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Celle anno 1845

A view of the Rathaus (City Hall) on the right.

This beautiful city with its surrounding villages had a population of about 15,000. Its people and those in the whole region around nearby Hannover were renowned for their clear and accurate pronunciation of the German language. Celle was a city of culture and art.

The rivers Alle and Leine were used to transport goods to Bremen and Hannover respectively.

When in Germany, we hope that you will have an opportunity to visit this lovely town—Tulsa's Sister City!

Events Calendar

Aug 3	Stammtisch	Dec 16	Advent Service
Aug 12	Ice Cream Social	Dec 31	New Year's party
Aug 17	Organ Society recital	Jan 19	Anniversary Ball
Aug 25	ThinkTank – see page 7	Feb 9	Fashioning Ball
Sep 7	Stammtisch	Mar 16	Open
Sep 9	Konversationsrunde	Apr 20	Open
Sep 15	Weinfest party	Mai 11	Maiball
Oct 5	Stammtisch	Jun ?	GAST Picnic
Oct 7	German-American Day	Sep 21	Open
Oct 14	Konversationsrunde	Oct 26	Oktobertfest party
Oct 27	Oktobertfest party	Nov 9	Coronation Ball
Nov 2	Stammtisch	Dec 6 – 8	Christmas Market
Nov 10	Coronation Ball	Dec 14	Christmas party
Nov 11	Konversationsrunde	Dec 15	Adventfeier
Nov 30 – Dec 2	Christmas Market	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Dec 7	Stammtisch		
Dec 8	Christmas party		
Dec 9	Konversationsrunde		

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The President's Report to the Membership

Although I was in Europe during the July Board meeting buying goods for Christkindlmarkt and German Trachten for Oktoberfest I will try to bring everyone up to speed with what has been going on in the Society and on the Board.

I am very excited about some of the new items we were able to acquire to offer at Christkindlmarkt. Additions this year will be Plauen Lace and lace ornaments, a new line of miniature wood ornaments, greeting cards and an expanded variety of cookies and sweets.

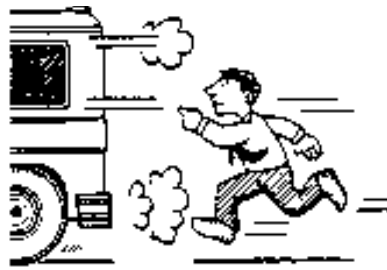
My efforts to obtain "gently used" dirndls for both ladies and girls were successful. I brought back over 40 dirndls. These will be available for members to purchase as well as the Oktoberfest volunteers later this month. For details, see additional article in this issue.

Please do not forget to make plans to attend our "Think Tank" meeting on August 25 to give your input to the direction of the Society should take.

Anyone who would like to have more participation in the activities of GAST and help on our committees need only to ask. Working together on a committee can be an enjoyable experience. More working committee members make less work for each and more make it enjoyable for all. Having more members, more actively involved and serving on committees is one of my goals as President. Please let me know where you would like to be involved.

The GAST Boards hosted the Celle, Germany Youth Firefighters group and their host families for an Ice Cream Social and tour of our beautiful building on July 26. Thanks **Doris Gallagher** for taking charge of this project. We extend our condolences and sympathy to the **Bill Leitch** family. **Hazel Leitch** died quite suddenly on July 17. The summer months have taken its toll on several of our members and their families. Best wishes for speedy recover-

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ies from some major and some minor illnesses to **Stan Conrad, Frieda Kimberlin, Franz Harms, Jack Wynn, Mitch Dittus, son of Dottie and Jim Dittus**. If you know of others who are having problems please notify our "Sunshine Lady", **Reba Schaffner** so that she can send a card to express the interest of GAST in their members.

On a brighter note, I hope to see of you at the upcoming GAST events and especially at the Ice Cream Social on August 12.

Bis später...

