



## Beer, the nectar of the gods!



Pubmeister **George Starch III** and wine & beer expert **Tom Clark**, who hosted a fabulous wine-tasting event last year, will educate us this year about the Beers of the world.

Come and join us on Friday, May 13 at 7 PM for a this delightful evening in our cozy Weinkeller with a selection of quality beers, paired with finger-foods, prepared by our in-house chef, **George Starch**.

We ask for a donation of \$15 for each participant and ask that you have eaten a substantial meal prior to participating in this event.

Please call the GAST office at 744-6997 no later than Wednesday, May, 11, to reserve your seat.

**Please note: this is a Friday event**

## GermanFest begins on Friday, April 29

### GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Jun 24 Weinkeller	Sep 23 Weinkeller
Apr 29 Germanfest begins	Jul 1 Stammtisch	Oct 2 Sonntagskaffee
May 13 Beer Tasting	Jul 22 Weinkeller	Oct 9 German-American Day
May 15 Konversationsrunde	Aug 5 Stammtisch	Nov 6 Sonntagskaffee
May 22 Piano Concert	Aug 7 Ice Cream Social	Nov 25 Weinkeller
May 27 Weinkeller	Aug 26 Weinkeller	Dec 2-4 Christkindlmarkt
Jun 3 Stammtisch	Sep 2 Stammtisch	Dec 31 Weinkeller
Jun 5 GAST Picnic	Sep 4 Sonntagskaffee	

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our annual membership meeting has passed. In the German-American Society of Tulsa all officers have been re-elected for another term.

President: **Claus Greiner** (Re-elected)  
 1. VP: **Charles Tegeler** (Re-elected)  
 2. VP: **Rick Pizzo** (Re-elected)  
 Secretary: **Terry Sponsler** (Re-elected)  
 Treasurer: **Steve Parrott, CPA** (new)

The changes among the directors are for all three Corporations.

New on the Board:

- **Wolfgang Becker** (new)
- **Arnold Bieber** (new in different position)
- **Kathy Blank** (new)
- **John Faulkner** (new)
- **Teresa Gallagher** (re-elected)
- **Aaron Veale** (re-elected)

A new Nominating Committee has also been elected.

Members: **Rob Mitchell, Ginny Rohr & Jim Walker**

The membership also elected the May Queen for 2205/2006: **Angelique McLaurin**. She is currently very

involved in the Language Classes. She was born and raised in Frankfurt/Germany.

I would like to thank our outgoing Treasurer, **Leisha Jury**, for her time and effort filling this position for the last year. At the same time I would like to welcome to the organization our new Treasurer, **Steve Parrott**, as well as our new Directors.. The first "official" Board meeting of the new Board will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**I do have one big concern. We are approaching our second Germanfest. We are having a major problem getting people to help working this festival. We expect this festival to grow as a fundraiser for GAST at least close to the Oktoberfest. Out of a membership of over 450 members we shouldn't have a problem to recruit enough help. Please - if you get this Echo before the festival - think about contributing some time to GAST. Bea Shults is our recruiter for the German Fest, and at this time she is still desperately looking for help.**

**In the last Echo I mentioned that I am looking for a Chair Person for the Oktoberfest Activities. I am happy to report that we do have a member who will take on this task: Leon Boggs. He knows the Oktoberfest activities, he spent a lot time at the Oktoberfest volunteering his time to GAST. Thanks you very much, Leon, for the commitment you made.**

As mentioned at the Membership Meeting, the annual GAST Picnic will be held on June 5, 2005, at the Ranch of **Hannelore and Jim Giles** near Beggs/OK. Details, including instructions how to get there, will be in the next Echo. There will also be a write-up about the picnic in this ECHO from the Party Committee.

Auf Wiedersehen,

—Claus Greiner

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

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

We had a busy but wonderful time hosting the Swiss Yodeler Group “Echo vom Bodensee” with the help of the Oklahoma Swiss Club during the week of April 11 to 18. There was not a day that we did not hear the harmonizing sound of competitive Swiss yodeling. Scheduled performances took place at Hilti Inc., at Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus, at Fellowship Lutheran Church, at McKinley Elementary School, at Eisenhower International School, at Inverness Retirement Village and at the Royal Bavaria Restaurant in Moore and, of course, at the GAST Center on Sunday, April 17. Then there were the spontaneous renditions at Millers Amish Farm, at the State Capitol, at Elam’s Amish Kitchen and, just before departure, at the Tulsa Airport. And who can forget Rita Grab’s moving solo at the OKC National Memorial?

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of the host families who provided lodging, many meals and transportation for the visitors. We are very grateful. **Barbara Conrad** organized the event with the help of **Erica Hartman**, **Doris Wicks** and **Rita Lenfestey**. **Jutta Tankersley** handled the refreshments for the “Alpine Concert”, and many others helped with set-up and publicity.

Our next event is the Classical Piano Concert by German Pianist Ruediger Steinfatt on Sunday, May 22 at 3 PM in the GAST Center.

The garage sale was very successful, thanks to all donors and volunteers, and especially to **Don and Carol Wright** who donated warehouse storage space for several months prior to the sale.

Congratulations to the newly elected or re-elected officers and board members. I have enjoyed my 5-year service as ARTS president and intend to continue to support the organization as a board member and volunteer.

Auf Wiedersehn!

—Arnold Bieber

## *Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde*

Our last meeting before the summer pause will be at **Margaret Schmidt's** home at 3717 S. 65th West Avenue (446-0716) at 3 PM on May 15. This is our traditional songfest where we all sing and play music from our background. Please feel free to bring whatever music and instruments that you wish or feel comfortable with. 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 (Co-chair).

