



German American Club  
of the Carolinas

November 2015 Newsletter

From the President's Desk

With the festive season coming up, I am thinking of spending holidays in peace with my family and friends. I realize how relatively safe everything is in our area. In many regions around the world, things are in an uproar. I am appreciative of every day and of being able to celebrate Thanksgiving and the Nikolaus party, which will be at Doerte and Karsten Ingwersen's house on Sunday, December 13, with family and friends.

Dirk

Upcoming 2015/16 Events

**December 4th, 2015**  
(Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

**Stammtisch**

**Monterrey Mexican Restaurant**  
149 Fernwood Drive  
Spartanburg, SC 29307

**(864) 582-7700**

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

**NOTE:** A board member from the Hub City Co-op will be present to talk about Co-op ownership.

**December 13th, 2015**  
(Sunday, 3:00 p.m.)

**Nikolausfeier**

**The Home of  
Doerte and Karsten Ingwersen**  
547 Suncrest Ct, Lyman SC 29365

**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**  
(Thursday, 3:00 p.m.)

**Christmas Eve Service**

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

**January 22, 2016**  
(Friday, 7:00 p.m.)

**Annual Business Dinner  
40th Anniversary Celebration**

**The Piedmont Club**

**BY INVITATION ONLY**

Welcome new member, **Hans Schmidt!** Welcome to the GAC, and we all look forward to spending more time with you!

Welcome **Susan Walters** as our new Board member. Susan was nice enough to step in for Simone, who is now back in Europe.

Welcome **Lee Wilson** and **Richard Hauptman** as future new Board members replacing Ulrike Schmidt and Heike Tonhaeuser. Official elections will be held at the annual business dinner on January 22nd.

**IF YOU KNOW OF GAC MEMBER NEWS . . .**  
Please contact us so we can announce it in our newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

FUTURE EVENTS

MEMBER NEWS

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GERMAN VOCAB	<p><b>Wunderkind</b></p> <p>The English language occasionally adopts German words - and Wunderkind is one of them! The word Wunderkind translates to “wonder child” and it refers to a child prodigy or a very talented and successful person.</p> <p>Maybe you were a Wunderkind - or maybe you know one. It could be that person who skipped two grades in high school, the kid who went to college at age 16, a math whiz, a child inventor or that young author whose books you admire. A so-called “wonder child” is a young person who demonstrates extraordinary intelligence, skills or success, far surpassing his or her peers.</p> <p>One of the most widely used examples of a Wunderkind is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), who began composing music at a very young age. At age four, he was playing minuets, and at five, he was composing concertos. At age eleven, he wrote an opera buffa. Over the course of his lifetime, he composed over 600 works! Austrian Composer Joseph Haydn wrote that “posterity will not see such a talent again in 100 years.”</p> <p>Mozart is perhaps the best example of a true Wunderkind, but you don't have to compose your own music as an infant to qualify. Simply exceeding your peers can set you apart and make you a Wunderkind in the eyes of others! Usually it's talent, but sometimes it's hard work that makes a child a Wunderkind.</p> <p><i>By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany</i></p> <p><b>Source:</b> The Week in Germany. 13 November 2015 Web. 22 November 2015.  <a href="http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2015/44-Wunderkind.html">http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2015/44-Wunderkind.html</a></p>		
EVENTS IN REVIEW	<p><b>Event in Review:</b>  Spartanburg International Festival  October 3rd, 2015</p> <p>Due to bad weather the event was canceled and no future date set. We were glad to be able to sell all the brats and cancel whatever needed to be, like the van, rolls and baked goods. We still have the sauerkraut though! Should be good at a future event.</p>		
INTERESTING FACTS	<p><b>German - an attractive foreign language</b></p> <p>German is one of around 15 Germanic languages, a branch of the Indo-Germanic family of languages. It is the most frequently spoken mother tongue in the European Union (EU) and one of the ten most widely spoken languages in the world: Around 120 million people speak German as their mother tongue. After English German comes second in terms of foreign languages in Europe. There are currently some 17 million people worldwide learning German as a foreign language at institutions and schools. The teaching of the German language abroad is promoted by the Federal Foreign Office and entrusted to organizations: The Goethe Institute offers German language courses in 127 cities in 80 countries. 440 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) lecturers work on behalf of the DAAD at universities in 102 countries. The Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen (ZfA) manages 135 German schools outside the country, as well as some 1,900 German staff teaching abroad. “Schulen: Partner der Zukunft” (Schools: Partners for the Future), a Federal Foreign Office Initiative aims to establish German as a foreign language more strongly abroad. The goal is for a network of 1,500 partner schools.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en/culture-and-media/main-content-09/german-an-attractive-foreign-language.html">http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en/culture-and-media/main-content-09/german-an-attractive-foreign-language.html</a></p>		

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(Please Print)

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(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

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Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names and Ages of    Name    Age  
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Please list your special talents and/or hobbies:  
Please list ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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