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The German-American Society of Tulsa



Spring Dinner Concert

Entertainment by the GAST Sanger

March 25th 2006 at the GAST CENTER, 2301 E. 15th Street
(one block west of Lewis on 15th Street)

Social Hour at 6:30PM — Dinner served at 7PM, followed by the Concert

Menu

Schnitzel Dinner, Dessert & Coffee, \$15.00
Beverages for purchase available.

Please make your reservation no later than Wednesday, March 22, by calling 744-6997 .

Proceeds from this event benefit the activities of the GAST Sanger

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Mar 5 Sonntagskaffee	Apr 23 Gen Mbrship meeting	Jun 4 GAST picnic
Feb 24 Weinkeller	Mar 24 Weinkeller	Apr 28 Germanfest begins	Jun 23 Weinkeller
Feb 25 Fasching Party	Mar 25 Spring concert	May 5 Stammtisch	Jul 2 Sonntagskaffee
Feb 26 Piano Festival	Mar 31 Garage Sale	May 7 Sonntagskaffee	July 7 Stammtisch
Mar 3 Stammtisch	April 2 Piano Festival	May 26 Weinkeller	Jul 28 Weinkeller
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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our By-Laws revision is ready for membership approval. As much as we wanted to bring this to the membership in a separate meeting we couldn't make it. So it will be part of the annual membership meeting in April, together with the election of directors and officers for the Board.

The nominating committee has been activated to fill open positions on the Board. According to the by-laws half of the directors and all officers of the organizations are up for re-election or replacement.

The Annual Membership Meeting has been scheduled for April 23rd, 2006. Please mark this date on your calendar. It's one week before the Germanfest.

At this time we are looking forward to the Faschings Party on February 25, 2006 – one of our big events! Our third German Fest has been scheduled for the last weekend in April.



Preparations for this festival are well under way under the direction of Jim Walker and the Germanfest Committee. We hope to be able to grow Germanfest even more!

It will also be the event when our new May Queen for 2006 will be crowned.

The budgets for all three organizations have been approved by the Board. Last year GAST spent more money on the upkeep of the property and the building than before. Repairs were necessary and are still ongoing. The big hall in our building received a new coat of paint last year.

Currently our membership is around 480 members – family and single memberships combined. Over the last several years our membership has pretty much remained constant. Would this be the time to think about a Membership Drive? We are actually missing a whole generation! The founding members are now 26 years older and a new generation should come in. But it is not happening! I would like to challenge the membership to come up with ideas to support such a drive. If you have a feasible idea - please discuss it with any Board member or come to one of our next Board meetings yourself. Board meetings are open to the membership! We do need everyone's help.

Auf Wiedersehen

—Claus Greiner

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

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, March 15, by 6 PM**

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...from the Arts President

This was a busy month for the Arts Association. January brought us three musical events. The recital by winners of the Music Teachers National Association was described in the last column. We had approximately 337 people in attendance for the Silent Movie Night presented by the American Theater Organ Society. This was our second largest crowd ever for a musical program. We received nothing but positive comments about the evening and had multiple requests to do this again. Many thanks to performers Bill Rowland and Dick Deaver for a wonderful evening. I would also like to thank **Arnold and Gwen Bieber, Fred Rother, Elam Blank, Leon Boggs, Siggie Grimm, Don and Carol Wright, Stan and Barbara Conrad, Rusty Seelye, Rick Pizzo, Terry Sponsler, Doris Wicks** and several unknown guests for staying long afterwards to restore the Center to its' usual configuration.

Ensemble Kolorit delighted the audience with their program "Ein Lied geht um die Welt." The audience was treated to an afternoon of skits and German show tunes from the 20's and 30's. Many audience members remarked afterwards that they remember their parents singing these songs. We had a good turnout of approximately 100. Kolorit also repeated a portion of the program for an audience of students at TCC the following Tuesday. They were received enthusiastically. Thanks to the **Biebers and Conrads** for providing home stay accommodations for the ensemble. The reception was provided by **Lois Voeller, Ingrid Grimm, Gwen Bieber and Christl Parsons**. **Fred Rother** produced the printed program.

"Kindheit im Berliner Westen" is now showing at the Gallery in the Student Center at TCC Southeast Campus. The exhibit is open through March 25. The opening reception was well attended and the visitors were welcomed by Curator Birgit Jochens and her husband Klaus Schulz. Ms. Jochens gave a short talk about the preparations for the exhibit. This is especially interesting in that the exhibit was created by private citizens who lent their memorabilia and recounted their personal experiences growing up in Berlin. We are indebted to Ms. Barbara Slagle of the TCC Southeast Campus Student Activity Center for providing the venue and reception. Funding was given by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Houston. Members of the Arts Cultural and Educational Committee created this program. Thank you to Barbara Conrad for organizing the event. **Fred Rother, Jutta Tankersley, Dann Bjorklund, Doris Wicks and Arnold Bieber** performed multiple tasks in preparing for and installing the exhibit. Thanks also to **Doris Gallagher** for her work in advertising and providing accommodations for our visitors.

