



# Das Deutsche Echo

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## Food, Food, Food and Music

April 28 through April 30

**Bratwurst, Polish, Knackwurst or Smoked Bratwurst with Sauerkraut on a bun, Bratwurst Burger with Kraut on a bun, Bratwurst Burger with Kraut on a bun and with Swiss cheese, Wiener on a bun, Kartoffelpuffer (2 served with applesauce), Schnitzel Sandwich, Schnitzel on German Rye with Pickle Wedge, Schnitzel Dinner-Schnitzel, Potato Salad, Salad & Bread  
Jägerschnitzel Dinner - Schnitzel, Potato Salad, Salad & Bread**

**Cheesecake, Funnel Cake, Apfelstrudel, Cookies**

**Walburg Boys Music, Music, Music, Music, Polka Timers  
GAST Choir, GAST Folk Dancers, GAST Blaskapelle  
GAST Kinder Folk Dancers, Tulsa Accordion Band  
Strolling Musicians**

### *GAST Folk Dancers Make Repeat Appearance.*

The GAST Folk Dancers were invited for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to present a program of German Folk Dances in conjunction with the TCC Global Festival on the Metro Campus. We were joined by eleven other ethnic groups to entertain at the day long festival on March 9. There was a great deal of cultural diversity in the displays, food sampling and entertainment since there are forty nationalities and numerous cultures represented within the TCC community.

Every Friday evening, starting at 7 pm the Folk Dancers continue to enjoy dancing and fellowship as we prepare for our next programs at the Coffee House of Christ United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 1 and then Germanfest on Saturday, April 29 at 3:15 and Sunday, April 30 at 12 noon.

The GAST Kinderdeutsch Folk Dancers will be presenting a program of song and dance during Germanfest also. They will dance and sing on the indoor stage at 2:00 on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

We are always looking for new members to join us. You don't need a partner but if you have one please bring them along. No experience necessary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

—Carol Wright, 299-2839 or e-mail me at d.c.w@cox.net

## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Apr 23	Gen Mbrship meeting	Jun 4	GAST picnic	Aug 25	Weinkeller
Mar 24 Weinkeller	Apr 28	Germanfest begins	Jun 23	Weinkeller	Sep 1	Stammtisch
Mar 25 Spring concert	May 5	Stammtisch	Jul 2	Sonntagskaffee	Sep 22	Weinkeller
Mar 31 Garage Sale	May 7	Sonntagskaffee	July 7	Stammtisch	Sep 25	Fall Party
April 2 Piano Festival	May 26	Weinkeller	Jul 28	Weinkeller	Oct 8	Germ-American day
Apr 7 Stammtisch	Jun 2	Stammtisch	Aug 4	Stammtisch	Nov 12	Piano recital

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## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



While our President is plying the High Seas, he wants us to remember our upcoming membership meeting on April 23rd, starting at 3 PM. We need a really good turnout because of a large turnover in our leadership. So, please be there to cast your very important vote!

### GAST sponsors Just Plane Fun

Camp Fire USA thanks the German-American Society of Tulsa for its generous sponsorship of the youth's art competition during *Just Plane Fun*. Any youth up to the age of 18 is encouraged to enter an original piece of art illustrating an aircraft theme.

Just Plane Fun donations yield great results. In surveys of kindergarten through fifth graders in Camp Fire clubs in low-income areas, 85 percent responded that they have learned ways to avoid peer pressure to participate in harmful activities. Your support makes these results possible.

Just Plane Fun is set for Saturday, June 10, at Tulsa Technology Center Riverside Campus, 801 E. 91<sup>st</sup> and features teams in a tug-of-war with a Boeing 727 airplane.

Just Plane Fun is open to the public, offers free admission and provides entertainment for the entire family. Opening ceremonies will include a performance of state-of-the-art radio control airplanes piloted by the Godspeed Flight Demonstration Team and a plane pull by area mascots.

Other free attractions include face painting, exhibits from area attractions like the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, judging a youth art contest and more. Reasonably priced attractions include carnival games, a large space shuttle inflatable, and Chick-Fil-A breakfast and lunch menus. For more information, contact 592-2267, [justplanefun@tulsacampfire.org](mailto:justplanefun@tulsacampfire.org) or visit [www.tulsacampfire.org](http://www.tulsacampfire.org).

Camp Fire USA Green Country Council, one of northeastern Oklahoma's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, serves more than 5,000 pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys in a variety of small-group programs. A member agency of the Tulsa Area United Way, **Camp Fire's mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders.**

—Kathy Blank

Now always on the Wednesday after  
the Board meeting

**Echo Deadline is:  
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## ...from the Arts President

"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. If you have not yet seen this I urge you to do so now. I have seen it several times and come away with something new after each visit. This is more than just an interesting display of artifacts. The exhibit gives one an insight into the daily lives and living conditions of previous generations.

