



German American Club of the Carolinas

May 2016 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the President's Desk

We have a couple of exciting events coming up. On May 22, we will have a potluck picnic with the Hispanic Alliance Group at Croft State Park. It will be good to get to know some of our Hispanic friends in the community. On June 11, Karsten and Doerte Ingwersen will have the club back to their lovely house for a summer party. The end of June and July will be full with the European Soccer Championship. In October, we will be supporting the second TEASE art show event in Spartanburg together with our friend, the honorary consul, Klaus Becker, and Klaus's colleagues in Charlotte and Atlanta. In November, there will be a German choir visiting the Spartanburg area and performing with the Spartanburg Festival Chorus. We are also working on having a golf outing soon. Stay tuned for further announcements as the plans for these events develop. Thank you for your continued support of the club.

Dirk

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming 2016 Events

May 6th, 2016
(Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

Stammtisch

Bangkok 2
1398 Boiling Spring Rd, Suite J,
Spartanburg, SC 29303

(864) 814-0418

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

May 22nd, 2016
(Sunday, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.)

Potluck Picnic with Hispanic Alliance

Croft State Park

More details to come . . .

MEMBER NEWS

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to Beate Pirchmoser and Susan Walters for representing Germany at McCarthy-Teszler School's Multicultural Day on March 15.



IF YOU KNOW OF GAC MEMBER NEWS . . .

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

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| GERMAN VOCAB | Bierernst | | |
| | <p>If you're trying to express how serious you are about something, what word would you use? In German, you would say you are bierernst ("beer serious"). No joke! Or is it?</p> <p>The word bierernst (which is an adjective) does not sound like one that you would use to express your seriousness. But it is - seriously! Someone who is bierernst about something is someone who is not kidding around. Germans are clearly serious about their beer - so serious, in fact, that the word "serious" is overly emphasized when combined with the word "beer".</p> <p>Let's look at an example: your friend tells you she is moving to China. At first, you think she's joking - why would she take off and fly halfway across the world? She looks at you sternly and tells you that she is bierernst. At this point, you know she's telling the truth.</p> <p>The term can be traced back to the early 1900s. At the time, it was assumed that wine makes people act happy and relaxed, whereas beer changes someone's mood and makes them more serious. But whether or not this is the case, you can still use the word bierernst to express your sincerity!</p> <p><i>By Nicole Glass, Editor of The Week in Germany</i></p> <p>Source: The Week in Germany. 29 April 2016 Web. 1 May 2016. http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/TWIG__WoW/2016/17-Bierernst.html</p> | | |
| EVENTS IN REVIEW | <p>Event in Review: Stammtisch April 1st, 2016</p> <p>Our most current Stammtisch location continues to be successful! Last month, we enjoyed a group of around 30 people who came for food, fellowship, and fun. We look forward to seeing everyone this Friday at our next Stammtisch!</p> | | |
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| INTERESTING FACTS | TAKE A LOOK! | | |
| | <p>Study Looks at American Perceptions of Germany:</p> <p>http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__pr/GIC/2016/04/05-MAGID.html</p> | | |

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