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Jahrgang 24/8



Ice Cream Social



It's been called: "Beat the Heat",
"Cold and Refreshing",
"Family, Friends and Fellowship",
and has become a GAST tradition.

Join us for a true old-fashioned, lip-smacking ice cream social from Grandma's day!

Remember watching the ice cream bucket turn? Remember cranking the handle? Well, we won't go quite that far, but it will be old-fashioned, made-in-the-shade, lip-smacking, tummy-chilling ice cream. For those on a diet, either drop it or cozy up to sherbet counter. Just like at Game Night (see separate article), there should be something for everyone, so don't miss out!

Although reservations are not required, we ask that you please call the Message Center at 744-6998 by Wednesday, August 20th, to let us know you plan to attend, so we can have your name tag ready and enough ice cream and other goodies to satisfy (please be sure to give first names of children and names of guests).

We hope you'll join us on **Saturday, August 23**, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
in the Weinkeller at the GAST Center
Recommended donation: \$3.00 for ages 13 and up, and \$2:00 for ages 3 through 12

Bring your sweet tooth....

— **Uschi Mueller**, Party Chair

What's happening at GAST?

Heinzelmännchen—Wednesdays, 10 AM	Oct 12 Konversationsrunde	Dec 31 New Years Eve Party
July 25 Weinkeller	Oct 24 Weinkeller	2004
Aug 3 Sonntagskaffee	Oct 25 GAST Oktoberfest	Jan 11 Konversationsrunde
Aug 29 Weinkeller	Nov 2 Sonntagskaffee	Feb 8 Konversationsrunde
Sep 7 Sonntagskaffee	Nov 9 Konversationsrunde	Mar 14 Konversationsrunde
Sep 14 Konversationsrunde	Nov 15 ?	Apr 11 Konversationsrunde
Sep 16 German language classes start	Nov 28 Weinkeller	May 2 Konversationsrunde
Sep 26 Weinkeller	Dec 5-7 Christkindlmarkt	
Oct 5 German-American Day	Dec 13 Weihnachtsfeier	
	Dec 14 Adventsfeier	
	Dec 21 Konversationsrunde	

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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Members,

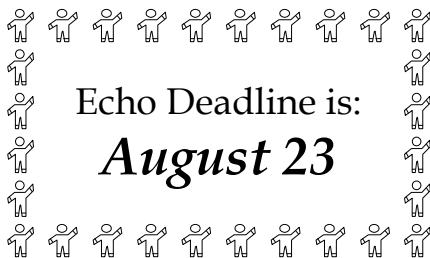
I was very happy to see so many of you at the Special General Membership meeting on June 27. This shows me two very important things. First, that there are nearly 25% of the membership very interested in the future of GAST and second, a meeting is more enjoyable and you have better attendance if food is included.

The presentation given by the Re-organization Committee was well received and sparked a lively interchange of questions, thoughts and opinions. This is good. Before any intelligent decision on acceptance or rejection of this plan can be made there must be a thorough understanding. For the benefit of those who did not attend the meeting to hear the presentation I offer this background and a very brief summary.

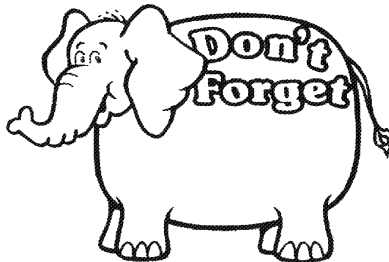
This plan is the results of 9 months of work by the committee. This Committee was formed to research and develop a plan to accomplish another one of the many good ideas that emerged from the "Think Tank" of 2001, namely the re-organization of GAST. Several of the ideas that have already been implemented are having a working budget in place, an improved High School Youth Program, Weinkellerabend,, Sontagskaffee, the Welcome Committee and a Blasskapelle.

GAST is comprised of three corporations to fully satisfy the Oklahoma laws existing at the time they were formed. They are all non-profit organizations with different classifications under Oklahoma Statutes. **Under the proposed plan, none of this will be changed.** The changes will be only in the administration of GAST.

Legal Counsel for this plan was obtained. The reasons and goals for developing this proposal were the recommendation of the Membership (Think Tank), to streamline the Administration of GAST, allow GAST to be viewed as a single organization and to effect a more efficient Board. It will also streamline the financial procedures of the Society.



Echo Deadline is:
August 23



Under the proposal there would be one President responsible as the principal executive officer of the Society and ex-officio Chair of the Board of Directors. The President would also serve simultaneously as the corporate President of GAST, GASAA and GASBC.

