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President's Message

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

As we move from a glorious fall into winter we look back on some great events this year. In this issue of the 'Chuchi' you'll find plenty of pictures from our First of August celebration, held at the new location in Maynard. As every year, we enjoyed traditional music, soccer and shooting games, Davey the clown, and everyone's favorite—Brats & Schuebligs—as well as the infamous raffle.

Attendees and staff agreed that the new location offered all the amenities required—and the fact that it has a huge covered sitting area makes this the perfect venue to keep us dry in any weather.

In early September we were honored to host the Swiss Ambassador to New York, Francois Barras, at our traditional Raclette event in Brookline. Very fitting indeed, as Francois is originally from the Canton Valais. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador and to voice their concerns and issues. We were also joined by the new Consul to Swissnex, Dr. Felix Moesner, and the Swissnex vice-consul Andreas Rufer.

You can see many pictures of this and other events on our Facebook page. Make sure to browse and check out our new website, too: www.swissocietyboston.org. Thank you to Roman Kern, a new member and fellow Swiss immigrant, for giving it a new look and feel!

We continue to introduce our sister organizations: Learn more about Friends of Switzerland (FOSI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering friendship, understanding, and enjoyment between the Swiss and Americans in New England.

Next we look forward to celebrating 'Samichlaus'—you'll find the details on the last page of this issue of *Chuchichaeschli*.

Again a big 'thank you' to all who volunteered during the last year—you all help to keep this organization alive!

Yours,
Christine Whitebread



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Welcome! New SSOB Members

- Andy Arnolds & Juliana Blaser Arnolds**
Westford, MA
- Sarah Cushman**
Aiken, SC
- Jacques Dysli and Natalia Tovar Dysli**
Belmont, MA
- Alessandro Zedda & Monika Flammer Zedda**
Andover, MA
- Adrian & Roberta Henggeler**
Abington, MA
- Raymond & Geryl Hueter**
Wakefield, MA
- Christina Hurni**
Atkinson, NH
- Stephanie & Sami Juma**
Wellesley, MA
- Roman Kern & Silja Aline Muenst Kern**
Somerville, MA
- Emanuel Moecklin & Sarah Keller Moecklin**
Hampton, NH
- Felix & Maki Moesner**
Lexington, MA
- Andrew & Loreale Perry**
Harvard, MA
- Nicolas Rockler & Diana Rietveld-Rockler**
Belmont, MA
- Mary Helen Schaeffer and Jeffrey Wallen**
Chestnut Hill, MA
- Karin Steinemann**
Methuen, MA
- Roy & Christina Walters**
North Reading, MA
- Patrick & Ling Zhang Weyer**
Medfield, MA



A welcome to our new treasurer

With the resignation of Peter Luck at the beginning of this year, we are happy to introduce our new treasurer, Roger Binggeli.

Roger was born in Switzerland to Swiss-German parents, but raised and educated outside of New York City. He has extensive experience in the financial services industry, and is currently a consultant specializing in investment technology systems. Roger holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and graduate accounting degree from Suffolk University in Boston, as well as an undergraduate degree in International Studies and German from Colby College in Maine.

Roger joined the Swiss Society in 2007, and has enjoyed becoming a part of the Swiss community of Greater Boston. He and his wife and two small children live in Waltham.

We want to thank Peter Luck for his stellar services as the treasurer for the past years, and are excited to welcome Roger Binggeli on board!

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Greetings from Switzerland from Felix and Anita Bosshard

Thank you to the Swiss Society of Boston for giving us a chance to win a flight sponsored by Swiss from Boston to Zürich at last year's 1st of August Celebration.

We went on our trip in May 2012, and spent most of our time with relatives in Felix's hometown area of Toggenburg, with side trips to Winterthur and Baden. Met with a lot of special people and ate a lot of good Swiss food!

Thanks again from Felix & Anita Bosshard

P.S. The pictures are of us at the Schwägälp, at the foot of the Säntis Mountain, about 5 miles from Felix's old home and an area near Wattwil.



FOSI—Friends of Switzerland

Connecting the Swiss Community

Hello, and a big *Gruezi* from the Friends of Switzerland (FOSI). We are excited to reach out and introduce ourselves to Swiss Society of Boston members.

Who are we? We are native Swiss (like many of you), dual citizens (like me), or Americans who have spent interesting times in Switzerland studying, working, or visiting. We gather at the historic Harvard Club in Boston for our “*Gemütliche Stammtisch*” luncheons, where we enjoy entertaining speakers, great food, and a wonderful, friendly ambiance.

