



Das Deutsche Echo

August 2002

Jahrgang 23/8

Ice Cream Social

Do you "scream" for ice cream?



If so, you're invited to "beat the heat"
for some ice cream treats



Sun. Aug. 11, 3-5 p.m. in the Weinkeller.

Bring your family & grandkids.

Please bring some cookies to share.

No reservations needed & no charge.

Donations greatly appreciated.

—Teresa Gallagher

What's happening at GAST?

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| Aug 2 | Stammtisch | Oct 26 | Oktoberfest party | Mar 1 | Fasching |
| Aug 4 | Sonntagskaffee | Nov 1 | Stammtisch | Apr 12 | Lumpenball |
| Aug 11 | Ice Cream Social | Nov 3 | Sonntagskaffee | May 10 | Mayball |
| Aug 23 | Weinkellerabend | Nov 16 | Heimatabend | | |
| Sep 1 | Sonntagskaffee | Nov 22 | Weinkellerabend | | |
| Sep 3 | Handarbeitsgruppe | Dec 6 – 8 | Christkindlmarkt | | |
| Sep 6 | Stammtisch | Dec 14 | Christmas party | | |
| Sep 14 | Kinderdeutsch starts—see page 3 | Dec 15 | German-language Advent Service | | |
| Sep 21 | Schützenfest | Dec 27 | Weinkellerabend ?? | | |
| Sep 24 | Language classes begin | Dec 31 | New Year's Eve party | | |
| Sep 27 | Weinkellerabend | | | | |
| Oct 4 | Stammtisch | 2003 | | | |
| Oct 6 | German-American Day | Jan 18 | Anniversary party | | |
| Oct 25 | Weinkellerabend | Feb 15 | Wine-tasting party | | |

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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

First I would like to express heartfelt condolences to the family of long-time GAST member and supporter of Oktoberfest, **Robert (Bob) Bost** who recently died following a long illness. As is customary when a member dies, a contribution from GAST to the GAST Arts Association Memorial Fund will be made in Bob's name.

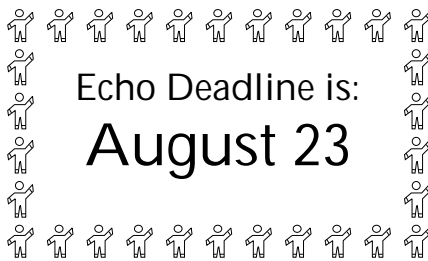
Summer is well underway and many of us are taking vacations, but the newly seated GAST Board is hard at it accepting new committee assignments and continuing on previously assigned responsibilities.

Erica Hartman has accepted the position of Historian for GAST by keeping and updating the GAST scrapbook. **Rusty Selye** will be taking over the Youth Chairmanship, with **Max Byars-Horton** assisting him. **Claus and Helga Greiner** have agreed to be the coordinators of Weinkellerabend in addition to the Sonntagskaffee. These are both relatively new programs of GAST and have been well received. If you have not attended one of these two functions please make plans to do soon. It is a good opportunity to get to meet other members on a very informal and casual basis. You will find the dates and details in the ECHO.

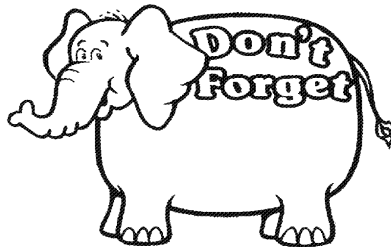
Visits to our Web site continue to increase as more and more people learn about GAST. <http://www.gastulsa.org>

The GAST Board approved making a donation to the Tulsa Public Schools to purchase equipment that will make it possible for continuation of Deutsche Welle broadcasts on School TV after September. A technical change has been made in the method of broadcasting and the new equipment will mean improved quality in both the audio and video. GAST will receive recognition for our contribution.

Another action by the Board was approval of a small donation to each of 18 Germany Language teachers from Tulsa area public and private high schools. It is but a small gesture to let the teachers know that we have an interest in the youth who have an interest in the German language and culture.



