



Das Deutsche Echo

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German-American Day 2002



Sunday, October 6, commencing at 3 PM
at the German-American Center,
2301 East 15th Street, one block west of Lewis

Please join us for this important celebration. We are fortunate to have German-born author, **Wolfgang Samuel** as our keynote speaker. Mr. Samuel immigrated to the States as a teenager, later joined the U.S. Air Force and, after 30 years of service retired with the rank of Colonel.

He is the author of three most fascinating books. His first book, "German Boy", tells of his own experiences as a child in war-torn Germany. In his second book, entitled: "I always Wanted to Fly", he relates the harrowing experiences of our "cold-war Air Force heroes". (If you're aviation-or-military-minded, you will want to read this book). For his the third book, "The War of our Childhood", the author interviewed a number of individuals who, as children, had lived in Germany through the final years of the war and its immediate aftereffects. Of special interest will be the fact that the book contains three chapters on the remembrances of three of our GAST members.

These books will be available for purchase (cash /check only) and signing ,after the ceremony during the reception .

We hope that you will join us to celebrate 319 years of Germans in America, and to hear a powerful speech by our keynote speaker. Moreover, we will be royally entertained by our guest-orchestra from Germany with a delightful musical program.

Note:

Mr. Samuel will be interviewed via phone on KWGS 89.5 FM on Friday, Oct. 4 starting at 11:30 AM.

What's happening at GAST?

Sep 27 Weinkellerabend	Dec 6 – 8 Christkindlmarkt	Mar 1 Fasching
Oct 4 Stammtisch	Dec 22 Konversationsrunde	Mar 9 Konversationsrunde
Oct 6 German-American Day	Dec 14 Christmas party	Apr 12 Lumpenball
Oct 13 Konversationsrunde	Dec 15 German-language Advent Service	Apr 13 Konversationsrunde
Oct 25 Weinkellerabend	Dec 27 Weinkellerabend ??	May 4 Konversationsrunde
Oct 26 Oktoberfest party-see page 7	Dec 31 New Year's Eve party	May10 Maiball
Nov 1 Stammtisch	2003	
Nov 3 Sonntagskaffee	Jan 11 Konversationsrunde	
Nov 10 Konversationsrunde	Jan 18 Anniversary party	
Nov 16 Heimatabend	Feb 9 Konversationsrunde	
Nov 22 Weinkellerabend	Feb 15 Wine-tasting party	

The President's Report to the Membership

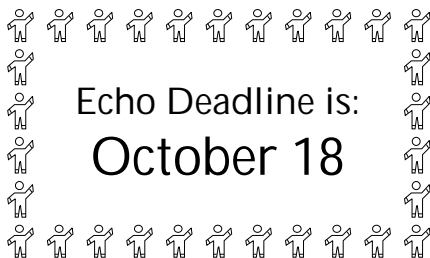
Dear Fellow members,

I have returned from my buying- trip to Germany for our Christkindlmarkt with several new items. I am pleased to report that some of the new types of items we will be offering include German calendars, larger variety of cookies and candy, candles, Lebkuchen Herzen and figures, new wood toys and ornaments, and new selection of mouth-blown glass ornaments. Of course we will have the usual nutcrackers, smokers, lace, music, etc, etc. The Advent calendars with chocolate treats will again be available. Regarding the Advent calendars, since the Christkindlmarkt isn't until December 6, I will offer members the opportunity to get their Advent calendars prior to the market. Please call me if you would like to get yours earlier. You can reach me by phone at 299-2839 or 744-6998 at the GAST Message Center or by e-mail at d.c.w@att.net.

