



Das Deutsche Echo

September 2002

Jahrgang 23/9

Schützenfest



Hone your "Marksmanship" and come to the GAST "Hunter's Lodge" for a Schützenfest party on Sept. 21.

"Bragging" (social) time will be from 6.00 to 6:30 PM,

dinner is served at 6:30 PM

Music for your dancing and listening pleasure

will be provided by the Stoops Polka Band,

from 7:30 PM to 10:30

Menu: Jägerschnitzel (Hunters' Schnitzel)

Stampfkartoffel (whipped potatoes)

Rotkohl (red cabbage)

Brot und Butter (bread & butter)

Schokoladen-Streuselkuchen (chocolate Streusel cake)

Cost for the party is \$15.00 per person for dinner & dance.

\$7.50 for dance only.

Please call in reservations to the Message Center at 744-6998

no later than Wed., Sept. 18.

The Social Committee would appreciate your help

with clean-up after the party

Thank you!

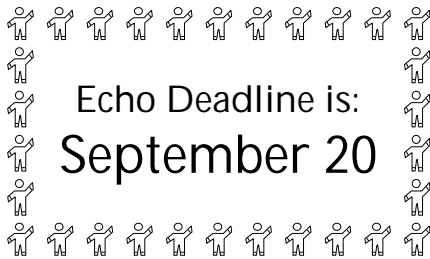
—Teresa Gallagher, Chair

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News from the Arts President

Speaking German



Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

The new series of Konversationsrunden will begin at 3 PM on 8 September at **Stan and Barbara Conrad**'s house at 7837 South 70th East Avenue. At the first meeting after the summer break we traditionally have an informal meeting at which time we exchange all the good memories of our vacations. Please feel free to bring pictures or other memorabilia to show us where you were during your vacation. **Helga Greiner** resigned as the Co-chair but will still be available to tell us about her interesting trip to Australia. We wish to thank Helga for her help during the past year.

Gertrud Schmidt has graciously accepted the position as Co-chair for the next year. We look forward to her input into developing new programs for the Konversationsrunde. We would like to give a long overdue thank you to **Margaret Schmidt** who hosted our last Spring event with a great turnout. One more thank you to **Arnold Bieber** for providing current information on our revised and continually growing library.

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 **Gertrud Schmidt** at 495-3727 (Co-chair).

—Barbara Conrad



The GAST Sanger



September Notes

The Cole Camp "Sangerfest"
Was a great success!

Despite heat & humidity
soaring "out of sight"
The evening was filled with
much Gemutlichkeit!

Our first fall gig will be
Sept. 10 for the annual Poster Party!

New GAST members are welcome
To join in the fun!
We meet Thurs. eve. 7:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller
See you there!

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

—Teresa Gallagher

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Alexander Bode (Hamburg)
Katja Bode (Giessen)
2520 E. 25th Place
Tulsa, OK. 74114
Tel. 712-9447

Fernando & Teresa Garay (Venezuela)
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Stammtisch



Hey, guys!

Gentlemen, come usher-in Fall 'round the Stammtisch with some good conversation and a nice cool ale or two.

Friday, September 6th at 6:30 pm.

Prost!

—Dean

Weinkellerabend

Friday, September 27, 2002, starting at 5:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Stop by for something to drink, something to eat, and plan to have a good time.

A friendly reminder: If you do have a GAST Nametag - please wear it!

Your hosts,

—Claus and Helga Greiner



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Monday September 2, starting at 6:30 PM
Goldene Berge, Goldene Lieder

Carolin Reiber präsentiert
aus dem Schwangau Gebiet
Starting at 7:30 PM

Durch die Wälder durch die Auen

Starring: Eva Bartok, Joe Stoeckel
Karl Schoenboeck and Rudolf Vogel



We need You!



The Operating Committee will hold its next **work party** on Saturday, September 14 starting at 8:30 AM. We will be attending to the many details necessary to preserve and improve our lovely facility.

There is much to be done and your help is needed, be it for a few hours or the day. Volunteers are asked to bring hand tools and work gloves. Pizza will be served for lunch. See you there?

