



Das Deutsche Echo

October 2003

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*The German-American Society Arts Association
celebrates*

German-American Day

Join us on October 5 at the GAST Center for this auspicious occasion.

The Grass 'n Groove ensemble from Celle Germany,
with a cameo appearance of our own GAST Blaskapelle,
will provide the musical elements for this event.

Festivities commence at 3 PM

Our keynote Speaker is Tulsa business man, Chris Nikel,

followed by a reception and an opportunity
to meet our guest musicians from our Sister City of Celle, Germany.

This event is free and open to the public

Your donations are appreciated to defray costs.

What's happening at GAST?

Handarbeitsgruppe—Tuesdays, 10AM	Nov 8 Folksänger fund-raiser	Mar 14 Konversationsrunde
Heinzelmännchen—Wednesdays, 10 AM	Nov 9 Konversationsrunde	Apr 11 Konversationsrunde
	Nov 28 Weinkeller	May 2 Konversationsrunde
Sep 26 Weinkeller	Dec 5-7 Christkindlmarkt	
Oct 3 Stammtisch	Dec 13 Weihnachtsfeier	
Oct 5 German-American Day	Dec 14 Adventsfeier	
Oct 12 Konversationsrunde	Dec 21 Konversationsrunde	
Oct 24 Weinkeller	Dec 31 New Years Eve Party	
Oct 25 GAST Oktoberfest party	2004	
Nov 2 Sonntagskaffee	Jan 11 Konversationsrunde	
Nov 7 Stammtisch	Feb 8 Konversationsrunde	

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The President's Report to the Membership

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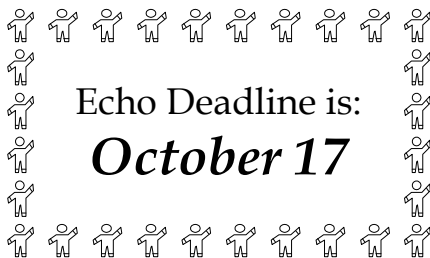
Of course, the big news this month is OKTOBERFEST. We need everyone's help in making this a successful year. If you have not already signed up for your favorite shift and position there is still time to call **Irmgard Toschik** at 749-5282. GAST is again offering shuttle-bus transportation from the GAST parking lot to the Oktoberfest site. Since Oktoberfest, Inc. has found it necessary to charge gate admission this year you will find another advantage to being a GAST volunteer. You will receive a pass for free admission on the day of your shift.

Don't forget about the GAST Oktoberfest party on October 25. The GAST Center will be transformed into a Bavarian Biergarten by the Folk Dancers. German Polka Music will be provided as well as entertainment by the GAST Folk Dancers, GAST Choir and the Kinderdeutsch class.

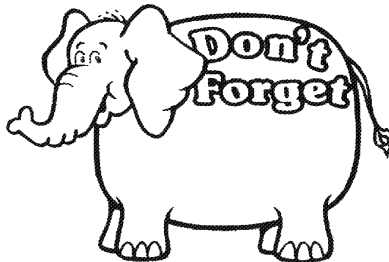
The significant role that GAST plays in the cultural activities in the community has again been recognized. Mr. Peter Kamenz, director of sales North America for Lufthansa Technik has most generously donated two round trip tickets to Frankfurt, Germany. These tickets were given, for GAST to use as a fundraising tool to further our educational, social and cultural activities. All GAST members, friends and volunteers will have a chance to "win" these tickets. Raffle tickets will be available for a \$10.00 donation. The drawing to award the prize will take place during the Anniversary Ball in January.

A special thanks to **Teresa and John Gallagher** and their dedicated committee for pinch-hitting in the absence of a party chair. The attendance was small but those attending had a "bang up" time at Schützenfest.

I have had no response to my request for someone to take over as Party and Entertainment Chair. We need some fresh ideas and some new participation if we expect to continue having parties and dinner dances.



Echo Deadline is:
October 17



We received an invitation from the Germania Club and the German-American Citizens Association of Kansas City to attend their Second Annual KC Oktoberfest. It will be held September 26-28 at the Riverfront Park in Kansas City, Missouri. This would be a good opportunity to get "warmed up" for our Oktoberfest. For full details you can check out their website www.kcoktoberfest.org

GAST's monthly Weinkellerabend and Sonntagskaffee continue to attract near capacity attendance. The homemade baked goods are a real treat. Thanks to all who continue to provide a wide variety of cakes and "goodies".

