



Das Deutsche Echo

September 2003

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Schützenfest

A traditional Festival throughout Germany to celebrate and to display skills with hunting weapons.

Join your fellow GAST members for dinner, dancing and an opportunity to display your Marksmanship in fun-filled contests of skill (and a little luck).

Where: At the "Försterhaus" (GAST Center)

When: Saturday, September 20

Social Hour will be from 6:00 till 6:30 PM,
Dinner Served at 6:30 PM

Marksmanship contests and Accordion music for your dancing and listening pleasure from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Menu: Jägerschnitzel (Hunter's Schnitzel)
Stampfkartoffeln (whipped potatoes)
Rotkohl (red cabbage)
Brot und Butter (bread and butter)
Schokoladen-Streuselkuchen (chocolate Streusel cake)

Cost for the party is \$15.00 per person for dinner and dance
\$7.50 for dance only.

Please call in reservation to the Message Center at 744-6998
No later than Wednesday, September 17

The Oktoberfest Volunteer schedule will be available for you to sign up for your favorite position and shift.

The Party and Entertainment Committee

What's happening at GAST?

Handarbeitsgruppe—Tuesdays, 10AM	Oct 3 Stammtisch	Dec 13 Weihnachtsfeier
Heinzelmännchen—Wednesdays, 10 AM	Oct 5 German-American Day	Dec 14 Adventsfeier
	Oct 12 Konversationsrunde	Dec 21 Konversationsrunde
Aug 29 Weinkeller	Oct 24 Weinkeller	Dec 31 New Years Eve Party
Sep 1 Movie night	Oct 25 GAST Oktoberfest party	2004
Sep 5 Stammtisch	Nov 2 Sonntagskaffee	Jan 11 Konversationsrunde
Sep 7 Sonntagskaffee	Nov 7 Stammtisch	Feb 8 Konversationsrunde
Sep 14 Konversationsrunde	Nov 9 Konversationsrunde	Mar 14 Konversationsrunde
Sep 16 German language classes start	Nov 15 ?	Apr 11 Konversationsrunde
Sep 20 GAST Party	Nov 28 Weinkeller	May 2 Konversationsrunde
Sep 26 Weinkeller	Dec 5-7 Christkindlmarkt	

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The President's Report to the Membership

Dear Members,

I would like to express condolences to **Nick Kerpon** and the family of our beloved member, **Kay Kerpon**. Kay passed away last month. May her soul rest in peace after many years of struggle and pain. Our thoughts are also with the **Jim Giles** family. **Hannelore's** sister in Kansas City passed away in July.

Most vacations are finished and it is now time to get on with the business of the Society. In August the board approved funds to help fulfill our "mission" with the youth in German Language classes. GAST will be donating \$25.00 to each of the German language teachers of the area schools that have German language programs.

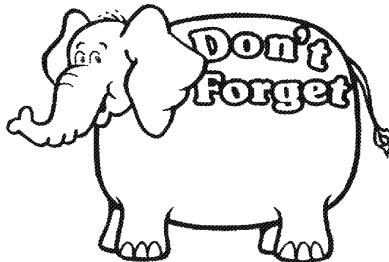
The Board heard a guest speaker, Mr. Dave Baer, from the Mayor's Citizen Corps Volunteer Coordinator promoting a new program involving citizens in a Language/Culture Bank for Community Emergencies. You will find information about the program elsewhere in this Echo issue. Please consider volunteering to help make a difference in the Tulsa in time of need.

I am pleased to report that the monthly Weinkeller Abend and Sonntags Kaffee, organized by **Helga and Claus Greiner**, continues to grow with average attendance of 40 to 50 members. Members seem to enjoy visiting with friends and fellow members in a quiet atmosphere. The donations made have covered the expenses of the light meal and refreshments provided with any extra submitted back to the GAST coffers.

I would like to thank **Uschi Mueller** for her time, efforts and energy that she poured into the position while serving as Party and Entertainment Chair. Uschi has resigned from this position.

Many times I have hear members say "I have never been asked" when there is mention of chairing a committee. **Well, I am asking you now.** Would you serve GAST as the Chair or coordinator of the Parties and Entertainment

Echo Deadline is:
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Committee? You will find an article elsewhere in this issue giving a brief description of the duties associated with the position. I will be happy to discuss this and provide additional details with anyone who is interested in considering assuming this position.

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All of the Committee chairs and the various Group coordinators of GAST have been asked to prepare a document detailing their purpose, structure and responsibilities in performing the duties of their particular area. A Committee will refine these and compile a Policy and Procedures manual of all GAST's activities. This not only establishes a written record of the processes involved in accomplishing the activities of GAST but also can serve to make the job of successor Chairs and coordinators easier.

