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REGIONAL NEWS

UNITED STATES

Editorial

Dear readers/compatriots,

In 2023, celebrations took place in Switzerland for the 175th Anniversary of the Swiss Federal Constitution (see page II). The Swiss Federal Constitution of September 12, 1848 is regarded as the basis for the modern federal state that replaced the former confederation of cantons.

Furthermore, take a look at the comparison of the U.S. and Swiss Constitutions as outlined below. I certainly appreciate the similarities and differences between our two countries.

Please send me your contributions for the next Swiss Review USA edition by April 2, 2024. The publication date is May 10.

I wish you a beautiful spring season.

DORIS BERNATH CUNNINGHAM, EDITOR

Dear fellow Swiss living in the United States,

the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) is a key institution for the Swiss diaspora, including those living in the United States. It plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between Switzerland and its citizens around the world, and in advocating for your interests, rights and well-being. The CSA's dedication to increasing political participation among the Swiss abroad, through initiatives such as the direct democratic election of its delegates, underscores its commitment to inclusiveness and representation.

The CSA's work extends beyond political advocacy to issues such as crisis management, ensuring that the Swiss abroad are supported in times of emergency. Its lobbying efforts aim to elevate the voice of the diaspora within Swiss federal politics, ensuring that your concerns and contributions are recognized and addressed.

As a Swiss resident in the United States, you are part of a global community that the CSA works tirelessly to connect and protect. It's through the Council's efforts that the unique challenges and opportunities facing Swiss expatriates are brought to the forefront of the Swiss national discourse. The CSA's commitment to your representation and welfare exemplifies the strength and unity of the Swiss community across borders and strengthens the bond between Switzerland and its citizens abroad.

At your service,

On behalf of the US Delegation,

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The U.S. and the Swiss Constitutions

The U.S. Constitution has had a significant influence on the Swiss Constitution, as well as many other constitutions around the world. This influence is evident in several key areas, including federalism, the separation of powers, and the protection of individual rights. Here's how the U.S. Constitution has specifically influenced the Swiss Constitution:

Federalism: Both the United States and Switzerland are federal states, meaning that power is divided between a central (federal) government and individual states (in the U.S.) or cantons (in Switzerland). The U.S. Constitution was one of the earliest examples of a successful federal system, and its structure influenced the Swiss decision to adopt a federal system in their own constitution of 1848. Previously, Switzerland had been a loose confederation of independent cantons. The Swiss constitution adopted a federal system that allowed for a strong central government while preserving the autonomy of the cantons.

Separation of Powers: The concept of dividing government powers into separate branches (legislative, executive, and judicial) to prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful is a core principle of the U.S. Constitution. This principle was also adopted in the Swiss Constitution, which establishes a Federal Assembly (legislature), a Federal Council (executive), and a Federal Court (judiciary), each with distinct functions and powers.

Protection of Individual Rights: The U.S. Constitution, particularly through its Bill of Rights, emphasizes the protection of individual freedoms and rights. The Swiss Constitution also contains a catalogue of fundamental rights. While the specific rights and the extent of their protection may vary between the two constitutions, the underlying principle of protecting individual rights is a common feature.

Democratic Processes: The U.S. Constitution establishes a system of representative democracy with mechanisms for direct participation by the electorate, such as elections. The Swiss Constitution goes even further in incorporating direct democracy, allowing citizens to play a more direct role in the legislative process through tools such as referendums and popular initiatives, a feature that, while not directly derived from the U.S. model, reflects a similar commitment to democratic governance.



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Constitutional Amendments: Both constitutions provide mechanisms for their own amendment, allowing for adaptability over time. While the processes differ, the inclusion of such mechanisms reflects an understanding of the need for constitutions to evolve with changing societal norms and values.

175th Anniversary of the Swiss Federal Constitution of 1948

In 2023, Switzerland commemorated the Swiss Federal Constitution of 1848. The Federal Constitution forms the basic legal order of the Swiss Confederation: it regulates the relationship between the Confederation and the Cantons, the structure and responsibilities of the federal authorities and the fundamental rights and duties of citizens.

