

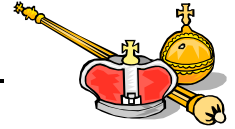


Das Deutsche Echo

November 2001

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Merriment & Foolishness



We will hold our seventh annual Coronation Ball, to celebrate the crowning of this year's Prinz and Prinzessin, at the GAST Center on November 10th, and we hope you will be able to join us for a great evening of food, dancing and entertainment.

We know that everyone is looking forward to find out the identity of this year's Prinz and Prinzessin. The Elferrat committee selects this couple to pay tribute for their service and loyal membership to the German-American Society through the years. While Karnival represents "Merriment" and "Foolishness", the honor for the chosen is very sincere.

We have invited several German-American organizations to join us for this festive occasion.

Activities begin with dinner at 6:30 PM

Menu

Rouladen with Spätzle

Red Cabbage

Bread & Butter

Dessert

"The Kings of Music" will provide our dance music. We will also hold a raffle and present special entertainment during the evening. The cost is \$15 per person for dinner and dance, and \$7 for the dance only.

Please make your reservation by calling the Message Center at 744-6998, no later than Wednesday, November 9th.

Come and celebrate the beginning of the traditional Karneval season with us.

**—Harold Wicks for
the Elferrat Committee**

What's happening at GAST?

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

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The President's Report to the Membership

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended the International Weinfest evening at GAST on September 15 we were able to donate \$323.80 to the American Red Cross for the New York Relief fund.

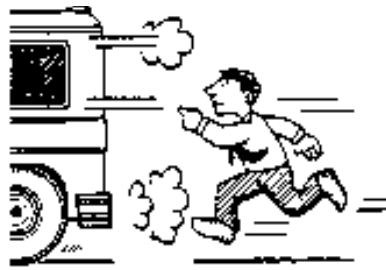
Well, Oktoberfest is behind us. Preliminary reports indicate that sales this year were better than last year's. We were blessed with wonderful weather and a very good crew of volunteers. I want to thank each and every one of the 150 plus volunteers - both members and non-members who helped make the difference. I would like to give a special thanks to Oktoberfest chairman, **Jim Walker** for organizing the whole thing. There will be a debriefing soon to discuss everything that went right or wrong and hear any ideas or suggestions anyone might have. If you would like to attend please call the Message Center this week and leave your name. We will then notify you when a date and time are set.

I would like to offer sincere sympathy and condolences to the families of **Donald Beaver, Ellie Perner and Emma Hofsess**. These members passed away during the past month.

Please make plans to attend the General Membership meeting on November 18. We should have better figures on the success of Oktoberfest and review the activities of the Society this year. We will also report on the progress made during the "Think Tank" sessions that are still in process.

Don't forget that our next FUNdraising activity is the Christkindlmarkt on November 29, December 1 and 2. **Hannalore Giles** is the General Chair of this activity. If you would like to be a part of this activity call the message center and make yourself known. If you have no time to volunteer, that's ok too. Just make a point to come to the Markt to shop and enjoy the beautifully decorated GAST Center. We have added some new German items and increased our selection of cookies and sweets available. The first CD recorded by the GAST Sanger will be available to purchase as

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Echo Deadline is:
November 16



well as the first edition of the GAST Cookbook.

If you haven't taken a look at the GAST Web site lately you might like to see the changes that have been made. If you like it be sure to tell **John Toschik**. Visits to the Web site have been increasing on a regular basis. The address is www.gastulsa.org. Thanks to **John Toschik** for creating and maintaining the site. It is proving to be a good marketing tool for GAST, the GAST Center and our activities.

This is your organization. Let me hear your ideas for its growth and improvement.

Till next month.

—Carol Wright

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News in Arts

German-American Day was a great success thanks to a hard working Cultural & Educational Committee, headed by Chairman **John Millar**, many volunteers and, of course, our guests the Jagdhornbläsercorps from Celle/Germany. (see picture on the back page)

They were a delightful group to watch in their sharp uniforms and to listen to when they played their hunter's fanfares and folk songs. For a few days their trip to the United States was placed in doubt by the events in New York City and Washington, DC. But, as Günter Kaufmann, the group leader, so eloquently stated, they were determined to make the trip to represent the strong statement of solidarity Germany shares with the United States.

Not only did they play for us at the GAST Center, they also played for a Celle/Tulsa Sister City Partnership meeting, the Royal Bavarian Restaurant in Moore, OK, Fellowship Lutheran Church, two local schools and on Bartlett Square, downtown Tulsa. What great ambassadors for Germany!

The event was made possible by our wonderful host families who contributed their time and hospitality. Thank you very much. Let's not forget the efforts of **Claus Greiner, Barbara Conrad, Fred Rother** and

Doris Gallagher who coordinated the hosting, activities and publicity.

A big thank you goes to Joe Adams of Tulsa Opera for singing the American National Anthem and to Britta Heise who sang the German National Anthem. We would also like to thank Honorary Consul Charles E. Wiggin for agreeing to be our key note speaker.

And to our members, guests and friends: Thank you for helping us celebrate German-American Day and for your monetary contributions.

Our next event is the visit of Swiss flutist Isabelle Schnöller on November 11 at 3 PM. We are looking forward to it. Details in another section of the ECHO.

Please make a note that Adventsfeier has been moved to Sunday, December 9 at 3 PM to be able to have a native German Pastor. **Barbara Conrad** is chairing this event.

