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Fasching Party

Charming Prinzessin Irmgard II and Noble Prinz Harry I invite you to **join us on February 21, for our annual Fasching party.** Dress up in costume for the chance to win a prize in the costume contest. Wear a costume and you'll receive a free drink. Prizes will be awarded for best and funniest costumes.

The cost for this fun evening is: \$ 12.00 per



person. The doors open at 6:30 PM.

The Walburg Boys will provide for our music. The Elferrat and Special Guest will provide the Entertainment.

Enjoy a light Snack (no dinner). Please call in your reservations at 744-6998 by Wednesday, Feb. 18th.

Your hosts:
— **The Elferrat**

GAST Happenings

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| Handarbeitsgruppe— Tue, 10am | |

Special point of interest

We appreciate long-term sponsors **Paul & Hildegard Schaffrin**, whose sponsorship was inadvertently left off this page.

A work in progress!

I have begun accumulating pictures, programs, newspaper articles, etc., for a GAST Folk Dancers Memory Album. The album will start with the early 1980s when the group was formed. Your help in this project is greatly appreciated. Photos and other items can be copied and then returned to the owner. If you have anything to contribute, please contact me.

—**Evelyn Boucher 355-1450**

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...from the GAST President

Dear Members,

GAST has begun the 25th year of our existence. It began with a very sound financial condition and a membership of over 460 members. This is something that we should all feel pride in having accomplished in light of the general economic condition of our country. We owe this to the efforts of all you volunteers and the careful planning of the board. In spite of the fact that our three major fundraising events were all just moderately successful financially we were able to respond to the need of the GASBC (Building Corporation) to meet their needs for funds to cover insurance and parking lot repair.

Diligence resulted in a lower insurance bill than expected. Some changes in insurance ratings resulted in our coverage having options regarding coverage for our off-site fundraising (Oktoberfest and Mayfest.) As a result of these changes, the uncertainty of an acceptable booth location (because of Main Mall renovation) and the work and effort ratio to profit the Board has voted to not participate in Tulsa Mayfest this year. The board is considering an alternative activity or event to replace this income stream. I will keep you posted as plans progress.

The Anniversary Ball was a full evening of awards. I would like to congratulate the winners of the High School Essay contest. Out of 49 entries the 1st place winner was Samantha Siebert of Union High School, 2nd place Josh Swift, Memorial High School and 3rd place Nicole Shanks, Bixby High school. Their topic was to compare German and American Youth.

The Directors award for 2003-2004 was given to two very deserving members. Congratulations go to **Helga Greiner and Al Voeller**. They both have shown extraordinary dedication and outstanding accomplishments toward the goals of GAST.

The Presidents' Award was given to **Fred Kailer**. His work can especially be seen in the Weinkeller window trim and flower boxes.

On behalf of GAST I would like to express condolences to **Jake Gumm** on the death of his father on January 5, 2004.

The last award of the evening was the drawing for the 2 airfares to Germany that had been donated by Lufthansa Technik and 3 nights hotel at the Steigenberger Hotel in Celle, Germany donated by the Mayor of the City of Celle, Martin Biermann. The lucky winner was **John Millar**. Congratulations John and thank you to everyone who made a donation to GASAA in hopes of winning these tickets.

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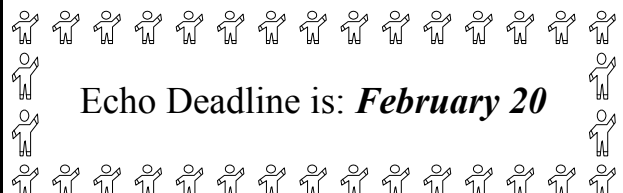
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As we begin our 25 year it is time to start planning for our Silver Anniversary. I am looking for someone interested in working on the planning committee for this celebration. Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of this or have ideas to contribute. I am also still looking for someone to be Chairperson of parties and entertainment.

—Carol Wright



Echo Deadline is: **February 20**

...from the Arts President

Congratulations to **John Millar** for winning the two round-trip tickets to Germany on Lufthansa Airlines thanks to the generosity of Tulsa based Lufthansa Technik. The prize also includes a 3 nights stay at the Steigenberger Hotel in our sister city Celle, donated by Mayor Martin Biermann during his recent visit to Tulsa. You will love this medieval looking but thoroughly modern city in Northern Germany, John.

The next ARTS event is "An Afternoon with Carson Wagner" on Sunday, February 15 at 3 PM. Fifteen-year old Carson has charmed audiences at local churches and social events for a number of years, and we are looking forward to his piano concert in our Great Hall on our newly refurbished baby grand piano. In case of snow or unsafe driving conditions we will postpone the event to the following Sunday.

I sincerely appreciate all the donations received recently for 2004 Arts programs. Donations have also been made recently to the Memorial Fund in honor of **Franz Harms** and **Elizabeth Allen** and to the Endowment Trust in honor of

Lois and Al Voeller's 50th wedding anniversary and in memory of **Franz Harms**. Donations to the ARTS Endowment Trust will assure the longevity of our organization. Anyone wishing to receive more information about the Endowment Trust, please contact the GAST Office at 744-6997.