The International Bundesbrief Society together with Kaufmann Ruedi Attorneys at Law, the University of Lucerne, and the Obwalden Institute for Justice Research organized two events. Preparations began in 2020 in Philadelphia at the PA Historical Society for the loan of their U.S. Articles of Confederation. The first event on November 16, 2023 at the University of Lucerne focused on celebrating the shared democratic and constitutional heritage of the United States and Switzerland. There was an exhibition of the original German version of the U.S. Articles of Confederation of 1778, the first American constitution. There are interesting connections between the U.S. Articles of Confederation, with which the American colonies entered into a "firm league of friendship" (Article 3), and the Swiss Federal Constitution of 1848, by which the peoples of the then 22 sovereign cantons united to form a federation (Article 1).

The festivities to mark the 175th anniversary of the Swiss Federal Constitution concluded with a reception and exhibition on November 27, 2023 at the Federal Court in Lucerne. Cantonal Councilor Dr. Armin Hartmann and Federal Judge Marcel Maillard spoke as guests of honor. In addition, selected students from the University of Lucerne and pupils from the Alpenquai cantonal high school presented their digital exhibition project at the Federal Supreme Court. An important aim of the celebrations was to host open discussions with the younger

The influence of the U.S. Constitution on the Swiss Constitution is a testament to the historical significance of the former and its role as a model for constitutional governance. However, it's also important to note that the Swiss Constitution reflects Switzerland's unique historical, cultural, and social context and contains elements specifically tailored to Swiss traditions and values.

generation on such topics as freedom, democracy and personal responsibility. Anna, a student at the Alpenquai cantonal high school, took part in the digital project, explaining that "on an anniversary, people like to look back into the past, but I also want to look forward." University of Lucerne students Yasmin and Georgina also shared their enthusiasm. In order to keep the tradition alive, they have already set a reminder for 2047 to start planning the celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the Swiss Federal Constitution in 2048!

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Jim Scherrer, president and founder of the International Bundesbrief Society, presenting the original German version of the U.S. Articles of Confederation of 1778, the first American constitution, at the celebration of the shared democratic and constitutional heritage of the United States and Switzerland on November 16, 2023 at the University of Lucerne.



North American Swiss Singing Alliance (NASSA)

The North American Swiss Singing Alliance (NASSA) is a international Swiss Singing organization, currently comprised of 13 Swiss choral groups from the Upper Mid-West and Canada, representing approximately 300 singers in mixed, men's, women's and yodel choirs. The North American Swiss Singing Alliance will be holding its 43rd Sängerfest in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 20-23, 2024. The Sängerfest is a celebration of Swiss music, history and traditions.

The first Sängerfest was held in 1897 in Cleveland, Ohio. Pittsburgh previously hosted the Sängerfest in 1939, 1971, and 1997. The most recent Sängerfest was held in Toledo, Ohio in 2018 (a Sängerfest scheduled for Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 2021 was canceled due to the Covid pandemic).

Additional information about the Sängerfest in Pittsburgh: www.pghsaengerfest.com

LYNDALL HUGGLER, FESTIVAL PRESIDENT

Illinois: Swiss Club of Chicago

Fondue Fundraiser & 67th Swiss Club of Chicago Annual Meeting

The night commenced with the 67th Swiss Club of Chicago's annual board meeting, where Rafael Ueltschi was elected as the new Vice President. During the meeting, members were briefed on the successes, events, and the financial position of the previous year, providing a comprehensive overview of the club's activities and achievements. This gathering served as an important forum for members to reflect on past accomplishments and to strategize for the future, reinforcing the club's commitment to its mission and the Swiss community in the Chicagoland area.

After the board meeting concluded, the doors opened for the Fondue Fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, the large raffle boasted a diverse array of prizes, ranging from traditional Swiss items to unique offerings from local businesses. Attendees enjoyed a delightful evening of camaraderie and indulged in delicious fondue, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere reflective of the Swiss Club's mission. The Consul General of Switzerland, Pascal Bornoz, was in attendance as was the leadership of the Swiss Benevolent Society. The event served as a testament to the strength of community spirit and the importance of supporting cultural initiatives.

Birds & Biers: Join us for a morning of birding and an afternoon of refreshing beverages on the Milwaukee River in Milwaukee, WI! Check out our website at www.swissclubchicago.com to see more details, our full calendar, and event updates.

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Illinois: Chicago Sister Cities International, Lucerne Committee

February: Luzerner Fasnacht

Members of the Lucerne Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI) recently attended Fasnacht in Lucerne, where they enjoyed the vibrant sounds, creativity, and artistry of this special event. They were welcomed by their longtime friends, the renowned Noggeler Guggenmusig Carnival Band, with whom the relationship has been ongoing for over 20 years. The band had previously been hosted by the Committee in November 2023 to bring the sounds and traditions of Fasnacht to Chicago for a week.

