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Happy New Year to everyone! Join us for a special event on February 6: a Swiss Artist Showcase and Reception organized by the Swiss Cultural Committee followed by our traditional Fondue Dinner. See below for more details and go to page 7 to sign up.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Peninsula Swiss Club Members and Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and a good start into the New Year!

As I am writing this article, it starts smelling really good from my kitchen. The "Dreikönigskuchen" or Epiphany cake is in the oven. This year, I used a recipe that I found on the Internet. I am very curious how it will turn out. The cakes I had baked in previous years had been rather doughy. Sometimes I wish I just could go to the store and pick one up including the crown.

It is not always easy to keep up with the Swiss traditions. Especially around Christmas, there is a lot of confusion if you want to celebrate the Holidays the "Swiss way"! When all of a sudden "Christchindli" brings the presents and Santa comes three weeks earlier but just brings some cookies and nuts, who should really understand that? To keep things easier and aligned with their peers, we introduced the American Santa to the kids when they were very young. We are hanging stockings onto the fireplace and open his presents on Christmas morning.

As the kids are getting older, they understand more about both worlds and do appreciate the diversity growing up here in the Silicon Valley with roots from Switzerland. And we enjoy the traditions that are (maybe?) less contradictory – like the Fondue Chinoise we always have around Christmas time and the Cheese Fondue with the Peninsula Swiss Club in February!

Have a very happy, healthy, and successful 2010!

Monika Ryser
President

PSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Feb 6	Fondue Dinner and Swiss Artist Showcase/Reception Masonic Hall, Mountain View
March 7	Kids Trampoline Jumping Sky High Sports, Santa Clara Details will be announced by e-mail
April 4	Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt De Anza Park, Sunnyvale
May 2	Spring Event Details TBA
June 6	Semi-Annual Meeting Stevens Creek County Park Villa Maria Area, Cupertino
July 31	First of August Celebration Schneiders' Residence, Atherton
Sept 10-12	Club Outing Details TBA
Nov 6	Metzgete and General Meeting Masonic Hall, Mountain View
Dec 5	Samichlaus Las Palmas Park, Sunnyvale

Swiss Artist Showcase

The Swiss Cultural Committee has recently been established by the United Swiss Societies to promote Swiss artists and cultural events in the Bay Area. Last year, the Cultural Committee sponsored the Swiss movie "The Bird's Nest" at the Berlin & Beyond Festival and organized a guided architectural tour of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, which was designed by the famous Swiss architect Mario Botta.

The Cultural Committee has now invited Swiss artists to showcase their artwork and music at the PSC Fondue in February. A light aperitif will be offered by the Cultural Committee during the reception preceding the Fondue. Come early and take advantage of this unique opportunity to get acquainted with local Swiss artists and their work!

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Samichlaus

By Jan and Sonja Ryser (10 and 8 years old)

On December 6, the Peninsula Swiss Club had a visit from the Samichlaus. He was very jolly. We think he liked the performance of the "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" song best.

The brunch was delicious. Special thanks to Walter Howald for the Zuepfe, they were really scrumptious! Thank you also to all you people who brought something. The desserts were delicious. The amount of snow was enormous! That was really fun! I hope you had a great time! We absolutely did!



Samichlaus Photos (1) – December 2009

