



October 11, 2009

Gruezi vom anderen Ende der Welt;
Greetings friends, from halfway around the world.

I write to you today from our quarters in Kuala Lumpur, where Heinz is currently working on a contract with the SwissLog office in Malaysia. Our first 2 ½ weeks have been interesting. Many aspects of the culture are highly westernized (there is a Pizza Hut in the building next door and a Popeye's Chicken down the street) but there is still the frequent culture shock (a hole in the floor for a toilet, sugar-coated dried cuttlefish in the bulk foods section of the supermarket, microwaveable servings of Shark Fin Soup—which, I must say offends my animal activist side, not just my culinary sensibilities...). And then there is what can only be classified as a clash of cultures: Seaweed or Soft-shell Crab flavored Pringles. But aside from the heat and the driving on the “wrong” side of the road, the kids and I are adjusting and expect to survive the 6 month stay. The biggest hitch initially was that Conrad would not drink the milk, and while I fretted about him not having an adequate calcium supply for the duration, we found a chain of stores that carries Emmi brand Gruyere (which my very good little Swiss boy would eat by the pound if allowed) and yogurt. The Blueberry yogurt is by far his favorite but I have not been enticed to try the grapefruit flavored yogurt, even though I am quite the grapefruit lover. You Ex-pats will have to let me know if that is a common flavor in Switzerland or is that, like the Pringles, a product of local marketing. I await your input.

We have been unsuccessful in contacting the local Swiss Club; a widely published internet address exists but leads nowhere, much to my frustration. It makes me all the more proud of our Club's site and the way it has endured and grown through the years. It was, after all, the manner in which Heinz and I learned of this Club as we planned our move to Indy, 6 years ago. Check it out, www.swissclubindy.org, for all the latest news, updates and pictures of recent events, and don't forget to thank Paul Burns next time you see him for all the work he has done on it of late. Have you found yourself in some of the posted pictures?

First order of business is that we would like to thank Irma and Jim Shields for hosting a fabulous August 1st party again this year. Thank you also to everyone who worked and supplied food and spirits. As always it was a great event. This Club is proud to be 30 and is looking forward to the next 30 years!! So let's start with our next scheduled events:

Raclette Esse 2009

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Social time starts at 4 p.m., dinner served at 4:30

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

1200 North Indiana Street

Mooresville, Indiana (map enclosed)

\$15 in advance (mail the enclosed reservation form) \$19 at the door
(children under 12 eat free)

Bring a dessert or a bottle of wine; the rest will be provided

WHAT YOU MUST DO RIGHT NOW: *Please respond immediately if you are attending.*

Please call Therese Jochum and let her know how many will be attending, and immediately mail her a check if you want the advance price for the dinner. Therese must receive your reservation and check by October 25 for the advance reservation price. Her phone is 317-845-3488 (office- that's where you are likely to find her); home is 317-831-3566.

Address to mail checks (issued to: "Swiss Club"):

Therese Jochum

7725 Maxwellton St.

Mooresville, IN 46158-7440

If you would like to order cheese to pick up at the dinner, the type available and prices are listed below. Either **call Therese now** with your order or send your order form with your dinner reservation form, provided with this newsletter. Therese **MUST** have your order by October 25th, but do not send the check for the cheese. You will pay for your cheese when you pick it up as exact weights and final costs may vary.

Gruyere	\$9.95 / # (pound)	Emmentaler	\$8.35 / #	Tilsiter	\$10.00 / #
Appenzeller	\$11.50 / #	Raclette	\$9.75 / #	Vacherin	\$11.50 / #
Tete de Moine	\$12.00 / #	Luzerner Rahmkaeser	\$10.50 / #		
Marechal	\$11.90 / #	Mountain Cheese (Sbrinz)--	11.20 / #		
Winzer (new this year)	\$9.25 / #				

Christmas Party 2009

Sunday December 13, 2009 2:00 pm

St. Thomas Moore Church Hall (See above for address info)

Kindly RSVP to Therese so we know how many to expect and please bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert. A bottle of wine to share with the group is also appreciated. The Swiss Club will provide the rest.

If you know of any children 12 or under that will be attending the Christmas party, please contact Brigitte Goldschmid and let her know as soon as possible (by November 26 - Thanksgiving at the latest.) She has a direct connection to Santa's workshop, and is able to let them know who will be attending, and what they would like for Christmas. Brigitte prefers to be contacted by email at b.goldschmid@popnet.ch. Also by phone at 317-694-4675. Let's not have any disappointed children at the Christmas party. We look forward to seeing you at this festive event!

Just a reminder that the International Festival is the weekend before Thanksgiving. If you would like to help out selling chocolates or promoting your Swiss heritage at the cultural booth, please contact a club officer. Thank you in advance for your help with making these events a success for the club. The revenue generated serves to provide the food and drink for our many wonderful parties throughout the year.

