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Lumpenball

and sumptuous GAST Soup Party

Come one, come all! Don your worst rags and come to the GAST Lumpenball and Super Soup Party March 16, starting at 6:30 PM.; social time is 6:00 PM. Once again we'll sample many of the soups and desserts provided by some of our "GAST Chefs"! If you would like to contribute soup and/or dessert, please contact the Message Center 744-6998 or E-Mail Teresa Gallagher JNGTMSG@aol.com. Cost for this event is \$7.50 per person; one free admission for each soup or dessert donated.



Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Music, Music, Music, as well as by our own **GAST-Kinder Dancers**. **We are also asking you to bring some canned goods that evening to donate to the Tulsa Community Food Bank.** A box will be in the foyer for your donation. Please make your reservations to the Message Center 744-6998 by Wed. March 13, 2002.



Teresa & Christy

Wanted: Maikönigin Nominees

It is time to choose our 2002 May Queen. A candidate must be over 18, personable, willing to wear a dirndl and be able to dance. She will represent GAST for one year in various functions at GAST and in the community. The election will be held during the General Membership meeting on April 28 and the Coronation will be at the Maiball. If you know someone, whom you would like to nominate for this honor, or you would like more information please call the message center at 744-6998 and a member of the Maikönigin Committee will contact you.

Brigitte Phelps, Lou Bonham, and Margaret Schmidt.

What's happening at GAST?

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe—10 AM to 2 PM	Mai 11	Maiball
Mar 1	Stammtisch—see page 5	Jun 30	GAST Picnic
Mar 3	Deutscher Sonntagskaffee—see page 6	Sep 21	Open
Mar 10	Piano Concert—see page 3	Oct 6	German-American Day
Mar 16	Soup Party	Oct 26	Okttoberfest party
Apr 5	Garage Sale—see page 3	Nov 9	Coronation Ball
Mar 17	Konversationsrunde—see page 3	Dec 6 – 8	Christkindlmarkt
Mar 26	Trip to Moore— see page 3	Dec 14	Christmas party
Apr 14	Konversationsrunde	Dec 15	German-language Advent Service
Apr 20	Concert at the Brady—see page 7	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Apr 21	Barthelmes foundation—see page 3		
May 5	Konversationsrunde		

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The President's Report to the Membership

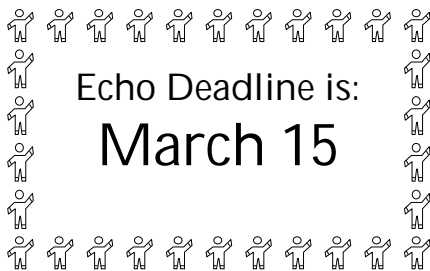
Dear Members,

Though winter is still with us the activities of GAST have not slowed down. The casual evenings of Weinkellerabend and Stammtisch continue to be popular. If you have not taken the opportunity to take part in these once a month activities you should consider it. If these are not convenient maybe the newly approved Deutscher Sonntagskaffe (German Sunday Coffee) will be of interest to you. Thanks to **Helga Greiner and Fred Rother** for co-chairing this new activity. You can find details of this new activity in related article of this Echo issue.

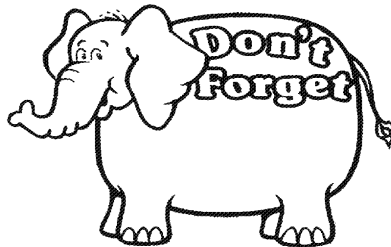
GAST received a visit by the German Consul General Hanno von Graevnitz from Houston and Honorary Consul Wiggin from Oklahoma City. This was not an official visit but more of a social visit to see our beautiful GAST Center. An official visit to GAST will be made by Vice Consul Herrera on March 5. See page seven for details

There were many ingenious costumes with much fun and frivolity at the Fasching party. Although attendance was a littler lower that hoped for, all those who attended appeared to have an enjoyable evening. The juggler was great entertainment and the roast by Prince Charles and Prinzessin Darlene was a great climax to their rein. Thank you Elferrat for another great party.

The Lumpen Ball (Soup Party) will be soon and I am planning on letting the children from Kinderdeutsch entertain you with song and dance.



Echo Deadline is:
March 15



I would like to thank **Brigitte Phelps** for agreeing to chair the Maikönigin selection committee. Give her a call to nominate someone for this honor.

Doris Gallagher has joined **John Toschik** (Web) and **Fred Rother** (Echo) on the Public Relations committee for all three GAST entities. Doris will handle all other media.

The Think Tank is moving into committee formation and activation of some of the ideas that have been suggested. We plan on a full report at the April General Membership Meeting. Plan to be there and hear what is planned for GAST.

Hope to see you there.

—Carol Wright

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News in Arts

Our calendar for the rest of the year is filling up. The Speaker's Bureau is active again under the chairmanship of **Barbara Conrad**. We have had several calls from schools and companies interested in German culture for diversity training.

