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Jahrgang 24/1

Anniversary Party

Please join us at the GAST 24th Anniversary celebration Saturday, January 18, 2003.
Social time begins at 6 PM & dinner will be served at 6:30 PM

Our Dinner Menu:

Chicken Breast w/mushroom sauce
Wild Rice Pilaf
Green beans
Bread & butter
Apple cobbler for dessert.

Following dinner, music for your listening & dancing pleasure will be provided by a band yet to be arranged.

The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 per person for the dinner and dance; \$7.50 for dance only. Please make your reservations by calling the Message Center at 744-6998, no later than Wed., Jan. 15, 2003 – and, please, please cancel your reservation if you can't attend after all.

– Teresa Gallagher

What's happening at GAST?

Dec 31 New Year's Eve party	Feb 28 Weinkeller	May 4 Konversationsrunde
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Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays, 10-2 PM	Mar 2 Sonntagskaffee	May 10 Maiball
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Jan 24 Weinkeller	Apr 6 Sonntagskaffee	Aug 3 Sonntagskaffee
Feb 2 Sonntagskaffee	Apr 12 Lumpenball	Aug 22 Weinkeller
Feb 7 Stammtisch	Apr 13 Konversationsrunde	Sep 7 Sonntagskaffee
Feb 9 Konversationsrunde	Apr 25 Weinkeller	Sep 26 Weinkeller
Feb 15 Wine-tasting party	May 2 Stammtisch	Oct 24 Weinkeller

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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to everyone. "Tis the Season to be Jolly" . . . a familiar refrain.

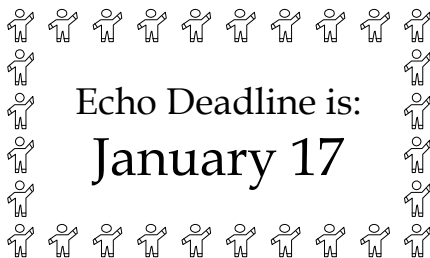
I hope that for you, your family and loved ones, the holidays have been a time of celebrating all the blessings we as Americans hold dear. Peace, joy, love, a sense of belonging and security – these are the things we treasure.

I would like to express heartfelt condolence to **Marion Weber** and the family of **Dr. Charles Weber**. Dr. Weber passed away on December 11. Charles and Marion have been members of GAST for many years, were active in volunteering and attending events and activities of GAST.

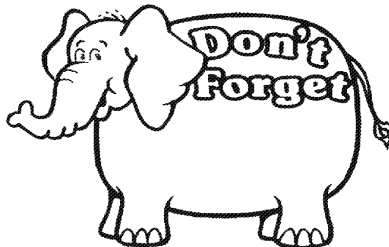
I would like to thank you for your concern and support in the programs and activities of GAST during the past year. In our busy lives too often there is not enough appreciation shown or thank you's expressed. YOU, the members, are what make GAST what it is and will become. I appreciate the dedication of so many of our members in making "things happen". Our membership has grown to an all time high of 462. Each of you is important to the progress and future of the Society.

We have just completed a very successful Christkindlmarkt under the Co-Chairmanship of **Hannalore Giles and daughter, Angie Svendsen**. Of course, it could not have been accomplished so successfully without the efforts of the **Working Committee** and all of the volunteers. THANK YOU ALL. In our 4th year of this event it continues to grow even in a slightly recessed economy. The preliminary results indicate that our proceeds will again exceed last year's and also that of Mayfest again. If you would like to be a part of this exciting and ever growing endeavor please make yourself known.

I am very pleased with the growing participation in our more casual, less structured, activities like Weinkellerabend, Sonntagskaffee and Stammtischrunde. Our Youth program activities are flourishing under the leadership of **Rusty Seelye** with record attendance at his events. Speaking of the Youth program, don't forget that the awards for the best Essay from the area High School German language students will be presented at the Anniversary Ball on January 18. The Anniversary Ball is also a time when the Directors Award and the Presidents Award are presented. Two mem-



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bers will be honored for achieving outstanding accomplishments, showing dedication and making contributions to the goals of GAST during the past year.

The GAST Board is striving to move forward with the ideas and suggestions that were brought forward in the "Think Tank" last year.

The GAST Board is here to facilitate in "making things happen". We manage, guide and direct the society in meeting the interests and wishes of the membership to fulfill our mission statement. We, as a board must have your input and participation to accomplish this. We would like to have your comments, constructive criticism, and especially your participation on a committee or at a function or activity

—Carol Wright

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News from the Arts President

At this time of the year we like to reflect on the events of the past year. It's been a good year for most of us. But we do miss those who are no longer with us: **Warren Wilson**, a member of the Board of Directors for many years, **Dr. Charles Weber**, retired professor of languages at Tulsa University and an active member of GAST, **Marianne Wright**, a member of the GAST choir. Also **Lillian Renberg**, the wife of **Kenneth Renberg**. Their lives have touched us, and we will keep their memory in our hearts.

The Arts Association was able to bring a number of musical and educational programs to the Tulsa community, thanks to the wonderful support of our members and friends. Some of these programs may return in 2003 along with some new ones, so please watch for announcements in the *ECHO*.

Our Adventsfeier on Sunday, December 15, was well attended. I would like to thank **Barbara Conrad** and her committee for the

preparations and arrangements. Pastor Hans Jürgen Wiesenfeldt from Celle, Germany, led the service and brought greetings from the mayor of Celle and our many friends in Tulsa's newest sister city. **Leon Boggs** played the organ and directed the **GASTSÄNGER** in some of the most beautiful German Christmas carols. A special treat was the solo performance by **Irmgard Runyon** ("O hehre Nacht").

