



German American Club of the Carolinas

October 2015 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

Because of the club's 40th anniversary, we have moved our annual business dinner to Friday, January 22, at the Piedmont Club in Spartanburg. Please note that there will not be an annual business dinner in November this year. We will be sending out more information about the event.

I hope that you enjoyed the 25th German Unity celebration. Catherine and I had the opportunity to enjoy the event in Atlanta with the new German Consul General, Detlev Rueger, the new Honorary Consul for South Carolina, Dr. Clemens Schmitz-Justen, and the Honorary Consul for North Carolina, Klaus Becker.

Several GAC members are involved with the International Sister Cities of Greater Spartanburg committee. Bill Joslin gave a nice presentation to the Spartanburg City Council to pursue a sister-city partnership with Landshut, Germany. Vince Pearson recently met with the mayor of Landshut to present Spartanburg's memorandum of agreement. Let's hope that this partnership becomes a reality. You can find more information about this on the GAC website: www.gaccarolinas.com/.

Finally, I hope that you are enjoying the cooler and drier weather. I know that I am.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2015/16 Events

November 6th, 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!*

December 13th, 2015
(Sunday)

Nikolausfeier

**The Home of
Doerte and Karsten Ingwersen**

Stay tuned for more details

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
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

MEMBER NEWS

Gerben and Simone Nijland have moved back to Europe. Gerben received a great job offer that he could not refuse. We will miss them. We thank Simone for her great service on the GAC board. We wish them all the best.

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

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

IF YOU KNOW OF GAC MEMBER NEWS . . .

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

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Holzklasse

Are you on a budget, but love to travel? Most likely you will be booking the Holzklasse wherever you go!

Literally translated, the German word Holzklasse means “wood class”, and it’s basically the least desirable place you can sit on any mode of transportation. Unlike first class, the “wood class” is where you’ll find the cheapest tickets.

When the word Holzklasse first came into use, it was used to describe the economy class seating in trains, since this seating area usually consisted of wooden planks as benches. If you’re looking at a 10-hour train ride, this isn’t too comfortable. As transportation evolved, so did the meaning of the word. Today, the Holzklasse on a train is much more comfortable. But the word is also used to describe the economy class in airplanes, which often consist of small seats with very little leg room.

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

Source: The Week in Germany. 18 September 2015 Web. 22 September 2015.
<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2015/37-Holzklasse.html>

Event in Review:
Spartanburg International Festival
October 3rd, 2015

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.

The Old Warehouse District (or Speicherstadt) in Hamburg, the largest ensemble of storehouses in the world, is now a world heritage site. Here’s a link if you would like to read more.

<https://www.deutschland.de/en/topic/culture/arts-architecture/hamburgs-old-warehouse-district>

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(Please Print)

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

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Please list your special talents and/or hobbies:
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