



## Chuck-wagon Dinner/Dance Party

on Saturday, April 9th, 2005.

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

The Western Band the "BACK BURNERS" will play for our enjoyment.

Be prepared to join in some line dancing - if you like.

We also plan to have a special Indian Dance performance.

On the menu: Good old-fashioned Pot Roast with veggies and Elam's delicious oven roasted potatoes, followed by apple or cherry cobbler with ice cream.

Admission for dinner and dance: \$15.00 per person, dance only \$ 7.50.

Children: \$ 5.00 each.

Babysitting will be available again in the Weinkeller for members' children up to ten years of age.

Please call the GAST Office for **reservations no later than Wednesday, April 6, 2005.**

Phone 744-6997.

Raffle Prizes will include gift certificates from **Southwood Nursery and Margaret's German Restaurant** as well as other nice prizes.

Come dressed in your Western finery - if you have - but please do come!

The GAST Party Committee



## GAST Happenings

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

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

We are getting closer to our annual Membership Meeting on April 10, 2005.

The Nominating Committee does have a hard time filling the open positions on the board. To my knowledge, there are still some vacancies at this time. Currently, GAST has 480 members - so it really shouldn't be that difficult to fill a few openings on the board. Yes, for board members it does require some involvement in committees or functions of GAST. But isn't it also fun to participate in our events and to be part of the group who really operates the organizations?

We will also elect the new May Queen for 2005 at this Membership Meeting.

I am glad to report that some "major" maintenance projects are going to happen on our building pretty soon. The interior painting job on the upper level as

well as repair work to the bathrooms and classrooms on the lower level are about to start. This is very important because of the high usage of the building it is showing some wear and tear. Our leasing committee reports a "high demand" for this building - even without a lot of advertising. Isn't this great?

We also still have one "Tree" problem on our property. Hopefully, we can take care of it ourselves.

Also, the ventilation hood, installed in the kitchen, will be completed. At this time it's not wired yet and the fire suppression system is not installed yet.

I am still looking for somebody in the organization who would like to chair the Oktoberfest activities of GAST. This year the Oktoberfest is from Oct. 20th-23<sup>rd</sup>. **Jim Walker**, who has been in charge of these activities for the last several years, would like to be replaced as the chair of this committee. But he would be available for training of another person. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for his efforts in preparing and running the GAST Oktoberfest activities for several years. The Oktoberfest is still our biggest fundraiser of the year.

**Now always on the Wednesday after  
the Board meeting**

**Echo Deadline is:  
Wednesday, April 20**

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Our next party will be a Western Party on April 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Please look for details in this Echo.

Due to "Good Friday" there will not be a Weinkeller  
Abend in March. The next Weinkeller Abend will  
be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Again, please mark your calendar for the April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Membership Meeting. We would like to see as  
many of our members there as possible.  
Thank you and Auf Wiedersehen

—Claus Greiner

## ...from the Arts President

The Arts Association Committees have been busy preparing for the visit of the Swiss Yodeler Group "Echo vom Bodensee". Twenty-two yodelers, including spouses and a traveling companion from San Antonio will arrive on Monday, April 11 in three groups. They will be hosted by members of GAST and the Oklahoma Swiss Club. They will perform at Hilti Inc., Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus, Fellowship Lutheran Church, McKinley Elementary School, Eisenhower International School and at the Royal Bavaria Restaurant in Moore, Oklahoma. The main performance, free and open to the public, will be the "Alpine Concert" on Sunday, April 17 at 3 PM at the GAST Center.

The funds raised at our annual garage sale on April 1-2 supports our cultural and educational programs. Please help us spread the word!

We are so proud of our Kinderdeutsch students! Three of them, Charissa and Chloe Bradway and Jacqui Bernhagen charmed the crowd at our Fasching party on February 5th with a rendition of "Muss I denn zum Staedtle hinaus". Great job, girls! Credit goes to **Hildegard Schaffrin**, who has volunteered her time to teach the kids several German songs. You will have another chance to hear them at Germanfest. **Carol Wright** and her grandson **Trevor Murie** are also working hard to prepare the kids to dance at Germanfest. Don't miss it!

ARTS and the GAST dancers participated in the Tulsa Community College Metro Campus "Global Festival", a multicultural exhibition and entertainment event held on March 3. It was free and open to the public. More than 1800 students and visitors attended and enjoyed the event. Our Speaker's Bureau was invited and attended a program called "Traveling Around the World Without Leaving the Classroom" for first and second graders at Greeley Elementary School on February 24.

A return visit by German Pianist Ruediger Steinfatt is planned for May 22.

I hope to see all of you at the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 10.

—Arnold Bieber

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank Gaby for her gracious hospitality and refreshments for hosting the last meeting. A big howdy and thank you to **Hannelore Giles** for a truly delightful and interesting discussion about her transition from Berlin to rural Oklahoma. PLEASE NOTE: NO MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING. We are invited to go on a guided tour (in German) with **Gertrud Schmidt** at the Gilcrease Museum to view the exhibit "Enduring Spirit", Native-American artistic traditions on April 14 at 11 a.m. This tour will be in honor of our guests, the Swiss Yodeling group and their host families, who will be in Tulsa at this time. If you have any questions please call **Barbara Conrad** at 492-3273 (Chair) or **Gertrud Schmidt** at 495-3727 (Co-chair).