Another fund-raising event is being planned for November 8. Watch the ECHO for details.

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News from the Arts President

More than 140 people came to listen to Jura Margulis, Professor of Music at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and two of his students, Sophia Munoz and Mi-Eun Kim, on Sunday, August 31, in our Great Hall. What a wonderful performance! Pianist Jura Margulis, born in St. Petersburg, Russia, has performed throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, South America, Japan and Russia. His pedagogical concept combines the Russian School's concentration on sound, imagination and physical technique with the German School's attention on structure, rhythmic coherence and style. This performance was the finale of a 3-day "Celebrate the Piano" program organized by the Barthelmes Conservatory and the Amadeus Piano Festival to introduce the piano teaching program at the Barthelmes Conservatory. For information about this program, please contact Yolanda Johnson at 584-7129 or e-mail info@barthelmesconservatory.org.

I would like to thank **Ruth Bly** and **Lou Bonham** for a great job with the refreshments served after the Margulis performance.

Our next big event is our annual German-American Day celebration on Sunday, October 5, 3:00 PM. Our speaker will be Chris Nickel, a local businessman, and the entertainment will be provided by Grass 'n Groove, a 4-man string ensemble from Tulsa's Sister City Celle, Germany. This unusual sounding name for a German band reflects the growing interest in Germany in American Country Music. Maybe we should call it "Cultural Immigration In Reverse". It will be interesting.

The group will also perform at Kilkenny's Restaurant on Tuesday, September 30 and at the Ponca City Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 4.

The ARTS Speaker's Bureau is again available for short presentations at schools and civic groups about Germany, German culture and related subjects. Please call the Message Center at 744-6998 for information.

— Arnold Bieber

Speaking German

Die
Deutsche
Konversations-
Runde

Thanks to **Gwen and Arnold Bieber** for hosting the September Konversationsrunde and providing us with delicious cakes and wine. Our next meeting will take place on October 12.

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



OctoberNotes

We welcomed five new members
In late August and early September;
An Accordionist, an Alto,
Two Sopranos and a Bass.
Each one came with a smiling face!

On September nine we sang during
The annual "Oktoberfest" Poster Party.
September 28 we sang for St. Andrew
Lutheran Church's "Oktoberfest" in Sand Springs.

In October we'll be put through the paces
When we sing at the following places:
October 3: Franciscan Villa's "Oktoberfest"
October 16: "Oktoberfest" opening
October 25: GAST "Oktoberfest" party.

We're also busy learning
New songs we'll sing
At the National Sangerfest,
Peoria, Illinois, next Spring.

New members are always welcome
To come join in the fun!

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573

GAST Folk Dancers Report

The GAST Folk Dancers are pleased to have several new members. We also have a very busy fall schedule.

We will begin October with 5 performances in three days: Franciscan Villa, Ponca City Oktoberfest, Miller's Farm and St. Henry's Church, Owasso. The following weekend we will appear at the Francis Streitel Retirement home in Collinsville.

This is followed by a full week during the Tulsa Oktoberfest with many of our members serving as Hosts and Hostesses in the Biergarten, between working in the GAST booth and Dancing in the Esszelt. Please come and support us on Thursday, October 16 at Grand Opening and again from 8:00 till 8:45 in the Esszelt, and on Sunday from 3:00 till 3:30 PM.

The next task of the GAST Folk Dancers is to transform the GAST Center into a Bavarian Biergarten for our own Oktoberfest and entertain the membership.

New members are always welcome. Come join us on Friday evenings at 7 pm.

—Carol Wright

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We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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German-language Movies

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

NOW PLAYING AT THE GAST THEATER:



Monday Oktober 6, starting at 6:30 PM

Heimat Melodie

Präsentiert by Marianne & Michael

Starting at 7:30 PM

Peter Steiner Theater Stadl

Alois, wo warst Du heute Nacht ?

Starring: Peter Steiner, Erna Wassmer, Rudi Decker,
Winfried Frey and Petra Auer.

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The GAST Blasskapelle is having fun and working hard. They expect to make their first formal appearance at the opening of Christkindlmarkt. The Board approved funds to purchase sheet music suitable for their instruments.

