



Das Deutsche Echo

March 2005

Jahrgang 26/03

Sonntagskaffee

A favorite German Sunday-Afternoon Pastime

Please join us on Sunday, March 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Weinkeller. As you can see from the photos, our recent one was absolutely delicious.

It is always amazing how a nice tablecloth, fresh flowers and soft music can highlight the whole atmosphere of our gemütlichen Weinkeller.

If you have never had an opportunity to join us for this delicious event, we hope you will come to see for yourself.



The Coffee Team welcomes you:

*Helga Greiner, Fred Rother,
Barbara Hunsberger, Helen Cohea*

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Apr 10	Membership meeting	Jun 24	Weinkeller	Oct 2	Sonntagskaffee
Mar 4 Stammtisch	Apr 17	Alpine Concert	Jul 1	Stammtisch	Oct 9	German-American Day
March 6 Sonntagskaffee	Apr 22	Weinkeller	Jul 22	Weinkeller	Nov 6	Sonntagskaffee
Mar 13 Konversationsrunde	Apr 29	Germanfest begins	Aug 5	Stammtisch	Nov 25	Weinkeller
Apr 1 Stammtisch	May 14	Wine Tasting	Aug 7	Ice Cream Social	Dec 31	Weinkeller
Apr 1-2 Garage Sale	May 15	Konversationsrunde	Aug 26	Weinkeller		
Apr 3 Sonntagskaffee	May 27	Weinkeller	Sep 2	Stammtisch		
Apr 9 Western Party	Jun 3	Stammtisch	Sep 4	Sonntagskaffee		
Apr 10 Konversationsrunde	Jun 5	Sonntagskaffee	Sep 23	Weinkeller		

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Most of the GAST Parties are now behind us. The last one was the Fasching Party, which was also a big success. The next big party will be a Western Party. The Entertainment Committee made a slight change to what was previously the Soup Party.

There will still be a soup party. This year, however, it will be held in the Weinkeller on the lower level. Since some people do want a Western Party (we have quite a few American members, and we are a German/American Society!) a combination Western and Soup Party wouldn't have worked.

The German Fest, our second one, will be held from April 29th to May 1st this year. Please watch the announcements in the Echo.

We also have a committee in place which will take nominations for the May Queen for 2005.

As last year, we will "crown" the May Queen at the German Fest. This will be announced in the next Echo as well.

One of the bigger events coming up will be our Membership Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2005, starting at 3:00PM in the lower level of our GAST Center. As you know, all Officers and half of the Directors have to be re-elected or new members have to be elected for those positions. One of the problems our nominating committee faces is that not many people will volunteer for those positions. In case you know somebody who would be able and willing to take on any position on the Board please contact one of the three members of the Nominating committee:

- Gwen Bieber
- Jutta Tankersley
- Joe Rohr

Since this is our 25th Anniversary, it was recommended that we should take a "Group Picture" of the GAST Officers & Directors as well as of the Members participating in the Membership meeting. So, if you want to be in the picture, attend the membership meeting!

Our building will go through some major maintenance. It's used so much that it shows the wear and tear of the last few years. Since we are using it for many of our events and since it is also leased a lot, we need to keep it in top-notch shape. Leasing is one of our very good revenue streams. Except for the leasing-income of the Building Corporation, our property is strictly supported by GAST and its fundraisers, such as Oktoberfest, Germanfest, Christkindlmarkt, etc.

The Arts Association does their own fundraising for their functions but does not support the property. Our big Parties are not fundraisers. Most of them are losing money and need to be subsidized by GAST. They really are not structured to earn money otherwise the entry fee we are charging would have to be much higher. Expenses for the parties, especially for Bands and Catering have increased significantly. This does not mean we should discontinue our parties. They have always been an important part of GAST. The Board has finally approved the budgets for 2005. It was a struggle. Since we are three independent corporations (by Law) we have to approve three budgets. So the process is quite difficult.

Until next time.

