



Das Deutsche Echo

May 2004

Jahrgang 25/5

...from the GAST President

Dear Members,

The annual General Membership meeting was well attended. Congratulations to the incoming officers and Directors who will begin their terms on June 1, 2004. Your new Officers and Directors will be **Claus Greiner** as president, **Charles Tegeler**, 1st vice president, **Richard Pizzo**, 2nd vice president, **Leisha Jury**, treasurer, directors for 2-year terms - **Dan Belcher**, **Christy Fell**, **Erica Hartman**, **Dave Schoneweis**, **Rusty Seelye** and **Irmgard Toschik**, directors to serve 1-year open positions – **Elam Blank** and **John Millar**. The position of secretary did not have a candidate. Our current secretary, **Ginny Greek** had requested to be replaced. Our by-laws provide that the term of office shall extend to June 1 or until her successor is named. Maybe it is time for our secretary to have an assistant to help with the transcribing responsibilities that are so time consuming. Any volunteers??

Germanfest! By the time you received this, our first, hopefully annual, springtime festival will be well underway or all but history. The Germanfest celebration will replace our annual Maiball and the coronation of our new Maikönigin (May Queen) will be during the opening ceremonies of the festival at 12:30 pm, May 1, 2004.

The GAST Board gathered for a special meeting to consider the final version of the 2004 Budget. Acceptance and approval of the budget was given and we are moving forward for another financially successful year.

GAST will continue our support of Tulsa Oktoberfest by sponsoring the 2004 Poster. In addition to the cash contribution to Oktoberfest for this sponsorship we also receive added benefit of exposure of our fine facility to the public when the poster unveiling party takes place in our GAST Center on September 1, 2004.

Although we have not had a general Parties and Events chairperson this year, we have continued to hold our traditional dinner/dances and parties with various members "pitching in" to pull them off. April's event, the brainchild of **George Starch**, was the Wine Tasting Evening. With George managing the food and **Tom Clark** again sharing his knowledge of wines, an enjoyable evening was had by all in a quite intimate setting of the Weinkeller. Thanks George and Tom.

Our current Maikönigin, **Uschi Mueller**, and a dedicated committee helped the Easter Bunny provide a fun afternoon for the younger children and grandchildren of GAST. The festive atmosphere and activities were also enjoyed by the adults who accompanied their children.

I am very pleased to report that the Board approved the funds to purchase Directors and Officers Liability insurance. Finding an affordable policy for this coverage has been a challenge.

A Citizen's CPR program is being considered as a possible activity to offer to the membership and the public. More on this later.

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June 13, 2004 is the date that has been set for the GAST family Picnic. Don and I are again pleased to offer our home and garden for this event. Details in next ECHO.

The GAST will be hosting a national German Folkdance Workshop in June with the teacher coming from North Germany to teach traditional dances from the area. It is open to the public and we expect participants from across the US. There will be dinner/ dance exhibition and party on Saturday, June 19 that the membership is invited to attend. For more information check for details in the next ECHO or contact me.

—Carol Wright.

GAST Happenings

May 1	Germanfest
May 7	Stammtisch
May 9	Musical Program
May 16	Konversationsrunde
May 28	Weinkellerabend
Jun 6	Sonntagskaffee
Jun 13	GAST Picnic
Jun 25	Weinkellerabend
Jul 23	Weinkellerabend
Aug 1	Sonntagskaffee
Aug 20	Theater Organ Soc.
Aug 25	Piano Recital
Aug 27	Weinkellerabend
Sep 24	Weinkellerabend
Oct 3	German-American Day
Nov 7	Sonntagskaffee
Nov 26	Weinkellerabend
	Heinzelmännchen—Wed ,10 am

Echo Deadline is: *May 21*

...from the Arts President

What a wonderful performance by 13-year old Sophia Munoz and 18-year-old Lyndon Meyer and their teacher, Jura Margulis, on Sunday, March 28. Their love of music and their dedication to mastering the piano impressed the crowd of more than 150 people who attended the first of the Piano Power recitals organized by the Amadeus Piano Festival organization under the direction of Dana Maher. The event was publicized in a feature article by James D. Watts Jr. in the Tulsa World Magazine "Spot" and on the Noon Show on Channel 6.

If you missed this free concert, I hope you were able to attend Piano Power II on Sunday, April 25, 3 PM, with professor Dr. Thomas Lanners from Oklahoma State University and his students, Amy Wright and Chris Reed.

