



Das Deutsche Echo

Oktober 2006

Jahrgang 27/10

GAST Oktoberfest Party

Saturday October 28, 2006

Menu:

Schnitzel w/Hunter Sauce,
Oven-fried potatoes,
red cabbage,
salad, bread
& dessert



Music by: Karl Waldbauer's "Lawton Polka Kings"

Social Hour starts at 6 PM

Dinner starts at 6:30 MP

Dinner & Dancing \$15 for non-workers

Dinner & Dancing \$5 for workers

Babysitting will be available in the Weinkeller for members' children at \$5:00 per child.

**Please make your reservations by calling the Message Center
at 744-6997 by Wednesday, October 25th**

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	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
Oct 8 German-Am. Day	Dec 17 Konversationsrunde	Apr 8 Konversationsrunde
Oct 18 Oktoberfest begins	2007	May 4 Germanfest begins
Oct 28 GAST O'fest Party	Jan 5 Stammtisch	May 4 Stammtisch
Nov 3 Stammtisch	Jan 13 Anniversary Party	May 6 Konversationsrunde
Nov 5 Sonntagskaffee	Jan 14 Konversationsrunde	Jun 1 Stammtisch
Nov 12 Piano recital	Feb 2 Stammtisch	Jul 6 Stammtisch
Nov 12 Konversationsrunde	Feb 11 Konversationsrunde	Aug 3 Stammtisch
Dec 1 Christkindlmarkt	Feb 17 Fasching Party	Sep 7 Stammtisch

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

It is getting to be the fun season. By the time you get this issue of the ECHO, you should have already had a great time at the Western Party. Now the real fun begins. Oktoberfest 2006 officially begins October 18, 2006 and ends October 22. But, we started getting ready several months ago. We had a sign up party on the 15th but there are still many positions that need to be filled. If you have not already done so, please call **Erica Hartman** at 272-7903 and sign up to work a shift during the event. We start setup of our food booths on Monday October 16 and Tuesday the 17th. Those of you that are able-bodied and qualified to use basic tools (e.g. hammer, pliers, staple gun), should call **Ed Westenhiser** at 835-1119 and volunteer your time and skills. If you are unavailable on those dates, we tear down on Monday, October 23rd. A little less skill is need at that time. We need every able-bodied member to do their part with this major event.

On October 28 we have our own Oktoberfest Party. As usual, the Great Hall will be decorated by the Dancers and, for a second year, the food will be prepared by our own Oktoberfest Committee. The music will be provided by Karl Waldbauer and his Polka Kings. For those who worked a shift at one of our Oktoberfest food booths, the price is discounted. This is always a great party and will be enjoyed by all.

Speaking of our dinner-dance parties in general, we have tried to keep the price at a very reasonable rate. It includes the food and entertainment with coffee and water available. The Bar is another matter. For various reasons, the Bar is operated on a donation basis. The glass boot or jar at the Bar is not for tips but for donations to keep the Bar supplied with refreshments. The Bartenders will not quote a price if asked but a rule of thumb would be approximately one-half of what you would expect to pay for the same thing at a restaurant.

Due to all the Oktoberfest activities, there will not be a Weinkellerabend on October 27th. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Oktoberfest and our own Oktoberfest party.

– Charles Tegeler

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

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, October 18, by 6 PM**

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...from the Arts President

We have a good enrollment for the Fall session of Kinderdeutsch classes. The new course materials are helping and the children are showing enthusiasm for the lessons. Our teachers are **Claudia Hieckmann, Hildegard Schaffrin and Carol Wright**.

Fifty six students enrolled on the first night of Adult Language Classes and several more have joined since. The beginner level course is so large that it had to be split into two sections. Teachers this semester are **Doris Gallagher, Angelique Giddings, Grete McNac, Frieda O'Dell and Marianna Strong**.

The American Theater Organ Society presented a delightful musical variety program on September 15. We heard show tunes, vocals, Scott Joplin, movie themes and more. Attendance was over 125. Many thanks to the members of ATOS for this program. Special thanks go to Mr. Phil Judkins for preparing the pipe organ and to ATOS President Bill Rowland for serving as master of ceremonies. The reception was arranged by our own **Susan Bey, Arnold and Gwen Bieber and Lois Voeller**.

German-American Day will be celebrated at 3 PM on Sunday, October 8 in the Great Hall. This year's speaker will be OSU History Professor emeritus and author of "Wanderers Between Two Worlds", Dr. Douglas Hale. His subject will be the adventures of seven young men who were involved in the movement for unification of the German people in the early 19th century. When it was crushed by the authorities, they escaped to the

United States and settled in what was then the American West. Here they established careers of political, scientific and cultural distinction. Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's Chuck Cissel will provide the musical portion of the program.

