



Das Deutsche Echo

April 2001

Jahrgang 22/4

Ahoy! All Hands on Deck!

Everything is **Ship Shape** and we are ready to cast off for a fun evening of music, dancing, good food and fellowship. The April Dinner Dance will have a Nautical theme. Please join us for a **NORDSEE ABEND** on Saturday, April 21, 2001.

The Kings of Music will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure.
The GAST Singers and Folk Dancers will be entertaining you during the evening.

Special appearance by the CHILDREN'S Folk Dance Group.

Happy Hour begins at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 P.M.

Dancing begins at 7:30 P.M. and ends at 10:30 P.M.

The Galley Crew (Ludger) will be preparing a Special Menu

Baked Salmon

Rice Pilaf

Green Beans

Bread and Butter

Apfel Streusel Kuchen

The Cost is \$15.00 per person for dinner and dance or \$7.50 for dance only. Please make your reservation no later than April 18 by calling the Message Center at 744-6998. **Please call to cancel if you can't make it.** Don't forget to make reservations for any guests you are bringing.

Party Planning Committee

(Please leave your name at the Message Center if you would like to become a member of this committee.)

Events Calendar

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe, 10- 2 PM	Oct 14	Konversationsrunde
Apr 6	Stammtischrunde	Oct 27	Oktoberfest party
Apr 8	Konversationsrunde - see page 3	Nov 10	Coronation Ball
Apr 21	Theme party	Nov 11	Konversationsrunde
Apr 22	Kolorit Presentation - see page 3	Nov 30 - Dec 2	Christmas Market
Apr 29	General Membership Meeting	Dec 8	Christmas party
May 6	Konversationsrunde (first Sunday)	Dec 9	Konversationsrunde
May 12	Maifest party	Dec 16	Advent Service
Sep 9	Konversationsrunde	Dec 31	New Year's party
Sep 15	Weinfest party		
Oct 7	German-American Day		

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The President's Report to the Membership

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Annual General Membership Meeting will be held at 3 PM Sunday afternoon the 29th of April. As this is the single most important meeting of the year, please make every effort to attend, remember this is when we elect next year's officers, board members, nominating committee and review the past years progress. This is the last notice in the "Echo" before the meeting and election

ANOTHER SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations are now being accepted for "Mai Königin". Please call the GAST message center at 744-6998 with your nomination. Wow! If you missed the "Fasching Ball", you missed one great bash. Karl Waldbauer and Company were at their best, there were plenty of jelly filled "Berliners" and "snackwitches" for everybody, the hall was really spiffed

up and the entertainment was indescribable. There were more colorful costumes than ever before, including a great group from Arkansas. "**Prinz Maxine I**" and "**Prinzessin Mel I**" were something to behold, the GAST Dancers were up to their usual good form, but GAST Singers, (the new kids on the block) with their first group entry really wowed 'em. I'm looking forward to next year.

A representative group of GAST dancers attended a two day workshop in Giddings, Texas. They were shown the costumes and were taught several dances of the "Sorbian" and "Wendish" culture by a dance instructor from the State of Brandenburg, Germany. There will be another workshop in early August with costumes and dances from another area. All dancers and members of GAST interested in attending, please call **Carol Wright**.

The board has voted to participate with Junior League of Tulsa and several other civic organizations in celebrating the "Year of the Volunteer", a children's aid program. An informational e-mail has been sent to all members who have provided their e-mail address to GAST, a copy is available in the office for any member to read.

The board has voted to continue its support of the German language programs at Tulsa Community College and the University of Tulsa.

Hannelore Giles has volunteered to chair the 2001 "Christkindlmarkt". Any member wishing to participate, please call the GAST Message Center, **744-6998**.

Congratulations to our "Fasching Prinzessin", **Melanie Brinton**, she has been named "Oklahoma German-Teacher of the Year".

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

Don't miss the bus!
Echo Deadline is:

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Stammtischrunde

Hey, guys!

This time we're going to celebrate the magnificence of a great German Bier! As I mentioned at the previous meeting, I'm going to bring a one-gallon barrel of German beer. So, bring your favorite Stein or glass and help us empty that bucket o' suds
Regards,



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News in Arts

When Ensemble KOLORIT appeared at the GAST Center last February, it was their first visit to the United States (although manager/pianist Thomas Volk was born in Philadelphia). We loved their performance and they promised they would be back with new selections of operetta songs from "Die Lustige Witwe", "Wiener Blut", "Im Weissen Rössel" and others.

This visit will be a little shorter, since they have booked shows in Oklahoma City, Dallas and New Braunfels among others. Don't miss our second musical event of the year 2001 with KOLORIT on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 PM at the GAST Center.

