



Das Deutsche Echo

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Picnic



Join us for our Annual Family Picnic!

Sunday, June 3, 2001
1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

It will be in the "Bayerischerhof" garden at Carol & Don Wright's, 6240 East 116th St., in Tulsa. Just go South on Sheridan Rd. to 116th St. Turn West and soon you will see the cars. You can't miss the large greeting sign welcoming you to "Twin Oaks". Don't dress fancy and if you get lost call Carol or Don at 299-2839.

There is plenty of shade and lots of space for games.
Or, if you prefer just time to relax, visit and have a cool one.
Bring along a lawn chair and the children and grandchildren.

There will be plenty to eat and drink on the menu.
Bar-B-Q Beef Brisket, Hot links, chicken & bologna, potato salad, cole slaw, Texas toast, cookies, watermelon & iced tea. Oh yes, Soda and Beer also.



\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 children under 12 years
It's free for those who worked at Mayfest and for children under 2.
Please call a reservation in to the Message Center at 744-6998.

Events Calendar

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe, 10- 2 PM	Nov11	Konversationsrunde
Jun 1	Stammtischrunde	Nov 30 - Dec 2	Christmas Market
Jun 3	GAST Picnic	Dec 8	Christmas party
Jun 28	Work Party - see page 5	Dec 9	Konversationsrunde
Jul 6	Stammtischrunde	Dec 16	Advent Service
Sep 9	Konversationsrunde - see page 3	Dec 31	New Year's party
Sep 15	Weinfest party		
Oct 7	German-American Day		
Oct 14	Konversationsrunde		
Oct 27	Oktoberfest party		
Nov 10	Coronation Ball		

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The President's Report to the Membership

The Board held their May meeting on Wednesday the 9th. This was a joint meeting with the officers and directors of the incoming board in attendance. I thank all outgoing officers and directors for their help and guidance these past three years. It has been my pleasure to have served with them. There are several programs still in the planning stages that hopefully the new board will continue to refine, as well as several new and dynamic programs that are being formulated. I ask that the membership give their full support to their new officers and directors.

NOTICE: The 3rd of June, 1:00pm until 5:00pm, is the GAST annual picnic. Great eats, cool beverages and Gemütlichkeit. Same location, 6240 East

116th Street. Have you made your reservations yet ? Lets have the biggest turnout ever.

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

The spring season is finished and the folkdancers are taking a break until

the end of August. At that time we will begin to prepare for our busy fall season. Please consider joining us on Friday evenings to learn traditional German and Austrian Folkdances for presentation to the community when called upon and for our own enjoyment. Watch the ECHO for details or call the Message Center and leave your name and number for personal notification of the beginning date.

A BIG Thank You to the children who took part in the Children's dancing program. They did a great job and had a lot of fun presenting their program at the Maiball. A special thanks to **Jill Hammer, and Annette Var-nell** for their invaluable help in organizing this program.

If you have children or grandchildren wishing to dance get ready to join us in September. They will begin their sessions again in September on Saturday mornings just before Kinderdeutsch lessons. Watch the ECHO for details.

—Carol Wright

Don't miss the bus!
Echo Deadline is:

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Stammtischrunde

Hey, guys!

I hope to see you all on Friday, Jun 1, starting at 6:30 PM. We'll make sure that we don't run out of supplies this time. With your support, I intend to continue this program throughout the summer. We now have a beautiful rack in our "Pub" to store our beer Steins. So, bring one of your own and leave it there. This adds to the decoration of the room and makes you a **real** Stammtisch-member!

Tschüß, till then,

—Fred...



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News in Arts

The Board of Directors has approved the Presidents' request for a brainstorming session and set the date for Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 AM in the Weinkeller of the GAST Center.

It will be moderated by a professional facilitator with experience in organizational workshops. Our goal is to get a better understanding of what our mission is and to establish a plan for the future of our Society.

Every member in good standing is invited. We need your input and you will have a chance to voice your opinion and ideas. Please call the GAST Office at 744-6998 and leave a message or call one of the Presidents to discuss it.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to our request for matching funds to the En-

dowment Trust, and I am happy to report that we have not only matched but exceeded the amount pledged.

And most of all, I would like to thank you for your trust and support during the 2000-2001 season, for the many volunteer hours and great ideas. It was a pleasure to serve as the Arts President and I am looking forward to another year of working with you.

—Arnold Bieber

Konversationsrunde

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The last meeting of the year before the start of summer vacations was at **Margaret Schmidts'**. We thank Margaret for her hospitality and delicious foods.

I presented a program on the history of Hummel figurines, which stimulated much interest. I am sad to report that after many years of faithful service **Jutta Tankersley** has decided to retire as the chair of Konversationsrunde. We give her our deepest and sincerest thanks for a job well done.

As the previous co-chair, I will be taking over as the chair and I must admit that it will be hard to follow in Juttas' footsteps. **Arnold Bieber** has graciously volunteered to be the co-chair. Our next meeting will be September 9, when meet at the home of **Dr. and Mrs. Charles Weber** who have generously

opened their home for our first meeting of the Fall. At this meeting we traditionally gather to talk about our trips and vacations that we have taken over the past year.

I wish everyone a pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you again this fall.

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: Barbara Conrad 492-3273 (Chair) or Arnold Bieber 357-9156 (Co-Chair).

