



# Das Deutsche Echo

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The German-American Society Arts Association celebrates:

## German-American Day and the eleventh annual German Unity Day

Sunday, October 7, 2001, at 3 PM at the GAST Center,  
1429 Terrace, Tulsa OK 74104 (on 15th, one block west of Lewis)

**Featuring the Jagdhorn-Bläsercorps**  
from Tulsa's Sister City, Celle, in Germany.

Our Keynote Speaker is Charles E. Wiggin,

Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany



Since 1820, some seven Million Germans have emigrated from the port of Bremerhaven, primarily to the United States. This poignant memorial was erected in Bremerhaven to commemorate the plight of the emigrants. It depicts the father, looking forward to an uncertain life in the new world and the mother, looking back to their homeland they are about to leave behind.

### What's happening at GAST?

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe	Mar 16	Open
Oct 5	Stammtisch—see page 4	Apr 20	Open
Oct 7	German-American Day	Mai 11	Maiball
Oct 14	Konversationsrunde—see page 3	Jun ?	GAST Picnic
Oct 26	Weinkellerabend	Sep 21	Open
Oct 27	Oktoberfest party—see page 7	Oct 26	Oktoberfest party
Nov 2	Stammtisch	Nov 9	Coronation Ball
Nov 10	Coronation Ball	Dec 6 – 8	Christmas Market
Nov 11	Konversationsrunde	Dec 14	Christmas party
Nov 30 – Dec 2	Christmas Market	Dec 15	Adventfeier
Dec 7	Stammtisch	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Dec 8	Christmas party		
Dec 9	Konversationsrunde		
Dec 16	Advent Service		
Dec 31	New Year's party		
Jan 19	Anniversary Ball		
Feb 9	Fasching Ball		

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## The President's Report to the Membership

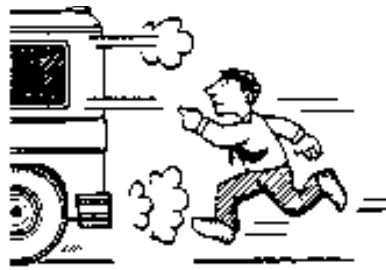
Dear GAST Members,

The safe, secure world as we have all come to take for granted has changed. The events of September 11 in New York and Washington DC has left us all in a state of uneasiness and shocked. I have received many messages, especially from Germany, expressing their grief, shock and condolences. This tragedy has also left them uneasy. Events in Germany, both public and private, have been cancelled if they are any kind of a celebration. The many friends of GAST and our families in Germany want us to know that they are with us in mind and spirit. The Germans have been drawn together by this tragedy. Their alliance with Americans regarding what must be done has unified them. Hopefully this fact will be one of the good things to come from something so bad.

The GAST International Weinfest was held on a more solemn note. The turnout was over 100 with guests from the Italian Club, Friends of Czechs and Slavs, Celle Partnership, Swiss Club, Norwegian Club in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the large variety of food that was brought to share. I think everyone also appreciated the opportunity to just visit since we cancelled the band and the dancing and provided light classical background music. Thanks **Christy Collins and Theresa & John Gallagher** for planning and conducting a nice party.

Remember to signup for your favorite shift at Oktoberfest. **Doris Gallagher and June Cockrell** are organizing the volunteers. Part of GAST's sponsorship of Oktoberfest includes a one half page ad in the program. We have chosen to promote our next big event in this ad, Christkindlmarkt. Don't forget to show your support of the GAST Singers and Folk Dancers by attending the Oktoberfest opening program on Thursday, October 20 at 6 PM. The Dancers program times are listed in the Folk Dancers article of this issue of the Echo.

Don't miss the bus!  
Echo Deadline is:  
**October 19**



Speaking of Christkindlmarkt, look for our long awaited GAST Cookbook and a Christmas CD by the GAST Sänger.

We held the first session of our "Think Tank" program on August 25. There were 43 members in attendance. I believe that this represents a respectable number of members who choose to join in and offer their ideas on the future direction of GAST. Subsequent meetings were held on September 15 and 29 to organize, prioritize and plan the implementation of the ideas presented. By the next issue of the ECHO I should have a more informative report on this matter. We will definitely be able to fill you all in at the General Membership Meeting in November. This meeting is tentatively set for November 18.

Hope to see you all at the Tulsa Oktoberfest and then the following weekend at the GAST Oktoberfest.

—Carol Wright

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## News in Arts

For than 300 years, Germans have come to this country to make a new life for themselves and have contributed in many ways so that it may continue to be a bastion of freedom and the land of opportunity. The German-American Society Arts Association will celebrate **German-American Day** on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 PM. Ten members from the Jagdhorn-Bläserkorps from Celle, Germany will join us in this celebration. I would like to thank all the host families who have invited our guests into their homes and are furnishing transportation and meals to make this a memorable trip for our visitors. There are a lot of expenses involved with an event like this, and we appreciate your generous contributions.