As you know, we don't charge admission to these events. It is our way of giving back to the membership and the general public and to promote our cultural heritage. However, the costs cannot be ignored, and we rely on your voluntary contributions and donations to defray expenses. Please be generous!

The Arts Association is a 501(C)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible, subject to certain limitations.

Thank you for your support.

—Arnold Bieber

A Message from the Operating Committee

Our next Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 beginning at 8:30 AM.

We will be attending to the many details that are necessary to maintain our beautiful facility. All members are welcome to attend. There are banisters to be cleaned, woodwork to be oiled, storage areas to be arranged, many small repairs and grounds maintenance items. There will also be pizza to eat for lunch. Please check your calendar and plan to help. Volunteers are requested to bring small hand tools and work gloves. Cleaning supplies and repair materials will be provided. Please call the message center (744-6998) if you will be helping for the work day so that we can better plan the various tasks.

—John S. Millar

Konversationsrunde



As promised last month, here is a brief report on the attendance in February of "Tannhaeuser". My friend and I and several GAST members attended the Sunday afternoon performance with an excellent brunch and a 30 minute preview familiariza-

tion of the opera. We learned more about the opera than what was just in the program and enjoyed the performance with more knowledge. The Tulsa Opera is a world class act!

We had a great turnout at our March meeting when we traveled to Luxor, Egypt, and beyond with tour guides Gabi Richardson and Joe Hardt. Everyone present was ready to buy a ticket and see Egypt for themselves. Thank you Gabi and Joe for a wonderful presentation. Our hosts Fred and Irene Rother treated us to delicious raspberry mousse, cake, wine and more and our afternoon was complete. THANK YOU FRED AND IRENE for hosting

the Konversationsrunde and supporting GAST ARTS. Joerg Adlung, Gast member and once residence of Celle, Germany, will lead our April meeting with his favorite subject "horses". Yes, Celle has a special breed of horses, and Mr. Adlung has been involved in raising and the showmanship of Celle's horses during his youth. Please join us and learn more yet about Celle, our sister city!
THEMA: CELLE UND SEINE PFERDE Sprecher: Joerg Adlung
DATE: APRIL 8, 2001 - SUNDAY 3:00PM
PLACE: Gertrud & Ortwin Schmidt 5133 E 86th Pl., Tulsa 495-3727.

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German American Society of Tulsa 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: Jutta Tankersley 742-9759 (Chair) Barbara Conrad 492-3273 (Co-Chair)

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News from Celle

Tulsa's German Sister City, Celle, is sending a group of 11 members from their Rowing Club for Tulsa's Regatta in connection with Tulsa's Riverfest in June. This group, all single travelers in their mid forties to mid fifties and non-smokers, will arrive June 6th and depart June 11th or 12th.

If anyone is interested in opening up their homes for them, please contact the president of the Tulsa Rowing Club, Mike Kneafsey, at 743-8424 or leave your name and number with the office of the Tulsa Global Alliance: 591-4750—we will call you back.

During the U.S. Open Golf Tournament (June 11-17) we will have 16 visitors from Celle, who were fortunate enough to obtain tickets. Needless to say hotel accommodations is another matter, and the Tulsa-Celle Partnership Committee would appreciate knowing if anyone can provide home-stays for members of this group as well. They will provide their own transportation to and from the tournament events.

If you can help, please contact the office of the Tulsa Global Alliance 591-4750 or **Doris Gallagher**: 743-5310.

—Doris Gallagher



The GAST Sanger

April Notes



Spring at last is here
and Easter is near.
Hop like the bunny
down a path so sunny.

Join us on Thursday nights
singing songs so bright

On April twenty-one
our "Motley Crew"
will entertain you
with seafaring songs of fun.

Happy Easter!

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

—Teresa Gallagher

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We welcome this new member!

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Weinkellerabend

April 27th 5 - 9:30 PM. We'll have another fun evening in our beautiful Weinkeller. No hassle, no reservations. Snacks, soft drinks, wine, coffee and maybe some surprises. With good friends in our own clubroom, what could be better than this?

Please tell any of our friends who may not have access to E-mail and who you think might like to attend. At this time it is planned to hold a Weinkeller Abend the last Friday of each month unless the GAST Center is booked for an event. However, definite dates will be announced in each Echo.

If you have any games you would like to bring, or any particular music you would like to hear, please bring them with you. Hope to see many of you there.

—Lois Voeller



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CONGRATULATIONS MELANIE!

