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Dear SABC Members & Friends,

The Swiss American Business Council is proud to present its second newsletter as the newest communication tool for its members and friends. This edition already contains contributions from our members as a resource for promoting and exchanging information amongst our community. At the end of the newsletter you find a summary of past and upcoming events. Please mark your calendars for our marquee event, the December 3rd SABC Christmas Event at the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago – we would be delighted to see you there!

We strongly encourage our members to take advantage of this exclusive opportunity by submitting information to be included. The SABC Newsletter is published twice a year (approx. mid May and Oct.) so plan ahead and let us know!! SABC members can submit information to be inputted into the newsletter to: events@sabcnow.com

SABC Member Rollomatic Inc. Celebrates 20 Years in Chicagoland

Our corporate member Rollomatic Inc. celebrate its 20th anniversary in the Chicagoland area. Eric Schwarzenbach, President of Rollomatic Inc. says, "we are delighted to extend an invitation to SABC Member for an open house and dinner". SABC Members will receive an invitation for this exclusive event scheduled for November 6, 2013.



Since its foundation in 1953 as a producer of tungsten carbide drills and tools for the Swiss watch-making industry and to meet the exacting standards demanded by its customers, Rollomatic eventually developed its own grinding machine-a decision which paved the way to becoming one of the world's leading producers of precision tool grinding machines.

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SABC Christmas Event: December 3, 2013 at the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago

Please mark your calendars On December 3, 2013 the Swiss American Business Council is holding its major fundraiser, the SABC Christmas event in the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago. We will mingle amongst friends and colleagues, enjoying a wonderfully prepared dinner. We hope to see you at this event.



We are holding an auction with donated prizes. We would like to invite you to consider donating a product or voucher from your company. This would be unique opportunity for exposure and recognition for your store and products at our marquee event with over 100 attendees including business leaders as well as the larger Swiss-American community. Donating a prize for our silent auction is a great way to get exposure for your store and products as all donors are prominently recognized at the event.

Consulate General of Switzerland: Transfer of the Consular Services

At the end of June 2014, the Consulate General of Switzerland in Chicago will close. As of 2 December, 2013 all visa-related services and all consular services (issue of passports and identity cards, changes in civil status, registrations, etc.) will be carried out by the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York and the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington.

As of this date, the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York will be responsible for consular matters concerning Swiss nationals living in the states of Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin and the Embassy in Washington will look after the consular matters of Swiss citizens living in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

[Embassy of Switzerland in Washington](#)

[Consulate General of Switzerland New York](#)

[More information about the transfer and closure](#)

Advertise in the Upcoming SABC Business Directory 2013/2014

We are currently preparing our next biannual Swiss American Business Directory of the US Midwest (see current one at <http://www.sabcnow.com/directory.html>) for anticipated release in Spring 2014. The SABC Business Directory is the leading resource of Swiss business interests in the Chicagoland area. It will be distributed through the Midwest to all major companies and many small businesses and provides an



excellent exposure for advertisers.

For a unique exposure to the US Midwest Swiss-American Business Community we invite you to place an ad in the upcoming edition of the SABC Business Directory. A full page ad is only \$600 for non-members and \$300 for SABC corporate members. A half-page ad is \$300 for non-members and includes a 1-year corporate membership, SABC corporate members get a free half-page ad. As before all ads will be printed in color.

Please let our Office Manager and Program Coordinator Sutha Heck (sutha.heck@sabcnow.com, phone 312-508-3340) know if you are interested in this opportunity and would like to learn more about this. The deadline for ad submissions is **November 15, 2013**. We'd love hearing from you.

Celebrating our "Swissness" with the SABC Member Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago

Founded in 1872, in order to help members of the Swiss community of Chicago to weather the hardships inflicted by the disastrous Chicago fire of 1871, the SBS is undoubtedly the oldest of the Chicago area Swiss Clubs and Societies and, in many ways, its staunchest guardian of preserving the many values of our Swiss heritage. As the name suggests, the Society's initial focus was benevolence specifically to help those of Swiss heritage with small grants at times of personal disaster, disability or other economic strife. This mission continues and the organization provides regular and recurring financial support for qualified recipients of Swiss descent to today.



