



# Das Deutsche Echo

December 2002

Jahrgang 23/12



With the GAST Center dressed in festive holiday style, we invite you to join us at our annual Weihnachtsfeier (Christmas celebration) Sat. Dec. 14, 2002. Social time will be at 6 p.m.; dinner, 6:30 p.m. The dinner menu is as follows:

Prime Rib  
Baked Potato  
Mixed green salad  
Bread & Butter  
Cream Puffs for dessert



Following dinner, the "Lighter Side" band will play music for your listening and dancing pleasure. The GAST Sänger will sing some favorite Christmas melodies.

The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 per person for dinner and dance, and \$7.50 for the dance only.

If you are unable to attend after making reservations, please be sure to cancel it.

Please make your reservations by calling the Message Center at 744-6998 no later than Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002.

—Teresa Gallagher, Chair

## What's happening at GAST?

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays, 10-2pm	Dec 31	New Year's Eve party	Mar 1	Fasching
Nov 24 General membership meeting	<b>2003</b>		Mar 9	Konversationsrunde
Dec 6 – 8 Christkindlmarkt	Jan 5	Sonntagskaffee	Apr 12	Lumpenball
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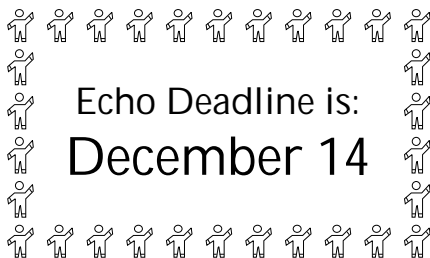
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## The President's Report to the Membership

When attendance at the past few Coronation Balls continually decreased, the Entertainment committee searched for new ideas of activities to bring to the members in November. The suggestion by **Siggi Grimm** for a Heimatabend had appeal. So, I gave **Siggi** the ball and he ran with it. GAST held their first Heimatabend on November 15. A Heimatabend is an evening of folkloric entertainment recalling memories of home and friends. GAST's first Heimatabend was a fantastic evening of music and sing-a-longs of favorite German melodies and dances. **Jim and Hannelore Giles** served as our Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. **Leon Boggs** led the GAST Sanger on a musical tour of Germany from the North to the South and stops in between. **Mike Stoops** accompanied the choir on his accordion. For variety, the GAST Folkdancers added a couple of folkdances and everyone joined in on the sing-a-long and the schunkeling. We know we are an organization with many talented members. If you have a talent you would like to share at our next Heimatabend please let someone know.

As this year comes to an end it is a time of many seasons, many activities and time with family and friends. The first season upon us is Fasching. November 11 at 11 o'clock began the official Fasching or Carnival season. It will end with the final fun and frivolity of the Fasching Costume Ball on March 1, 2003 just before Lent begins. The Elferrat has chosen **Jim and Joy Walker** to be the Prinz and Prinzessin of Fasching for this season. Congratulations to Prinz Jim II and Prinzessin Joy II.

The next season quickly approaching is the Christmas season. For the GAST family, that starts with Christkindlmarkt on December 6, 7, and 8. It is more important than ever that this year's Market is successful to take up some of the slack, financially speaking, for the shortage created because of bad weather during Oktoberfest. We need a few volunteers to help as greeters and with decorating. Please call the Message Center and volunteer. Don't forget to tell all your family and friends to come enjoy the fellowship, entertainment and food while doing your Christmas shopping. The selection of imported goods in both the GAST HAUS and the GAST Backerei have been expanded and are complimented by 40 other vendors. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Echo Deadline is:  
December 14



Following closely behind on December 13 is the children's St. Nikolaus party, on December 14 the Christmas party dinner dance and December 15 Adventsfeier, our German language Christmas Service. With the activities of other groups and our families, it is truly a busy time for all. Please check closely in this ECHO of times and details so you won't miss something.

Let's not forget about the final event of the year, The New Year's Eve Party. We are having a band this year as well as some other activities and surprises for you. You won't find a better bargain in Tulsa for a safe and sane New Year's Eve Party.

Please enjoy the traditions of the seasons. Here's wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all the Health and Prosperity that you deserve.

