



## German American Club of the Carolinas

### February 2015 Newsletter

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#### PRESIDENT'S DESK

##### From the President's Desk

First of all, thank you all for the good turnout at the Piano Battle concert. I thought it was a big success, and it looked like everybody had a good time. Next, we experimented with a new style of Stammtisch location, and we attracted a wider age group in a more casual setting. We are disappointed that the talk by Dr. Josef Joffe (main publisher-editor of Die Zeit) scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m., on the USC Upstate campus was canceled due to weather. Hopefully, we can reschedule this event in the future. Stay warm; spring is around the corner.

Dirk

#### FUTURE EVENTS

##### Upcoming 2015 Events

**March 6th 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!*

**March 15th, 2015**  
(Sunday, 10:00 am)

**International Soccer Tournament**  
@ USC-Upstate

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

As usual, we will sell bratwurst and  
beverages on site, so please bring  
your family and friends!

#### 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:

GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS  
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Spargeltarzan

While being called Tarzan is usually a compliment, being referred to as a Spargeltarzan is much less flattering. Literally translated, it means “asparagus-Tarzan”. And no one wants to look like a stalk of asparagus!

When you imagine Tarzan, you probably visualize a strong, muscular and good-looking man - someone who might sweep you off your feet and stir up images of a romantic jungle adventure. A Spargeltarzan, however, is very much the opposite: a skinny little man who sort of resembles an asparagus stalk.

No matter how often a Spargeltarzan hits the gym or how much protein he consumes, he seems unable to bulk up. A Spargeltarzan is usually an ectomorph - a naturally thin body type with little body fat or muscle. He typically has trouble gaining any sort of weight. We’re sure you know at least one of them!

Unless you know someone well enough to joke around with them, you should probably not call them a Spargeltarzan to their face. Looking like an asparagus stalk is not usually a good thing.

And while skinny men are nicknamed Spargeltarzan, unusually thin women are often called Bohnenstange (“bean stalk”), which has a similar connotation.

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

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<[http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_\\_pr/GIC/TWIG\\_\\_WoW/2015/08-Spargeltarzan.html](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2015/08-Spargeltarzan.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](http://www.ard.de) (click on “ARD mediathek” for archived German language shows)
- [www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de) (click on “ZDFmediathek” for archived German language shows)
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- [www.faz.de](http://www.faz.de) (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)
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