



Wine Tasting-Adventure

Reds from around the World

Tom Clark and George Starch will again host a wine-tasting party on Saturday, April 10th, commencing at 7 PM. Last year, 25 members enjoyed a delightful evening tasting eight German white wines, followed by an assortment of finger-foods afterwards.



This year, we will embark on a world-wide wine adventure with a collection of Reds, each of which will be served with a morsel of food, specifically selected to pair with each wine. We strongly suggest, however, **that you have eaten dinner prior to participating in this event.**

Assuming that only a small group of members will attend, we will be able meet in our cozy Weinkeller for this occasion. We ask for a donation of \$15 for each participant. Please make your reservation as soon as practicable by calling the GAST Center at 744-6998.

If, after having made your reservation, you cannot join us after all, we urge you to inform the Message Center at your earliest convenience.

—George Starch III

GAST Happenings

Apr 2	Stammtisch
Apr 4	Sonntagskaffee
Apr 4	Konversationsrunde
Apr 10	Wine-tasting
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Apr 23	Weinkellerabend
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May 16	Konversationsrunde
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Jun 25	Weinkellerabend
Jul 23	Weinkellerabend
Aug 1	Sonntagskaffee
Aug 20	Theater Organ Soc.
Aug 27	Weinkellerabend
Sep 24	Weinkellerabend
Oct 3	German-American Day
Nov 7	Sonntagskaffee
Nov 26	Weinkellerabend
	Handarbeitsgruppe— Tue, 10am
	Heinzelmännchen—Wed, 10 am

ELECTION NOTICE !

The annual General Membership meeting and the election of Officers and Directors for the 2004-2005 term will held on April 18, at 3 pm in the GAST Center. Formal notice and a candidate biography of those who agreed to serve, will be mailed in the near future.

The presently serving Secretary and Treasurer have stated their intensions to retire at the expiration of their terms at 3:00 pm, the 18th of April 2004. The nominating committee has found candidates for all officers, directors and committee positions, except those of Secretary and Treasurer. We approached a large number of qualified members whom we asked to be candidates for Secretary and Treasurer for the coming term— all declined. Therefore, unless qualified candidates for these offices come forward and volunteer, (you may contact the GAST Message Center at 744-6998) or, are willing to except nomination from the floor, there will be no candidates for these offices and they will become vacant.

Without a greater percentage of the GAST membership actively and cooperatively participating in its affairs, it will become increasingly difficult for GAST to remain and function as a viable entity.

—The Nominating Committee

...from the GAST President

Dear Members,

Thank you everyone for your best wishes and condolences expressed on the death of my father. At 93 he had lived a long and meaningful life.

Thank you **Claus Greiner** for filling in last month in writing a letter to the membership. Because of ECHO deadlines I had not had an opportunity to comment on the Special Membership meeting held in January. I was pleased to see the large turnout for this meeting. This was the attendance and interest that should be demonstrated for all General Membership meetings and other activities. Hopefully those who attended for the first time in many years didn't attend merely to defeat the proposal but will continue to show their interest by becoming a more active part of the Society. Don't forget we have a General Membership meeting and election officers on April 18, 2004 at 3 pm.

Dana Rosler and Lisa Murie and their Lumpenball committee did a great job of organizing and conducting the Lumpenball. They volunteered at the "11th hour" to accept this responsibility or there would not have been a "soup party". The low-key nature of the party made it very enjoyable. Thanks to the many members who's culinary talents were exhibited with the fine soups and deserts donated. I would like to acknowledge and thank Great Harvest Bread, located in the Farm Shopping Center for their donation the bread for the party. Thanks to all those who brought the canned goods that were then donated the Tulsa Community Food Bank.

As Clause mentioned last month GAST is embarking on a new and exciting endeavor. As a new revenue stream and to help us fulfill our Mission Statement GAST will be offering the Tulsa community the opportunity to experience German food and music at **Germanfest**. It will take place in the GAST Center and the surrounding grounds. We will not be having a Maifest party this year. The coronation of our Maikönigin will take place as a part of the **Germanfest** entertainment. Chairman **Jim Walker** and the **Special Events Committee** will need the participation of the membership in making this Premier event successful in order to establish a new annual tradition for Tulsa. **Lufthansa Technik, North America**, in a show of support of GAST and the Tulsa community, has made a generous contribution to **Germanfest**. They will be a "Presenting Sponsor" of **Germanfest**. We have a very nice flier prepared by **Dean Butler** to advertise Germanfest. These are available in the GAST office if you have a place to post it such as your church, your place of business, neighborhood business and any establishment willing to help "get the word out" about **Germanfest** please stop by to get some. You may be receiving a call from **Bea Shults** as she schedules volunteers for the fest or you may wish to call her to offer your services.

The Board approved joining the International Festival and Events Association. With this membership we have the opportunity draw on resources to assist in organizing and conducting events like Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt. Membership in IFEA also offers, as a benefit, affordable Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, which has been the object of board discussion for several years.

