



Western Party

“German Pioneers in the New World”

Saturday, September 23, 2006

Menu: Barbeque with all the fixin’s ‘n some tasty dessert.

The Western Band “The Backburners” will play for your enjoyment.

Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Bell rings at 6:30 p.m.

Hoedown followin’ dinner

Dinner & Dancin’: \$15.00

Hoedown only: \$7.50

Babysittin’ will be available in the Weinkeller for members’ children up to 10 years of age: \$5.00 per child.

Please make your reservations by callin’ the Message Center at 744-6997 by Wednesday, September 20th.

Dress as your great-great-grandpa/grandma would have when arriving in the New World;
or dress in your favorite western/pioneer/Native American attire.

YA’LL COME!

– Susanna Phelps

- The GAST Party Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Oct 8	German-Am. Day	Dec 17	Konversationsrunde	Apr 8	Konversationsrunde
Aug 25 Weinkeller	Oct 18	Oktoberfest begins	2007		May 4	Germanfest begins
Sep 1 Stammtisch	Oct 28	GAST O’fest Party	Jan 5	Stammtisch	May 4	Stammtisch
Sep 3 Sonntagskaffee	Nov 3	Stammtisch	Jan 13	Anniversary Party	May 6	Konversationsrunde
Sep 10 Konversationsrunde	Nov 5	Sonntagskaffee	Jan 14	Konversationsrunde	Jun 1	Stammtisch
Sep 15 Am. Theat Organ Soc	Nov 12	Piano recital	Feb 2	Stammtisch	Jul 6	Stammtisch
Sep 17 O’fest signup party	Nov 12	Konversationsrunde	Feb 11	Konversationsrunde	Aug 3	Stammtisch
Sep 22 Weinkeller	Dec 1	Christkindlmarkt	Feb 17	Fasching Party	Sep 7	Stammtisch
Sep 23 GAST Western Party	Dec 8	Stammtisch	Mar 2	Stammtisch		
Oct 1 Sonntagskaffee	Dec 9	GAST Christmas Pty	Mar 11	Konversationsrunde		
Oct 6 Stammtisch	Dec 10	Adventsfeier	Apr 6	Stammtisch		

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our activities are starting to pick up. We started the month of August with our Ice Cream Social on August 6th attended by about ninety members and guests. Since our party committee had not been fully organized, I ask **Erica Hartman** to take charge. Erica recruited a wonderful group to assist her including **Neil Hartman, Arnold** and **Gwen Bieber, Shirley Schelper, June Holmes, George Starch** and **Elam Blank**. For entertainment, Erica arranged for a clown who kept the children entertained making objects with balloons and for the adults, the Acoustic Freight Train a three piece band consisting of Neil Hartman, Jr., Sean Moore and Jim Summerlin who donated their time and talent. Thanks to Erica and her committee for a very successful Ice Cream Social.

Remember the Stammtisch on September 1, Sonntagskaffee on September 3 and Movie Night on September 4. The Oktoberfest sign up party is on September 17th. Oktoberfest is an important event for GAST and **we need all of our able members to participate**. Come and sign up for your preferred shift and work station and enjoy a little food and drink.

I am looking forward to our Fall dinner party on September 23. The theme is "German Pioneers in the New World". We might expect a western band and Bar-B-Q. The party committee is working hard and I think you will enjoy this party. Please make your reservations by Wednesday September 20.

At the August Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to make a donation of \$25,000 to the German American Arts Association Endowment Trust. The donated money is income from prior years and is not funds from the current years budget. I think this is a good investment. The Endowment Trust has income earned over the past two years that is being disbursed for different projects in the building. The Endowment Trust must disburse approximately 80% of its earned income each year depending on the value of the trust fund. The Endowment fund should be able to provide us funds in the future when we may not have the revenue sources we have today.

—Charles Tegeler

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

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, September 20, by 6 PM**

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Deutsches Fest

The second annual DeutschesFest will be held on Sept. 22 from 6 to 12 pm and on Saturday the 23rd from 11am to 11pm at Washington Irving Park on Memorial at Bixby.

This year's fest is slated to be much bigger with Siegi's Sausage Factory and Ludger's Catering dishing up the food and beverage, the GAST performers and many other guest performers. DeutschesFest

T-shirts will be sold by the High School Bixby German Club as well as German candy and chocolates. There is a minimal charge to enter the park. We are hoping to have over a thousand in attendance this year.

—Marianne Segner

...from the Arts President

September brings the return of a full schedule of activities. Movie Night, Konversationsrunde and regular library hours resume this month. Please see the individual listings elsewhere in this issue for details.

Kinderdeutsch classes begin on Saturday, September 9th at 10 AM in the Weinkeller. Several of our teachers are traveling but we will have a full program for the first class and are looking forward to enrolling the students. We have purchased some new course materials for use this semester.

Adult language classes start on Tuesday, September 12. Registration is at 6:30 PM followed by classes at 7 PM. Classes are taught at multiple levels and students are placed according to their proficiency and completion of previous courses with the Society. Tuition is \$55 for members and \$65 for the public. Textbooks, if needed for the particular class, will be available for sale at registration. Students may pre register by sending a check and note to our office.

Our first musical event of the fall season is a variety show by the American Theater Organ Society. Their performances have always been well received

and feature multiple performers and a broad range of tunes. I'm sure you will enjoy the evening. Plan to join us at 7 PM on Friday the 15th.

We are seeking volunteers to help setup and staff our booth at the Kid's World program in November. The event runs from the 9th through the 12th and is heavily attended by schoolchildren from the entire Tulsa area. We also need someone to step forward and chair our participation for the 2006 program. The chairperson will organize our volunteers but is not expected to be present all four days. Please call Arnold Bieber (357-9156) or the Message Center (744-6998) if you are interested in helping with this project.

