



## ***GAST Picnic***

At the Dizzy G Ranch, home of **Hannelore and Jim Giles**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Bring lawn chairs and a card table if you have one. If you wish to ride with someone or you can provide a ride, please call Becky at the office, 744-6998. **THIS IS A WORKING RANCH – WEAR COMFORTABLE AND WASHABLE CLOTHES AND “CLOSE GATES” IF YOU GO THROUGH.** Expect to get your shoes dirty. Small children should be monitored. Special games are planned for the children. **For reservations please call 744-6998 no later than Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### **The Menu**

- Hamburgers and Hot Dogs**
- Baked Beans**
- Potato Salad**
- Cole Slaw**
- Watermelon – Cookies**
- Beer, Ice Tea and Lemonade**

### **Music by Tom Bordner**

- \$5.00 for GermanFest workers and children under 12
- \$10.00 for other adults
- No charge for children under 2

### **Directions to the Dizzy G Ranch**

South on Highway 75 to the Beggs (Highway 16) Exit. Exit **RIGHT** or **WEST** onto Highway 16. You will travel 7.5 miles to your next turn. (This puts you through Beggs, across 2 small creeks, (Checkerboard Creek and Tiger Creek.) Immediately past Tiger Creek you will turn **SOUTH** or **LEFT** onto Dentonville Road. If you missed your turn you'll see a filling station and feed shop to your left. Follow Dentonville Road for 4.8 miles. Turn **RIGHT** or **WEST** on to the first dirt road past all the curves called Kennedy Road. After 1 mile Kennedy Road makes a turn to the **LEFT** or **SOUTH**. The first place on your **LEFT** or **EAST** side of Nuyaka Road will be the ***DIZZY G RANCH***.

This promises to be a wonderful afternoon! See you there!

—**Lois Voeller**  
for the Party Committee

## **GAST Happenings**

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Jul 1 Stammtisch	Sep 4 Sonntagskaffee
May 27 Weinkeller	Jul 22 Weinkeller	Sep 23 Weinkeller
Jun 3 Stammtisch	Aug 5 Stammtisch	Oct 2 Sonntagskaffee
Jun 5 GAST Picnic	Aug 7 Ice Cream Social	Oct 9 German-American Day
Jun 24 Weinkeller	Aug 26 Weinkeller	Nov 6 Sonntagskaffee
	Sep 2 Stammtisch	Nov 25 Weinkeller

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our second Germanfest was a big success and it appears that it will be an annual event for our organization. By adding an extra day (Friday) and learning from last year's experience, we exceeded our expectations for this year's event. The income was more than double the income from last years Germanfest and the bottom line, when all the figures are in, should be more than last years event. Although this is a fundraiser, we should keep in mind that this event represents some of the German traditions and culture to the community as well as a showcase for our building. Survey sheets were provided to the people attending and those that responded were very complementary. The food received great reviews.

A big thanks to the Germanfest committee chaired by **Jim Walker**. **Bea Shults** not only managed to recruit all the volunteers but she also donated a beautiful quilt for a raffle. **Doris Gallagher**, with the help of **Dean Butler** and **John Toschik**, handled publicity, which was very effective. In addition to his Webmaster job and camera work, John did many other duties during the event. **Carol Wright** was in charge of the Store and did many other

duties. **Elam Blank, Erica Hartman and Irmgard Toschik** arranged and managed the kitchen and the cooking. **George Starch** was in charge of the beer, **Buddy Butcher** did entertainment, and **Christy Fell** was in charge of logistics and outside equipment. **Leon Boggs** was scribe and handled other duties, **Kathy Blank** had kids activities, **Al and Lois Voeller** did accounting and finance, **John Millar** managed the cash registers, Jim and **Hannelore Giles** acted as emcee. And a big thanks to all the other members of GAST that worked at Germanfest. Also thanks to the GAST Saengers, the Dancers and Blaskapelle for providing entertainment Saturday and Sunday.

During Germanfest we had the coronation of our new May Queen **Angelique McLaurin**. She is a beautiful young lady and we look forward to seeing her at our other functions during this coming year.

Do not forget to call in your reservations for our annual picnic on June 5, 2005 at the Giles Ranch. Details of the picnic and directions on how to get to the Giles Ranch are elsewhere in this issue of the Echo.

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

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Also, I will contact all Committee Chairs to confirm their position. Some of the committees need a new chairperson as well as a liaison to the board.

I would like to thank all of the outgoing Board members for their time and dedication spent for the organization. In particular I would like to thank my two outgoing colleagues (Presidents) for their contribution to the organization.

At the same time I would like to welcome all new Board Members. I am looking forward to work with all of you. Our first Board Meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in the GAST Center.

