



Sixth Annual Christkindlmarkt



The GAST Center will once again be transformed into a Christmas Wonderland for our sixth annual Christmas Market with authentic European and American crafts, foods and entertainment. We will present a puppet show and have a Spielstube (playroom) for the children.

The GAST food booth will serve a variety of Wurst (German sausages), Schnitzel, Sandwiches, Kartoffelpuffer (Potato Pancakes), hot cider, Stollen, hot chocolate and coffee. Christkindl and St. Nikolaus will be present during the entire three days of the Festival.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to join your friends and neighbors at the GAST Christkindlmarkt with its wonderful sights, scents and sounds of Christmas.

Friday – December 2nd 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday – December 3rd 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Sunday – December 4th 12:00 Noon – 5:00 P.M.

—The Christkindlmarkt Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	2006	April 2 Piano Festival	Aug 25 Weinkeller
Oct 29 Oktoberfest Party	Jan 6 Stammtisch	Apr 7 Stammtisch	Sep 1 Stammtisch
Nov 4 Stammtisch	Jan 14 Anniversary Party	May 5 Stammtisch	Sep 3 Ice Cream Social
Nov 13 Volkstrauertag	Jan 27 Weinkeller	May 26 Weinkeller	Sep 22 Weinkeller
Nov 25 Weinkeller	Feb 3 Stammtisch	Jun 2 Stammtisch	Nov 24 Piano Festival
Dec 2-4 Christkindlmarkt	Feb 24 Weinkeller	Jun 4 GAST picnic	
Dec 10 Christmas Party	Feb 25 Fasching Party	Jun 23 Weinkeller	
Dec 11 Adventsfeier	Feb 26 Piano Festival	July 7 Stammtisch	
Dec 31 Weinkeller	Mar 3 Stammtisch	Jul 28 Weinkeller	
	Mar 24 Weinkeller	Aug 4 Stammtisch	

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Our heart goes out to our long-time members **Don and Carol Wright**. Their daughter Donna passed away last week. She was only 46 years old, and that is much, much too young.

The Wright's are currently still in Chicago, the home of their daughter. Please keep the whole family in your prayers.

What else is going on in GAST? The main activity currently is getting the Oktoberfest booth ready.. The Oktoberfest Set-up-committee is hard at work to have everything in perfect working order for the opening this week.

Our Folk Dancers, the Choir and our May Queen will be participating in the opening ceremony at the Oktoberfest.

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

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By the time you will receive this Echo the Oktoberfest 2005 will probably be over. I know we did have a hard time to fill all the volunteer positions. I would like to thank everybody for their time and their contribution to this biggest fundraiser for us. GAST is the only financial supporter of the Building Corporation for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Right now, it looks like the weather is going to cooperate with the Festival –so, hopefully – it will be a very successful one.

For GAST it is now again our busiest time:

- Oktoberfest is in process at this time
- Oktoberfest Party: October 29th. Don't forget to call in your reservation.
- Christkindlmarkt: Dec. 2-4, 2005
- Christmas Party: Dec. 10, 2005

These are only the functions of GAST for the remainder of this year. There will also be functions of the Arts Association – like the Advent Service.

We did have a resignation of a Board member. Due to work related changes, **John Faulkner** had to resign his position as a Director on the Board.

According to the By-Laws the Board of Directors can appoint a new member to the Board. So, we do need some recommendations to consider. If you know such a member (and the person is willing to serve on the Board) please submit a short description of the person to the Board. The candidate has to be a member in good standing for at least 6 months.

Send the recommendation either to the office (Attention C. Greiner) or directly to me (cgreiner@cox.net) or to any other current Board Member.

Until next time – Auf Wiedersehen

—Claus Greiner

...from the Arts President

October ninth's celebration of German-American Day brought a very entertaining and appropriate program. Dr. Siegfried Heit, GAST founding member and Professor of Humanities at the University of Central Oklahoma was our speaker. He gave us a fascinating account of the German Prisoners of War at Camp Gruber. We were entertained with the music of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms by the Barthelmes Duo. Many thanks to Chairman **Arnold Bieber** and the members of the Cultural and Educational Committee for arranging this program. Publicity for the event was handled by **Doris Gallagher, Fred Rother and John Toschik**. Special thanks to **Ruth Bly and Lou Bonham** for the delicious and eye appealing reception.

