



German American Club
of the Carolinas

September 2015 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

We had one of our record turnouts at the August Stammtisch. Around 70 people showed up. We are making preparations for the Spartanburg International Festival on October 3rd. I hope that many of you will participate in the festival by baking and selling cakes, working the brat booth, or walking in the parade with your traditional costumes. It should be a lot of fun.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2015/16 Events

October 3rd, 2015
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
**City of Spartanburg
International Festival**
Barnet Park
Downtown Spartanburg
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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!*

January 2016
Annual Business Dinner

Special 40th Anniversary
Celebration at
The Piedmont Club
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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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GERMAN VOCAB

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>

EVENTS IN REVIEW

Event in Review:
Stammtisch

We recently changed the location of our monthly Stammtisch to Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, and it was a big success! The atmosphere and the food were great. We are looking forward to maintaining the new location well into the future. Our next Stammtisch is on November 6th! Please make sure to attend and feel free to bring a friend. Check out the “Future Events” section for more event-specific details.

INTERESTING FACTS

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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Membership Application Form

(Please Print)

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

Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____

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Please list your special talents and/or hobbies:
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