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. **Lois Voeller** has volunteered to chair our participation for the 2006 program. Please call Lois (355-2318), **Arnold Bieber** (357-9156) or the Message Center (744-6998) if you are interested in helping with this project.

Our November 12 program is a piano recital by Swiss pianist Hanny Schmidt-Wyss. This is presented in cooperation with the Swiss Club and the Amadeus Piano Festival.

Pastor Ingo Schroeder from our sister city in Germany, Celle, will officiate and the GAST Choir will sing your favorite German Christmas carols at our annual Adventsfeier on December 10. Donations are welcome and will be forwarded to Meals on Wheels.

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

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Because of the celebration of German-American Day we will change our meeting day to the 15. of October. We will meet at 3 o'clock in the home of **Helga and Claus Greiner**: 509 E. Winston Circle, Broken Arrow, tel. 455 3096. They will share with us the video they made from their trip to the Amazonas. "The Amazonas as we saw it" promised to be a very interesting topic and we hope, that many of you will join us. Please note the change of date and come join us.

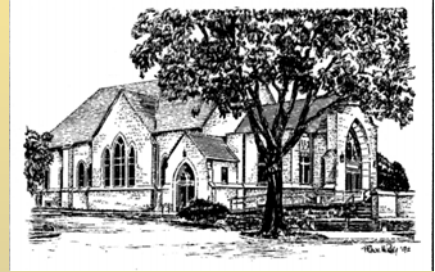
The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German American Arts Association. It serves to promote the German language and other cultural interests of the members. For suggestions, information or hosting one of our meetings, please call **Barbara Conrad** at 492-3273(chair) or **Gertrud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

—Barbara Conrad

September 2006

...from the Building Corporation President

- **Operating Committee** chairman, **John Millar**, reports that work is proceeding on the ladies restroom. The goal is to tie all the rooms downstairs together while updating the facilities.
- The roofers are repairing the flat roof on the GAST Center.
- A new refrigerator has been purchased for the kitchen.
- 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**.



Arnold Bieber has volunteered to help **Harold Wicks** on the Grounds Committee. We need some more volunteers to help prune the bushes and maintain our landscape. Harold also wants to plant some ground cover and evergreens in the front garden area. *You may volunteer to be on his committee or just help with the work by calling **Harold at 743-0359**.*

Lois Voeller reports that the **leasing committee** has 36 confirmed and several pending leases for 2006. There are four on the calendar for 2007 already.

Volunteers are needed to host leased events at the building. *If you are interested or have questions, please call **Becky in the office** on MWF from 9:00 to 3:00 at **744-6997**.*

Additional suggestions from our membership would be appreciated. Please call **me at 625-7629** or write your ideas or suggestions to **amishkitchen@mail.com**.
Thanks.

—Elam Blank



Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday, October 2

Starting at 6:30 PM

**Musik
vom Wilden Kaiser**



Starting at 7:30 PM

Am Ende siegt die Liebe
Starring: Marianne
Saengerbrecht.
Rolf Hoppe and Denise Zich

...from the Membership Committee

This committee was formed last month with the responsibility to assist the Society to increase its membership base; to welcome and introduce new members to the many facets of our organization and how to best enjoy the full benefits of membership. As such, we are reviewing all of our marketing material and procedures. We invite you to make suggestions and to share any digital pictures you may have of our many events.

John Gallagher, Committee Chair
Teresa Gallagher, Judy Anderson, Donna Boggs
Susan Everett-Tronnier

Busy Season for GAST Folk Dancers

The GAST Folk Dancers have a full program for this fall season. We started the season taking part in the Bixby High School Deutschesfest on September 22 and 23 by presenting 3 programs. The next weekend, Sept 30 we will be traveling to Independence, Kansas to participate in an Oktoberfest sponsored by the Zion Lutheran School of Independence. If anyone is interested in getting a warm up for the Tulsa Oktoberfest take a short drive to Independence, Kansas, Saturday, Sept 30 and support the GAST folk dancers. It will be at the Riverside Park Oval. The hours are 4 to 11 pm and we will be dancing at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. You can look at their web site for more details www.indygermanfest.com.

The open house we had at the beginning of the season was not successful in getting any new dancers so I will renew my plea for new dancers. We practice on Friday nights from 7 till 9 PM in the Weinkeller except the Friday nights in October when we will be presenting programs at area retirement homes. We will be at the Franciscan Villa, Broken Arrow on Friday, Oct 6 and at Francis Streidel Assisted Living Center, Collinsville on Friday, October 13.

