

A Visit to New Mexico

On Tuesday, 15th of November, Deputy Consul-General Klaus-Jochen Guehlcke presided over the first-ever 'Stammtisch' Business Roundtable in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The meeting, which was organized by the Honorary Consul, New Mexico Stephan Helgesen, brought representatives of four German business subsidiaries, of the 'Sister Cities' Project (Albuquerque is a sister city with Helmstedt), from the University of New Mexico and Taos German Summer School as well as the Deputy Manager of the German-American Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco together to discuss issues ranging from the economy to culture.



New Mexico is home to five top German companies: CFV Solar Laboratories (a joint venture with the Fraunhofer Institute), Heel (producers of high-grade homeopathic preparations), Sennheiser (leading manufacturer of acoustic equipment like microphones and headphones), Schott Solar (fabricators of leading-edge solar panels) and Sued-Chemie (manufacturers for the pharmaceutical industry).

The State is also home to several international fraternal organizations, has a German-American Club ('Edelweiss') and approximately 2,000 - 2,500 German citizens (as many as 1,500 are attached to Holloman Air Force Base in the southern part of the State).

In addition to attending the Stammtisch and holding other meetings, Deputy Consul General Guehlcke, Deputy Manager Kai Ulrich of the GACC and Honorary Consul Helgesen were given a VIP plant tour of the Heel facility, kindly arranged by CEO Thierry Montfort.

