



Musical Memories of Germany

November 20 at the GAST Center

Come and join your friends and guests for a delightful evening of nostalgia-filled German musical entertainment. The program will begin with the children's Folkdancers, followed by our GAST Choir, our Folkdancers and our Blaskapelle.

Social hour commences at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:30. The evening will conclude with accordion music for dancing.

Menu

Sausage plate with Sauerkraut, rye bread and butter
Chocolate and Vanilla pudding with whipped cream

\$12.50 per person

Please make your reservation by calling the Message Center at 744-6998, no later than Wednesday, November 17. After having made your reservation, and later discover that you cannot attend after all, please call the Center to cancel your reservation. Thank you.

—Lois Voeller
Social and Entertainment Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Dec 3-5 Christkindlmarkt	Feb 13 Konversationsrunde
Oct 30 Oktoberfest Party	Dec 11 Christmas Party	March 5 Wine Tasting
Nov 7 Sonntagskaffee	Dec 12 Advent service	Mar 13 Konversationsrunde
Nov 12 Euro Mix party—see page 5	Dec 19 Konversationsrunde	Apr 9 Soup/Western Party
Nov 13 Elferrat party	2005	Apr 10 Konversationsrunde
Nov 14 Volkstrauertag—see page 3	Jan 9 Konversationsrunde	Apr 29 Germanfest begins
Nov 20 Musical Memories of Germany	Jan 15 25th Anniversary Party	May 15 Konversationsrunde
Nov 26 Weinkellerabend	Feb 5 Fasching Party	

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

We are getting very close to the Oktoberfest in Tulsa. As a matter of fact, by the time you receive this Echo (Paper version) the Oktoberfest might already be over. Right now we are still hoping for good weather for the Festival time.

This year we had big help preparing all the utensils for the Oktoberfest booth: our GAST Board member **Elam Blank**, owner of the Amish kitchen, offered his equipment (dishwasher, etc.) in his kitchen to clean all the pots and pans needed for the Oktoberfest.

A big Thank You, Elam!

Our next GAST party will be the Oktoberfest celebration for our members/volunteers on October 30th 2004.

In November our GAST Singers, GAST Dancers and the Blaskapelle will put on a special Party: **Musical Memories of Germany**. This will be the first time our Choir, our Dancers and the Brass Band will perform together. Check the announcement in this issue of the Echo.

In December we will have the Christkindl Market on the first weekend and the Christmas party and the Adventsfeier on the second weekend.

Something new is also happening at GAST. In order to make participation at our parties possible for younger families we will arrange for baby-sitting in the building during the time of the party. We will try this service for the first time at our Oktoberfest Party – for children of GAST members only.

Our member **Rita Zannotti** is trying to start a group for young families with children. Please watch for her announcement in this issue, and if you can refer someone to her – don't hesitate to do so.

I very much appreciate the effort of our members to attract younger people. This all will support our big target: to lower the average age of our membership.

Our Youth Director, **Rusty Seeley**, put in a big effort. The last youth movie night drew 170 people. These are students and teachers from area schools who offer German classes. Rusty shows modern German movies in German with English subtitles. This was a big success for our Youth Director. Thanks to him, GAST now also offers a Youth membership for these students; he has enrolled approx. 300 student members at this writing.

I did get some input to my question about securing the existence of this organization in the future. However, all suggestions are more short-term improvements—but in a way they will also be part of a long-term target.

Bis zum nächstenmal – until next time!

—Claus Greiner

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...from the Arts President

Our German-American Day celebration on Sunday, October 3, was a great success with more than 120 people in attendance. Retired Professor Christiane Faris enlightened those of us only vaguely familiar with Oklahoma history about life in Oklahoma prior to statehood and how German immigrants coped with the challenges of the new frontier. Ms. Faris brought with her an extensive collection of written and printed material, newspaper articles, minutes of meetings and presented it in an educational and entertaining format. At least one of our members recognized part of his family history in the presentation. Well done, Ms. Faris.

The program was funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Territory Speakers Program.

The **GAST Blaskapelle** not only played the National Anthems but also entertained the crowd with a wonderful musical program. Some of the selections can be heard on the GAST website (www.gastulsa.org), courtesy of our webmaster, **John Toschik**. This newly formed group has accomplished so much in a short time. Congratulations, members of the Blaskapelle. We are looking forward to hearing you again.