There would be one Executive Vice President to perform the duties of the President when same was not able or available or duties as assigned by the President and the management of the Society office. This Executive Vice President would also serve simultaneously as Corporate 1st Vice President of GAST, GASAA and GASBC.

There would be Four Senior Vice Presidents each responsible for a different area of GAST's activities. One Senior Vice President for Administration, one for Culture and Education, One for Facilities and one for Finance. The Senior Vice President of Finance would be responsible for the

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News from the Arts President

What could be better in 100-degree+ weather than sitting in a nice air-conditioned hall being entertained by some very talented musicians, storytellers and vocalists? The American Theatre Organ Society meeting and mini-concert at the German-American Society Great Hall has become somewhat of a summer tradition. More than 150 members of both organizations and the public enjoyed a wonderful evening of musical entertainment on Friday, July 18. This year's program included a few dueling (read harmonizing) instrumental arrangements with our Geneva pipe organ, our grand piano and our own **Jutta Tankersley** with her accordion. It was great! Helping to cool things down were refreshments prepared and served during intermission by **Christel Harms, Doris Gallagher** and **Angie Jackson**. Thank you very much, ladies.

The next ARTS sponsored event will be the culmination of the "Celebrating the Piano" program on Sunday, August 31 at 6:30 PM (details in this issue of the ECHO). We are looking forward to it.

This year's German-American Day celebration will be held on Sunday, October 5, 3:00 PM. A visiting 4-member band from our German sister city Celle has agreed to provide the entertainment. We are still looking for a speaker for this event. If you know of anyone who would be interested in giving a short speech on an appropriate subject, we would love to hear from you. Please call the Message Center at 744-6998.

Thank you for supporting the German-American Society Arts Association's cultural events.

— **Arnold Bieber**

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Endowment Trust and would simultaneously serve as Corporate Treasurer of GAST, GASAA and GASBC. All of the committee chairs, those who "make it all happen", work through the various Senior Vice Presidents depending on the function of their committee. The Committee Chairs are the driving force of the Society.

The Secretary would be responsible for records and minutes as well as simultaneously be the Corporate Secretary for GAST, GASAA and GASBC. This proposal will provide cohesiveness between the corporate structure and the administrative structure.

There have been many changes in GAST since its inception almost 25 years ago. It has evolved from a primarily social organization to a combination social, cultural and business entity. We must change with the times or cease to grow.

The membership approved of this proposal by giving the committee a vote of confidence to continue with this proposal. The committee continues to work on the details of this proposal such as compiling policy and procedures and necessary by-law changes. Their goal for implementation is January 1 2004. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or me. The Committee members are **Claus Greiner, Bill Leitch, Siegi Grimm, Jim Thomason** and **John Toschik**.

In other business of the GAST Board we are having to deal with problems that are not within our control such and the weather and the effects of the general economy on the country as it relates to our ability to raise funds to support GAST's activities. I have challenged the Board to find some new revenue streams. We can no longer depend on Oktoberfest and Mayfest to provide the majority of our income. There is a lot of public opinion that mistakenly

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The GAST Sanger

August Notes

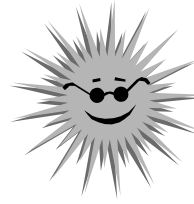
Our trip to the Cole Camp Sangerfest was really great!
Even the weather managed to co-operate!

Our songs of Pirates and Fleas
Brought much merriment and glee!

During the "Dog Days" of August
Staying cool is a must for us!

Although we've not set the date
We'll likely return in August--late.

Questions/Information
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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 appropri-
ate to send a sympathy card.

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– Reba Schaffner



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Beverly Bordner (Peoria, IL)
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Tulsa, OK 74105
Tel. 492-6058

William F. Bureson (New York, NY)
442 S. Allegheny Ave.
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Gorden J. Schleisman (San Diego, CA)
Kima K. Charles (Nevada, MO)
6251 E. 100th Place
Tulsa, OK 74137
Tel. 298-4480

The Volk dancers resume Practice Sessions

The German Volkstanzgruppe will resume its practice sessions on Friday, August 15th at 7:30 P.M. in the GAST Center downstairs. These sessions will continue on each successive Friday until the performance season is ended, which generally occurs in late October or early November. If an event, such as Weinkeller, is being held downstairs, the group practices in the main hall. The group's first performance will be on August 30th at Park Village.

