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GAST Picnic



Join us for our Annual Family Picnic, Sun., June 30, 2002, 1—5 PM
in the "Bayerischerhof" garden of Carol & Don Wright,
6240 E. 116th St. in Tulsa.

Go South on Sheridan Rd. to 116th St. Turn west & you'll see the cars.

Call the Wright's at 299-2839 if you get lost!

Dress casually, bring your lawn chair(s), children and grandchildren for an afternoon of good food, drinks and relaxation in the shade. There's lots of space for the kids to play games and run off their energy!

Bar-B-Q Beef Brisket, Hot links, chicken & bologna, potato salad, cole slaw, Texas toast, cookies, watermelon & iced tea.

All Mayfest workers and children under 2 are admitted FREE; non workers: Adult \$10.00, child under 12 - \$5.00.

Please call in your reservations to the Message Center at 744-6998 **no later than Wednesday**, June 26, 2002.

—Teresa Gallagher

What's happening at GAST?

May 31	Weinkellerabend	Oct 6	German-American Day
June 2	Sonntagskaffee	Oct 26	Oktoberfest party
Jun 7	Stammtisch	Nov 1	Stammtisch
Jun 30	GAST Picnic	Nov 16	Heimatabend
July 5	Stammtisch	Dec 6 – 8	Christkindlmarkt
August 2	Stammtisch	Dec 14	Christmas party
Aug 4	Sonntagskaffee	Dec 15	German-language Advent Service
Aug 11	Ice Cream Social	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party
Sep 1	Sonntagskaffee	2003	
Sep 3	Handarbeitsgruppe—see page 5	Jan 18	Anniversary party
Sep 6	Stammtisch	Feb 15	Wine-tasting party
Sep 21	Schützenfest	Mar 1	Fasching
Sep 24	Language classes begin	Apr 12	Lumpenball
Oct 4	Stammtisch	May 10	Mayball

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The President's Report to the Membership

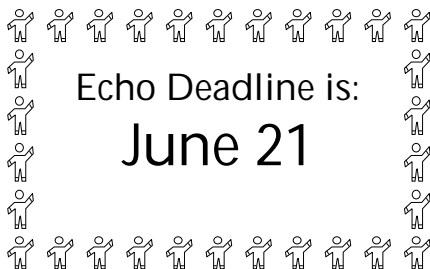
Dear Members,

Congratulations to our new Maikönigin, **DeAnn Adlung**. It seemed that no one wanted to end the evening of dancing to the music of Karl Waldbauer at the Maiball so it continued an extra half hour. This was the final dinner/dance until September. Weinkellerabend, Sonntagskaffee and Stammtisch are expected to run through the Summer months; an Ice Cream Social is planned for August. Then, in September we have something special planned. More on this later. Some of the activities of GAST are suspended during the Summer months. Please check the ECHO calendar, the GAST Web site or call the office if you have a question concerning a particular activity.

This is the beginning of a new term for Board members. I want to thank you, the members, for your vote of confidence by electing me for another term. The 2002-2003 Board has some new faces, some returning faces and some faces changing from officer to director. I would like to welcome the new Officers, **Dean Butler, Robert Schein, and Hannelore Hall**. Also, the new Directors - **Doris Gallagher, Erica Hartman, Ursula Mueller, Rusty Seelye, John Toschik and Jim Walker**. I look forward to working together to bring GAST forward in the community through social interaction, activities and programs. I would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all the retiring Board members, **Guenter Bode, Lois Voeller, Al Voeller and Harold Wicks**.

GAST will again be the sponsor of the Oktoberfest poster. Our name and emblem will be on the 1500 commemorative posters distributed during Oktoberfest. The Poster Unveiling Party for the sponsors and media will be held in the GAST Center in September.

The Mayfest committee, headed by **Jim Walker**, has again done a wonderful job of organizing the members and their friends into a fine "team" to man the GAST food booth. We have again met the semi-annual desire of the Greater Tulsa Community for Wurst, Kraut and Kartoffelpuffer. Thank you committee members, **Irmgard Toschik, Erica Hartman, Charles Tegeler, Judy Lawson and Leon Boggs**. And thank you **Members and your friends** for helping complete another successful Tulsa Mayfest. Those who volunteered



Echo Deadline is:
June 21



are invited to attend the Annual GAST Picnic at no charge.