**New! now always on the Wednesday after
the Board meeting**

**Echo Deadline is:
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...from the Arts President

According to our by-laws, the German American Society Arts Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Every member of the German-American Society of Tulsa is also a member of the Arts Association. At the next annual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 10, our members will vote for a President, First and Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for a 1-year term and 6 members of the Board of Directors for 2-year terms. The Arts Association holds monthly Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Members are welcome at these meetings and may present questions or suggestions when recognized by the President at the meeting. When possible, questions or suggestions should be submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

The Arts Association operates with three standing committees, the Cultural & Educational Committee, the Public Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee. A fourth standing committee, the Nominating Committee is elected by the membership at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

I am writing this explanation of the structure of the German-American Society Arts Association to encourage more members to take an active part in the organization. The Arts Association is responsible for German Language classes, Kinderdeutsch, Deutsche Konversationsrunde, Speaker's Bureau, German Movie Night, the library, German-American Day and other staged cultural events at GAST and in the community. ARTS fully supports the Mission of the German American Society of Tulsa. **We need your ideas and volunteer help to be more effective.**

As of this writing we are still preparing for the Carson Wagner Concert on Sunday, February 20. I would like to thank **Jutta Tankersley** and her helpers for serving the refreshments and **Fred Rother, John Toschik** and **Doris Gallagher** for assisting with publicity, programs, setup and sound management. We are hoping for good weather and a huge turnout.

Thanks to good publicity by the Tulsa World and KWGS and our excellent teachers we had another record enrollment for the **Conversational German Language Classes**. We also have an enthusiastic group of kids enrolled in Kinderdeutsch on Saturday mornings.

Please mark your calendar for our annual garage sale, April 1-2. And for a performance by the visiting Swiss Yodelers "Echo vom Bodensee" at the GAST Center on Sunday, April 17 at 3 PM. Other appearances are being planned. The Yodelers will be hosted by members of GAST and the Oklahoma Swiss Club. We are looking forward to their visit.

—Arnold Bieber

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank the Schmidts for their gracious hospitality for hosting the last meeting. A special thanks to Gertrud for leading a lively and interesting discussion about life on the plains for Native Americans. The next meeting will be at 3 PM on Sunday, March 13 at the home of **Gaby Richardson** at 5827 South Maplewood (telephone # 494-3762). Our speaker will be **Hannelore Giles** who will discuss how a big city girl from Berlin (Hannelore) was transformed into a small town rancher and found peace and happiness on the windswept plains of Oklahoma. Please try to attend and contribute to what should be a most interesting discussion.

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).

Garage Sale. We now have firm dates for the annual Arts Association garage sale. Details are as follows: the garage sale will start on Friday and Saturday April 1-2 from 8-5 at the GAST Center. We will operate in two shifts on both days. Pick up and delivery of goods will be on Wednesday March 30 from 9-5. Organization and pricing of goods will be on March 31 from 9 am to finish at the GAST Center. Please plan on pitching in and helping in any capacity that you can for this vital fund-raiser. Any amount of time, effort or donations that you can give will be appreciated. Call Barbara Conrad (492-3273) for details and for volunteering.

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You wanna be a queen?

We are now accepting nominations from the GAST membership for this years Maikönigin (May Queen). She should be at least 18 years of age and a current single or family member of GAST.

The main responsibilities among others are to represent GAST at various functions wearing a Dirndl, and chairing the children's St. Nikolaus and Easter parties.

Nominations should be made by phone to any member of the Maikönigin Committee: **Carol Wright, Christy Fell, or Rusty Seelye**. Or by email at lakeconstance@cox.net

The deadline for nominations is set for Friday, March 25th. Each candidate will be asked to submit a short bio to be presented to the membership. The election of the Maikönigin will take place at the general membership meeting on Sunday, April 10th.

The Maikönigin Committee

Memorial Donation

A gift to the Memorial Fund has been made
by **John Millar**
In loving memory of:

**Gunther Roepel, Franz Harms
and Jim Dittus.**

Election of Officers and Board Members

At the next General Membership Meeting on April 10, there will be an election of officers and board members for the German-American Society of Tulsa, the German-American Society Arts Association and the German-American Society Building Corporation.

If you are interested in running for one of those positions, please contact the Nominating Committee as soon as possible

Jutta Tankersley (742-9759)
Gwen Bieber (357-9156)
Joe Rohr (585-8511)

From the Party Committee...

The Wine Tasting Party which had been planned for March 5 had to be moved to May 14. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Our next big Party will be held on April 9th. For a change we want to stress the "American" in German-**American** Society and put on a Chuckwagon Dinner/Dance with the performance of an Indian Dancer. Such a party would be a big hit in Germany!

This would also be a great opportunity to do some line dancing. **Special lessons** will be offered by our own **Helen Cohea**. If you are interested **in learning how to line dance** for our party, please come and practice with Helen on **Thursday, March 31st, 2005 at 6 p.m.** If there is enough interest, we will have another lesson one week later at the same time

—Helga Greiner



**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**

Love is:



Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.

