

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER



Chalet Clean-Up Saturday, April 18, 2009 9:00 a.m.

As the Grandfather said to Heidi, "It's a hard winter." Well, that's over, and the warm weather is a true inspiration for getting together for the annual spring clean-up at the Chalet.

The more hands we have to work, the easier and quicker the task. Please bring any garden tools and cleaning equipment that we may not have at the Chalet. Lunch will be served to those useful Swiss helpers giving their Saturday morning for the betterment of our Society's Chalet. **See you there!**



Strawberry Picnic at the Leuthardt's May 17, 2009 -- 1:00 p.m.

May is the month that we gladly venture into the countryside for strawberries, champagne and delicious cervelat roasted over a bonfire. We are so delighted to have Franz and Annelies Leuthardt host this event. Gather at 1:00 so as not to miss the lighting of the bonfire; cooking begins around 2:30. The Society provides table service, cervelat, champagne and condiments; Andre's provide the rolls

and rich whipped cream; and Leuthardts treat us to a colossal dish of strawberries.

Members please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A – G: Angel food or pound cake for strawberries

H – Q: Salads or vegetable dishes

R – Z: Casserole or other side dishes

Bringing lawn chairs, blankets and personal drinks is advisable. A fine afternoon of Swiss fun is anticipated and may include a hay wagon ride, flag throwing, an alphorn serenade and more!

Please submit the Event Registration Coupon on the back of the newsletter no later than May 9th so food can be ordered in the appropriate quantity.

Report of the Annual Meeting March 21, 2009

Andre's Suisse Confissure is by far the most culturally rich setting, which includes a superior Swiss menu, for the Kansas City Swiss Society's Annual Meeting. Volunteers assisted in many ways, large and small, to assure that each table was festively set and efficiently served throughout the meal.

Our dining pleasures began with a variety plate of salads, accompanied by baskets of light croissant puffs. Fondue forks were at the ready as the heavy pots were placed on their awaiting stands. And of course, a meal at Andre's would not be complete without a selection from their luscious dessert offerings.

President, Dan Bonderer, called the business meeting to order with 86 in attendance. The 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes and the 2008 Treasurer's Report were accepted by the membership.

Sunshine Committee Chair, John Kupfer, reported that flowers had been sent to members

that were ill during the year as well as our traditional red and white carnation crosses in remembrance for our dearly departed Pauline Clifton, York Rothweiler and Frances Washam.

The slate of candidates presented by the president consisted of Liz Kohlstaedt, President; Chris Montemore, Vice-President; CeeAnn Neuenschwander, Secretary; Harry Newby, Treasurer; and 3 Year Director, Linda Scott. Nominations were accepted and elected by acclamation.

New members Felix and Christina Fritschi, and Jim Neese were welcomed by the president on behalf of the Society.

Marcel Bollier addressed the group with comments on the current situation in Switzerland. He reports that he continues to have good relations with the Swiss Consuls, and if a member should have a problem in this area, he can be of assistance on their behalf.

Dan thanked the out-going board members and the many people that supported him during his term as President and Vice President. He shared his optimism for the future of the organization under the leadership of Liz Kohlstaedt and the new board.

2009 Board of Directors and Officers

President	Liz Kohlstaedt (816) 554-2339
Vice President	Chris Montemore (816) 737-0594
Secretary	CeeAnn Neuenschwander (913) 451-4603
Treasurer	Harry Newby (913) 888-0095
1 Year Director	Tony Case (913) 897-7875
2 Year Director	Bruce Hiller (816) 468-6418
3 Year Director	Linda Scott (913) 661-9198

Highlights from Board Meeting April 1, 2009 at the Chalet


President, Liz Kohlstaedt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all Officers and Board members attending.

Liz introduced invited guests Pepe Strub and David von Fintel who shared their expertise regarding a website update. Liz appointed a Website Committee with Bruce Hiller, Chair, Tony Case, Pepe Strub and David von Fintel. They will research websites and software options to present to the Board.

Additional Committee Chairs were appointed; John Kupfer, Sunshine Committee and Jim Neuenschwander, Chalet Committee. The board approved an annual operating budget for each committee to streamline purchasing while still having accountability for all expenses.

The schedule of social events follow.

Schedule of Social Events

- ★ **Strawberry Picnic** 
Sunday – May 18, 2009
1:00 p.m. at Leuthardt Estate
- ★ **Steak Cookout**
Sunday – June 14, 2009
- ★ **Bundesfeier**
Saturday – August 1, 2009
- ★ **Ticino Abend**
September - TBA
- ★ **Schutzenfest-Raclette**
Sunday - October 11, 2009
- ★ **Weihnachts Fest**
Sunday – December 5, 2009

A Message from our President

It is a great honor for me to serve as President of the KC Swiss Society.

Having a lot of wonderful memories of the KC Swiss family growing up, I hope to make some new memories for our young (and old) KC Swiss also.

To do this, I will need all the help I can get. As you may have already noticed, we are planning to have regular Member's Meetings. The meetings will be held at our beautiful Swiss Chalet. They are open to all members that would like to get involved or just want to know what's going on.

For our Swiss/Italian side, we've added a Ticino Abend in September. Chris Montemore will be showing off his Italian cooking - Can't wait !

The KC Swiss 150th Anniversary is just a few years away. Our Historian committee has begun searching and collecting information to later publish a book of our KC Swiss Society and its many wonderful members. I want to encourage everyone to dig and gather news paper clippings, pictures, stories or anything worth mentioning. With everyone's help this could be a great tribute to our past and current members and part of a Swiss heritage we leave to our grandchildren. This is a big project and I am counting on everyone to contribute.

Looking forward to see you soon!

Liz Kohlstaedt

President

Member and Committee Meetings are open to all KCSS volunteers and interested members. You are encouraged to attend and become involved in your organization. The first meeting is May 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chalet.



Sunshine Requests

Please keep John Kupfer, our Sunshine Chair, apprised of important events within our membership. We want to support our members in times of illness and loss, but we also want to celebrate with them on happy occasion such as special anniversaries or birthdays. Because we wish to know our younger members better, we would appreciate knowing of their honors, and awards so we can celebrate their successes.

Call John Kupfer at (816) 941-0860 to give him this type of information.

New Members

Joseph (Joe) and Judy Roetheli
10206 Liberty Circle
Liberty, MO 64068

Joe and Judy have two adult children and his grandfather came from Högendorf, Switzerland.



Membership Information

Single Membership - \$18.00

Family Membership - \$25.00

As a friendly reminder, a family membership is considered members of the same household.



The Kansas City Swiss Society
CeeAnn Neuenschwander, Secretary
9012 W. 115th Terrace
Overland Park, KS 66210

Leuthardt's Estate
3826 Lowman Rd.
Smithville, MO

Event Registration Coupon: Strawberry Picnic --- Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.



Name: _____

Names of your party attending: _____

Enclose: \$8.00 per adult _____ \$3.00 per child _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

By May 9, 2009 mail to: Harry Newby, KCSS Treasurer, 8038 Halsey St., Lenexa, KS 66215