Library hours are 2-4 PM, every third Wednesday or as arranged. Please take advantage of this cultural treasure at the GAST Center. We have some wonderful books that are not available anywhere in the city of Tulsa.

—**Arnold Bieber**, President
Arts Association

Speaking German

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

We would like to thank **Claus and Helga Greiner** for hosting the October Konversationsrunde and providing the group with delicious homemade refreshments. If you did not attend "Cruise on the Yangtze River", you missed an interesting and informative presentation. **PLEASE NOTE a change of dates for the next Konversationsrunde meeting.**

We will meet at Gabi Richardson's home at 5827 South Maplewood (telephone 494-3762) on November 4th at 3 PM. **This is a change from the usual 2nd Sunday of the month meeting.** We will have a special presentation "Ein Besuch aus Celle" (a visit from Celle) by Susanne Jungclaus, who is currently teaching at TCC as an exchange instructor from our Sister City Celle.

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 (Co-chair).

—**Barbara Conrad**



The GAST Sanger



November Notes

We welcomed a new member
in late September.

During November
we'll work on
the Christmas songs
we'll sing in December.

As Thanksgiving Day
draws near,
let us be thankful
for all that we hold dear.

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

—Teresa Gallagher

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Stammtischrunde



Hey Guys!

Let's do it again. We meet at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 2nd.

Lest we forget, let's support GAST by feeding our kitty for the drinks we consume.

I've gotten the impression that some people think that this gathering of kindred spirits is conducted in German only—not so, basic English is used, Okie-English also accepted.

Zum Wohl
Fred...

A really big Attaboy!

The membership owes **Warren Wilson** and his merry band of helpers, **John Millar, Jim Walker, Arnold Bieber and Jack Wynn** one really big "at-a-boy" for the many hours of work they did in cleaning all of the GAST grills.

The equipment looks almost like new—a really great job, guys.

—Don Wright



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Monday November 5, starting at 6:30 PM

Carolin Reiber präsentiert

Die Volkstümliche Hitparade 8

Starting at 7:30 PM

Die Sennerin von St. Kathrein

Starring Rudolf Lenz, Gerda Wiedner,
Lotte Ledl and Hanz Putz



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 Folk Dancers

Thanks to the children of the Kinderdeutsch Folkdancers. You did a great job at the Tulsa Oktoberfest and the GAST Oktoberfest party. I had fun teaching you. We will have another session in the Spring.

After several appearances in November at nursing homes the Adult Folk Dancers will be taking a break. We will resume practices immediately after the first of the year with practices scheduled for Friday nights from 7 till 9. We welcome anyone who would like to join the group. Please call the message Center and leave your name if you are interested.

—Carol Wright

Mission accomplished!

Thirteen members attended the Operating Committee workday on September 27. They painted the Stammtisch ceiling, changed filters, trimmed hedges, repaired doors, trimmed the fence line, moved dirt, repaired phone lines, arranged storage areas and attended to the many details necessary to maintain our facilities. This work would have cost GAST several thousand dollars if it were not for their contribution of time and effort.

Sincere thanks to: **Arnold Bieber, Franz and Christel Harms, Fred Kailer, John Millar, George Schaffner, Charles Tegeler, John and Irmgard Toschik, Al and Lois Voeller, Warren Wilson and Jack Wynn.**

—John Millar

Gemütlichkeit revisited

Gemütlichkeit is a German concept that's hard to translate. It contains a little bit of coziness, a little bit of fun, a lot of ambiance, good food, drink—and fantastic fellowship. Combine all these elements and you have a gathering at our **Weinkellerabend**.

We hope to see you on Friday, November 23rd. After a hectic day of Thanksgiving, you'll need a good dose of Gemütlichkeit. Remember, unless otherwise announced, we hold these relaxing gatherings every last Friday of the month.

I hope you can join us then.

—Lois Voeller

Adventsgottesdienst

After an ongoing search since May for a native German-speaking pastor, I am happy to report that Pastor Heinz Oelze from Hannover will join us to officiate at the service. He will be in the USA at this time to visit his daughter in Denver and has agreed to come to Tulsa at his own expense for the occasion.



Because of the time of his visit, we will have to change the time of the event from the 16th of December to the 9th of December.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this authentic German Advent Service.

—Barbara Conrad



The German-American Society Arts Association

is pleased to invite you to a Flute Concert,
featuring the noted Swiss Flutist Isabelle Schnöller,
accompanied on the piano by Jürgen Kruse

This classic event will commence on Sunday, November 11 at 3 PM

at the German-American Society's Activity Center

1429 Terrace Drive,

one block west from Lewis on 15th Street

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

We gratefully accept your donations to defray costs.

Isabelle Schnöller

Isabelle Schnöller has performed throughout Europe and North America and been invited to such prestigious festivals as the Tibor Varga Festival, the International Music Festival Cesky Krumlov and the Berliner Festwochen.

Among her numerous CDs one must note two outstanding performances, recorded live: W.A. Mozart Concerto in G major (derecha) and the W.A. Mozart C major Concerto for Flute and Harp with acclaimed harpist Jana Bouskova (auviex).

Jürgen Kruse

Jürgen Kruse was born in Heidelberg in 1971. His wide musical interest and special talent for contemporary music have led to an active international career including concerts with the SWR-Symphony Orchestra, Freiburg and the Ensemble Modern. He has performed under such outstanding conductors as Peter Eötvös, Pierre André Valade, Peter Fundel and Michael Gielen at the Konzerthaus Vienna, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Alte Oper Frankfurt, the Barbican Center London and the Carnegie Hall New York.

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