The next Arts event is our annual garage sale on March 31 and April 1. This is an important fund raising activity for our programs. We need your salable items. You may drop them at the office during normal hours or bring them to the Center on Wednesday, March 29. March 29 is also the date we must bring items from storage to the Center.

Volunteers with pickup trucks or trailers are needed. There will be several loads so more than one truck would be desirable.

April 2nd brings us the second recital in the 2006 Piano Power series. This program is provided to us by the Amadeus Piano Festival. The featured pianist is Dr. Jeongwon Ham, Assistant Professor of Piano at the Oklahoma University School of Music. She graduated from Folkwang Hochschule für Musik in Essen and



Photo by Arnold

Hochschule der Künste in Berlin, Germany and received prestigious scholarships such as the DAAD (Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst) and Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. Dr. Ham will be preceded by several of her most advanced students.

The Cultural and Educational Committee is working on upcoming events. We hope to present another joint meeting with the American Theater Organ Society in August.

Discussions are underway with the Barthelmes Conservatory and planning is well along for German-American Day and Adventsfeier.

Many thanks to Arnold Bieber, Elam Blank, Doris Gallagher, June Holmes, John Millar, Shirley Schelper, Dave Schoneweis, Charles

Tegeler, Ed Westenhiser and Harold Wicks, who joined me in a successful work party on March 4. We oiled woodwork, cleaned and detailed the piano, organized cabinets, continued work on the ongoing plaster repairs and attended to many other details to keep our Center beautiful.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank everyone who helped make a success of the last Konversationsrunde, held at the Berlin Childhood exhibit at the Southeast campus of TCC. My apologies to anyone who could not find the Exhibit Hall and I will try to give better directions in the future. At the risk of forgetting someone I would like to give a special thanks to **Arnold Bieber, Barbara Taron and Gertrud Schmidt** for their help and for the refreshments. We will have a special treat for our next meeting which will be held at the home of **Harold and Doris Wicks** at 5606 South Trenton (743-0359) at 3 PM on the 9th of April. The program will be provided by **Jorge and Claudia Hieckmann** who will discuss their hometown of Dresden, Germany and will be titled "Dresden, a Treasure in the Eastern Part of Germany". Please plan to attend this presentation of a city and region which has been a major contributor to German culture and history since the days of the Romans.

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).

## Maikönigin (May Queen) Nominations

The GAST Maikönigin Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for the Honorary position of GAST Maikönigin for 2006.

The GAST Maikönigin will be an honored guest at Germanfest, where she will be crowned. She and her escort will receive complimentary admission to all GAST parties during her reign. She will represent GAST and receive recognition at various venues in the Tulsa community during the next year.

Qualifications are as follows:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A paid member of GAST for at least 1 year prior to her coronation.
- Dress in Dirndl or Trachten
- Be able to dance a waltz.
- Be knowledgeable of GAST's history, purpose, goals, activities and structure.
- Be willing to attend GAST functions.

The Maikönigin Selection Committee will interview nominees and review with her the responsibilities and recognitions associated with this honor. The Committee will then submit her name to the Board of Directors for their approval. The 2006 Maikönigin will then be presented to the membership at the General Membership meeting.

If you know of a member whom we should consider for this honor please contact us by April 10, 1006.

Christy Fell, mc.fell@yahoo.com or 747-1919  
 Carol Wright d.c.w@cox.net or 299-2839  
 Brigitte Phelps 756-3407

## Super Garage Sale at the GAST Center

Friday, March 31, 8 AM - 5 PM

Saturday, April 1, 8 AM - 3 PM

## Now Playing at the GAST Theater

*An Erwin Jerchau Presentation*

Monday March 6



Monday April 3, starting at  
6:30 PM

**Musik vom wilden  
Kaiser**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Eine Prizessin zum  
Verlieben**

Starring: Murid Baumeister,  
Rene Stenke, Tomas Fritsch and  
Gudrun Landgrebe.



## Fasching Party Highlights

**Prinz Harold I** and **Prinzessin Doris I** greeted 139 members and guests who gathered to celebrate Fasching. The Prinz and Prinzessin presented medals to the former Prinzessinnen who were present and to **Arnold Bieber, John Toschik & George Starch III.**

Our Costume Contest was judged by guest judges Michael and Rita Howell and Lee Lowder. The judges had many good costumes to choose from. The prizes were awarded as follows.