—Barbara Conrad

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Membership News

We welcome these new members
into the GAST Family

Dann Bjorklund (Topeka, KS)
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The GAST Sanger



June Notes

On May 22 in Sand Springs
We did sing
At the Clyde Boyd Jr. High

I hope we did inspire
the 8th & 9th grade choir.

The August Echo will state
Our return date.

Have a "sizzlin'" summer
and watch out for sunburn.

For questions or information, please call me
at 663-9573

—Teresa Gallagher

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Calling all Cooks!

Our long overdue GAST cookbook needs more recipes. We are trying to have it ready to sell at Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt.

If you have any favorite German recipes that have been in your family, we would love to publish them in our GAST cookbook. You would be given credit, of course.

Please send all recipes to the office, e-mail to gas-tulsa@juno.com, fax 744-6998 or bring them along to any function.

Danke und Tschüß,

Weinkeller Abend

If you haven't yet attended one of the Friday evening functions in the Weinkeller, you're really missing out. It's low key, plenty of time to sit and visit with friends, play games, watch videos, listen to music, dance if you like – no reservations, no charge. Snacks and drinks are available. The June 22nd Weinkeller Abend will be hosted by **Irmgard and John Toschik**.

If you have a game you would like to play, a video to view, some music you would like to hear and share, bring them with you.

Hope to see you there!

A Message from the Operating Committee

We have scheduled our next Work Day for Thursday, June 28 beginning at 8:30 AM. Yes, Thursday a week-day! The Center is booked for the following Saturday. Our recent Work Day was very productive but there are always things that need attention. There are large and small projects and we will find one for you.

All members are invited. Please check your calendar and plan to help maintain our beautiful Center. Volunteers are requested to bring small hand tools and work gloves. Cleaning supplies, repair materials and pizza for lunch will be provided.

—John Millar

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Editor's Comments

Hi, Everybody! I'm back and Rübezahl didn't get me. In fact, he was kinda nice. I think he mellowed some since the old days. When we were up in the mountains, looking at a neat wooden church, with a bunch of other tourists, he came out of the woods ☺ and even posed for pictures!



In case you don't know the story about the guy, here's the gist of his problems:: Loosely translated, his name means: "he who counts beets". The story goes that a mountain man living in the wilds of the mountains captured a woman and kept her to make her his wife. She, however, had other ideas. She tricked him by demanding that he count the number of beets in a nearby field and if was able to count all the beets, she would stay with him. She escaped while he foolishly complied. This deception made him so angry and embarrassed that he continued for years to haunt the place and scare anyone away who dares to enter his domain.

As you can see, the old guy is kinda cool and tame nowadays. Anyway, we had a grand time poking around in the old sod. We and nine million other Germans were urged to leave there in 1946 and I hadn't been back since then. I found everything like we left it except that they had discontinued streetcar service and were using busses instead. Most of the coal mines had shut down too.

I found my school, my apartment building, my grandparents' places, and all the stores we used to frequent. One store particularly: in my time it was called the "Konsum". Konsum is a German name and means co-op. To my surprise, the store was still in operation and, surprisingly, it was still called Konsum. We went inside and thru my Polish friend, who had accompanied us, we told the lady my story. She told us that when she took over the store some years ago, she was going to change the name to something Polish. But her customers insisted that it remain Konsum.

Well, I am pleased that I got to see the old place again, but I'm glad I don't live there anymore. I'll have complete trip report on our GAST website soon <http://www.gastulsa.org>

Tschüß

Sister City Partnership Report

A group of 26 Volunteer Fire department. personnel from Tulsa's newest sister city, Celle, Germany, will be arriving on July 17 in Tulsa and will be staying until July 31. The group consists of 8 adults, 5 teenagers, and 13 youngsters between the ages of 11 and 15.

We are asking for your help to provide home-stays for these folks from Celle. We are especially looking for families with children in the same age bracket. All of the kids have taken English in school and thus understand English.

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**Junior League and GAST Project for
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER**



The joint GAST-Junior League project to celebrate the International Year of the Volunteer met with great success.

Thanks to all of you who participated by donating stuffed animals for children in shelters. With funding from our Board of Directors for toothbrushes and toothpaste, purchased through the office of Dr. Michael Spradlin, donations from Garbe's, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and our membership, we were able to contribute to backpacks for children filled with soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, blankets, crayons, books and because of your generosity, a stuffed animal for each.

Because our organization contributed more than any of the others, we were given the majority of the backpacks for distribution to the shelters of our choice. Accordingly, the backpacks were given to the Laura Destin DHS shelter, the Assistance League, and the remainder to the Rainbow Care Room which provides shelter for children from DVIS, Family and Children's Services, the Parent Child Center of Tulsa, and several other organizations. The few teddy bears too large to fit into the backpacks were donated to the Tulsa Police Department through Captain Rod Hummel for police squad cars.

This has been a gratifying and worthwhile project for GAST. It has given us an opportunity to become aware of the great needs existing in our community and we hope, to put a smile on a child's face who has not many reasons to smile. Perhaps we can undertake another project in the future, maybe just GAST and not with another organization. Let's think about it! Again, thanks for your help.

—Lois Voeller
—Ursula Andress
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The Tulsa Fire Department has been in touch with its counterpart in Celle, working on an educational and training program for the group.

If you are willing to host members or families of this group, or for further information and suggestions, please contact Debra Bailey, Public Education Officer of the Tulsa Fire Department at 596-7363 or FAX: 596-1297 or E-Mail: dbailey@ci.tulsa.ok.us

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