Austrian Movie Night
Saturday, February 4, at 5pm

at the home of Christian & Pamela Donner
92 Green Street, Medfield, MA 02052

R.S.V.P. to (617) 500-4215 or c@donners.com
Your contribution of $10 per person for food and wine will be appreciated.

Hallo Dienstmann
Austria, 1952 – German, no subtitles!

A "Dienstmann", introduced in Austria/Hungary in 1859, had to be licensed by the state, and wore a uniform, with license number on the hat. Besides that, he was available to calls in public places for short-time work of luggage transportation, messenger, but also household chores etc.

In this movie, set in post-war Vienna, we have two of those, a real (Hans Moser in his classic role) and a fake one (Paul Hörbiger, who is really a professor of operetta at fictitious Strauss Academy).

As comedies go, there are a lot of twists going on. Alcoholic beverages were consumed aplenty, from early in the morning to late at night. All in all, this is a very charming and enjoyable musical comedy.

Don Camillo und Peppone
Italy, France, 1952 – Italian, English subtitles

Simultaneously, and for those who don't want to struggle with Moser's Viennese dialect and the lack of subtitles, we will be showing this also very funny French-Italian production from the same year.

In a village of the Po valley where the earth is hard and life miserly, the priest and the communist mayor are always fighting to be the head of the community. Division exists between the richest and the poorest, the pious and the atheists and even between lovers. But if the people are hard as the country, they are good in the bottom of their heart.

How to find us:

From Route 128, take exit 16B (Westwood/Route 109). Follow Route 109 South for about 8 miles until Brook Street in Medfield. Turn right onto Brook and right again at the end onto Green Street. #92 is ½ mile up the street on your left (a yellow house with columns on the front porch). (25 min)

Route 27 also takes you to Medfield from Natick/Sherborn or Routes 1 and 95 in Walpole (see map).