



GAST Christmas Party

Please join us for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 9, 2006.

Cocktail Hour commences at 6 o'clock and dinner will be called at 6:30 PM

Menu

Hungarian Gulasch with Spätzle
Green Beans, Almandine
Rye Bread and Butter
Schwarzwaldler Kirschtorte (Black Forest Cake)
Catered by: Ludger's Cakes & Catering

Cost

Dinner and Dancing \$15.00; Dance only \$7.50

Music

By SONNY GRAY and his quintet

Please make your reservations by December 6th – call the office at 744-6997
Babysitting will be provided at \$5.00 per child

GAST Happenings

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| Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM | Feb 11 | Konversationsrunde | Aug 3 | Stammtisch |
| Dec 1 Christkindlmarkt | Feb 17 | Fasching Party | Sep 7 | Stammtisch |
| Dec 8 Stammtisch | Mar 2 | Stammtisch | | |
| Dec 9 GAST Christmas Party | Mar 11 | Konversationsrunde | | |
| Dec 10 Adventsfeier | Apr 6 | Stammtisch | | |
| Dec 17 Konversationsrunde | Apr 8 | Konversationsrunde | | |
| 2007 | May 4 | Germanfest begins | | |
| Jan 5 Stammtisch | May 4 | Stammtisch | | |
| Jan 13 Anniversary Party | May 6 | Konversationsrunde | | |
| Jan 14 Konversationsrunde | Jun 1 | Stammtisch | | |
| Feb 2 Stammtisch | Jul 6 | Stammtisch | | |

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

I want to thank all the volunteers for a successful Oktoberfest. The bottom line number is not in yet, but the income received is slightly above our income for each of the last two years. For some unknown reason there was a substantial decrease in Oktoberfest sales beginning with the year 2002 but the last three years have been consistent. Fortunately, we have Christkindlmarkt and Germanfest revenue to make up the difference. Although we had fewer volunteers this year, they all pulled together and made it successful. **Leon Boggs**, our Oktoberfest chairman worked himself into the hospital for two weeks but he did manage to get out in time for our November Board of Directors meeting.

Christkindlmarkt is here. If you get your copy of the Echo by E-Mail, we are in the middle of setup. If you get it by U.S. Mail, you may have missed it. Again, we need volunteers to make this work. It is our second largest source of revenue. If you are not able to volunteer, come and buy something.

On the Monday following our successful Oktoberfest Party, we had our first Student party, which was also an Oktoberfest party. Thanks to **Katie Sloan**, our chairperson of student activities and to those helping Katie which include **Don and Carol Wright, Mary Schmitz, Christy Collins, Ron Baucom, Helen Cohea and Kathy Blank**. The food was again prepared by our Oktoberfest Committee, **Erica Hartman, Elam Blank, Dave Schoneweis and Ed Westenhiser**. There was a good attendance for a school night and most of them joined as student members.

Do not forget the St. Nikolaus party for the children on December 9th. Also our GAST Christmas party is that evening. Great food and music is planned and it will be a great party. Please make your reservations by calling the GAST office on or before December 1st.

—Charles Tegeler

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

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, December 13 by 6 PM**

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...from the Arts President

Dr. Hanny Schmid Wyss gave us a delightful program of music from three centuries on November 8. The program opened with Beethoven's Piano Sonata opus 2 number 2 and concluded with Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" in the original score for piano. The audience of over 135 gave her a standing ovation at the conclusion of the recital. All were impressed with the expressiveness and clarity of her playing. We thank the Oklahoma Arts Council, Mr. André Siegenthaler of the Swiss Club of Oklahoma and Ms. Dana Maher of the Amadeus Piano Festival for their sponsorship of this performance. We also thank **Darlene Tegeler, Gwen Bieber, Arnold Bieber, Charles Tegeler and Renee Imark** for their work in setup and providing the reception.

Tulsa Global Alliance's biennial Kid's World ended on November 12. Our participation in this four day long educational program was chaired by **Lois Voeller**. Sixty-six Society members and students, many of whom worked multiple shifts, manned our booth during the event. Thanks are due to all who helped make this a success.

The Volkstrauertag memorial ceremony at Fort Reno is set for November 19 and will be over by the time you receive your printed copy of the Echo.

Those who receive the electronic copy still have time to get in on a possible carpool. Please call me at home (481-0614) if you are interested.

Pastor Ingo Schroeder from our sister city in Germany, Celle, will officiate and the GAST Saenger 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.

We now have a firm date for the performance by the Barthelmes Trio. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25 at 3 PM. The musical selections are not finalized but we believe the program will include works by Granados and Dvorak. Other musical events are being planned.

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

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

A hearty welcome to all for the oncoming holiday season. The next meeting will be held at the home of **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** who live at 5133 E.86th PL., Tulsa. We will meet at 3PM on 17th of December. This is the meeting where we gather and celebrate the Christmas season with traditional music and stories of our past experiences of Christmas here and in Germany. Music will be provided by **Inge Wagdalt and Jutta Tankersley**. This is the time of the year when we tend to forget our diets and worrying about calories. So if you have some extra sweets/cookies, etc. that you wish to share, please feel free to bring them and spread the guilt around as well. Please feel free to bring any pictures, music or other articles that you may wish to share with others. Let us try to make this meeting a meaningful experience for all.