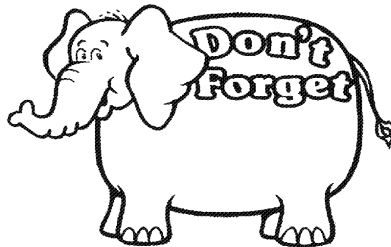
The GAST Center showed the fall colors and was transformed into a shooting gallery. The Party and Entertainment committee presented a fun evening with a "Schützenfest" theme. In Germany a Schützenfest is a get-together of Jäger (hunters) and other marksmen in friendly competition to see who is the best "Schütze" (shooter). The winners are named "Schützenkönig" (shooting King) and "Schützenkönigin" (Shooting Queen). Members of the "Schützenvereine" (Shooting clubs) learn the art and sport of marksmanship with rifles, pistols or bow and arrows. The "Schützenfest" is usually combined with a Folkfest with fun for all and prizes for the best shooter.

At the GAST Schützenfest everyone was given the opportunity to try their marksmanship with a crossbow, bow and arrow or pistol (all made of plastic with suction cup tipped "bullets"). The weapon of choice was the pistol as members lined up to test their skills. Our new **Schützenkönig is Harry Runyon and the Schützenkönigin is Hannelore Giles**. Congratulation to both of you. As usual the Schnitzel-meal, prepared by **Ludger Schultz** was delicious. Please keep in mind that the portions provided by Ludger are dependent on the number of reservations made and include one serving of meat per person. It appears that a few persons must have taken a double serving because we came up a little short. The party was attended by several guests from out of town including Mr. Joachim Wallenberg, president of the Oklahoma City German Heritage Society. Thank you all for making our event a fun evening.

It is that time again. The brisk fall air is about us and soon the leaves will be changing colors. Tulsa will become a city where most everyone feels they are just a little bit German as we all prepare for Oktoberfest. For GAST members and their friends it is a time to be a part of our biggest fund-raising event of the year. It is the event that provides the funds to ensure the continued use,



Echo Deadline is:
October 18



improvements, maintenance and operation of our beautiful GAST Center. It is the means by which we are able to be an integral part of the Tulsa community with our community services and cultural programs. **DON'T GET LEFT OUT.**

Please volunteer to work a shift (or two). Volunteer early to ensure that you can have the shift, position and time that you like best. We will again be providing transportation from the GAST Center parking lot to the festival site to help with the existing parking problem.

On the 21st of September, the Oktoberfest Committee, **Jim Walker, Irmgard Toschik and Erica Hartman**, conducted a "Pots and Pans" wash party in preparation for Oktoberfest. Thank you **Siggi Grimm, Leon Boggs and Donna Boggs** for your participation in the important task.

There are many activities planned during this month for GAST members. Read the ECHO and check the Web Site for details. I hope to see you all there.

—Carol Wright

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News from the Arts President

German-American Day celebration on Sunday, October 6, starting at 3:00 PM will feature author and retired US Air Force Colonel Wolfgang Samuel as our keynote speaker. Col. Samuel had a distinguished Air Force career and since his retirement has written several books about his life experiences and the memories of children of World War II. There will be a book-signing at Steve's Bookstore, 2612 S. Harvard, on Saturday, October 5, from 2- 4 PM. Books will also be available during and after the reception at the GAST Center on Sunday.

Blasorchester Salinia from the Celle region in Germany, will provide the musical entertainment for German-American Day. I am looking forward to a great afternoon. Please check the announcement on the front page of the ECHO for other details.

Our guest orchestra will also perform at Tulsa Community College, Southeast Campus (October 2, 11:00 AM), a free concert at the River Parks Floating Stage Amphitheater on the West side of the river (October 4, 7:00 PM) and will visit and play at the Ponca City Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5.

Many thanks to all of you who are participating in the hosting experience or are providing transportation for our guests.

Kinderdeutsch has started September 14 with two new teachers, **DeeAnn Adlung** and **Angelique McLaurin**. **Hildegard Schaffrin**, **Carol Wright**, **Jill Hammer** and **Ginny Rohr** are assisting with the dancing and singing. The kids are having fun and are learning a lot about German culture. Come and watch the kids perform at Tulsa Oktoberfest.

Adult Conversational German Language classes started September 24, but you can still enroll if you missed the first class. Our teachers this fall are **Marianne Strong**, **Doris Gallagher** and **Hannelore Hall**.

I would like to thank all the members who have contributed their time and money to the Arts Association this year. We couldn't do it without you!

