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GAST Lumpenball and Soup Party

April 12, 2003

Come one, come all! Find your "worst rags" and wear them to the GAST Lumpenball and Soup Party.

Don't miss this opportunity to sample many tasty soups and desserts provided by some of our GAST "Chefs"! If you would like to contribute soup and/or dessert, please contact me at 663-9573 or E-Mail JNGTMSG@aol.com.

Cost for this event will be \$7.50 per person; one free admission for each soup or dessert donated. **Please be generous and also bring canned goods to donate to the Community Food Bank to help those who are less fortunate than we are.** A box will be provided in the foyer for this purpose.

Entertainment for the party will be provided by Dick Albreski from OKC. He will perform many familiar waltzes, polkas and some sing-alongs for our enjoyment. As a special treat for us, he has written a polka entitled "TheTulsa Lumpenball Polka" dedicated to GAST! Don't miss out on this.

Please call the Message Center 744-6998 for your reservations by Wednesday, April 9 and indicate whether you are donating soup or dessert. If you are unable to come after making your reservation, please be courteous and cancel. Thank you.

—Teresa Gallagher, chair



What's happening at GAST?

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays, 10-2 PM	May 4 Sonntagskaffee	Oct 25 GAST Oktoberfest
Heinzelmännchen—Wednesdays, 10 AM	May 10 Maiball	Nov 2 Sonntagskaffee
Mar 28 Weinkeller	May 23 Weinkeller	Nov 15 ?
Apr 4 Stammtisch	Jun 1 Sonntagskaffee	Nov 28 Weinkeller
Apr 6 Classical Piano Concert	Jun 15 Family Picnic	Dec 5-7 Christkindlmarkt
Apr 12 Lumpenball	Jun 27 Weinkeller	Dec 13 Weihnachtsfeier
Apr 13 Konversationsrunde	July 25 Weinkeller	Dec 14 Adventsfeier
Apr 13 Children's Easter Party	Aug 3 Sonntagskaffee	Dec 31 New Years Eve Party
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Apr 25 Weinkeller	Sep 7 Sonntagskaffee	Jan 17 GAST Anniversary Party
Apr 27 Gen. Membership meeting	Sep 20 ??	
May 2 Stammtisch	Sep 26 Weinkeller	
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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Members,

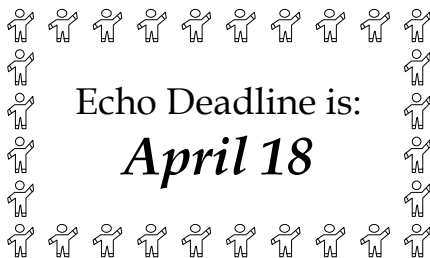
We are seeing an increase in attendance at the monthly Weinkellerabend and the Sonntagskaffee and that is wonderful. Our membership continues to grow, yet there are some who do not renew after only a year or two of membership. I often wonder, with GAST's many programs and activities, what are these members looking for that they are not finding.

Uschi Mueller and I represented GAST at the Tulsa Global Alliance sponsored International Mini-Summit held on March 2. The reports from the small group sessions were compiled into an International Plan that was submitted to the Dialog/Visioning 2025 committee for consideration as part of the overall proposal for the City of Tulsa.

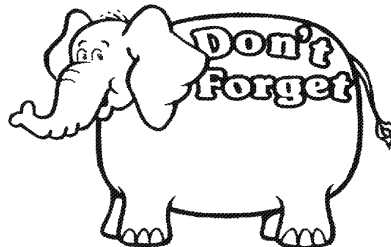
On April 28 we will be holding a General Membership meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors and reporting to the membership concerning the activities of GAST during the past year. Please plan on attending to show your interest in GAST and your support of the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs whose time and dedication serve for the benefit of the membership and the community.

The Elferrat, under the direction of **Harold Wicks**, continued their long standing tradition of planning and holding a festive and entertaining ending to the Fasching season. The Fasching Party appeared to have fewer members in costume than previous years but those who did join in the fun and frivolity with traditional attire for the occasion appeared with some very original and well done costumes. It was hard for the Elferrat to out due the "Männer Ballet" of last year but the eleven Elvis Presleys brought the house down even though they had aged a few years.

I want to thank **Darlene Tegeler** for agreeing to Chair this year's Christkindmarkt. She will be starting preliminary planning and organizing soon. Anyone interested in being a part of this project should contact Darlene or me to make themselves known.



Echo Deadline is:
April 18



Don't forget to make plans to attend our annual soup party in the form of the Lumpenball on April 12. You can enjoy some very good homemade soups and desserts and have the opportunity to bring along canned goods for GAST to donate to the Tulsa Community Food Bank. You will find the details on this party in this issue of the ECHO.

