



Das Deutsche Echo

April 2002

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Oompah Pops at the Brady!

Saturday, April 20 at 7 PM

Happy hour starts at 6 PM



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.

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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

Barthelmes Foundation Presentation

On the 21st of April at 3 PM at the GAST Center, the German-American Society Arts Association will be honored with a musical presentation, compliments of the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Foundation. As you are well aware, Albert and Hete played a vital role in the purchase and refurbishment of our GAST Center. They were also generous patrons of the arts and are well-known for their many contributions to the cultural life of Tulsa. One of these contributions was their decision to set up a conservatory to nurture promising young artists, such as those who will be making this presentation. Following a short introduction and video show presented by members of the Foundation, we will be entertained by Ms. Elizabeth Ogonek, a 12-year prodigy from New York who will perform a piano recital accompanied by members of the Tulsa Youth Symphony.

The recital will be followed by a reception complete with background music. Please come and enjoy the music and show our support for these young artists.

—Barbara Conrad

What's happening at GAST?

Tuesdays	Handarbeitsgruppe—10 AM to 2 PM	July 5	Stammtisch
Apr 5	Stammtisch—see page 5	Sep 21	Open
Apr 5	Native-American exhibit—see page 6	Sep 24	Language classes begin—see page 7
Apr 7	Sonntagskaffee—see page 7	Oct 6	German-American Day
Apr 14	Konversationsrunde—see page 3	Oct 26	Oktoberfest party
Apr 20	Concert at the Brady	Nov 9	open
Apr 21	Barthelmes foundation—see page x	Dec 6 – 8	Christkindlmarkt
May 3	Stammtisch	Dec 14	Christmas party
May 5	Konversationsrunde	Dec 15	German-language Advent Service
Mai 11	Maiball	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Jun 7	Stammtisch		
Jun 30	GAST Picnic		

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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Members:

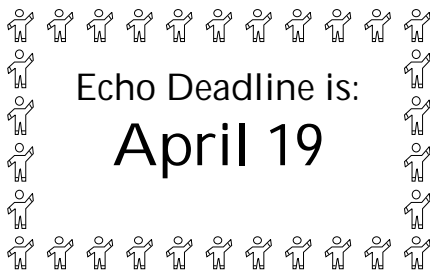
In our continuing effort to promote the German language the GAST Board has once again approved donations to the German Language Departments of Tulsa University and Tulsa Community College.

If you have not already purchased your tickets to the Tulsa Philharmonic's presentation of Oompah Pops on April 20 there is still time. There are still some very good seats available in a section reserved for GAST members at a special price. You will find more information on another page of this issue. I think it will be very exciting and provide a little variety to our monthly parties.

It was very nice to find so many who would "brave the ice storm" for the opening of our Sonntagskaffee (Sunday Afternoon Coffee). I wasn't able to make it myself but I understand that the homemade cakes and sweets were a great hit. I am looking forward to the weather being much better for the next one planned for April 7. Don't miss this next opportunity to sample the homemade sweets and enjoy a casual afternoon of conversation with fellow GAST members,

Those who attended the March 16th Soup Party found a wonderful array of delicious home-made soups and desserts. A big THANK YOU goes to all the good cooks. The music of the **Mike Stoops** Polka Band was a pleasant sound enjoyed by all as they played a big variety of music for dancing and listening. Again, the Kinderdeutsch Folk Dancers were a big hit. They weren't that well choreographed but they were very cute. I understand that the songs that they sang in Germany brought tears to the eyes of some remembering their childhood. We collected approximately 60 cans of food for donation to the Tulsa Community Food Bank. Thank you to those who contributed.

Helga Greiner and her team on the Welcoming Committee have been conducting a personal telephone survey of members who we would like to have more participation in GAST's activities. This Think Tank-appointed team is gathering information that will assist the Officers and Board of Directors in our effort to provide an envi-



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ronment that will encourage more participation and interest by the entire membership. If you have been contacted by the committee for this survey I would like to thank you for your participation.

