



Ice Cream Social



Sunday, September 5, 2004

from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us at the GAST Ice Cream Social in the Weinkeller for an end-of-summer celebration.

A variety of ice cream flavors and toppings to suit the most Epicurean tastes will be served. Please dress in **red**, **white** and **blue** to contribute to the Labor Day theme.

No charge for admission,
but your donation will help defray costs and will be appreciated.

—Lois Voeller
Social and Entertainment Committee

GAST Happenings

Sep 5	Ice Cream party	Oct 30	Oktoberfest Party	Jan 15	25th Anniversary Party
Sep 6	Movie night	Nov 7	Sonntagskaffee	Feb 5	Fasching Party
Sep 7	Handarbeitsgruppe—10 am	Nov 14	Konversationsrunde	Feb 13	Konversationsrunde
Sep 11	Kinderdeutsch	Nov 20	Heimatabend	March 5	Wine Tasting
Sep 12	Konversationsrunde	Nov 26	Weinkellerabend	Mar 13	Konversationsrunde
Sep 14	Language classes	Dec 11	Christmas Party	Apr 9	Soup/Western Party
Sep 24	Weinkellerabend	Dec 19	Konversationsrunde	Apr 10	Konversationsrunde
Oct 3	German-American Day	2005		Apr 29	Germanfest begins
Oct 10	Konversationsrunde	Jan 9	Konversationsrunde	May 15	Konversationsrunde

...from the GAST President

The GAST Choir has a new director: **Ms. Susan Burch**. It was not easy to find the right person with the right skills and attitude for that job but it sure looks like their search has been successful. The choir is very excited about this new addition.

Oktoberfest activities have been started. Under the leadership of **Jim Walker**, our well-seasoned chairperson for this event, the first meeting has been held. So, get ready - the calls for volunteers will come soon.

By the way, you may want to know that the latest addition at the Tulsa Oktoberfest will be the availability of real "Münchener Bier" – made possible due to the fact that Oktoberfest is a closed festival charging admission.

The Board of GAST has also approved a change: people who have worked as volunteers for GAST at the Oktoberfest will pay only \$10 for our own Oktoberfest party on October 30th. Non-volunteers and guests will have to pay the regular admission of \$15.00 for our dinner and dance party. We have contracted one of the best bands for this event.

Also, we were finally able to fill the position of Chairperson for the GAST parties. **Helga Greiner**, together with her Co-Chair **Charles Tegeler**, and their committee of more than twelve members have already held their first successful meeting.

I want to take the opportunity to thank **Irmgard Toschik** for her effort and work she has put into this job over a period of many years. It's not always easy to satisfy around 100 people at our parties and filling a position like this is just getting more and more difficult in our organization.

You know that we are always talking about our "aging" membership but I see a little light for the future: we do have some younger members on the Board. And we are also seeing some of them at our events. **Rusty Seeley** with his youth movie evenings draws a fairly big crowd. These evenings are supporting the schools, which offer German as a foreign language. The movies are in German with English subtitles.

I also wish to thank you for your submissions to my question about future goals (targets) for our Organization, **but there is room for a lot more ideas! Keep 'em coming!**

When you submit ideas to me think about what would be a good target for GAST to ensure that we will still be around 25 years from now. What can help us to achieve this?

See you at the next GAST function!

—Claus Greiner

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...from the Arts President

Our annual joint meeting with the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) on August 20 at their home location, the Tulsa Technology Center Auditorium in Broken Arrow turned out to be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening. I was hoping more GAST members would attend. However, the ones that came had a great time listening to ATOS beautifully restored Robert Morton Theatre Organ played by Joyce Hatchett, Carolyn Craft and others. The evening program also included a piano/organ duet, a silent movie presentation 1929 style with Buster Keaton and some accordion music by our own **Mike Stoops**. ATOS members and ARTS refreshment chair **Lois Voeller** served cookies and punch during the intermission. All in all, it was a wonderful evening. Thank you, Phil Judkins for inviting us. We are looking forward to next year's meeting in our Great Hall.

Would you believe it is time again for fall classes of Kinderdeutsch and Conversational German Language? Kinderdeutsch starts September 11 and continues for eight Saturdays. Weekly Adult German Language classes will begin on September 14 and will meet Tuesdays for 10 weeks. Please check elsewhere in the ECHO and on the GAST website for details.

Please take advantage of our newly acquired capability of receiving German Television programs via satellite. Our first official showing will be during Movie Night on Monday, September 6 at 6:30 PM. This service is free to members and guests. Please let us know what type of programs you would like to see in the future.

Mark your calendar for our annual German-American Day celebration on Sunday, October 3 at 3:00 PM. Our featured speaker will be ret. Professor of German and Humanities Christiane Faris from Oklahoma City University on the subject of "Historical German Immigration to Oklahoma". The Territory Speakers program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Humanities Council. We are still working on the musical half of the program. As always, the German-American Day event is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

—Arnold Bieber

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Welcome back from the summer break, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful and care-free summer. As it has been our custom for the last several years, our first Konversationsrunde after the summer pause is dedicated to sharing our summer-time experiences with each other. We will meet at 3 PM on 11 September in the home of **Fred and Irene Rother** who live at 232 East 117th Street in Jenks (phone 299-4814). Please feel free to bring pictures, souvenirs, etc. to illustrate your vacations and trips in the past summer

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



September Notes

We've completed the new director search.
We extend our welcome
to **Ms. Susan Burch**.

We're getting back on track
No time to be slack!

With many events in the wings
There'll be many songs to sing.

Come join us for fun-filled evenings
And lots of singing.

When: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 PM
Where: GAST Weinkeller

We wish a Speedy recovery
to **Marmie Apsley**

Questions/Information
Teresa Gallagher
663-9573

Handarbeitsgruppe

After a wonderful summer we will resume the Handarbeitsgruppe every Tuesday from 10 AM till 2 PM in the GAST Duplex on September 7th.

Come join us for a stitching good time. We even have a sewing machine now. Bring your knitting, crocheting, mending or sewing along with your sandwich for lunch. Drinks are available there.

Hope to see you there!

Tschüß,
Irmgard & Helga



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
—**Reba Schaffner**

Frogs...

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit.

All the other frogs gathered around the pit.

When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit.

The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could.

Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

"Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another. Be special to others. Send this to someone you like.



KINDERDEUTSCH

Kinderdeutsch starts at 10 AM, Saturday, September 11



Don't forget to enroll your children and grandchildren in this popular program for kids 4-12 years old. They will learn about German customs and enjoy performing the unique dances and songs of our culture. Native speakers will teach them simple words and phrases. Each of them will be rewarded with cookies and juice at the end of the hour and a half program. The program runs for eight Saturdays. \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members, \$5 discount for each additional child in a family.

WeinkellerAbend

September 24, starting at 5:30

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship



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Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Our fall language classes for beginning and returning students are scheduled to begin September 14.

We will meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. Enrollment on September 14 starts at 6:15 p.m. Course fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members plus books or other material as needed.

My fellow teachers and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

—Marianne Strong

Welcome back Students!

The German-American Society of Tulsa - Student Membership is now available. The membership fee is \$5.00 with great discounts on the back of the card. Please contact the GAST office at 744-6998 for details.

Our next student event will be on **Monday, September 20, at 6:30 PM**. We will be showing the very popular movie, "Finding Nemo" in German with English subtitles on our Projection Television and Screen.

Food and refreshments \$3 per person.

—Rusty Seelye
Student Committee Chairman

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We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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