



Carol Wright is showing off her appreciation-award during our last June Picnic at Carol and Don' s "Park". Thanks Carol for your effective leadership of the GAST organization. And thanks, Don and Carol for hosting our delightful GAST picnics on your beautiful grounds.

GAST Happenings

Jun 25	Weinkellerabend
Jul 2	Stammtisch
Jul 23	Weinkellerabend
Aug 1	Sonntagskaffee
Aug 20	Theater Organ Soc.
Aug 27	Weinkellerabend
Sep 11	Kinderdeutsch
Sep 12	Konversationsrunde
Sep 14	Language classes
Sep 24	Weinkellerabend
Oct 3	German-American Day
Oct 10	Konversationsrunde
Nov 7	Sonntagskaffee
Nov 14	Konversationsrunde
Nov 26	Weinkellerabend
Dec 19	Konversationsrunde
2005	
Jan 9	Konversationsrunde
Feb 13	Konversationsrunde
Mar 13	Konversationsrunde
Apr 10	Konversationsrunde
Apr 29	Germanfest begins
May 15	Konversationsrunde
	Heinzelmännchen—Wed ,10 am

...from the GAST President

First, a big Thank You to the membership for the confidence you have put in me by electing me to be the President of the German-American Society of Tulsa.

A big THANK YOU goes also to the outgoing board members for their dedication and contribution to the organization, especially **Carol Wright**, the outgoing President of GAST. She was (and still is) really dedicated to the organization and served GAST well—and I know she will miss being with us at the board meetings.

The first board meeting of the new board has already passed and has shown that the transition to the new board was very smooth.

It is always a tough job to find people who are willing to serve on the board. This past election has shown this again. We were extremely lucky to be able fill both of the vacant positions in the last minute. This is an ongoing problem in our organization.

The first German Fest of GAST is behind us. The final outcome financially was very promising. It, at least, doubled the revenues we got from previous May Fest participations. In addition we saved almost \$2,000 in Insurance costs by having it on our grounds.

The board already agreed to extend the festival duration by half a day next year. We will open up on Friday afternoon.

The last picnic on the beautiful grounds of the Wright family is past now also. We did have a nice turnout and it was a beautiful afternoon. We also will miss this location for the picnic in the future. We need to start thinking about the location of the picnic for next year.

The board presented **Carol Wright** with an engraved wooden plaque to honor and thank her for her services and dedication to the German-American Society of Tulsa.

The more casual parties like the Weinkellerabend and the Sonntagskaffee as well as the Stammtisch will continue through the summer. Please check the schedule in the ECHO. We realize that these parties are growing and sometimes reach the maximum capacity in our Weinkeller. We noticed that many of our members prefer these “quiet” parties.

But there are always those people who enjoy German Band music and Dancing. Well, they have to wait a little longer—since these parties are taking a summer break.

Until next Month

—Claus Greiner

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Echo Deadline is: *July 23*

...from the Arts President

If you have visited the GAST Center recently, you may have noticed the satellite dish mounted at the entrance canopy of the office building. Thanks to the efforts of **John Toschik, Aaron Veale, Rusty Seelye** and **John Millar**, we now have the ability to tune into German TV twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The subscription service offers movies, news around the world, variety shows, kids programs and sports. A committee has been formed to determine how we can best utilize the program offerings for the benefit of our German-speaking members and language students. For more information, please call me at 357-9156.

Thanks to the generosity of **Estella** and **Pat Franken** we were able to purchase some new books and videos for Kinderdeutsch, which starts again on Saturday, September 11. Most of the items were bought in Germany and brought back by Kinderdeutsch teacher **Angelique McLaurin**. Please mark your calendar and don't forget to enroll your children or grandchildren in this wonderful program.

Adult German conversational language classes will begin on Tuesday, September 14.

I hope you have a great summer!

– Arnold Bieber

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

This popular program resumes in September



July Notes

Although we arrived home rather late,
Our trip to the National Saengerfest was great!

Even though some glitches arose,
It kept us "on our toes"!

All the meals, dancing and singing
were a real delight.
Everything was "sehr Gemuetlichkeit"!

We are now on summer break.
Hope to return at a later date.

Have a safe & "sizzlin" 4th of July!
Hope there's lots of fireworks to light up the sky!

We send our get-well wishes
to **Elmer Wilkening**.

We also send our sympathies to **Helga Roepel**
and her family in the recent passing of Guenther.
He's joined other GAST Saenger in the
"heavenly choir".

