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JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Bundesfeier Celebration **Saturday, July 31, 2010**

The Kansas City Swiss Society takes great pride in celebrating Switzerland's great beginnings with our 1st of August event. The festivities will take place at Chalet Kupfer on Saturday, July 31st.

Joining with Swiss throughout the world commemorating this historic event, a traditional menu of grilled brats, accompanied by delicious green bean and creamy potato salads and fresh-baked rolls will be served. André's famous nussgipfel will complete the dinner in fine fashion.

Reservations for the event can be made by using the coupon at the end of this newsletter. Advance purchase prices are \$13.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. It would be helpful to have reservations to Roger Fisher by July 25th. Tickets will be sold at the event for \$14.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

Drink tickets can be purchased at the event for 50 cents; one ticket will buy a soda pop or iced tea, and three tickets are required for beer.

Many Swiss look forward to the opportunity to purchase the new Pro Patria pins at this event, and the good news is that they have arrived. The 2010 pin is a classic design fashioned from metal and satin. Should collectors of Pro Patria pins be missing a particular year's design, a few pins from past years will be for sale while they last.

A schedule of events follows this article. For members interested in playing games, the afternoon provides an opportunity to do so. During the evening several activities are planned

for the children. For the traditional lampion parade, children may wish to bring a bell to ring along the way.

Schedule for Bundesfeier

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Board and card games in the Chalet for anyone who wants to come out early. Bring a favorite game or just come to have fun.

5:00 p.m.

Water Balloon Toss – no age limit, just be able to toss a balloon. Swiss prizes will be awarded.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served.

6:30 p.m.

Children's games.

7:00 p.m.

Speech by the President of the Swiss Confederation.

Announcements.

7:15 p.m.

The Art of Flag Throwing and Alphorn recital by Franz Leuthardt. Flag throwing lessons will be offered by Franz for aspiring young Swiss.

7:30 p.m.

Group Photo -- Visit www.kcswiss.org to see last year's colorful photo.

8:00 p.m.

Children's Lampion and Bell Parade. BYOB – bring your own bell (a traditional Swiss bell of any size if you have one, but any bell will ring nicely.)

Bonfire and singing of traditional songs.



Sunshine Report

Walter Gautschi receives our good wishes regarding his recent hip surgery and physical therapy. We understand he is an “experienced” patient, so we hope to see him at our events soon.

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

Report of the Steak Cookout

Fair skies and cooler temperatures were welcomed by the 58 adults and 10 children that attended the steak cookout at Chalet Kupfer. Gus Riedi and James Thomasson purchased, aged, hand cut and grilled the steaks to perfection. The baked potatoes were delayed a bit due to a malfunction of the gas supply to the Chalet’s oven, but this certainly did not diminish the flavor. The delay was filled with a bit of fun and frivolity as Miss Katherine von Fintel assisted Liz Kohlstaedt in leading the group in a game. As always members brought delicious salads, sides and desserts to complete the meal.

Members who viewed the new curtains in the Chalet exchanged positive comments and complimented the Ladies Helvetia Society for hosting the successful event that contributed to the Chalet. Progress on the area to the north of the Chalet was also noticed with an appreciation for all the hard work involved.

Highlights of the Board Meeting

The board met on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at André’s. The main business attended to was a review of the Strawberry Picnic and planning for the Bundesfeier to be held July 31, 2010.

The many tasks required for the upcoming event were discussed and some volunteers were already in place. If you wish to help, please contact a board member. As always helping hands are needed to set up on Friday evening, July 30th, at 6:00 p.m. and clean-up on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

+++ *A Little Swiss News* +++

Swiss cyclist Fabian Cancellara has been very successful in the first 7 stages of the Tour de France. He has held the yellow jersey (1st place) for 6 of the first 7 stages. It’s a thrill to watch the coverage of the race and see Swiss flags flying along the route.