**Garage Sale.** I wish to thank each and every person who contributed to the garage sale in either time or sale items. The sale was a huge success with a net profit that doubled the proceeds from previous years.

**Swiss Yodel Group.** In case you missed it, the Arts Association recently co-hosted a Swiss Yodel group and were rewarded with some unbelievably good music and fellowship as well. A huge thank you to the Organizing committee and host families who gave freely of their time and energy to make this a very successful endeavor.

—Barbara Conrad, Chair.

## Congratulations to our Mayqueen Angelique and Jamar.

**Kenneth N. & Patricia M. McLaurin** are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Angelique Mercedes Rachel McLaurin to Jamar LeAngelo Giddings, Son of Melvin & Annette Johnson, on April 10, 2005.

Angelique graduated from Charles Page High School, Sand Springs Oklahoma, in 2001. She received her Associate Degree in Child Development from Tulsa Community College and is currently pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Social Science at OU of Tulsa.

Jamar graduated from McArthur High School, Lawton Oklahoma, in 1996. In 2001 he graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa with a Degree in Bachelors of Science. He currently holds the position as Athletic/Program Director at the West Tulsa Boys and Girls Club.

## KUDOS.....



Many thanks to **Arnold Bieber, Elam Blank, Tom Bordner, Doris Gallagher, Erica Hartman, June Holmes, Fred Kailer, John Millar, Steve Parrott, Fred Rother, Shirley Schelper, Max Tankersley, Charles Tegeler, John Toschik, Al & Lois Voeller, Harold Wicks and Ed Westenhizer** for their volunteer services at the recent Operating Committee Work Party.



They accomplished many important tasks inside and out of the building. All of the accessible woodwork in the Center was cleaned and oiled, the utility room reorganized, bushes trimmed, trash removed, guttering cleaned, minor repairs accomplished and more. The good turnout was especially appreciated on a holiday weekend. The successful building rental schedule necessitated the choice of date.



Thanks also to **George Starch** for serving beverages to the volunteers. I look forward to working with you again at the next Work Party.

—John Millar



## 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.

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—**Reba Schaffner**

## Love is:



Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.

Tommy- age 6

## The Children's Easter Party

Thank you all for participation in the Children's Easter Party. We hope each of you had a great time. We know we enjoyed having everyone of you with us. We had our largest turnout ever some thirty-six children attended.

We had a wonderful Easter bunny (Jacob), the bunny helper (Angelique), our greeters (**Ingeborg Mueller & Hildgard Schaffrin**), **Carol Wright & Trevor Murie** helped in decorating, egg hiding and prep work. **Ruth Obermark & Angelique McLaurin** helped **Ursula Mueller** and me decorate. To say the least, without Ursula's help the party would not have been such a great success. She did most of the leg work and the mind work. Then we both put it together. Again, thank you to all of you. Without you there would not have been a party to put on.

Thank you  
—**Christy Collins, Maikönigin**

## We have a new Queen!

**Angelique McLaurin** was elected Maikoenigin at the membership meeting. The Coronation will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Noon during the Germanfest activities at GAST. Congratulation Angelique! Thank you and appreciation to our current reigning Maikoenigin, **Christy Collins** for her past year of service!

—**The Maikoenigin Committee**



## Now Playing at the GAST Theater

*An Erwin Jerchau Presentation*

Monday May 2,  
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**Winterfest der  
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Part 2



Starting at 7:30 PM  
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## You missed a good time!

You may have felt that a Western party in a German-American venue didn't make sense. So you stayed home that Saturday night. Well, you missed a good one.

Kudos to **Helga Greiner** and her team for creating a refreshingly wonderful evening in the GAST Center. They engaged a band that played their heart out. The "Back Burners" played beautiful "Western" melodies mixed with some "Country", as well as an occasional popular song. I've never seen the dance floor so crowded—to the very end—with smiling dancers.

Moreover, **Helen Cohea's** "line dancers" could be seen executing their rhythmic movements on the dance floor among the frenetic contortions of the other dancers.

Furthermore, we were treated to an interesting American Indian father-and-son team from the Kaiowa tribe, Jackie and Paul Anquoe, who demonstrated several drumming sets and dances, accompanied by description about the culture and purpose of the dances.

We also had great Raffle Prizes: A \$25.00 gift certificate from **Southwood Nurseries**, a \$15.00 gift certificate from **Margaret's German Restaurant**, a bottle of Whiskey, donated by our own **George Starch III**—what would a true Western Party be without it?

In addition, we had **five very special prizes** donated to GAST: **\$10.00 gift certificates** each from the newly opened **European Style Coffee House ESPRESSO MILANO**. It is just down the road on 1340 E 15th Street (502-1983). We think it is a really neat place, and Beth, the owner, would love to see some GAST people come to visit her. **Just tell her: Claus and Helga sent you.**

..and the food was great, too: we enjoyed Elam's oven-roasted potatoes, pot-roast and vegetables!

Special Kudos, also to **George Starch III**, our dedicated pubmeister, who manned our Pub throughout the party.

—Fred Rother

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Mai 2005

Jan Dameron (OK)	Scott W. Meyers (FL)
Kyle Dameron (TX)	Carol Meyers (OH)
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## Notes, F.Y.I

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming annual **GAST PICNIC on Sunday, June 5th, 2005: Jim and Hannelore Giles** have graciously agreed to host this year's picnic at their ranch!

For further details please consult next month's (June's) Echo.

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Because of GermanFest there will be **NO Sonntagskaffee in May!**

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**WEINKELLER will be "open" again on Friday, May 27, 2005 5:30 - .....**

Please come to enjoy a light dinner, meet some old or make some new friends.

No reservations necessary - just plan to help out with a donation.

—Helga and Claus Greiner

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