Thanks,

—John Millar

Kinderdeutsch

Revisited

During the last Kinderdeutsch session, I was "volunteered" to substitute and had therefore an opportunity and pleasure to work with a group of about ten to fourteen children.

In my previous report on this class, the names of the children was inadvertently left out and I wish to correct that omission now.

My thanks and my love go to these fine young children: Charissa Bradway, Jake Dodson, Sam Dodson, Bobby Frank, Maria Goodwin, Kelsey Hartman, Jonathan Kerr, Michel Kerr, Trevor Murie, Madeleine Schaffrin, C. J. Vaughter, Lauren Waugaman.

—Hildegard Schaffrin

Nametags

According to the latest update, GAST has currently 450 members!
There is no way anyone can actually know everybody.

That's why nametags become so important.

Please help by wearing nametags when you attend GAST events. There will be stick-on tags available at the door, but you may want to get a red and white permanent GAST tag for the price of \$ 6.50 by ordering it from our member Col. **Shirley Schelper**, telephone: 481-1860. Let's all make it a point to wear our nametags and to get to know our fellow members.

—The Welcome Committee



Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

In spite of Labor Day Weekend we hope to see you at our next SONNTAGSKAFFEE, September 1, 2002, 3 - 5 p.m., in the GAST Weinkeller. Please join us for some home-made cake and a good cup of German Coffee (a much appreciated donation from the McLaurin family). Listen to Vienna Waltzes and visit with old friends or make some new ones!

—Helga Greiner - Fred Rother

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Handarbeitsgruppe

The Handarbeitsgruppe is resuming on Tuesday September 3rd 2002 in the Duplex. We will meet from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Bring your knitting, needlework, mending or whatever you like to work on. Soft drinks are available but bring a sack lunch.

Come join us and take part in our craft circle. We meet every Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you!
Tschüß und bis bald,

Helga Roepel & Irmgard Toschik

Host Families

As you have probably heard, we will be hosting a brass band from Celle, Germany, which is a sister-city for Tulsa. The 23 members will be in Tulsa from 30 September to 9 October to help us celebrate German-American day on October 6. This is the first trip to the USA for all of them.

Please volunteer to help us host our visitors and show them the hospitality for which Tulsa is famous. Car pooling is possible and if necessary, hosting for individuals can be divided among families. For details call **Barbara Conrad** at 492-3273.

Language Classes begin September 24

If you always wanted to learn German or brush up on your knowledge, join us for our language classes. Starting September 24, we will meet for two hours every Tuesday at 7 PM. Enrollment will begin at 6:30 PM on the 24th.

We are planning to offer three levels to accommodate everybody from beginner to advanced conversationalist. Course fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Books are additional, if needed.

—Marianne Strong

To my friends at GAST.

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards you sent me during my recent illness and recuperation. You are all very dear to me.

Best regards,

—Kay Kerpon

Folkdancers want You!

Friday August 23 we started our fall dance practice sessions in preparation for OKTOBERFEST and other dance engagements we are being asked to do from various sources.

For those of you who are just thinking of joining us and for those of you who are considering renewing your association with the dance group, let me stress that anyone is welcome to join us.

We are NOT a professional dance ensemble...we are all volunteers and our purpose is to have fun and in having fun, to bring enjoyment to those for whom we perform. You do not need a partner to join and you are not expected to know the dances before you join our group....that is what Friday evening dance lessons and practice are for. We meet at 7:00 pm at the GAST Center at the corner of 15th and Terrace. If the door should be locked, please ring the bell. If you are running late, come anyway - our sessions usually go to 9:00 PM and on very rare occasions 9:30. Some practice is always better than none....

We most recently performed at Cole Camp Sanger Fest in Cole Camp Missouri, due to an invitation that the GAST Choir arranged. Both Choir and Dancers were very well received. We travel to workshops once or twice a year, meeting other dance groups and learning new dances. If you are an absolute perfectionist that agonizes over a missed dance step - this group may not be for you. Come with a light heart, with the desire to do your best and the ability to laugh if something goes wrong....the rest will fall into place....

If you have any questions please call me at 250-2491
Hope to see you on Fridays....

—Uschi

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