The GAST Boards continue to plan, organize and facilitate the operations of our fine organization with some very dedicated officers and board members. Because of the existing structure of GAST, we actually have three separate boards with individual officers, common secretary, treasure, and directors. We, the boards, are available to hear your thoughts, ideas, constructive criticism and the compliments. Please feel free to contact me or any board member to express yourself on how we can better serve the organization.

—Carol Wright

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News from the Arts President

Oklahoma weather! Not even our excellent connections to Channel 6's chief weather forecaster Jim Giles could keep the snow away just one more day. As the front moved in early that Sunday morning we were keeping our fingers crossed and hoping it would blow over fast and maybe dump the snow somewhere else. No such luck! By noon it became obvious that it was just not safe to proceed. So we made the decision to cancel the event and tried to get the word out to our members and the public. It was disappointing, to say the least.

Although we were not able to reschedule the "Tulsa Talent" Show, you will have a chance to hear the Tulsa Children's Chorus and Tulsa Youth Chorale at the GAST Center on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 PM. This event is sponsored by the Arts Association and it is free and open to the public. Please check their website www.tulsachildrenschorus.org for details.

We are looking forward to the return of Mr. Rüdiger Steinfatt from Augsburg, Germany, for a Classical Piano Concert on Sunday, April 6, 3 PM, at the GAST Center. His wonderful program includes works by Mozart, Schumann, Beethoven and Kempff. We would like to have a large turnout for this event, so please help us get the word out and invite your friends and neighbors.

On Sunday, May 11, the Barthelmes Conservatory of Music and the German American Society Arts Association will present a Musical Celebration of Mother's Day for our members, guests and supporters of the Conservatory. The recital will feature music by notable women composers, such as Clara Schumann, Fanny Mendelssohn, Florence Price and others.

And now a word about our GAST GRAND GARAGE SALE. It was very successful thanks to the many members that donated items and their time to organize, set-up, price and assist with the sale. I wish there was enough space here to list the names of all the volunteers, but I can assure you that **Barbara Conrad, Erica Hartman** and I appreciate your help and contributions. Thanks also go to **Don and Carol Wright** for donating the storage space.

Please remember our troops in the MiddleEast war during your Easter and Passover celebrations.

— Arnold Bieber

Speaking German

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

Thank you **Harold and Doris Wicks** for hosting the previous meeting. Whoever could not attend this afternoon missed a very in-depth factual presentation on the differences between higher education and secondary education in Bavaria and USA. We thank Ralf Kaestner for an outstanding job.

The next meeting will be on the 13th of April at 3 p.m. at the home of **June and Glenn Cockrell**. **PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS CHANGE** to 7316 EAST 63RD PLACE. TELEPHONE 252-0759. **Arnold Bieber** will discuss the evolution of names. You may want to go research you own family tree after this.

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).

Seid nett zueinander!

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The GAST Sanger



April Notes

In early March a new Soprano
joined our "troupe"!
We hope she'll enjoy our group!

Don't be an "April Fool"
Be Cool!
Hop to the Weinkeller on Thurs. eve.
Join us as we sing
Favorite songs of Spring.

Happy Easter!

The GAST Sanger wish to extend their
condolences to **Jim & Dottie Dittus**
for their recent loss.

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

– Teresa Gallagher



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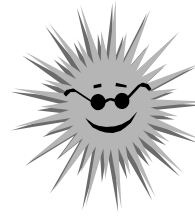
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– Reba Schaffner

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Irmgard Toschik



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:

Monday, April 7, starting at 6:30 PM

Die Strasse der Lieder
Eine Reise durch Berlin

Starting at 7:30 PM

Mädchenjahre einer Königin

Starring: Romy Schneider, Adrian Hoven, Magda
Schneider and Paul Hoerbinger



Youth Movie Night

The next Youth Movie Night will be
on Monday, April 14 at 6:30 PM.

We will be showing

“The Lord of the Rings”

in German with English subtitles.

Refreshments will be served.

—**Rusty Seelye**
GAST Youth Chair

Fasching 2003 Costume Contest Winners

Most Beautiful

Female: Lady Godiva - Freda Kimberlin

Male: The Jester - Lonnie Jamison

Couple: Butterfly and Butter fly Chaser -
Joy and Buddy Butcher

Funniest Female: Wizard Girl - Christy Collins

Male: Hippie with Trombone - Mike Stoops

Couple: Ape People - John & Teresa Gallagher

The Judges, Lee Lowder and Jason Veal awarded the special prize to a group of Penguins who crashed our party. Costume contest prizes are donated by: Elferrat members.

Our Knee Dance contest was won by:
Ursula Klingenberg.

The Last Man Kneeling was Mike Stoops.