GAST Member **Melanie Brinton** has been named German Teacher of the Year by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. Melanie has taught German for approximately 14 years, including the Kiefer and Kellyville school systems and has been with Broken Arrow Public Schools since 1991. Melanie is an active member of GAST and the reigning Prinzessin.

—Lois Voeller

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Wanted

Accompanist on the keyboard for the GAST Sänger.

Thank you Theresa!

We lost our accompanist **Sister Theresa** due to her new work schedule. She will be sorely missed. We have gotten used to the support we get from the accompaniment on the keyboard. She also allows us to tackle songs that would not be possible without accompaniment, besides, we sound sooo much better. Our appreciation and best wishes go with her and her husband .



This is why we are in search of an accompanist. The job does not pay a lot but we can promise lots of good fellowship and fun. If you know someone who can play the piano, please let us know or have them contact us. If you can play the piano, give us a try to see if you would like to join us.

Our seasons run from March to May, and late August till Christmas. Practice is most every Thursday from 7:30 PM till 9, and several performances each season. Please contact **Leon Boggs 258-5201** if you can help.

The pay is peanuts, but we will buy the beer.

Please leave your name at the Message Center if you would like to become a member of the Party Planning Commit-

Nominations

Your Nominating Committee has been busy putting together an election slate for our members to vote on April 29. We certainly want to thank all of those members who graciously accepted running for the various positions. To those who declined, we regret that you are not able to devote the time this year. Maybe another time.

Again, we would like for anyone who is interested to serve on managing the organization for the coming year to please get in touch with one of us. For those who have already accepted to run for a position, please provide us with a brief bio either by mail or fax to the GAST office or via E-mail to us.

—Doris Gallagher

—Max Byar-Horton, Tony Jury



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Now playing at the GAST Theater :



Announcing:

Monday April 9, starting at 6:30 PM

Lieder die vom Herzen kommen.

Carolyn Reiber präsentiert lustige Volksmusikanten

Starting at 8:00 PM

Das Haus am Watt

Ein Deutscher Fernsehfilm

Folkdancers

The Board of the German American Society of Tulsa has authorized GAST to participate with Junior League of Tulsa (a local service organization) and several other local organizations in a joint project for this spring to celebrate the International Year of the Volunteer.

The project chosen will provide small duffel bags with personal care items for children from ages two to ten who live in shelters, foster homes or other agencies and who do not have even basic necessities. Our Board has voted to purchase toothbrushes and toothpaste for the duffel bags.

However, we offer anyone who would like to participate, the opportunity to help with the project. You can do this by bringing a small teddy bear or other small stuffed animal to the GAST Spring party on April 21st.



The duffel bags will be assembled on April 28th. We are hoping to be able to present not only toothbrushes and toothpaste for 225 children but 225 stuffed animals as well. By including a toy, we hope to bring a little joy and comfort into the life of a child at a

time when he or she experiences loss and an unknown future.

Thanks in advance for your help.

—Ursula Andress
—Lois Voeller,
Co-chairs

Folkdancers

The GAST Folk Dancers, the GAST Kinder Dancers and the GAST Choir are joining together to present a program for you at the April party on April 21. Details on the party are on page ?

The Folkdancers have begun learning some of the new dances we were introduced to at the Folkdance Lehrgang (workshop) in Texas in February. We learned some Wendish and Sorbish dances of the Spreewald area of Germany.

Practices are normally every Friday beginning at 7 p.m. and ending around 9 p.m. in the GAST Center. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for evenings of fellowship and fun. A partner is not required. Come dressed casually with comfy dancing shoes.

If you have children or grandchildren interested in learning some folkdances please bring them to the GAST Center on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will be learning a few dances along with the Kinderdeutsch language lesson.

For further information about the Folkdance program please contact the GAST message center at 744-6998 or me at 299-2839.

—Carol Wright

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Ensemble

Kolorit

* Is coming To Town!

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*Konzert, Oper, Lyrik, Operette,
Revue, Instrumental, Tanz

KOLORIT is a concert and travelling ensemble - a name standing for quality musical performances of all kinds. Evenings of chanson, reviews of ever-

greens, temperamental sounds of Gypsy-music. KOLORIT makes guest appearances with its original programs nationally and internationally. In the year 2000 KOLORIT made a guest appearance with workshops and performance of "Goethe und die Frauen" at the German State Theater in Timisuara (Rumania) and the Goethe Institute in Bukarest as well as the ensemble's first USA performances in Tulsa OK with Operetta and German hits of the 20' and 30's. KOLORIT also fills individual wishes for special occasions, whether exhibition openings, parties and celebrations, dinners, etc. *Cultur à la carte!*

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