Over the years, though, as the need for direct financial aid has thankfully declined, the SBS has also become a primary proponent and supporter of educational and cultural exchanges and opportunities for those of Swiss extraction and the public at large. In the field of education, SBS annually budgets nearly \$50,000 for programs in three educational areas: merit, language Immersion and undergraduate scholarship support.

In the field of culture, the benefits extend to the general public as well, in that the programs reflect to all the great richness and diversity that is Swiss culture. In the meantime, if you'd like to stay current with us or become a Member or Contributor.

Find the details and more information about our programs by visiting us at our website at <http://sbschicago.org/>.

Thanks to the SABC for allowing us this introduction and for being a true leader in our business community!

Hans U. Stucki, President

Hans Aeschbacher's Induction into the Chef's Hall of Fame

Chef Hans Aeschbacher will be inducted into the Chef's Hall of Fame as "Legendary Chef" on the 2013 Culinary Experience of the Chicago Culinary Museum.



"I love my work," Hans says. "It has allowed me to travel the world and meet wonderful and interesting people.

Cooking is one of the finest and oldest careers a man can have, but I also view it as an expression of love and friendship. I hope I can always express myself through my food."

Please join the [Swiss Club of Chicago](#) in congratulating Swiss Chef Hans Aeschbacher as 2013 "Legendary Chef" Inductee in to the Chef's Hall of Fame on Thursday October 17th at 5:30 PM at the "Castle Nightclub", Chicago, IL.

[More information and buy tickets](#) (mention "Swissclub").

RSVP also with swiss@swissclubchicago.com.

1291 Initiative

The founding of the Swiss Confederation in 1291 at the Grütli meadow took courage, daring and vision.



In the same spirit as those Swiss founding fathers who created a way forward, we at the Swiss Center of North America have created our own

swiss center
of north america

Culture. Heritage. Roots.

1291 moment which will sustain us, our activities and those of North American Swiss Clubs and cultural organizations for the long term.

We are at a critical moment. The closing of the Swiss consulates in Chicago and Toronto signals a reduced focus on the Swiss of North America. The Swiss Center wants to fill this void. Each donation to the 1291 Initiative will actively support the preservation of our Swiss cultural heritage in the United States and Canada, but more importantly will act as a engine that will support Swiss clubs and cultural events in North America as well as foster ongoing cultural exchange with Switzerland.

If your Swiss heritage is important to you please donate. We are a certified non-profit and over 80% of your donation will go to programmatic activities. Thank you.

[The link to our funding campaign.](#)

Upcoming SABC Events

- November 6, 2013: **SABC Member Exclusive Event**
Rollomatic Celebrates 20 years in the Chicagoland area
Open House: Afternoon Dinner: Evening
- December 3, 2013: **SABC Christmas Event** at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Water Tower, Chicago

Past SABC Events 2013

- October 9, 2013: **Executive Workshop Navigating the Tumultuous Waters of the US Immigration System** How to Successfully transfer Foreign Personnel to the US, hosted by SABC Member Masuda Funai. [More info](#)
- August 7, 2013: **Summer Social Cruise**. [More info](#).
- August 1, 2013: **Swiss National Day Celebration**. [More info](#).
- June 25, 2013: **A Swiss view: urbanism and the future of cities: 5, 10, and 50 years from now**. Hosted by DePaul University's Driehaus Graduate School of Business And supported by The American Institute of Architects and Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Chicago. [More info](#).
- June 4, 2013: **Social Networking and Presentation** by Philipp Heck, PhD, Robert A. Pritzker Associate Curator of Meteoritics and Polar Studies, The Field Museum. Hosted by the Tourbillion Store. [More info](#).
- March 20, 2013: **SABC Annual Meeting**, hosted by the Consul General of Switzerland, Martin Bienz. [More info](#).
- February 19, 2013: **Program for Manufacturers**. [More info](#).



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