The Leader of this Volkstanzgruppe is **Carol Wright**. If you have additional questions, please contact Carol at 299-2839 or via e-mail at d.c.w@worldnet.att.net

Game Night Report

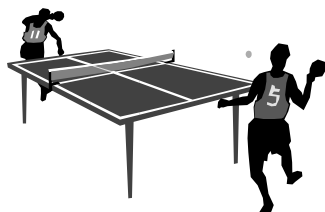
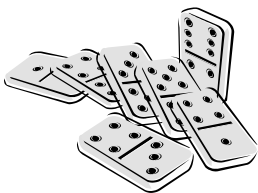
It was a small crowd that braved Game Night on July 11th. Children were anticipated, but none came, and so the giant Teddy Bears sat by themselves over their coloring books and games of giant checkers and Snakes and Ladders, with the dancing chickens (thankfully) dancing only once during the evening.



While waiting for the anticipated guests to arrive, participants nibbled on hors d'oeuvres, which included shrimp nestled round an ice sculpture, veggies, fruit, chips and dip, while sipping wine, beer, sodas, raspberry tea and German coffee. Once all assembled, the feasting began with a wine-based meat sauce, generously ladled over spaghetti, accompanied by hot rolls and Caesar Salad. The dessert, which **Ingeborg Mueller** prepared, consisted of an airy bread pudding, topped by **Christy Collins'** rum sauce.

With hunger satisfied, the games began. **Ruth Obermark** shared several interesting games, including a stackable Scrabble to tease the intellect. Games of choice included Chess, Dominos and card games, with winners choosing prizes from the prize table, which included something for everyone. Thank you to all who participated with special thanks to **Diane Bale, Gary Bradley, Christy Collins, Ingeborg Mueller, Ruth Obermark,** and **George Starch**, the workers who made this event the success it turned out to be.

— Uschi Gabriele Mueller



Work Party, Shmork party

Let's just call it a fun gathering

The Operating Committee will be doing some minor chores in and around our beautiful GAST Center on Saturday, August 9th, beginning at 8:30 AM.



Alright, so there is a little elbow grease required and you might get your hands dirty, but it's done in an environment of fun and dedication.

**Come join us
and help preserve our beautiful Home.**

We have many little tasks that need to be tackled and I'm sure we can find something productive for you to do. **The work is not difficult.** It is simply the many things you do all the time around your own house that can't be hired out.

Come help us eradicate the various tasks that need to be done fro our to-do list and enjoy some pizza with us, too!



See you there?



—John Millar

Celebrate the Piano

This event, jointly sponsored by the Barthelmes Conservatory and the Amadeus Piano Festival, will be presented August 29-31.

It features a series of recitals, combining performances of outstanding local student pianists with professionals from around the area. **The event concludes with a recital at the German-American Society of Tulsa on Sunday, August 31 at 6:30 PM** by pianist Jura Margulis, from the Fulbright School of Music at the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville.

Though born in St. Petersburg, Mr. Margulis grew up in Freiburg, Germany where he studied with his father, noted pedagogue Vitaly Margulis, at the Musikhochschule.

The series will begin with a concert by Dr. Roger Price from the University of Tulsa on Friday evening at 7:00 PM at the Fleming Center at Methodist Manor. Saturday afternoon's concert at Patti Johnson Wilson Hall in the Philbrook Museum will feature duo-pianists Dana Maher and Julie Goodwin at 2:30 PM.

For more information, call 584-7129 or 745-0743.

– Dana Maher, Artistic Director

thinks that GAST is responsible for Tulsa Oktoberfest instead of being only a sponsor. Oktoberfest is experiencing some financial problems of their own and have made some changes in this year's festival. We can only hope that their changes with not adversely effect our success at the festival this year.

We are all aware that the income from the 2002 Oktoberfest and 2003 Mayfest were both well below the expected. The Board voted to eliminate the free attendance for Oktoberfest and Mayfest volunteers at to the GAST Oktoberfest and the June Picnic. All volunteers will still be allowed to eat without charge during their volunteer shift.

The Board approved membership of \$25.00 annually in Tulsa Global Alliance.

The New Year may bring a new look to the ECHO. More on this and the German Oak Tree later

I would like to offer best wishes for the speedy recovery of **Charles Byrd** who suffered a stroke in June and to **Kay Kerpon** who is again in St. Francis Hospital struggling with her illness.

Carol Wright.

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Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

*Join us next for Coffee and cake
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