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The Rose Rock

The redish, naturally-formed sand and barite rock, shaped like a rose, is found only in Oklahoma and is the designated state rock.

Wine & Roses

The German-American Society of Tulsa Arts Association is pleased to present this free event to members and the general public, featuring Tulsa's own **Rose Stone Trio** for our entertainment and listening pleasure.

The Rose Stone Trio, reflecting Oklahoma's colorful array of music resources, performs classical, Jazz, and popular music with a unique, spirited touch. These native Oklahoma musicians make use of ancient instruments—the harp, harpsichord and flute—to bring creative insight and dynamic life to their music.

Their versatility is sought from consular corps concerts to jazz festivals. The glittery glissandos of **Linda Paul's** harp, the sparkling sound of **Lillian McConnell's** harpsichord and the dancing melodies of **Tamra Kirk's** flute result in a delightful concert.

Please join us at 3 PM on February 11 at the GAST Center for a pleasant Sunday afternoon of musical delight.



Photo: John McCormack

Donations gratefully accepted



Events Calendar

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe, 10- 2 PM	Apr 22	Kolorit
Feb 2	Stammtischrunde – see page 2	May 12	Maifest party
Feb 11	Wine & Roses	Sep 15	Weinfest party
Feb 20	German Lessons – see page 5	Oct 7	German-American Day
Feb 23	Weinkellerabend – see page 6	Oct 27	Oktoberfest party
Feb 24	Fasching party – see insert	Nov 10	Coronation Ball
Feb 25	Weiber Fasching – see page 6	Nov 30 – Dec 2	Christmas Market
Mar 24	Soup party	Dec 8	Christmas party
Apr 21	Theme party	Dec 16	Advent Service

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The President's Report to the Membership

The final report of our "Oktoberfest" activities has been tallied, and in spite of the weather, our efforts were quite successful. Although the final report of our "Christkindlmarkt" is not complete, preliminary reports indicate that our efforts there, were successful as well.

If you have not sent in your dues for this year (2001), PLEASE do so as soon as possible. This makes it much easier for the membership committee, the book-keeping and printing of the roster. Membership is at an all-time high, with the ages of many of the new applicants well below the average of the current membership. The board approved a standard initiation fee for all applications, as well as a slight raise in membership dues.

Because of the very severe ice and snowstorm, the New Year's bash had to be canceled the afternoon of the party. The safety of the membership just had to come first. Furthermore, I can assure you that there will be no more "pre-event" stories written and published before an event.

Please remember, that I am writing this before the Anniversary Ball, (because of the press dead line for the "Echo"), therefore, **if** there is no cancellation of the Anniversary Ball, the Essay winners will be announced, the Directors' award and the President's award will be presented.

The names of all recipients of awards will appear in next month's Echo.

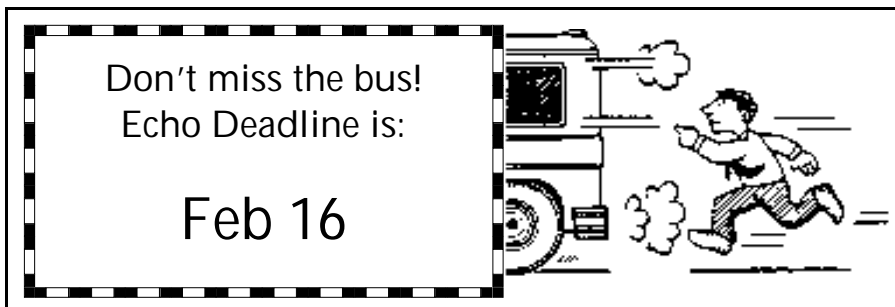
***** **SPECIAL NOTICE** *****
Again, I wish to remind you of the

Board's action concerning no-shows at dinner events.

Effective the 1st of January, 2001, any member making dinner reservations for any GAST function and not attending, will be billed the cost of their dinner—unless there are last-minute requests to attend. This action was necessitated, because no-shows are causing GAST to absorb the cost for several uneaten meals **at almost all functions!**

For all of the very latest information about GAST activities, please visit the GAST web site, (<http://www.gastulsa.org>). As always, if you have a kind word, a suggestion, an idea, a constructive criticism or an inquiry directed to any committee, please contact the chair of that committee directly or the Message Center, 744-6998. The membership's ideas and opinions are important and always welcome.

—Don Wright



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Stammtischrunde

We meet on Friday, February 2 at 6:30 PM in the downstairs GAST Pub, a.k.a Kaffeestube. Please note, we've changed the time from 6 PM to 6:30.

Bring a favorite topic to talk about, or bring some items to show and tell. Drinks and snacks are available for a donation.

Hope to see you there.

—Fred...