I realize the Wine Tasting event has been scheduled for Saturday before Easter. This is not necessarily a good day for such an event but as we offer more activities it becomes increasingly difficult to fit everything into everyone's schedules. **Tom Clark** presented a very nice program last year making it a quite enjoyable event.

In June GAST and the GAST Folk Dancers will be hosting a national workshop (also called a Lehrgang) of The North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups. We hope to draw 60 to 100 dancers from all over the U.S. who are interested in learning German Folk Dances from northern Germany. The teacher will be coming from Germany and I will be hosting him, his wife and son for the week following the workshop (Lehrgang). I am looking forward to this workshop that was approved for Tulsa three years ago.

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I am happy to report that a donation of a ping pong table was received to add to the array of activities that GAST offers our members. We offer something for just about everyone.

Till next month,

—Carol Wright

Echo Deadline is: *April 16*

...from the Arts President

Our garage sale was a success! I would like to thank all of our members who donated their items and their time for this 2-day event. All proceeds will be used for ARTS programs to benefit the membership and the community.

As of this writing, I am looking forward to the first of a 3-part "Piano Power" Concert Series arranged by the Amadeus Piano Festival organization. The German-American Society Arts Association is a co-sponsor for the following events, which are held in our Great Hall. They are free and open to the public.

Piano Power I - on Sunday, March 28, 3 PM. Jura Margulis from the University of Arkansas, with Sophia Munoz and Lyndon Meyer.

Piano Power II – on Sunday, April 25, 3 PM. Dr. Thomas Lanners from Oklahoma State University, with Amy Wright and Chris Reed.

Piano Power III – on Sunday, May 9, 3 PM. "Mother's Day Concert" - Dr. Roger Price from the University of Tulsa and students.

Any donations at these events will support the work of the Amadeus Piano Festival organization.

The Amadeus Piano Festival is a Tulsa-based, non-profit organization committed to providing music students and music lovers of all ages with the opportunity to explore music and, in so doing, to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, visions, goals and dreams (from their website www.amadeuspianofestival.org).

Our Kinderdeutsch Dancers and Singers are scheduled to perform during **Germanfest**, May 1 and 2. Please look for them on the program.

On a personal note, I regret any comments that may have caused ill feelings during the January 25 special membership meeting. It was obvious from the large turnout that the issues to be voted upon were of importance to the membership. Although the proposal to reorganize was rejected, it is my firm belief that we are **one** organization committed to promote the cultural interests of our members and the community.

Arnold Bieber

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We are indebted to **Gertrud Schmidt** who, upon short notice, prepared and delivered a wonderful presentation about Vienna, Austria. Thanks, also to **Ed and Rita Lenfestey** for their gracious hospitality. Please note that the next meeting will not be at our usual time. Due to Easter, **we will meet at 3 p.m. on 4 April at the home of Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt**, 5133 E. 86th Pl. (telephone (495-3727)). Gertrud will give us some background material and preview of the oncoming presentation of Tulsa Opera's "Tales of Hoffman". On 16 May we will meet at the home of **Margaret Schmidt** 3717 S. 65th W Avenue, phone 446-0716 for our annual sing-a-long before the summer break.

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).

GARAGE SALE. At the risk of overlooking someone, we collectively thank the contributions of all the volunteer workers and donors whose efforts made a success of our recently completed garage sale to benefit the Arts Association. This is especially true to the intrepid volunteers who worked from beginning to end for all three days of the garage sale.

—**Barbara Conrad**

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April Notes

Don' be "foolish", be "coolish"!
 Put some zing in your Spring!
 Hop to the Weinkeller Thursday evenings.

We'll be going in "high gear"
 As Germanfest
 and the National Saengerfest draw near.

Happy Easter!

We extend our sympathies to **Donna & Leon Boggs** in their recent loss.

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
 663-9573

Sonntagskaffee

*(Sunday Afternoon Coffee
 is a German ritual)*

*You are cordially invited to join us for
 Coffee, Cake and Conversation
 on Sunday, April 4,
 starting at 3 PM*

The Kaffee Team:
 Helga Greiner, Barbara Hunsberger, Helen Cohea
 Claus Greiner and Fred Rother

Stammtisch

"Men, join the conversation at Stammtisch the day after April Fools (no kidding.) Friday, April 2 at 6:30 pm. Prost!"



-Dean



Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday April 5,
 starting at 6:30 PM
 Fahrt ins Blaue,
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Starting at 7:30 PM
Liebe nach Noten
 Lustspiel. Zum zwanzigsten Todestag von (Rudolf Prag) Komponist Ewert ist der Meinung, dass alle Frauen, an den Herd gehoren. Das gilt in seinen Augen naturlich fur die aparte Orchesterleiterin Anni .

GAST WEBSITE STORE LOOKING FOR IDEAS

In the last ECHO you will have read John Toschik's article regarding the new revenue stream available to GAST – the GAST website store – which is currently being underutilized. As your new Website Store Manager I am looking for ideas from the membership which will allow us to take advantage of the many 'hits' the store receives on a monthly basis.