Our next major event is the **Flute Concert**, Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 PM. Renowned flutist Isabelle Schnoeller from Basel, Switzerland and pianist

Juergen Kruse will visit and perform for us at the GAST Center. A program and additional detail has been posted on the website ([www.gastulsa.org](http://www.gastulsa.org)). I would like to thank **Lois Voeller** for agreeing to chair this event.

**Our Adventsfeier** will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM. **Barbara Conrad** will chair this event and provide detailed information when it is available.

—**Arnold Bieber**, President  
Arts Association

## Konversationsrunde

Die  
Deutsche  
Konversations-  
Runde

It seemed that many of us were ready for a new season. Thanks to all who came and shared their vacation experiences with us. We wish to express a special thanks to our hosts, **Dr. Charles and Marion Weber**, who treated us very well - again!

Please note the date and place of our next meeting:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, at 3 PM. Claus and Helga Greiner** are inviting our group to their home in Broken Arrow, 509 E. Winston Circle, phone no: 455-3096. They will not only provide refreshments, but they will also take us on a "**CRUISE ON THE YANGTZE RIVER**". We hope to see you there.

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: **Helga Greiner** at 455-3096(Co-chair), or **Barbara Conrad** 492-3273 (Chair).

—**Helga Greiner**

**We welcome these new members  
to the GAST Family**

Lorrie Colgrove (Springfield, MO.)  
Steve Colgrove (Stuttgart, Germany)  
11805 E. Freedom Dr.  
Claremore, OK. 74017  
Tel. 918-343-1380

Ursula Klingenberg (Bonn, Germany)  
1407-A E. 39th Street  
Tulsa, OK. 74105  
Tel. 745-6613



**The GAST Sanger**

*October Notes*



The taping of our Christmas CD  
Has come to an end.  
Now Oktoberfest is just around the bend.

Hope the weather is at its best  
When we sing for many Oktoberfests.

We plan to see  
Many smiling faces  
At the places where we will be:

- Oct 5 Franciscan Villa
- Oct 13 St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
- Oct 18 Tulsa Oktoberfest opening
- Oct 27 GAST Oktoberfest party

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

—Teresa Gallagher



**Stammtischrunde**



Hey, guys!

It's time to congregate again on Friday,  
October 5, starting at 6:30. You may have  
noticed that I had laid out coasters  
(Bierdeckel) for everyone last month.

These were a gift from our friends in our sister city of  
Celle in Germany. Feel free to take one home with you.  
Every pub in Germany uses these coasters to soak up  
drippings of beer. Let us observe that custom also to  
keep our Stammtisch clean.

Zum Wohl!

—Fred...

**Oktoberfest Polka Mass**

You are cordially invited to our Ninth Annual Oktoberfest  
Polka Mass on Sunday, October 21st starting at 11:00 A.M.  
Location: Bier Garten, Celebrant: Father Bill Hamill  
Everyone is Welcome!

—Nick Kerpon

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## Gast Cookbook

Many thanks to all who turned in their recipes. We received enough to publish our cookbook. It is in the process of being published and it should be available for purchase at our Christkindlmarkt.

Tschüß,

—Irmgard Toschik

## Three Men in a Tub

Rub a dub dub—three men in a tub. We need more than three (wo)men because we have more than one tub to clean to get ready for the O'fest. Please come and help.

Saturday, October 6th, nine a. m at the GAST garage. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

**Don't let the tub sink! Be there!**



## German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

### Announcing:

Monday October 1, starting at 6:30 PM

Carolin Reiber praesentiert  
**Die Volkstümliche Hitparade 6**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Zwei Preussen auf der Alm**

Starring Beppo Brehm, Anita Gutwell,  
Helmut Schneder, Willy Millowitsch  
and Liesl Karlstadt



## 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.

Phone 496-2304

E-mail -- GASTwo@aol.com

—Reba Schaffner

## GAST needs Volunteers at Oktoberfest

Calling all GAST members...and their families and friends....to give a few hours of your time to work in our booths in the GAST Biergarten or Esszelt during this year's Oktoberfest from Wednesday, Oct. 17 (Corporate night) until Sunday, Oct. 21. Please call me at 743-5310 to discuss your desired shift or position or sign up at the German-American Day celebrations, Sunday, Oct. 7.

We will have a free shuttle service from Thursday through Sunday between the GAST Center and the Oktoberfest site; so, parking should not be a problem. Remember, anyone who worked a full shift at will be admitted free to our own Oktoberfest Party on Oct. 27—and you'll feel great for having contributed to GAST's number one fundraiser.

—Doris Gallagher

## What "Ales" Germany? Beer Sales are falling

Horrors! Beer consumption dropped 4.3 percent in the first half of this year to 1.4 billion gallons! That is 63.4 million gallons less than in the same period last year!