Other members involved in the program were **John Millar**, chairman, **Fred Rother**, programs and set-up, **Ruth Bly** and **Lou Bonham**, refreshments and **Doris Gallagher**, publicity. Thanks to all who donated their time, money and advertising space to make this program a success.

Our next project is the participation in Kids' World, a Children's International Festival held bi-annually at Expo Square, on November 4–7. We still need volunteers to work a shift in our joint booth with the Tulsa-Celle Partnership. Please contact **Jutta Tankersley** (742-9759) or the GAST Office for information and to sign up.

On Volkstrauertag, November 14, Barbara **Conrad** will represent GAST at a ceremony to honor German POWs buried at Fort Reno, OK. Please contact Barbara at 492-3273, if you would like to attend. **Please note, this event pre-empts this month's Konversationsrunde.**

—Arnold Bieber

Notes

Dear GAST members:

Barbara and I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the membership for the manner in which you have treated our special son, Thomas and made him feel welcome and part of the extended family. This is especially true in regards to his recent birthday party. I think that this says a lot about the big hearts and good intentions of the GAST members. Thanks.

—Stan and Barbara Conrad

Even though it will not occur until next Spring, it's not too early to be thinking about items for our annual **garage sale**. In addition to some good fellowship and having some fun, it's a good fund raiser for some of our other activities. More details to follow.

—Barbara Conrad

Student News

November 1st, we'll have a Student Oktoberfest Party at 6:30 PM. We will be serving an authentic German meal, games, prizes, and German dancing!

November 15th, Student Movie Night at 6:30 PM. — High School Essay deadline is December 3rd.

We now have 310 Student Members at GAST! At our September Student Movie/Dinner night we had 170 students and nine teachers in attendance.

—Rusty Seelye, chair

Classics 'round Town

The University of Tulsa has finally succeeded in securing a license to establish a "classics only" radio station. Their format is strictly Classics, 24 hours a day, without advertising. Although they are restricted to broadcasting with only 5,000 watts of power, they can be clearly heard around the Tulsa area. Set your FM dial to 88.7 to listen to some of the finest classical music around.

GAST prepares for Oktoberfest

Here's a piece of the picture many of you never see. A group of hard working GAST members gathered on Saturday Oct. 9th, 2004 to wash all the pots and pans, and everything else used in our GAST Food Booths at Oktoberfest.

Somehow in spite of all the hard work they manage to have a pretty good time working together for the benefit of our Society.

—Jim Walker
Oktoberfest Chair



Young Families,

where are you hiding?

Dear fellow GAST Members, I like to follow up and remind people of the **Young Family Group** that I would like to establish. It would be nice to get something organized so that the young people and kids can get together.



Please pass this message on to your children with kids and to your neighbors. Maybe we will get a few people together to get started. Any suggestions are welcome.

—Rita Zannotti
Tel. 488-9173

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Sonntagskaffee

We hope you will join us on Sunday, **November 7, 2004** from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. to the GAST Center Weinkeller to share a treasured German tradition. Enjoy some home-baked cake and a good cup of coffee or tea. Meet with friends and have a nice conversation in English or German.

—**Helga Greiner**
and the Coffee Team

Weinkellerabend

Our next **Weinkeller** evening is planned for Friday, November 26, 2004, starting at 5:30 PM

We had many requests for another **Potluck meeting**, so this one will again be a potluck event. **Please bring a dish to share!**
Hope to see you there!

—**Helga Greiner**
Chair

Trans Euro Mix Party

GAST is pleased to announce a new social event for members **18 and older** and their guests. **Greg Bernhagen** will be hosting a Friday-night party featuring German-language CDs and videos (some with English subtitles) along with drinks and snacks. There will be no charge, just a nominal donation for drinks (for those 21 and over, please).

Feel free to bring along some of your favorite German-language CDs/DVDs/videotapes as well as any snacks you'd like to share. We'll start off with music of the 1980's. Neue Deutsche Welle, Europop, Top 40, etc.

