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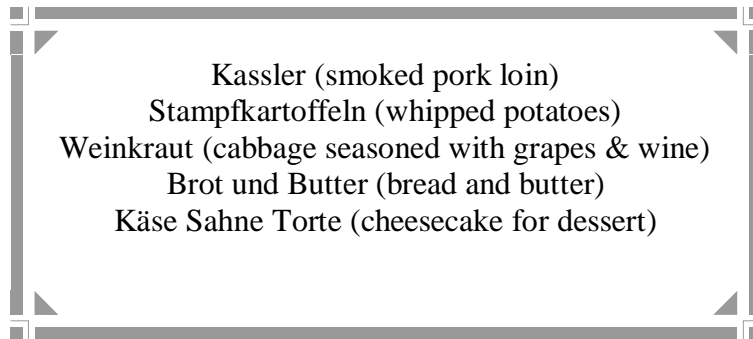
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## Anniversary Party

Please join us at our 22nd Anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 19, 2002.

Social time begins at 6 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30 PM

### The menu



Following dinner, The Kings of Music will provide for our listening and dancing pleasure.

The cost for the evening is \$15.00 per person for the dinner & dance, and \$7.50 dance only. Please make your reservations by calling the Message Center at 744-6998, no later than Wed., Jan. 16, 2002.

—Teresa Gallagher

### What's happening at GAST?

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe—10 AM to 2 PM	Sep 21	Open
		Oct 26	Oktoberfest party
		Nov 9	Coronation Ball
<b>2002</b>		Dec 6 – 8	Christkindlmarkt
Jan 4	Stammtischrunde	Dec 14	Christmas party
Jan 7	Movie Night - se	Dec 15	German-language Advent Service
Jan 25	Weinkellerabend - see page 6	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Feb 9	Fasching Ball		
Mar 16	Open		
Apr 20	Open		
Mai 11	Maiball		
Jun ?	GAST Picnic		

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## The President's Report to the Membership

The New Year has arrived and I am looking forward to another rewarding year at GAST. This past year has been rewarding in friendships, new members, exchanges, cultural programs and continued community involvement. Of course, we must also consider the financial, social and educational growth of the Society.

I am pleased with the progress GAST has made in the first six months of my term and looking forward to picking up a little speed in some areas during the next six months. We have seen the completion and publication of our long-awaited Cookbook. The GAST Sanger produced a wonderful CD of German Christmas music. If you have not purchased your copy of these items, just call the Message Center and that can be arranged.

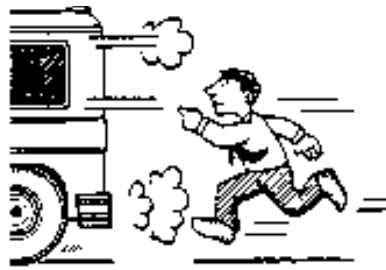
More friendships were established with our Sister City, Celle, as the Jagdhorn Blaser Corps shared their talents and culture with the Tulsa community. We also enjoyed some fine musical entertainment from Organ to Flute concerts.

Thanks to our many volunteers, a "well-oiled" organizational committee, as well as some excellent weather, we completed another Oktoberfest with a very successful financial outcome. The Kinderdeutch Folkdancers again were a hit at Oktoberfest and the GAST Oktoberfest party. Hopefully we can keep that ball rolling with this program for our own "little ones".

Our most recent fund-raising activity, Christkindlmarkt, is becoming increasingly popular. In only our third year, the preliminary figures of the net income produced are almost three times that made for our efforts at Mayfest. We hope to have a report available in the next ECHO.

In an effort to confirm the direction of GAST and renew interest within the organization our "Think Tank" project produced some good ideas. Now in a continuing effort and ongoing exchange of ideas we must develop these ideas

Don't miss the bus!  
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into plans and programs. We still need input and participation from the membership to accomplish this. Even if you missed the initial meetings you are still welcome to join us now. Please watch for notices of upcoming "Think Tank" meetings and plan to attend with your ideas and enthusiasm. I want to give a big Thank You to all who participated in our drive to collect toys for the Rainbow Care Room. St. Nikolaus, (a.k.a Mike Stoops) helped Ursula Andress and me deliver over 50 toys to help brighten Christmas for these little ones.

