



Twenty-Six years of GAST in Tulsa

On January 14th we will celebrate our 26th Anniversary
in the Great Hall of the GAST Center
with the Social Hour beginning at 6:30 P. M. and Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

The Lighter Side with Bill Marquart
will provide the music for dancing

Menu

Rouladen with Spaetzle

Red Cabbage

Salad

Bread/Butter

Dessert

Anniversary Cheese Cake

Pizza for Children

**Admission: Dinner and Dance \$15.00/person, Dance only \$7.50/person,
Children \$5.00, Child Care will be available in the Weinkeller**

This will be a very full and exciting evening with a special repeat performance by the very talented, former Miss Tulsa, a Performing Arts Student, Rachael Poling. Also we will announce the winners of the Essay Contest and the recipients of this years' Board of Director's and President's Awards.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, January 11th, to 744-6997. If you plan to bring children, please give their names, ages and the number who will be attending when you call. The Anniversary Party is a special occasion; **dress or formal wear is most welcome!**

The Party Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Jan 28	Kinderdeutsch	Feb 26	Piano Festival	May 7	Sonntagskaffee
Dec 31 New Years Party	Jan 29	Kolorit	Mar 3	Stammtisch	May 26	Weinkeller
2006	Feb 3	Stammtisch	Mar 5	Sonntagskaffee	Jun 2	Stammtisch
Jan 6 Stammtisch	Feb 5	Sonntagskaffee	Mar 24	Weinkeller	Jun 4	GAST picnic
Jan 14 Anniversary Party	Feb 21	Language classes	April 2	Piano Festival	Jun 23	Weinkeller
Jan 20 Theater Organ Soc.	Feb 24	Weinkeller	Apr 7	Stammtisch	Jul 2	Sonntagskaffee
Jan 27 Weinkeller	Feb 25	Fasching Party	May 5	Stammtisch	July 7	Stammtisch

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Since my last report we again are mourning the loss of GAST members. Two of our long time members passed away.

Charles Byrd, 82 years old, died Friday December 2nd. He never recovered from a severe stroke he had suffered two years ago. Charles was at one time on the board of GAST and was a member of the GAST hosting team. Charles and his wife Mary always supported the organization when visitors from Europe needed a stay in Tulsa. The Byrds themselves traveled extensively in the United States and Overseas.

Then, on December 3rd, another long time members passed away: **Dotti Dittus**, 75 years old. Dotti's sudden death was a shock for all of us. She was an active Choir member until the last day of her life. Together with her husband Jim, who passed away not even two years ago, were members of the Elferrat. They had lost their son Mitch about 2 1/2 years ago.

I just want to mention another former member of GAST who passed away on December 1, 2005:

Raymond Blumer. They had moved away from Broken Arrow and lived on Grand Lake. But I think a lot of people will remember Ray and **Helga Blumer**. Please keep all the families in your prayers.

We recently had a resignation of a Board Member: **John Faulkner** had a career change and his new job will not allow him to attend any GAST meetings and functions. The board of directors filled this vacant position this week with **Ed Westenhiser**, a very active member of GAST.



Ed will finish John Faulkner's term. Ed is already involved in various GAST activities such as Finance Committee, Heinzelmännchen, etc.

Christkindlmarkt, our last fundraiser for this year, was a well attended event. A big thanks to **Darlene Tegeler**, who chaired this event, and to all the volunteers who helped to make this Christkindlmarkt successful.

The review of the By-Laws is completed. It took a special Board meeting to finish this

task. We are currently re-typing this document. It will be distributed to the membership before the next membership meeting. I would like to get these new By-Laws approved in a special Membership Meeting sometimes early next year.

Budgets for 2006 should be completed by January 5, 2006 and submitted to the Board at the first Meeting in January.

All in all I think we had a good year for the Organization. We spent more money than usual for the upkeep of the building. This was necessary. Just look at the usage of the building. There is almost no evening without any activity in the GAST Center: The weekends are mostly leased out for receptions, parties and other events, and during the week there are various meetings of committees and music groups. In addition the kitchen has been upgraded from a "Catering" kitchen to a "Full" Kitchen.

I would like to wish all members of GAST a happy, healthy New Year, or as we Germans say: ein gutes, gesundes Neues Jahr 2006.