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The picnic in June was another rousing success. The weather couldn't have been better and the turnout was the best ever. Over 100 adult guests, members and their families and 11 children came to my garden to visit, play games and eat and drink. Thank you all for coming. Don and I enjoy sharing our garden and playground with you, your children and grandchildren. Thanks also to **DeeAnn and Jörg Adlung** for organizing some children's games and **Hildegard Schaffrin** for leading an impromptu musical concert by the Kinderdeutsch class.

The busy fall schedule of programs, activities and events will be starting soon. Please keep your ECHO handy to keep informed and above all please get involved. Join in the fun before it passes you by.

—Carol Wright

News from the Arts President

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. Some of you had travel plans and we would love to hear about your vacation experiences the next time we get together.

Our next Arts event is the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) meeting and mini-concert on Friday, August 16, at 7:30 PM at the GAST Center. Again, it promises to be a great evening of informal musical presentations on our organ. The members of ATOS usually have some neat surprises lined up. Please come and invite your friends. We will serve refreshments after the concert, and I am sure you will have a great time!

Kinderdeutsch starts Saturday, September 14, at 10 AM, and German conversational language classes will begin on Tuesday, September 24. Please mark your calendar for these wonderful programs.

We will celebrate German-American Day on Sunday, October 6, this year. **Fred Rother** has contacted the author of several very interesting books, Wolfgang Samuels, Colonel, Air Force ret., who has

agreed to be our keynote speaker. There will also be a book signing (watch for a separate announcement in the ECHO).

Through the efforts of the Tulsa/Celle Sister City Partnership Committee we will again have a guest brass band from Celle playing for us on German-American Day and hopefully we can line up several other appearances in early October.

If you would like to host one or two guests from Germany for about 10 days, please call the Message Center at 744-6998.

Thank you for your support!

—**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



August Notes

The "Dog Days" of Summer are still here
Oktoberfest & the holidays are coming near.

Although summer seems to end too soon
In late Aug. The GAST Sanger will resume.

Come and joins us Thursday Aug. 29.
Seven-thirty is the time.
The Weinkeller is the place.
Hope to see some new face(s).

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

—Teresa Gallagher

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Bobbe Bennett-Dillard (AR)
3128 S. Florence Ct.
Tulsa, OK. 74105
Tel. 742-4721

Weinkellerabend

August 23, starting at 5:30 PM.

If you haven't yet attended one of the Friday evening functions in the Weinkeller, you're really missing out. It's a low-key gathering—plenty of time to sit and visit with friends, listen to music, dance if you like - no reservations, no charge.

However, we do accept donations. Drinks and snacks are available and we always have something to eat. This is an especially good opportunity for newcomers to GAST to meet other members in a casual, informal atmosphere.

Please note: this time we are not holding this event on the last Friday for scheduling reasons.

Hope to see you there!
Your hosts,

—Claus and Helga Greiner

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Stammtisch



Hey, guys!

It's Stammtischtime again—time to refresh ourselves with cool suds and hot conversation.

See you there?

Friday, August 2, starting at 6:30 PM.

Cheers,

—Dean Butler

Stachelbeeren!



If you have a sunny spot in your yard, and would like to enjoy the taste of **gooseberries** again, come by my house and dig up one of the many small plants growing all over my yard.

They grow fast, but do need sun if you want to see big berries on your bush. Call me at 299-4814 and bring a pot.

—Fred Rother



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

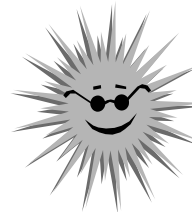
NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Movie presentations will resume

In September.

Watch this space for details.



