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President's Message

Dear friends and fellow members of the Swiss Society of Boston,

We hope you had a great summer and are enjoying the slightly more pleasant temperatures outside now. We were very lucky with the weather this year for our Independence Day celebration, we only had a few raindrops as we were cleaning up. Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers the event went really well, as the many happy faces in our pictures testify.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the September Raclette Party. We will however try to give you a Raclette Party this winter indoors instead.

We are looking forward to the fall Hike on October 10th. We will again hike in NH and meet up for a Zvieri/Early Bird dinner at the William Tell Inn afterwards. Check page 3 for details!

Several of our board members have had to cut back or have informed us of their upcoming resignation. While we thank them for their services, we are left short on the board. Please take a moment to consider if this might be something you are interested in. Call me or any other board member and let us know if you are willing to commit some of your time to the Swiss Society.



Yours,
Christine Whitebread

Be the first to know!

Check out our website and sign up to receive notices by e-mail. Just send your info to contact@swissocietyboston.org.

Please also let us know if your e-mail address is changing or if you are moving.

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Tell friends & family to become a member!
Bear in mind, membership becomes
honorary once you reach the age of 75!

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The Swiss Society of Boston on LinkedIn

The Swiss Society of Boston is proud to announce that we have established a group on LinkedIn. <http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/2573176/>

This virtual platform allows registered SSOB members to connect with other members to network, start discussions, post and share information, post job etc.

The goal is to provide a valuable resource for SSOB:

- * keep up to date with what's going on at the SSOB
- * promote yourself, your company, your skills and knowledge
- * build new (business) relationships
- * reach other members
- * know more than a name
- * free advertising, boards, forums, etc.

Sign up today!

Also become a fan on Facebook! 

SwissLink Fondue Event in Edgerton House at MIT in Cambridge, MA, February 2010

**SwissLinkBoston**

Connecting Swiss people in Boston

SwissLinkBoston, founded in September 2006, is a networking platform for Swiss students, researchers and young professionals living in the Boston area. Starting out with only a few members, we are now a network of more than 200 people with science, engineering and business backgrounds. Besides offering an exceptional platform for Swiss-US networking, we aim at being a reference point for Swiss citizens who have recently arrived in the Boston area.

Our activities include monthly gatherings in Cambridge/Boston. In addition we organize bigger events, such as an August 1st BBQ or a Fondue dinner, as well as Jass evenings.

Membership is open to every person related to Switzerland, or with interest in Switzerland. There is no membership fee. To join SwissLinkBoston and receive a monthly email with news and announcements about upcoming events visit us at www.swisslinkboston.com or

Email: swisslinkboston@gmail.com

FALL HIKE 2010

**Mt Major
Alton Bay, NH**

**Sunday, October 10
Meet 10:30 am**

Put on your hiking boots and join us for our fall hike! We are headed to the lakes region in New Hampshire again!

We aim to walk up the mountain via the Brook trail (2.4 mi) and down via the Main trail (1.8 mi) and spend up to an hour on the top for a snack from our backpacks while enjoying the spectacular views.

This hike is more difficult than the one last year, but still suitable for families.

If you can not make the hike but would like to join us for Zvieri/dinner, meet us between 4:00 to 4:30 pm at the William Tell Inn, 1602 Mount Major Highway, Alton, NH.

Directions:

- Take I-95 North to Portsmouth, NH
- Follow the Spaulding Turnpike/Rte 16 North for approx. 21 miles.
- Take exit 15 toward Farmington.
- Follow NH Rte 11 about 20.6 miles west (4.2 miles north of Alton Bay).
- The Parking area is located shortly after a scenic vista and is on the left hand side of the road. Look for the Swiss flag!

Meet at the parking lot at 10:30 AM.

For further information or in case of inclement weather contact:

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No further invitation will be sent.

*Himmelsstürmer
Zwölf Portraits
Alex Capus*

BOOK REVIEW**Himmelsstürmer or was Christopher Columbus Swiss?**

"I will not claim that Christopher Columbus was Swiss – but I am fairly certain of it and will hold on to that belief until the DNA results of the citizens of Colombey near Geneva are compared to surviving relatives of Columbus."

In his new book, *Himmelsstürmer. Zwölf Portraits*, the Swiss author Alex Capus tells twelve stories of Swiss emigrants who are almost unknown or have been forgotten even if they were famous in their time. He mixes the well-researched biographies with his storytelling abilities and shows the reader a new aspect of Swiss emigrants.

Capus' heroes are illegitimate children of fallen servants, suffering from wicked step-mothers, fixed ideas and physical infirmities, they suffered through famines, wars and revolutions. Despite—or perhaps because of all this—they set out to conquer the world.