The Association will send a delegation to Fort Reno on November 13 in observance of Volkstrauertag. Members wishing to attend should contact **Barbara Conrad** or me. We will arrange a car pool if there is sufficient interest.

We will host the inaugural solo piano recital of Ms. Sophia Muñoz on December 9. You will remember Ms. Muñoz from the spring 2004 Piano Power series. She is studying with Professor Jura Margulis at the University of Arkansas.

Adventsfeier will be celebrated on December 11. We again are fortunate to have a visiting pastor from Tulsa's sister city of Celle. Welcome to Pastor Adolf Beecken.

Planning continues for the 2006 calendar with a possible return performance by Kolorit, the "Kindheit im Berliner Westen" exhibit, spring garage sale and more musical events for the membership and public.

Best wishes,

—**John Millar**

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The regularly scheduled November Konversationsrunde will not be held as planned. This will allow members who wish to attend the annual Remembrance Day (Volkstrauertag) commemorating WWII German POWs in the SW USA who died during and after WWII while in American custody. The service will be held at the Ft. Reno Chapel (built by German POWs) at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 13. The service will be conducted mostly in English, but with German prayers and songs as well. Ft Reno is located just north of Exit 119 on Interstate 40 west of El Reno. We have found this to be a moving experience which in the greater sense is a tribute to all the soldiers from every country who gave their lives during WWII.

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).

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Editorial

I have a little heart-shaped, hand-painted, wooden sign hanging on the wall in front of my computer, inscribed with the reminder:

Seid nett zueinander”.

These three words mean a lot to me in my own life and in my interaction with my fellow man.

“Be nice to each other.”

How often do we forget! How often could we do a better job relating to one another! This is true in our private life within and without the home, in our work-life, in our political relations with other countries, and certainly also within GAST.

It is my personal opinion that GAST with its three distinct entities would relate to one another with greater efficiency and courtesy, if it were led by an Executive Director of an umbrella organization, called GAST.

The various current functions would be carved out of the existing structure and made into units of GAST, presided over by Senior Vice Presidents.

Perhaps we need to consider this step seriously this time and proceed forward with care and courtesy to allow GAST to march forward into a more productive and united future.

—Fred Rother

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation
Monday November 7



Starting at 6:30 PM

Die lustigen Musikanten
with Mariane and Michael

Starting at 7:30 PM

Da wo die Herzen schlagen
Starring: Hansi Hinterseer, Simone Heher and Anja Kruse

A Treadmill for sale

Call GAST-member Ruth Baum

at 492-1947

Paid Ad

Love is:

And the winner was a 4 year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly man who had just lost his wife. When the child saw the man cry, the little boy went over into the man's yard and climbed on top of the man's lap and just sat there.



When the boy's mother asked him what he'd said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."



Come join us at the next
Stammtisch
Friday evening, November 4, at 6:30



Zum Wohl,
Dann Björklund, Chair

Garage Sale

The annual Arts Association garage sale will be held on the last weekend in March. Details to follow later. **Carol and Don Wright** have graciously consented to provide storage space as needed. THANKS!

Please keep this in mind at Christmas in case you receive some gifts that you really don't know what to do with. This is also a good way to get your white elephants back in circulation for a good cause.

—Barbara Conrad



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

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Student News

We had 85 students attend our October Student Movie Night. All had a great time! There are 323 student members so far this school year.

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.

Monday, November 14th at 6:00 P.M. Student Movie Night. Pizza and refreshments. \$2.00 for student members and \$3.00 for non-student members.

Friday, December 2nd - Essays due for High School Essay Contest. Topics: World Cup 2006 or Germany's National Elections.

—**Rusty Seelye**
Student Committee, Chair

Deutsches Fest

The Bixby High School German Club is proud to announce the first annual DeutschesFest! This festival will begin at 4:00 pm on November 5th at Bixby's own Washington Irving Park. Admission is only \$5 for an evening of promising fun and entertainment, including dancers and singers from the German American Society of Tulsa.

Also, Siegi's will be selling delicious bratwurst, sauerkraut, dessert and drinks. For tickets or more information, contact

Mrs. Segner at msegner@bixbyps.org. It will be a great way to support the community and have a "wunderbar" time!

The Festival is being sponsored by: GAST, Citizens Security Bank, Tire Barn, Conrad Farms, Just My Style and Newsom Productions.

Rachael Heister
German Club President

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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