



German American Club of the Carolinas

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

Recently Catherine and I had the opportunity to attend a German Opera Ball in Charlotte hosted and organized by Klaus Becker, the honorary consul of Germany in North Carolina. It was a wonderful event. Many German-speaking people were there. At the event, we also had the opportunity to meet the German ambassador to the United States and his wife. It is always good to see how many German-speaking people there are in the region, how they network well with members of the region, and how they contribute culturally and economically to the area. On that same trip, we also visited the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art in Charlotte. The Bechtlers come from Switzerland and are an art collecting family. The museum building was designed by the renowned Swiss artist Mario Botta. The collection and the building are worth a trip.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2015 Events

May 1st - 3rd, 2015
(Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Spring Fling

Downtown Spartanburg

There are surprises on every corner! Spring Fling includes a wide variety of food and retail vendors, special attractions like the Spartanburg Regional Classic cycling race, our teen-oriented Underground area, and Family Fun Zone for the little ones. There's definitely something for everyone at Spring Fling!

May 8th, 2015
(Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Stammtisch

**Brickhouse Fresh Pizzeria & Grill
+ the Upstairs Bar**
(103 S Daniel Morgan Ave, Spartanburg, SC 29306)

(864) 585-0555

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

MEMBER NEWS

Please remember to pay your GAC 2015 dues if you haven't already done so! You should have received an invoice via email. All you have to do is send a check for the appropriate amount to:

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Kurschatten

If you’ve got health ailments, back problems, crippling stress or some other reason that requires a place of recovery, you might want to check into Kur - a German health spa or resort. But by doing so, you run the risk of finding a so-called Kurschatten - which might be a problem if you’re married!

The German word Kurschatten means “health resort shadow”. Although it does not literally define a shadow, it does identify someone who might be shadowing your every move! Kur is a place where people go for several weeks to recover from anything ranging from back pain to respiratory problems. A patient who checks into one of these health resorts will usually have tightly-packed schedules to promote their well-being.

Patients often check into Kur alone, leaving their husbands or wives at home. But by doing so, they become susceptible to meeting their Kurschatten - a health resort buddy with whom they develop a strong emotional (and sometimes physical!) connection. Meeting a Kurschatten is often unexpected and may lead to an unforeseen romance!

It’s not surprising that you might find a match at Kur - after all, you’re spending every waking minute with the other patients. From shared meals to afternoons at the spa, you’ll run into the same people over and over again - and it’s quite possible that something could develop between you and a special someone!

A Kurschatten could lead to marriage or lead to another marriage’s ruin, depending on someone’s relationship status upon check-in at the Kur. But not every Kurschatten leads to romance; some remain platonic, and can even lead to long-lasting friendships.

The Kurschatten concept is brought up frequently in the works of German author Thomas Mann, who features them in several of his books, including “Tristan”, “Felix Krull” and “Zauberberg.”

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

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<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2015/13-Kurschatten.html>

Event in Review:
Piano Battle

We had a great turnout at the Piano Battle concert at USC Upstate on February 12th. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the GAC was proud to be able to provide tickets to our members. In case you don’t know anything about Piano Battle, here is what you missed:

“The brainchild of internationally accomplished pianists Andreas Kern and Paul Cibis, the PIANO BATTLE sees the duo go head-to-head on stage, charming and enchanting the audience with a variety of classical pieces. The two artists, with distinctly different performance styles, take turns to perform pieces by composers such as Chopin, Liszt and Debussy. They will even improvise based on the tunes you request.

A competition wouldn’t be a competition without a jury but here – You will be the judge. All members of the audience are invited to vote on the pianists' performances and eventually decide who the winner is. And this might not be the limit of your participation ...”

WEB ADDRESSES OF INTEREST:

- www.ard.de (click on “ARD mediathek” for archived German language shows)
- www.zdf.de (click on “ZDFmediathek” for archived German language shows)
- www.dw.de (click on <http://www.dw.de/media-center/live-tv/s-100825> to go to Deutsche Welle’s live TV)
- www.faz.de (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)
- www.spiegel.de (Der Spiegel)

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(Please Print)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____

Name of Spouse: _____
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Dependent Children: _____

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