The Bernese maid Marie Grosholtz gained world fame as Madame Tussaud. The Neuchâtel Jean-Paul Marat plotted the French Revolution together with Robespierre and Danton. Known as the "King of the Air," the Swiss balloonist Eduard Spelterini enchanted the imaginations of European royalty, military generals, wealthy patrons, and the public alike with his mastery of the most whimsical mode of travel ever invented—the gas balloon. The watchmaker's son, Ferdinand Hassler from Aarau cleverly expanded the U.S. at the expense of Canada. A false physician named Meyer liberated Greece from the yoke of the Turks, and a Zwicky from Glarus shot the first man-shaped object into outer space.

Alex Capus tells of people who believe unwaveringly confident in their abilities and dreams. Some are way ahead of their time, some will cleverly use the course of time and none will be discouraged by setbacks and failures.

I own a copy of this audio book in German and would be happy to lend it to any member of the Swiss Society.

Christine Whitebread

Board Member rides 31st Pan Mass Challenge 2010

SSOB Boardmember Peter Luck's personal experience and day-by-day itinerary

My name is Peter Luck, and I am a board member and treasurer of the SSOB. Riding bicycles is my passion.

I had my first hospital experience 10 years ago after a serious back injury. At first I thought I would never again be able to enjoy all my hobbies, like skiing, but especially bicycling. Today I am back to normal and enjoy all the sports. After seeing so many friends and acquaintances afflicted by cancer I came to realize what I had was a "piece of cake," and it was time to give something back.

Thus in 2009 I decided to participate in the Pan Mass Challenge bike ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown to raise money for the battle against cancer. After this life-changing experience I decided to ride again this year with Team Kermit. Team Kermit rides the PMC in honor and memory of Jared Branfman. It was formed in 2005 by Steven, Ellen, Adam & Jared, while Jared was undergoing treatment at the Jimmy Fund. The team is named for Kermit the Frog of Sesame Street fame. Kermit was one of Jared's favorite childhood characters and represents the ability that people have to rise above the ordinary in order to achieve great results. Kermit's theme, "It's not easy being green," became Jared's mantra and helped him endure and even laugh through the often grueling treatments. In September 2005, Jared passed away after a 2-1/2 year battle with the disease. He was 23 years old. In 2006 we established the Jared Branfman Sunflowers For Life Fund for Pediatric Brain and Spinal Cancer Research at the Jimmy Fund. All the money raised by Team Kermit goes through the PMC and into this fund. It supports research into the type of disease that Jared had and is helping to make the dream of "no more cancer" a reality.

This year the team consisted of 42 riders from various parts of the country, all riding for different reasons, taking different PMC routes at different speeds, but everybody mounts Kermit on the helmet for the PMC.

Friday 8/6/10 - Day 0 – Wellesley to Sturbridge, Start of Pan Mass Challenge (84 miles)

Eleven Team Kermit members and myself decided to ride to the PMC start in Sturbridge. We congregated at 8:00 am, got our bicycles ready and pedaled towards Sturbridge. It's a beautiful ride through pristine Massachusetts' countryside, forests, farmland, lakes and rivers. It is a hilly ride, sometimes with up to 20% inclines.

Once we got to Sturbridge we jumped right into the lake for a refreshing swim before getting ready for the opening ceremony. The emotional opening ceremony hosted by NECN told stories about the fundraising efforts of the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$270 million for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber through its Jimmy Fund. The PMC gives 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund, a rate of fundraising that is nearly unequalled within the \$3 billion athletic fundraising event industry. The PMC generates more



www.pmc.org



than 50 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue and is its largest single contributor.

The ceremony ended with a combined stage presence of Senators Kerry and Brown (who both rode this year's PMC), followed by a short performance of Ayla Brown (the former American Idol contender and daughter of Senator Brown).

Saturday 8/7/10 - Day 1 - Sturbridge to Bourne (111 miles)

At 4:30 am, the PMC starts – wow, I'm certain I'll never cease to be amazed by the sea of cyclists inspired by "The Star Spangled Banner." Then, all you hear is the sound of thousands of cyclist clicking into their pedals as the PMC starts to head into the rising morning sun towards Bourne.

It's sobering, yet exciting – two days of powerful, new experiences lie ahead of us! The emotions start to ebb and flow, the cowbells, shouts, waves, high-fives, "thanks for riding!" and posters created with immeasurable amounts of love keep everybody going.

Team Kermit stops at every water station to fill up our bottles, but also to connect with friends and hear the stories of other riders and to meet some of the cancer survivors we ride for.

After 111 beautiful riding miles we pull into the Mass Maritime Academy and check in to one of the accommodation options; dorm, tent or on board of the training ship USTS Kennedy. We shower, enjoy some food, maybe a cold beer. By 8:30 pm most of the riders were already asleep, ready for another great day of riding.