April: 25th Anniversary Public Art Mural, Lucerne

During their time in Lucerne, the Committee also organized their next event - a public art mural - to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the city partnership between Lucerne and Chicago. To learn more about this upcoming project and how to support it, visit the website at <http://tinyurl.com/25yrs-sisterscities>.

Make certain to check out our website at www.chicagosisterscities.com to see our full calendar and event updates.

THERÈSE MARIE PESKOWITS
COMMITTEE MEMBER, LUCERNE COMMITTEE OF CSCI

Florida: Swiss American Club of Southwest Florida

Fondue is like a warm hug that melts your heart!

It was that time of the year again when our members got together for the annual Fondue Festival. Volunteers met early to set up and decorate the room. And then of course there was all the bread that needed to be cut for 58 attendees. Just in time for the first guests to arrive all was ready. Joe poured the white wine and everyone was chatting and catching up on local and international news.

When all were seated our president Joe Huber welcomed the members and introduced guests and new members to the club. He mentioned the upcoming events and then turned to introduce the star of the evening, Urs Pfister. What is a fondue without the perfect fondue mix? Urs originating from Thurgau is a Swiss trained and certified master cheese maker. Who better to prepare the perfect fondue mix. He adds a new twist every year, and every year it just gets better and better. A big thanks to Urs for his dedication to the Swiss Fondue tradition and the Swiss Club of SW Florida. He gave a quick organizational run down for the preparation and soon all were enjoying their cheesy treat.

It was a wonderful evening of friendship and laughter. The mood was getting better as the evening progressed and soon turned into an "After Party" with some guests just not wanting to leave. Dancing and singing continued in between the vacuum cleaning men. So much fun. Some couples even felt the need to celebrate Valentine's Day a bit early. Looking forward to the next event and hope to see you all there.



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Our cheesemaker and events director Urs Pfister with our other events director Lily Kraft.

Urs originating from Thurgau is a Swiss trained and certified master cheese maker.

Upcoming Events

- April 13: General Assembly at the Gateway Club
- May 22: Day trip visiting the Ringling Museum in Sarasota
- June 20: Bowling and Pizza Evening
- August 3: 1st of August Celebration

Florida: Swiss American Club of Sarasota

2024 announced itself with an unusually chilly weather ... something Sarasotans are not accustomed to. Winter coats and sweaters are not a normal sight in our corner of paradise.

Our Club's Annual Meeting was held on January 14th at the Peridia Country Club. President Nelly Camardo introduced the Board and informed the members of the Club's achievements during the past year and the plans for 2024. The meeting was followed by a brunch, which is quite popular with the attendees.

On January 11th, we returned to Chef Rolf's for a Fondue Luncheon, a very popular event for our club ... a quintessential symbol of 'Swissness'. Do not tell a Swiss that the origin of the Fondue is French, you will quickly be educated to the fact that the Fondue is uniquely Swiss. We also had the pleasure of welcoming among our guests, the President of the Detroit Swiss Society, Mr. Thomas Lozsner and his wife.

In March, we will resume our picnics which are held at the Oscar Scherer Park ... the Bratwurst reigns king at these events, proving you can take a Swiss out of Switzerland ... but you cannot take a Brat away from a Swiss.

Come join the fun and check out our website to see our full events calendar.

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California: The Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco

Members of the Swiss Benevolent Society gathered at Fior d'Italia in San Francisco on January 26 to honor John Zeiter and Pius Kampfen for their many years of service. Both men were bestowed lifetime Honorary Membership.

CARLA TWITCHELL, SBS BOARD MEMBER



President Ruedi Sandmeier (R) presented an engraved plaque to Mr. Kampfen (L) for serving as Director and later as Auditor for 22 years.



Mr. Zeiter is retiring after more than 29 years as Treasurer. He was awarded a plaque as well as a beautiful beer stein as a gift.

Texas: Swiss-American Society of Houston (SASH)

It has been a busy winter and early spring for our Society. On January 28, we held the Annual Membership Meeting and Board Election followed by a Raclette Dinner at the home of our members Silvio and Yvonne Bücheler. It was a successful event with great food and laughter.

I am happy to report that the Jass group has resumed playing monthly and participation is getting back to pre-pandemic levels. In addition, our monthly dine outs continue to be very popular as the Swiss in Houston enjoy good food and cheerful conviviality.



