



Das Deutsche Echo

August 2006

Jahrgang 27/8



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 6, 2006



Ice Cream Cones, Banana Splits, Ice cream, Toppings, Cookies, Ice Kaffee



Please make your Reservations by August 2
(And please tell us how many will be participating)



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Thanks.

-The Party Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	Nov 3	Stammtisch	May 4	Stammtisch
Jul 28 Weinkeller	Nov 5	Sonntagskaffee	Jun 1	Stammtisch
Aug 4 Stammtisch	Nov 12	Piano recital	Jul 6	Stammtisch
Aug 25 Weinkeller	Dec 1	Christkindlmarkt begins	Aug 3	Stammtisch
Sep 1 Stammtisch	Dec 8	Stammtisch	Sep 7	Stammtisch
Sep 3 Sonntagskaffee	Dec 10	Adventsfeier		
Sep 15 Am. Theater Organ Society	2007			
Sep 22 Weinkeller	Jan 5	Stammtisch		
Oct 1 Sonntagskaffee	Feb 2	Stammtisch		
Oct 6 Stammtisch	Mar 2	Stammtisch		
Oct 8 German-American Day	Apr 6	Stammtisch		

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

We lost another one of our members this month. **Klaus Hinrich (Henry) Haesloop** died July 2, 2006. Henry and his wife Brenda had been members since 1993. Our condolences to Brenda, his daughter Beverly and his son Michael.

Although, GAST activities are slow in the summer as usual, Weinkellerabend and Sonntagskaffee are still meeting, but on August 6, we have an Ice Cream Social scheduled instead of our August Sonntagskaffee. It will be held from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. The only charge is your donation, but you do need to make reservations by calling the office (744-6998) on or before August 2. The Social Committee is making plans for a Fall party on September 23, 2006.

The major topic at our July Board meeting was the Oktoberfest Committee Report. There will be a few changes in the menu particularly at the Ess Zelt food booth. A plan is in place and work is under way to get ready for Oktoberfest which begins October 18, 2006. On September 17, 2006 there will be a Sign up Party at the GAST Center from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. I hope many of you will join us at this party to sign up for your preferred time and workstation. This Sign Up Party greatly reduces the number of phone calls required to complete our work schedules. As most of you know GAST is a sponsor and a major food vendor of Oktoberfest. This event gives each member a chance to participate in a major function of our organization. As a sponsor, we are promoting the German folk heritage. As a food vendor, we are providing our organization with approximately 50% of our operating revenue. We **need everyone** to help in some way.

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

**Echo Deadline is:
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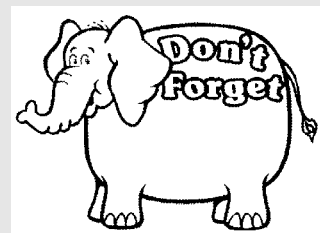
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I am still looking for members to serve on committees. If you are willing to share your time and talent on a committee, please let me know.

—Charles Tegeler



**Weinkeller
July 28 at 5 PM**

...from the Arts President

August is a slow month for Arts as many of our members enjoy vacation away from Tulsa. We look forward to their return and to hearing of their trips around the USA and abroad. Despite this, planning for the fall season and 2007 continues unabated and preparations are well in hand.

Adult Language classes, Kinderdeutsch, Konversationsrunde, Movie Night and regular Library hours all resume in September. Please remember the Library is also available during office hours or by contacting me. We will try to accommodate your schedule.

The musical season opens on Friday, September 15th at 7 P.M. with a musical variety program presented by the American Theater Organ Society. These programs are always a lot of fun. Expect a wide range of music and all the popcorn you can eat!

Our speaker for German-American Day will be Professor Emeritus Dr. Doug Hale of OSU. The musical portion of the program will be performed by Mr. Chuck Cissel and his trio. Mr. Cissel is CEO of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Make sure to be there for this one!