Auf Wiedersehen

—Claus Greiner

Now always on the Wednesday after
the Board meeting

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...from the Arts President

December was a very successful month for Arts events. The inaugural solo piano recital of Ms. Sophia Muñoz on December 9 was very well attended with an audience of over 140. This program was arranged with assistance of the Muñoz family and the Barthelmes Conservatory. Congratulations to Ms. Muñoz for a wonderful performance.

Adventsfeier was celebrated on December 11 by Pastor Adolf Beecken from the Pauluskirche in our sister city of Celle. We counted 130 persons at the service. This is probably our largest Adventsfeier attendance to date. As customary, donations from this event are given to "Meals on Wheels." Thanks to **Ursula Andress, Hannelore Hall, Fred Rother, Doris Wicks and Jutta Tankersley** for arranging this event. Thanks also to Mr. Phil Judkins of the American Theater Organ Society for making our pipe organ ready for the service.

The 2006 calendar is filling rapidly. Two events are scheduled for January and we have been offered a third on very short notice. The American Theater Organ Society will visit us for a joint meeting on Friday, January 20. This will be a silent movie night and promises to be a lot of fun. The main movie will be

"*The Kid*," (1921) which was Charlie Chaplin's first full-length feature. Many feel that it was the best film Chaplin ever made.

Kolorit will visit us for a return performance on Sunday, January 29. This will be their third appearance in Tulsa after an absence of several years. Their program theme is "Ein Lied geht um die Welt - A musical journey through the 20's and 30's." Join us for a musical afternoon presented by a very talented ensemble. The Kindheit im Berliner Westen exhibit will open on February 14. This is a joint project of the Heimat Museum in Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Tulsa Community College, German Consulate in Houston and the Arts Association.

The Amadeus Piano Festival will present a recital on Sunday, February 26. There are many more events to come in future months including our annual garage sale. Remember that all Arts events are free and open to the public. Come enjoy them and bring your friends.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

The American Theatre Organ Society and the German American Society Arts Association

will present a Silent Movie Night "The Kid" (1921) with Charlie Chaplin. Dick Deaver and Bill Rowland will play our pipe organ. A sing-along of popular tunes will complete the program. Popcorn and other refreshments will be served.

Friday, January 20, 7 PM, at the GAST Center

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The regularly scheduled January Konversationsrunde will be held at the home of **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** who live at 5133 East 86th Pl. (495-3727). The meeting will be at 3 PM on the 8th of January, 2006. Our speaker will be Erin, who is a young lady currently a student at Booker T. Washington high school. Erin was an exchange student in Switzerland on Rotary Club scholarship and has some interesting insights about living for a school year in Europe. This will be a somewhat different perspective from what German student experience in the USA.

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).

—Barbara Conrad

Oktoberfest 2005 Update! A Success!

We finally have all the bills paid and the income in place and we can declare Oktoberfest 2005 for GAST a success! The actual income from our sales in the food tents were \$52,549.01. The sale of remaining sausage, breads, etc brought in \$2,947.57 for total gross income of \$55,496.58. After all the bills were paid, we have a net income of \$24,335.40! NOT BAD! Thanks to a very hard working committee, we reduced our costs by about 6% this year. The efforts of Elam Blank were especially noticed in getting us a FREE refrigerated storage trailer from Grave's Menu Makers. We bought a good deal of our dry goods and other supplies from them and they took back all that we did not use! Elam also got all of our towels and aprons donated from United Linen Company. These helped us save several hundred dollars. THANKS ELAM!

The GAST Oktoberfest dinner and dance party even turned a profit! After all the expenses were paid [food supplies, baby sitter, band], we had a profit of \$368.40! This was because our Oktoberfest Committee cooked the meal in our own GAST kitchen! Last year the same meal was catered to us for \$1400.00. It was a lot work, but also a great deal of fun. THANK YOU COMMITTEE FOR PREPARING A GREAT QUALITY MEAL!

Once again I say thanks to each of you who volunteered to work Oktoberfest in whatever capacity. It took all of us working together to make it happen. And that is the key to making future events successful and profitable. A GREAT JOB BY ALL!!

—Leon Boggs,
GAST Oktoberfest Committee Chair

German Movie :


CIRCLE CINEMA, 10 S. Lewis, will show the movie *The Glamorous World of the Hotel Adlon* on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 2 PM.