The Nominating Committee is "hard at it" preparing for the annual election of officers and directors. If you are contacted and asked to serve on the board please carefully consider what talents and expertise you might be able to offer to GAST. The General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers will be Sunday, April 28. Please plan on attending to show your support of the candidates, hear updates on the activities and plans of our organization and have the opportunity to share your ideas. It is also another opportunity to greet some of the new members and share refreshments.

Till next month.

—Carol Wright

News from the Arts President

A crowd of more than 160 members and guests enjoyed the superb performance by German Concert Pianist Rüdiger Steinfatt on Sunday, March 10. Our concerns about the condition of our old Baldwin piano were quickly forgotten as we watched and listened to Mr. Steinfatt's masterful renditions of the great composers Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven and Kempff. This wonderful musical afternoon, free and open to the public, was made possible by the generous contributions of our members and a grant by the Barthelmes Foundation.

The Albert and Hete Barthelmes Foundation has been an important benefactor to the German American Society Arts Association, Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Symphony and many other cultural organizations. They will present a pro-

gram on Sunday, April 21 at 3 PM at the GAST Center to talk about their future plans and to introduce the Barthelmes Conservatory String Quartet and other talented young musicians. Please come and show your support and appreciation. No reservations are necessary.

The Arts Association's goal is to teach our young people about German culture, language and customs through regularly scheduled language and dance classes (Kinderdeutsch), presentations at area schools and Kid's World. We have supplied materials to Girl Scout groups and sent speakers and presenters to many local schools. Thank you **GAST Folk Dancers** and **GAST Sanger** for participating.

—Arnold Bieber

Speaking German



The last meeting at the Conrad's was one the largest meetings yet. Visitor # 28 had to sit on the stairs to hear our speakers. I would like to thank Monica and husband for a very interesting and informative presentation on the principality of Liechtenstein. It is obvious that they did a lot of research and preparation.

Our next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on the 14th of April at **Harold and Doris Wicks's** home located at 5606 South Trenton. Three German exchange students from **Melanie Brinton's** Broken Arrow classes will share with us their experiences in the USA . Please come and wel-

come them to our community. Please note that the May meeting will be moved to the 5th of May to avoid conflicting with Mother's Day.

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).

Notes:

Due to a scheduling conflict at the GAST Center , we must move the Garage Sale to the fall. Details to follow later in the year.

Our ever-expanding library will be open on the afternoons of every 3rd Wednesday as well as at GAST parties. We hope you will take advantage of it.

This page is sponsored by Bea Shults and by Don and Carol Wright



The GAST Sanger



April Notes

Don't be an "April Fool"
Come join our pool!

We'll swing into Spring
With many songs to sing.

A new member in March did come
We hope he'll enjoy the fun!

Thanks to all the "Chefs" for their soups & desserts which we enjoyed at the Lumpenball. Thanks also for your donations to the Community Food Bank. Teresa & Christy

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

—Teresa Gallagher

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Stammtisch



Hey, Guys!

It's that time again to gather at the 'tisch on Friday, April 5 to hoist some suds and discuss what makes the world go 'round!

See you there at 6:30!

Zum Wohl

Fred...

NINE DAY SLAW

by Lou Bonham

3 or 4 lb. head of cabbage, shredded very thin
1 green pepper, chopped, 1 large onion, chopped,
1 - 2 cups of sugar (depending on your sweet tooth)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. oil, 3 t. celery seed, 1 cup vinegar, 2 T. salt,
2 T. sugar.

Mix vegetables with sugar. Combine remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour mixture over cabbage mix. Cool. Cover and store in refrigerator, will keep several days.



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

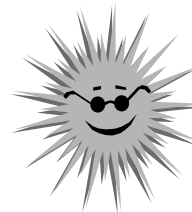
Monday April 3, starting at 6:30 PM

Lieder die vom Herzen kommen 2

Starting at 7:30 PM

Johannisnacht

Starring Willy Birgel, Herta Feiler
and Erik Schumann



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

Editorial:

Several members have expressed interest in having recipes appearing in the *Echo* occasionally. In order not to compete with our fine GAST cookbook of German recipes, I need therefore to make some rules for publishing recipes in the *Echo*. Any recipes that I elect to print, are subject to the following guidelines:

- **The item to be made with such a recipe, must have been donated to GAST at an official GAST function** (Weinkellerabend, Stammtisch, Sonntagskaffee, Soup party, etc.)
- Such recipe must not already be featured in the GAST cookbook.
- Such an item must have been tasted by a GAST member and recommended to the editor.
- Must be submitted electronically
- Will be published only **if space available**
- Will be published, based on editor's preference or applicability
- Will not be reviewed for accuracy
- The editor will not be responsible for loss or corruption of such recipes.
- Unsolicited recipes will not be returned nor acknowledged.