Bad weather and a belated summer was allegedly to blame keeping consumers away from outdoor beer gardens. Also cutting consumption, were a more health-conscious public and changing work habits, as fewer people do manual labor nowadays, **where beer-drinking is a break-time tradition.**

Moreover, it was reported that where German households in the recent past would stock three cases of beer in the home, they now only keep one case on hand. "Drinking beer used to be people's idea of a leisure activity", said Lothar Ebberts, head of the Brewing Association in Bavaria. "Now," he says, " people go to a fitness center, then to an internet café and drink diet coke. Some people think that it's wrong to sit in front of a TV and drink two beers", he says!?

## Folk Dancers are getting ready for a big fall season

We have two new dances that we learned at the workshop of the North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups held in Houston this past summer. One is from Bohemia and the other is Schwabian.

Our first performance will be September 29 for a Lutheran church group at the Miller's Farm in Broken Arrow. We start October with our annual appearance along with the GAST singers at the Franciscan Villa on October 5. That is followed by a trip to Ponca City to appear twice at their Oktoberfest on October 6. Another performance will be given October 12 at the Francis Streitel Nursing Home in Collinsville. Then comes the Tulsa Oktoberfest. We welcome anyone wishing to show your support and watch us dance. We are scheduled for the opening ceremonies on Thursday, October 18, 6:00 PM and again at 8:15 PM in the Esszelt. On Sunday, October 21 we will appear again in the Esszelt at 1:30 PM. I expect to have the Kinder Dance Group ready to join us at the Sunday performance and at the GAST Oktoberfest on October 27.

Don't; forget to join us at the GAST Oktoberfest on October 27 in the GAST Center.

Our practice sessions are normally on Fridays from 7 till 9 PM in the GAST Center unless we are presenting a program at another location. Come join us for a little exercise and lots of fun.

—Carol Wright

## Oktoberfest Party

Come join us as we celebrate our in-house Oktoberfest on the 27th of October. Karl Waldbauer and the Polka Kings will provide the music for the evening.

Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost is \$15 per person. Those who worked a full shift at the Tulsa Oktoberfest will be admitted free.

### Menu

#### Schnitzel

Bratkatoffeln (home fries)  
Grüner Salat (green salad)  
Brot und Butter (bread & butter)  
Apfelstrudel for dessert

Please make your reservation by calling the Message Center at 744-6998, no later than Wednesday, the 24th.

If, after having made your reservation, you find that you can't attend after all, please be sure to cancel! Thanks.

Many thanks to all who came to our Wein party. Despite the recent tragedy, we came together and enjoyed each others company—and some excellent food.

— Teresa Gallagher

## German “Audio Gruppe” Builds “Acoustic Clothing!”

Living Arts of Tulsa, a nonprofit, arts organization is bringing one of the most creative German performance artist groups to Tulsa: “Die Audio Gruppe” will present a workshop on building “Electro Acoustic Clothing” on Monday, October 1, at 7:00 PM at Living ArtSpace, 308 S. Kenosha Ave, Tulsa, Ok. This gets the community involved with the artists early in the week.

Some of the workshop participants will actually perform with “Die Audio Gruppe” in their performances!

Also scheduled are the following performances:

- an outdoor mini performance at Bartlett Square downtown on Wednesday, 12:00 noon
- an indoor mini-performance at Tulsa Promenade (41st & Yale) on Thursday, 6:00 PM
- an outdoor mini-performance at Utica Square for the Arts Festival, mid afternoon
- two performances on Friday, October 5, at 8:00 PM and Saturday, October 6, at 8:00 PM at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Doenges Theater.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Liggett at either 585-1234 or [steve@livingarts.org](mailto:steve@livingarts.org)



Panorama of  
  
Cologne  
  
along the Rhine River

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**Hello friends,**

Tulsa's Oktoberfest 2001 is the Oktoberfest for the new millennium. Tulsa's Oktoberfest is one of the best in the world. The fine arts, arts and crafts, and German collectibles are truly outstanding. The authentic German food would give Munich's Oktoberfest a real run for its money. If German clothing is of interest to you, whether it be a Dirndl dress, fine lace blouse, Lederhosen, matching shirts, Tyrolean hat, hat pins or 'Trachten' jewelry, you'll find it all at Tulsa's Oktoberfest 2001. Don't forget the great Oktoberfest souvenir beer steins and T-shirts.

If you are one of the few who has never been to one of Tulsa's Oktoberfests, you certainly owe it to yourself to join us at this year's festival. For those who have attended the fun in years gone by, I assure you that this year's Oktoberfest will be bigger and better than ever. It's a great way for the whole family to have fun together and expose the youngsters to music from far-away places. Come see meine Frau, Hannelore, and me at Tulsa's Oktoberfest, Thursday, October 18th through Sunday, October 21st, and let's do the Chicken Dance. Oktoberfest in Tulsa is WUNDERBAR!

—**Jim Giles**

**Our Honorary Chairman, Tulsa Oktoberfest**

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