The film is written and directed by Percy Adlon (1996) and is in German with English subtitles. It's the story about a young German-American Soldier, Louis Adlon, who is sent to **Berlin** after WWII by William Randolph Hearst as an overseas correspondent. Louis, who practically grew up in the hotel, is devastated when he finds the hotel burned down. His research into family history uncovers tales of love and scandal, of tragedy, debt and triumph, most of it gleaned from photographs and silent film footage. It brings to life the glamorous story of the grand hotel, with appearances by Josephine Baker, Thomas Mann, Charlie Chaplin and Marlene Dietrich. The showing is sponsored by the Tulsa-Celle Partnership.

While Circle Cinema will not charge admission for the film, any donations made to cover its costs will be appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation
Monday January 2



starting at 6:30 PM

Achim's Hitparade

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Starting at 7:30 PM

Endloser Horizont (Part 1)
Starring: Franziska Petri,
Uwe Kockisch
and Hannes Jaenicke

Raffle Prizes needed!

The Arts Association is soliciting raffle prizes to be given away at the GAST parties. If you have a suitable raffle prize, remember that it is tax deductible when given as a donation to the Arts Association. The raffle is an Arts fund raiser.

If you would like to donate, please call the office at 744-6997 and a member of the Cultural and Educational Committee will make arrangements to have the item picked up.

The Goethe Institute in Atlanta and the German American Society of Tulsa invite **German teachers** of all levels - **including GAST Language Teachers** to an afternoon workshop with Brigitte Jonen-Dittmar, Jheel for short, from Munich. The theme of her workshop is Learning German with all senses: the seven intelligence's in the classroom. The workshop will be held on **January 29th, 2006 from 1:00 until 5:00** in the Weinkeller of the German American Society of Tulsa. Continuing education certificates will be available at the workshop. Refreshments will be served.

We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to learn from Jheel and look forward to having her as our guest in Tulsa. Please let us know if you will be able to attend by emailing Melanie Roberson at mroberson@ba.k12.ok.us

There will be no registration fee so a simple R.S.V.P. to aid in planning will be appreciated.

—Rusty Selye

Weinkeller needs a Chairperson

If you've enjoyed our Friday night Weinkeller gatherings over the years, and you'd like to have it continue, **you might want to chair the event.** They are always scheduled for the 4th Friday of every month from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. You would need to assemble a team of two or three persons to work with you.

For more details on what this job entails, please call **Helga or Claus Greiner** at 455-3096 or e-mail: gast@tulsacoxmail.com or cgreiner@cox.net or simply call the GAST office at 744-6997.

—Helga Greiner



Stammtisch

Join us on Jan 6 at 630 PM

Zum Wohl,
Dann Björklund, Chair



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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 Charles Byrd by GAST, Mr. & Mrs. Runyon
 Dorothy "Dottie" Dittus by GAST, Mr. & Mrs. Runyon
 The Elferrat made a donation to the Memorial Fund in
 memory of Don and Carol Wright's daughter **Donna
 Bartlett** who passed away suddenly.

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Januar 2006

Sr. Gabrielle Branco
 17600 E. 51st St.
 Broken Arrow, OK 74012
 Tel. 355-5770

Sonntagskaffee

Dear Sonntagskaffee Friends,



I have been asked many times to chair the Sonntagskaffee committee and finally agreed to give it my best. I hope that four or possibly five other members will volunteer to share the work, especially if one or another is not available for personal reasons.

Tentatively scheduled dates for next year's Sonntagskaffee are Feb 5, Mar 5, May 7, Jul 2, Sep

3, Oct 1, and Nov 5.

Please call me at 1-918-434-5995 or send an email to silkebecker@hotmail.com if you want to join the committee or have any questions.

—Silke H. Becker

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 them. This is also a good way to get your white elephants back in circulation for a good cause.

—Barbara Conrad

Kinderdeutsch starts Saturday, January 28, 10:00 AM

Please enroll your children or grandchildren, 4-12 years old, in this wonderful program.



They will learn German phrases, songs and dances, watch German videos and enjoy the refreshments.

Still only \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members for the 8 week course. Additional children in a family receive a \$5 discount

FASCHING PARTY

FEATURING:
 Costume Contest
 Knee Dance Contest
 The Polka Kings
 "The Whistlers"

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