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Jahrgang 27/2

Fasching Party

February 25, 2006, 6:00 PM

PARTY
FASCHING
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Society of Tulsa
25th of February 2006
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GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Feb 25	Fasching Party	Apr 28	Germanfest begins	Jul 28	Weinkeller
Jan 27 Weinkeller	Feb 26	Piano Festival	May 5	Stammtisch	Aug 4	Stammtisch
Jan 28 Kinderdeutsch	Mar 3	Stammtisch	May 7	Sonntagskaffee	Aug 25	Weinkeller
Jan 29 Kolorit	Mar 5	Sonntagskaffee	May 26	Weinkeller	Sep 1	Stammtisch
Feb 3 Stammtisch	Mar 24	Weinkeller	Jun 2	Stammtisch	Sep 22	Weinkeller
Feb 5 Sonntagskaffee	Mar 25	Spring concert	Jun 4	GAST picnic	Sep 25	Fall Party
Feb 12 Konversationsrunde	Mar 31	Garage Sale	Jun 23	Weinkeller	Nov 24	Piano Festival
Feb 21 Language classes	Apr 2	Piano Festival	Jul 2	Sonntagskaffee		
Feb 24 Weinkeller	Apr 7	Stammtisch	July 7	Stammtisch		

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

This weekend we celebrated GAST's 26th anniversary. The German-American Society of Tulsa exists now for over a quarter of a century. And it has grown into one of the biggest ethnic organizations in the Tulsa area. A great achievement!

Looking back at the last 26 years, we can be very proud of our organization and its members. The members are the biggest asset of this organization.

Another major milestone was definitely the purchase of this building after only about twelve years of existence.

Looking back at 2005: GAST had a good year. Our main fundraisers did very well this year which keeps the organization financially solid. Our second Germanfest turned out better than the first one. The Oktoberfest and the Christkindlmarkt also did better than the year before. But not only these big fundraisers are counting, no - there are also small groups which contribute to the organization. One good example is the German-American Society "Handarbeitsgruppe". They have



produced a Quilt every year for the last few years. This item was always raffled off at the Christkindlmarkt and the proceeds were donated to GAST.

We also changed our kitchen from a catering kitchen to a full kitchen during the last year. The 2005 Oktoberfest Party was the first Dinner Party in which we utilized our own kitchen. If we would use our kitchen more often for our parties this would also be a significant cost savings.

At the Anniversary Party we also, as usual, awarded two members for outstanding help and support of the Organization.

The Directors award. This year the board decided on a lady, a member of GAST for 20+ years. She has been a member of the Choir from the beginning. She also was a member of the Folk Dancers in earlier years. **But I think more people know her from the volunteer work she does for GAST. She volunteers in a lot of the GAST functions. She sometimes volunteers without asking.**

And she does whatever has to be done. Her attitude is always very positive, even if she has to wash pots and pans.

The award went to **Elizabeth Kilbride**

The President's Award. The three Presidents of our organization have determined the recipient or recipients of this award.

This year the presidents decided on a person, all of you know very well. Let me just list a few things he has done around this organizations:

Tireless volunteer work for the entire Society.

Establishing working relationships with other volunteer and civic organizations.

Increasing the number and variety of events for the membership and public.

Improved budgeting and reporting.

Fund-raising activities.

Serving as representative of the Society through Speaker's Bureau and other venues.

The award went to our former Arts President **Arnold Bieber.**

Let's work towards another successful year: 2006.

Auf Wiedersehen

—Claus Greiner

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

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...from the Arts President

The year's Arts calendar began with a recital on January 8. The performers were Jessica Fellows, violin, Amy Tai, piano and Rachel Fellows, violin. All three are winners in the Oklahoma contest of the Music Teachers National Association competition and will compete in the south-central division competition in Lafayette, Louisiana. The month's



programming continues with a silent movie night presented by the American Theater Organ Society on January 20 and a appearance by ensemble Kolorit on January 29.

Kinderdeutsch starts on Saturday, January 28. Adult language classes resume on Tuesday, February 21. We anticipate good attendance for both.