We wish to thank **Leon Boggs** for the time and efforts
he gave as our director and wish him well
in his future endeavors.

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573

Weinkellerabend

Our next Weinkeller Evening is scheduled
for Friday, June 25, 2004 starting at 5:30 pm until ??

In order to spice things up and have a more varied
menu, we would like to make this next one

a Potluck Event.

Please come and bring a dish to share.

We hope to see you there.

—**Helga Greiner**
Chairperson

Sonntagskaffee

*(Sunday Afternoon Coffee
is a German ritual)*

Our next Sonntagskaffee will be held
on August 1, 2004 at 3 PM

If you have attended our Kaffees lately, you have
probably seen a precious little lady there wearing a
cute hat and getting a lot of attention and compli-
ments for it.

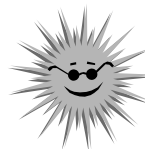
**It has been suggested that at the next Kaffee all
the ladies should wear a hat!**

So - if you like - get out your hats and show off
your stuff! Let's all have some fun!



Helga Greiner's famous
Rum Cake

The Coffee Team:
Helga, Barbara, Helen and
Fred



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**

Donations received in loving memory of :

Jim Dittus: Max and Jutta Tankersley, Arnold and
Gwen Bieber, Al and Lois Voeller

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WASS HAPPEN'N WID DE GAST HAUS

To all you non-believers, THE STRUCTURE OF THE GARAGE IS IN FANTASTIC SHAPE. Our group of stalwart construction volunteers spent the day Saturday (5/29/04) strengthening and replacing parts of the structure that had deteriorated and siding that had been bent and battered by errant bumpers or softened by long term exposure to the elements in preparation for a new dress of sealing and color (similar to the Duplex). Those that saw fit to join this party were:

Arnold Bieber, Buddy Butcher, Fred Kailer, Ed Lenfestey, John Millar, Dale Parsons, Dana Rosler, Fred Rother, Mike Stoops, and Jim Thomason

One of our newer members, **John Faulkner** has volunteered to finish adding the colored dress to the garage by himself, if there are any out there that would like to aid him, please call John at (918) 260-1229.

Then came the "Windstorm" of Wednesday June the 2nd and if you want a "Play-by-Play", talk to **Doris Gallagher**. GAST lost one of our giant oaks and Doris lost her auto.



Then the volunteer Foresters, **Arnold Bieber, Pat Franken, Ed** and Grandson Carson **Lenfestey and Charles Tegeler** rose to the occasion. Doris's auto was released from bondage and the culprit was denuded and made ready for chips and shredding.



—Ed Lenfestey

Congratulations!

GAST Board member **Aaron Veale** and his bride Rachel at their wedding reception on June 5, 2004.

Congratulations and best wishes for a long life together from the GAST Board of Directors.



Attention WW II History buffs! My friend, Wolfgang Samuel, has written a book, entitled: *American Raiders*; the Race to capture the Luftwaffe's Secrets.

At the close of the war, Allied forces faced frightening new German secret weapons—Buzz bombs, V2s and the first jet fighters. When Hitler's war machine began to collapse, the race was on to snatch these secrets and the scientists who created them before the Red Army closed in. *American Raiders* details a triumph that re-shaped aviation and propelled America to Cold War victory.



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German-American Society of Tulsa and Citizen CPR are providing free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes at the GAST Center on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in July. This program is aimed at preparing all GAST members, their families and friends to save lives by training them to recognize emergencies and respond appropriately.

The GAST board of directors approved the use of the GAST Center for this purpose in order to have as many of our members as possible trained in CPR, especially those who monitor the building during times of rental. The free CPR training events will be held each month beginning in July and each month thereafter as long as there is demand. Each class will be limited to about 16 trainees, and advanced registration is required as follows:

Saturday - July 24, 2004 1:00 - 3:00 PM
 Saturday - August 28, 2004 1:00 - 3:00 PM
 Saturday - September 25, 2004 1:00 - 3:00 PM
 Saturday - October 23, 2004 1:00 - 3:00 PM

To enroll in any of the classes, call the GAST Message Center 744-6998 or **Max Tankersley** at 742-9759.

Remember, it's free.

—**Max Tankersley**
 CPR Committee Chairman

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We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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Joseph Meyer (PA)
 Sallie Calvert (OK)
 5716 E. 25th St.
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 Tel. 835-1980



STAMMTISCH

Summer is here, come for cool
 conversation 'round the Stammtisch,
 Friday, July 2 at 6:30 pm. Prost!

-Dean

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