



Magical Ice Cream Social

After a long, hot summer can there be anything more enticing than ice cream? Come to the GAST Center on September 4th for not only your favorite ice cream but also for a wonderful magic show!

Ice Cream will be served between 3:00 and 3:45 PM. and then again after the magic show from 4:30 to 5:15 PM. It is Labor Day Weekend so wear your Red, White and Blue to celebrate!

So that the committee will know how much ice cream to order (we want everyone to have as much as they like), please call the Message Center at 744-6997 and make your reservations.

Donations to defray costs are accepted and appreciated.

See you there!

—The Party Committee



GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Oct 29	Oktoberfest Party	Jan 27	Weinkeller	Jun 4	GAST picnic
Aug 26 Weinkeller	Nov 6	Sonntagskaffee	Feb 5	Sonntagskaffee	Jun 23	Weinkeller
Sep 2 Stammtisch	Nov 13	Volkstrauertag	Feb 24	Weinkeller	Jul 28	Weinkeller
Sep 4 Ice Cream Social	Nov 25	Weinkeller	Feb 25	Fasching Party	Aug 6	Sonntagskaffee
Sep 17 Kinderdeutsch begins	Dec 2-4	Christkindlmarkt	Feb 26	Piano Festival	Aug 25	Weinkeller
Sep 20 German lang. class	Dec 10	Christmas Party	Mar 5	Sonntagskaffee	Sep 3	Ice Cream Social
Sep 23 Weinkeller	Dec 11	Adventsfeier	Mar 24	Weinkeller	Sep 22	Weinkeller
Sep 25 Piano Festival	Dec 31	Weinkeller	April 2	Piano Festival	Oct 1	Sonntagskaffee
Oct 2 Sonntagskaffee	2006		May 7	Sonntagskaffee	Nov 5	Sonntagskaffee
Oct 9 Germ-American Day	Jan 14	Anniversary Party	May 26	Weinkeller	Nov 24	Piano Festival

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



The Board is currently reviewing the proposed changes to our By-Laws. We decided to do this in special meetings outside of the regular Board meetings. We will try to present the changes of the By-Laws to the membership sometimes in the fall.

I did receive some responses to my question in the Echo last month. The Oktoberfest Committee, however, has decided not to change anything this year as far as the Oktoberfest party is concerned.. So for right now this issue is off the table.

Leon Boggs and his committee are fully involved to arrange the next Oktoberfest. We will change the sign-up procedure this year. We will have a "Sign-Up" party in the GAST Building on September 9th from 6:00 PM until 8:00PM. Some food will be provided as well. Check this Echo for more details.

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

**Echo Deadline is:
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and Building Corp. do not necessarily endorse
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We totally depend on volunteers for this event which is the biggest fundraiser for GAST. So, please be generous with your time. You can still sign up by calling in to the office or to one of the Oktoberfest committee members.

As you can see, the O'Brien house (the big old white house between Walgreens and GAST) has been put on the market. The meeting we had with the owners did not get the result we wanted. So, they will test the market to find out if somebody out there is interested and will pay their asking price.

The next event will be the Ice Cream Social on September 4th. We will have a special treat for children of all ages: the famous magician Brad Bradini will perform for us. Since we will need the stage upstairs, the Ice Cream Social will be held in the big hall. For this event, too, please check the Echo for details.

We are currently doing a lot of maintenance on our building. Especially the restrooms and the classrooms will get some much needed attention..

Also, the kitchen is slowly moving toward a full kitchen. Time will tell if we can utilize the kitchen as expected. As you have probably noticed: the fencing around the property, mainly on the East side, has been cleaned out. A new fence is planned in that area. Everything looks a lot cleaner around the building.

We are still looking for somebody to take over our Media function for the organization. **Doris Gallagher** had graciously agreed, about 1 1/2 years ago, to continue this function until we have another member in this position. Unfortunately, all efforts so far have not been successful.

Until next time - Auf Wiedersehen

Claus Greiner

...from the Arts President

August brought good fortune for our music-loving membership. The Arts Association, in cooperation with the Barthelmes Conservatory, presented a recital by Mr. Adam Tendler. Mr. Tendler is a young artist presenting a self-financed program of music by American Masters in all fifty states. We had an excellent turnout for his very skillful and enthusiastic performance entitled "America 88x50."

