



# Das Deutsche Echo

February 2003

Jahrgang 24/2

## Tasting a Bit of the Grape

We are looking forward to a bit of wine education on February 15th, starting at 7 PM. GAST member, **Tom Clark**, a wine connoisseur, will guide us as we try the various vintages. We'll look at its color, sip a bit, roll it about our tongue, sniff it and enjoy its delightful aftertaste. We plan to be sampling about six different German wines of differing qualities.



This is an experimental event and needs therefore to be limited to 48 people! Please call the Message Center early for your reservation! We will maintain a standby list for cancellations.

**If you need to cancel, do so as early as possible  
to enable other persons to attend!**

**Un-cancelled reservations will be charged \$15 per person!**

We will meet in the downstairs "Weinkeller" and request a fee of \$15 per person. Although we will provide for quality hors d'oeuvres after the tasting, we urge you to eat before you come to this event. The bar will be open following the wine-tasting.

— George W. Starch III

## Tulsa Talent Concert

**Please join us on Sunday, February 23, 3 :00 PM at the GAST Center for a "Tulsa Talent Show".**

You will be amazed at the talent of Tulsa's young people, such as 14-year old concert pianist **Carson Wagner**, who has performed locally in churches and society events, as well as at the OK Mozart International Music Festival in Bartlesville and at the Spartanburg Choral Festival.

Also performing for us will be the **Tulsa Youth Chorale**, a well-known local choral group organized and directed by Ms. **Ginny LeDoux**. Their recent winter concert at the Fellowship Lutheran Church was a tremendous success.

**We hope you can attend to help us cheer these young people on,  
while we enjoy a professional-quality program.**

## *What's happening at GAST?*

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## The President's Report to the Membership

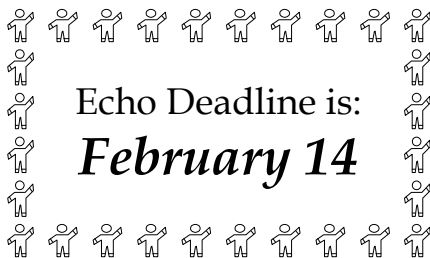
Dear Members,

Happy Anniversary to GAST. In January we celebrated the 23rd Anniversary of GAST with a evening of dining, dancing and awards. Unfortunately, the turnout for the Anniversary Ball was disappointing with fewer than 70 members attending.

The Board of Directors started the new year by choosing a member (not necessarily a board member) to honor. Moreover, the three presidents, myself, **Arnold Bieber and Charles Tegeler**, also chose a member to honor. We honored these members at the Anniversary Ball for their dedication and volunteer service to the goals of GAST and outstanding accomplishments for GAST. To choose only two recipients was a difficult task because GAST is so fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers. Many of you out there are equally deserving of this award.

I will digress a moment here to thank and recognize all who have ever served as an Officer or on the Board of Directors of GAST, GASAA or GASBC these 23 years. It is only because of these leaders and you members who volunteer your time and talents so freely that GAST has grown to the viable organization it is today. Thank You.

This year's recipient of the "Board of Directors Award" is a person who has not been a member for that many years, but when he joined, he jumped in with "both feet." He is a native Tulsan and has German heritage on both sides of his family. He joined, signed up for our Conversational Language classes and started volunteering on a regular basis for Mayfest and Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt. This is his first year on the Board and I, as president of GAST, asked him to chair the youth aspect of our organization. He went into this project again with both feet. He invited all area Middle and High School teachers for "a get-acquainted-change idea dinner" at his own expense and had a great turn-out. Since then, the youth activity program has gone full speed. His monthly movie nights or theme parties for the German language students have had tremendous attendance of 40 to 100 students. He also solicited area



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merchants to contribute refreshments.  
(Which certainly helped our budget).

This project is a venue for German-language students from all over the Tulsa area to come together, get acquainted, change ideas, work with each other and even form friendships beyond their own school boundaries. GAST should be proud to give this opportunity to our younger generation and thus keep the German culture and heritage alive. He has contributed a lot of his time, effort and even own resources to make this possible. This year's Board award goes to **Rusty Seelye**.

Now, the President's Award is a little different story. **Arnold Bieber, Charles Tegeler** and I agreed that the recipient of this years President's Award was a team-couple. It is a couple who volunteered together as well as individually in many areas of GAST since they joined in 1996. And more over they love GAST. Their volunteerism includes Board Service for

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## News from the Arts President

I would like to extend my heartfelt "thank you" to all of the members who responded to our recent fund-raising letter. I very much appreciate your financial support of the Arts Association and, although we raised a little less than last year, it will enable us to continue to bring quality programs to Tulsa for the enjoyment and cultural enrichment of our members, guests and the general public.