And least but not last, in February many of our members truly enjoyed the screening of the Swiss Movie "Lubo" at the Italian Community and Cultural Center. The movie was in Swiss German and Italian with English subtitles.

Sadly, in December, our longtime member and renowned former baker and pastry chef, Roland Lanz passed away. Roland was the founder of the famous Roland's Swiss Pastry & Bakery in Houston. A celebration of life was held on January 28 the day of his 90th birthday.

Our board is hard at work planning our spring events, which will include the very popular picnic at Brazos State Park. This event is a great opportunity for new members and families to meet other compatriots and mingle with our board. Our board members are also already hard at work preparing the Swiss National Day Celebration in Houston which has increased in attendance and popularity.

We invite you to visit our website at www.swissamericanhouston.org to keep up with our activities or better, to join our club. You can also follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram.

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Florida: Swiss Club Miami

The Swiss Club Miami has had an amazing start to 2024. We finished last year with our traditional Christmas Family Lunch and Santa Claus surprised the kids with goodies at the famous Rusty Pelican Restaurant in Key Biscayne where everyone enjoyed the breathtaking views of Miami Downtown.

The Swiss Club Miami is focusing on increasing the membership by adding new mini-event activities like exploring new Swiss traditional locations for our monthly Stammtisch this year. We started to network and co-host more events with the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce Miami to grow our Swiss Community and attract friends of Switzerland in the greater Miami area.

What have we done so far this year? We started on January 24th in collaboration with the Swiss American Chamber with a Flamenco Night at the cozy Jamon Iberico Pata Negra Restaurant with temperamental artists, Sangria, and homemade Paella. Everybody enjoyed the Spanish folklore event, dancing to Hispanic vibes and tasting the wonderful foods.



New York: New York Swiss Gymnastic Society (NYSGS) founded in 1884

On December 6, members of our society got together for our traditional Christmas Dinner. It is always a wonderful occasion at the start of the festive season to gather with friends we might not have seen in a long time. Reminiscing about the year that's almost over is always fun. The event took place in a cozy Italian Restaurant at a convenient location for all of us.

Years ago, we used to have a party with Santa visiting to the delight of our children. Santa visits on December 6, Saint Nicholas Day, is still practiced in Switzerland. We all recalled when we looked forward to the visit by Santa and his helper as children ourselves. We appreciated the nuts and other goodies we received.

After cocktails, tasty appetizers and a delicious meal we spent a couple of hours having lively discussions with lots of laughter. The evening concluded with everyone wishing a Merry Christmas and a New Year in good health and lots of happiness. We departed cheerful and thankful to have had the opportunity to see each other at the beginning of the joyous Season.

We will have our General Meeting in March, a Jass Tournament in April, followed by our Spring Event in May.

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On January 28th we had our traditional Shark Valley bicycle tour in the Everglades. It was a fantastic 14-mile bike ride in the middle of the national park with a lot of alligators near the trail. After the 2-hour bike workout we had a relaxed picnic brunch.

The Swiss Club Miami Annual Assembly took place on February 9th at Fritz & Franz Bierhaus in Coral Cables, and we voted for our new President Christophe Kuhn as well as for our new board member Derek Plansky in charge of Information Technology. We are glad to welcome them to their new positions.

Stay tuned for upcoming events on our website. In Spring, we are planning a Swiss/Belgian Chocolate Tasting and the traditional Swiss Picnic Grill with Bratwurst & Cervelat!

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Louisiana: Swiss American Society of New Orleans (SASNOLA)

On December 17, Santa & Mrs. Claus came the Stickney Home in Clara for the annual holiday visit for members with young children. The children had their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, wrote letters to Santa, enjoyed hot chocolate, fruit, gingerbread, mini muffins, croissants, Christmas shortbread, and candy canes.

The ASNOLA annual January Business Meeting/Party was held on January 28 at the Stickney home in New Orleans. We had a successful meeting electing our new board, clearing up some old business, making plans for the upcoming year, and enjoying the party.

Our newly elected President is Ann Inderbitzin, Vice President is Michel dePreux, Treasurer is James R. Holmes, Secretary is Don



Newly elected President, Ann Inderbitzin (L) and outgoing Secretary Jean Stickney (R)

Schwarzenbach, and Director At Large is Monica Clark.

