



Weihnachtsfeier

Please join us at our annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2004

Social hour commences at 6:00 PM; dinner is served at 6:30



Menu by Ludger's

Roast Beef with Gravy
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad
Coffee/Tea
Bread and Butter
Home-made Desserts



Baby-sitting will again be available in the Weinkeller for children of members up to ten years of age.

Music for dancing and sing-a-long Christmas songs

by Gene Hembree and MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Performance by the GAST Choir

Price for dinner and dance: \$15.00/person, dance only: \$7.50, Children: \$5.00

The raffle will feature a \$30.00 gift certificate from Sigi's Sausage Factory and other nice prizes

Come dressed in your holiday finest and join your friends for a fun and festive Holiday evening in the Great Hall of the GAST Center

—Lois Voeller
Entertainment Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Jan 28	Weinkeller	Apr 3	Sonntagskaffee	Jul 22	Weinkeller
Dec 3-5 Christkindlmarkt	Feb 4	Stammtisch	Apr 9	Soup/Western Party	Aug 5	Stammtisch
Dec 11 Nikolaus party	Feb 5	Fasching Party	Apr 10	Konversationsrunde	Aug 7	Ice Cream Social
Dec 11 Christmas Party	Feb 6	Sonntagskaffee	Apr 22	Weinkeller	Aug 26	Weinkeller
Dec 12 Advent service	Feb 13	Konversationsrunde	Apr 29	Germanfest begins	Sep 2	Stammtisch
Dec 19 Konversationsrunde	Feb 25	Weinkeller	May 15	Konversationsrunde	Sep 4	Sonntagskaffee
Dec 31 New Year's party	Mar 4	Stammtisch	May 27	Weinkeller	Sep 23	Weinkeller
2005	March 5	Wine Tasting	Jun 3	Stammtisch	Oct 2	Sonntagskaffee
Jan 7 Stammtisch	March 6	Sonntagskaffee	Jun 5	Sonntagskaffee	Nov 6	Sonntagskaffee
Jan 9 Konversationsrunde	Mar 13	Konversationsrunde	Jun 24	Weinkeller	Nov 25	Weinkeller
Jan 15 25th Anniversary Party	Apr 1	Stammtisch	Jul 1	Stammtisch	Dec 31	Weinkeller

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Oktoberfest is over. Thank you, all volunteers, for your time and effort to make this a successful festival.

Even though all the numbers are not in yet we think we did have a good Oktoberfest for GAST. The revenue from this Oktoberfest (compared with last year) was app. 12% down. Keep in mind: last year we only had absolutely gorgeous days throughout the entire festival. This year the Friday was almost totally rained out. But let's wait until we have all the expenses in so we can look at the bottom line.

The GAST Oktoberfest party for the volunteers was quite a success. Karl Waldbauer and his Polka Kings delivered the right music for this event. It doesn't happen very often that people are still dancing at 11:00 PM. Even **Jim Giles** and his entire family joined us again. We were sure glad to see Jim well again.

This was the first time that we offered babysitting in our building. It worked great, the people upstairs did not even realize that we had children in the building, and the young parents really enjoyed it. They all thought that this was a great idea. We will offer it again for the upcoming upstairs events.

We are planning a New Years Eve Party just like last year and it will be celebrated in our Weinkeller downstairs. Please check the Echo for details.

Are you one of our members who receives the Echo via electronic mail? If so, you now get the Echo in color. It does look a lot more attractive than the black& white version.

In January we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. 25 years - a quarter century. When you look back it seems like the time went fast. Even though we were not among the founding members of this organization, Helga and I joined in 1983 and that makes it 21 years ago! We consider ourselves longtime members, too!

Since this is the last Echo that the members without e-mail will get this year I take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

**Frohe Weihnachten
und ein gesundes, glückliches Neues Jahr!**

—Claus Greiner

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St. Nikolaus is coming to town.

Saturday, December 11

Time: 11:30 AM to 1 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.



Please make your reservation for children and grandchildren, 13 years and under by Wednesday, December 8, listing child's name and age, to the Message Center (744-6998) or my home phone 446-2018 if you miss the deadline. There will be gifts for every child and pictures with St. Nikolaus. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share

—Christy Collins

...from the Arts President

Nowhere is our community involvement more visible than in our participation in Kid's World, a children's international festival held bi-annually at Expo Square. The event is organized by Tulsa Global Alliance (TGA) and is sponsored by Tulsa World, the Schusterman Foundation and area businesses. This year's theme was "Hello World". Very appropriate, because it gave young children and families an opportunity to experience many of the world's cultures on one field trip. Prior to the exhibition, TGA arranged teacher's workshops and encouraged exhibitors to prepare teacher's packages for distribution. The German American Society Arts Association again cooperated with the Tulsa-Celle Partnership with an expanded display and large activity table.