Our next musical event will take place on March 10, 3:00 PM, at the GAST Center. German Concert Pianist Rüdiger Steinfatt will play sonatas by Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven and Kempff. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of classical music performed by a world renowned musician. Please mark your calendar now, as **there will be no separate mailing for this event**. As always, we will have refreshments after the concert and you will be able to meet Mr. Steinfatt personally.

On Tuesday, March 26, a band called "Out of Bavaria" from Chiemsee, Germany, will be playing Bavarian style country music at the Royal Bavaria, 3401 S. Sooner Rd, Moore OK. For the price of a meal and a home-brewed beer you can enjoy a unique musical experience in a beautiful Bavarian style restaurant. We had intended to bring the group to Tulsa, but they could only travel during Easter school break, which unfortunately did not fit our schedule—maybe next year. However, some of our members will be traveling to Moore, and if you would

like to join them, please call the Message Center at 744-6998.

The Barthelmes Foundation will present a program on Sunday, April 21 at 3 PM at the GAST Center to introduce the Barthelmes Conservatory String Quartet and advanced students of music from Walt Whitman. The Foundation will start a capital campaign to build a new school of music in Tulsa.

We are already working on cultural events to take place in the fall. The American Theatre Organ Society plans to have another mini-concert here on August 16. German American Day is October 6. **Fred Rother** already lined up German-born author Col. Wolfgang Samuel as our keynote speaker. And our participation in Kid's World (November 14-17 at Expo Square) will keep us busy preparing for that event, too.

In case you haven't noticed, we now have a Swiss flag. Thank you very much for your donation, **John and Teresa Gallagher**.

—Arnold Bieber

Speaking German



I would like to thank Oliver Seitz, medical student at OSU-College of Medicine who gave us a lively presentation of the implementation of the Euro. I would also like to thank **Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt** for opening their home to us and graciously hosting this meeting. Our next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on the 17th of March at **Stan and Barbara Conrad's** home located at 7837 South 70th East Avenue. The topic will be the principality of Liechtenstein presented by a native who will give us up-to-date information about this small but vital European country. Please join us for this most interesting discussion.

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

Garage Sale.

Please remember that we will have a garage sale on April 5-6. Drop off of items will be on April 4th and pricing will start on the 5th of April with the actual sale on 5-6. Please start now to collect things that you no longer need and help us to make this a successful fundraiser. We need help for every phase of this operation. If you need help with picking up your things for the garage sale, please contact **Barbara Conrad** (492-3273) and I will try to arrange help.



The GAST Sanger



March Notes

Spring is around the bend
And our break has come
to an end.

On Thurs., March 7, 7:30 p.m.
We'll come back
Ready to get back on track!

To launch our Spring singing,
We'll have a party that evening!

Choir members please bring
Chips, cookies, cake or
Some "goodie" thing!

We especially invite you,
if you are new
to come and join the fun!

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

—Teresa Gallagher

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Garcia, Renate (Germany)
Garcia, Jorge (Bolivia)
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Tulsa, Ok. 74104
749-4470

Haag, Frederick (N.Y.)
1700 Riverside Dr. Apt. 203
Tulsa, Ok. 74119
382-0198

Petersen, Frauke (Flensburg, Germany)
Smith, Steven (Texas)
9176 E. 117th Pl.
Bixby, Ok. 74008
369-8038

Werling, Warren (NY, NY)
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What's a Stammtisch anyway?



Hey, Guys!

Stammtisch is based on the German meaning of Stamm, an expression for valued, well-known guests and customers who have an unusual loyalty to the place that they frequent, be it because of other friends, good service, or the atmosphere. Therefore, Stammtisch is

the cherished table, reserved for loyal, trusted, good guests. Stammgast is the person invited to sit at the Stammtisch. Stammkunde is the loyal customer who frequents a business. Stammplatz is the favored place a customer likes to sit at. Stamm is the trunk of a tree, but the word is also based on the direct translation of the word applied to the old Germanic tribes.

So join us on Friday, March 1 and be a part of the tribe.

See you there at 6:30!

Zum Wohl

Fred...

Native American Art Exhibit at Tulsa Community College Tulsa Community College,



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:



Announcing:

Monday March 4.
Starting at 6:30 PM

Musikalische Souvenir's von Karl Moik 2

Starting at 7:30 PM

Ich zähle täglich meine Sorgen

Starring: Peter Alexander, Ingeborg Schoener,
and Gunther Philipp.

The Indian Territory Arts and Humanities Council, The Tulsa-Celle Sister City Partnership, The Tulsa Global Alliance and The German-American Society of Tulsa invite you to the opening of the exhibit "Kindred Spirits" 6:00 pm. Friday, April 5th, 2002 at the TCC Southeast Campus Student Center, 81st street and Highway 169. "Kindred Spirits" is a preview of the Native American exhibit scheduled for display in the Celle castle in Germany in August 2002.