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

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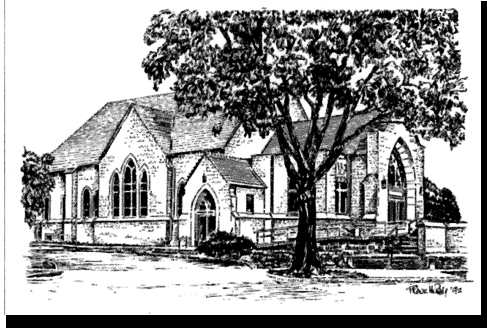
—Reba Schaffner

...from the Building Corporation

Although our membership activities slow down in the summer months, the building has been leased for 16 events from April through July. This keeps our setup crew and hosting committee very busy. Our setup crew consists of only six members and, when 2 or 3 are out of town, we could use some additional help. It usually takes about 30 minutes on Friday mornings, sometimes Saturdays. We invite any of you who are available to join our setup crew. Just call **Christel Harms** at the office, 744-6997

The hosting committee, consisting of sixteen couples and six individuals, serve as hosts of the GAST Center during all leased events. In addition to assisting lessees and protecting our property, they usually enjoy a good party. These people represent our organization well, and I want to thank them for all their time and efforts and particularly for giving up their Saturday evenings. We may be adding some members to the Hosting Committee so if you have any interest in people watching and/or going to parties, call the office or let me know.

Many of you missed our May 30 work party. A special thanks to **Arnold Bieber, Jim Dittus, June Holmes, John Millar, George Schaffner, John Toschik and Jack Wynn** for all they accomplished that day. Several items still need our attention so we will be scheduling another work party soon.



Although we call the professionals whenever needed, we try to do as much as we can with volunteers. To keep our operating expenses at a minimum, our volunteers can give the building the tender, loving attention it needs on a regular basis. We have a task list of about 60 items that require attention. In addition to the ongoing maintenance by a few of our members, we have periodic work parties so everyone can enjoy the fun. We usually have lunch and the work is easy. Our special building needs our members to keep it in good condition.

The members of the committee are: **Phyllis Aschim, Jerry Volz, Gwen and Arnold Bieber, Donna and Leon Boggs, Mary and Charles Byrd, Doris Gallagher, Helga and Claus Greiner, Josef Hardt, Christel and Franz Harms, Dr. June Holmes, Leisha and Tony Jury, Nick Kerpon, Rita and Ed Lenfestey, John Millar, Dana Rosler, Irmgard and Harry Runyon, Reba and George Schaffner, Ginny and Joe Schulte, Charles Tegeler, Lois and Al Voeller, Joy and Jim Walker, June and Warren Wilson, Carol and Don Wright, and Jinny and Jack Wynn.**

Please join us to share your time, talent and maybe a little elbow grease. The ECHO will let you know when our next "work party" is scheduled.

—Charles Tegeler



Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

After a July break we will present another Sunday Afternoon Coffee in the GAST Weinkeller on August 4, 2002, from 3 – 5 pm.

Please come and visit for a while. It's cool in the Weinkeller!

If Coffee does not sound good in this hot weather – you may want to try some iced raspberry tea?

The Coffee Team:

Helga Greiner, Fred Rother, Lou Bonham and Ruth Bly

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For information
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Regrets may stay around forever

Around the corner I have a friend
in this great city that has no end.
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
and before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friend's face,
for life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well,
as in the days when I rang his bell,
and he rang mine.

If, we were younger then,
and now we are busy, tired men,
tired of playing a foolish game,
tired of trying to make a name.

“Tomorrow” I say “I will call on Jim,
just to show that I'm thinking of him.”
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
and distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
“Here's a telegram sir:” “Jim died today.”
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
around the corner, a vanished friend.

If you love someone, tell them. Remember, always
to say what you mean. Never be afraid to express
yourself. Take this opportunity to tell someone
what they mean to you.

Seize the day and have no regrets. Most impor-
tantly, stay close to your friends and family, for
they have helped make you the person that you are
today—and that is what it's all about anyway.

Pass this reminder along to your friends. Let it
make a difference in your day and theirs. The dif-
ference between expressing love and having regrets
is that the regrets may stay around forever!

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