Jutta Tankersley and her many volunteers did a fantastic job setting up the cultural display and keeping the activity table supplied. Each young visitor has evidence of their "trip to Germany" by a colorful stamp on their Kid's World passport. To all who volunteered their time and talents during the event, a heartfelt "Danke schön".

This year we also had a booth in the International Boutique at Kid's World, which was manned by **Carol Wright** and her volunteers. This new section was open to adults on the weekend. If anyone missed their offerings of cultural and holiday items, we hope they will visit our Christkindlmarkt.

Other opportunities to serve the community were presented to the ARTS Speaker's Bureau by the Oklahoma Methodist Manor Assisted Living facility, Skiatook Middle School and the Annual Commemoration of Tulsa's International Community organized by Eisenhower and Zarrow International Schools. Thank you, **Mike Stoops** and **Barbara Conrad**, for participating.

Our next public event is our annual Adventsfeier on Sunday, December 12 at 3 PM. The non-denominational service will again be held entirely in German with pastor Bodo Wiedemann from Celle, our sister city in Germany, officiating. We are grateful to the Tulsa-Celle Partnership and the City of Celle for their cooperation and sponsorship. Event chair, **Barbara Conrad**, negotiated on our behalf on a personal visit to Celle. **Thanks, Barbara.** Please, bring your family and friends to this wonderful celebration.

I hope your holidays are most enjoyable.

—Arnold Bieber

Konversationsrunde

We would like to start the yuletide season with our annual Christmas meeting at 3 PM on December 19 at the home of **Harry and Elfriede Rogers** who live at 4305 East 83rd Street (telephone # 481-1736). It is traditional that everyone brings their favorite piece of music and/or poems to be shared with us all. Music will be provided by **Jutta Tankersley and Inge Wagdalt**. Please join us for this celebration of Christmas, which is sure to bring back pleasant memories of our childhoods.

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).

Advents Service. The German-American Society Arts Association will sponsor a Christmas service on Sunday, December 12 at 3 PM in the German-American Society Center at 2301 East 15th Street (15th Street one block west of Lewis). Pastor Bodo Wiedemann from the Stadtkirche Celle, Germany will conduct the service in German. The German-American Society choir will sing traditional German Christmas music. Ian Peake will accompany Karen Sullivan and Donna King in other music. This event is free and open to the public. Please feel free to bring your friends and neighbors to this nondenominational service. Donations are welcome and will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

—Barbara Conrad

Editor's notes...

My wife, Irene, and I had the pleasure to participate in a memorial ceremony for the mostly German prisoners of war who died while being held in Fort El Reno from 1943 till the end of the war. A total of 1,335 POWs were based in the Fort; 62 of whom died during in that time and were buried at the cemetery on the grounds.

The German-American Heritage Association of Oklahoma (GAHA) has arranged for a memorial service for several years now and members of GAST are always invited. This was our first participation in this event—and a most moving experience it was, indeed. Monika Campbell, president of GAHA welcomed the congregation; former GAST VP, Dr. Siegfried Heit gave a talk about German POWs in the U.S., followed with a speech by NATO Liaison officer, Lt. Colonel Friedrich Hagemann. The reverend Harold Kamman blessed us with a short sermon and Ms. Ute Bear regaled us with “Im schönsten Wiesengrunde” and “Ave Maria” during the service.



We then walked over to the little cemetery, where three wreaths were laid in front of the tombstones while an American soldier played Taps. Two wreaths were placed in memory of the German POWs and, unexpectedly, one for the eight Italian POWs.

The beautiful little chapel you see in this report was built by the POWs.

Fellow GAST members, I urge you to make a note to attend this event next year—be sure to bring your tissues.

—Fred Rother

Christkindlmarkt

December 3rd — 5th

At the GAST Center

Friday: 10—7; Saturday: 10—5; Sunday: noon to 5

Garage Sale

We now have a firm date for the Arts Association garage sale. It will take place on the first weekend in April with details to follow later. Please keep this in mind at Christmas, in case you receive some gifts that you really don't know what to do with. This is also a good way to get your white elephants back in circulation for a good cause.

—Barbara Conrad

Sonntagskaffee

On November 7, 2004, we had a well attended event - the last one for 2004.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank my wonderful team members who always work so cheerfully in the background: **Barbara Hunsberger, Helen Cohea,** and **Fred Rother.** Our Kaffeess could not happen without them.

