



December 2023 Newsletter from Swiss Park and SoCalSwiss.com



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Your participation in live events and on-line social media help keep our Swiss community in Southern California active and thriving. Please follow, like and subscribe to our Facebook page ([link below](#)). And you are always welcome to comment on the posts and engage with us!



Dear Friends and Members of the United Swiss Societies
and the Swiss Community at Large:

I want to wish you all a festive and joyous Holiday Season
from all of us at Swiss Park, Inc.

The SoCalSwiss Foundation is excited to announce that it is officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit! This means that it is an officially registered charitable organization with the IRS, and now all your donations will qualify for a tax exemption!

A 501(c)(3) designation marks an important milestone for us, It had been the wish of the previous leaders of the Swiss Park to create and receive such a designation to help support the Swiss community and help the cause of maintaining and creating sponsorship of Swiss culture and events in the Southland.



Donations may currently be sent to: SoCalSwiss Foundation
c/o Daniel Hoffmann
2524 Westminster Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

Please make checks payable to: SoCalSwiss Foundation.

This year has been a year of transition. We said "good bye" to our previous event company, Heidi's World, and thank Heidi Burkhardt Pianelli for her work these past ten years.

It took us awhile to find another tenant and we are happy to announce that Karina Veliz, of Veliz Banquets and Events, has signed a lease with us. Karina currently has a smaller venue, The Secret House of Ivy, where she has been successfully hosting events for these many years. Her company has been busy working on making some upgrades that will help her make a success of her tenure in our space. As it does take time to get all the proper permits in place to be able to host any kind of gathering, we are disappointed that the Swiss Singing Society - Harmonie - was unable to present their annual holiday concert, which is always so well attended.



We are looking forward to having a "Grand Re-Opening" with Veliz Events in the New Year, so look for the announcement that will come via email and will be posted on our website.

We are always looking for new volunteers: either with Swiss Park itself, or with the Swiss Fair. Even with the new tenant, Swiss Park and the newly formed Foundation has important work that continues throughout the year.....from making decisions on the property, to hosting Swiss events. We hope that you will consider joining us this year, as we look forward to our exciting Grand Re-Opening. If you find that you have a few hours to donate to us, please contact me directly.

Wishing you the best for the holidays!

Daniel Hoffmann
President, Swiss Park, Inc.





Happy New Year 2024!

The Swiss Park Inc. Board would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the Swiss Park for our Grand Re-Opening and future events in 2024.



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Swiss Embassy Resources

No doubt you are aware that the Swiss Embassy provides many resources for Swiss living abroad, but did you know that they have expanded their services? During the pandemic the Swiss Embassy and Consular Offices began sponsoring online content for you to enjoy in the comfort of your home.

A big feature has been their "Swiss Film Club" where you can watch their featured movie online. They have other featured events that you can attend in person or participate online.

Signup by sending an email requesting to be placed on the email distribution to: sanfrancisco@eda.admin.ch or follow them on Facebook (Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco) and click on the link provided.

There are a variety of short films (mostly informational / documentary style) available on: swissinfo.ch Click on the menu and then click on "SwissFilms / Podcasts / Videos" to view the ones available in the US.





We would love for you to join us and volunteer!

Did you know that you can volunteer without leaving your house? If you would like to volunteer to help with the social media platforms, which are currently a website, Facebook and Instagram page, please contact Karin at socalswiss@gmail.com.





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Business Links

Our website has Swiss owned and Swiss related business links. We have received some new listings, so please support them. If you would like to have your business listed, please email us at socalswiss@gmail.com

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