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Dear Members,

By the time this letter arrives at your home it will be 2013. I wish you and your family a very Happy, Prosperous and especially Healthy New Year.

Our business year 2012 started with a board meeting in February. Information for the annual report was gathered, discussed and finalized. Other regular board meetings were held in March, May and October. Our investment adviser, Mr. David Mallach, was present at the December meeting updating us on the financial status of our portfolio. He explained the present and future investment market and foresees a positive development in the coming year. All board members approved his past actions with a much deserved thank-you and we all look forward to a healthy financial development.

The society gathered for the annual meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. Outgoing Honorary Consul, Franz Portmann, introduced newly appointed Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Philadelphia Mrs. Christine Pfister. She thanked Franz for all his support he gave to our Swiss Societies and attendees gave a warm Welcome to Christine as well as a heartfelt Thank-You to Franz. Michael Skweir entertained us with his accordion tunes and Frank Muggler introduced Sarah Davis and her pianist David Hughes. We all enjoyed songs from Vienna and Broadway and thank Frank Muggler for his presentation.

The annual meeting followed the entertainment. All presented reports were approved. The membership reelected Dolf Herger as president and all directors for another year. The year-end membership count is at 150 and we all will be missing Mrs. Charlotte Webb, who passed away on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We also mourn the passing of Mr. Herman Rutsch, who passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup> at age 94.

I again had the opportunity to be part of the Scholarship meeting with the SBS in New York. The committee processed 75 applications and distributed \$71,000.00 to applicants living in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Six Pennsylvania students received grants totaling \$24,400.00. I encourage parents and students to visit the web site [www.sbsny.org](http://www.sbsny.org) to get more information on the scholarship fund. Applications can be downloaded and grant applications are due at the end of March.

Our society's largest contribution again went towards the Pellegrini scholarship fund, but we didn't miss to take care of a needy Swiss family.

The Annual Business Meeting scheduled for **Saturday, March 30, 2013** at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein will be our first activity in the 2013 and I ask you to mark this date on your calendar.

In closing I extend a heartfelt Thank-You to all Directors and Auditors for their continued support and I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting.

Dolf Herger, President