Oh yes, don't forget about the Annual GAST Picnic. It is our pleasure (Don's and mine) to again host it at our home. The entire membership and your families are welcome, as well as our friends who volunteered at Mayfest. But, please make reservations with the GAST Message Center. Due to my travel plans the picnic date is scheduled on June 30. You will find the details on another page of this ECHO.

We have another result of our Think Tank meetings to report. GAST has a revised Mission Statement. It is another job well done, team. It is short, concise and to the point. Something easy to remember and repeat when asked, "What does GAST do?" You will find it printed in the ECHO and on the Web site.

Wishing you all a safe and pleasant Summer.

—Carol Wright

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News from the Arts President

I appreciate the confidence shown by the members present at the General Membership Meeting on April 28 by re-electing the officers of the Arts Association, **John Millar**, **Barbara Conrad** and me for another year. We are looking forward to working with the new Board and the Standing Committees to reach our goals and fulfill our mission of being the best and most visible cultural organization in Eastern Oklahoma. To the members of the Board who decided not to seek another term a heartfelt thank you for your support and hard work.

Although our activities usually slow down during the summer, we will be participating in some school and camp events and preparing for our fall schedule. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please call the Mes-

sage Center at 744-6998 or email: Gastulsa@att.net.

The Albert and Hete Barthelmes Foundation has extended an invitation to our members to attend their first annual Barthelmes Conservatory Gala on Friday, June 7, 2002. This event will start a capital campaign to build a Conservatory of Music at 14th Street and Cheyenne. For further information and reservations, please call their office at 584-7129 or check their website at www.barthelmesconservatory.org.

Have a wonderful summer.

—**Arnold Bieber**

Speaking German



Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

This popular program will return in September. Watch the September issue of the Echo for details.

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



June Notes

On July 20, by bus we will go
to Cole Camp (Kansas City), Mo.
We'll sing in a summer German Songfest
with other German Choirs from the Midwest.

Our spirits will be on high
While we rehearse
Every other Thursday
in June through mid-July.

Congrats to our new May Queen, **DeeAnn Adlung**, a
member of our Choir.

We wish to thank **Claus Greiner** for being our ac-
companist the past year.
We miss his smiling face.

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

—Teresa Gallagher

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Roger and Susan Bey (MI)
10611 S. Erie Pl.
Tulsa, OK. 74137
299-2016

Eileen S. Kelble (MT)
5424 S. 68th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74145
627-8721

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

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Stammtisch



Hey, guys!

Got back from the old sod OK. I bought a couple of Steins, that I'll bring to the 'tisch for you to view.

See you there on Friday, June 7th starting at 6:30.

Zum Wohl

Fred...

Handarbeitsgruppe

The Handarbeitsgruppe will take a well-deserved break for June, July and August. We will resume September 3rd at the Duplex from 10 AM - to 2 PM.. Our Quilt (made from all your ties) for the Christkindlmarkt Raffle is almost finished and looks beautiful. Our ladies can be proud of themselves.

We hope you all have a healthy and beautiful summer. Come join us in September.

Tschüß,

—Irmgard Toschik and Helga Roepel



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Movie presentations will resume

In September.

Watch this space for details.



Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

Sunday, June 2, from 3 - 5 pm

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Please join us for cake, coffee, pleasant music, and great fellowship. As always, this is for our American and our German members!

No reservations - nothing to bring, donations appreciated.

Please wear nametags.

The Coffee Team:
Helga, Fred, Lou, Ruth

Editor's Notes:

Well, we're back from our annual Germany-exploration. This year, we briefly visited Sister City Celle. From there we drove west to the city of Monschau in the Eifel mountain range, near the Belgian border. After exploring Monschau under cold and rainy skies, we had a nice dinner in a cozy pub, then retired to our Hotel. Next morning, after a not-so-nice breakfast at our hotel, we crossed into Belgium to visit a couple of places that Irene remembered from her childhood.

From Belgium, we had initially planned to go back and stay another night in Monschau, but because of the nasty weather and the not-so-nice hotel, we continued on south within Belgium, then crossed back into Germany and landed in the City of Kröv on the Mosel river. There we found a beautiful hotel that overlooked the river. The weather had cleared up a little and we actually saw the sun for a while. We enjoyed a delicious meal there, then lingered over a most delectable wine, grown high up on the hillside behind the Hotel.