All in all it was a good year, a busy year, and I thank you for being a part of it. For 2003 I would like to wish you good health, good fortune and the love and support of family and good friends.

– **Arnold Bieber**

Speaking German

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

We wish to thank **Elfriede and Harry Rogers** in advance for opening their home and for their gracious hospitality in hosting the annual Christmas meeting of the Konversationsrunde. We feel quite safe in doing this in advance since this special meeting has for years been one of the year's highlights.

Our next meeting will be at **Gabi Richardson's** home at 5827 South Maplewood Phone 494-3762. at 3 PM on Sunday, January 12. The topic will be "Discover America's West as seen through the Eyes of a German" and will be presented by **Barbara Taron**. Please join us for this presentation concerning a topic which should be of interest to all of us.

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



January Notes

Happy New Year!

The Holidays are now over
We're going to "seek out the clover".

We'll take a brief respite
We'll return in Feb., some
Thursday night!

Congrats to the new Prinz & Prinzessin
of Fasching, **Jim & Joy Walker**.
Jim is one of the GAST Sanger.

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

—Teresa Gallagher

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to the GAST Family

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GAST Youth Activity Report

The Youth Movie will be shown on Monday, January 13, at 6:00 PM at the GAST Center.

We will watch "The Scorpion King" on DVD in German with English subtitles, starring "The Rock" and serving Pizza and refreshments for \$2 per person.

The awards for the High School Essay contest will be given on January 18, 2003 at the GAST Anniversary Party.

Tschüß,
— Rusty Seelye



Stammtisch Talk

Come gather 'round the Stammtisch for some post-holiday cheer.

Friday January 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Prost!

— Dean Butler



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Monday January 6, starting at 6:30 PM

Die Strasse der Lieder

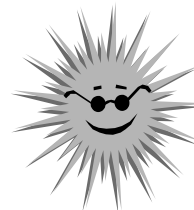
Eine Musikalische Reise durch den südlichen Schwarzwald.

Starting at 7:30 PM

Peter Steibners Theater-Stadl

Die Urlaubssklaven

Starring Peter Steiner, Gerda Steiner-Palzer and Barbara Kutzer.



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



Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)



We hope you all had a great start into a wonderful New Year. With no other activities preventing us from using the Weinkeller in our GAST Building, we will hold our next Sonntagskaffee on

January 5, 2003, 3.00 - 5.00 pm.

We hope to see all of our "old" friends and hopefully also some of our new members there. It is a very good opportunity to get acquainted. If you have always thought about coming: this will be a pleasant New Year's resolution! Give it a try; you will like it!

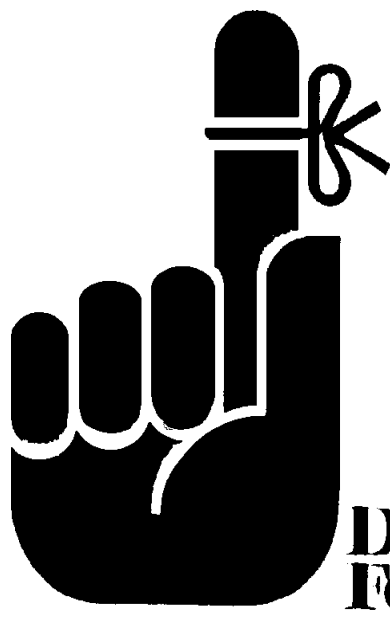
If you can bring a cake, please call Helga at 455-3096 by December 30.

The Kaffee Team:
– Helga Greiner & Fred Rother

Lesegruppe (formerly Literature Group)

We will hold our first meeting for the new year on January 19th at 2 PM at my house, 7507 S. Richmond Ave. Anyone who reads German and wants to participate in a discussion in German is cordially invited to attend. For more information, please call me at 496-8474 or Lore Hall at 259-1012.

– Ursula Andress



We Need You!

The Operating Committee will be holding another Work Party on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 8:30 AM. We will be concentrating on the building interior.

One of our priority items is to oil the woodwork. This must be done regularly to preserve the appearance and prolong the life of the wood. It's time to do it again.

Please join us and help maintain our beautiful facility. There are many items to be accomplished and we can find something productive for you to do. The work isn't difficult. It is simply the things you do all the time around your house that can't be hired out. Come help and enjoy some pizza with us at lunch. See you there?

– John Millar

A great **BIG** Thanks!

Angela and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all our enthusiastic volunteers for their generous help before, during, and after Christkindlmarkt.

There are too many of you who worked behind the scenes to mention, but be assured that we are exceedingly grateful. It is such a wonderful, beautiful, and profitable venture for GAST. We have truly enjoyed chairing it these past two years.

Due to my many other obligations, I won't be able to continue as chairperson but will still help. Please get in touch with **Carol Wright** if you are interested to take over the torch.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Herzlichsten Dank,

—**Hannelore Giles**
and **Angela Svendsen**

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GAST Folk Dancers Get Back In Step

The GAST Folk Dancers will be resuming practice sessions on Friday, January 24. We meet in the GAST Center from 7 till 9 PM on Friday evenings.

We welcome all newcomers to join us in learning traditional German and Austrian folkdances. You do not need a dance partner but it does help. You will need to dress comfortably with comfortable shoes.

The GAST Folk Dancers are dedicated to having a good time while learning and presenting programs of Folkdancing at functions, schools, retirement homes, and in the community

If you have any questions please contact me by calling the Message Center at 744-6998 or e-mail me at gastulsa@att.net

—**Carol Wright**

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