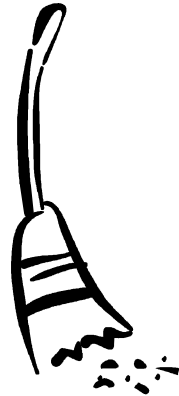




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APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER



Chalet Clean-Up **Saturday, April 17, 2010** **9:00 a.m.**

This past winter was certainly one for the record books with our tremendous snows and bitter cold weather. Alas, spring has arrived, temperatures are mild and green is the color of the month. It's time to get helping hands together for our annual Chalet Clean-up.

Please bring any garden tools and cleaning equipment that we may not have at the Chalet. Lunch will be served for those that give their Saturday morning for the betterment of our Society's Chalet.

Should inclement weather cancel our work plans, April 24th is the rain date.

This notice is a bit late due to the timing of the April board meeting which was necessary for the planning of the Strawberry Picnic.

Hope to see you there!

Strawberry Picnic at the Leuthardt's **Sunday -- May 16, 2010 -- 1:00 p.m.**

The Kansas City Swiss Society will begin the 2010 schedule of outdoor events with one of our favorites. For years Annelies and Franz Leuthardt have graciously hosted our membership at their farm for this event. We all look forward to a roaring bonfire where we roast delicious cervelat while sipping champagne. Side dishes and cakes are brought by the membership.

We begin gathering at 1:00 for the lighting of the bonfire with roasting to begin around 2:30. The Society provides table service, cervelat, champagne and condiments; rolls and rich whipped cream to top the strawberries are from Andre's, and the Leuthardts treat us to the largest serving dish of strawberries in the state of Missouri.

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

- A – G:** Casserole or other side dishes
- H – Q:** Angel food or pound cake for strawberries
- R – Z:** Salads or vegetable dishes

Also, bring lawn chairs, blanket, personal drinks and sun hats for your comfort. A delightful afternoon of Swiss camaraderie and fun is not to be missed. One never knows what fun activities Franz may have planned.

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 20, 2010

Andre's Confiserie Suisse is unsurpassed for genuine Swiss décor and authentic dining, which makes it the perfect setting for the Kansas City Swiss Society's Annual Meeting. In spite of the heavy, spring snowfall, 70 members conquered the elements and enjoyed a wonderful, warm evening with fellow Swiss.

Everyone enjoyed the delightful menu that began with salads, baskets of light croissant puffs and the main event of fondue. Last, but not least, a large selection of beautiful, rich desserts tempted us all.

President, Liz Kohlstaedt, called the business meeting to order. The 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved and the 2009 Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Treasurer, Harry Newby, commented that the 2009 ending balance is considerably less than 2008 which is due to the terrific maintenance and repairs to the Chalet this past year. The main project was replacing the south wall, which was done with many strong backs and wonderfully talented individuals within our ranks.

The Sunshine Report noted the loss of dear members Bonnie Kupfer and David Ryffe. They were remembered with a moment of silence.

Paul Mischler of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees; Rene Bollier for Vice President, Bernadette Groner for Treasurer, and Roger Fisher for 3 year Director. The membership duly elected the nominees, and the committee was thanked for their exceptional dedication and fine work.

David von Fintel addressed upcoming changes to our website. Pepe Stub has hosted our website through his business since its inception, and he and David have been working on updating it. David presented the three logos he designed from which we are to choose.

Marcel Bollier, Honorary Consul, invited all members to the reception on Sunday, April 11th in honor of the Swiss Consul General and his staff from Chicago. Other Honorary Consuls from

the Midwest will attend. He noted that our society is unusual in that we have a strong and active membership.

Liz Kohlstaedt presented etched glass containers of Swiss design as tokens of appreciation to outgoing board members and others that have made significant contributions of their talents and time for the betterment of our society this past year.

Highlights from Board Meeting April 10, 2010 at Andre's

President, Liz Kohlstaedt called the meeting to order and welcomed the new board members. The previous minutes were approved and treasurer's report was accepted as presented. We discussed member's email addresses and their importance when trying to communicate in a timely fashion as seen recently with funeral notices.

Plans for the Strawberry Picnic were made with prices remaining the same as last year. Registration numbers are needed a week in advance for ordering food.

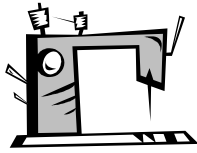
The spring clean up is scheduled for April 17th with a rain date of April 24th.