—Carol Wright

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## News from the Arts President

Kid's World 2002 is now history. The German-American Society Arts Association and the Tulsa/Celle Sister City Partnership occupied adjoining booths and cooperated successfully to share our German culture and language with more than 17,000 Tulsa area school children and visitors. The event was held November 14-17 at Expo Square. It is organized by Tulsa Global Alliance and sponsored by area businesses to keep the cost of admission affordable.

A heartfelt "thank you" to **Jill Hammer** and **Uschi Mueller** for co-chairing our Kid's World project and to **Jutta Tankersley** for supplying most of the cultural items and for setting up the booth. Last but not least, I would like to thank the volunteers of 39 shifts over 3 days. You did a great job!

The ARTS Speaker's Bureau has been very active this summer and fall by providing speakers for a number of area schools and civic groups,

most recently for the Remington Elementary School Oktoberfest and the Broken Arrow Centennial. Thank you **Mike Stoops**, the **GAST Folk Dancers** and the **GAST Sanger** for participating.

**Barbara Conrad** and her committee have been busy preparing for our annual Adventsfeier on Sunday, December 15, 3 PM. We are fortunate to be able to bring a native German pastor to Tulsa for the non-denominational service, thanks to the efforts of the Tulsa/Celle Sister City Partnership and the City of Celle. Please come and bring your friends.

Happy Holidays to all of you.

—Arnold Bieber

## Speaking German

Die  
Deutsche  
Konversations-  
Runde

**Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** gave a most interesting presentation about the life and works of Johann Sebastian Bach at our last Konversationsrunde. Included were some of the finest recordings of Bach music from their collection which everybody enjoyed while sipping wine or coffee and tasting the delicious Rumtorte and other home baked specialties. Thank you very much, Gertrud and Ortwin, for a wonderful afternoon.

Please join us at our Christmas meeting on December 22nd at 3 PM at **Elfriede Rogers'** house (4305 East 83rd, phone 481-1736). As is our custom Jutta and Inge will accompany us in singing our favorite Christmas songs and Hildegard will again read the story of Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht. There will still be time to read other stories or poems so please bring your favorite Christmas literature to read.

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 GAST Sanger*

### December Notes



On Oct. 28 we sang our "farewell" to Marianne Wright, former GAST Saenger, who passed away Oct. 25, 2002. She has joined other GAST Saenger in the "Heavenly Choir."

'Tis time again for tinsel & holly  
For Elves & Santa so jolly!  
For eyes so bright and twinkling lights  
Dancing in the night!

Our December "gigs" number four  
A busy weekend is in store!  
Below you will see where we'll be.

Dec. 13: Appearance with the Tulsa Community Band, Monte Cassino Aud. \*(see note below)  
Dec. 14: GAST Weihnachtsfeier  
Dec. 15: GAST Adventsfeier  
Evening Advent Service: Trinity Lutheran Church, Okmulgee

\*We will sing during the Tulsa Community Band's Holiday Concert Fri., Dec. 13, 2002 at Monte Casino Auditorium, 2206 S. Lewis, 7:30 p.m.. This event is free and open to the public. We invite you to come to the concert; refreshments will be served after the program. For further information, please call me at 663-9573.

—Teresa Gallagher

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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## GAST Youth Activity Report

### The GAST Essay Contest:

High School Essays are due by December 6 at the GAST office. The High School German teachers have all the information.

### Youth Movie Night:



We will not hold a Youth Movie Night for December. The next Youth Movie Night is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2003 at 6:00 PM. We will be serving pizza at this event!

—Rusty Selye

Wanted: Ideas/Suggestions for party themes 2003-2004.

If you have some ideas/suggestions for party themes, call the Message Center or E-Mail GAST. Will be working on party plans/dates after the 1st of the year. Thanks.

—Social Committee

Special thanks to **Siggi and Ingrid Grimm** for putting together the songs for Heimatabend and to **Jim & Hannah Giles** for their interesting interpretation! It was a fun evening.

—Teresa Gallagher



## German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Announcing:

Monday December 2, starting at 6:30 PM  
**Deutsche Weihnacht**

Starting at 7:30 PM  
Ludwig Ganghofers

**Der Jäger von Fall**

Starring: Gerlinde Doeberl, Alexander Stephan  
and Peppo Brehm



## Blaskapelle!?

I'm interested in forming a little brass combo to play only at GAST Christmas functions.



We would practice in November, play in December, then sit on our laurels for the rest of the year!



If interested, please call me at 742-9759.