Mary Ann- age 4

Fasching Party Report

Prinz Arnold I and Prinzessin Gwen I greeted more than 100 members who gathered to celebrate Fasching. The Prinz and Prinzessin presented medals to several members.

Our Costume Contest was judged by guest judges Glenn and Joan Strobel and Michael and Rita Howell. The judges had many good costumes to choose from. The prizes were awarded as follows.

- Best Looking Female, Frieda Kimberlin as Charlie Chaplin
- Best Looking Male, Bernie Scieszinski as Pirate
- Best Looking Couple, Max and Jutta Tankersley as Scarecrow and Witch
- Funniest Looking Female, Jinny Wynn as Joker
- Funniest Looking Male, Michael Carney as Caffeine Starved Monster
- Funniest Looking Couple, Tony and Leisha Jury, as Caveman and Cavewoman
- The Judges Discretion Prize was awarded to Otto and Angela Svendsen as The Cow and Milkmaid
- The Costume Contest prizes are donated by members of Elferrat.
- Our Knee Dance Contest was won by Doris Wicks.

The two Berliners filled with mustard were discovered by Joy Walker and Otto Svendsen.

Joy received our pot of Wieners and Otto received our giant pretzel.

The Polka Kings played a good variety of music for dancing. We had a group of "Irish Dancers" from Moore's Dance Studio in Broken Arrow. GAST members Jim and Jean Randall have two granddaughters in this excellent group.

The Elferrat entertained with their interpretation of a Men's Bell Choir.

We thank Trevor for being our Jester and we appreciate the volunteers who collected money at the door and who did babysitting.

Thank You Members for celebrating Fasching with us.
Your Hosts : The Elferrat
Harold Wicks, Chairman

The Elferrat is looking for two couples to join our group.

—**Harold Wicks, Chair**



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The Operating Committee needs you!

We will be holding a Work Party on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 8:30 AM. Please join us and help preserve our beautiful facility. There is much to be done and we can find something productive for you to do. The work is not difficult. It is simply the many things you do all the time around your house that can't be hired out. Come help do the work and enjoy some pizza with us at lunch. See you there.



—John Millar

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

März 2005

Linda Goedeke (Enid, OK) 706 W. 35th Pl. Sand Springs, OK 74063 Tel. 241-3717	Elizabeth Sposato (Tulsa) 2215 E. 19th Tulsa, OK 74114 Tel. 743-0869
Cheryl Horst (Tulsa, OK) 235 So. BK 1600 Rd. Stigler, OK 74462 Tel. 1-918-799-5096	Welcome back Dorothea Heit (Leipzig, Germany) 1004 S. Oak Ave. Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Tel. 258-5800
David Schimanski (Decatur, IL) 9201 NW Pleasant Dr. Parkville, MO 64152 Tel. 1-816-587-8437	

Folkdancers polish up their Dance Shoes

The GAST Folkdancers are again meeting, learning and practicing in preparation for our Spring season.

We wrapped up our 2004 season accompanied by the GAST Blaskapelle for two of our dances during GAST's "Musical Memories of Germany" in November. Our other venues last year were teaching dances to Girl Scouts, participating in International programs at TCC and Bacone College, entertaining at Methodist Manor, Franciscan Villa and Francis Streidle retirement homes, Tulsa Oktoberfest and GAST's Germanfest. GAST and the GAST Folkdancers were host to the North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups whose members came from nine states for a weekend dance and folklore workshop.

Our February and March programs this year are return engagements with the Girl Scouts and Tulsa Community College.

We have welcomed a few new members to the group and we would like to have more. If your Friday evenings are open please consider joining us to learn German Folk Dances. We practice at the GAST Center from 7 pm until 9 pm. A dance partner is not required. Call me if you have any questions at 299-2839.

—Carol Wright

Come join us at the
next

Stammtisch

Friday evening, March 4th, 6:30

Zum Wohl,

Dann Björklund, Chair



Youth News

We crowned Jayden Neff, **Prinz** and Larami Burge, **Prinzessin**, both of Claremore H.S., at our Student Fasching. We had 150 students enjoying food, games, costume contests, and lots of beads!

Many thanks to those who volunteered: **Linda Adams, Kyle Page, Marvel Seelye, Don & Carol Wright, Dana Rosler, Ruth Obermark, and John Faulkner.** We will go Ice Skating on Tuesday, March 8th.

—Rusty Seelye, Chair

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