Chalet Chair, Jim Neuenschwander, reported that the water has been turned on for the year. The next major project is taking care of the excess dirt and concrete blocks from the rebuilding of the south wall. Gus Riedi, James Thomasson and Jim will meet this week to discuss how it can be used to stabilize the drop-off to the north side.

The Ladies Helvetica Society volunteered to host the Chalet Curtain Event on June 5th. Our society will pay for the supplies. CeeAnn Neuenschwander and Linda Scott will be responsible for obtaining the sewing supplies.

The winning design for the new website logo was shared. It is the rectangular red, white and black logo. A general discussion to consider placing advertisers or links to Swiss businesses on our website resulted in tabling it for a later date.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. at Andre's



Chalet Curtain Bee

June 5, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

When was the last time you were invited to a Curtain Bee? Master Seamstress status is not required, just the desire to have fun while making a valuable contribution to our unique and historic Chalet.

The Ladies Helvetia Society is graciously hosting a day of sewing and Swiss ladies' camaraderie as volunteers stitch and sew new curtains for the Chalet. The Ladies made the red gingham curtains that graced the Chalet for many years, but the elements have deteriorated them past the point of usefulness. The Kansas City Swiss Society will purchase the materials.

In addition to volunteers, we need sewing machines, a few irons (with distilled water), ironing boards, sharp sewing scissors, tape measures, yardsticks, pins and anything else you think might be useful.

Ladies Helvetia President Barbara Smith will preside over a short business meeting during the lunch break.

Please call Linda Scott at (913) 661-9198 after May 1st if you will be attending.

2010 Board of Directors and Officers

- President Liz Kohlstaedt
(816) 554-2339
- Vice President Rene Bollier
(816) 214-6449
- Secretary CeeAnn Neuenschwander
(913) 451-4603
- Treasurer Bernadette Groner
(816) 361-3956
- 1 Year Director Bruce Hiller
(816) 468-6418
- 2 Year Director Linda Scott
(913) 661-9198
- 3 Year Director Roger Fisher
(816) 942-4868



Sunshine Report

Reported hospitalizations:

- ◇ Sonny Hirter spryly attended the annual meeting with a cane (only because of the snow) and a new knee.
- ◇ CeeAnn Neuenschwander recovered quickly from outpatient surgery.
- ◇ Henry Kupfer has experienced several hospital stays; we all wish him well.
- ◇ Becci Jones is sporting two new knees and doing well with her recovery and therapy.

Stella Abersold passed away recently. Her twin daughters, Paula Humphries and Joy Padley are members to whom we express our condolences.

Please call our Sunshine Chair, Kathlene Meyer, at (816) 373-6026 to give her information.

Schedule of Events

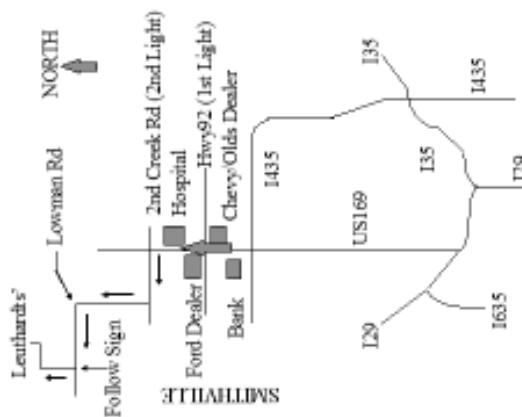
- ★ **Spring Clean up**
Saturday - April 17, 2010
- ★ **Strawberry Picnic**
Sunday - May 16, 2010
- ★ **Steak Cookout**
Sunday - June 27, 2010
- ★ **Model Trains at the Fisher's**
Sunday - July 10, 2010
- ★ **Bundesfeier**
Saturday - July 31, 2010
- ★ **Schutzenfest-Raclette**
Sunday - October 3, 2010
- ★ **Weihnachts Fest**
Sunday - December 5, 2010

Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society

- ◇ June 5, 2010 - Hosting Chalet Curtain Bee

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

Leuthardt's Estate
3800 Lowman Rd.
Smithville, MO



Event Registration Coupon: Strawberry Picnic --- Sunday, May 16, 2010 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, 2010 mail to: Bernadette Groner, 6532 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64113-2336