2010 Board of Directors and Officers

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Schedule of Events

- ★ **Bundesfeier**
Saturday - July 31, 2010
- ★ **Schutzenfest-Raclette**
Sunday - October 3, 2010
- ★ **Weihnachtsfest**
Sunday - December 5, 2010

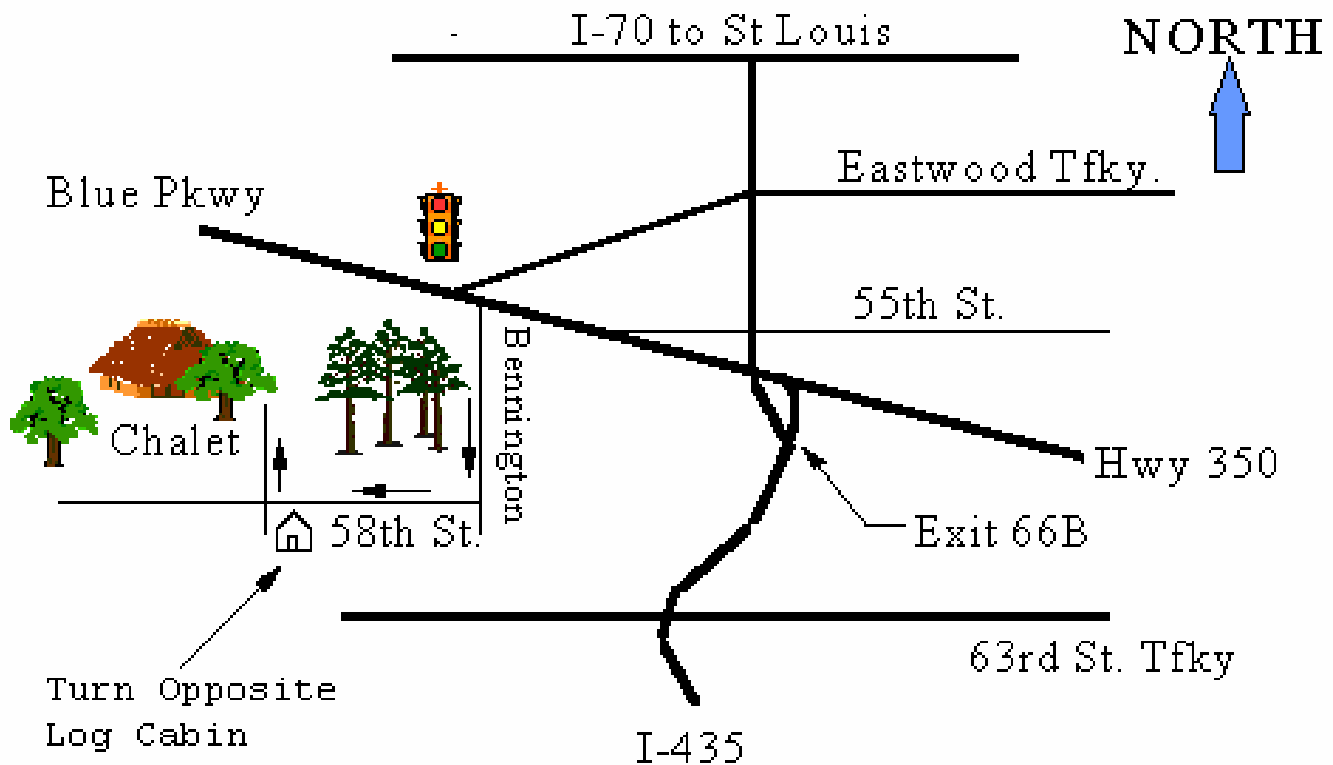
Ladies Swiss Helvetia Society

- ◇ September 11, 2010 – location TBA. Will make Weihnachtsfest bags.

2010 Directory

The Membership Directory is enclosed with this newsletter in a compact format which makes mailing them a viable alternative. Please notify CeeAnn Neuenschwander of any address changes.

MAP TO CHALET (not to scale)



Event Registration Coupon: Bundesfeier

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Games prior to that – see published schedule.

Name: _____

Names of your party attending: _____

Enclose: \$13.00 per adult _____ Children \$ 3.00
(At the door: \$14 per adult and \$4.00 for children)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

By July 25, 2010 mail to: **Roger Fisher, 11036 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64114-5022**

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Address Change Requested