In other actions by the board, it was decided that with the record of light attendance and the excessive prices charged for Bands on New Year's Eve, GAST will plan a New Year's Eve party along the lines of Weinkellera-bend..

See you at Oktoberfest.

— 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

GAST CHOIR TO ATTEND 2004 NATIONAL SÄNGERFEST

At the 2002 Cole Camp Sängerkonferenz (choir festival) in Cole Camp, Missouri, the GAST Choir learned of the North American Singer's Association, an umbrella organization for German choirs nationwide.

Subsequently our choir joined this group, which stages an annual National Sängerkonferenz at various locations around the country. In 2004, the 58th National Sängerkonferenz is being held in Peoria, Illinois in May.

Since Peoria is a considerable distance from Tulsa, this undertaking also will represent a considerable expense for food, lodging and transportation for those attending. To help minimize individual costs and allow most members to participate, the choir, with exceptional help from **Irmgard Toschik**, is organizing a fund-raising dinner for early November. The choir will prepare and serve traditional German food and desserts in an atmosphere of Gemütlichkeit (ambience) at the GAST Center.

The date selected for the fundraiser is Saturday evening, November 8. The event will be open to the public and in addition to food will feature light entertainment. More information will be forthcoming in the November issue of the Echo.

If you would like to assist the choir with the organization and presentation of the November fund-raising dinner, please contact **Irmgard Toschik** at 749-5282. In addition, if you have other fund-raising ideas or have had experience in fund-raising, please contact **Leon Boggs** at 258-5201

GAST Choir performs as Part of Channel Six Weather Report

During the recent Oktoberfest Poster Unveiling Ceremony, the GAST Choir, under the direction of **Leon Boggs**, sang two favorite German folk songs, 'Beim Kronenwirt' and 'Ein Heller und Ein Batzen'. Both of these lively tunes present the fun and boisterous atmosphere of an evening spent among friends and will be included in this year's Oktoberfest repertoire.

Jim Giles, noted meteorologist and weatherman for KOTV, Channel 6, broadcast his September 9 evening weather report from the GAST Center in support of the unveiling ceremony. KOTV continues to be a prominent sponsor of Oktoberfest, sharing highlights of the festival with the community at large. The unveiling ceremony serves as an advertising kick-off for Oktoberfest activities.

During **Jim Giles'** weather introduction and conclusion, the GAST Choir's singing served as a musical backdrop. The choir's participation was well received by those who watched the program. The colorful costumes and upbeat tunes added a special something to the weather report, turning people's thoughts to Oktoberfest, which takes place October 16 – 19, 2003. The choir will perform during the Oktoberfest opening ceremonies and at other Oktoberfest events in the area. Be sure to watch for them!

– Uschi Mueller



**You wanna be a
Heinzelmännchen?**

Call John Toschik for info at 749-5282

The Schützenfest party was great!

We added a new game this year; "Bowling", using 2-liter bottles for the "pins" and two Nerf balls for "bowling". We had many "shooters" and "bowlers". Here are the results: 1st place and Schützenfest King: **Elmer Wilkening**; 1st place Schützenfest Queen: **Christy Collins**. 2nd place men and women: **Jay Gibson and Shirley Schelper**; 3rd place men and women: **Harold Wicks & Uschi Mueller; Dana Rosler & Arnold Bieber** tied for 4th place men; **Ginny Greek**, 4th place women.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the decorating, games and cleanup.

—Teresa & John Gallagher

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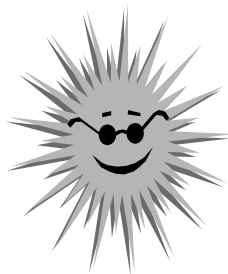
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—Fred Rother, Editor,

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299-4814



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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E-mail -- GASTwo@aol.com

—Reba Schaffner

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GAST Oktoberfest Celebration



GAST Center, October 25, 2003

Social hour 6:00 till 6:30 — Dinner served at 6:30

Dancing to the music of the Karl Waldbauer Polka Band 7:30 till 10:30

Entertainment by the Kinderdeutsch Class, the GAST Folk Dancers, and the GAST Choir.

Menu: Schnitzel,
Bratkartoffel (home fries),
Grüner Salat (green salad),
Brot und Butter,
Apfelstrudel.

Dinner and Dance Admission: for Oktoberfest Volunteers \$15.00.

Dinner and Dance Admission for Non-volunteers \$20.00

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