



German American Club of the Carolinas

Fall 2016 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

I hope you all had a nice summer. It was the hottest summer on record. Most of the time, I stayed inside, and the air conditioning was working hard. I am looking forward to a cooler fall with several club activities. We are gearing up for Spartanburg's International Festival during the day on October 1 and the TEASE art show in the evening on the same day. I hope we can count on your help again for the festival's bratwurst/cake stand and cultural booth. Stay tuned for details.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2016 Events

October 1st 2016
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**City of Spartanburg
International Festival**

Barnet Park
Downtown Spartanburg

October 7th, 2016
(Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Stammtisch

**The Downtown Marriott
Mesh Bar and Lounge
299 North Church Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306**

*Come enjoy our monthly club
get-together and even practice
speaking German or English!*

December 11th, 2016
(Sunday)

Nikolausfeier

**The Home of
Doerte and Karsten Ingwersen**

NOTE: Parents should bring a
present for each of their own
children with the child's name on
the present and note in English to
help Nikolaus.

**At the Ingwersen's home, parents
are responsible for their child's/
children's safety.**

MEMBER NEWS

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Spinnefeind

If you have a spinnefeind relationship with someone, the other person may be toxic and scare you away. But even though this German word translates to "spider-inimical", it describes a relationship with someone who has two legs and not eight!

The word Spinne means "spider" and Feind means "enemy" - or, in this case, it is used as "inimical". Despite what it sounds like, this term does not refer to the hairy little buggers that crawl up your walls at night and hide in the corners of your house - even though you might consider them your enemies. Instead, this word is an adjective - and it describes the relationship you have with an enemy - someone that you cannot stand to be around and whose intentions toward you are not good. In a spinnefeind relationship, your enemy wants the worst for you (and you want the worse for him or her). Adding the word Spinne to the word Feind ("inimical") creates an adjective that emphasizes just how bad that relationship is.

Just like a spider might cause you to run in the other direction, seeing someone with whom you have a spin-nefeind relationship could cause you to walk the other way. But it may be better to confront your fears than to run from them. You may realize that they're not as bad as they may seem, and that they look scarier than they truly are.

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

Source: The Week in Germany. 16 September 2016 Web. 25 September 2016.

<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GIC/TWIG_WoW/2016/37-Spinnefeind.html>

EVENTS IN REVIEW

Event in Review:

Stammtisch

Sept. 9th - Marriott 6PM

Stammtisch was nice; however, it was tough to say how many people attended. There was plenty of room for us to socialize, and the bar area stayed busy! Most of our group stayed near the bar and others joined as they arrived. We estimate that roughly 35-40 people attended. The next 2 Stammtisch(e) will be as follows:

October 7th at Marriott and November 4th at Bangkok 2

INTERESTING FACTS

4 Day Oktoberfest at NOMA Square beside the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Greenville.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, September 29: 5pm-9pm – The ceremonial keg is tapped; entertainment by the Holzhack-ern Tyrolean Band at NOMA Square. The stein holding competition will be held—participants should arrive by 7:00pm to enter, and a call for male & female contestants will be made from the stage.

Friday, September 30: 11am-10pm (The final Main Street Fridays of 2016)--Lunchtime entertainment by the German Connection Band; at night, the Channellheimers will perform (5:30-9:30pm), and the famous bratwurst eating contest will begin at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, Oct. 1st: 11am-10pm – Lunchtime entertainment by the Channellheimers from 12-4pm. A limbo contest will be held at 1:30. Evening music by the Foothills Oompah Band, and one last chance to participate in the Stein Holding Competition at 7pm.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd: 12pm-5pm – The Foothills Oompah band will continue the party and help us wind up the festival!

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(Membership for given calendar year)

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