Our next event will be on Sunday, February 23, 3:00 PM at the GAST Center under the title "Tulsa Talent". You will be amazed at the talent of Tulsa's young people, such as 14 year old concert pianist Carson Wagner, who has performed locally for churches, retirement centers and society events, as well as at the OK Mozart International Music Festival in Bartlesville and the Spartanburg Choral Festival. Also performing for us will be the Tulsa Youth Chorale, a well-known local choral group organized and directed by Ms. Ginny LeDoux. Their recent winter concert at the Fellowship Lutheran Church was a tremendous success.

Remember last year's performance by Mr. Ruediger Steinfatt from Augsburg, Germany? Well, he is planning another U. S. tour, and he will be at the GAST Center on Sunday, April 6 at 3 PM. Please be sure not to miss this delightful event.

Kinderdeutsch and Conversational German Language classes are starting again in February. Kinderdeutsch is a program for 4-12 year olds. German phrases, songs and folk dances are taught in two groups, beginners and advanced, every Saturday for 8 weeks, 10 to 11:45. Good students are rewarded with cookies and juice afterwards! It is a lot fun for everybody.

Conversational German language classes are taught for ten weeks by native speakers in three classes, beginners, intermediate and advanced. For additional information call the Message Center at 744-6998, or visit the website: [www.gastulsa.org](http://www.gastulsa.org).

— Arnold Bieber

## Speaking German

Die  
Deutsche  
Konversations-  
Runde

We would like to thank **Gabi Richardson** for opening her home to a well-attended and well-received program. We intend to follow this up at our next meeting on the 9th of February at 3 PM at the home of **Sonia and Peter Ahrekiel** who live at 2418 East 22nd (493-6191). The topic will be a Powerpoint presentation on HANS-ESTADT LÜBECK UNESCO-WELTERBE. Please mark the date and join us.

HELP! We will finally have our long-anticipated **GARAGE SALE!** The date is definitely set for the 21st and 22nd of March. We will collect donations at the GAST Center on Wednesday (19th of March). On Thursday the 20th we will prepare for the sale by sorting and pricing the merchandise. We need your saleable articles and your assistance in this very important fundraiser. Please be aware THAT YOUR JUNK IS SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE.

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



### February Notes

We're still enjoying our Winter nap.  
Not sure when we'll come back!  
We have not yet set the date.  
It'll be in February late,  
Or perhaps early in March we'll re-start.

Valentine's Day is coming up.  
Be sure to give your loved ones  
An extra hug!

Happy Valentine's Day!

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

– Teresa Gallagher

Many thanks to all who helped with the  
New Year's Eve party while I was gone.

– Teresa Gallagher

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Ruth Baum  
7711 S. Yale Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74136  
Tel. 492-1947

Joachim Kowol (ZABRZE)  
Mary-Anne Kowol (Lauda)  
12733 E. 37th Street  
Tulsa, OK. 74146  
Tel. 665-1448

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four years, Finance Committee, Trustees Committee and Operating committee. He was a van driver at Oktoberfest and a No- Nonsense worker. He found a job that needed to be done you could depend on him doing and doing it right. He often took equipment home to repair it. His work can be seen in the furniture he repaired and repainted in the Weinkeller. Jointly they serve as Hosts for leased events, attended work parties at our Building, wash days for Oktoberfest and Mayfest, Set up and Tear Down for Oktoberfest, Mayfest and Christkindlmarkt as well as working one or more shifts at these events. They were there to help decorate for events. They were members of the GAST Folk Dancers.

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## GAST Youth Activity Report

The High School Essay Contest Winners are:

First Place - Jessi Bramlett - Bixby HS \$200 Prize  
Second Place - Jennifer Solis - Memorial HS \$150 Prize  
Third Place - Josh Swift - Memorial HS \$100 Prize

Congratulations to the winners and to all of the students who submitted an essay!

Our next Youth Movie Night will be Monday, February 10 at 6:30 PM

We will be showing the widely popular movie "Spider-man" on DVD - in German with English subtitles. Pop-corn and refreshments will be served.

The Youth Fasching Party will be Monday, March 3.

—Rusty Seelye

## Order Official Name Tag

Print your name in **BLOCK LETTERS**  
(exactly the way you want it on your name tag)

Include a check for \$6.50 and mail to  
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## German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Monday February 3, starting at 6:30 PM

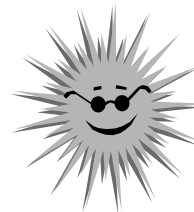
### Strasse der Lieder

Eine Musikalische Reise  
entlang der Deutschen Weinstrasse in der Pfalz

Starting at 7:30 PM

### Die Nacht vor der Premiere

Starring: Marika Roekk, Answald Krueger, Theo  
Lingen and Peer Schmidt



## 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

E-mail -- GASTwo@aol.com

—Reba Schaffner



## Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)



We hope you all had a great start into a wonderful New Year.  
We meet in our GAST Building on

**February 2, 2003, from 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 love it!

**If you wish to bring a cake, please call Helga at 455-3096 by Jan. 30, thanks.**

The Kaffee Team:  
— Helga Greiner & Fred Rother

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**June and Warren Wilson** is the team-couple we chose to honor.