I did not list individuals or committees responsible for all these accomplishments by name because invariably there is an omission. You each know who you are and you can feel proud of jobs well done. You are appreciated.

—Carol Wright

In case you get this issue prior to New Years Eve, remember our New Year's Eve Party. Please see your December issue for details.

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## News in Arts

2001 was a busy year for **GAST** and **ARTS**. Thanks to the hard work of our committees, volunteers and generous contributors, we were able to sponsor a number of cultural events for the enjoyment of our membership and the general public, starting with the Rose Stone Trio ("Wine and Roses") in February, which was supported by the Oklahoma Arts Council. Another musical trio, KOLORIT from Sachsen-Anhalt, honored us with a return visit in April. In August the American Theatre Organ Society held a mini-concert in our Great Hall.

Then came the September attack on New York and Washington, crippling air traffic and readying our nation for war against terrorism. Our plans to feature the Jagdhornbläsercorps from Celle/Germany for German-American Day seemed in jeopardy. But our visitors were undeterred and became a shining example of Germany's support of the United States. Not only did they perform for us at German-American Day on October 7, but they also delighted hundreds of children and adults with their unique instruments at area schools, a church, a restaurant, and on Bartlett Square. We are grateful for the support from the Tulsa Celle Sister City Partnership.

Another example of international cooperation in the arts was the Classical Flute Concert we enjoyed on November 11. A referral by the Dallas Goethe Center and sponsorship by PRO HELVETIA and the Foundation for the Promotion of the Performing Arts, Zurich/Switzerland and support by

the Swiss Club of Oklahoma made that event possible.

Our annual interdenominational Adventsfeier on December 9th was arranged by **Barbara Conrad** and assisted by **Ursula Andress**. Retired Pastor Heinrich Oelze who worships at the Paul Gerhardt Gemeinde in Hannover/Germany and works with a German-Russian church in Perm/Russia lead the all German service which included our favorite Christmas carols sung by the **GASTSÄNGER** Choir under the direction of **Leon Boggs** who also played the organ. The congregation enjoyed a beautiful solo by **Hannelore Hall** ("Maria durch den Dornwald ging"). She was accompanied by Theresa Wehmeyer on the piano. All contributions collected this day will be donated to Meals on Wheels. Pastor Oelze also gave an interesting report on Monday, December 10, about the rebuilding of the German-Russian congregation and the renovation of the church building and grounds. It was obvious that much work still needs to be done.

I would like to thank all of the members and friends who contributed their time and money to the GAST ARTS ASSOCIATION in 2001. You made it possible to bring the above mentioned cultural events to our city. Let's work together to make 2002 another successful year.

—**Arnold Bieber**, president,  
Arts Association

## Speaking German



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE/EIN GESEGNETS NEUES JAHR

Following our past traditions, we celebrated our Advent meeting at **Elfriede and Harry Rogers'** house. We would like to thank both of them for a wonderful afternoon, which was filled with true Christmas spirit. I saw more than a few tears as we sang Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht.

We will start our new year with a literature afternoon on the 13th of January at Fred and Irene Rother's house ( 232 E. 117th Street , Jenks telephone # 299-4814) from 3 to 5 P.M. **Arnold Bieber** will give a short introduction of the newly revived library. This will be followed by **Helga Greiner** who will present "Aus Liebe zu Lisa" ( out of love for Lisa), which are short stories written by a grandmother to her granddaughter. I hope you will be able to join us.

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*



*January Notes*

Happy New Year!

We've had a busy  
Late summer and fall  
Taping our CD,  
Oktoberfest, Weihnachstfest  
Et al.

We're going to take a Siesta  
'Till after the Fasching fiesta!

The GAST Sanger wish to express their heartfelt thanks to **John Toschik** for his efforts in making the CD for us.

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

—Teresa Gallagher

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

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## **Kinderdeutsch**

This program starts Saturday, January 26, 2002 at 10 AM and runs for eight Saturdays. Enroll your children and grandchildren, 4-12 years old, to learn German songs, words and phrases through playful exercises.

Each 1½ hour session includes 30 minutes of German folk dances, followed by refreshments. The cost is \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members, less \$5 discount each for additional children from the same family.

