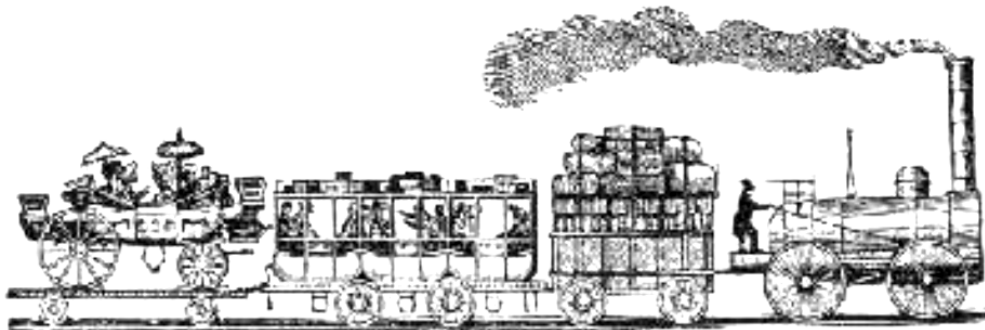




# Das Deutsche Echo

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Scenes from the book: *Romantische Reise durch das Alte Deutschland* (Romantic Travels through old Germany) This German-language book chronicles cities, scenes and people circa 1850, with 160 pages of text, lithographs and copper-and-woodcuts. I could be convinced to lend this beautiful book to any adult GAST member for up to a week, on a first-come, first-served basis, to be returned to me at that time. I would expect the borrower to treat this book with utmost respect and care, and return it to me promptly and in its original condition.

Best regards,

—Fred Rother

## GAST Happenings

Aug 1	Sonntagskaffee	Sep 14	Language classes	Nov 26	Weinkellerabend
Aug 6	Stammtisch	Sep 24	Weinkellerabend	Dec 19	Konversationsrunde
Aug 20	Theater Organ Soc.	Oct 3	German-American Day	<b>2005</b>	
Aug 27	Weinkellerabend	Oct 10	Konversationsrunde	Jan 9	Konversationsrunde
Sep 5	Ice Cream party	Oct 30	Oktoberfest Party	Feb 13	Konversationsrunde
Sep 11	Kinderdeutsch	Nov 7	Sonntagskaffee	Mar 13	Konversationsrunde
Sep 12	Konversationsrunde	Nov 14	Konversationsrunde	Apr 10	Konversationsrunde

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## ...from the GAST President



Again, we lost one of our long-time GAST members, Guenter Roepel, passed away at the age of 77 years. Guenter and his wife Helga were charter members of the German- American Society of Tulsa. Guenter also served on the Board of GAST and worked at our GAST functions when needed. Both, Gunter and his wife Helga, have been active choir members for many years. But above all he was a person who always had a big smile on his face and a very positive attitude despite his many medical problems. We will definitely miss him. Our heart goes out to his wife Helga and her family.

Maybe you have heard that we have a new office manager in our GAST office, her name is Becky Adrian. **Doris Gallagher** decided that the time has come to retire from that job. Thank you very much, Doris, for your help in the office.

Due to summer break and because many of our members are traveling, it's quiet at GAST. Pretty soon, however, activities for the various Fall events will start. Our next big event will be the Oktoberfest (10/21-10/24) and our own Oktoberfest Party (10/30).

Also a reminder of the CPR classes. Check the last Echo for exact dates. There are still open slots for those classes.

Shortly after founding GAST the members at that time set themselves a target: They wanted to have their own home, a "Club House". It took the organization about 12 years to achieve that goal—a surprisingly short time, if you think about it. In the following years we made this building our home. We have made a lot of modifications and improvements. We achieved all this because we worked toward a target. I think this is missing now. We do not have a target at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to put a question before the membership:

What do you think we need to do to keep this organization progressing for the next 25 years! What could be another goal for the Society?

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I think we are ready for a new challenge. We have been tossing this question around for a while in a smaller group. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please E-mail me at [cgreiner@cox.net](mailto:cgreiner@cox.net)

Until next month.

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—Claus Greiner

Echo Deadline is: *August 20*

## *...from the Arts President*

**Quite** a few of our members enjoyed the donor appreciation concert with Trio Tulsa on June 29, courtesy of the Amadeus Piano Festival organization. I had a previous commitment and was not able to attend, but I would like to thank Dana Maher for providing the free tickets and wish her continued success in her efforts to encourage and support young pianists in the Tulsa community.

July and August are traditional vacation months. However, your ARTS Cultural and Educational Committee continues to meet monthly as usual every second Wednesday just prior to the Board of Directors meeting to plan our fall activities, which include Kinderdeutsch, German Conversational language classes, German-American Day and Kid's World.

German Movie Night has been expanded to include current television movies and musical shows presented by German TV. Chairman **Erwin Jerchau** and I would love to hear your ideas about how we can best utilize this newly installed feature. Program details are available on line at [www.german.tv](http://www.german.tv).

Our annual meeting with the American Theatre Organ Society has been moved this year to their home location, Tulsa Technology Center, 4600 S. Olive, Broken Arrow (111<sup>th</sup> Street and 129<sup>th</sup> East Avenue). All GAST members and friends are invited! I hope you will join us for an evening of light entertainment in their spacious, air conditioned auditorium.

**Date and time: Friday, August 20, 7:30 PM.**

If you have any new ideas for cultural entertainment or education, please call or e-mail me (357-9156, [aobieber@aol.com](mailto:aobieber@aol.com)) or **John Millar** (481-0614, [jsmillar@juno.com](mailto:jsmillar@juno.com)).

