



## GAST *Oktoberfest Party*

It's Oktoberfest party time again! After all the hard work of the past few weeks, come join your friends for an evening of Gemütlichkeit. Karl Waldbauer and his Polka Kings will provide the music, our own Oktoberfest Committee will provide the food and the Folkdancers the setting to turn our GAST Center into a Bavarian Bier Hall for the evening.

We hope you will join us on October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall at the GAST Center

Happy hour begins at 6:00 and dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM

The Polka Kings from Lawton, Oklahoma will provide the music from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock

Our own Oktoberfest Committee will cook and serve the food

### MENU

Schnitzel / Jäger Schnitzel  
Oven-fried Potatoes  
Lettuce Salad  
Bread/Butter  
Coffee/Ice Tea  
Dessert

Cost - \$10.00 for Oktoberfest workers  
15.00 Non-workers and guests  
5.00 Children under 12  
7.50 Dance only

**Please make your reservations to 744-6997 no later than by Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Please indicate when you make your reservations whether or not you will be bringing children. Childcare will be provided in the Weinkeller. If you are bringing children, please bring a video, game or toy to share.

—The Party Committee

## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	<b>2006</b>	Jun 23 Weinkeller
Oct 9 Germ-American Day	Jan 14 Anniversary Party	Jul 28 Weinkeller
Oct 29 Oktoberfest Party	Jan 27 Weinkeller	Aug 25 Weinkeller
Nov 13 Volkstrauertag	Feb 24 Weinkeller	Sep 3 Ice Cream Social
Nov 25 Weinkeller	Feb 25 Fasching Party	Sep 22 Weinkeller
Dec 2-4 Christkindlmarkt	Feb 26 Piano Festival	Nov 24 Piano Festival
Dec 10 Christmas Party	Mar 24 Weinkeller	
Dec 11 Adventsfeier	April 2 Piano Festival	
Dec 31 Weinkeller	May 26 Weinkeller	
	Jun 4 GAST picnic	

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



and Ice Coffees.

We recently had our Ice Cream Social. This time the event was set up in the Big Hall of the GAST Center. Many people told us that this was the best Ice Cream Social we ever had. The addition of the Magician was a big hit not only with the kids but also with many adults. We served almost 100 people with Ice Cream, Banana Splits

Oktoberfest is very close and as far as I know, we are still trying to fill some of the open positions in the GAST booths. In spite of the Sign Up party we still need some more help. If you would like to donate some time please call Erika Hartman at Ph: 272-7903 or call the GAST Office at 744-6997.

By the way: our own Blaskapelle will perform for the first time at the upcoming Oktoberfest. Watch the Oktoberfest schedules for the date and time of their performance. Our Folkdancers and the Choir will be participating in the

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the Board meeting**

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opening ceremonies on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, as usual. Keep also in mind that we will have the Oktoberfest Party one week after the Oktoberfest, on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a great band (The Polka Timers) and good food. We also left the discount in place for people who have worked at the Oktoberfest. Let's hope for good weather for the four days of the festival. We need it!

GAST has put quite a bit of money into the upkeep of the Building and the Property. The Classrooms on the lower level have been re-done—the bathrooms will be next.

Unfortunately, the situation with the chairs for the lower level (Weinkeller) is still an open issue. Although the funds were approved by the board about 18 months ago, we still haven't seen any improvement. This room is used for our membership functions (it's not leased out) and apparently this does not deserve a big priority for the Building Corp.

It's just when you try to put a nice event together and the equipment is old and in urgent need of repair or replacement, it is very discouraging not to get your needs met. It also does not make any sense to me, since the membership of GAST is still the biggest asset we have. Besides, with the Sonntagskaffee we have kept a very German tradition going – something that the GAST ARTS Assoc. should appreciate, too.

Weinkeller and Sonntagskaffee have been events that many of our members have enjoyed more than our big parties. Helga Greiner has decided to discontinue to host these downstairs functions. Unfortunately this was one of the functions a lot of the members liked very much.