The Board is researching some new and additional revenue streams for the Society. If you have any ideas along this line please contact me or any board member. I will

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News from the Arts President

GAST ARTS has worked with a number of local organizations to bring cultural events to the community. Recent examples are the May concerts by the Tulsa Children's Chorus and the Barthelmes Conservatory at the GAST Center. In July we sponsored the American Theatre Organ Society meeting and on Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 PM we are proud to host the final event of a 3-day "Celebrating the Piano" program, which was organized by the Barthelmes Conservatory and the Amadeus Piano Festival for Labor Day weekend. As always, these events are free and open to the public. Donations, if any, are used to defray the cost of the programs.

September is the start of our fall programs. **Kinderdeutsch** classes for children 4-12 years old start Saturday, September 13, 10:00 AM and will continue on Saturday mornings for 8 weeks (excluding Oktoberfest week). The kids will learn useful German phrases, songs and folk dances while interacting and having fun. Don't forget to enroll your children and grandchildren for this wonderful program. Non-members are welcome.

Conversational German Language classes start Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 PM, and continue weekly for 10 weeks. Taught by native German teachers, these courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced students of the German language have become very popular. It's a great way to prepare for your next trip to Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

We are already working on preparations for German-American Day, which will be held on Sunday, October 5, 3:00 PM. Grass 'n Groove, a 4-member band from Celle, Tulsa's sister city, will lead us across a musical bridge between traditional German folk music and American Blue Grass fiddling and strumming. You can't afford to miss it.

Our library will be open again every 3rd Wednesday, 2-4 PM and by appointment during office hours. Please call the Message Center at 744-6998 for information. Thank you.

— Arnold Bieber

Speaking German

Die Deutsche Konversations- Runde

We wish to give a belated thank-you to Margaret Schmidt for opening her home to the Konversationsrunde in May. Margaret's garden was beautiful as usual and her generous hospitality ensured that we all got a good start to our summer activities. Our next meeting will be at the home of Gwen and Arnold Beiber on 14 September 2003 at 3 pm. It is traditional that our first meeting after the summer pause is devoted to a discussion of our summer time activities, which may range from visiting exotic lands to working in our own back yards. Please feel free to bring any pictures or other memorabilia to this meeting so that we may discuss how we spent our summer. Gwen and Arnold live in Broken Arrow at

6409 E. El Paso. The directions are as follows. From Tulsa take the B.A. Expressway to the Kenosha (71st St) Exit. Turn left on Kenosha, go about 3-1/2 miles to Oneta Road (241st Ave). Turn right and go about 2/3 mile to Dallas St. Turn right. Then immediately turn left on 64th St (BA street system) which becomes El Paso Place. 6409 is the 6th house on the left. From South Tulsa you can take the Creek Turnpike East to 71st St (Kenosha). Turn right (East) and go 1-1/2 miles to Oneta. Then follow directions above. If you wish to car pool please contact either Barbara Conrad (492-3273) or Gertrud Schmidt (495-3727).

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).

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The GAST Sanger



September Notes

On August 28 our choir year began.
Following a potluck dinner--
Which is always a winner--
We worked on the coming years' plans.

On September 4th regular rehearsals resumed
Getting our voices "retuned"!

We invite you to
Beat the heat!
Come where it's cool!
Thursday eves
7:30 is when we meet.

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573
E-Mail JNGTMS@aol.com

Kinderdeutsch

Enroll your children, ages 4 - 12, in German Language classes starting Saturday, September 13th, 2003 from 10:00AM - 11:45AM. We will teach them German folk dances, customs, words and phrases in an hour and a half of fun and games, followed by refreshments.

The tuition for the classes is as follows:

Non-Members \$20.00
Members \$15.00
2 & 3 Child Discount \$5.00
Please call the GAST Center at 744-6998



Caution!
Heinzelmannchen
at work.

Call John Toschik for info.



"Come celebrate Fall with Gemutlichkeit 'round the Stammtisch!"

Friday, Sept. 5th at 6:30 pm.
"Prost!"

-Dean

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We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Bob Klinzing (SD)
7806 S. 66th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74133
Tel. 477-7754

Elmer Wilkening (IL)
Mary Lou Wilkening (OK)
6723 E. 67th St.
Tulsa, OK 74133
Tel. 492-6283

Handarbeitsgruppe

After a two month rest, the Handarbeitsgruppe will resume on September 2nd at 10 AM. and every Tuesday thereafter from 10 AM till 2 PM. Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlework or mending. We still have to finish the quilt we started (made from all the ties you men were so kind to donate) for the Christkindlmarkt raffle. Hope to see new faces on Tuesdays.

