



German-American Club of The Carolinas

Past Events:

Weihnachtsmarkt



Boiling Springs High School held its first Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) on December 1, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There were many vendors present for the event, of which, The German American Club of the Carolina's (GAC) was one of the vendors. Gundolf Platzek, Beate Pirchmoser, and Chuck Allen were selling Bratwurst. The cooking aroma of the Bratwurst filled the courtyard and brought many patrons to our booth. Pictures of this special event may be seen on the GAC website under Galleries.



Nikolausfeier

Ho, Ho, Ho. Here comes Santa Claus for our annual Nikolausfeier. Non-members and members of the Club came together at Curt Wagner's home to celebrate this year's Nikolausfeier. Children sat in front of Santa Claus, waiting their turn to be called upon to sit on Santa's lap, to find out if he had a present for them being a good little boy or girl. After Santa Claus had given out his presents, Bratwurst was grilled by Curt Wagner to everyone's enjoyment. Beer, wine, Glühwein, along with Sauerkraut, salads as well as desserts were contributed and enjoyed by all who attended. Pictures of this event may be seen on the GAC website under Galleries.



Gottesdienst am Heiligabend 2022



This year, the German community was able to celebrate the 50th year of worshipping the Christmas Eve Service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg, SC. Pastor Clark and his wife came from Lexington, SC to attend the service. He was one of the pastors who in the past had preached during this service. A letter from Pastor Emeritus Everette Lineberger, who initiated this Christmas Eve Service in 1972 along with the late Dr. Paul Foerster, was read, as he was not able to attend due to health reasons. Beate Pirchmoser was pleasantly surprised with a bouquet of flowers for her 37 plus years of organizing and preparing the program for the service. The birth of Christ according to the Gospel of Luke, was read by Lilly Sophie and Faye Aigner. "Komm, Jesu, Komm zu Deiner Kirche" was sung by Martin Aigner. Kaylyn Good sang "Ave Maria" and was greatly appreciated by the congregation. Pastor Heather Apel presented the message to the congregation. Pictures of this event may be seen on the GAC website under Galleries. If you were not able to attend, you can still watch the service at www.sjlc.church under "videos".

Upcoming Events:

The Stammtisch is held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. Come join GAC members and friends every first Thursday of the month. Below is the list of dates and locations for the Stammtisch and other GAC events.



2023:

- Stammtisch: January 5 @ Delaney's, downtown Spartanburg;
February 2 @ Green Olive Grill, Highway 176;
March 2 @ Grapevine, Highway 9; Boiling Springs;
April 6 @ Cribb's Kitchen, downtown Spartanburg;
May 4 @ Delaney's, downtown Spartanburg.
- Fasching/Fastnacht: February 18, 2023, St John's Lutheran Church, Parish Life Center (PLC), 415 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC
- Annual Business Dinner and Meeting: March, Date and Time TBD
- Easter Egg Hunt: April, Date and Time TBD
- May Dance: May 20, 2023, St John's Lutheran Church, PLC, 415 South Pine St. Spartanburg, SC

Resources:



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