I would also like to thank all my friends for the delicious cake contributions! If you have ever attended one of our Kaffeess you will agree with me - we always have "good stuff".

Because of Christkindl Market and New Year's Day, our next Sonntagskaffee will be held on February 6, 2005.

Be safe, stay well and come back to see us next year!

—**Helga Greiner** and the Coffee Team

84th Presentation of Handel's Messiah

The 84th all-Lutheran presentation of Handel's 'Messiah' will again be held on December 4 and 5 at First Lutheran Church (13th and South Utica) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Performances will begin at 5:00 P.M. and 7:15 P.M. nightly. All are encouraged to join in the 84th presentation of Handel's Messiah as together we celebrate the birth of Christ, our Savior. **Admission is free.**

Fasching News

The Elfererrat and Elfen gathered at the Fountains Restaurant to celebrate the Coronation of Prinz Arnold I and Prinzessin Gwen I. After a very enjoyable dinner, Prinz Harry I and Prinzessin Irmgard II, our Royal Couple for 2004, crowned the Royal Couple for Fasching 2005.

The Elfererrat is making preparations for a great Fasching Party on February 5th, please mark you calendars, get your costumes ready, and celebrate with Prinz Arnold I and Prinzessin Gwen I.

—**Harold Wicks**, Chair

Student News

December 3rd is the deadline for the High School Essay Contest. This years topic is " Plan a Trip to Germany". This will encourage the students to think about where they would go and what they would do in Germany.

Monday, December 13th at 6:30 PM will be our student Holiday Party. We will be showing the very popular movie "Santa Claus 2" with Tim Allen, in German with English subtitles. Also, available will be: home-made cakes and cookies and Christkindlmarkt items.

We give our best wishes and appreciation to **Kyle Page**, a German major at the University of Tulsa. Kyle will be studying next semester in Siegen, Germany. He has assisted with our student events for almost 2 years. Thank you Kyle and viel Glück!

—**Rusty Seelye**, chair

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation



Monday December 6,
starting at 6:30 PM
**Weihnachten
in den Bergen 2**
Mit vielen Liedern
zum Fest des Jahres

Starting at 7:30 PM
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GAST Choir News

By the time you receive this issue of the Echo we will have had our evening of "**Musical Memories of Germany**". It was a lot of hard work to learn several new songs, revive old neglected ones and prepare for Christmas, all at the same time, but it was fun and rewarding.

Since this is being written prior to the performance, we hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did preparing and presenting it to you.

With the Blaskapelle, dancers, adults, youths and children rounding out the program we hope everyone enjoyed the evening. We all hope to have an opportunity to present such a program again.

We still have openings in the choir for anyone who is willing to spend two hours with us on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. German language skills are not mandatory, you can learn the words phonetically and the notes by rote.

We wish you a joyful, peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein gutes Neues Jahr"
from the GAST Sänger.

—Irmgard Runyon

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Dezember 2004

Chris Ferguson (AR)
14649 S. Vancouver Ave.
Glenpool, OK 74033
Tel. 852-8661

Robert & Stella Schwartz
(USA)
4227 E. 52nd Place
Tulsa, OK 74135
Tel. 743-1748

Robert Jacobson (Mexico)
Andrea Giles Jacobson (MO)
4132 E. 46th St.
Tulsa, OK 74135
Tel. 747-1917

GAST MEMORIAL FUND

We have received gifts
in loving memory of
Gunter Roepel

from these friends:
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jerchau
Mr. and Mrs. Max Tankersley.

Public Relations opportunity

For the past several years, I have served as a Board member, have served on various committees, and have worked to get our numerous GAST activities announced in the newspapers, TV and radio. I have done so for several years now, and feel that we need "new blood" in this particular position.

Anyone interested in this opportunity to serve GAST, please contact me through the GAST office at 744-6997. I will work with you for a few weeks/months to introduce you to the various media outlets in the area. I believe that we (older persons) need to "pass on the torch" periodically. Yet, we need the entire membership to help us succeed.

This activity involves working with our newsletter editor and the webmaster for the organization both are also involved in getting out the "good word" about our offerings to the members and the community.

—Doris Gallagher,
publicity chair

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New Year's Eve Party



Our informal New Years Eve Party last year
was quite the HIT.
So - let's do it again!
Please join us on

December 31st, 2004 from 9 PM till?

.....▶ **Admission: bring your favorite snack to share!**

A complimentary glass of Champagne will be served at midnight. Other drinks are available as always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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