Arrangements are complete for the "Kindheit im Berliner Westen" exhibit. The opening will be at 6 PM, February 14 at the Southeast campus exhibit area of Tulsa Community College. The exhibit will run through March 25. We are indebted to TCC and the German Consulate in Houston for making this possible. The exhibit is provided by the Heimat Museum Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf.

February 26 and April 2 bring recitals by the Amadeus Piano Festival. Those who missed hearing Ms. Tai will have a second chance during February's recital.

The annual garage sale is set for Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. Donations are being accepted now. Please contact me or **Arnold Bieber** and we will

coordinate drop off or pickup of the items you wish to place in the sale. This is a major fund raising activity for Arts and your donations are needed. Many thanks to **Don and Carol Wright** who are providing storage space for the donations.

The calendar is open for Arts events in May, June and July but that will change soon. We have been offered two possible events within the last ten days. Dates are already reserved for German-American Day in October, a musical event in conjunction with the Swiss Club in November and Adventsfeier in December.

Arts events are free and open to the public. Come enjoy them and bring a friend.

Best wishes,
—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Many thanks to **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** for hosting our last meeting. We also wish to thank Erin for a very interesting perspective on her experiences as an exchange student in Switzerland. The next meeting will be at 3 PM on the 12th of February in the home of **Gabriele Richardson**, 5827 S, Maplewood (# 494-3762). Our speaker will be **Gertrud Schmidt** who will give us some background and behind the scenes information about the upcoming opera, Richard Strauss's "Ariadne Auf Naxos". This inside history will be of interest to all even if you are not a die-hard opera fan.

GARAGE SALE IS COMING ON THE LAST WEEKEND IN MARCH.

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

Report from the Building Prez

GASBC history

The Building Corporation was founded to provide and maintain a home for the German American Society of Tulsa. Our building was purchased in 1991 and renovated for a grand opening in September 1992. Our first rental event took place in February 1993.

Revenue from Leasing

This past year we had 43 leased functions generating revenue of approximately \$42,000. Additional revenues are generated by leasing parking spaces to the Post Office and rental income from the north side of the duplex amounting to approximately \$20,000 annually. We have a dedicated group of leasing committee members who host each leased event, and a group of members who set

up for each event. Most of these members have performed these jobs since the beginning.

Revenue budget

The revenue generated by the leased events is used to pay the salary of the office manager, security, all utilities and most of the insurance to cover the building. Of course, generated revenue cannot cover capital improvements and GAST willingly transfers money to the Building Corporation to cover these costs.

Projects completed in 2005

The Great Hall and stairwells were repaired and painted. Downstairs classrooms were plastered and painted. New kitchen equipment was installed in time for Germanfest. The undergrowth, brush, and old fencing were removed from the property line.

—Elam Blank

Special Exhibit "Childhood in Western Berlin, 1880 to 1950" at Tulsa Community College, Southeast Campus, February 14 to March 25, 2006

The German American Society Arts Association, Tulsa Community College and the German Consulate Houston are cosponsoring an exhibit of posters, pictures, books, objects and mementos collected by a group of 58 Berliners, on loan from the "Heimatmuseum in Berlin-Charlottenburg", Germany. It intends to contribute to the understanding between generations by showing today's children how their counterparts of prior generations lived and played.

An opening reception will be on February 14 at 6 PM at the Student Union Gallery (Bld. 9), Tulsa Community College, 10300 E. 81st Street. Frau Birgit Jochens, the curator of the exhibit, will be here to officially open the exhibit and be available for questions and answers.

The exhibit will be open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, and on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. **Admission is free.** For further information and reservations for larger groups, please call the TCC Student Activity Center at 595-7771.

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday February 6



starting at 6:30 PM

**Musik
vom Wilden Kaiser**

Starting at 7:30 PM
Der Ruf der Berge
Starring: Siegfried Rauch,
Marita Marschall,
Franz Buchrieser and
Macksimilian Krueckl.

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Folk Dancers to resume Dance Sessions.