Remember that all Arts Association musical events are free and open to the public. They are best enjoyed when you bring a friend.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Konversationsrunde. We hope that everyone has had a good summer and interesting vacation. We are now ready to begin our normal schedule for the next year. The first meeting will be at the home of **Barbara and Stan Conrad** (492-3273) who live at 7837 South 70th East Avenue at 3 PM on the 10th of September. At our first fall meeting we traditionally talk about and share our summer experiences, vacations and interesting things that we saw and did since our last meeting. Please feel free to bring any pictures or other articles that you may wish to share with others. A special thanks for all of the participants for the last series of Konversationsrunde. Let us try to make this coming year even better.

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).

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From the Building President

Year-end report from The German-American Society of Tulsa Building Corporation.

The following information was reported during the April 10th membership meeting.

Gratitude was expressed for the hard work of all the building committees. The extra effort by the Wednesday work crew, the Friday morning set-up group, and the leasing committee was also recognized. The building had 44 leased events during 2005. There are 34 scheduled so far for 2006.

The O'Brian house was purchased by James Gates, a State Farm agent. He has completed remodeling both the inside and outside of the property. A good working relationship has been established.

The projects finished since the last meeting include:

- installation of kitchen equipment
- painting the Great Hall and stairwells
- repairs to storm damaged roof
- removal of perimeter fence and vegetation
- trees trimmed
- external electrical box hook-up for outdoor events
- replaced heat exchanger in kitchen
- new heating unit in duplex

Current projects include remodeling the ladies bathroom, repairing parts of the sprinkler system, and digging a trench to relieve a water problem on the east side of the building.

This building belongs to all the members of this Society. Anyone who is interested in serving on a committee is encouraged to call me at **625-7629**.

—Elam Blank



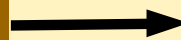
**Now Playing
 at the GAST Theater**

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday, September 4

Starting at 6:30 PM

Heimatland Melodien



Starting at 7:30 PM

Ein Mann mit Herz

Starring:

Christian Maria Goebel,
 Cladio Caiola

Kinderdeutsch

Starts Saturday, September 9th, 10 AM

Please enroll your children and grandchildren, ages 4 - 12, in this wonderful program. They will learn German folk dances, songs, words and phrases in an hour and a half of fun and games, followed by refreshments.

The cost for the 8-week program is still only \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members. A \$5 discount will be given to additional children in a family.

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**

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.

Folk Dancers add a Touch of Switzerland

The GAST Folk Dancers will be adding a bit of Switzerland to our dance programs this fall. Actually, you will probably not notice much difference in the dances but there are subtle differences in the style of some of their dances. Seven members of the Folk Dance group attended a weekend workshop last month in Dodgeville, Wisconsin that was taught by Johannes and Nina Schmid-Kunz of the Swiss Trachtenvereinigung. There were 60+ persons from 16 different states attending the workshop. A nice variety of dances were presented, several of which I plan to incorporate into our repertoire. Everyone who attended benefited from the program. We thank GAST for their support for our attendance.

We have 6 confirmed bookings already for the season. First on our agenda will be the second annual Bixby Deutcheftest on September 22 and 23. We expect to be dancing both days but the times have not been confirmed. Mark your calendar to support this growing festival that benefits Marianne Segner's Bixby High School German Club. They are a big supporter of GAST and our Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt.

Our practice sessions will be on Friday evenings at the GAST Center from 7 pm till 9 pm. Except for the Friday evenings we are presenting programs at other locations. New members are always welcome. Please contact me to confirm practice schedule.

—Carol Wright
299-2839 or d.c.w@cox.net

As you can see, we've lost a lot of support!
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Dear "Sonntagskaffee" Friends,

The next "Sonntagskaffee" is planned for Sunday, September 3, 2006, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It will be the "Labor Day" weekend and we may have a full house, if the "Sonntagskaffee" on the 4th of July weekend was an indication. We will arrange again all eight tables in the "Weinkeller" and hope that we will need them all.



We always have a great time. Everybody seems to like it and we receive generous compliments. Thank you. We also thank you for the cakes you prepare and we may have to call on some of you again. See you Sunday afternoon on the 3rd of September.

—Helen, Gail, Sam, Silke and Wolfgang



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.
Phone 357-9156

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Join us on Friday evening,
September 1, 6:30 PM



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—Dann Björklund,
Chair

In loving memory of

Henry Haesloop

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*We welcome these new members
to the GAST Family*

September 2006

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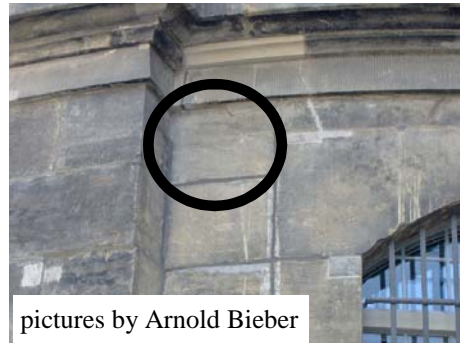


Courtesy Wikipedia

60 years after it was destroyed during a fire bombing in WWII, the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) has been rebuilt in time for the 800-year anniversary of the City of Dresden this year. German-American Society Arts Association organized a fundraiser in 1999 and contributed more than \$2000 to the reconstruction. We received a certificate and a drawing of "our" stone.

The picture on the left shows off its beauty after having risen from the ashes.

The pictures on the right show portions of the facade and the location of the stone donated by GAST members.



pictures by Arnold Bieber

The ruins of the Frauenkirche as they remained until 1994.

Courtesy : Wikipedia

