



September 3, 2010

Gruetzi Mitenand, Ciao amici, Hello friends:

Greetings from your foreign correspondent, on the move again in Asia. We are back in Kuala Lumpur again for 3 months but this time we have had an opportunity to make a trip to China and even made it to the World Expo in Shanghai. More on that later. Right now we have very pressing business regarding our most important upcoming event: our Annual Autumn Raclette Dinner. Please take note of the details below, as well as the important RSVP dates.

Raclette Esse 2010

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Social time starts at 3:30 p.m., dinner served at 4:00

St. Thomas More Catholic Church (the usual place, call for directions if needed!)

1200 North Indiana Street

Mooresville, Indiana

\$17 in advance (mail the enclosed reservation form) \$22 at the door, or if your check is not received in time. Children under 12 eat gratis! Grab your checkbook and put your check in the mail now! (The "check's in the mail" excuse is not valid!)

Please bring a dessert or bottle of wine to share; the rest will be provided.

The order form for the cheeses available is attached; as usual, payment for the cheeses will be made at the dinner, when you receive your items, as actual pricing will vary based on the size and weight of the pieces as cut, and the exchange rates in place at the time of purchase.

Important RSVP Dates: Therese is leaving for Switzerland at the beginning of October so she **MUST** have your cheese order, your response and your check for the dinner by the **4th of October!!** Please see the attached list of cheeses on offer, and either call Therese immediately or mail your order form now so that she can place the order before she leaves. You can reach Therese by phone at 317-845-3488 (office- that's where you are likely to find her) or leave her a message at home at 317-831-3566. Please act now. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Job Opening:

Exciting opportunity to work with a great group of people for an organization that you love: The Swiss Club of Central Indiana is looking for a new Secretary. Duties include going to Executive Meetings (also known as dinner parties), attending Club Events (also known as picnics and barbecues), eating lots of cheese and chocolate and then documenting it all (also known as the Newsletter). Salary to be provided in said cheese and chocolate. Hey, we'll even throw in an extra pound or two for the right candidate! My apologies to parenthood and the Army, but it could just be the toughest job you will ever love! If you are interested, please let one of the executive officers know.

August 1st Recap:

This year, in lieu of hosting a local party for Swiss National Day, The Club hosted transportation to Berne, Indiana, so members would have the unique opportunity to attend the August First dedication ceremony for the Muensterberg Clock Tower at the center of town. A number of members took advantage of the bus provided and a few others provided their own transportation. Once there, a group met at the Palmer House on Main Street to share a meal together. Many also attended a *Sounds of Switzerland* concert, including the Alphorngruppe (alphorn ensemble) "Alpenraum". You can see pictures of the event on our website at www.swissclubindy.org. Click on the "Swiss Club Photos" link to see these pictures and other albums of our previous events. As always, thank you to members Paul Burns for arranging the album and Regis Hammer for taking the photos! Did anyone attend the National Weiner Dog races?

Future Events:

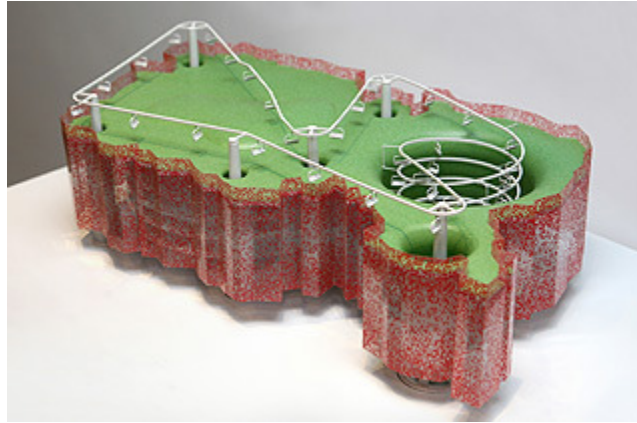
Just a reminder that the International Festival is the weekend before Thanksgiving. If you would like to help out selling chocolates or promoting your Swiss heritage at the cultural booth, please contact a club officer. Thank you in advance for your help with making these events a success for the club.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

A date has not yet been provided for the Club Christmas Party but please keep in mind that Santa always comes and lunch is always provided to our members in the early part of December. We will let you know the date as soon as it is available.

A Visit to World Expo: (Expo theme: "Better City, Better Life")

As I mentioned earlier, during our stay here in Asia we recently had an opportunity to spend an evening at World Expo in Shanghai, China. The sheer scope of the Expo is overwhelming and one evening cannot possibly do it justice but I am happy to say that we were able to see the Swiss Pavilion up close. We were unable to go in as the lines were very long but we were able to get a feel for the exterior and wanted to share with you a little bit about the message that Switzerland wants to share with the world through the Pavilion. According to the website www.swisspavilion.ch, the Expo sub-theme "rural-urban Interaction" is the focus for the Swiss contribution "in recognition of the marked awareness in Switzerland of the importance of an intact interplay of town and country and owing to the geographical characteristics of the country. Urban and rural habitats are complementary and interdependent. Switzerland is aware of this and for many years it has sought sustainable solutions for protecting and maintaining its natural habitats, as well as for improving living conditions in urban areas."

With a park-like, Switzerland-shaped garden on the roof and a chairlift to carry visitors up, down and through the exhibit, the Swiss Pavilion has been dubbed "Nature's Playground" by the Chinese. The "interactive and intelligent" façade is composed of a curtain of aluminum under which visitors can walk, on which are hung red solar cells. As the cells collect energy and pulse and flash, the Pavilion reveals "how much untapped energy surrounds us".



A model of the pavilion above and the pavilion by night below.



I'm sorry we didn't get to ride the chairlift and I would very much have liked to eat at the restaurant inside: the menu had a positively mouth-watering picture of Raclette cheese being melted onto potatoes. For now I will console myself with the knowledge that we will be home in time to join you all for our own Club's Raclette dinner. We very much look forward to seeing you all.

I hope you are well, that you are surviving the heat and that you all have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Con molto affetto,
Most sincerely yours,

Jackie Ahlborn, Secretary
Swiss Club of Central Indiana



Raclette Esse Reservation Form / Cheese Order Form

Please respond by mailing this form to be received by October 4th to:

Therese Jochum
7725 Maxwellton Street
Mooresville, Indiana 46158

17\$ for adults and teens, children under 12 eat *Gratis* (\$22 at the door). Please enclose payment for the dinner, with checks made payable to *the Swiss Club of Central Indiana*.

Yes, we are attending on the 30th!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Adults/teens: _____

Number of children: _____ (under 12)

Yes, we would like to order cheese!

Gruyere _____ lbs.	Emmentaler _____ lbs.	Tilsiter _____ lbs.
Appenzeller _____ lbs.	Raclette _____ lbs.	Vacherin _____ lbs.
Tete de Moine _____ lbs.	Luzerner Rahmkaeser _____ lbs.	
Marechal _____ lbs.	Mountain Cheese (Sbrinz) _____ lbs.	
Winzer (new this year) _____ lbs.		

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.

Yes, some of these cheeses are available locally but if you check the prices you will note that you can't find them this low anywhere else!