For our members and guests, FOSI offers the chance to help celebrate Swiss/American cultural connections, meet some very nice people, learn, and expand our horizons a bit. Each year we recognize exceptional intercultural achievement with our **Julius Adams Stratton Prize**, honoring a new Laureate for his or her contributions in the Arts, Business, Academics, Science and Medicine, or Diplomacy. For 2012, our winner was Dr. Iris Bohnet, Professor of Public Policy and Academic Dean of Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Each year we also offer a young Swiss or American (selected by our Stratton Laureate) the opportunity to further their studies in their field of interest by providing a **Stratton Fellowship Grant** and round trip airfare between Switzerland and the U.S.

Like the SSOB, we too have a long history of ‘doing good’ and truly enjoy doing it. We’d love to see you at an upcoming *Stammtisch* or have you join us on one of our field trips.

You can find out more on the FOSI web site at: www.friendsofswitzerland.org

or by calling us at 617-720-0900 (ask for our President, Marc Redlich) or by contacting me at 617-817-3123.

Either way, we hope our paths may cross.

Larry Grob

Upcoming Events

December 13, 2012:

Holiday Musical Performance *Stammtisch*

February 14, 2013:

Freddy and Regina Homburger Memorial Luncheon, dedicated to the Arts

April 4, 2013:

Dr. Charles E. Mongan memorial Luncheon, featuring a speaker in the areas of business or finance

May 10, 2013:

Stratton Award Dinner

FIRST OF AUGUST
MAYNARD, MA
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2012



- 1 Festivities in the pavilion
- 2 Grilling station
- 3 Musical entertainment by Mike Kaelin
- 4 Grand prize winner Kevin and Aly Grealish with SWISS representative Diana Rietveld Rockler and board member Paulette Fraizer
- 5 SSOB president Christine Whitebread



- 6 Davey the Clown
- 7 Soccer prize winners
- 8 The Biber family
- 9 Enjoying ice cream treats
- 10 New member Roberta Henggeler and her son

- 11 Long-time SSOB member Brigitte Corsaro and event volunteer Sabine Fey

RACLETTE PARTY

LARZ ANDERSON PARK, BROOKLINE, MA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2012



FALL HIKE

MT. SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCTOBER 7, 2012

Our traditional Fall Hike took us to Mt. Sunapee, NH this year. A group of adults and children hiked up the steep trail to enjoy a picnic and great views from the mountain top. Unfortunately the frigid temperatures did not invite us to linger too long, so we opted to take the longer but more interesting and scenic route downhill. We ended the day with a dinner at a nearby restaurant—a great treat after all our efforts!



**2012-2013
Upcoming Events**

Sunday, December 2, 2012
Samichlaus Party All Music School, Newton

Saturday, February 2, 2013
Fondue Party First Parish Church, Billerica

March 2013 **Annual Meeting**

June 2013 **Spring Outing**

July 2013 **Swiss Independence Day Celebration**

Invitations and details to come



For more information on past and upcoming events and to view additional photos check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/swissocietyboston



 **Betty Boston**

**NUSSTÄNGELI
Nut Sticks**

Ingredients:

- 125 g butter, soft
- 125 g sugar
- one pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- 125 hazelnut meal
- 175 g flour
- 1-2 egg yolks, diluted with 1 Tablespoon milk

Directions:

1. Beat butter until softened. Add sugar, salt, egg and beat together, until light in color. Add hazelnut meal and flour and form dough. Wrap dough in plastic wrap, and let rest for 1 hour in a cool place.
2. Roll dough with approx. 7mm thickness onto a little floured surface, cut out sticks with approx. 1.5 x 5cm (0.5 x 2 inch) size and put on the baking sheet, and then let rest for another 15 minutes. Brush with egg yolk and milk mixture.
3. Preheat the oven to 200 C / 400 F and bake in the middle of the oven for 8-10 minutes.

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

Tips:

- Grind up whole hazelnuts or use store bought almond meal (i.e. Trader Joe's)
- Store cookies in an airtight container, in layers separated by parchment or wax paper
- The best flavor for the Stängeli develops after about one week.

En Guete!



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Do you have a favorite recipe or interesting story to share? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please send your contributions to Lena Bodos at contact@swissocietyboston.org or call 781-872-1050.



SAMICHLAUS!

Sunday, December 2, 2012, 3–5 pm

All Newton Music School, 321 Chestnut Street, Newton

Join us for a Christmas party in the Swiss tradition. There will be goodie bags and fun for children of all ages including coloring, crafts, and cookie decorating on Lebkuchen, thanks to SwissBakers.

There is no charge, but donations are welcome. Please bring your favorite homemade Christmas treats—the Swiss Society will provide cider and juice for all.

Samichlaus arrives at 3:45. Please do not bring any additional gifts.

RSVP by November 25 to Marianne Biber, 781-444-4691 or biber.marianne@gmail.com, or sign up directly on our website: www.swissocietyboston.org

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