

GACC NY & Members Celebrate at Asparagus Gala

Outgoing GACC Chairman Caroll Neubauer Honored

The GACC NY continued its popular tradition of celebrating German asparagus (*spargel*) season at the annual White Asparagus Dinner Gala on May 9. More than 300 GACC NY members, including top-level representatives of German and US firms, along with their guests, mixed and mingled at this crowd-pleasing event which kicked off at Tribeca Rooftop with a cocktail reception.

This year's event featured special recognition for Caroll H. Neubauer, a beloved and highly respected GACC board member, who for the last 13 years has served at one point as GACC NY chairman and chairman of all the German American Chambers of Commerce.

With his keen business savvy, sharp negotiating skills and spirited enthusiasm, Caroll has been a dedicated supporter of the GACC and its members. He is credited with having the vision that has resulted in a strong AHK-USA network, based on solid regional collaboration. We're grateful to Caroll for his service and delighted that he will remain an active member of the GACC NY.

Many of our guests traveled far and wide to honor Caroll and celebrate with him at the asparagus dinner. Among those in attendance were AHK CEOs and presidents -past and present - Dr. Benno Bunse, Werner Walbröl and Martin H. Richenhagen. Dr. Walter Wansleben, CEO of the DIHK was also on hand to pay tribute to Caroll and engage with our members.

Included among the gifts presented to Caroll that evening was a whimsical sketch of him signed by GACC NY board members.

More than 500 lbs. of fresh white asparagus was imported to NYC, arriving just in time for the gala dinner thanks to Lufthansa and EMO Trans, Inc! The night also included a sizzling song and dance performance followed by an after party.