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.**

**Garage Sale.** One last time. We still need help for the for the annual Arts Association garage sale. The garage sale will be 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 30 March from 9-5. Organization and pricing of goods will be on 31 March from 9-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 either **Barbara Conrad** (492-3273) or **Arnold Bieber** (357-9156) for details and for volunteering.

## Beer Facts

It was the accepted practice in Babylonia 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month" - or what we know today as the "honeymoon".

Before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold, and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where we get the phrase "rule of thumb".

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts; so in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".

Beer was the reason the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. It's clear from the Mayflower's log that the crew didn't want to waste beer looking for a better site. The log goes on to state that the passengers "were hasted ashore and made to drink water that the seamen might have the more beer".

After consuming a bucket or two of vibrant brew they called aul, or ale, the Vikings would head fearlessly into battle often without armor or even shirts. In fact, the term "berserk" means "bare shirt" in Norse, and eventually took on the meaning of their wild battles.

## Super Garage Sale

at the GAST Center  
on Friday, April 1, 8AM to 5PM  
and Saturday April 2, 8AM to 5PM

### Youth Member is Spelling Bee Champ

**Aidan Matthews**, a member of our newly formed "youth membership group" knew exactly how to spell "wunderkind" along with "picayune", his last two words in the sixteenth round of the Eastern Oklahoma Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Tulsa World and held on March 12, which won him the championship.

Aidan won a trophy, a dictionary and an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. where he will compete for the national championship in May.

Aidan, who is an 8th grader at Riverfield School has been taking German for two years. At school he is taught the language by GAST member, **Tom Clark**. At GAST, he and his brother, Devin, have participated in the advanced conversational class last fall and are doing so again this spring when his teacher was **Frieda Odell** and presently is **Doris Gallagher**.

He also attends the youth movie nights under the direction of **Rusty Seelye** whenever he can. He would like to become a linguist, and we think he is well on his way.

Congratulations, Aidan, and "wir drücken Dir die Daumen für die nächste Runde" (We cross our fingers for you for the next round.)

—**Doris Gallagher**



## 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

## Love is:



You really shouldn't say "I LOVE YOU" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.

Jessica- age 8

## TransEuro Mix Party



→ Friday April 15 from 9 PM to Midnight

Enjoy an evening with friends in the Weinkeller as we play modern German music and videos from the '80s to today. Snacks and drinks provided, but feel free to bring along food or entertainment you'd like to share. GAST members and their guests welcome at no charge, and former high school student members this event is for you too!

### Beer -Tasting Party

starting at 7 PM, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, for only \$15.



After two years of wine-tasting parties, there are those among our group who were feeling left out. Once again **Tom Clark** will lead us through this

party, but it will be with homage to Gambrinus and not Bachus. That's right, this May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have a beer-tasting, with **George Starch** again providing the accompaniments. The same basic format as for the wine-tastings, along with various finger foods designed to pair with each beverage.

Beer to many of us may seem like little more than something to wash down that brat, but far from it. It is a beverage that has been around since early Egyptian times. It can be known as pilsner (with homage to Plzen, Czech Republic), lager, ale, stout, porter, even the Japanese beverage known as sake. And don't forget the Belgian lambic.

Whether you're a member of the Stammtisch gang or just enjoy a cold one, call now and make sure there's a krug for you. Remember, call your friends and make sure you get a table together, then call our GAST reservation line at 744-6998 before Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. To ensure the correct number of beverages, reservations are imperative.

—George Starch III



## Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday April 4,  
starting at 6:30 PM  
**Winterfest der  
Volksmusik**

Starting at 7:30 PM  
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Starring: Antje Schmidt,  
Sigmar Solbach  
and Stephan Schwarz



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## GAST Saenger News

Thursday evening choir practice is in full swing. Old songs are being refined, new songs are getting more familiar and are a lot of fun to sing. We hope that both nonsensical and more traditional tunes make our performance appeal to a broader audience. You will be able to judge for yourself at the upcoming German Fest April 29th through May 1st.

In German tradition, mixed choruses are not as popular as men and women choirs. We would like to include some of these wonderful choral selections in our repertoire, however, we need more male voices, such as first and second bass and tenor to do the men's choir justice.

Now would be a great time to join us and learn with us. It is a pleasant way to spend an evening with song and good company. Join us, you'll like us.

We meet every Thursday from 7 till 9 PM — Naturally, this invitation includes you ladies too.

—Irmgard Runyon

Come join us at the next

## Stammtisch



Friday evening, April 1, starting at 6:30

Zum Wohl,  
Dann Björklund, Chair

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

April 2005

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## Sonntagskaffee

On Sunday, April 3 from 3 - 5 PM

as well as our next

## Weinkeller

on Friday, April 22nd, 2005, from 5:30 PM

## Youth News

Congratulations to our Student GAST Member, **Aidan Matthews** - Eastern Okla. Spelling Bee Champion!

In March, we had a great time at the Tulsa Ice Arena.

Our next student movie night will be on Monday, April 18th.

To date, we have 327 Student GAST Members! Thank you to those who have made this possible.

—Rusty Seelye, Chair

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# Das Deutsche Echo

April 2005

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## Echo vom Bodensee

(Echo from Lake Constance)

The German-American Society Arts Association

presents

## An Alpine Concert

Performed by a 16-member Classic Yodeler Ensemble  
from Switzerland.

This concert is free and open to the public and will be performed at the  
German-American Society Center, 2301 E. 15th Street, on Sunday, April 17 commencing at 3 PM.  
(one block west of Lewis)

Your tax-deductible donations to defray expenses,  
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