The board has approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Global Alliance of Tulsa. Purpose of this donation is to support the Sister City meetings in Tulsa right after the Oktoberfest. Delegations of all seven sister cities of Tulsa are expected to participate in this event.

Plans for a fundraising dinner for the victims of Hurricane Katrina are also in the works.

—Claus Greiner

## ...from the Arts President

September brought the return of several programs from summer vacation. We began the fall season for Movie Night and Konversationsrunde. Regular Library hours have resumed. We will have hosted the first recital in the Amadeus Piano Festival's 2005-2006 Piano Power series by the time you read this.

Fall language classes began with record enrollment for Kinderdeutsch and a good turnout for adult classes. **Hildegard Schaffrin, Angelique McLaurin and Carol Wright** conducted the first session of Kinderdeutsch. Our teachers for adult classes are **Marianne Strong, Angelique McLaurin, Frieda Odell, Grete McNac, Doris Gallagher and Jutta Tankersley**. Classes are held in our newly refurbished classrooms. Many thanks to those who helped in the repairs and especially **Dave Schoneweis, Elam Blank, Charles Tegeler, Arnold Bieber and Ed Westenhiser**.

Plans for German-American Day are complete. Our speaker will be Dr. Siegfried Heit, who has chosen the topic "Life as a German Prisoner of War at Camp Gruber" for his talk. The musical program is provided by faculty of the Barthelmes Conservatory. Please join us at 3 PM on Sunday, October 9.

The Arts Association will send a delegation to the observance of Volkstrauertag at Ft. Reno on November 13.

We are again pleased to welcome a Pastor from our sister city of Celle. Pastor Adolf Beecken will celebrate this year's Adventsfeier on December 11.

January's performance by the American Theater Organ Society is being rescheduled due to conflicts with their meeting schedule. This event will probably be moved to the month of August. The Cultural and Educational Committee continues to work on additional events including a return performance by KOLORIT and the "Kindheit im Berliner Westen" exhibit from the Heimatmuseum in Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf.

Warmest regards,

—John Millar

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We hope that everyone enjoyed our last meeting at the Conrad's where we exchanged stories about how we spent our summer vacations.

**VERY IMPORTANT.** Due to the activities associated with German-American Day and other events, the next regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday 9 October will not be held as planned. However, we will have a joint meeting on Saturday the 8th of October with the Celler Runde at Border' Bookstore at 81 and Yale between 10:00 and 12:00. This is an informal conversation group organized by Barbara and Gerald Taron in which you can either use and sharpen your German language skills or use English. The guest of honor will be Ms. Erin Hensley, who is the recipient of a Rotary Scholarship, which she used to spend a school year in Switzerland. Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting presentation.

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).

### GAST Folk Dancers represent Tulsa in the Celle Region

Five Tulsans traveled to Germany in August to represent Tulsa at an International Trachtenfest, in response to an invitation from the city of Hermannsburg located in in the Celle region. The city of Celle is Tulsa’s Sister City.



(l to r) Carol Wright, Jasmin Bömer (host representative), Don Wright, Kristopher Hadley, Christy Collins.

### Student News

**Monday, October 10th** at 6:00 P.M. in the lower level of the

GAST Center we will be showing "National Treasure", starring Nicolas Cage, in German with English subtitles. Pizza and refreshment will be served. \$2.00 for student members and \$3.00 for non-student members.

**Monday, October 31st** at 6:30 P.M. will be our Student Oktoberfest Party. We will be offering a German meal, and a traditional Oktoberfest celebration. Free for Oktoberfest student volunteers and \$3.00 for students who did not volunteer.

—Rusty Seelye  
Student Committee, Chair

### DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FASCHING ?

Fasching actually begins at eleven minutes after eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The "Council of Eleven" or Elferrat holds their first meeting to plan the festivities and chooses "Prinz Karneval" to reign throughout the season. Because people wore masks and did silly things, they were called fools or "Narren". The music that is traditionally played for the Elferrat is the Narrhalla Marsch or "Fools Marsch".