—Arnold Bieber

Speaking German

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

Our first meeting after the summer break was an informal gathering at **Stan and Barbara Conrad's** house where we shared stories of our summer vacations. The next Konversationsrunde will begin at 3 PM on October 13th at **Claus and Helga Greiner's** house at 509 East Winston Circle in Broken Arrow, telephone number 455-3096. They will talk about their recent trip to Australia. Claus and Helga have been to many different places before and their observations have always been very interesting. 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 Gertrud Schmidt at 495-3727 (Co-chair).

The Stan and Barbara Conrad family would like to thank the many members of GAST who helped Thomas to celebrate his 30th birthday and make this the "most wonderful day of his life". Thomas deeply appreciated his many gifts and especially the presence of his "friends".

—Barbara Conrad



The GAST Sanger

October Notes

During September
We gained a new member!
A bass with a smiling face!

We're going in "high gear"
Oktoberfests are almost here!
We'll sing with lots of zest
For the following Oktoberfests.

Oct. 04 Franciscan Villa
Oct. 12 St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Oct. 17 Oktoberfest Opening
Oct. 26 GAST Oktoberfest

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

—Teresa Gallagher



Heads Up for Oktoberfest Celebration

A special treat coming to the GAST Oktoberfest party on October 26. You don't want to miss what promises to be an exciting evening.

—Michael W. Sanders

Editorial:

Did you know, that GAST is not a club?

We can be proud that we are much more than a simple club! Often, I hear members refer to GAST as a Club. Let's make an effort to refer to our organization as "GAST" instead of "Club!"

What do you say?

—Fred Rother

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The October Weinkellerabend

is scheduled for Friday, October 25, starting at 5:30 PM

Please come to eat, drink, and visit for a while!
We hope to see you there!

Your hosts will be **Lois and Al Voeller**.
Coordinators are **Claus and Helga Greiner**

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GAST Youth Movie Night

Monday, October 14, 2002 at 6:30 PM



Showing on DVD

“The Matrix”

in German

starring Keanu Reeves.

Refreshments will be served.

—Rusty Seelye

GAST Dancers and Singers to open Oktoberfest

The festivities for the public kick off Thursday evening with a general parade, followed by opening ceremonies at which the **GAST Sanger** and **GAST Folkdancers** present a limited program, which generally begins between **5 & 6 PM** in the **BIER GARTEN**.

That same evening the **GAST Folkdancers** are scheduled to perform from **8:15 PM to 9 PM** in the **Ess Zelt** and in the **Bier Garten**. The **Folkdancers** will again perform **Sunday afternoon** from **2:45 to 3:30 PM** in this same tent. We hope you will be able to attend.

In addition to Oktoberfest, both groups have a full fall schedule, bringing enjoyment to such diverse groups as the Franciscan Villa and other area nursing homes, various area churches, the Oklahoma Global Education Conference, Ponca City's Oktoberfest, the Broken Arrow Centennial, Kid's World and our own GAST events. We are fortunate to have so many individuals willing to give of their time to share German song and dance with others.

Both groups meet at the GAST Center on a pre-set week night and are always happy to welcome new individuals any time during their season. The choir meets every Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 PM, the dancers meet on Friday evening beginning at 7:00 PM. That means you can exercise your vocal cords on Thursday and your feet on Friday! I hope you will consider joining one of these groups, and if you can't that you will at least lend your support by attending their performances

We hope to see you at Oktoberfest - ein Pr
Ein Prosit der Gemutlichkeit!

—Uschi Gabriele



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Monday September 2, starting at 6:30 PM

Eine Musikalische Reise durch die Schwabische Alb

Starting at 7:30 PM

Lieselotte von der Pfalz

Starring: Heidelinde Weis, Halard Leipzig
Karin Huebner and Gunnar Moeller



Oktoberfest 2002—

October 16 through the 20th

This event is GAST's biggest fundraiser.