**We just heard that GAST lost another member: Bill Leitch. Bill passed away Wednesday May 18 at the age of 70 years. He was a longtime GAST member. At one time he served on the Board of GAST and he participated in several committees. He was a very active member. He passed on much too early.**

Auf Wiedersehen,

—Claus Greiner

## ...from the Arts President

I begin by thanking our outgoing Board and Officers for doing a fine job during their terms of office. They deserve congratulations for their efforts. Let us all hope that those leaving office will return sometime in the future rested and reinvigorated.

Welcome to our returning and new Board members. The Arts Association has a very successful and varied program of events and activities due to the hard work and dedication of our many committees and their chairpersons. I look forward to continuing these activities and adding to them.

As effective as our committees already are, they could be even more so with the addition of new members who put their skills and ideas into action. I urge that every member of the Society look at our programs, pick one of interest and become involved with it. Pick a book for the Lesegruppe, come to the Konversationsrunde, volunteer for the Speaker's Bureau or select from a host of other activities. Enjoy the satisfaction of working with your fellow members on a project of your choosing.

We have a full schedule of events for this year. The third piano recital by Mr. Ruediger Steinfatt will have occurred by the time you read this. Planning for German-American Day and the Adventsfeier is well in hand. New events are being explored for 2006. Many thanks for your support and confidence. I look forward to the coming year's activities with you.

Warmest regards,

—John Millar

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank **Margaret Schmidt** for hosting our last meeting before the summer pause. The food, entertainment and atmosphere were all outstanding, thanks to Margaret's gracious hospitality, thanks to Jutta Tankersly, also, for organizing the musical program and to **Peter Ahrenkiel** for his impromptu guitar-playing. The next meeting will be in September with details to come later. We hope that you have a wonderful summer and wish everyone all the best for a safe and enjoyable vacation time.

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)

## A message from the Immediate Past President of Arts

Organizing an effective cultural program requires teamwork. I was very fortunate to have a great team, the Cultural & Educational Committee, under the chairmanship of **John Millar**.

Most of the other team members have been active in the organization for many years, and I appreciate their dedication and hard work. **Barbara Conrad, Jutta Tankersley, Lois Voeller, Doris Wicks, Fred Rother, and Dann Bjorklund** worked tirelessly to organize and execute many wonderful cultural events for the enjoyment of our membership and the community.

Our German language programs also were very successful, thanks to our dedicated teachers **Marianne Strong, Doris Gallagher, Patricia and Angelique McLaurin, Frieda Odell and Grete McNac**. Angelique, Grete, **Hildegard Schaffrin** and **Carol Wright** spent many Saturday mornings teaching German language, songs and dances to our little ones.

All of you did a great job, along with many other members who volunteered their time, responded to fund raising letters and donated items for our garage sales. Thank you very much for your support!

I would also like to congratulate and introduce to you, **John Millar**, our new Arts Association President. John has a thorough knowledge of the organization, having chaired several committees and volunteered his time for countless activities. I am looking forward to working with him, and I hope you will support him as you have supported me.

I hope to see you all at the picnic.

—Arnold Bieber

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A picture of our beautiful "GASTHAUS"  
Let's all pitch in to help keep it in good repair.



### 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](mailto:gastwo@aol.com)  
—Reba Schaffner

### Love is:



Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.

Bobby- age 7



**Come join us at the next  
Stammtisch  
Friday evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30**



**Zum Wohl,  
Dann Björklund, Chair**

**In Memoriam**

**Bill Leitch**

**1935—2005**

### THANK YOU TULSA !

The German-American Society of Tulsa thanks the Tulsa Community for a very successful

### GERMANFEST 2005.

The success of this event allows GAST to continue it's educational and cultural activities in the Tulsa Community.



## Now Playing at the GAST Theater

*An Erwin Jerchau Presentation*

Monday June 6,  
starting at 6:30 PM  
**Lustige Musikanten  
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## English to be European language of choice

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, sivil servants will reseive this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" twenty percent shorter.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of silent "e"s in the lan-guag is disgrasful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to

steps such as replasing "th" by 'z" and "w" by v". During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou", and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer combina-tions of leters.

After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubls or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech ozer.

Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

## WEINKELLER

**Don't' forget to join us in the Weinkeller  
on June 24, 2005 from 5:30 PM**

### NOTE:

Because we "donated" the June date to accommo-date the GAST Picnic, we won't meet for Kaffee in June. Our **July Sonntagskaffee** will not meet either, because we never had a Kaffee on the July 4th weekend.

So: let's all enjoy the Picnic and then look forward to August 7th for the next Kaffee.

—Helga Greiner

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## The Crowning of the Maikönigin 2005



2004 GAST Maikönigin Christy Collins crowning Angelique McLaurin "Maikönigin 2005" with Joy Butcher and Jim Giles looking on.



Buddy Butcher and Maikönigin Angelique McLaurin addressing the Germanfest crowd, with Jim and Hannelore Giles and a young GermanFest participant looking on.

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