Members enjoyed finger sandwiches, an assorted fruit tray, Better Cheddar and Popeye dip and crackers as food offerings. Also on hand for solid snacking was smoked turkey and ouille gumbo and rice, deviled eggs, ham and Swiss and chicken salad sandwiches, a cheese board of Swiss Emmentaler, Gruyere, Swiss raclette, Saint Angel triple cream brie, pears, Mission figs, preserves and assorted crackers.

On the sweet side there were chocolate covered mints and, since it was Mardi Gras season, three King Cakes: salted caramel and candied pecan, and traditional king cakes from Not Too Fancy Bakery. Rachel Stickney made a traditional Swiss German Dreikönigskuchen containing a foil covered bean and two feves given to her by her Swiss cousin Geo on a trip to Fribourg several years ago. Libations included Avalanche, a Swiss white wine from the Canton of Valais, some red wines, soft beverages, beer, water and lemonade.

At this writing we are deep into carnival season in New Orleans, with Mardi Gras day falling on Tuesday, February 13 this year. ASNOLA members and their families celebrate Mardi Gras in a multitude of ways from parade parties to crawfish boils, going to Balls and attending big extravaganzas. There are so many different parades happening throughout the season around town. Some have big floats, bands, marching clubs and dance teams. Smaller ones have different walking clubs, music, and very small floats. Whether you participate as a spectator, march in a band, dance with a team or throw Mardi Gras throws from a float, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

In late February we'll be attending the French Film Festival and in March we'll have a visit from the Consul General of Switzerland in Atlanta. The visit will coincide with Francophone month. There may be an event to promote a Swiss author, something we will likely do together with Alliance Française in New Orleans.

It may be just a Tuesday where you are, but here in New Orleans, it's Mardi Gras. So, Happy Mardi Gras!

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Louisiana: The Krewe of Iris founded in 1917

The Krewe of Iris is both a traditional Ball and Parading women's carnival organization. Our namesake the Goddess Iris, is known as the Goddess of the Rainbow and Messenger to the Gods. Our Krewe is 107 years old, which makes it the oldest all female Mardi Gras Krewe. Our parade rolls every year on the Saturday before Mardi Gras which has been affectionately designated "Iris SatHERday". The krewes of Mardi Gras have well-guarded themes that are made public only days prior to the ball or parade day. This year our theme was "Iris Travels the World". I was excited to see that one of our tandem floats, two floats connected, featured "Switzerland".



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Pennsylvania: New Helvetic Society (NHS), PA Chapter

Christmas and Fondue Party

The traditional Christmas and Fondue Party of the New Helvetic Society dates back to 1978. On October 21st the very first Fondue party was hosted by Helen Phillips. 54 members and guests enjoyed a genuine Swiss Cheese Fondue with all the trimmings. Fast forward to 2023, where 150 excited guests enjoyed another Swiss Fondue Neuchateloise at the Hulmeville Fire Station in Hulmeville, PA. You should have seen the kids' faces when Santa Claus showed up in the Firetruck and they got presented with one of the traditional goodie bags that contained nuts, chocolates, and delicious cookies! Priceless! The Swiss Benevolent Society of Philadelphia organized a raffle to support Swiss or their descendants in need, and the lucky people who won the beautiful raffle baskets were in their glory. Young and old had a fabulous time and all are grateful to Helen for starting this awesome event more than 40 years ago!

Game Day

A young couple from our NHS organized a game day at their house. The invite read: "Please feel free to join Elizabeth and Calvin for a No Stress, No Pressure Game Day!"

How cool is that! The New Helvetic Society got the opportunity to a get-together for a Saturday afternoon of playing games and enjoying each other's comradery! After a delicious lunch of homemade Buffalo chicken sliders, the players got very competitive and played on 5 tables games like Pick-up-Sticks, Ticket-to-Ride, Code Names, Exploding Kittens and there was also a Beginner's table for Jass!

Not only did we play games but suddenly there was an ad-hock Whiskey tasting going on and people were thrilled how delicious the different types of libations tasted! Nothing got out-of-hand, everyone just had a wonderful time, and it's just great to see how the young are contributing to our NHS Society.

Look us up if you like to get together with like-minded people in the Phillie, Northern Delaware, and Middle Jersey area! Go to myswissclub.org and sign-up, we are always happy to welcome new members!

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Upcoming Events

Want to have some fun as well at our next event?

Saturday, April 27th: General Assembly Meeting at the RiverWinds Restaurant in Deptford, NJ from 12 - 4 pm

Saturday, June 15th: Join us for a picnic to celebrate all our fabulous Dads at the Red Bank Battlefield Park in National Park, NJ, starting at noon.

