Carlson, Ernie Gubser and Tim Maddama will serve as the Nominating Committee. Charles Claudon will be unable to serve as President. Therefore the Nominating Committee will need to identify candidates for the following offices: President, Vice President, and 2 Directors. The current Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer indicated that they would continue in their offices.

Sami Klaus

December 6, 1997 is the probable date for this event; Bruce and Walt will work out the details offline.

Nationality Rooms

No progress. Should we establish a committee to work on this over time? Walter suggested a Swiss Night fund raiser as a spring evening event. The topic will be suggested at the Christmas Party. Discussion was tabled until January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Bruce read a letter from the Rutgers Swiss American Association; they want a donation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM. --Respectfully submitted / Nancy Flury Carlson

OTHER ISSUES FROM MEETING OF OCT. 13, 1997

A \$50.00 ticket will be available to people who wish to attend the Saturday activities only. The price will entitle the purchaser to:

Attendance at the singing competition

Dinner Buffet

Grand Concert

After concert reception and dance

It was determined that there would be a seating capacity of 600 for audience members.

Souvenir pins (for both the Festival and our club) have been ordered.

1,000 pens have also been ordered. These pens will serve as a type of advertisement for the Festival.

Some of our members have been invited to a reception for the Swiss Ambassador. It will be at the PAA on Tuesday, October 15.

The following prices were established for "Well Wishers":

WELL WISHES	\$5.00
SCHWEIZER FRUENDE	
(SWISS FRIENDS)	\$10.00 TO \$25.00
EDELWEISS	\$30.00 TO \$50.00

Holiday Dinner Party

The annual Swiss Holiday Dinner Party was held Sunday, December 7, 1997, at the Teutonia Maennerchor at 857 Phineas Street on the North Side of Pittsburgh. A total of 68 members and guests attended, enjoying a cocktail hour, the dinner, and the traditional Tombola.

Although a formal business meeting was not held, several announcements of note were made and are recorded here.

President Bruce Kuenzi served as Master of Ceremonies and related his concluding thoughts for the year. Highlights of the year included the Swiss picnic with special guest Mr. Ottolini from the Swiss embassy, who had presented comments regarding the World War II Swiss bank activities. Bruce also reflected on the society's participation in the Saengerfest, and noted other issues the board had considered, such as the possibility of future efforts to establish a Swiss Nationality Room in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning.

Membership Secretary Trudy Kuenzi provided the update of the membership roster (194 paid members as of the September board meeting). She also presented a special tribute to Florence Gerber Cappe, one of the original members of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh who had recently passed away. Trudy noted Florence's many contributions and accomplishments throughout many years of service to the society, and read from one of the obituary announcements.

Treasurer Walt Schaller presented the overview of the financial report and Fred Carlson attested to the accuracy of all treasurer records based on his recent audit.

Secretary Nancy Carlson reported the results of the election for new board members. A total of 40 ballots were cast in favor of the following unopposed slate: President, Fred Carlson; Vice President, Frank Gloor; Secretary, Nancy Carlson; Treasurer, Walt Schaller; Membership Secretary, Trudy Kuenzi; Directors, Rosann Habegger and Al von Arx; Auditors, Bob Leuenberger Jr. and Nancy Kunz.

Sami Klaus Party

The annual Sami Klaus party was held on Saturday, December 13, 1997 at the Teutonia Maennerchor. Eleven children from the Swiss American Society attended along with their families. Both children and adults enjoyed the event, which included games, pizza, songs from the Kinderchor, and a visit from Sami himself.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Flury Carlson, Secretary

2 American Society
Att. Officers of Society
Nancy Carlson

12-10-'97

Dear Nancy,

I'm making a complaint to the Society for
future affairs

The recent Xmas Party for the Swiss was
a nice affair, but I've heard several
complaints about the meals.

First of all I selected "Smoked Pork
chops" - Baked Kassler Ripchen.

It was the worst meal ever - I had
much better at Eat & Park. The pork
was a ham steak & it was so tough
I could not eat it with a knife. For the
meal \$16. was outrageous. Others at
our table also complained about their meal.
The dessert was the only good thing about the
meal.

So in^{the} future if we have another
affair, please don't have it at the
Teutonia.

The only reason I'm complaining
is the fact in a year no one will
ever remember our complaints.

Sincerely yours,
Charles N. Erb

P.S. To you & ~~the~~ family
a Merry Xmas & Happy New Year



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Charles Erb
130 West Sandle Avenue
Pittsburgh PA 15237

Dear Chuck:

The Board of the Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh is sorry you found your recent Christmas dinner at the Teutonia Club less than satisfactory. We understand that the head chef had been taken ill with heart problems only a few days before the event and they attempted to cater the affair with new help. In any event, the fact that you had this complaint and others around you had some of the same feelings will be passed on to the appropriate people at the Teutonia.

The Board is planning on having our big spring fundraiser event (to benefit the Swiss nationality room in the Cathedral of Learning) the first Saturday in May and we've moved to utilize the Teutonia facilities for that event, which will include dinner, an auction, and other festivities. In engaging the kitchen services, we'll make sure the complaint of yourself and your party is registered and the problem or possible kitchen problems do not occur.

Chuck, thanks for taking the time to communicate to us. We appreciate your concern for club events and we hope you'll enjoy the plans for the year upcoming.

Sincerely,

Frederick H Carlson
President/Swiss American Society of Pittsburgh

cc: Swiss Board



SWISS-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

BALLOT FOR OFFICERS 1998

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.

BALLOTS DUE BY SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 1998

(send ballot in with your luncheon reservations and 1999 dues, or send it separately if you are not attending the luncheon)

Office:	Nominee: (blanks for write-in)	Vote:
President	Frederick H. Carlson.....	_____
	_____	_____
Vice President	Frank Gloor.....	_____
	_____	_____
Secretary	Nancy Flury Carlson.....	_____
	_____	_____
Treasurer	Walter Schaller.....	_____
	_____	_____
Membership Secretary	Trudy Kuenzi.....	_____
	_____	_____
Directors (2-year terms)	Margrit Claudon.....	_____
	Koni Ostertag.....	_____
	_____	_____

(Directors Al Von Arx and Rosan Habegger have one more year of a two-year term to serve)

Auditors 1999	Walt Kuenzi.....	_____
	_____	_____
	Nancy Kunz.....	_____
	_____	_____

We wish to thank all those who served on the Board this past year!!

Nominating Committee

Heinz Kunz, Tim Maddamma, Florence Jacob