The Berliners filled with mustard were found by Marian Allen, a visitor from Oklahoma City, and by Ursula Klingenberg.

The prizes were: a pot of wieners and a pretzel.

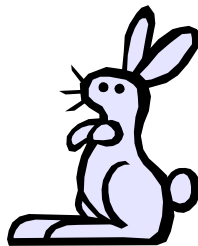
Fasching was a merry fun filled evening. Thank you members for participating. We are looking forward to an exciting Fasching Party February 21, 2004.

— The Elferrat

Children's Easter Party

Come join our Children's Easter Party on April 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

The children will get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. There will be an Easter-egg hunt and other fun activities.



Please bring cookies and make your reservation by calling the Message Center at 744-6998.

All those who would be able to help in any way please contact me at 446-8885.

— DeeAnn Adlung

Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

The coffee for April will not take place because a Piano concert is scheduled for that Sunday afternoon

Next Coffee on May 4th

See you there!

Helga Greiner, Barbara Hunsberger,
Fred Rother.

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GAST Dancers perform at TCC Global Festival

Thursday evening, March 6th GAST Dancers **Jack Boucher, Christy Collins, Bob Mills, Uschi Mueller** and **Carol and Don Wright** entertained participants at TCC's Global Festival. The festival, which was mainly attended by TCC students, was a celebration of the diversity that Tulsa Community College represents. The GAST Dancers' performance was well received and represents their first public appearance for 2003. Two additional performances are scheduled for late March, one of which is again a multi-cultural festival open to the public which is being organized by Bacone College in Muskogee.

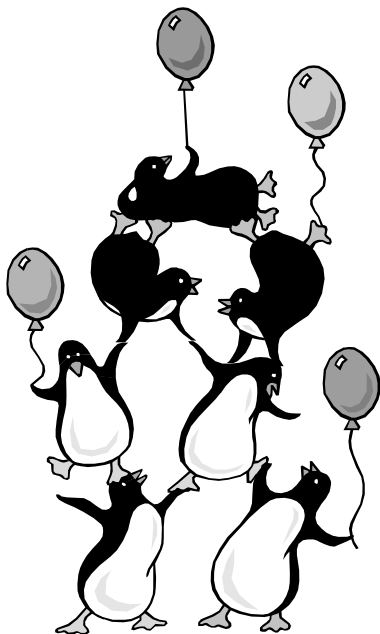
The Bacone College event takes place **March 27 – 29**, with the GAST Dancers performing on **Friday, March 28th** sometime after 6:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to attend and needing additional information can e-mail me at: ursulagabriele@cox.net.

Please remember that if you are interested in joining the GAST Dancers; we would be delighted to have you. You are not expected to know the dances prior to joining our group. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Our scheduled practice and meeting time is Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the GAST building. Since a scheduled performance will sometimes see our group at a different location you may want to check with **Carol Wright** at 299-2839 or me 743-4353 prior to a first visit.

—Uschi Mueller



Dancing Penguins invade the GAST Fasching Party



A group of seemingly wayward penguins from the Tulsa Zoo waddled into the GAST Fasching Party on March 1 to the delight of all present. The penguins came in sizes x-large, large, medium, small and x-small and obviously belonged to the same family. Mastermind behind the flock was GAST Dancer, **Dana Rosler**.

If you were wondering "Who were those masked penguins?"; adult penguins were: **Jack Boucher, Christy Collins, Jill Hammer, Janet & Lonnie Jamison, Uschi Mueller, Bill Obermark, Ginny Rohr, Dana Rosler, Paulstephen Schaffrin, George Starch** and **Carol & Don Wright**. Young penguins were represented by: **Chloe Crossland, Trevor Murie** and **Madeleine Schaffrin**. The costumes worn by the group were handmade by **Christy Collins, Uschi Mueller, Ruth Obermark** and **Carol Wright**.

The Fasching group costume is only one of the many activities that the GAST Dancers take part in. When not masquerading as penguins, jesters, crayons, Easter eggs, carousel horses and other such fantasies, the group performs at nursing homes, parties and festivals in Tulsa and the surrounding area. In addition they attend German dance workshops. If you would be interested in joining this group or having them perform, please contact **Carol Wright** or **Uschi Mueller**.

—Uschi Mueller

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The German-American Society Arts Association
presents

A Classical Piano Concert

Performed by German Pianist Rüdiger Steinfatt

On April 6, starting at 3 PM, GAST members and guests will be treated to a return appearance of German Pianist Rüdiger Steinfatt.

Mr. Steinfatt will be performing three pieces by Mozart, six pieces by Kempff, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, as well as 18 delightful character pieces by Schumann.

This event is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends. Please come early to ensure finding a good seat. We envision another full house for this quality event.

Refreshments will be served and donations to defray costs will be gratefully accepted.

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