News in Arts

“Wine and Roses“ is the perfect theme for a wonderful Sunday afternoon of musical entertainment by the Rose Stone Trio on February 11, starting at 3 PM. These talented ladies have performed at concerts throughout Oklahoma, Washington DC and Austin TX. They have appeared at Mayfest, the Greenwood Jazz Festival, Best of Tulsa Centennial Celebration Concert, the OK Mozart Festival and many other events. We are delighted that they have accepted our invitation to perform at the GAST Center. The event is free and open to the public. Financial assistance has been provided by the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Chairperson **Irmgard Runyon** may be calling you to volunteer with the decorations and to help serve refreshments. Your donations to help cover expenses are appreciated.

We are excited about Richard Wagner's "Tannhäuser", a premiere Tulsa Opera production in cooperation with Finland's Savonlinna Opera and Russia's Maryinsky Theater. Look for details elsewhere in this issue of the **ECHO** and join us for brunch on Sunday, February 18 at 1 PM prior to the matinee performance at 2:30 PM. If

you identify yourself as a member of GAST you will receive a 10% discount on your ticket. Call 587-4811 for reservations.

Endowment Trust:

In April 2000, the Board of Directors of the Arts Association voted to establish an Endowment Trust exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and maintenance of facilities. An exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code has been granted and the Trust has received funds for facility maintenance.

In a recent meeting the trustees of the Endowment Trust have voted to expand the scope of the endowment to establish an operating fund for scholarship grants and other cultural endeavors. An initial sum of \$500 has been pledged to match donations or pledges from the general membership. For further information about the purpose and potential tax benefits of making donations to the Endowment Trust, please contact the office at 744-6998.

—Arnold Bieber

Konversationsrunde

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Talking about manners and customs is everyone's favorite subject and transferring them to our children is everyone's desire. That's why Mr. Irowez, born in Austria, decided to write his wonderful book called "Dezember". His book is about the

Advent season, a favorite subject of everyone. The book (\$20) is written in German and an English translation is available upon request. Mr. Irowez was happy that his book stirred so much conversation by our members. We had a large attendance.

Thank you to Mr. Irowez and to our gracious hosts **Barbara and Stanley Conrad** for serving delicious food and supporting GAST ARTS. Also thanks to **Helga and Claus Greiner** for helping to make the connection with Mr. Irowez, he is a delightful person. Our February meeting, February 18th, will differ, we will attend an opera "Tannhäuser" (German).

Anyone interested in attending, please call the Tulsa Op-

era and mention that you belong to the German American Society group. You will receive a 10% discount on any ticket you choose. This is a Sunday matinee performance 2:30pm. I hope to see you there!

THEMA: TANNHÄUSER

DATE: FEBRUARY 18TH - SUNDAY 2:30PM PLACE: TULSA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TICKET OFFICE NO. 587-4811

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German-American Society Arts Association. It serves to promote the German language and other cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information, or hosting one of our meetings, please call:

Barbara Conrad 492-3273
or **Jutta Tankersley** 742-9759.

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A Message from your Membership Chair!

By now you should have received your Membership Renewal Statement in the mail. Due to rising costs associated with servicing a membership, the GAST Board of Directors has authorized a change in the yearly Membership dues structure. Beginning January 1st, 2001, the yearly membership dues for a Single Membership will be \$20.00 and the yearly membership dues for a Family Membership will be \$25.00. The statement you received reflects these changes. This is the first increase since the beginning of GAST. Tschüß,

—Irmgard Toschik



The GAST Sänger



February Notes

We're enjoying our winter break
We can "bearly" stay awake.

We'll hibernate a while longer
So our voices will be stronger

We'll resume our singing
Thursday after Fasching.
March 1 is the date
Don't be late!

Happy Valentine's Day

For information about our choir,
please call me at 663-9573.

—Teresa Gallagher

Please watch for a separate mailing from
the nominating committee

—Doris Gallagher

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Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Conversational German, taught by native speakers for beginners to advanced, will commence on February 20, at 7 PM. Enrollment takes place just prior to class, starting 6:30 PM.

We meet every Tuesday for 10 weeks from 7 to 9 PM at the GAST Center, 1429 Terrace Drive.

Tuition is \$45 for members of GAST, \$50 for non-members. Books, if needed are \$10, and tapes \$5.50 each.

Let the Music and Dancing begin!

Although it is hard to tell by the weather, Spring is not far away. The GAST Folkdancers will begin their spring session on February 2. Practices are held from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. on most Friday evenings at the GAST Center through the month of May. There will be No Practice on February 16 as several members of the group plan to attend a Folkdance Workshop in Texas on that weekend.

We will be presenting programs of traditional German and Austrian folkdances at various educational and entertaining venues in the community. We welcome all members wanting to join us in learning folk dancing and presenting programs. A dancing partner is helpful but not required.