September means the return of many activities after Summer vacation. Movie Night and regular Library hours resume along with Kinderdeutsch and adult Language Classes. Members are encouraged to pre-enroll for adult classes by sending a check for fees and class materials to the GAST office. Details are given in a separate announcement and are also available on the Society's web site.

We will host the 2005-2006 season of the Amadeus Piano Festival's "Piano Power" series. This series last appeared at our Center during the 2003-2004 season and was very much enjoyed. Each recital in the series is given in two sections. The first features one or more advanced students and the second part their professor. Join us for the first recital at 3 PM on Sunday, September 25.

Our membership should be aware of the many programs available from the Barthelmes Conservatory. I will mention a few. The Music Center provides music education to enhance quality of lives and to promote aesthetic, musical, emotional and creative potentials regardless of ability and age. The Music Center is non-selective, flexible and designed for community members of all ages who desire to pursue music education for personal enrichment. Individual and group classes are taught for more than 10 instruments. Classes include a broad range of musical idioms from Classical to Folk to Jazz. The Music School serves students who display the potential to pursue music as a professional career. Its programs are structured and intensive. Finally, parents of small children may wish to consider the "Music Together" program. Information on all of this and more is available from the Conservatory. Contact information is listed on the back page of this issue.

Our fall calendar is a busy one and we hope everyone will find one or more events that appeal to them. Join us whenever your schedule permits.

Lastly I would like to thank Ms. Ana Maria Jones for her donation of new materials to the Barthelmes Library.

Warmest regards,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Welcome back from the summer break, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful and care-free summer. As it has been our custom for the last several years, our first Konversationsrunde after the summer pause is dedicated to sharing our summer-time experiences with each other. We will meet at 3 PM on September 11 in the home of **Stan & Barbara Conrad** (492-3273). Please feel free to bring pictures, souvenirs, etc. to illustrate your vacations and trips in the past summer.

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)

**FOLK DANCERS
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The GAST Folkdancers will be resuming practice sessions on September 10, in the Weinkeller from 7 until 9 .

Our summer break gave us an opportunity to attend a workshop of the North American Federation of German Folkdance Groups in Wisconsin to learn some new dances.

We would also like to add some new dancers. We invite you to join us in learning these and other dances that we will be presenting at various venues around Tulsa this fall. You do not need a partner. Wear comfortable shoes. We are a Casual group and enjoy learning and performing traditional German and Austrian dance and music.

If you have any questions please contact me.

—Carol Wright

Looking forward to Fall Kinderdeutsch

Thanks to all for our success in the Spring!

Charissa Bradway and Victoria Ferguson who often assist with the smaller ones.

Michael Kerr and Chloe Bradway, so quiet, but always doing their job.

Charlotte and Jonathan Jenkins, what a beautiful pair.

Jacque and Sonya Bernhagen, we are so happy to have you.

Elle O'Brian and Meggy Maahs, our two little sunshines.

Our youngest, Jacob Bader: adorable whether he dances backwards or lies down on the Oktoberfest stage because he is too tired.

Let's not forget Madeleine Schaffrin and Trevor Murie who have been with GAST forever, know all the Kinderdeutsch songs and dances and most dances of the adult group. Who will doubt that Trevor's Schuplattler is not the highlight at our parties.

Above and beyond: Saskia Romero and Kelsey Parrott two Kinderdeutsch graduates, who jumped in to help when several children could not attend Germanfest.

Our lovely and well qualified teachers, Angelique McLauren (our current May queen) and Grete McNach.

And there is Arnold, always the first to arrive and the last to leave. Making sure there are refreshments for the little ones, running back and forth to the office to make copies, and then vacuuming the entire downstairs every Saturday.

Where would we be without Carol? Her ideas and stamina are unbelievable.

Last, but not least, thanks to all the parents, who faithfully bring their children every Saturday morning.

It is a pleasure to be together with such a wonderful group. There won't be a shortage of May Queens in the next five to ten years. Every one of these young ladies will represent GAST very well.

—Hildegard Schaffrin

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FASCHING ?