The first party will be held at the Weinkeller on Friday, November 12 from 8 pm to midnight. Guests can drop in anytime to meet and greet. If anyone would like to help with serving refreshments, please contact Greg at 446-4555 or 292-5177



Ouch!



A hobo comes up to the front door of a neat looking farmhouse and raps gently on the door. When the farm owner answers, the hobo asks him, "Please, sir, could you give me something to eat? I haven't had a good meal in several days."

The owner says, "I have made a fortune in my lifetime by supplying goods for people. I've never given anything away for nothing. However, if you go around the back, you will see a gallon of white paint and a clean paint brush. If you will paint my porch in the back of the house, I will give you a good meal."

So the hobo goes around back and a while later he again knocks on the door. The owner says, "Finished already? Good. Come on in. Sit down. The cook will bring your meal right in."

The hobo says, "Thank you very much, sir. But there's something that I think you should know. It's not a Porche you got there, it's a BMW."



Now Playing at the GAST Theater

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GAST Choir News

What joy to enter the GAST Center on Thursday night. The house is alive with music; the Blaskapelle is practicing upstairs and the choir is rehearsing in the Weinkeller. It is very exiting to be a part of this musical endeavor.

The choir is working hard to get ready for program on November 20: *Musical Memories of Germany*. This event is not open to the public as previously stated, it is one of our regular monthly parties in the Great Hall.

In lieu of a band, our in-house talented performing groups, the GAST Dancers, adults and children; the GAST Blaskapelle and the GAST Choir will entertain you—much work is being put into this production.

If you enjoyed Heimatabend, you will love *Musical Memories of Germany*. We do promise an evening to remember. Whatever happens, don't miss this presentation! Come and hear the new songs we have brought with us from Peoria.

Remember, NOVEMBER 20th. at the usual time. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

—**Irmgard Runyon**

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

November 2004

Michael and Dale Coulter (OK) 3845 E. 104 St. Tulsa, OK 74137 Tel. 299-9631	Rosita Martin (Berlin, Germany) Charles J. Martin (OH) 3344 E. 83rd Pl. Tulsa, OK 74137 Tel. 496-0313
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Andreas Bader (Munich, Germany)
Eileen Bader (OK)
21581 E. 105th St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74014
Tel. 451-6865

Elferrat Coronation Dinner

Our dinner to honor our Prinz and Prinzessin of Fasching 2005, will be held at the Fountains Restaurant, 6540 S. Lewis, on November 13 at 6:30 PM. Dinner will consist of salad, choice of entree, dessert, and coffee or tea. The price is \$ 22.20 per person. GAST members are invited to attend.

ONLY PREPAID RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Please mail your check to:
Harold Wicks, 5606 S. Trenton, Tulsa, OK.74105.

Your reservation **MUST** be received by Nov.10th.

—**Harold Wicks, Chair**

How to use the new GAST office phone-mail system:

You can now use this system to leave messages for specific people or groups. Here is how it works:

Dial 744-6998 and wait for the voicemail prompt.
Press 2 and listen for the options:

Mailbox 3 = Party reservations
Mailbox 4 = Arts
Mailbox 5 = GAST
Mailbox 6 = Building Corporation

Mailbox 7 = Finance Committee
Mailbox 8 = Leasing Committee
Mailboxes 9 and 10 will change to reflect upcoming events

Choose the option you need and leave your message. Three easy steps and you'll have it mastered! Thank you for your patience while we implement the changes.

Please call Becky in the office at 744-6997 if you have any questions.

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Christkindlmarkt

German-American Society Center

December 3, 4, 5



The GAST Center will once again be transformed into a Christmas Wonderland for the 4th annual Chriskindlmarkt with authentic European and American crafts, foods and entertainment. For the little ones, there will be a puppet show and Spielstube (play room). Our GAST food both will have a variety of Wursts, Kartoffelpuffer, Hot Cider, Stollen, Hot Chocolate and Coffee for sale. Entertainment will be provided by harpist, Linda Paul, the Rose Stone Trio and our Blaskapelle. The Chriskindl and St. Nikolaus will be present during the entire three days of the Festival to add to the atmosphere.

Come join your friends and neighbors for an experience found at no other time of the year with the wonderful sights and sounds of Christmas at the GAST Chriskindlmarkt. From 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM on Sunday.



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