## **Special Raffle**

The German-American Society Arts Association is holding a special raffle for two one-week vacation units. Two Bedrooms, will accommodate 4-6 people in a beautiful vacation resort chosen by the winner from available locations. \$5 per ticket.

Drawing will be at the New Year's Party on December 31, 2001. These accommodations must be used by January 31, 2002. Please call 744-6998 to reserve your ticket(s). Winner need not be present at the drawing, but wouldn't be great to hear your name called for one of the two prizes?

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## Stammtischrunde

### Hey Guys!

It's time again to gather at the 'Tisch. We'll meet as usual at 6:30 PM on Friday, January 4 to ring in the New Year with some decent suds. Please bring any of your Christmas presents that you think might be of interest to us.



Zum Wohl  
Fred...

### Rainbow Care

Thanks to all who participated by bringing a toy for the Rainbow Care Room. The board had provided money to buy basics for children in need but you, the members, provided the joy of Christmas. It was a huge success and children who seldom have reason to smile were made happy by your contributions. Thanks also to **Mike Stoops** who delivered the toys as St. Nikolaus, to **Ursula Address** who contributed time and effort, and to our President **Carol Wright** for her support and for delivering bags of goodies for the kids.

—Lois Voeller



## German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

### Announcing:

Monday January 7,  
starting at 6:30 PM

### Musikalische Grüße aus Berlin

Starting at 7:30 PM

### Das haben die Mädchen so gern

Starring Peter Craus, Ann Smyrner, Lilly Babs  
and Gus Backus

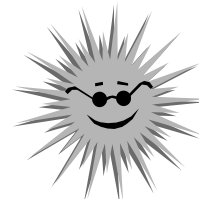


## The Sunshine Lady

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

## Notes from our Pubmeister

I provided the first monthly statement of Bar financials to the board in December 1992. Since then we have used the bar seventy-six times. The calculations are all running totals. Initially the bar showed a decided Plus in donations. I slowly improved the quality of our beverages in an attempt to increase member satisfaction, yet still hoping to break even. This was achieved during 1998.

Since reaching this point, donations have slowly dropped off. As of the close of 1999 donations averaged minus \$7 per event. At the close of 2000, they averaged minus \$9 per event. Now, at the end of 2001 they have averaged minus \$13 per event. Interestingly, Oktoberfest donations are among the best, while January's are the poorest!

Having served as bartender for almost every event, I have observed that members fail to inform guests and new members of our donation policy. As a result, there are many, who feel the drinks are free and the donation-boot serves to gather tips for bar personnel. **Not so!** We ask again that our members need to inform guests and new members of our policy at the bar.

**All monies donated at the bar are deposited directly to GAST to defray the cost of purchasing our quality beverages and snacks.**

—George W. Starch III



## Great GAST Garage Sale!

It is once again time to start preparing for our Spring GAST Arts garage sale. We have tentatively planned this event for April 5, 2002. Please start collecting your white elephants and unwanted Christmas gifts to donate to this important fundraiser. Remember: one man's junk is someone else's treasure. Details to follow in upcoming issues of the Echo.

—Barbara Conrad

## Weinkeller Abend

Friday, January 25, - 5:30 P.M. - ?

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, listen to music, dance if you like – no reservations, no charge. Drinks are available and we always have something to eat. 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!

—Lois Voeller

# THINK TANK

About three-months ago GAST started a project to review our Vision for the organization for the next five to ten years. Due to all the activities for Oktoberfest and the Christmas season we had to slow down the project. Now we want to continue to work on our projects for the future.



We are reviewing and developing a variety of subjects, such as: organizational structure of the organizations, Community services, Culture, Education, Fiscal and Social activities.

In order to do this we need the help of the membership. We need members to participate in this developing and implementation process. **After all it is your organization we want to improve and secure for the future.**

We have set the next meeting for Saturday, January 12, 2002 at 9:00AM in the GAST Center (lower level).

If you are interested in supporting your organization to grow and to be recognized as the "Premier International Organization" in Oklahoma, please join us.

If you have question or recommendations please contact me by phone or e-mail.

I hope to see you all on 1/12/02 in the GAST Center.

## Claus Greiner

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