The Children's Dance group will be meeting in conjunction with Kinderdeutsch. See the article on Kinderdeutsch for details. If you have questions please call the Message Center at 744-6998 or **Carol Wright** at 299-2839

Kinderdeutsch

Enroll your children and grandchildren, ages 4-12, in German language classes, starting **Saturday, February 17**, from **10:00 to 11:45 AM**. They will learn German words and phrases through an hour of fun and games, followed by refreshments and a half hour of **German Folk Dances**. Classes will run for a period of eight weeks. We will follow the Tulsa school schedule, i. e. no class, if school is cancelled on the Friday before because of weather, holiday or spring break.

Tuition: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20. \$5 discount for additional children from the same family.

If you are only interested in the Folk Dances, starting at **11:00. AM**, there is no age limit and no charge.

Parents are encouraged to participate.

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Weiberfasching



In keeping with German tradition, we will once again hold **Weiberfasching** on Sunday, February 25th, from 3 till 4 or 5 PM. This is a ladies-only party celebrated with fun and games .

If you have never attended this event, mark your calendar right now and join us. We encourage you to come in costume, so start planning what to wear right now. Wear your PJs if you can't think of anything better, but come! With or without costume, you are most cordially invited.

The cost is zero; just bring a snack, dip and chips, cookies, chocolate, whatever you like, so we will have something to nibble on and keep up our strength for the fun activities of the afternoon. Beverages will be supplied, along with Fastnachtskuchen (Jelly rolls) left over from the Fasching Party.



Attention! Soup and Dessert Cooks Wanted

We are planning another Soup Party for March 24. Share your cooking expertise with us. We need volunteers to donate home-made soup or dessert. The soup should be five (5) quarts and the desserts should serve 10-12 persons. You will be rewarded with one free admission for each soup or dessert donated. Please let us know what kind of soup or dessert you will be donating in order to better co-ordinate the menu. Call the Message Center at 744-6997 or send an E-mail message to me at d.c.w@att.net.

—Carol Wright

WEINKELLER ABEND

The Weinkeller will be open for another of our informal evenings on February 23rd. Happy Hour will begin at 5:00 P.M. This is a great time and place to meet your friends in a totally informal atmosphere in our own clubroom. Remember - no reservations - just drop in for a little while or as long as you like. Soft drinks, beer and wine are available for a small donation and who knows - maybe we'll surprise you with something more. See you there!

—Lois Voeller



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Now playing at the GAST Theater :

Announcing:



Monday February 12, starting at 6:30 PM
Nach der Heimat möcht ich wieder
Wander und Heimatlieder aus Deutschland

Starting at 8:00 PM
Altes Herz wird wieder jung
Starring : Marika Roeck, Viktor Dekowa
and Elisabeth Flickenschild

VOLUNTEER PINS WANTED

We are gathering old GAST Oktoberfest and Mayfest Volunteer pins use to make a permanent display in the Weinkeller.

We need only a few pins to complete the collection. If you have any pins from the following years and would be interested in donating them toward the collection please contact Carol Wright 299-2839 or E-mail d.c.w@att.net.

MAYFEST 1990, 1991, and 1999
OKTOBERFEST 1988, 1989, 1990,
1991, 1992, and 1993

Interior Committee

We welcome these new members!

Patricia McLaurin (FFM Sossenheim)
3802 S. Campbell
Sand Springs, OK 74063
918-363-8287

Lisa A. Murie (OK)
Frank Murie (OK)
5932 E. 24th St.
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834-6745

Correction on a new member name we misspelled. The correct spelling is:

Frida Bonaparte

We've got Mail!

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Runyon

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that this letter finds all in good health and good cheer.

I want to thank you again for asking me to be the Christkindl. It was a fulfilling experience, something my busy schedule I've set for myself does not often allow.

Thank you also for sharing a piece of your lives with me through your stories, traditions and wisdom. I remain amazed at the various stories and backgrounds I had the privilege of hearing about. It was reassuring to be surrounded by such kind and wholesome people.

I also greatly appreciate the German-American Society's generosity with the twenty-five-dollar gift certificate and the fifty dollars presented to me. I was so touched, I could not think of what

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to say. I hope this coming year is one to cherish. Please send my greetings to GAST.

Sincerely,

Miranda Thomas

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Saturday, February 10, starting at 8 PM – Friday, February 16, starting at 8 PM – Sunday, February 18, starting at 2:30 PM

For tickets and information, please contact the Tulsa Opera at (918) 587-4811. Members of GAST receive a discount by mentioning their membership when making their reservation for the Sunday performance. Optionally, a brunch is available, starting at 1 PM for a \$20 fee.

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