The Association will participate in the biennial Kid's World program in November. We are seeking volunteers to help setup and staff our booth. Please contact **Arnold Bieber** or me if you wish to participate. November 12th brings a piano recital by

Swiss pianist Hanny Schmidt Wyss. This event is presented in cooperation with the Swiss Club of Tulsa and the Amadeus Piano Festival. We will send a delegation to Fort Reno on November 19th for the annual observance of Volkstrauertag. This remembrance of German prisoners of war who died while in Oklahoma is sponsored by the German American Heritage Association of Oklahoma City. I have personally attended this and found it quite a moving experience. We want to arrange a car pool and dinner afterwards if there is enough interest. Details will be forthcoming.

Our annual Adventsfeier is set for December 10th. The celebrant will be Pastor Ingo Schroeder from Tulsa's sister city of Celle.

Three events are in the planning stage for early 2007. These are tentative but we hope to present the Covenant Brass Quintet, Barthelmes Trio and a program of Schubert Lieder. The order and dates of these performances are under discussion.

Arts Association events are free and open to the public. Enjoy them and remember to bring a friend.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

This popular program will reconvene in September.
Watch the ECHO for time and date.

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspice of the GAST Arts Association. It serves to promote the German language and other cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or to host one of our meetings please contact **Barbara Conrad** (chair) at 492-3273 or **Gertrud Schmidt** (co-chair) at 495-3727.

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GAST Folkdancers to host and Open House

GAST Members Young or Mature, Couples or Singles you are all welcome. Children are welcome to join us if parent or grandparent is also participating.

We invite you to come to GAST Weinkeller between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM on August 18, 2006 to see what Folk Dancing is all about and see the fun we have. It is really not as difficult as it may appear and it is also good exercise. We will share some refreshments and video of our dances and the dances we will have learned at a summer workshop. Please join us.

The GAST Board approved supporting the Folk dancer's attendance at a German/Swiss Folkdance Lehrgang (workshop) in Dodgeville, Wisconsin this summer. Six members will be attending the weekend of August 4. We will learn some Swiss dances and exchanged dances with other members of the North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups. More on the Lehrgang next month.

We already have several requests to dance at various venues this fall and are looking forward to a busy and exciting season.

If you have any questions please contact me.

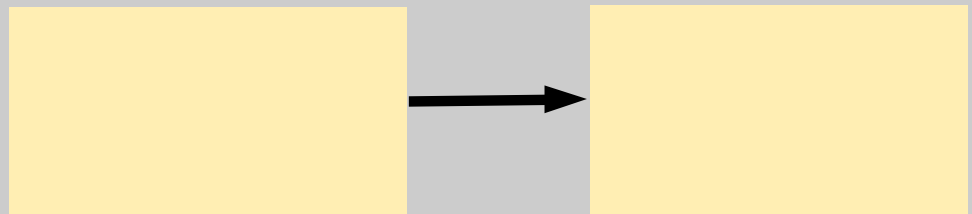
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NOTE!

**Next Movie Show
September 4/06**



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LANGUAGE CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 12

Our fall classes are scheduled to begin on September 12. We meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 PM for ten weeks.

Tuition is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members. Enrollment starts at 6:30 PM on September 12.

To secure your place in the course, you can pre-enroll by mail. Just send a note and a check to our office. See you there.

—**Marianne Strong**

...from the Building Corporation President

Our GAST kitchen has now been licensed by the Tulsa City-County Health Department. We will have periodic inspections but will no longer need to apply for special event permits. Volunteers are needed to get their food handlers card. It requires a class and test which take approximately one hour. You may sign up by calling the **Health Department at 582-9355**.

Harold Wicks is the chairman of the Grounds Committee this year. He needs lots of help to plant and prune around our building. You may volunteer to be on his committee or just help with the work by calling **Harold at 743-0359**.

