

2013 Annual Report of the Benefaction Committee

Chair: Dave Moresi

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Senior Member Committee: Zeno Jacquat, Heidi Grieder, Leo Damask

During 2013 our Society gave assistance to two recipients of Swiss origin, easing their financial burdens. Thanks to our monthly financial assistance these two beneficiaries, ages 65 and 74, enjoy a humble but adequate quality of life.

Ongoing health problems cause great concern for one recipient, whereas the inability to find a job leaves the other recipient very anxious. Both beneficiaries greatly appreciate their stipends which help to pay for medications not covered by insurance and which allow them to augment their diet with healthy food choices.

The stipend enables one beneficiary to live in her own home, and enables the other recipient to contribute to the household of a family member (daughter) with whom she lives.

I, personally, visited both beneficiaries in December of 2013, meeting them for the first time. Their financial situations will be monitored on an ongoing basis, allowing the Board to maintain or adjust their benefits as indicated.

The senior member gatherings occur in the afternoon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, March through December. These meetings take place at the Svithiod Lodge, 5516 W. Lawrence Avenue in Chicago, and are attended by an average of twenty guests.

Zeno Jacquat, Heidi Grieder and Leo Damask do a fine job of hosting these monthly senior meetings, which create an unique opportunity to maintain longstanding friendships among the Swiss who are widely dispersed over the Chicago metro area and outlying communities.

These monthly senior gatherings are very important to our older members, providing an opportunity to communicate with each other and providing a support network, an invaluable tool when the need for support arises.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Moresi
Chair, Benefaction Committee
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