

# German American Club of the Carolinas

## March 2016 Newsletter



#### From the President's Desk

Thank you for the big turnout at our 40th anniversary celebration. I appreciate all your support for the club. I was told that it was one of the biggest GAC events ever. It was nice seeing such a diverse group of all ages and nationalities. Please check out the GAC website for photos of the event

http://www.gaccarolinas.com/40th-anniversary-dinner-at-the-piedmont-club

Dirk

#### **Upcoming 2016 Events**

**April 1st, 2016** (Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Stammtisch

Bangkok 2

1398 Boiling Spring Rd, Suite J, Spartanburg, SC 29303

(864) 814-0418

Come enjoy our monthly club get-together and even practice speaking German or English! May 6th, 2016 (Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Stammtisch

Location TBD

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**NEW MEMBERS!** 

Bodo Klecka

Monika & Ingo Sachtler

Welcome to the GAC! We all look forward to spending more time with you!

JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Production Manager Daetwyler

(Swiss Manufacturing Company in NC)

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

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

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#### Geborgenheit

The German word Geborgenheit is difficult to translate, but it encompasses a range of feelings that make it a powerful word. A translation dictionary might describe Geborgenheit as "feelings of security", but that does not do the word justice. Geborgenheit is the sum of warmth, protection, security, trust, love, peace, closeness and comfort. Imagine all of those feelings described in one word - that's Geborgenheit!

Perhaps the best way to understand Geborgenheit is through examples. Someone might describe Geborgenheit as the feeling he gets when he visits his grandmother and she brings out his favorite dish from childhood. Another person might describe Geborgenheit as the feelings he or she gets when returning to their old bedroom in their parents' house. It could be the feeling you get at a fireplace beside your lover, or the feeling you get when you are under your blanket on a cold night. Basically, Geborgenheit can be the result of any situation where you feel secure, content and protected.

Most languages (including English, French and Russian) do not have a word for this expression. However, adequate translations of Geborgenheit do exist in Dutch and Afrikaans. And Germans are particularly fond of this term: in 2004, the Deutscher Sprachrat (German Language Council) and the Goethe Institute selected Geborgenheit as the second most beautiful word in the German language. A beautiful word for a beautiful feeling!

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

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<a href="http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\_pr/GIC/TWIG\_WoW/2016/12-Geborgenheit.html">http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\_pr/GIC/TWIG\_WoW/2016/12-Geborgenheit.html</a>

**Event in Review: Annual Business Dinner 40th Anniversary Celebration** February 19th, 2016

The Annual Business Dinner and 40th Anniversary Celebration was a tremendous success! The event was classy and well-attended. Thank you to everyone who attended and worked so hard to make the evening memorable. It was a pleasure seeing so many smiling faces reflect on 40 years of service and fellowship. Here's to another 40!

#### **TAKE A LOOK!**

Take a look at this video about the Miniatur Wunderland, which is a model railway attraction in Hamburg.

It's fascinating to watch!

https://www.youtube.com/embed/ACkmg3Y64\_s?rel=0

#### 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:
Names and Ages of Name Age Dependent Children:
Citizenship: ( ) Austrian ( ) Swiss ( ) German ( ) U.S. ( ) Naturalized ( ) Other:
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Please list your special talents and/or hobbies: Please list ideas:
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