

May 2009 NEWSLETTER

Steak Cookout

Sunday, June 14, 2009 - 4:30 p.m.

The Steak Cookout is planned for Sunday, June 14th at 4:30 p.m. This first social event of the year at the Chalet is as welcome as spring. Grilled steaks are the most anticipated, but delicious dishes contributed by our members are not to be missed. Many members have a favorite dish or dessert that they enjoyed in the past and hope will again appear on the laden banquet tables.

Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts according to your last name:

A - L: desserts

M - Z: side dishes, salads, veggies

Tableware and soda will be provided; beer will be sold for \$1.00.

To register for the event, please use the coupon in this newsletter. To allow for the proper number of steaks to be purchased, please submit your payment to Harry Newby by June 9th. Help from members that can come a bit early or stay later to assist with set up, tables and chairs is appreciated by all.

Board and Committee Members Meeting May 6, 2009 at the Chalet

The Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and involved members met at the Chalet for discussions regarding our Swiss Society property, communications and events.

The Board tended to officer's reports and organizational items for our upcoming events.

The Chalet Committee Chair, Jim Neuenschwander, presented a list of items that need attention and a suggested prioritization. A chain gate to alleviate trespassing and to more strictly define our Chalet as private property was considered. Other concerns discussed were more rock on the roadway, the drainage problem on the north side of the Chalet and needed improvements to the back door. The drainage issues on all sides of the Chalet are of concern. The ability to move air throughout the Chalet that would assist the heating and cooling system was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned for bread pudding and espresso provided by Chris Montemore and Liz Kohlstaedt.



Chalet Clean-up Report

Saturday, April 18, 2009, was a cool and rainy day for cleaning up the Chalet. A small but determined group tackled major tasks of scrubbing the mud-crusted floor caused by the plugged drain on the north side of the Chalet and unplugging that drain. Chris Kohlstaedt, with his motorized 'snake' and plenty of encouragement and supervision, was able to clear the clog which included fall leaves and intruding roots. Other chores were accomplished by Chris Montemore, Harry Newby, Don Neese, Liz Kohlstaedt, and Jim and CeeAnn Neuenschwander.

To energize the group, Chris Montemore brought a delicious Danish treat and CeeAnn provided chili, vegetables and fruit for lunch.



Chris Kohlstaedt cleans out the drain pipe.

**St. Joseph Swiss Lodge
2009 Heartland of Europe Tour
September 17 – 29, 2009**

An exclusive travel opportunity is being offered through the St. Joseph Swiss Lodge. The itinerary includes many highlights in Switzerland, with visits to Austria, Germany and France. The price of \$2,825 per person includes airfare, luxury coach transportation, first class hotels, luggage handling and a number of meals.

Space for five couples remains at this time. A detailed brochure and more information can be obtained by contacting Ron Golden at (816) 294-7915.



New Members

- Betty Wyrsh Wilson
- Frederick R. Wyrsh Jr.
- Margie Wyrsh Manning
- Martha Wyrsh

The Wyrsh sibling's grandfather came from Canton Niedwalden, and their father had been a member of the Society a number of years ago.



Sunshine Report

Our sincere apology to the family of Fritz Hirter, II for the omission of his name on the Annual Meeting Sunshine Report. He was an active member for many years, contributing significantly to the Kansas City Swiss Society, and is greatly missed.

100 Candles for Russ Swanson

March 25, 2009 was a special date on the calendar for Kansas City Swiss Society member, Russ Swanson, as he celebrated his 100th birthday. He has enjoyed a full life as an aviator, inventor, manufacturer, business man and after retirement an accomplished woodworker. In 1982, he and Eula Baumgardner married. Eula's parents were from Switzerland, and she and her late sister, Mamie Abshier, grew up in New Bern, KS. Both were active in the Society. We wish Russ a happy belated birthday.

Call John Kupfer at (816) 941-0860 to give him membership information for this report.

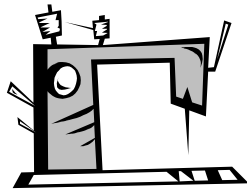
Next Board and Committee Meeting

June 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Board and Committee Members Meeting will be held on June 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalet. All interested members are invited to join the board and committee members to discuss old, current and new business. New ideas are welcome.

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



Volunteers Needed

The red gingham print curtains so kindly contributed by the Ladies Helvetia Society a number of years ago, have reached the point of needing to be replaced. The elements of the sun, heat and cold have taken their toll on the fabric.

Volunteers are needed to replace the window treatments throughout the Chalet. If interested, please contact Liz Kohlstaedt at (816) 554-2339.

Schedule of Social Events

- ★ **Strawberry Picnic**
Sunday - May 17, 2009
1:00 p.m. at Leuthardt Estate
- ★ **Steak Cookout**
Sunday - June 14, 2009
4:30 p.m. at the Chalet
- ★ **Bundesfeier**
Saturday - August 1, 2009
- ★ **Ticino Abend**
Sunday - September 13, 2009
- ★ **Schutzenfest-Raclette**
Sunday - October 11, 2009
- ★ **Weihnachts Fest**
Sunday - December 5, 2009

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

On May 17, 2009 a nationwide ballot will decide whether Switzerland introduces passports containing an electronic chip with the holder's facial image and fingerprints. The new travel documents are aimed at preventing forgeries and other abuses.

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A higher proportion of older people are employed in Switzerland than anywhere else in Europe.

A new report suggests that this is quite justified. It found that although younger workers have the reputation of being more efficient, dynamic and flexible, older workers still have plenty to offer.

The proportion of Swiss people aged between 55 and 64 years in some form of employment has risen from 63.5 per cent to 68.4 per cent in the last 12 years. This compares to a European Union average of 44.7 per cent in 2007.

Source: www.swissinfo.ch

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Event Registration Coupon

Steak Cookout – Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Names of your party attending: _____

Enclose: \$ 11.00 per adult _____ \$3.00 per child _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please send registration form and payment by June 9, 2009

Mail to: Harry Newby
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