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing this summer of 2 long-time Swiss Club members, Barbara Miescher and Mary Jean Haas. Barbara passed away July 19, 2009 after suffering complications after surgery to repair a broken hip. In the words of her daughter Bethli Miescher- Clemens, "The Swiss Club continued to be one of mother's favorite groups; she really enjoyed the friendship and the connection to Switzerland and of course, the splendid parties." She and her late husband Guido, who passed away in 2005, were some of the first people that Heinz and I met at our first Swiss Club event. We found them both to be so sharp, engaged and such enjoyable company and looked forward to seeing them at future events. Mary Jean passed away August 14. Her energy, her spunk, and the sparkle in her eye belied her 88 years. The spring wildflower walk at her Homestead property has always been one of my favorite club events and I am very grateful that at the gathering this year I had an opportunity to read some of the 150 year history that Mary Jean has of her family's struggles and successes as they emigrated from Switzerland and worked to forge a life for themselves in central Indiana. Mary Jean's pride in such a unique and well-documented legacy was palpable and quite understandable and I really enjoyed a chance to chat with her a bit about that rich heritage. They will both be missed and our hearts and prayers are with their families.

I am disappointed that we will not be with you for the Raclette but we will be home for a short break in December and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party. And maybe then I can tell you the story of the naked hikers. I couldn't make this stuff up, I swear.

Have a Happy Halloween, a Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you in December~

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie".

Jackie Ahlborn, Secretary
Swiss Club of Central Indiana



Raclette Esse Reservation Form / Cheese Order Form

Please respond by October 25th by mailing this form to:
Therese Jochum
7725 Maxwellton Street
Mooresville, Indiana 46158

15\$ for adults and teens, children under 12 eat *Gratis* (\$19 at the door). Please enclose payment for the dinner, with checks made payable to *the Swiss Club of Central Indiana*.

Yes, we are attending!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Adults/teens: _____

Number of children: _____ (under 12)

Yes, we would like to order cheese!

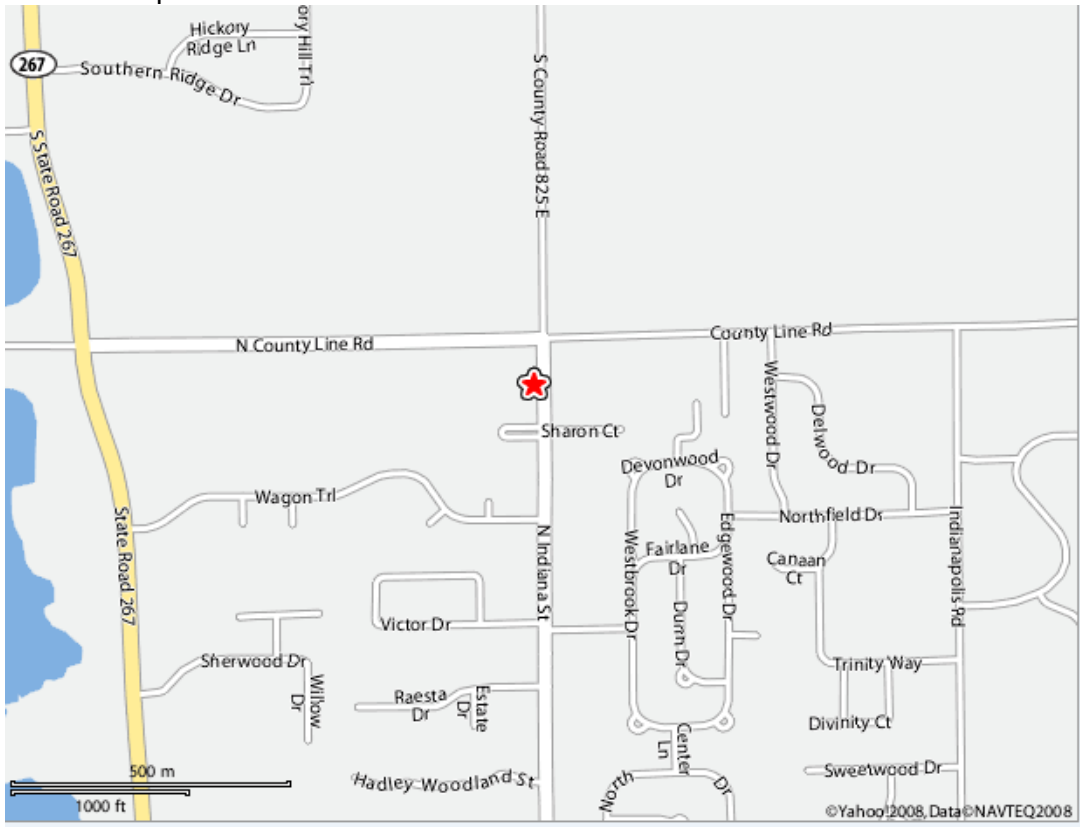
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Please Do NOT include payment for the cheese. Total cost will be determined once cheeses are cut and weighed so you will pay for the cheese when you pick it up at the dinner.





Location Map



Street Map