Sunday 8/8/10 – Day 2 – Bourne to Provincetown (81 miles)

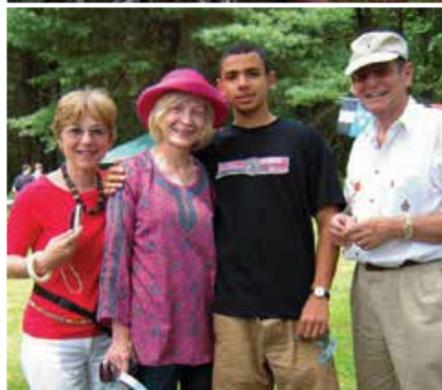
At 5:30 am, the start in Bourne is less organized and spectacular, but going over the Bourne bridge and along the canal into Cape Cod is of amazing beauty. We also know the streets along the way will be packed with spectators and people cheering and holding up signs for riders, people inflicted with cancer or lost ones. There is the famous "da hedge" in Brewster, where hundreds, mainly teenagers and family line up along a hedge and cheer all the riders; it's loud. We ride on through rolling hills and flats and then as we start to smell the sea and the huge sand dunes of the tip of Cape Cod unfold in front of us we know Provincetown is not far anymore.

About 15 of our Kermit Team riders reached the finish together, happy about the accomplishment, sad that the PMC is over, knowing the battle against cancer will continue.

Thank you Swiss Society for your support!

49TH FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION

Harvard, MA
July 25, 2010




Betty Boston

ZUCCHINI CHOCOLATE ORANGE CAKE

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 cups grated zucchini
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (175 Celsius). Grease and flour Bundt pan.
2. In a medium bowl, sift flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla and milk to the butter mixture. Stir in dry ingredients and mix until well blended. Fold in zucchini, orange zest, and nuts.
4. Pour into a greased and floured Bundt cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Allow to cool, then drizzle with glaze.
5. To make the glaze: In a small bowl mix together sugar, orange juice, and vanilla. Invert cake onto serving dish, then pour glaze over.

Bon Appetit!

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Just send us an email: contact@swissocietyboston.org

Did you know?
You can shred your zucchini and freeze it for use throughout the fall and cold winter months!

First of August Prize Winners

Raffle

- Swiss tickets: Carol Sanderson
- Vinodivino: Ruth Ruprecht
- Boston Classical Orchestra concert pass: Pete Karl
- Decorative containers with Swiss chocolate: Quyen Tong
- Bath & Body Works gift bag: Kay Tolleson
- Lotion & Soap Duo: Ray Hueter
- Alpenraum: Mark Redlich
- The American Vine Dressers Guide: Helen Budri
- CD "Beyond Swiss Tradition": Patty Cooney
- DVD "Gotthard": Scott Norman
- Helvetique Game: Viola Kaumlen
- Sennenchuteli: Danielle Briggs

Swiss Wine: Felix Bosshard

Swiss Flag: Gary Benninger

Lindt chocolates in shopping bag: Betsy Leuenberger, Barbara Brissenden, Vreni Erickson, Caleb Burke, Martin Shori, Deb Busser, Steven Whitebread, Geraldine Hueter, Emilie Roberts, Thomas Cushman

Swiss Baker Gift Cards: Urs von Huls, Heinz Bingelli, Amy Gartner

Shooting

- Men:** 1. Rudy Meyer, 2. Peter Carlson, 3. Karl Salathe
- Women:** 1. Dori Meyer, 2. Kim Salathe, 3. Jen Reynolds
- Boys:** 1. Nick Jackman, 2. Antony Kellermann, 3. Andrew Carlson
- Girls:** 1. Kate Carlson, 2. Lyloma Berkenstock, 3. Alexis Romano

Soccer

- Girls 6 and Under:** 1. Ingrid Thullen, 2. Lauren Reynolds
- Boys 6 and Under:** 1. Cameron Reynolds, 2. Lauric Marmier, 3. Lukas Binggeli
- Girls 7-10:** 1. Emily Gardener, 2. Katey Grealish, 3. Claudia Nerden
- Boys 7-10:** 1. Derek Busser, 2. Julian Marmier, 3. Aidan Lin
- Girls 11-15:** 1. Alexa Busser, 2. Kirsten Busser, 3. Julia Busser
- Boys 11-15:** 1. Julian Rechsteiner, 2. Matthias Gloor, 3. Antony Kellermann
- Adult Women:** 1. Aly Grealish, 2. Stephanie Hueter, 3. Andrea Grealish
- Adult Men:** 1. Anton Christen, 2. Raymond Hueter, 3. Adam Ruprecht, 4. Paul Busser
- Senior Woman:** 1. Ruth Ruprecht

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2010-2011 Events Calendar

Sunday, October 10, 2010

See page 3 for details and directions

Fall Mountain Hike to Mt Major, Alton Bay, NH

see page 3 for details & directions

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Samichlaus Party

All Newton Music School, West Newton

February 2011

Winter Outing

March 2011

Annual Meeting

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