The Anniversary Ball was also the venue for awarding the winners of the annual High School Essay Contest. The topic was "Sister City, Celle Partnership, what does it mean to me?" There were 37 entries from Bixby, Memorial, Union, Jenks, Broken Arrow, Cascia Hall High Schools. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jessi Bramlett from Bixby HS, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jennifer Solis, Memorial HS, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Josh Swift from Memorial HS. Their Teachers, **Marianne Segner** at Bixby HS and **Max Byars Horton** at Memorial HS. Congratulations to you all and thank you for participating. A special thank-you to **Barbara Conrad, Jutta Tankersley, and Doris Wicks** for judging this contest and to **Rusty Seelye** for organizing it so well.

—Carol Wright

## Dust off your Folk-dancing Shoes!

The folk-dancers began their weekly practice sessions on Friday, January 24 at 7 P.M. at the GAST Center. If you are looking for a little exercise and have the desire to learn something new, while giving back to GAST and to the community at large, I hope you will consider joining our group.

We will be giving some thought to our weekly meeting day at our first session, since the past year has seen Friday evenings as a very popular week day for other delightful activities, such as the Weinkellerabend and the Stammtisch. Since Echo articles are prepared far in advance, if you are thinking of joining us, please call **Carol Wright** (299-2839) or me, **Uschi Mueller** at my office at 250-2491 to be sure our meeting day hasn't changed. You can also e-mail me at [ursulagabriele@webzone.net](mailto:ursulagabriele@webzone.net).

For new members: our group performs at nursing homes, international events, GAST events, Oktoberfest, private parties, and whenever or wherever we are asked to perform and it fits into everyone's schedule. To maintain this group and not put a strain on any one member, where performances are concerned, it would be really great if we could find no less than 18 people to participate. Currently our core group is made up of eight very dedicated souls.

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## Kinderdeutsch

Please enroll your children and grandchildren, 4 to 12, in this wonderful cultural program. We will have two classes again: beginners and advanced, for eight Saturdays, starting February 1, from 10-11:45 AM.

Included in the program is folk-dancing, singing and, of course, conversational German and refreshments. Cost is \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members, less \$5 discount for each additional child in the family.

Don't miss the fun!

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you for your cards and phone calls wishing me "Gute Besserung".

I've graduated from a wheelchair to two crutches, to one crutch and starting today, 1/19, I am already walking on my bad leg (in a brace) with the help of a single "walking stick".

I hope to see you at the next party.  
Thanks,

—Irene Rother

## Fasching Party

Helau, helau, helau!

Charming Prinzessin Joy II and Noble Prinz Jim II invite you to **join us on March 1<sup>st</sup>, for our annual Fasching party.** Dress up in costume for the chance to win a prize in the costume contest.



The cost for this fun evening is: \$ 12.00 per person. Doors open at 6:30 PM. The Walburg Boys will provide for our music.

Enjoy a light Snack (no dinner). Please call in your reservations at 744-6998 by Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

—Your hosts: The Elferrat



## German Language Classes

Our conversational German classes start February 11, 2003. The course runs for ten weeks. During this time we will meet for two hours every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Enrollment will begin at 6:30 PM on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

—Marianne Strong

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So please give this some thought – you don't need to know the dance steps – those are taught at the practice sessions.

Our first event for the year is the creation of a Group Costume for Fasching – come join in the fun and bring costume ideas with you. We hope to see you at our next practice.

—Uschi Mueller

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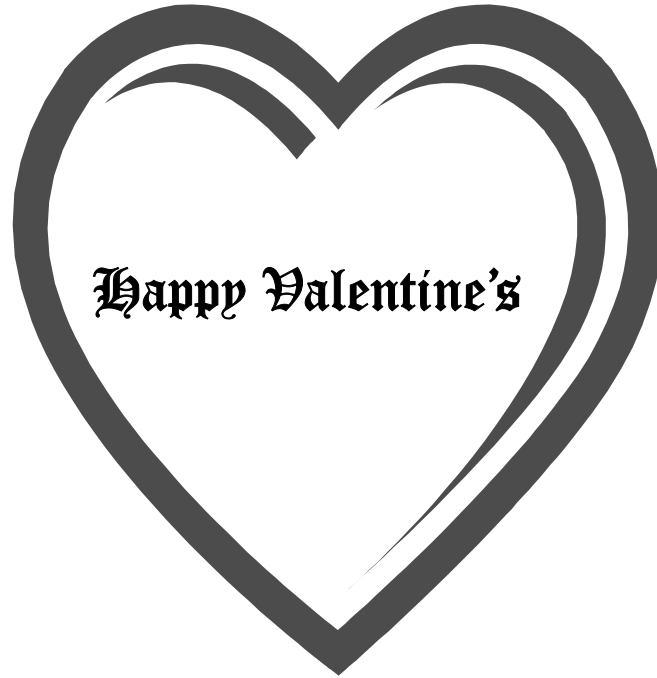
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