The GAST Folk Dancers are ready to break the winter "doldrums" and begin regular Friday night practices. Participation in the GAST Folk Dance group is open to all GAST members.

Our first meeting this season will be Friday, February 10, 2006 and continue on most Friday evenings from 7 pm until 9 pm in the GAST Weinkeller. We will be learning traditional German, Austrian and Swiss folk dances for our pleasure and in preparation for various presentations in the community.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for an evening of music and dancing. A dancing partner is not required but helpful. Dress is casual. I will be teaching some new dances to which I was introduced this past summer and hope to add some variety to our program.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 299-2839 or d.c.w@cox.net

—Carol Wright

Stammtischrunde

Join us on Friday evening,
Feb 3 at 6:30 PM
Hope to see you there.
Zum Wohl,
Dann Björklund, Chair

GAST Sanger News

The GAST Sanger have started rehearsal as of January 12th in preparation for the scheduled Concert in March. Everyone is excited about the musical selections and anticipate a well-attended performance of this change in music. We have taken a shorter than usual break so we will be well prepared and ready for our FIRST ANNUAL CONCERT.

As always, we welcome anyone interested, to sing with us. We are in need of tenors and altos, so please join us even if you can't read music or speak German, we will help you to learn what you need to know. Our Altos and Tenors are strong and do very well, but it would be nice to be more balanced. As they say, those who can, sing parts, all others sing soprano. Either way, ALL voices are needed and welcome.

—Irmgard Runyon

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 about this job, 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



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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The winners

of the **GAST Essay Contest** are:



First Place: **Kurt Robinson**

Second Place: **Brian Griffin**

Third Place: **Andrew Stone**



Sonntagskaffee

Please join us on Sunday, February 5, starting at 3 PM for our first Sonntagskaffee in 2006.

I am still looking for one or two members to volunteer and assist with our efforts. Please call me at 1-918-

434-5995 or send an email to:

silkehbecker@hotmail.com have any questions.

—**Silke H. Becker**

**For good German food
and musical entertainment,
mark your calendar
for March 25
The GAST Sanger**

Memorial Fund

John and Teresa Gallagher have made a contribution to the Memorial fund in Memory of **Dottie Dittus, Charles Byrd and Margaret Hembree**

—**Irmgard Runyon**

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Februar 2006

Ed & Judy Anderson
308 Waterford
Catoosa, OK 74015
Tel. 379-0911

Linda K. Forness
1908 S. Aster Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Tel. 252-0262

German Language Classes Start February 21

Are we having too much fun in our language classes? Join us and find out! Enrollment starts at 6:30 p.m., classes at 7:00 p.m. on February 21.

We will meet every Tuesday for ten weeks. Tuition is a bargain at \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. Quite a few of the latter decide to join GAST later.

To make sure of getting a place in class you can pre-enroll by sending a note with your desired level (I, II, III, or IV) to the office and enclosing a check for tuition. Hope to see you on February 21, 2006.

For the German teachers,

—**German Language Classes Start February 21**—

—**Marianne Strong**

Variety Show by the German Ensemble: KOLORIT

(Konzert, Oper, Lyrik, Operette, Revue,
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on Sunday, January 29, starting at 3 PM

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An afternoon at the Movies

Title: IN DER GLANZVOLLEN WELT DES HOTEL ADLON
(The Glamorous World of the Hotel Adlon)
Place: The Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis, Tulsa
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2006
Time: 2:00 PM

Admission is free, the concession stand will be open.

The Circle Cinema is offering a special showing of this movie for our Celle Partnership members, GAST members and their guests.

The 1996 film 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 affairs and scandal, of tragedy and triumph, most of it gleaned from photographs and silent film footage. It brings to life the glamorous story of this grand hotel, with appearances by Josephine Baker, Thomas Mann, Charlie Chaplin and Marlene Dietrich. Written and directed by Percy Adlon.

The showing is co-sponsored by the Tulsa-Celle Partnership and the Circle Cinema. Although admission is free, donations to the Circle Cinema to cover their costs are appreciated.

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