



German-American Club of The Carolinas

Past Events:

GAC members and non-members, met at Springs of Grace Lutheran Church, on August 20, 2022, for the Sommerfest. The Club furnished Bratwurst, rolls, and beverages for all to enjoy. GAC members and non-members generously provided a side dish or a dessert. Music was provided by Chuck Allen throughout the whole event. A special thank you to Gundolf Platzek for grilling the Bratwurst. A great time was had by all and let's make the event next year bigger and better.



The Anne Frank Exhibit is on display at Wofford College in the Sandor Teszler Library, lower level, from September 19 - November 19, 2022. GAC proudly co-sponsored the exhibit and was provided a special guided tour not only on the opening day of November 19, but also on October 25th.

Otto Frank was the only member of the family to survive the internment of the war. Mr. Frank was a writer and was able to get the Anne Frank diary published to tell her story. Anne Frank died in prison at the age of 15.



After 2 years of not having the festival due to Covid, and the original date of October 1 being rescheduled due to Hurricane Ian, the International Festival was held at the Memorial Auditorium on October 15, 2022. This year, the honored country was Colombia. They showcased a wonderful display at the entrance to the Auditorium.



The GAC booth sold Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, and rolls. The home-made cakes were again a big hit for those who wanted to satisfy their sweet tooth. Thanks to those who baked or purchased cakes for the GAC booth. Thank you to Alois Krussig, Curt Wagner, Felix Geissler and Gundolf Platzek for grilling the Bratwurst. Beate Pirchmoser prepared the Sauerkraut, while Debbie Brock, wearing a Dirndl, served the Sauerkraut on the Bratwurst. Several GAC members wore the native dress of Germany, the Dirndl and the Lederhosen.



Upcoming Events:

December 1, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Christmas Market at Boiling Springs High School

The GAC will grill and sell Bratwurst at this event

December 3, 2022 from 3:00 pm until

Nikolausfeier at the home of Curt Wagner

Nikolaus will arrive at 4:00 pm

The Club will provide Bratwurst, Glühwein, Draft beer, wine, as well as hot dogs for the children.

Attendees are requested to bring cookies or a cover dish, and for those who bring children, please bring a present with the name of the child attached, and also a note for Santa/Nikolaus stating if the child needs to be reprimanded or praised.

December 24, 2022 - 3:00 pm social hour - 4:00 pm service

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 415 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the German-English Christmas Eve service.

To celebrate this occasion, there will be a champagne reception at 3:00 pm. As always, attendees are asked to bring cookies to share. The Club will also provide coffee and other beverages.

The church service will begin at 4:00 pm, and this year for the first time, the church is welcoming Pastor Heather and Pastor Wade Apel as their senior pastors.

January 2023 - Annual Dinner

Time, date and location TBD

February 18, 2023 - Faschingparty

Stammtisch - 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm
Come join GAC members and friends every first Thursday of the month.



Resources:



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