



German American Club of the Carolinas

Spring 2017 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

Dear GAC Members and Friends,

It was nice seeing many of you at our annual business dinner in February. We also had a great turn out at our second picnic event with the Hispanic Alliance Spartanburg group at Croft State Park. If you have not done it already, please check out the gallery on our website, <http://www.gaccarolinas.com/galleries/>, for all the photos.

I am happy to report to you that the club received a generous donation of \$13,466.76 from the estate of Mrs. Marlies Hendrickson for the GAC Scholarship fund. The GAC Scholarship fund is housed with the Spartanburg County Foundation. We greatly appreciate receiving that wonderful donation. Because the account had already accumulated enough money last year, we were able to award the first scholarship to a regional high school student, who is now a freshman at a regional institution of higher education.

As always, we welcome your input and suggestions. So please give us feedback. We are planning some nice events for this year. So stay tuned, and thank you for all your great support.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2017 Events

April 29th, 2017
(Saturday)

Day Trip to Sierra Nevada Brewery

GAC members will make a day trip to the Sierra Nevada Brewery in Mills River, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 29. We will carpool to the brewery and meet at the brewery's Taproom & Restaurant at 11:00, when the facility opens for lunch. A few members who have eaten at the Taproom reported that the food is outstanding, not to mention the beer is excellent! After lunch we'll do the Visitor Corridor Tour, which is a self-guided tour, and enjoy the beautiful backyard area of the Taproom. If you would like to drive in a caravan to the brewery, we will meet at the McDonald's parking lot (I-26 & New Cut Road) between 9:45 – 9:55 and depart at 10:00 sharp.

May Stammtisch:
details to be
announced at
later date

MEMBER NEWS

IF YOU KNOW OF GAC MEMBER NEWS . . .

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

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Frühlingsbote

The German word Frühlingsbote means "herald of spring" or "harbinger of spring." It consists of the words Frühling ("spring") and Bote ("herald"/"harbinger") and it refers to a person or thing that signals the approach of spring. A few examples of Frühlingsboten would be birds chirping at sunrise, flower buds emerging on the trees, restaurants opening their outdoor patios and clothing stores displaying shorts and sandals in the store windows.

A prime example of a Frühlingsbote is also the blooming of the cherry blossom trees (which exist both in the US and Germany). The cherry blossom trees typically bloom before other species, signaling that spring is right around the corner. After the Yoshino trees bloom, other trees will soon follow. Before long, you'll be walking out in shorts, tees and sunglasses as you soak up the rays.

The Frühlingsbote marks the start of a new season. Which means Biergartenwetter is soon to follow.

By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany

Source: The Week in Germany, 31 March 2017 Web, 11 April 2017.

<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2017/13-Fruehlingsbote.html>

EVENTS IN REVIEW

Event in Review: Annual Business Dinner February 3rd - USC Upstate

This year's Annual Business Dinner was a tremendous success! Many thanks to Dirk for helping arrange the event at USC Upstate. The food was fantastic and the slideshow by Thomas was thoroughly entertaining - thank you Thomas! We hope everyone appreciated the annual updates and had fun with our trivia game as well - next year William will make it much harder.

Thank you to all who attended! We enjoyed the food, fellowship, and fun!

INTERESTING FACTS

Germany Named 2017's "Country of the Year" For BioFach Fair in Nuremberg

Germany was named 2017's "Country of the Year" for the BioFach Fair in Nuremberg. BioFach is the world's leading trade fair for organic food and now in its 25th year of hosting at the Exhibition Fair Nuremberg. The fair welcomed upwards of 50,000 trade visitors from 130 countries from February 15 to 18.

Germany's presentation in February as "Country of the Year" was under the motto "Building an Organic Future." Organic food production accounts for roughly four percent of the German food market. In 2013, there were around 23,300 farms which worked according to the organic farming regulations. Together, they farm six percent of the agriculturally-used land – over a million hectares.

In addition to the relatively large cultivation of organic farms, Germany was selected due to its innovation and generosity supporting organic farming beyond its country's border. During the fair, experts highlighted Germany's use of sustainable cultivation methods, their focus on regional solutions, and on the prioritization of biodiversity and animal rights. There was information provided on German businesses which have long been engaged overseas in supporting the efforts of developing countries to start or improve the production of organic goods.

With the appearance of Germany as "Country of the Year," the German organic trade sector presented its entrepreneurial spirit, its innovative capacity, and its sense of responsibility, for the world to take note of.

Source: <http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/P__Wash/2016/11/18-BioFach.html>

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