

**Annual Meeting**  
**March 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**André's Confiserie Suisse**

The Kansas City Swiss Society's Annual Meeting is a much anticipated event for several reasons. Fondue, governance participation and a wonderful evening of socializing with Swiss friends – not necessarily in that order – are all reasons for good attendance.

Please complete the coupon in this newsletter and mail it to Harry Newby with a check for the fee of \$16.00 for each member attending. Kindly register by the deadline Tuesday, March 16, 2010.



**Swiss Consul General Reception**  
**April 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**  
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Kansas City Swiss Society members are invited to attend an exceptional event on April 11th. A reception to honor the Swiss Consul General from Chicago will take place at André's Confiserie Suisse with our local Honorary Consul, Marcel Bollier, hosting the event. In addition to the Consul General, several members of his staff are planning to be here as well as the Honorary Consuls from Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis and Minneapolis.

Society members wishing to attend are asked to make reservations by using the event coupon on the back of this publication. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are needed for planning and name tags.

**Weinachtsfest Report**

The Chalet was decorated with a traditional Christmas tree, red and white Christmas lights at the top of the walls and beautiful burgundy cloths graced the tables holding festive holiday centerpieces. Christmas music filled the air while the aromas of hot chocolate and gluwain drew members to the large pots of holiday beverages simmering on the stove. Treats of all varieties were enjoyed by young and old alike.

Children played organized games with prizes awarded for having fun – all were winners. After the children enjoyed a Christmas story about an orange, a jingling of bells was heard which meant only one thing – St. Nicholas had arrived.

After the traditional visit on St. Nicholas's lap, each child received a holiday bag filled with nuts, chocolate coins and an orange. Several lucky adults did not go home empty handed as they won the drawing for the centerpieces. The 35 attendees all returned home well-fed and having enjoyed a memorable afternoon of Swiss holiday traditions.



**Sunshine Report**

With great sadness we report the recent loss of two long-time and true members:

**Bonnie Kupfer** died on December 17, 2009 with her devoted husband, John at her side. Bonnie was the sparkle at every event she attended and is greatly missed.

**David Ryffe** died on February 8, 2010 at home with his "guardian angel," Mary Jo and family. David was a loyal society member and generous with his words of kindness.

We are most pleased to welcome Kathlene Meyer as our new Sunshine Chair. Please call her with news of our members at (913) 441-3457.

Our sincere thanks to John Kupfer who has so ably served in this position for a number of years.



News from the

## *Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society*

The Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society was formed in 1904 and many of you will remember the 100th anniversary celebration in 2004. Over the years the Swiss Ladies have supported the programs of the Kansas City Swiss Society. This year they will be hosting the "chalet curtain-making" project and will also help with the Christmas bags.

The Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society invites Swiss ladies and their guests to be a part of this historic Swiss group. The next meeting will be:

Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.  
Grand Court, 501 W. 107th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64114

Enjoy refreshments with other Swiss ladies as we plan our activities for 2010. For more information contact Janet Fisher at (816) 942-4868 or email: fisherjan@hotmail.com

Watch the KCSS Schedule of Events for future meetings of the Swiss Ladies.

### **Highlights of Board Meeting February 5, 2010**

The board met at André's at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Discussion of dues resulted in agreeing that the \$25 membership dues will remain the same. Further discussion focused on the general philosophy that event fees will include a small sum above the cost which helps to maintain the Chalet grounds and building where events are held. Harry Newby will step down as Treasurer, but will act as an Assistant Treasurer for the next year to ensure a smooth transition. Membership dues will be collected soon. An audit of the books followed the meeting.

Chalet Chair, Jim Neuenschwander, presented a review of maintenance and improvement projects at Chalet Kupfer for 2009 which are as follows:

## Schedule of Events

- ★ **Annual Meeting**  
Saturday - March 20, 2010  
7:00 p.m. at Andrés Confiserie
- ★ **Reception for the Swiss Consul General**  
Sunday - April 11, 2010  
5:30 p.m. at Andrés Confiserie
- ★ **Spring Clean up**  
Saturday - April 17, 2010  
9:00 a.m. at Chalet Kupfer
- ★ **Strawberry Picnic**  
Sunday - May 16, 2010
- ★ **Steak Cookout**  
Sunday - June 27, 2010
- ★ **Bundesfeier**  
Saturday - July 31, 2010
- ★ **Schutzenfest-Raclette**  
Sunday - October 3, 2010
- ★ **Weihnachts Fest**  
Sunday - December 5, 2010

### **Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society**

- ◇ March 6, 2010 – Meeting at Grand Court (See article for details.)
- ◇ June 5, 2010 – Chalet Curtains

- Repair water heater
- Repair back door and broken window
- Replace bathroom faucet
- Repair cracked floor and replace floor drains
- Install security chain gate at entrance
- Shorten and rehang cabinet
- Purchase bifold door for furnace
- Replace south wall and windows
- Add gravel to road
- Scrape and paint interior north and west walls
- Upgrade guttering and drainage system

This impressive list of projects was completed for approximately \$5,000. The society owes a debt of gratitude for the dedicated and talented members that made all of this possible.

The web site redevelopment is underway and will make our site more useful for all.

Feedback from the Christmas party was positive; those that attended could see that it was a success by looking at the happy faces of the children.

The board has three positions open for election at the annual meeting; Vice-President, one-year term; Treasurer (who will be assisted by Harry for a year); and a Director. John Kupfer is chairing the nomination committee.

Liz presented a basic calendar of meetings and events for 2010. The meeting was adjourned.



**From John Kupfer:**

Several members of the Kupfer-Neese families are planning a trip to the Heimat this summer, and would like to rent a house for approximately two weeks. If there are members that have a rental unit available, please contact Jim Neese @ 913-782-7623 or (Cell) 913-481-6238. My thanks to them in advance.

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**Membership Information**

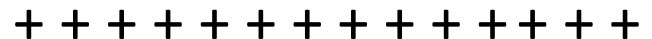
Single Membership - \$18.00

Family Membership - \$25.00

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

**2009 Board of Directors and Officers**

- President . . . . . Liz Kohlstaedt  
(816) 554-2339
- Vice President . . . . .currently vacant
- 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



**A Little Bit of Swiss**

From the *Swiss Review* -- [www.revue.ch](http://www.revue.ch)

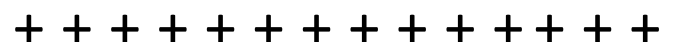
Economics Minister Doris Leuthard will be President of the Confederation for 2010. As the National Council and Council of States are also presided over by women, Switzerland's three most senior offices will be held by women this year.



The Swiss people and cantons have voted in favor of a ban on minarets by a surprisingly clear margin. However, they have rejected the initiative opposing arms exports. And finally, they have decided that jet-fuel duty should in the future be used for the benefit of air traffic.



Spatial planning is becoming a political issue in Switzerland. The Swiss are getting increasingly concerned about over-development and urban sprawl in their homeland. New popular initiatives now aim to curb development. Little will change while responsibility for spatial planning primarily lies with the cantons and communes. A federalist approach to spatial planning comes at a high cost.



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

Event Registration Coupon: **Swiss Consul General Reception**

**April 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**

**André's Confiserie Suisse**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your party attending: \_\_\_\_\_

By Friday, April 2, 2010 mail to: Harry Newby, 8038 Halsey St., Lenexa, KS 66215

Event Registration Coupon: **Annual Meeting at André's Confiserie Suisse**

**March 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your party attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose: \$ 16.00 per adult \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, mail to: Harry Newby, KCSS Treasurer, 8038 Halsey St., Lenexa, KS 66215