



From the President's Desk . . .

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **May 21, 2011 - Meeting at Carpathia Hall featuring speakers from The Swiss Center.**
- **July 30, 2011 - Swiss National Day picnic at Stony Creek Metropark "West Branch C" picnic site from noon to 10PM.**
- **November 19, 2011 - Meeting at Carpathia Hall.**
- **December 11, 2011 - Family Christmas Party.**

Detroit Swiss Society meetings are held at Carpathia Hall on Utica Road in Sterling Heights, Michigan at 2PM unless otherwise indicated.

DSS BOARD MEMBERS

The DSS Board is here to serve the membership, so please contact us with questions or suggestions!

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The Consular Corps of Michigan (local association of foreign consulates) has been hosting an annual soccer tournament. Locally formed teams representing their countries compete against each other during a fall weekend at the Ultimate

It is my pleasure to write my first letter to you since taking office in January. I would just like to take a minute of your time to let you know that the DSS is moving ahead very quickly in an effort to remain true to the mission statement of the Detroit Swiss Society.

As the year progresses you'll see new events and activities for all members and friends of members. These activities are the backbone of our club. We will be creating a digital suggestion box where members can submit new ideas for our club. Or if you see one of our Board members at our scheduled meetings at the Carpathia Club please let them know what you are thinking.

Your input is very important to how we move our club forward and what decisions we all make. As I mentioned in my acceptance speech this is *our* club to make it what we all are looking for. Activities that are designed for the vast age group and interests of our members will be a mutual goal.

You'll notice a redesigned DSS website and DSS newsletter. These efforts are being set forth to use digital technology as much as possible to communicate effectively with our members. A great example is the recently uploaded photos from two very successful events this year: "A Taste of Switzerland" and "An Afternoon in

Ann Arbor". If you haven't had a chance to view them please do so when time permits.

All of the above couldn't happen without a strong and active Detroit Swiss Society Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. This group meets quarterly to discuss and plan the future of our club.

In closing, I look forward to serving The Detroit Swiss Society as President and will do whatever I can to continue the forward momentum.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Soccer Anyone?

Soccer Arena in Pontiac. The success and popularity of this friendly competition among nations represented in Michigan has grown each year. Ten teams participated in 2010; 16 are expected for this year's event to be held on October 8 and 9, 2011.

How about a Swiss National Team from members of the local Swiss community? We need at least 11 players for a team, up to 18 can be regis-

tered and substituted freely during the tournament. There is no age limit. Both male and female players have been welcomed to participate in the past. If interested, please contact me.

Thank you and Hopp Schwyz!

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Member Profile: Josef Lorenzi

Our member profile series begins with Josef Lorenzi, a talented photographer and member of the Detroit Swiss Society. Originally from Bremgarten, Aargau, Josef has been calling Michigan his home for 17 years. He has travelled extensively for pleasure, and his career as a marketing and sales professional has afforded him the opportunity to live in such places as Egypt, New York,

Nevada and Texas. His passion for photography started when he was a teenager, when he turned his attention to the craft of photography, learning about cameras and studying darkroom technique. This interest continues today but the difference now is the advent of digital photography. Computer software has replaced the darkroom and Josef has taken full advantage of this technological

shift, using such programs as Photoshop to “develop” his photographs. Josef’s first camera was a Nikon and he continues to favor the Nikon brand, however he firmly believes that the camera is less important than the person behind the camera. Creativity is key, and elements such as composition and lighting are far more important than the type of camera that is being used. When

asked what his favorite subject was, Josef said that he didn’t have one, and his website is a testament to that. Please visit his website and explore his work at www.joseflorenzi.com. A personal quote on his website also informs us of the powerful impact photography and all art can have: “Photography enhances your life. It makes you look for beauty everywhere.”



“Grimenz” by Josef Lorenzi

Upcoming Meeting - May 21, 2011

We are excited to welcome guests from the Swiss Center for an exciting, multi-media presentation to members and friends of the Detroit Swiss Society at Carpathia Hall on Saturday, May 21st at 2PM.

The Swiss Center of North America, located in New Glarus, Wisconsin is an organization dedicated to promoting the heritage and contributions of the Swiss in North America, and it prides itself as being The

Center of All Things Swiss. We couldn’t agree more! Fostering the Swiss community in the U.S. is also part of their mandate and we at the DSS see this as a unique opportunity to partner with them as we grow

our membership and as we prepare for the next generation of DSS members. Don’t miss this meeting! Please RSVP to Doreen Wegmueller, V.P. of Entertainment, 313-277-3432 or dwegmueller@yahoo.com.



2011 Fondue Party

The annual DSS Fondue Party this year was a big success, as it is every year. Members and friends (80 plus at our last count) enjoyed an afternoon of conversation, laughter and, of course, fondue! More pictures of this event and other DSS events can be seen on our website (www.detroitswiss.com).

