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Welcome to the first issue of the newly designed electronic newsletter for the AlabamaGermany Partnership (AGP).

The AGP E-Newsletter will keep you updated on activities, relevant events, and opportunities to interact with our members. I strongly believe that this medium will help us to better serve our mission to support friendships between individuals and organizations in Alabama and Germany.

On behalf of all of us at AGP, I invite you to learn more about us. I encourage your comments and input. *Viel Spass beim Lesen.*

Arndt Siepmann, Chair

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FEATURE

AGP Hosts Successful 2011 Business Forum

110 attendees participated in the 2011 Business Forum in Mobile. Those in attendance discussed hiring plans and procedures with HR Managers of the Australian company Austal and the German companies ThyssenKrupp Steel and ThyssenKrupp Stainless. Service providers from in- and out-of-state received updates on the hiring schedule of operations affecting the greater Mobile area and beyond.



From the right: Jennifer Miniard (ThyssenKrupp Steel), Sandra Koblas (Austal) and David Scheid (ThyssenKrupp Stainless) posing with Allen Wood and Arndt Siepmann of the AGP

Over the next quarters, several thousand of new positions will be added, The Mobile Press Register reported. ThyssenKrupp provided a tour of the Calvert facility to update AGP members of the start of operations.

FEATURE

AGP Education Initiative

Last month, AlabamaGermany Partnership started a new education initiative to assist German language programs in secondary schools in Alabama, in partnership with The Alabama Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.



Muriel Hoequist, German Teacher at the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile, received the 2011 AGP Teacher Award

The initiative provides K-12 schools and their teachers of German with additional resources to make learning German more fun. More kids choosing German as their selective foreign language means more German speaking Alabamians.

A previous survey with German Teachers in the K-12 school system in Alabama identified areas in which the AGP and its members can assist.

If you would like more information or might be interested to help, please contact Dr. Gramberg, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and VP Education of the AGP, at gramban@auburn.edu.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Alabama State Port Authority

At the Port of Mobile, the State of Alabama has one of the largest deepwater seaports in the nation, and the Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the public containerized, breakbulk, bulk, Ro/Ro, refrigerated/frozen and oversized / heavy lift cargo terminals.



The Port Authority's statewide economic impact totals \$7.9 billion and has a direct and indirect jobs impact of nearly 67,000 jobs.

In October 2010, the Port Authority approved a \$360 million port-wide infrastructure investment program geared towards stimulating the economy and implementing efficient transportation solutions. If you are importing or exporting and have not considered the using the Port of Mobile, contact Mark Sheppard at msheppard@asdd.com to evaluate the shipping options for your goods.

Did You Know?

That Alabama has not only the highest ranking Spa (Mobile) but also Golf (Montgomery/Prattville) location within the Marriott Group North America? This is based on Marriott Customer Satisfaction Surveys. Reported by The Advisor - Retirement System of Alabama.

We can only say: CONGRATULATIONS! So when are you booking your next weekend away in one of Alabama's first-class hotels and spas?

BOARD NEWS

Lauren Goodson

At its upcoming meeting on August 4, the AGP Board will recognize Lauren Goodson for her work for the AlabamaGermany Partnership.

Lauren served as AGP Executive Director for almost two years.

Dankeschön to Our Sustaining & Patron Members



Upcoming Events

August 4

Board Meeting, Montgomery

August 27

Eighth Annual German Bierfest, Atlanta

September 22

Cultural Seminar: Understanding Business Etiquette "Sie or Du Peter?" Birmingham

September 22-24

FDSK German Culture Club's Annual Oktoberfest, Birmingham

October 5

Business Conference benefitting storm victims, Tuscaloosa (tbc)

GET-TOGETHER

Automobile Show IAA 2011 Frankfurt, Germany



September 15-25, the largest automobile fair in the world will open its doors again. Bi-annually, the IAA brings together a virtual Who is Who of the automobile industry and every true car enthusiast. The AGP is planning an informal Get-Together during the show. Are you planning to be in Frankfurt? Let us know at [LinkedIn/AlabamaGermanyPartnership](https://www.linkedin.com/company/alabamagermany-partnership)

German Quote

Freundschaft vergeht nicht.

AGP Member News Ticker

[Latest News from ThyssenKrupp Stainless USA](#)

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German companies: please send us your news link to administrator@alabamagermany.org

Test Your Knowledge

What just turned 125 years of age and is still running? To be the possible winner selected from respondents of the right answer, please send in your answer by Aug. 10 to administrator@alabamagermany.org

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