



German American Club  
of the Carolinas

## Winter 2016-17 Newsletter



### PRESIDENT'S DESK

#### From the President's Desk

Another successful year is coming to an end. Thank you again for your participation and support. In December and early spring, we have a couple of exciting events. I hope you are planning to attend the Nikolaus party at the home of Doerte and Karsten Ingwersen on December 11. There will again be a Christmas Eve church service (4:00 p.m.) with a social hour (3:00 p.m.) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg. Please note that January Stammtisch will be one week later than usual. It will be on Friday, January 13, at Bangkok Cafe II. Also, please save the date of February 3 for the annual business dinner. Finally, please don't forget that it is time to pay your annual dues (details in the membership application form of this newsletter).

Dirk

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### Upcoming 201-17 Events

**December 11th, 2016**  
(Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

##### **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.**

**December 24th, 2016**  
(Saturday, 3:00 p.m.)

##### **Christmas Eve Service**

@ St John's Lutheran Church  
415 South Pine Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

3:00 pm social

4:00 pm church service

\* A **nursery** will be available during the service for ALL small children

\* **Ladies:** please bring some Christmas cookies to share

**February 3rd, 2017**  
(Fri. - 6:00 p.m.)

**Annual Business Dinner**  
(RSVP event)\*  
@ USC-Upstate

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

### MEMBER NEWS

#### IF YOU KNOW OF GAC MEMBER NEWS . . .

Please contact us so we can announce it in our newsletter.

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## GERMAN VOCAB

### Popometer

*When you're shopping for a new car, what do you rely on most as your deciding factor? Some people may rely on ratings, reviews or research, but most of us make the decision based on how the car feels when we test-drive it.*

*The German word Popometer comes from Popo (a colloquial word for your buttocks) and Meter (a measuring stick). A Popometer is a word that describes someone's rear end as a measuring device. When someone sit down in a new car, motorcycle or even on a bobsled or a bicycle, they get a feel for the vehicle - a measurement of comfort taken by their buttocks. When a professional reviewer or race car driver tests a vehicle, the results of his or her Popometer are very important, since it measures the level of comfort someone may experience in that vehicle for years to come.*

*Although the term is often used in automobile magazines or by people who review vehicles, it is perhaps most commonly used by race car drivers in Germany. The closest English translation is "seat-of-the-pants feel".*

*Even if a car has high ratings and good reviews, you will probably not want to buy it if a reviewer's Popometer gives it a low score. So make sure to find out what the Popometer says about it, since those results are ultimately the most important!*

*By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany*

**Source:** The Week in Germany. 25 November 2016 Web. 5 December 2016.

[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/GIC/TWIG\\_WoW/2016/47-Popometer.html?archive=3224656](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GIC/TWIG_WoW/2016/47-Popometer.html?archive=3224656)

## EVENTS IN REVIEW

### Event in Review: International Festival October 1st - Barnet Park

This year's International Festival was another huge success for the German-American Club and Spartanburg! We had a wonderful time seeing all of the nations represented as well as spending time with our volunteers and bakers, for whom we are very grateful! Without your time and efforts, the GAC could not participate in this annual event. THANK YOU!

Though the event was a success, the board has discussed changes that we should make for the next year. We want to have a different location to be more visible, and we will prepare ourselves to be better organized.

## INTERESTING FACTS

### Germany Named 2017's "Country of the Year" For BioFach Fair in Nuremberg

Germany has been named 2017's "Country of the Year" for the BioFach Fair in Nuremberg. BioFach is the world's leading trade fair for organic food and now in its 25th year of hosting at the Exhibition Fair Nuremberg. The fair will welcome upwards of 50,000 trade visitors from 130 countries from February 15 to 18.

Germany's presentation in February as "Country of the Year" will be under the motto "Building an Organic Future." Organic food production accounts for roughly four percent of the German food market. In 2013, there were around 23,300 farms which worked according to the organic farming regulations. Together, they farm six percent of the agriculturally-used land – over a million hectares.

In addition to the relatively large cultivation of organic farms, Germany was selected due to its innovation and generosity supporting organic farming beyond its country's border. During the fair, experts will highlight Germany's use of sustainable cultivation methods, their focus on regional solutions, and on the prioritization of biodiversity and animal rights. There will also be information provided on German businesses which have long been engaged overseas in supporting the efforts of developing countries to start or improve the production of organic goods.

With the appearance of Germany as "Country of the Year", the German organic trade sector can present its entrepreneurial spirit, its innovative capacity, and its sense of responsibility, for the world to take note of.

**Source:** [http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/P\\_Wash/2016/11/18-BioFach.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P_Wash/2016/11/18-BioFach.html)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS  
(P.O. BOX 1734, SPARTANBURG, S.C. 29304)  
Membership Application Form

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names and Ages of Name Age  
Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your special talents and/or hobbies:

Please list ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: (Recommended for Membership by)

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(Membership for given calendar year)

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