Currently we have only two items for sale at the store – the GAST cookbook and the Sanger CD. In order for the store to generate more income, we need more items for sale. My thought is in addition to items made by GAST membership as a group (cookbook & CD); we incorporate 'Made in Germany' items along with quality items made by GAST members. This will allow our membership to showcase their talents or to sell items they no longer need, with a percentage of the sale going to GAST.

Therefore, please submit your ideas to me in writing via post or e-mail. My e-mail address is ursulagabriele@cox.net; my mailing address is P.O. Box 52094, Tulsa, OK 74152-0094. To discuss your submission with me, please call me at 743-4353.

Your response is appreciated.

—Uschi Mueller



The Glory of Baroque Dresden exhibit is coming to the States—unfortunately not to Tulsa.

An exhibit presenting a dazzling display of royal riches and works of art, featuring more than 400 works of baroque art is being brought to Jackson, Mississippi. This is the first major exhibition from Dresden, Germany since the reunification of East and West. The exhibit will be available for viewing from March 1, through September 6, 2004.

These historic treasures survived the 1945 firebombing, which nearly destroyed Dresden, having been removed from the Zwinger and other historic buildings to outlying locations and hidden there. Once discovered, they were secured by the Russian army and transported to Russia, where they remained until 1958, when the Soviet government returned them to Dresden.

For more details and a peek at these treasures, go to this website: <http://www.gloryofdresden.com>.

—submitted by **John Millar**

Memorial Fund

The following donations have been made in memory of:

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Fasching Party: A Success

The annual Fasching Party was a fun evening with over 100 people enjoying the costumes, Berliners, sandwiches, and the Polka Kings band from Lawton.

Prinz Harry I and Prinzessin Irmgard II

presided over the festivities and presented medals to numerous individuals. Kristin Treager performed a jazz dance and the Elferrat, in top hats with canes, danced to "New York, New York". Our costume contest judges, Sam Roop, Celle Sister City Ambassador and Tulsa City Council member, Bob Cooper, KOOL FM radio show host, and Ruth Ann Hudspeth, Dance Instructor, selected the following winners:

Most Beautiful Female: Ruth Bly, Lady in Black;
Most Handsome Male: **Max Tankersley**, Cavalier;
Most Beautiful Couple: **Jeff Miller**, King and **Hildegard Tyler**, Queen;
Funniest Female: **Frieda Kimberlin**, Ms. Big Butt;

Funniest Male: **Mike Carney**, Man in Gold Derby;
Funniest Couple: **Jack & Evelyn Boucher**, Hillbillies;

The judges chose The Three Blind Mice, the **Giles**



Family to receive the "Judges Discretion Prize". Our Dancers surprised us with their Giant Birthday Cake group costume. Costume Contest Prizes are donated by the Elferrat. The mustard-filled Berliners were found by **Kristin Treager** and **Uschi Mueller**.

Our Knee Dance Contest winner was **Doris Wicks**. At 12:00 EST the Ceremonial Burial of the Crowns & Regal Garments took place to end a very delightful evening. Please mark your calendar for Fasching 2005 on the 3rd of February. We do not want you to miss one of GAST'S most enjoyable parties.

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Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not submitted your payment, for your membership dues, which were to be payable by January 1, 2004—this is a friendly reminder.

Please don't let your membership lapse!

To save costs, we will **NOT** mail another notice.

—**Irmgard Toschik**
Membership Chair

Work Party



The Operating Committee will hold another Work Party on **Saturday, April 10** beginning at **8:30 AM**. We will be concentrating on the building interior. One of our priority items is to oil the woodwork. This must be done regularly to preserve the appearance and prolong the life of the woodwork. It's time to do it again.

Please join us and help maintain our beautiful facility. There are many items to be accomplished and we can find something productive for you to do. The work isn't difficult. It is simply the things you do all the time around your house. Come help and enjoy some pizza with us at lunch.



We have a Ping Pong Table!

Many thanks to GAST member
Lonnie Jamieson

I'll be developing a plan on how to use and where to store the table. Thanks to the Heinzelmännchen group who have agreed to assemble the table. We will initially set up and play a few games in the downstairs hallway to determine the logistics of setting up and putting the equipment away.

I will initially act as the keeper and controller of this equipment. I think that we might want to keep an activity log to maintain a schedule of use. We may want to establish a day on which the table could be used. I feel that it might be advisable to initially set up a "Play Day" to correspond with other activity already scheduled in the Center to avoid unnecessary overhead.

For example, during the Stammtisch meeting, Ping Pong activity could run parallel without interfering with the Stammtisch gathering. I will iron out the details with the appropriate authorities and announce the first application in an e-mail message. If you don't have e-mail, just check with the Message Center for dates and times or look for it in the *Echo*.

In the spirit of the game...

—**Fred**

Wanted: Maikönigin

Once again it's time to select a May Queen from within the GAST membership. Candidates for this position must be a member of GAST and be 18 years of age or older.

If you or someone you know, would be interested in representing GAST as our May Queen for the 2004-2005 season, please contact me at 756-3407.

Vielen Dank,

—**Brigitte Phelps**
Maikönigin coordinator



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