—Fred Rother, editor
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Native-American Art to travel to Germany!

A Native-American exhibit, presented by Tulsa Community College, the Indian Territory Arts and Community Council, Tulsa Global Alliance, Tulsa-Celle Sister City Partnership and the German-American Society

invite you to the opening of the exhibit:

“Kindred Spirits”

Friday, April 5, 2002, 6 PM
at the TCC southeast campus student center
81st street and Highway 169

The evening will celebrate the international exchange between Native-American artists and the citizens of Celle, Tulsa's Sister City. The Honorable Enoch Kelly Haney, senator and artist will be our guest speaker at this event. The evening will preview works of art by Oklahoma Native-American artists, including a replica Senator Haney's statue: *The Guardian*, which will grace the new dome of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served
Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 2, by 5 PM
Call 595-7668

Sonntagskaffee (Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

Sunday, April 7, from 3—5 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller

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

Come and share this German tradition with us.

We especially invite our newest GAST Members to join us, because this is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted.

We plan to offer this event on the first Sunday of every month.

—**Helga Greiner,**
—**Fred Rother** (Co-Chair)

Dear GAST Friends

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you, your calls, cards and especially prayers have helped us so much during this difficult time in our lives. We still have a rough road ahead of us, so please keep us in your prayers.

Your caring has touched us deeply and we are so glad to be a part of the GAST Family.

Vielen, vielen Dank!

Franz and Christel Harms

Don't forget!

Weinkellerabend - Friday, April 26th, 5:30 P.M. -
See you there!

—**Lois Voeller**

Welcome Committee

As one of the results of the Think Tank Meetings, we have established an official GAST Welcome Committee. From now on, new members who attend our parties will be greeted in the lobby by a designated committee member.

The new members will be provided with a very visible nametag. Our GAST President, **Carol Wright**, will then officially welcome them. She will also invite all members present to visit with the new members to help make them feel welcome.

It would help very much if all members attending one of our GAST functions would wear their GAST nametags!

One of the complaints at our Think Tank Meetings has been the "neglect" of new members. That is definitely not what we at GAST want. We appreciate every new member, and we would like for them to not just come once but very often.

Let's all work together to achieve this goal.
Thank you.

—**Helga Greiner**
Chair

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

The Fall Language Classes at GAST will commence on September 24, 2002.

The ten-week course meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for the beginning, intermediate and advanced conversational levels and finishes November 26, 2002.

For further information, please call the GAST office at 744-6997

—**Marianne Strong**

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Chamber Music Tulsa Gala Features Haydn Trio Vienna

“Save the Last Waltz for Me,” will be the theme of Chamber Music Tulsa’s grand gala and ball to be held Friday evening, April 19, at the German-American Society Center.

A short concert by the Haydn Trio Vienna, one of Europe’s most acclaimed chamber music groups, will be a highlight of the gala. Other festivities will range from auctions to an authentic German dinner. The honorary chairpersons will be **Jim and Hannelore Giles**, according to Frankie Chamber, president of Chamber Music Tulsa. There will be silent auctions for a wide variety of prizes. Noted auctioneer Hap Fry will be in charge when the gala’s grand prize is awarded—a mink coat. A trip to Hawaii will be another one of the exciting gifts.

Members of the German-American Society are invited to attend the gala. The cost is \$100 per person, with proceeds benefiting Chamber Music Tulsa. Call 587-3802 for full information and an invitation.

While in Tulsa the Haydn Trio Vienna also will present a full-length concert at 3 PM on Sunday, April 21, at the John H. Williams Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$15 for students. They are available through the PAC Ticket Office at 596-7111.

Contact: Tom M. Campbell, 744-6434

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