We are now looking forward to the last of the series, a Mother's Day Concert by Dr. Roger Price from the University of Tulsa and his students, on Sunday, May 9, 3 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this free concert. Any donations will benefit the Amadeus Piano Festival and their efforts to promote young pianists and offer them an opportunity to express their talents.

The German-American Society Arts Association is proud to be host and co-sponsor of these events, which benefits our membership and the community.

I would like to thank **Lois Voeller, Col. Shirley Schelper, Christel Harms** and **John Millar** for setting up and serving the refreshments after the March 28 concert. Great Job!

I would especially like to thank our members who have supported the ARTS programs in the past year with their donations and volunteer work on various committees. There is not enough space here to mention all the names, but without your contributions and help it would not be possible to continue our mission.

To the Board of Directors and to the members who came to the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 18, to cast their vote, thank you for your support.

—Arnold Bieber

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We wish to thank **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** for their gracious hospitality and opening their home to us for Konversationsrunde, as well as providing some very interesting background material and preview of the oncoming presentation of Tulsa Opera's "Tales of Hoffman".

On 16 May at 3 p.m. we will meet at the home of **Margaret Schmidt** 3717 S. 65th W Avenue (telephone # 446-0716) for our annual sing-a-long before the summer break. Please feel free to bring any of your favorite music for use at this meeting before we begin the summer pause.

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).

The GAST Sanger

May Notes

On May 1 and 2
For Germanfest we will do
Several songs that we like best.

Oh, joy!
May 20th is the day
We'll be on our way
To Peoria, Illinois.
We plan to sing our best
At the National Saengerfest!

Happy Mothers Day to all GAST Mothers!

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573

Congratulations

GAST member, **Aaron Veale** would like to announce his approaching marriage to Miss Rachel Dodgen of Siloam Springs, AR.

Wedding date: June 5th, 2004

Time: 2:00 PM

Wedding Location: First United Methodist Church
Address: 325 East Twin Springs in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Reception to follow in fellowship hall.

All GAST members are invited to join us for this joyous celebration.

Sincerely,
Aaron Veale
aveale1@cox.net

Stammtisch

Men, join the conversation at
Stammtisch on Friday, May 7 at
6:30 pm.

Prost!"



-Dean

KUDOS, KUDOS, KUDOS

to George III and Tom Clark for a wonderful wine-tasting event, with delicious hors d'hoevres by Chef George and a great selection of red wines by Tom. The cozy setting in our Weinkeller and Tom's expert comments on the various wines made this a must-do-again event.



Now Playing
at the GAST Theater
An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday May 3,
starting at 6:30 PM
**Kein schoner Land -
Munchen**



Starting at 7:30 PM
Rosen im Sturm
The Movie is from
German T. V.

EASTER BUNNY VISIT HUGE SUCCESS!

The day could not have been more perfect for Peter Rabbit's (**Sonja Toschik**) visit to GAST, **Christy Collins** helped transform the Weinkeller into a children's playground in preparation for Peter's visit. Parent's and children arrived at the appointed hour of 11:30, bringing with them baked goodies and other fare to help augment Peter's Easter Feast Table.

Hildegard Schaffrin and **Inge Mueller** greeted guests, giving each child an egg hunting sack for later use. With assistance from **Arnold Bieber**, **Erika Hartman** and **Irmgard Toschik**, some 70 participants and volunteers enjoyed the Easter Feast, which included not only sweets but also a light fare of cheese, meats, boiled eggs, fruits and vegetables.

While others feasted, **Jill Hammer** and **Angelique McLaurin** hid eggs. These eggs contained three messages – "Bring to Easter Bunny", "Special Prize" and "Super Special Prize". Once all eggs were hidden and everyone had eaten, Christy, Jill and Angelique guided parents and children outside where each child searched for five eggs.

Meanwhile, Peter magically appeared in the Weinkeller, ready to greet the children's return and to redeem the messages found in the eggs. For each child Peter had a special grass filled basket with cookies, chocolate eggs, a stuffed Easter animal, an Easter Pinwheel, and an egg coloring kit. Special prizes consisted of small games and the super special prizes included puzzles and an Easter bowling game. Angelique and Jill were Peter's able assistants, while Arnold served as Polaroid photographer.

Seldom has GAST seen such an able and beloved rabbit or such a lively lovely crowd. As the afternoon ended, **Gina Therion** helped return the Weinkeller to its original state, as happy parents and children bade a reluctant farewell to our wonderful rabbit. Thank you to all – to participants and volunteers - for making this another successful child-friendly GAST memory.