Of course we will dance in the opening ceremonies of the Tulsa Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 19 and then again in the Esszelt on Sunday, October 22 at 3 pm. Would love to see you there.

The GAST Kinderdeutsch Folk Dancers will be dancing at in the Esszelt at Tulsa Oktoberfest, Friday, October 20 from 12 till 12:30 pm.

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

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

October 2006

Joe and Kristin Mayo
11937 S. 270th St.
Coweta, OK 74429
279-6384

Keith and Delaine Bartsch
8411 E. 100th St.
Tulsa, OK 74133
806-2930

Britt Penn and Edina Reineke Penn
30243 E. Admiral Pl.
Catoosa, OK 74015
266-7132

Stan and Barbara Conrad
would like to thank the membership of GAST for
their friendship and acceptance of our son,

Thomas.

It means a great deal to all of us. Thank you.



We cordially invite you to join the

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and participate in cultural, economic, educational, professional and sport exchanges, plus frequent local events.

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The Blaskapelle

Practice is back in full swing after a short summer break. Some of the German arrangements for Blaskapelle music we have acquired this summer include flute and clarinet. After some research we discovered that traditionally these instruments are part of a Blaskapelle, after all you do blow into these instrument too. We are in need of these instruments and invite anyone playing flute or clarinet, or any other brass instrument, to join us, just come to regularly scheduled practice sessions any Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the GAST Center.

The Blaskapelle has been invited to play at Oktoberfest again this year. We will be performing on Saturday the 21st. at 2:00 pm in one of the tents. On Saturday, September the 23rd we will be participating in the afternoon for the Bixby High School German Club's 2nd. annual Germanfest These students, with the support of **Marianne Segner** and some parents, are organizing this event as a fund raiser for their German Language Class. You are invited to come out, hear us, support and encourage these students and our German culture through music and language.

Once again, if you play a brass instrument, flute or clarinet, feel free to join us, Mondays at 7:00 pm at the GAST Center.

—Irmgard Runyon



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

E-mail aobieber@aol.com

Gwenn Bieber

Stammtischrunde

Join us on Friday evening,
October 6, 6:30 PM



Zum Wohl,
—Dann Björklund,
Chair

GAST Saenger News

The GAST Sanger are now back to regularly scheduled practice sessions every Thursday from 7 pm till 9 pm in the Weinkeller. We have some new songs to learn and familiar standbys to fine-tune for our fall season. Christmas, too, is just around the corner. We are adding three new carols to our repertoire and are refreshing old favorites. We have already received several invitations to sing at Churches and Retirement Homes and we hope to sing for the Tulsa Oktoberfest opening again this year. Preparations are also underway for our trip to Evansville, Indiana in April. The **BOOK** of Songs to be learned before we go is very exiting and taking some of our practice time. Our annual fund-raiser for the trip is planned for March 24th. We plan to perform some of the music from the **BOOK** for our members at that time.

We are enjoying our practice sessions, the new material and preparations for the Fall, Christmas Season, the Fund-raiser and the Evansville trip. Anyone wishing to join us is more than welcome; remember, we meet on Thursdays from 7 pm till 9 pm at the GAST Center in the Weinkeller.

—Irmgard Runyon

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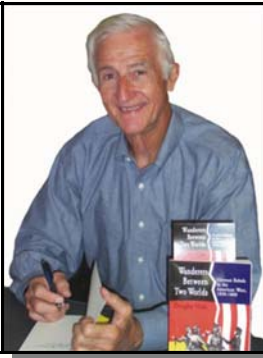
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Annual German-American Day Celebration,

Sunday, October 8, at the GAST Center,
commencing at 3 PM

Our keynote speaker, Professor Emeritus, Dr. Douglas Hale, author of "Wanderers Between Two Worlds", will present a true story about seven young men who led lives of adventure and accomplishment almost two hundred years ago on both sides of the Atlantic. Persecuted for their involvement in an abortive revolution in 1833 to establish a free and united German commonwealth they fled to the American frontier in Illinois, Missouri and Texas where they met diverse challenges and eventually carved out distinguished careers of political, scientific and cultural

distinction. Dr. Hale is a GAST member and lives in Stillwater with his wife Lou Moore Hale, a sculptor. The musical part of the celebration will be a performance by Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame CEO Chuck Cissel.

We are looking forward to an enlightening and entertaining afternoon. The event is free and open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Donation to defray costs are appreciated.

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