Kinderdeutsch and German Language classes are starting January 31 and February 17, respectively. These programs promote the knowledge of German culture and language, and they have contributed substantially to our growth and reputation in the community. You will find details about these programs in another section of the ECHO.

Don't forget Library Day, every third Wednesday, 2-4 PM at the GAST Center. The library will also be available during some of our parties and during office hours.

—Arnold Bieber

Folk Dancers

The GAST Folk Dancers will begin practice February 6, 2004 on a regular basis every Friday at 7 pm in the Weinkeller.

Please consider joining us. A partner is not necessary. We will be learning traditional German and Austrian folk dances to present at various venues in the community.

If you have any questions please contact me thru the GAST Message Center 744-6998 or directly at d.c.w@att.net

—Carol Wright

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Thank you, **Barbara and Gerald Taron** for opening your beautiful home to us and providing great refreshments as well as telling us about their recent trip to Alaska.

Our next meeting will be February 8, at 3 PM at the home of **Norbert and Maria Marx**, phone 477-9263, who live at 6836 East 83rd Street. Norbert and Maria with the able assistance of their daughter and son, will tell us about everyday life in Beijing, China. They lived there for 6 years and are well qualified to address this subject. I hope that more men will come to this programs and participate in what promises to be a most

interesting presentation.

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** at 492-3273 (Chair) or **Gertrud Schmidt** at 495-3727 (Co-chair).

—Barbara Conrad

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The GAST Saenger
Feb. Notes

We're still enjoying our break.
We have not set a "return" date.

We'll "leap" not "creep"
when we resume.
It could be soon!

Happy Valentines' Day!

We extend our sympathies to Christel
Harms, Irmgard & John Toschik on their
recent losses.

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573

Sonntagskaffee

*(Sunday Afternoon Coffee
is a German ritual)*

*We hope you will join us for
Coffee, cake and conversation
on Sunday, February 1
starting at 3 PM*

Hosted by Helga Greiner, Barbara Hunsberger,
Claus Greiner and Fred Rother,



Now Playing
at the GAST Theater
An Erwin Jerchau Presentation
Monday February 2

Starting at 6:30 PM
**Heimatklange
aus dem bezaubernden
Kleinwalsertal**



Starting at 7:30 PM
Du mein stilles Tal
Starring: Curd Juergens, Winnie
Markus and Bernhard Wicki

GARAGE SALE

The GAST Arts Association will have its annual garage sale on 19-20 March (Friday and Saturday) at the GAST Center. The sale will run from 9-5 on these two days. We will accept goods through Wednesday, March 17th. Pricing and other preparations will take place on Thursday, March 18th. (still time to bring items to the GAST Center) We will be assisted this year by the gracious donation of warehouse space by **Don and Carol Wright**, which will enable us to start collecting sale items for this sale now. Contact either **Barbara Conrad** (492-3273) or **Arnold Bieber** (357-9156) for assistance or information.

Needless to say, we will need volunteers for all phases of this operation.

This is a very important fund-raiser for the Arts Association and will help us sponsor even more of the programs that we all enjoy. Now is the time to unload all your white elephants and make this a memorable sale. Remember that one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Youth News

We had 49 students enter the High School Essay Contest. And the winners are:

First Place - Samantha Siebert - \$200 Union H.S.

Second Place - Josh Swift - \$150 Memorial H.S.

Josh won Third Place last year!

Third Place - Nicole Shanks - \$100 Bixby H.S.

Thank you to **Barbara Conrad, Jutta Tankersley, and**

Doris Wicks who were the judges. They receive the essays after I have removed the cover sheet - so they do not know who wrote the essay or what school they are from.

Our next Youth Event will be in March.

—**Rusty Seelye**, Youth Chairman

German Language Classes Start February 17

Our language classes will begin February 17, 2004. We offer language learning in an easygoing, casual atmosphere. If you ever happened to be just outside a class room during a lesson, you may have got an inkling of the fun we are having while learning. Three different levels will be offered, from beginning to advanced conversation, all taught by native speakers of German.

We will meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 PM for 10 weeks. Enrollment on February 17 starts at 6:30 PM. Costs are \$50 for GAST members, and \$60 for non-members (who will get a refund if they become members) plus teaching materials. My fellow teachers and I cordially invite you to join in the fun.

—**Marianne Strong**

The Tulsa Celle Partnership

is pleased to invite GAST members and friends to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00PM.

For our program we present a video on how Germans chase the doldrums of the cold winter months by celebrating the wild and merry time of Karneval.

We meet at the Hardesty Regional Library on 8316 E. 93rd St., in the Maple Room, (east of Memorial Drive, north of Creek Turnpike). Light refreshments will be served.

In addition, the Merritt Bakery operates a "café" at the library serving sandwiches, salads, cakes, etc for anyone who wishes to order something more substantial.