—Arnold Bieber

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

**This popular program resumes in September**

## August Notes

Although the "Dog Days" of August are here "Oktoberfest" and cooler weather draw near!

When a director has been confirmed,  
Then our Choir will return.  
We hope it will be soon  
When rehearsals resume.

Congratulations to  
**Harry & Irmgard Runyon**  
as they celebrate their  
Golden Wedding Anniversary Aug. 26th!

We extend our sympathies to former Choir  
member **Jake Gumm**  
in the loss of his mother.

Questions/Information  
Teresa Gallagher  
663-9573

## Sonntagskaffee

*(Sunday Afternoon Coffee  
is a German ritual)*

Our August 1st Kaffee will be a "**hat affair**". We are looking forward to quite a fashion show. It should be very interesting and a lot of fun!

**So ladies - please wear your hats!**

Everyone please plan to attend our Sonntagskaffee on **August 1, 2004 at 3 - 5 p.m.** and enjoy a good cup of coffee (or ice tea in the summer) and some home-made cakes.

As always, conversations are in English and/or German!

The Coffee Team:  
—Helga, Barbara, and Fred

## GAST Parties

You may want to know that we are currently in the process of building a new "Party Team".

At this time, we are planning an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on the **first Sunday in September**, as an end-of-summer party and at the same time to start up the fall season.

Watch the next issue of the ECHO for more details.

—Helga Greiner, Chair  
—Charles Tegeler, Co-chair



## 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.

Phone 496-2304

E-mail [gastwo@aol.com](mailto:gastwo@aol.com)  
—Reba Schaffner

## Memorial Fund

The GAST Arts Memorial Fund has received gifts in Memory of **Guenter Roepel** from Phil and Victoria Childers, Stan and Barbara Conrad, John and Irmgard Toschik, Harold and Doris Wicks, and Richard J. Carroll.

Thank you,

—Irmgard Runyon

# Deutsche Welle

I am happy to report some good news to those fans of Deutsche Welle(DW),who have been wondering as to what happened to their connection to Germany. The local TV connection has had some severe technical difficulties which have now been resolved. DW may now be seen on Channel 20 during the week from 6-8 AM, 5-7 PM and 10-12PM. Weekend programming may vary so you may have to do some channel surfing to find exact times and programs.

—Barbara Conrad

COOL! Recycling is COOL!

Please notice that GAST has become ecology-friendly as we are starting a new recycling program at all of our functions. We now have separate plastic trash cans which will be marked for glass, aluminum cans and plastic. Please use them so that we can make clean-up easier.

**And stop dumping our recyclables into our landfills**

Thanks,

—Barbara Conrad

## WeinkellerAbend

Our August Weinkeller event will be held on Friday, **August 27, 2004** from 5:30 - ...

Everything will be "back to normal" after the well-attended July potluck.

Food will be provided again on a donation basis.

I hope you will be able to join us!

—Helga Greiner

## American Theater Organ Society Presentation

Please check your calendars for August 20 and plan to attend our annual meeting with the American Theater Organ Society. This year we have been invited to hear their instrument, which is located in the Tulsa Technology Center Auditorium at 111th and 129th East Ave. The performance will begin at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

—John Millar

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## 11th Annual Folk Dance-Folklore

The North American Federation of German Folkdance Groups held their 11th Annual Folk Dance-Folklore Weekend in Tulsa, Oklahoma June 18-20. The German-American Society of Tulsa and the GAST Folk Dance Group were the hosts of this weekend of dance instruction that featured the Dances and Folklore of the "Heath District", "Lüneburger Heide".

The NAFGFDG president, Karin Gottier arranged for the instructor, Dr. Wolfgang Schlüter to come from Schacht-Audorf, Germany for the workshop. Dance instructions were given by Ingrid while the dance music was provide by Dr. Schlüter on the accordion and accompaniment on violin by his 11-year old son, Sören. Dr. Schlüter is a well known dancer and musician in Germany. He has been dancing for 35 years. His concentration is on the dances of Lower Germany and he has been instrumental in the re-publishing of older, out-of-print dance collections. He is also involved in teaching international folk dance and regularly attends workshops in other European countries. For 20 years, he has been involved in the research of Low German dances and music.

The 58 dancers from Folk Dance groups and as individuals who traveled from ten different states to attend the workshop were introduced to 11 dances from the "Heath District". They also had an opportunity to observe and participated in the Folkcrafts of Scherenschnitte and Bobbin Lace as demonstrated by members of GAST. I would like to thank **Gabi Richardson, Ingrid Darnieder** and **Helga Roepel** for sharing their talents with us. Thanks also to **Irmgard Toschik** and **Gwen Bieber** for preparing and serving refreshments and meals for the workshop participants.

On Saturday night, GAST members joined the Folk Dancers for an evening of fine German food, dance and camaraderie.

The GAST Folkdancers are now busy preparing for our fall program with practice sessions held on most Friday evenings in the GAST Weinkeller between 7 and 9 pm. If you are interested in joining the GAST Folkdance Group please contact the GAST message center at 744-6998, or call me at 299-2839.

—Carol Wright

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## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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Rita Zannotti (Germany)  
Glenn Zannotti (USA)  
4018 E. 87th St.  
Tulsa, OK 74137  
Tel. 488-9173



### STAMMTISCH

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

-Dean

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