—Carol Wright

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News in Arts

The Arts committees have been busy planning the fall and spring 2002 activities. Here are some of the events we have been working on:

Organ Recital. A joint project with the Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, scheduled for Friday, August 17, 7:30 PM (See separate article in this issue of the Echo).

German-American Day on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00. This year's entertainment will be furnished by a Blaskapelle (Brass Band) from Celle, Germany. We are looking forward to their visit. If you would like to host one or more of this group, please call the office at 744-6998 or event chairman **Claus Greiner** (455-3096). They will arrive on October 2 and leave October 10. This is part of the Celle Sister City Exchange program and they are sure to delight you with some old fashioned march music and German folk songs.

Flute Concert, Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 PM. Renowned flutist Isabelle Schnoeller from Basel, Switzerland has agreed to perform for us at the GAST Center. This visit was arranged in cooperation with the Goethe Center Dallas. Look for details in future issues of the ECHO.

Adventsfeier, Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM. We have a promise of a native German minister from Celle. **Barbara Conrad** will chair this event.

For an entertaining and educational afternoon and a chance to refresh your knowledge of German you might want to attend our next *Konversationsrunde* on Sunday, September 9, at the home of **Dr. Charles and Marion Weber** at 2446 E. 22nd Place, at 3 PM. **Barbara Conrad** and **Helga Greiner** are chairing/co-chairing *Konversationsrunde* this year.

German language classes will start on September 25 and Kinderdeutsch on September 22. Details to follow. I have some information on requests for host families for high school exchange students from Germany and other countries. Please call me at 357-9156 if you are interested.

Our future depends on you! We need your thoughts and ideas always, but especially on Saturday, August 25, 9 AM (see article on page 7)

—Arnold Bieber

Konversationsrunde

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

This popular program is in recess until September 9th

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 **Helga Greiner**

at 455-3096

—Barbara Conrad

**We welcome this new member
to the GAST Family**

Hildegard Traver
12843 E. 133rd St.
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STAMMTISCHRUNDE



Hey, guys!

I hope you can make it on Friday, August 3, starting at 6:30 PM. Claus Greiner will preside in my absence.

Zum Wohl!

—Fred...

The Sunshine Lady

Please call or E-mail me if you know of a GAST member who is ill. Also, please let me know if it is appropriate to send a Sympathy card.

Thank you.

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—Reba Schaffner

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July Notes



A Christmas CD
We plan to tape!
We hope
it turns out great!

On Thursday, Aug. 2
Rehearsals will resume
In the GAST Center.
The time will be
From 7 to 9 PM.

We invite you to join our crew.

For questions or further information
Please call me at 663-9573.

—Teresa Gallagher

**There will be no Weinkellerabend
for July and August.**

**We will resume this popular event
in September.**

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I sadly to report the death of one of our members.
Hazel Leitch passed away this week.

A prayer service was held at Holy Family Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening July 19 .

The Funeral service was held at Holy Family Cathedral Friday, July 20, 10 AM.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Bill and his family.

—Carol Wright

I scream for Ice Cream

Come join us for Ice cream and cookies.

August 12, 2001 from 3 PM to 6 PM.

Our Weinkeller Abend for August will look strangely like a Sunday Afternoon Ice Cream Social. Bring the Children and grandchildren and treat yourselves to a cool relaxing afternoon of fellowship, games, music and some children's activities.

Bring along some topping, cookies or cake to share and we will supply the Ice Cream. No reservation is required, there will be no charge, but donations will be appreciated. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

—The Weinkeller Committee

The elusive GAST Cookbook!

We received only three recipes last month.
Please, we need more!

Tschüß

—Irmgard Toschik

See also the article by **George Starch III** on page 6 about our Cookbook saga.

Progress Report on Stan Conrad

To all of Stan and Barbara's friends, I spoke to Barbara last night, 11 PM German time. Stanley was scheduled to be operated at 3 PM as the last surgery of the day. Nevertheless, she had just heard from the Surgeon who performed the operation. The operation went well, however the surgeon told Barbara that the tumor was larger than expected and that it was probably an older tumor that had been growing for some time.

