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**German speaking Community celebrates American Jazz
4th annual fundraiser supports German-American Education projects
Scholarships of \$20,000 will be awarded
bringing the 3 year total to over \$80,000**

**Wachovia Clock Tower
(in front of the Hilton Charlotte Center City)
October 09, 2009 at 6:30 PM**

The German speaking business community may be known for their large investments in the Charlotte Region (ranked # 1 for the last 40 years!) and some of their highly engineered products but perception prevails that when it comes to philanthropy (or the lack thereof) it is in line with the lack of sunshine in northern Europe. Not so – neither one.....

Guests will be swinging to the tunes of American Jazz played by the Andreas Pasternack Jazz Band, presented by the German Language and Culture Foundation (501 © (3) – www.germanfoundation.com – flown in by Lufthansa German Airlines - just for this one and only event from **the other Mecklenburg** the one that lends this county its name – **Mecklenburg-Vorpommern/Germany**. On hand will be Henry Tesch, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern State Minister for Culture, Education and Science as will be a parliamentary delegation from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Mecklenburg-Pomerania) lead by Ilka Lochner-Borst, President of the Committee on Education of the Landtag.

The State Minister will personally hand a check of \$ 5,000 to Peter C. Gorman, Ed.D. Superintendent CMS (earmarked for the German Immersion Language Program at Smith Academy),

Kurt Waldthausen, Founder and Chairman of the German Language and Culture Foundation, will present a check to the Chancellor of UNCC in the amount of \$7,500. Other beneficiaries will be the Deutsche Schule Charlotte (German School of Charlotte) receiving \$2,500 and celebrating its 35th anniversary this year as the oldest Foreign Language Saturday School in the Southeastern United States. Tony Zeiss, President of CPCC, will receive a check for \$3,500 and Dr. Uli Fröhlich, Dean: Academy of International Business studies at Pfeiffer University, just a few weeks ago was presented a check in the amount of \$3,750. Also, Forrestview High School in Gastonia, NC will send 5 German Language students to their sister City Gotha/Germany this year, thanks to scholarships from the German Language and Culture Foundation.

Present will also be Chair, County Commissioners, Mrs. Jennifer Roberts, Mayor Patrick McCrory and Consul General Lutz Görgens, PhD from the German Consulate in Atlanta, GA.

Says Waldthausen:” The funds raised will highlight the importance of the German Language for this region. Think about it, with over 210 subsidiaries from German speaking countries in the region (about 30% of all foreign firms located here), speaking the German language is a wonderful tool for High School or College graduates to differentiate themselves from their peers, to land high paying jobs.”

German is also the most widely spoken language in the European Union with about 25% native German speakers. How about a job with a great future in the renewable energy sector? German speaking countries are the world leaders in this technology and the production thereof. And Mecklenburg-Vorpommern sets the example by producing over 30% of its energy from renewable sources.

To the educators and parents in the Charlotte Region Waldthausen has this advice: “Teach those languages that provide high paying jobs for our graduates – take the German language into serious consideration”.

All scholarships are designed to reward German Language students with study trips to German speaking countries. Some of them will be present on October 9, 2009 and are ready to share their experiences with you. It works – they will tell you....

Tickets at \$60 p.p. for this fundraiser are available by check, made out to the “German Foundation” and mailed to Sabine Birkle, c/o Waldthausen & Associates, Inc, 1910 Abbott Street, Charlotte, NC 28203. Checks must be received by October 5, 2009.

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