Its success is vitally important to continue our activities. We need you! If you have not been contacted, please call **Joann Quintana** at 584-6056 to volunteer. We also need help to set up our booths on set-up day, Monday, October 14th. Please show up at the site by 10AM or call me at 743-9113 for details.

A reminder of the GAST food and beverage policy:

Volunteers, working for GAST in the food booth, may, during the shift they are working—or immediately thereafter—eat any food served by GAST and drink any beverage served or provided by GAST for its volunteers. This must be done outside the tent in accordance with Health Department rules.

No food or beverage is to be taken by or for any person not working at that time!

The Chairperson of the special events committee and the supervisor of each shift are the only persons authorized to give complimentary food or beverage to anyone not working. A decision to give complementary food to anyone is at the sole discretion of the chairperson and each supervisor.

—Jim Walker

GAST Oktoberfest coordinator



Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

Due to German-American Day celebration scheduled for the first Sunday this month, the "Kaffee" will not be held.

However, we hope to see you all at the German-American Day celebration on that Sunday—
and at our next Sonntagskaffee on November 3rd.

—Helga Greiner

Youth Activities Off to a Great Start

The Board had recently voted to send \$25 to each area German language teacher to add to his/her class material budget. This small donation was much appreciated and a few days later it was followed up with a dinner get-together at a local restaurant with several of the teachers and a few students present. We were 12 people in all and had great discussions about what their needs and interests were from GAST in order to help in their instructions and what was already on our agenda for them by giving them a calendar of the year's events.

The first official get-together with the students will be a movie-night film in German with English subtitles...at the GAST Center on Monday, October 14. If our members have children or grandchildren junior high and high school age, they are welcome to attend. For further information please contact **Rusty Seelye** at 742-8033, who has taken on the Youth Activity Chairmanship with great enthusiasm and also was the personal host of the dinner meeting with the teachers. Thank you, Rusty!

—Doris Gallagher

The Operating Committee thanks the following members who attended the September 14 work party: **Arnold Bieber, Doris Gallagher, June Holmes, John Millar, Dana Rosler, Charles Tegeler and John Toschik.** Everyone is invited to attend the work parties and help maintain our beautiful facility. The work party accomplishes the items that can't practically be contracted. In other words, all those little tasks you do at home. It's not difficult but it has to be done. Please give a few hours of your time at the next work party.

—John Millar

To our much appreciated Sonntagskaffee Guests

If you have been attending this event you have most likely seen our sign-up sheets for “Bakers”.

Whoever signs up to bring a cake **to the next** Coffee will be called about one week before the event, to ensure that we have enough, but not too many, cakes. Sometimes we had to “beg” for some extra cakes, and I wish to thank those bakers again who helped out when needed.

As much as we appreciate **all** cake donations, please do not bring a cake unless you have notified me at 455-3096, e-mail: helgagreiner@cox.net. Otherwise we end up with too many cakes for one Coffee, and then we may not get any extras in the future when we would really need them. Thanks for your cooperation and help.

—Helga Greiner

Annual GAST Oktoberfest Party

Toes-tapping, Polka-dancing, horns-blowing and beer-flowing!

Join us for our annual Oktoberfest party on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the GAST Center.

Social time begins at 6:00 o'clock and dinner at 6:30 PM.

Cost for the dinner is \$15.00 per person;

The party is free for those of you who worked a full-shift at Tulsa's “Oktoberfest”.

“The Original Soelkal Trio” from Austria will provide the music for the evening; please give them a warm GAST welcome.

They will be playing in the Bier Keller at Oktoberfest from Thursday through Sunday.

Menu:

Schnitzel

Bratkartoffeln(home fries)

Grüner Salat(green salad)

Brot und Butter(bread & butter)

Dessert: Käse Sahne Torte mit Raspberry Sauce
(Cheesecake w/Raspberry sauce)

Please make your reservation by calling the Message Center at 744-6998 no later than Wednesday, October 23rd.

If, after having made your reservation, you find that you can't attend the party, please be sure to cancel. Thanks.

Many thanks to those who helped with the Schützenfest party!

—Teresa Gallagher

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and they contributed.**

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