Next morning, we moved on towards our next destination, a small village in the wine-growing region of the Pfalz. The town was called Heuchelheim-Klingen—and did we ever have a hard time finding it! But when we did, we found it be a most wonderful place. That evening, we took a leisurely walk through the fields of grapevines into the village, where we found a cozy pub. We had a great meal—with wine, of course. A local couple, who sat at a nearby table heard that we were from “Amerika”, promptly joined us at our table. They were delightful people and we talked for several hours. They also educated us on the wine culture in that region. We tried several of their delectable local wines. It was dark by the time we found our way back to our hotel. Good thing we weren't driving.

Our next stop was to be in the central part of The Black Forest. Since it was pouring rain all the way and didn't seem to want to clear up, we called Irene's brother in the Allgäu checking on their weather—they had sunshine! So we skipped our stay in the Black Forest and drove directly towards Bavaria. Sure enough as soon as we got close to the Bodensee, the sun came out and the temperature rose.

We spent four delightful days at our relatives', with a side-trip to Austria and an obligatory visit to the local Alm (a facility halfway up the mountain, occupied during the summer by a keeper, who watches the town's cattle as they graze on the steep pastures.) It took ten minutes to drive up in first and second gear! From high up there, we enjoyed a fantastic view, a sandwich and some beer.

Well, times always seems to fly when you're having fun, despite the not-so-accommodating weather. We soon found ourselves back in rainy Tulsa! Good to be home.

—Fred Rother

GAST Speaker's Bureau in action

Mary Horton, a 5th grade teacher at Skelly Elementary School in Tulsa, held a “Celebration of Cultures Day” for all 5th graders one day in April. GASTAA was asked to participate to “show and tell” about German culture and some of its history.

Fred Rother and I answered the call, and we were both pleased and amazed of how many questions were asked after our 30 minute presentation.

Subsequently, we received thank you notes from Ms. Horton as well as some of the students. They repeated once again some of the things they had learned that day, i.e. the building and falling of The Wall, the climate, the favorite sport (soccer) and that “they put their sheets out the windows to air out” (which was noticed in the video about Tulsa's German sister city, Celle, where the bedding was lying in the open window.)

It goes to show one never knows what impresses the young minds...

—Doris Gallagher



The city's most famous building: The Council Building. The election of Pope Martin V took place here in 1417.

Konstanz am Bodensee

A must-see in southern Germany

On your next trip to southern Germany include a visit to the historic city of Konstanz.

The original roots of the city are in the settlement of Celtic fishermen, which was later transformed into a fortress town under the rule of the Romans from 50 B.C. to 400 A.D.

Following the Christianization of the Lake Constance region, Constance became the seat of the bishopric in about 570.

Because of the close proximity of Konstanz to Switzerland, the city escaped the destruction of war and today retains all of the city's 11-14th century buildings.

Konstanz became the scene of one of the most important gatherings of the Middle Ages, the "Council of Constance" (1414-1418). This is the only council held on German soil, which resulted in the election of a new pope, Martin V.

Today, Konstanz is the economic and cultural center of the Lake Constance region. Tourists flock to this marvelous city in the Summer for sailing and other outdoor activities on Lake Constance, which is bordered by Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

—Rusty Seelye

The Barthelmes Foundation and Conservatory

The Barthelmes Foundation and Conservatory would like to extend a most sincere thank you to the German-American Society of Tulsa for hosting such a warm and wonderful reception for us on April 21. The program was the 'debut' of our initiatives, and we very much appreciated being among friends!

We look forward to the challenge of building a first class community music school, not only for Tulsa, but also for the region. Our program on April 21 was just a glimpse of the talented youth that the Conservatory will continue to cultivate and educate for years to come.

We would also like to invite GAST members to attend the first annual Barthelmes Conservatory Gala themed, "Celebrating Creativity" to be held on Friday June 7, 2002 at the Williams Atrium. Seventy-five children from our pilot schools, along with the Barthelmes Conservatory String Quartet of the Tulsa Youth Symphony, and a special performance by a 12-year-old violin/piano duo will highlight the evening. We hope that you will join us. For ticket information please call 584-7129 or you can visit the Conservatory website at www.barthelmesconservatory.org. Thank you for your continued support!

—Theresa M. Collins
for the Barthelmes Foundation and Conservatory

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