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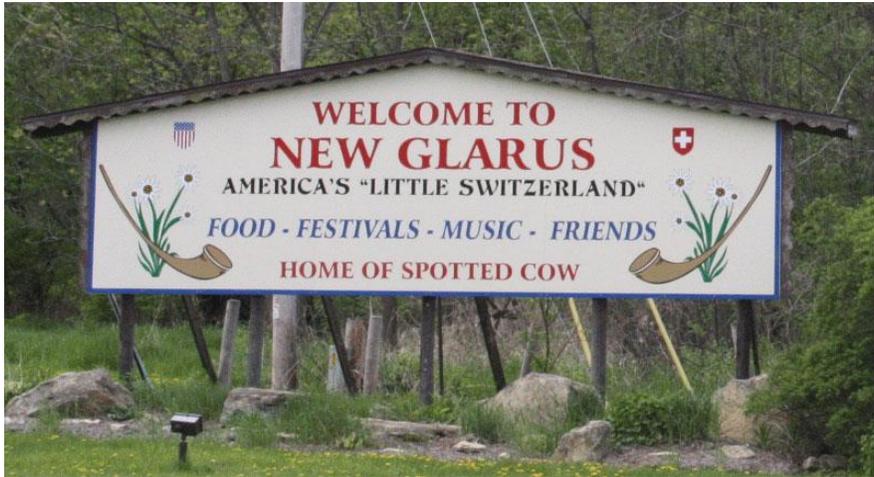
Richard Hacken, Tom Marabello, Ernie Thurston, Rob Sherwood, Albert Winkler and Fred Gillespie.

For the first time since 2019, the Swiss American Historical Society held its annual general meeting on October 8, 2022 in Washington, DC. The officers elected at the meeting pictured above are: Richard Hacken (webmaster), Tom Marabello (Vice President, U.S. Chapter), Ernie Thurston, (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Rob Sherwood (Recording Secretary & Book Review Editor), Albert Winkler (SAHS Review Editor & Book Editor), Fred Gillespie (President) and not present but elected, Barbara Müller (Vice President, Swiss Chapter). Officers were elected to serve a three year term.

At the meeting we welcomed several new members from Georgetown University and Swiss Club DC. We will continue to work on outreach to young scholars, universities and the Swiss Clubs. Presentations in the afternoon were given by Maria Ott, a student at Benedictine College and recipient of the Leo Schelbert Prize on her paper, *Political Procrastination: Swiss Neutrality and World War II*, Rob Sherwood, *Switzerland, Biathlon and The Cold War*, and Richard Hacken, *The Swiss in California*.

A full report from the annual general meeting will be available in the February 2023 edition of the Review.

SAHS Annual General Meeting will be held in New Glarus, Wisconsin in 2023!



Members present at the annual general meeting in Washington, DC voted to meet next year in New Glarus, Wisconsin. We were scheduled to meet there in 2020, but had to cancel due to the pandemic. Beth Zurbuchen, President of the [Swiss Center of North America](#) invited us to hold our meeting there, which will take place the weekend of October 14-15, 2023. We hope to draw more current and new members from the Midwest and will be planning several events and activities beyond the annual general meeting. In addition to the Swiss Center, New Glarus also has an historic [Swiss village and museum](#) and brewery. Room blocks will be made at [The Chalet Landhaus Inn](#). More information will be provided in the coming months. We hope you can join us in New Glarus!

Meet Tom, the newest officer



Thomas "Tom" Quinn Marabello is our newest officer. He became an SAHS member in 2019 and wrote a Review article on the 500th anniversary of Zwingli and the Swiss Reformation. Earlier this year, he was asked to become Vice President of the U.S. Chapter as he helped coordinate our meeting in Washington, DC where he lives. Tom got his BA in History from Marymount University and his MA in Medieval & Early Modern European Studies from Georgetown University. A former history teacher, Tom manages operations at Georgetown University's Alumni House and is a part time tour guide at the President Woodrow Wilson House. He attended the Friends of the Swiss American Historical Society annual general meeting in September in Basel. While in Switzerland, Tom visited Lausanne, Château de Chillon, Bern, Murten, Baden and Solothurn. He also interviewed two researchers at the University of Bern for an article he is working on for the Review on the origins and impact of democracy on Switzerland. While not Swiss, Tom is a history buff and learned that Switzerland was his grandmother's favorite country! As Vice President, Tom is focused on increasing communications and outreach to gain new members.

Leo Schelbert Prize



The Leo Schelbert Prize is awarded to the best submitted undergraduate or graduate research paper. The topic can be anything that relates to the mission of the Swiss American Historical Society, which focuses on increasing an understanding of Swiss and/or Swiss-American history.

Dr. Leo Schelbert was an historian and professor emeritus at the University of Illinois-Chicago who died earlier this year at age 93. Dr. Schelbert was born in Kaltbrunn, Canton St. Gallen in 1929. He got his PhD from Columbia University and taught at the University of Illinois from 1971-2003. Dr. Schelbert focused on Swiss emigration history, writing several books and an encyclopedia about Switzerland. As President of the Swiss American Historical Society for many years, he was a great mentor and leader.

To submit a paper, please follow the [guidelines linked here](#) and submit to Prof. Rob Sherwood at rsherwoo@gmc.cc.ga.us by June 1st.

Descendants of Swiss Settlers



Founded in 2019, the Descendants of Swiss Settlers honors and celebrates the unique legacy and achievements of Swiss men and women who settled in North America prior to 1798 which marks the end of the Old Swiss Confederacy.

Our mission is to study, preserve and promote the history, genealogy, customs and culture of these early Swiss settlers. There is no other Swiss American group in existence that provides an exclusive focus on this group of people.

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