—**Uschi Mueller** – Maikoenigin, 2003/2004

Memorial Fund

The following donations have been made in memory of:

Jim Dittus:

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Jean Heidinger, Mr. & Mrs. Al Voeller, Gabi Richardson, Leland Allen, Joseph Hardt, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Jerchau, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Conrad.

Handarbeitsgruppe

Die Handarbeitsgruppe macht Pause! We are taking a well-deserved break as of June 1st and will meet back after Labor Day.

We are working on another Quilt for Christkindlmarkt. Again we used the famous ties you men have donated. Another Beauty will be raffled off in December. Have a nice summer. Come join us on September 7th 2004, and every Tuesday there after.

Tschüss,

—**Helga Roepel und Irmgard Toschik**

Many thanks to our volunteers last Saturday at the Operating Committee Work Party. **Roger Bey, Arnold Bieber, Christel Harms, June Holmes, John Millar, Dana Rosler, Fred Rother, Shirley Schelper, Max Tankersley, Charles Tegeler, Al & Lois Voeller, and Jack Wynn** gave of their time and did many things to maintain and beautify our lovely facility. They oiled the woodwork from front to back, cleaned the boiler room, repaired doors, repaired and cleaned handrails, reset latches and much more. Do come help at the next Work Party. Enjoy the camaraderie and eat some pizza for lunch.

—**John Millar**

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to the GAST Family**

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Merry Porter (MI)	Sharon K. SixKiller (OK)
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GASTBC NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The German-American Society Building Corporation is now accepting applications from non-GAST candidates for the part-time and job-sharing position of Manager for the GAST Office. The position reports to the President of the German-American Society Building Corporation and coordinates closely with the Chairman of the Leasing Committee and other committee members. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 to 4:00 PM.

Applicants should have office management experience, Office systems computer literacy (especially Access Database), capability for prioritization and maintenance of office procedures, and the ability to interact with members of The German-American Society as well as the public. Some of the duties include answering telephone during office hours directing messages to appropriate persons, checking e-mail, answering message or directing messages to proper persons, opening and distributing mail, maintaining calendars of **ALL** German-American Society Center events, showing the Center to prospective clients and maintaining leasing records, maintaining contact with lessees as needed, scheduling security for the German-American Society and leased events, scheduling Center cleaning and trash-pickup, coordinating access to Center with caterers, equipment rental agencies, decorators, musicians, etc., for set-up and pick-up after event, scheduling German-American Society volunteers as hosts for leased events and many other duties as they become evident.

If you know someone who meets these requirements and would be interested in this position, resumes should be mailed to the GAST Office at 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa, OK 74104

**GASTBC Needs Volunteers with Asset
Management and Control Experience**

GAST has accumulated a vast assortment of property in the past twenty four years and this is especially true of the past thirteen years since the acquisition of the GAST Center. During these years we have kept an assortment of records regarding the various assets accumulated but nowhere do we have a centralized record (Database) of this property.

During the last Board of Directors Meeting it was suggested by the Building Corporation President that the time had come for an Asset Inventory and the Board of Directors were in full agreement. So to that end it is requested that those in the Society with Asset Management skills come forward and aid in the development of this first Asset Inventory.

Those interested please contact any of the Board of Directors, Building Corporation Executives or the GAST Office Manager(s)

If any GAST member is interested or knows of anyone who is interested in hosting a high school student from Germany - please contact Kali Nolen at 284-1982. She is a representative with United Studies Student Exchange.

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—Rusty Seelye



German Fest Schedule

Saturday, May 1, 2004 in the Great Hall

10:00—10:45 AM	Tulsa Accordion Band
11:00—12:30 PM	Polka Timers
12:30—1:15 PM	Opening Ceremonies
	GAST Brass band plays anthems
	Crowning of the May Queen
	GAST choir
	GAST Folkdancers
	GAST Brass Band plays till 1:15
1:15—1:45	GAST Children Folkdancers
1:45—4:00	Polka Timers
	Beer Barrel Race
	Organ Grinder
4:15—4:45	GAST Choir
5:00—5:45	GAST Folkdancers
6:00—9:30	Music, Music, Music Band plays for your dancing and listening pleasure.

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Sunday, May 2, 2004

11:-00—12:15	Stoops Family and Tom Bordner
12:30—1:00	GAST Choir
1:15—2:00	GAST Folkdancers
2:15—5 PM	Music, Music, Music for your dancing and listening pleasure.

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