—Sponsored by the Elferrat

### We didn't do it! 😊

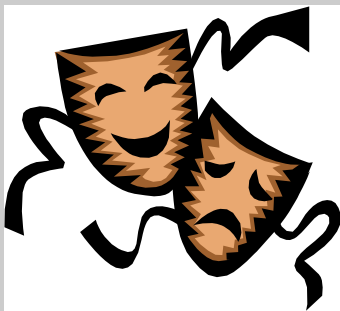
A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman. The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!"

The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually, on consecutive days. The 8-year-old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and said to him sternly, "We need to address your spirituality. Now, where is God?" The boy made no response, so the clergyman

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### Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation  
Monday October 3



starting at 6:30 PM

**Das Grand Prix der Volksmusik 2005**



Starting at 7:30 PM

**Das Traumschiff (Hawaii)**  
A German TV production

**A Treadmill for sale**

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**at 492-1947**

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**Love is:**  
 When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.

**Karen- age 7**





**Come join us at the next**

# **Stammtisch**

**Friday evening, October 7, at 6:30**

**Zum Wohl,**  
**Dann Björklund, Chair**



## To all my Sonntagskaffee and Weinkeller “customers”

I wish to thank all of you for your faithful attendance at these events.

I especially wish to thank my wonderful helpers **Barbara Hunsberger , Fred Rother and Helen Cohea** for all their help and support. All the yummy cake contributions were much appreciated, too.

Unfortunately, because there was no support for our events from the Building Corporation Management, I will no longer be able to host Sonntagskaffee and Weinkeller.

It remains to be seen if someone else will eventually take over. So, please watch your ECHO for further information.



**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

Mit herzlichen Gruessen  
 —Helga Greiner

**Did you know?**  
 GAST (pronounced “gust”) means “guest” in German?  
 GAST is **not a club**, but a Society?  
 GAST does not “own” Tulsa Oktoberfest? (Tulsa does)  
 GAST has a website: <http://www.gastulsa.org>

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In the August issue of the ECHO we reported on the 2005 Sister City Summit and the need for host families. Besides host-

ing international guests, we also want you to participate as much as possible during the week of October 24. Events open to the public are the "Opening Ceremony", the dedication of Main Street to "Avenue of the Sister Cities", the signing of a new sister city agreement with Amiens, France, a "Library Book Exchange" and others.

There will be additional meetings with business leaders, government officials, cultural representatives and education tours at TU and local schools. Some events can only accept a limited number of attendees and others may require a small fee for food. The program concludes with the "Global Vision Awards and Farewell Dinner", TGA's yearly fund raiser. If you are interested, please call the Tulsa Global Alliance (591-4750) or **Arnold Bieber** for complete program information.

We have found hosts for most guests, but there is still a need for a smaller number of hosts because of some last minute changes. Again, if you are interested in becoming a host, please contact **Arnold Bieber** (357-9156) or **Wolfgang Becker** (1-918-434-5995).

TGA and the Celle Partnership thank you for your support of this important community event.

—Wolfgang Becker

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repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer, so the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?" At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in his closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and said, "How did it go? What happened?"

The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing, and they think we did it!"

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Oktober 2005

David Marshall (IL)  
Kathleen Marshall (OK)  
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Gene Ruggeri  
Loretta Ruggeri  
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Tel. 622-4314

**Welcome back**  
Joe & Jessica Cunningham  
3424 E. 84th St.  
Tulsa, OK 74137  
Tel. 492-0992

## Pot-washing Party Help Needed!

We will be washing, degreasing and sanitizing all the pots and utensils we use at Oktoberfest.

**WE WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM AT THE GAST CENTER.**

We will load everything up and take it to the kitchen at Elam's Amish Kitchen to clean it. Once it is cleaned, we bag it by work station and load it back on the trailer so it will be ready to move out to Oktoberfest the next week.

It is not hard work. We just need some extra hands to help with moving all the stuff. **Please consider helping – even if only for a short time. It all helps.**

The Oktoberfest Committee appreciates all the help you can give us. For further information. Please call me at: W: 746-6222; H: 258-5201.

Thanks for helping us make Oktoberfest successful for GAST.

—Leon Boggs

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