



President's Report

- 2020 Started on February 1st with an amazing Fondue event. A full house of many familiar faces, dignitaries from the new consulate and celebrities from Wisconsin. Chef Johann cooked the fondue under super vision of our long time board member Peter to control the quality. The extended board of the Swiss Club as always managed to have the room ready on time and guaranteed for a super fun and successful evening.
 - I like to thank everyone that helped with the event and all the sponsors for all the fantastic raffle prizes.
- Unfortunately the pandemic dictated a screeching halt of all planned activities. With that we cancelled the ski weekend, Raclette; Stammtisch; Brunch on the lake.





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- Also August 1st could not be celebrated as we planned with a large gathering on the American Legion lawn. However the Board during their monthly web meetings in unity agreed that we have to do something. The Idea was born to have August 1st drive-through so that everyone can celebrate in stile at home. Over 70 families took advantage of the event.

With as combined effort the board organized Swiss specialties to offer; managed the many orders that came in and organized its distribution. The club was able to bring a little swissness to so may homes in the Chicagoland.



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- As the pandemic was better manageable and we learned how to gather safely the board decided in August to organize the all outdoor Canoe event. We gathered at the Sweetminihaha camp ground near Albany Wisconsin on Friday afternoon August 28th. Following protocol only family members camped and ate together and social distancing was practiced at all times. After a warm and fun day on the sugar river with wine tasting and Sausage lunch we celebrated the end of a wonderful day with a fondue under the stars.

On Sunday we managed to play a round of golf with two four-somes at the New Glarus Edelweiss Chalet Country Club.





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- Unfortunately we couldn't hold any further events and with that Samichlaus and Cookie baking as well as the fall Stammtisch was cancelled.
- As tradition holds, the club setup the Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry. Not many attendees saw the display this year even though it was broadcast as a Virtual Christmas tree display. In January the Board took the tree down and the many ornaments and candles are back in storage waiting for their next use at Christmas 2021.
- I like to thank the entire board:
 - Peter Keller-storage manager; Lolita Buryak-membership director; our newest board member Hagen Zemp-social media director; Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz; Tammi Zemp; Robert Holts; Ruedi Bucher; Celeste Gallatti; Therese Peskowits – Entertainment lead by the executive board members Elke Sujdak- VP; JP Persico - Treasurer and Jennifer Heller- Secretary for a fun and successful club year under special circumstances.

This concludes the president report 2020.

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