Check your calendars and mark February 26 and April 2 for recitals in the Piano Power series. Remember that our annual Garage Sale is March 31 and April 1. This is an important source of funding for Arts programs. Please donate your salable items.

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank **Gaby Richardson** for her hospitality and opening her home to us. A special thanks to **Gertrud Schmidt** for giving us a preview to the next opera and a personal thanks for preparing me to enjoy this opera with insights that I never had before. Our next meeting will be at the Southeast TCC campus (81st and Mingo) in the Exhibit Hall (close to the Student Union and cafeteria) at 3 PM on March 12 where we will have a private showing of the Berlin Childhood exhibit which is sure to bring back pleasant memories of our childhoods.

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).

“Childhood in Western Berlin 1880-1950”

Exhibit from the Heimatmuseum Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf
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Board Positions available

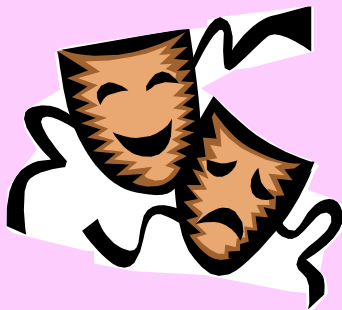
We have some vacancies for the upcoming
Board elections. If you would be willing to
serve on the Board, please contact one of the
Nominating committee members:

- Ø Rob Mitchell 747-5150
- Ø Ginny Rohr 585-8511
- Ø Jim Walker 743-9113



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Get Ready for German Fest

2 Two years ago in May 2004, we decided to hold another festival on our home ground and in that case in place of having to transport all of our equipment downtown for Mayfest. While GAST continues to be an active participant for Oktoberfest, we ventured on our own with Christkindlmarkt in December and Germanfest in the spring.

Our third annual Germanfest will take place Friday, April 28th, Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th, 2006. As in all of our endeavors, each year will see additions and improvements: - stay with things that worked well, eliminate items which showed no profit and continue to try new things. In that way, the festival will grow with each year.

The Germanfest steering committee has already been hard at work planning for the fun filled weekend, and I thank all of the members for their time and commitment. Yet, to make this a great event, we need a lot more helping hands. We, therefore, urge our entire membership to mark your calendars for the last week in April and give us that much needed helping hand.

We need help in setting up and tearing down equipment, volunteers for shifts in "hostessing" i.e. welcoming festival patrons and give out information about schedules and locations of booths, manning different booths in the capacity of selling merchandise, food and drinks and manning the cash registers, supervise children activities, help clean up eating tables and much, much more. I am sure there must be an area to your liking in which you would want to participate.

What's in it for you? First of all, comradeship, see first hand how people can enjoy themselves within "Gemütlichkeit", free food and drink during your working shift, and last but not least have a voice for the next year's festival improvements.

While we will have a volunteer coordinator calling the membership, you would already help us a great deal if you would volunteer your services by either calling the office and leaving a message (744-6997) or E-mailing us at gastulsa@att.net And, if you have a particular preference of what kind of job you would like to do, please let us know that also. If we hear from you, we will certainly be in touch with you during the first week in April.

Whatever your decision, we hope to see you at GAST during Germanfest April 28th-30th.

—Jim Walker
Germanfest 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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A Gentle Reminder

Your GAST dues were due and payable January 1st 2006. If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last reminder.

Thank you and Tschuess,

—**Irmgard Toschik**
Membership Chair

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

March 2006

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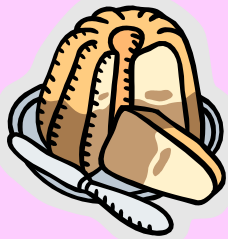
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Sonntagskaffee



Please mark your calendar for the next Sonntagskaffee on March 5 at 3:00 pm.

Everybody who attended the last Sonntagskaffee enjoyed it very much. We had to compete with the Superbowl but about 30 members met for some good coffee, cake and company.

—**Silke H. Becker**

GARAGE SALE

Please be aware that the success of our annual garage sale lies with the membership. Our major collection day for donations will take place on March the 29th at the GAST Center from 10-3.

We will price and arrange the merchandise on March 30th from 9 a.m. until it is finished.

The sale will start **on Friday the 31st from 8-5 and Saturday the 1st of April from 8-3** at the GAST Center.

We will need help for all of these days. A shift should last about four hours but any time that you can contribute will be appreciated. Please make use of this opportunity to get rid of some of your white elephants and help with this important fund-raiser. For any assistance please call either **Arnold Bieber** (357-9156) or **Barbara Conrad** (492-3273). We thank you in advance for your support.

Work Party



The Operating Committee will hold a Work Party on Saturday, March 4 beginning at 8:30 AM.

We will attend to the many small things that need attention around the building. Volunteers should bring gloves and hand tools. Cleaning supplies and materials will be provided.

We will have the traditional pizza lunch.

—**John Millar**

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