The evening will celebrate the international exchange between Native American artists and the citizens of Celle, Germany, Tulsa's newest Sister City. The Honorable Enoch Kelley Haney, senator and artist, and Volker Holzberg, Director of Tourism for the Celle Region will be special guest speakers at this celebration. Displayed art will include a replica of Sen. Haney's statue "The Guardian" which will grace the dome of the State Capitol. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 pm. 595-7668. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Deutscher Sonntagskaffee

**Sunday, March 3, 2002, from 3 – 5 PM,
in the GAST Weinstube**

It is a very German tradition to enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea and a piece of home-baked German-style cake with or without real whipped cream on Sunday afternoons; all this in a very gemütliche (cozy) atmosphere. You will find real tablecloths, china and silverware, live flower decorations, and soft background music.

We hope that his sounds very inviting to you; we look forward to seeing you there!

A very special invitation also, to our newest GAST members.

This will be a good opportunity to get acquainted with other members.

Helga Greiner, Fred Rother
Co-chairs

Folkdancers

Practice sessions are beginning for the Folkdancers. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We meet Friday evenings in the Weinkeller of the GAST Center from 7 PM till 9 PM to learn traditional German folk dances. A partner is not required. For further information call the Message Center at 744-6998 or Carol Wright at 299-2839

What would we do without you?

The Operating Committee would like to acknowledge the volunteers who gave their time and effort at the recent January 26 workday. They painted, sawed, cleaned, oiled, arranged, organized, gardened and accomplished many other tasks necessary to the maintenance and improvement of our lovely Center. Many thanks to: Guenter Bode, Siegi Grimm, Franz and Christel Harms, Erica Hartman, June Holmes, Fred Kailer, John Millar, Fred Rother, Dana Rosler, George Schaffner, Shirley Schelper, Charles Tegeler, John Toschik, Chris Vaughter, Al Voeller and Don Wright.

—Charles Tegeler

Are you hiding your Candle under a Bushel?

We would like to know who of our GAST members can play a musical instrument!

Please tell us what instrument you are playing, what type of music you are playing and if you would be willing to participate in some GAST activities.

Don't be shy. You don't have to be an "expert" player!

Claus Greiner
1st Vice President of GAST
Phone: 918-455-3096
e-mail: cgreiner@ix.netcom.com



Bombay Dip by George

1 cup sour cream
 1 cup Mayonnaise
 T tbsp curry powder
 1 tbsp Worchester sauce
 1 tsp Angostura bitters
 1 cup chopped pimiento-stuffed green olives

Place all ingredients in a 2-quart mixing bowl. Mix thoroughly with a rubber spatula. Serve cold or at room temperature with suitable chips. Makes a pint and a half.

—submitted by **George Starch III**

Oompah Pops at the Brady!

Sunday, April 20 at 7PM

Happy hour starts at 6PM

Fill your Steins and break out the Lederhosen. You're in for a good time when the **Tulsa Philharmonic** performs your favorite German folk songs and polkas with special guests "**Sonnenschein Express**", straight from the German Pavilion at Disney's Epcot Center.

Sing along with the Beer Barrel Polka and "Ach du lieber Augustin", among many others.

Tickets to this event are \$20 for reserved seating on the main floor and \$10 for General admission on the Balcony.

Group discounts are as follows: 10% off for 10-19 people, 15% off for 20-39 people, and 20% off for 40+ people. Let's get a large group going and we'll have a great time. The Philharmonic Office has blocked off 50 reserved seats on the floor area (not balcony) and will hold them until approximately April 6, 2002. Members must order their own tickets, identifying themselves as GAST members. The tickets are \$16.00 per person (a 20% group discount).

For more info, please call the Tulsa Philharmonic 747-PHIL (7445) or me at: 834-3556 or by e-mail at bern53@dellepro.com

—**Bernie Scieszinski**

**Fasching Party Costume Contest Winners**

Best-looking woman	Michael Carney
Funniest-looking woman	Evelyn Boucher
Best-looking male	Bernie Scieszinski
Funniest-looking male	Jim Giles
Best-looking couple	Bea & Hughla S.
Funniest-looking couple	John & Teresa G.

Arnold Bieber was the first person to find a Berliner, filled with mustard. He was awarded a pot of Wieners

Our knee-dance contest was a lot of laughs with **Jake Gumm**, the last male and **Hannelore Giles** being kneed-out by **Doris Wicks**, our winner.

Our juggler put on a good show, too. His sticks, knives and bowling ball had the crowd on the edge of their chairs.

Prinz Charles and Prinzessin Darlene were very sad when their reign came to an end at 11 PM. Come join us next year.

—**Harold Wicks**
for the Elferrat

Konsularsprechtage (consular day).

The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Houston, Texas announces that Vice-Consul Herrera will be holding CONSULAR DAYS at the GAST Center at 1429 Terrace Drive on the 5th of March between 2 and 4:30 PM.

Interested individuals should contact the GAST Message Center at 744-6998 to schedule an appointment. Mr. Herrera will be available for questions regarding German legal and administrative affairs such as German citizenship and passports, German pensions, etc. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help settle questions that you may have in these affairs.

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**Please note: The concert at the Brady
 has been scheduled
 in lieu of an in-house GAST party.**

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Look! Look! New Event!



Deutscher Sonntagskaffee

Sunday, March 3, 2002

3 – 5 PM, in the GAST Weinstube

Come and enjoy real Gemütlichkeit
See page six for details

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