

## **Helpful Contacts for German Expatriates and their Families Living in the Charlotte Region**

### **Alemannia Society – German Society of Charlotte**

The Alemannia Society is open to everyone who is interested in the German language and culture. The Organization offers a variety of activities and programs throughout the year, including

- Monthly meetings
- Barbecues
- Hiking trips
- Picnics
- Parties, and
- Christmas gatherings

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[www.alemannia.society.org](http://www.alemannia.society.org)

### **Charlotte International Women's Club**

The CIWC mission is to promote friendship amongst women of all nationalities through social and cultural connections. The Club is open to everyone interested. Check their facebook site for upcoming events.

Ph.: 704.246.7619

[www.facebook.com/charlotteinternationalwomensclub](https://www.facebook.com/charlotteinternationalwomensclub)

### **Deutsche Schule Charlotte (German School Charlotte)**

DSC has classes on 32 Saturdays during the school year and offers a variety of U.S. and international preparation courses and exams, including the German Language Diplom C1 (Deutsches Sprachdiplom C1), which is recognized by universities in Germany.

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### **German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, North Carolina Chapter**

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[www.gaccsouth.com](http://www.gaccsouth.com)

### German Language and Culture Foundation

The GLCF provides scholarships to students of the Charlotte region's public immersion schools, high schools, colleges and universities allowing them to participate in study trips and exchanges with German-speaking Europe and creates awareness for bi-lateral investment opportunities through its activities. The organization's annual fundraiser "Jazz in the Village" is a popular event, especially, in the German community.

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### Honorary Consuls of the Federal Republic of Germany

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### International House

Provides direct services to the region's international community, including foreign-language conversation hours, cultural events, an international book club, citizen diplomacy programs, an international women's group, language classes, free citizenship workshops, and more.

1817 Central Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
Ph.: 704.333.8099  
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### Leasing Options for Expatriates

The following car dealerships in Charlotte have a special "Foreign Business Professional Program" that helps expatriates to lease a car without having an established US credit history. If the required documentation can be provided, a car lease will be granted for the time period the individual has been delegated to the US. Dealerships require the following documents:

- Visa
- Social Security Number
- NC Driver License
- Letter from the employer indicating time of stay in the US and salary
- HR contact for verification purposes

### **Audi of Charlotte**

9300 E. Independent Blvd.  
Ph.: 704.535.8800, Charlotte  
Contact: Anthony Young, Business Manager

### **East Charlotte Nissan**

6901 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte  
Ph.: 855.382.7859  
Contact: Spencer Lueders, General Manager

### **Felix Sabates Mercedes**

950 North Polk Street, Pineville  
Ph.: 1.877.922.3422  
Contact: Georgia Boyes (German-speaking sales representative)

### **Volkswagen Charlotte**

9900 South Boulevard, Charlotte  
Ph.: 704.552.6500  
All sales representatives in the dealership should be aware of the program

### **Olde Mecklenburg Brewery**

German-style Brauhaus  
4150 Yancey Road, Charlotte  
Ph.: 704.525.5644

### **Choice Translating, Inc.**

The firm works in 200 languages and a wide range of industries.

Michelle Menard, Founder and CEO  
112 South Tryon Street, Suite 1500, Charlotte  
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### **Waddell Language Academy**

The K-8 language immersion magnet school offers language immersion in Chinese, German, French, and Japanese for grades K through 8.

Ynez Olshausen, Principal  
7030 Nations Ford Road  
Ph.: 980.343.5815  
<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/waddellHS/Pages/Default.aspx>

### **Waldthorn Restaurant**

German cuisine, family-operated

12101 Lancaster Hwy.  
Pineville, NC 28134  
Ph.: 704.540.7047  
[www.waldhorn.us](http://www.waldhorn.us)

### **Translation and Interpretation Services**

Choice Translating (work in 200 languages)  
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