Wisconsin: The Swiss Center of North America

After 15 years as President and CEO of the Swiss Center of North America, Beth Zurbuchen is announcing her retirement. She will continue in her role until there is a transition to new leadership.

The Swiss Center was newly remodeled when Zurbuchen was hired in 2008. During the following 15 years, the Swiss Center has received extraordinary Swiss treasures that were stored in attics, closets, or basements. More than 5,000 items have been inventoried from personal and estate donations, Swiss club records, and more.

Zurbuchen says, "I believe the impact we have had is everlasting and incredibly unique. I will leave with immense pride in all we have accomplished together. Saying goodbye is never easy. Therefore, I sign off with Uf Wiederluege - until we meet again."

Linda Schiesser Gallery

The Swiss Center of North America has doubled its display and archival space with the opening of the Linda Schiesser Gallery. Linda so believes in the mission of the Swiss Center that she provided the major gift allowing the organization to transform an unfinished lower level into beautiful display and meeting space.

We celebrated the grand opening with the new consul general of Switzerland in Chicago Pascal Bornoz and deputy consul general Joerg Oberschmied. Several hundred friends and donors joined us to celebrate.

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From L to R: Linda Schiesser, Deputy Consul General of Chicago Joerg Oberschmied, Consul General of Switzerland in Chicago Pascal Bornoz, Swiss Center of North America President/CEO Beth Zurbuchen

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Minnesota: Twin Cities Swiss American Association (TCSAA)

Fun Fall Events with the TCSAA

In November we held one of the TCSAA's signature events, the annual cheese sale. The club sold over 1700 lbs (770 kg) of Swiss cheese, imported through Emmi. The sale was organized by Pius Hollenstein and offered the chance for many club members to stock up on a variety of Swiss cheeses before Thanksgiving.

Not long after, the club celebrated at a Christmas party featuring Samichlaus. Simon Blaser and Alessia Stornetta organized a lovely event at Fish Lake Regional Park in Maple Grove, MN, which included



many members and children. Lunch included a variety of soups and desserts brought by members. As an added surprise, every family left with a Grittibaenz as well as other breads, baked by Natascha Losurdo, who owns 'The Beck. Bakery' in Sauk Center, MN.

Samichlaus was the guest of honor at the event, even though he could not come by sleigh, given the lack of snow and ice. The children were excited to see him and wondered how he knew about their good (and not so good) behavior! Every child got a bag filled with treats. We look forward to welcoming more members at this event next year, as the venue and the ambience help get everyone into the holiday spirit.

Finally, the Jass Club has been revived thanks to Andre Wanzenried. For many years, TCSAA members gathered regularly to play Jass, and many players attended this recent event, with many to follow, we hope.

As always, we welcome everyone to attend the TCSAA events. Information about upcoming activities can be found on our Facebook page or our website www.tcsaa.us.

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Missing person search (art. 35 et seq. Swiss Civil Code) and search for heirs (art. 555 Swiss Civil Code)

The Judge of the District Court of Vallemaggia (Ticino, Switzerland) attorney Petra Vanoni, as by the decisions of the 9th November 2023,

warns all those who may have information about **Antonio Teodoro Sartori** (08.12.1873) son of Michele Baldassare Sartori and Maria Sartori, née Janner, who probably lived in the United States of America, to come forward and communicate such information to this Court within **1 (one) year** from the first publication of the notice. Should this term elapse without success, the disappearance will be officially declared as per law; and

warns anyone who believes themselves to be an heir or an heir of a descendant of

- the deceased **Antonio Teodoro Sartori** (08.12.1873) son of Michele Baldassare Sartori and Maria Sartori, née Janner and

- the deceased two brothers **Ermenegildo Teofilo Sartori** (09.08.1899-08.20.1943) and **Michael Balthasar Sartori** (05.14.1904-03.02.1966), both sons of Giuseppe Teodoro Sartori (1856-1923) and Anna Maria Sartori, née Sartori (1863-1945), who probably lived in the United States of America

to come forward within a period of **1 (one) year** from the publication of this notice. **The person who believes to be an heir or heir of a descendant shall contact** "Pretura del Distretto di Vallemaggia, Via Pretorio 2, 6675 Cevio, Ticino, Switzerland" and provide the documentation that gives ground to the family ties.

After the 1 year term has elapsed, the estate of the deceased will be devolved to the known heirs alone.

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