—**Barbara Taron**

The Memorial Fund

The memorial fund was established to honor and remember our faithful members who are no longer with us. Since we are not always informed in a timely manner to send flowers and condolences, GAST has been making a donation to the Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers as have other friends and members. The funds from this account are not to be spent on regular upkeep or programs of the Society, but for lasting and worthy items that will be of use to all members way into the future. An item purchased to date has been the grand piano and its recent renovation. No memorial plaques are to be placed on these items, all members that are listed in the memorial book are part of all purchases made from this account.

I have not been sending reports to Echo in the last year or so, but will make reports of all gifts received. With our new and improved accounting system we will have an accurate balance available at all times. I have been keeping the Memorial Book up to date, it will be available to anyone wishing to take a look at future parties and events.

To make a donation simply make the check payable to the **GAST Arts Assoc, Memorial Fund** and mail it to the Office. I will be notified by the office staff, record it in the memorial

book and send out notices to the families and the donors. That notice also serves as a receipt for income tax purposes. The amounts of the donations will be kept in strictest confidence, only the treasurer and I will know the Dollar amount of each gift. If you have any questions regarding the Memorial Fund, feel free to call me and I will be glad to answer your questions.

We will have the book available at the Weinkellerabend and other parties in the future.

—**Irmgard Runyon**, Chair
Memorial Fund

The following members have recently made donations to the Memorial Fund **in loving memory of Franz Harms:**

GAST, Max and Jutta Tankersly, John and Theresa Gallagher, Col. Shirley Schelper and Dr. June Homes, Ludwig Obermaier, Doris Gallagher, James and Sunny Dillinger, Clio and "Sunny" Transue, Gwen and Arnold Bieber, Adolf Johansens, Louise Reid, Harry and Irmgard Runyon, Stanley and Barbara Conrad, Christl Harms.

In loving memory of Elisabeth Allen: GAST, Gwen and Arnold Bieber, Harry and Irmgard Runyon **In loving memory of Irmgard's brother, Mr. Broweleit:** Stanley and Barbara Conrad, Irmgard and Harry Runyon.

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1154 N. Oklahoma Ave.
Claremore, OK 74017
918-342-3653

Terry "James" Weinacht (IL)
4521 S. Sycamore Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK 74011
451-4521



CARSON
WAGNER

GAST is pleased to present to our members and friends, Tulsa's own "Wunderkind" in the fifteen-year-old Carson Wagner. He performs throughout the southern U.S sharing his gift for playing the piano. He charms fans by performing at churches and social events and estimates that he has entertained more than 35,000 people in his short career, not counting those who have seen him on numerous television appearances.

He began playing for nursing homes and small parties at age eight. Carson now focuses mostly on public and church appearances. Far from a piano recital, Carson blends his talents to provide powerful entertainment.

This young man has performed in over a dozen states and is booked for 50 to 70 appearances per year. Moreover, he has performed at the OK Mozart International Music Festival, Tulsa's International Mayfest, and the Spartanburg Choral Festival. Carson plays a wide range of music, including gospel, patriotic, jazz, classical, and pop tunes from the mid-1900s. His love for improvisations truly add beauty and character to his performances

Carson has released 4 CD's, three of which include his arrangements of a wide variety of Christian music from classic hymns to contemporary praise choruses. A fourth CD, "A Carson Christmas," was released in late 2002 and included 15 solo piano arrangements of sacred and secular Christmas favorites.

In 2003, Carson released his first video project, "Live at Bethany Church," which was recorded in April, 2003 and includes some of Carson's favorite tunes from his previous CDs, his impersonations of some famous pianists, and a couple of new arrangements never before recorded. A highlight of the video project is an American classic, "Rhapsody in Blue".

Please help us welcome this young artist to our beautiful Great Hall on Sunday, February 15th, starting at 3 PM. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Your donations to help support our public concerts, will be greatly appreciated.

So, yah wanna run a Store?



The Web Store within the GAST Website could be expanded into a viable revenue stream, if a full-time Store Manager can be found. If you are interested, please e-mail your interest to the GAST Webmaster, webmaster@gastulsa.org.

—John Toschik

Dear Friends,
A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all of you. Your support, phone calls, cards and prayers have eased our pain and loss somewhat during this difficult time for our family. The GAST Family has been such an important part in our lives and we will treasure the friendships always.
Our love

—Christel Harms and Family

Stammtisch

It's that time again! We meet again on Friday, February sixth—same place, same time.
Regards,



—Dean



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KINDERDEUTSCH

Kinderdeutsch is a program for our 4-12-year old children and grandchildren.



In an hour and a half on Saturday mornings, kids learn German phrases, dances and songs, followed by cookies and juice, enjoyed while watching German educational videos. Our teachers are fluent in German and great with kids. The children have performed at Oktoberfest, Kid's World and GAST Fasching. Join the fun!



Kinderdeutsch starts January 31, at 10 AM. The 8 week course costs only \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members with a \$5 discount for additional children from the same family.

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