Tschüß und bis bald,

Helga Roepel and Irmgard Toschik



German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:



Monday September 1, starting at 6:30 PM

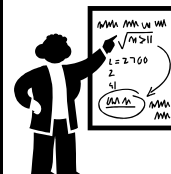
Die Volkstuemliche Hitparade #19

Starting at 7:30 PM

Heidi und Peter

Starring: Elsbeth Sigmund, Thomas Klameth,
Willi Birgel and Theo Lingen

Language Classes Start September 16



Our German language classes will start September 16. Enrollment begins at 6:30 p.m. We are planning three levels

from beginners to advanced conversation. Emphasis is on communication. We will meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks. Tuition is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. The other teachers and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

— Marianne Strong

Invitation from the GAST Folk Dancers

Please come and join in the fun with the German Volkstanzgruppe. We are back in session in preparation for a busy fall schedule. Our season runs through the first part of November. We already have 3 performances scheduled in addition to the appearances at the Tulsa Oktoberfest.

Our practice sessions begin at 7 P.M. in the GAST Weinkeller and usually end at 9 P.M. A partner is not required, only the willingness to have fun learning traditional German and Austrian folk dances and performing these at various venues in the community. Just remember to come in comfortable shoes and clothes.

If you have questions, please contact me at 299-2839 or via e-mail at: d.c.w@att.net

– Carol Wright

HELP WANTED

GAST needs a Party Coordinator to plan and organize four or five dinner dances, a picnic, and an Ice Cream Social. This person would also be responsible for coordinating with other groups within GAST on three or four additional parties

For more information, please contact me at 299-2839 or through the Message Center at 744-6998.
Thanks,

– Carol Wright

The Operating Committee thanks the volunteers who attended the August 9 work party. A lot was accomplished, especially in the flower beds. You will notice the improvement as you enter the building.

Many thanks to **Arnold Bieber, Fred Kailer, Ed Lenfesty, John Millar, Charles Tegeler, Harry and Irmgard Runyon and Jack Wynn.**

– John Millar

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report more on this at a later time.

In 2002 the GAST Singers and Folk Dancers attended a music festival in Cole Camp, Missouri. At that time GAST was presented with an oak seedling grown from a Berlin Oak acorn. Here is the story of this seedling as told by Bob Owens of Cole Camp.

I was in the Army and stationed in Berlin 1968-70 and in my front yard, and in the adjoining lot there were these wonderful oak trees; big, perfectly shaped. I picked up a few acorns and sent them to my mother. She planted a couple and gave some to her friends. They grew well.

A few years later a local fellow took an interest and started picking up acorns and digging up young sprouts and putting them in pots. They were given to various people and organizations and he planted about 50 in our city parks. The tree you got would have been a third, maybe fourth generation German oak.

They need space as they grow big. A little church that my G-Grandfather helped found in 1853 is celebrating their 150th this year. We are planting a "grove" of 4 trees, one on each corner of the second church building to commemorate the Germans forefathers who founded the church.

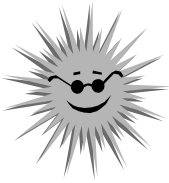
Good luck with the little Bäumchen (little tree) and if you want a couple of more I believe there are still some young trees available.

Currently the seedling has grown from a ten inch sprig to 33 inches. It is being nurtured for by our own "Master Gardner", **Fred Rother** until such time that it is large enough to be transplanted to the GAST lawn.

Until next month,

– Carol Wright





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

I need You!

I need someone to maintain our *Echo* sponsorship process.

Mail out support reminder

Record donations

Follow up where needed

Summarize donations to treasurer

Solicit donations when needed.

Please call me after 9/13 for details.

– Fred Rother, Editor,

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299-4814

GAST Arts is planning to replace the Raffle that we have held during our parties in the past.

In its place we would like to try a Silent Auction, once or twice a year at our parties. We are looking for help from our membership. We need a chair-person and two or three assistants. These events are expected to result in less disturbances during the parties and bring in greater financial gains than the Raffle did.

If you have any experience with Silent Auctions we need your help and your expertise!

Please call the Message Center at 744-6998 or e-mail to gastuls@att.net to participate in this fun activity.

Mayor's Citizen Corps Volunteer Project

When an emergency or disaster occurs, many ask: "What can I do?" "How can I help"?

Help make Tulsa a safe, secure and caring community. Volunteer today to serve in disaster preparedness and emergency response.

To volunteer, call Citizen Corps Volunteer Project in Tulsa at: 585 5551

For more information, call the Mayor's Citizen Corps office at: 596-9626

Youth Group Activity

We have an exciting year planned full of activities, learning, and fun for the students enrolled in German language classes in the Tulsa area schools and for the youth of the GAST membership.

Our first movie of the school year will be on **Monday, September 22 at 6:30 PM** at the GAST center. We will be showing the very popular movie " Bourne Identity" starring Matt Damon in German with English subtitles.

Refreshments will be served!

– Rusty Seelye

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Sonntagskaffee

(Sunday Afternoon Coffee)

*Join us next for Coffee and cake
on September 7, starting at 3 PM*



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