The Operating Committee has talked with an interior decorating consultant. The committee would like both restrooms and the hallway downstairs to flow with the interior of the Weinkeller.

The consultant will submit a proposal to the committee at no cost to GAST. Additional suggestions from our membership would be appreciated. Please call me **625-7629** or send me your ideas or suggestions to **amishkitchen@mail.com**.

—**Elam Blank**

Attention Fellow Volunteers...

OKTOBERFEST 2006! – is rapidly approaching. The official dates are October 18 – 22, 2006. That is not very far off!

NOW is the time to start planning on volunteering to help us at our two food tent sites at the festival. This is a major fundraiser for GAST and we need everyone's help. If we all pitch in, it makes smaller work for each of us. The steering committee has met and things are in motion. We are making a few menu changes in the Ess Zelt to make it more family friendly.

VOLUNTEER NOW! We will have sign-up sheets available at all upcoming GAST events. Get your name on soon to get the shift you want. We are re-working the schedule to offer a variety of work shifts, shorter hours or longer ones. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact **Erica Hartman** at 272-7903 or me at 258-5201.

We will have our **2nd Annual Oktoberfest Sign-Up Party!** It is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. We will provide a **free** light supper to all who have volunteered or sign up that night—no work, no eat! The work schedules will be there: find your time and area and sign up. It will be a good time to share some good food and fellowship with fellow GAST member/volunteers. It will be a come-and-go type affair.

Please remember, this is a major fundraiser for GAST. It helps provide the funds to offer all the other events and activities we provide. We need each of you to volunteer with us to make this a successful event. I hope I see all of you coming out to pitch in with me and the rest of the steering committee. We'll work, but we will also have a lot of fun. Please feel free to call me at 258-5201 with any question you may have.

—**Leon Boggs**,
GAST Oktoberfest Committee Chair.

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The GAST Blaskapelle

Our Blaskapelle (brass band) will take a short summer break after closing their season with two performances in June. Weekly practice sessions will be suspended till sometime in August; however, small groups will continue to practice together just to keep their lips in shape. As you probably know, blowing horns is hard on lips and they have to be kept in shape.

On June 10th, the Blaskapelle performed for the Camp Fire U.S.A., a fundraiser, at the Tulsa Technology Center. June 24th found them at the Air National Guard Post, playing for the "Silver Beavers" a group of retired Air National Guard members at their annual picnic and fundraiser.

At both functions the audience enjoyed a selection of waltzes, polkas and German folk-music. Their newest piece "A Salute to the Armed Forces" brought the audience to their feet. Offers and requests to play at other events for this fall and next year were extended. The enjoyment these musicians have being together and playing their instruments is obvious and the audiences enthusiastic respond rewarding.

—**Irmgard Runyon**



In loving memory of

Henry Haesloop

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Stammtischrunde

Join us on Friday evening,
August 4, 6:30 PM



Zum Wohl,
—Dann Björklund,
Chair

We welcome these members to the GAST Family

New June Members

Monika Neil (Leipzig)
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Tom Sanderson (Nebraska)
Leslie Sanderson (New York)
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The GAST Blaskapelle at the Riverside Airport during the “Just Plane Fun” program



Frankfurt am Main is the largest city in the German state of Hesse and the fifth-largest city in Germany. Situated on the Main (pronounced: Mine) river, it is the seat of the European Central Bank, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and is the largest financial center in continental Europe. Frankfurt is also the richest city in the European Union.

The city's metropolitan area, the **Frankfurt Rhine/Main Area**, has a population of five million and is Germany's second largest.

Among English speakers the city is commonly known simply as “Frankfurt”, though Germans sometimes call it by its full name to distinguish it from the other Frankfurt in the German state of Brandenburg, known as **Frankfurt (Oder)**. It was once called **Frankfurt-on-the-Main** in English, a direct translation of Frankfurt am Main.

Frankfurt was one of the host cities for the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany.



Outline: Germany.
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