From Germanic rituals and Roman festivals evolved the pre-Lenten celebration of Fasching, also called Karneval. People wore masks and weird costumes. They participated in parties and boisterous behavior prior to the forty day fasting period before Easter. The Rhineland region is the birthplace of Fasching and Cologne is its capital.

—The Elferrat



**Now Playing
at the GAST Theater**

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday September 5

starting at 6:30 PM
Das Sommerwunschkonzert

Presented from
Carolin Reiber



Starting at 7:30 PM

Der Kranichmann

A German TV production

KINDERDEUTSCH

starts Saturday, September 17, 10:00 to 11:45 AM
Enroll your children and grandchildren, 4-12 years old,
in this 8-week program. They will hear about German
culture, learn new words and phrases, songs and dances
in an informal setting, followed by refreshments.

Still only \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.
\$5 discount for additional children in a family.

Love is:

when mommy gives
daddy the best piece
of chicken.



Elaine- age 5



Come join us at the next
Stammtisch
Friday evening, September 2, at 6:30



Zum Wohl,
Dann Björklund, Chair

Oktoberfest Volunteer Sign-Up Party!

Oktoberfest 2005 is coming soon - October 19 - 23, 2005. We need **YOU!** It will take all of us volunteering together to make this a successful and profitable event. We are having a 'volunteer sign-up party' on Friday, September 9, 2005 from 6 - 8 pm! Come to the GAST Center, put your name on the work schedule and we will give you a **FREE light supper** consisting of: **sliced sausages, Sauerkraut, rye bread, tea, punch and dark beer.** If you have signed up previous to this date, come and enjoy the food and fellowship with us. You must sign up to work to get the free meal.
It's all free!

free admission,
free food,
free drink,
free music!

Come early to get your favorite job.

If you have any questions, please call me at: 746-6222, work, or 258-5201, home

—Leon Boggs,
GAST Oktoberfest Chair

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Sonntagskaffee

Instead of **Sonntagskaffee**, we will have our
MAGICAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL
on September 4, 2005.

GERMAN LANGUAGE CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 20

Our language classes are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005. Enrollment will start at 6:30 PM. Tuition is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members (excluding teaching materials). We will meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 PM for ten weeks. We are planning four levels for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Since our classroom space is limited, we are offering a pre-enrollment option by mail. Just send a note stating the level you want to enroll in with a check for the appropriate amount to our office.

My fellow teachers and I are looking forward to seeing you in class.

—Marianne Strong

For the Operating Committee, I thank the volunteers who gave generously of their time and effort at the July 30 work party. They accomplished a great deal and made substantial progress on several large ongoing projects.

Many thanks to **Roger Bey, Arnold Bieber, Elam Blank, Tom & Bev Bordner, Buddy Butcher, John Millar, Fred Rother, Dave Schoneweis, Charles Tegeler, Al & Lois Voeller, Ed Westenhiser and Harold Wicks**. Our next work party will probably not occur until fall due to the busy rental schedule.

Please watch the Echo for the next date.

Weinkellerabend

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to our next event:

Friday, September 23, 2005 5:30 PM - till ?

If you have never attended a Weinkeller evening before: expect to find a light dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks, and - above all - to meet your fellow GAST members. Conversations are in German as well as in English. No reservations are necessary, but please be prepared to help with a donation.

—Helga and Claus Greiner

Apprentices wanted!

We utilized cash registers at the most recent Christkindlmarkt and Germanfest events. They saved us considerable time and confusion and provided accurate data on our sales. The data are important in planning for future events. The registers require programming to make them ready for use. This programming is different for each event. We have, of course, saved the program files from previous events to use as the starting point for subsequent events. Only one person is familiar with the programming process. Volunteers are needed to learn this and be ready to assume this task. Requirements are basic computer literacy and attention to detail. Please contact me directly if you are interested.

—John Millar

Welcome Students!

We will begin the school year with a big celebration to welcome the students back to the German-American Society. On **Monday, September 19th at 5:30 P.M.** in the Great Hall we will start with a German meal of Bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, dessert, and refreshments. We will be showing the popular movie "**Bourne Supremacy**", starring Matt Damon, in German with English subtitles. Student memberships will be available.

—Rusty Seelye, Chair

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John & Marianne Bergmann celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Aug. 8th

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