—Max Tankersley





## Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

Please join us in the GAST Weinkeller  
on **Sunday, January 5, 2003, at 3 PM,**  
for some home-baked cake, good coffee and soft music.



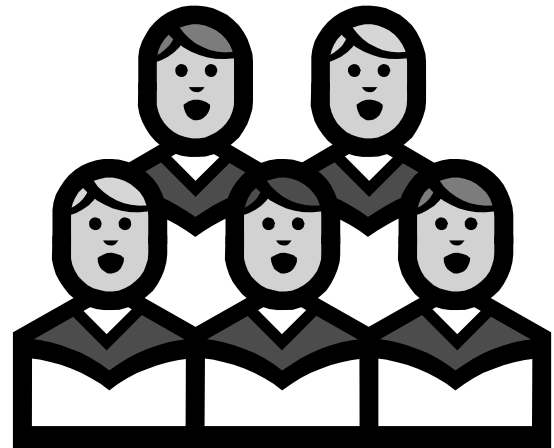
This is a great opportunity to visit with old friends or to make some new ones. We hope to see many of you there

The Kaffee Team:  
**Helga Greiner & Fred Rother**

## Handel's Messiah

The 82nd all-Lutheran presentation of Handel's Messiah will again be held on December 7th and 8th at the First Lutheran Church (13th & S. Utica). Performances begin at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM nightly. **Admission is free.**

For further information, please call 747-4211



Please join us with your children and grandchildren at our St. Nikolaus Party on December 14th at the GAST Center from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

We ask that you bring some cookies or snacks to share with all. The children will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken with St. Nikolaus.

Please RSVP the Message Center at 744-6998 no later than Sunday, Dec. 8.

—**DeeAnn Adlung,**  
Maiqueen

## GAST Dancers end successful 2002

By invitation of the GAST Choir, the GAST dancers, under the direction of **Carol Wright**, ended their successful 2002 season on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Heimatabend. Present at this event was the same core group that has sustained the GAST Dancers throughout the year.

In looking back at our 2002 season we see excellent collaboration with our very fine GAST Choir, under the direction of **Leon Boggs**, at the following events: Cole Camp, Missouri Sanger Fest, Franciscan Villa Nursing Home, Tulsa's Oktoberfest opening night, GAST Oktoberfest Party, the Broken Arrow Bicentennial Celebration and last, but not least, Heimatabend which was organized by **Siggi Grimm**.

The GAST Dancers also performed at Tulsa's Southern Hills Retirement Home and St Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, Col-

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## New Year's Eve Party



Ring out the old  
Ring in the new!  
Bid 2002 adieu  
And greet 2003!

You're invited to the GAST Center for our gala  
New Years' Eve party, Tues. Dec. 31,  
2002, 8:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

The Kings of Music will play favorite songs for dancing  
and listening pleasure from 9 to midnight.

The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 per person (best  
price in town!).

Bring your favorite New Years' Eve specialty dish to  
show off & share! Champagne at midnight to toast the  
New Year!

Please make your reservation by calling the Message  
Center 744-6998 no later than Thurs., Dec. 26, 2002.  
Come early so that you and your party will be able to sit  
together.

Food Fun Games Dancing,  
Champagne at midnight, Socializing  
Happy New Year!

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linsville's Francis Streitel Retirement Home, and Pryor's First Church of God. In addition we entertained at four events with an international theme: TU International Student Night, OSU Okmulgee Global Education Symposium, a B.A. elementary school's International Night and Kid's World.

There were two Tulsa Oktoberfest performances in addition to opening night and a shared billing at Ponca City's Oktoberfest with the Salina Blass Orchestra from Celle, Germany. Moreover, **Rusty Seelye**, who is directing GAST's Teen activities, invited us to dance at GAST's Teen Oktoberfest Party.

This article would not be complete without mentioning our wonderful **GAST Children's Dance Group** under the direction of **Jill Hammer**, **Hildegard Schaffrin** and **Carol Wright**. This group has entertained GAST members at our parties and the public at large at Oktoberfest and Kids' World.

A special thank you to all who participated and to all who graced us with their applause and their encouragement.  
**We hope that some of you in the audience will join us next year for a successful 2003 season.**

—Ursula Mueller

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*The Officers and Board of Directors  
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wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a happy and prosperous New Year!*



*Happy Holidays!*

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