The good news is that liver and lungs are still unaffected but the surgeon was concerned about tiny lymph knots visible in the surrounding area. He could not give Barbara a more specific diagnosis and said they have to wait for the pathology report which will take almost a week before it is completed. He did say that Stanley would have to undergo Chemo therapy.

When I spoke to Stanley yesterday morning before the surgery, he asked me to tell you how touched he was by the many, many loving cards and letters of support and well wishes he had received from his friends here in Tulsa. He wishes to thank each and everyone and asked that we keep him in our prayers. Barbara said that although all is still very uncertain, they are planning to return in late August.

—Barbara Taron

A little Cookbook History

About fourteen years ago, when I joined GAST, I heard that various members had tried, unsuccessfully, to put together a GAST cookbook. As one who had been raised in the bar-and-restaurant business, I felt the cookbook was right down my alley. I didn't have a Committee; I wasn't appointed by anyone; I just took on the job by myself. As some of you long-time members will recall, I pestered you at every meeting we had, handing out recipe-forms and forever asking for more recipes.

Several years later, I realized that I had collected about 400 recipes, and it might be time to have my former secretary enter them into my tour business system. It was interesting to find that we had six recipes for German Potato salad—and we found that we even had many non-German recipes. As I began to run out of storage, I asked my secretary to make some room deleting all at my tour company data from the system. Then it happened. Everything got deleted, including my recipes. My dream of being able to single-handedly produce our cookbook was gone. That's when I asked other members to give me a hand entering recipes into the format we had utilized.

Needless to say, not unlike the experience reported by Irmgard Toschik in last month's ECHO, I got very few volunteers. As a result, I allowed the project to go dormant. Recently, Irmgard asked if she could help with the cookbook, since she had the time and interest. Naturally, I said "yes" and gave her the entire hard-copy file. Since I had started this, I plan to stay on the project editorially. Irmgard is progressing with the entries, but still needs more authentic recipes. Please help!

—George Starch III

Pipe Organ Music

On Friday, August 17, at 7:30 PM, the Sooner State Chapter of the American Theater Organ Society will have a meeting and informal performance at the GAST Center. You and your guests are invited to attend an evening of musical variety including performance on our pipe organ by professional organists and organ enthusiasts.

Come and enjoy the music and meet the kind people who restored and maintain our pipe organ. Refreshments will be served.

—John Millar



ThinkTank

When the German-American Society of Tulsa was formed in 1980, we stated these objectives:

- To uphold and maintain the constitution and laws of the United States of America.
- To promote and maintain German and European culture, customs and language.
- To establish and maintain a cultural and social organization for the accommodation, recreation and convenience of the members.
- To refrain from any political or religious activity. These areas are not the concern of the Society unless activities of a member in this area tend to bring discredit upon the Society.
- To unite our members into a respected, influential and friendly organization.

For 21 years, we have worked toward achieving these objectives. Perhaps now is the time to expand into other areas while continuing to hold fast the objectives of the Society.

Accordingly, on August 25th, at 9:00 AM in the Weinkeller, members will have an opportunity to meet with a trained facilitator to discuss ideas for new directions for GAST. Some ideas which have been mentioned are: community involvement, scholarships for students of German language either here in the United States or in Germany, involvement with local companies (i.e., Tulsa Ballet, Tulsa Philharmonic, etc.), how to expand interest in the social activities and ideas to attract and maintain new and younger members and families. Without the input of the membership, our Board is powerless. We are elected to carry out your wishes. After nearly ten years, our beautiful German-American Society Center is nearing the time when it ceases to consume all our resources, and we will be able to use some of our funds for other activities.

Won't you set aside some time on August 25th to come and let us know what you are thinking? Please call the reservations number (744-6998) so we will know how many to expect. We'll be waiting for you.

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