Best Looking Female, **Helga Roepel** as Queen  
 Best Looking Male, **Gary Bradley** as Zorro  
 Best Looking Couple, **Ben** and **Hughla Som De Cerff** as Dutch Couple  
 Funniest Looking Female, **Jutta Tankersley** as Supersize Heidi  
 Funniest Looking Male, **Kurt Jablonski** as Dracula  
 Funniest Looking Couple, **Jay** and **Merry Porter** as Raggedy Ann and Andy  
 The Judges Discretion Prize was awarded to a group of Caterpillars, Butterflies, and a Tequila Worm.  
 Members in this group were **Jim & Hannelore Giles and Family.**  
 The Costume Contest prizes are donated by members of Elferrat.  
 Our Knee Dance Contest was won by **Ursula Jablonski** and **Grant Nordean.**  
 The two Berliners filled with mustard were discovered by **Charlotte Kerpon** and **Ben Som De Cerff.** They were awarded a pot of wieners and a giant pretzel.

The Polka Kings played a good variety of music for dancing.

The **Elferrat** provided entertainment by portraying **The Whistlers and Sweet Georgia Brown.**

**Maryann Segner** brought several High School students from Bixby.  
 We enjoyed having them participate in Fasching with us.  
 Thank You Members and Guests for celebrating Fasching with us.

Your Hosts: The Elferrat  
 —**Harold Wicks**, Chairman

## In Loving Memory

**Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bieber** made a contribution in Memory of **Dottie Dittus** and **Dona Bartlett, Don and Carol Wright's** daughter.

## Easter Party

The Easter Party will be held at GAST on **Saturday April, 8,**  
**from 2-4 PM**

There will be an Easter-egg Hunt, Games and a picture with the Easter Bunny. Each Child signed-up for this event will receive a special Easter bag gift. Please come and join the Fun.

Call The GAST office by **Wednesday April 5, 2006**  
 to make reservation for you and your Child/Children. **(918) 744-6997**  
 Also please bring your Child's favorite Snack or sweet Goodies to share.

Thank you

—**Angelique McLaurin**

## Stammtischrunde

Join us on Friday evening,  
**April 7, 6:30 PM**



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## Sonntagskaffee



We hope  
to see you there  
on **Sunday, May 7,**  
starting at 3 o'clock.

Silke & Wolfgang

## GAST Saenger News

We hope this issue reaches you in time to invite you to attend our GAST Saenger Concert and Dinner. We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we will, performing it for you. Much work and effort has gone into the production. Weekly practice was well-attended, the accompaniment by Melinda Stratton during rehearsal and the performance was critical due to the style of the music chosen. This allowed Susan Burch to direct and fine tune the choir, blending of voices, starting, endings, control dynamics. Please do tell these Ladies know how much you enjoyed the Concert.

This is a "First" for our Choir— both the music and the format in which it was presented. We so seldom have an opportunity to perform for our membership, that we look forward to do so in this form of a concert.

As you may know, this is a fundraiser for the GAST Saenger to offset expenses for our trip to the annual Saengerfest of the St. Lewis District in Cole Camp Missouri and in anticipation of our trip to Evanston Indiana for the North American Saengerbund Saengerfest in 2007. We hope to present at least one Concert annually depending on the response of you, our members and the general public whose support is needed and appreciated.

We also would like to thank the GAST Board for their continuing support of our activities.

For the Dinner, we are indebted to **Erica Hartman, Elam Black** and their faithful assistants. These folks too, deserve everyone's appreciation for all the work they do so well and so quietly back in our kitchen.

Preparations are now underway on the songs we will take to Cole Camp in June where we hope to represent GAST with pride and honor. Additional voices are always welcome, we practice every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM till 9:00 PM.

—Irmgard Runyon

## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

April 2006

Kristi Fleming (MO)	Elke Johnson (Husum,
Rocky Fleming (OK)	Germany)
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Tulsa, OK 74105  
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## The Blaskapelle

The end of 2005 was a busy time for our Blaskapelle (Brass Band) They performed in Jenks at the Riverwalk, at Oktoberfest and at the Christkindlmarkt. After a brief break, regular practice every Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Great Hall of the GAST Center, is now in full swing.

The improvements made since 2002 when they started with four men who had not played an instrument since High School or College, is astounding. Earl Johnson, their first conductor helped get them back into shape to play for their own enjoyment and in public made them sound pretty good. Meanwhile the Blaskapelle has grown to 24 members and is now directed by Elizabeth Baugess, a graduate of TU with a degree in music. The Blaskapelle is, after only three years, a part of GAST we can all be proud to have represent us anywhere. They sound terrific.

Thomas Bolle, the director of the variety show Kolorit, practiced with them on Monday following Kolorit's performance at the GAST Center, wished he had a group of musicians who had as much fun playing together as our own Blaskapelle. Thomas has offered to assist in getting musical arrangements of music from Germany which is much appreciated by the musicians. Good job Brass, another connections with Germany!

New brass instrumentalists are always welcome to join the Blaskapelle.

For more information call **Max Tankersly** 742-9759.

—submitted by **Irmgard Runyon**

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