



The German-American Club Of The Carolinas

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## Fall of the Berlin Wall Anniversary:

The German-American Club of the Carolinas collaborated with the German Program at USC Upstate to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The commemoration began on Nov. 5 with an academic talk titled “1989: Historical Ruptures and Continuities” by Dr. Jason Hansen of Furman University. The keynote event was a reception on Nov. 6 at Menzel Inc. during which Klaus Becker, Germany’s honorary consul of North Carolina spoke about the history of German-American friendship. Events concluded on Nov. 7 with a conversation between Dr. Alexander Lorenz, professor of German at USC Upstate, and Ingo Sachtler, a former East German resident who was incarcerated in a Stasi prison for attempting to flee East Germany in the 1980’s. The three-day event attracted around 700 students and community members.

One of the core values of the German program headed by Dr. Lorenz is to connect the university with the German community in the SC Upstate.

“It is very valuable for a student to connect with the German community and learn about the Fall of the Berlin Wall from people that experienced a divided Germany. Only that way we can ensure that the next generation can learn from history.”

– Dr. Alexander Lorenz.



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# Upcoming Events

- Christmas Service - December 24<sup>th</sup> 3 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church 415 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302
- Business Dinner - February 7<sup>th</sup> 6 PM at Gerhard's Café 1200 E. Main, Spartanburg, SC 29307
- Easter Egg Hunt – 11. April 2 PM Ingwersen Residence 547 Suncrest Ct., Lynman, SC 29365
- Mai Dance- 2. May Time & Date TBD



## Nikolausfeier 2019

Yes! Nikolaus did come to town this year and the weather man was on our side this year! Santa Claus came as promised around 3:00pm on a boat with a sack full of presents for all the children who were anxiously waiting at the waterfront.

The Ingwersen's were hosting again this annual event for a record high attendance. Close to 80 people had signed up, including about 26 children.

One should have seen the sparkle in their shiny eyes and their red cheeks, when Santa came and gave them their presents.

Of course the adults had fun too; with "Glühwein", Bratwurst, Christmas Cookies, and of course a nice bonfire.

If you'd like to have pictures of your kids with Santa, please email [alorenz@uscupstate.edu](mailto:alorenz@uscupstate.edu) and we will send them to you! For all other pictures, please visit [www.gaccarolinas.com/](http://www.gaccarolinas.com/)



## Christmas Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for the annual Christmas Service on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg. There will be readings and songs in the German language as well as a sermon in English, followed by a brief synopsis in German. The church will provide a nursery for small children.

3:00 pm social gathering with cookies (for people to bring to share) and beverages;  
4:00 pm Christmas Eve service

## Happy Holidays: From the Newsletter Team

From the Newsletter team - Dr. Lorenz and Lena, we'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for reading this newsletter and going to all the German American Club events!

