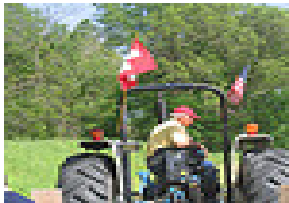




# the Kansas City Swiss Society

**JUNE, 2008**

We have now enjoyed the ultimate willkommen, Fruhling! with the annual Strawberry Picnic, the Fruhjahr ritual we KC Swiss so happily enjoy every year at the rustic grounds of Franz and Annelies Leuthardt's home north of Kansas City. More than 70 society members and guests drank in the ambient temperature and conversation, devoured fabulous food and listened to great music provided by fraulein Liechti and Herr Leuthardt. Special thanks to Frank and Pat Bissang, Darin Shank, Dan Bonderer, Janet Fisher and others who provided extra elbow grease and great spirit to set up the props for this most enjoyable day. We especially thank Franz and Annelies for their gracious hospitality and for providing a tradition that is revered by us all.



Franz



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Annelies Leuthardt and Dan Bonderer

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**We so sadly missed our Sunshine Lady, Pauline Kupfer Clifton, who passed away on May 16, 2008. Pauline was beloved of the KC Swiss Society. Her brothers, Henry and John Kupfer continue her legacy of love for the society members and our beautiful chalet, which was a gift from their family. Her funeral services, held on May 20 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, were well attended by many, and several donations in her name have been received by the Society .**  
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There have been received donations to KC Swiss to remember Fritz Hirter, II, whose children, Linda Drollinger and Fritz Hirter, III are long time members of the KC Swiss Society. The Society is honored to receive these gifts which can be mailed to the treasurer, Harry Newby, at 8038 Halsey Street, Lenexa, Kansas 66215.

**June 22, 2008 – Steak Cookout – KC Swiss Society Chalet – Kansas City, Mo.**

We are now looking forward to another annual tradition which the KC Swiss seem to perfect with each passing year, and that is the Steak Cookout. There are cookouts among friends with steaks thrown on the grill in the backyard, but the **Steak Cookout** is not your ordinary backyard picnic. Chef Bonderer conjures the nectar of the gods and the group will have the opportunity to show off their cooking with side dishes, so please note the following break down of culinary assignments:

If your last name begins with the letters **A – L: salad or veggie dishes**  
**M - Z: dessert**

As always, we will have already prepared boiled potatoes, hard rolls, and will have all necessary condiments to accompany your luscious steak meal. You should plan to bring your own preferred beverages for your group.

To help us enjoy the late afternoon more and in the hope that the gentle breezes prevail in our beautiful meadow on the side of the grounds, we will plan to gather around **4:30 p.m.** If you wish to arrive a little bit earlier to help with the setting out of our tables and chairs, that would be much appreciated. For those of you who are new members (and by the way, please introduce yourselves to all of us!) you will find that the Strawberry Picnic was the kick off our outdoor events which are always relaxed, greatly diverse in age and so enjoyable. Simple games for the kinder and those of us older adults who want to supervise, and there is always that sense of gentle, restful companionship with each other! It is just wunderbar!

The event coupon is found on the back page of this newsletter as well as a map of the Chalet. As always please make sure you send Harry Newby your coupon as soon as possible, and if you find at the last minute that you can attend, please call us so plenty of steaks will be available for our meal. We will have hot dogs for the very young who cannot quite manage the (tender) beef steaks. See you June 22<sup>nd</sup>!

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By that date we will know if our favorite sports son, Roger Federer has accomplished his Grand Slam of Tennis. Boris Becker says of young Federer: "We have a guy from Switzerland who is just playing the game a way I haven't seen anyone – and I mean anyone – play before. He is the kind of guy who can overtake the greatest."

**Boris Becker**

As of the day of this writing, Federer has advanced to the semi finals in the French Open, and we will watch with bated breath as he unleashes his aggressive, though really quite gentlemanly talent on his hapless opponents.

**In other news from Switzerland:**

## **Media Release**

### **Continuation of assistance to developing countries**

06.05.2008

**The Swiss Federal Council sets several new priorities in today's Message on the Continuation of Technical Cooperation and Financial Aid for Developing Countries 2009-2012 published in the Federal Journal.**

This Message spells out a unified strategy for the Swiss Government's development cooperation as a whole, concentrating on three main aspects:

1. reducing poverty;
2. reducing security risks; and
3. co-shaping a form of globalisation that promotes development.

With its Message, the Federal Council is presenting a framework credit of 4.5 billion Swiss francs for 2009 – 2012 for Parliament's approval.

Switzerland's international cooperation is committed to a more equitable and safer world without poverty. It is prompted by a sense of solidarity, judicious self-interest and the conviction that global problems can be solved only if each and every country makes its contribution. Worldwide poverty and increasingly acute social polarisation, hunger and a lack of food security, general insecurity, collapsing states and uncontrolled migration, as well as climate change, are problems that cannot be solved by countries acting alone.

In adopting this comprehensive development policy vision, the Federal Council aims above all at a coherent approach to new global issues such as climate change, food security and migration.

The SDC is to pursue the geographical focus of its work with a view to concentration in the long term and will align its structures on the new strategic policy.

**For further information:** Media and Communication SDC 031 322 31 09

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

**EVENT COUPON - STEAK COOKOUT - JUNE 22, 2008 - KC SWISS CHALET 4:30**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Enclose \$10.00 per adult \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00 per child \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to treasurer, Harry Newby, 8038 Halsey Street, Lenexa, KS, 66215 to be received no later than June 17. Danke!

**KC Swiss Society**

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