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).

—Barbara Conrad

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 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
- ◆ installed 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
president

A King is Crowned



The 2006 GAST King Gambrinus was announced and crowned during the Oktoberfest festivities. The scene was the Bavarian Festival Hall of GAST on October 28, 2006. The Founders and Court of the Loyal Order of Gambrinus were introduced as well as the formerly crowned Kings. This year's honorary title went to **Jim Randall**.

Congratulations Jim.



Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday, December 4

Starting at 6:30 PM

**Weihnachten
mit Marianne und Michael**



Starting at 7:30 PM

Ausgerechnet Weihnachten
Starring: Dagmar Schwarz, Peter
Lerchbauer,
Ursula Saack,
and Florian Avid Fitz

GAST Folk Dancers Close out the Year

The Fall Season for the GAST Folk Dancers has come to a close as we participated in the GAST Youth Oktoberfest on October 30 and then removed the decorations that had transformed the GAST Great Hall into a Bavarian Festival Hall for the GAST Oktoberfest parties.

This season was full starting with a Folkdance workshop in Wisconsin in August. During the next 3 months we presented programs and entertained at Sapulpa Elementary School, Independence, Kansas Oktoberfest, Bixby Deutschesfest, Franciscan Villa Retirement Home, Francis Streidel Assisted Living Center, Collinsville, Tulsa Oktoberfest, GAST Oktoberfest, GAST Youth Oktoberfest and Camp Fire Club's Many Cultures event.

We have picked up a few new dancers but we can always use more. We will be taking a break from practice sessions for a couple of months but watch the ECHO for the date we will resume. If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail me.

The Kinderdeutsch Folk Dancers presented programs at three venues this year. We had 12 children participating at the Tulsa Oktoberfest, GAST Oktoberfest and Kid's World. I enjoy working with the children. They have so much fun.

—Carol Wright 299-2839 d.c.w@cox.net

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

December 2006

Diana Dipboye
1835 N. Knoxville
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115
834-0511

Donald and Teresa Leavitt
6611 South New Haven
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136
488-9303

Mary Mushrush
5933 West 43rd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107
446-4859

John and Patricia Meadows
6540 East 24th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74129
836-1810

Meet our new Fasching Prinz and Prinzessin for 2007

Prinz Paul I and Prinzessin Ginny I



The Elferrat have chosen **Paul and Ginny Greek** to be our Prinz and Prinzessin for Fasching 2007. Paul and Ginny have been very involved in GAST activities for many years. Ginny has served on the Board as Secretary. Paul and Ginny have hosted Weinkeller and worked at Oktoberfest.

Paul's German roots come from his grandfather who immigrated to the U.S. from Alsace Lorraine, which belonged to Germany at that time, but now belongs to France. This explains the choice of their Fasching medal which represents a window of the cathedral in Strasbourg, Alsace. Paul was raised in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Paul served in the U.S. Air Force and later joined American Airlines. He was transferred to Tulsa in 1974 and now works for EDS.

Ginny hails from Lake Crystal, Minnesota and arrived in Tulsa in 1981. At present, Ginny works for Treasury Services Group at Bank of Okla. They have been active in the Jenks community, their church, and other service organizations. Their blended family consists of four sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren.

Prinz Paul I and Prinzessin Ginny I invite you to attend the Fasching Party on February 17, 2007



We cordially invite you to join the

Tulsa - Celle

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

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Children's Christmas Party

All children between the ages of 1 – 12 years old are invited to come to the Christmas party on **Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Please let us know that you are coming by calling the GAST reservation phone line by Monday, December 4. Come join in the fun activities and have your picture made with Santa!

—**Janet Jamison,**
May Queen

Notice to all St. Nikolaus Helpers!

The Chocolate filled Advent Calendars have arrived.



Anyone wishing to purchase Advent Calendars prior to Christkindlmarkt, may do so by stopping in at the GAST office any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 am and 3 pm. Becky will be happy to sell them to you

The cost is \$2.50 each including tax. It will be helpful if you bring correct change, if you intend to pay with cash. Checks will also be accepted.

If this schedule does not meet your needs please contact me directly by phone 299-2839 or by e-mail at d.c.w@cox.net and we can make other arrangements.



Don't forget to stop by the GAST Merchandise and Bäckerei booths during Christkindlmarkt on December 1, 2 & 3 to shop from an expanded line of merchandise directly from Germany.

—**Carol Wright**



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 book_worm34@hotmail.com

—**Gwen Bieber**

Beer Tasting



After the first two wine-tasting parties, many members asked to also have a beer-tasting. So, here it is!

We'll gather in our "Beer(wine) Cellar" on Friday, December 8, commencing at 7 PM. Multiple versions of suds will be presented for your study and appreciation.

Each selection will be accompanied by a delicious finger-food—selected and prepared by our Pubmeister, **George Starch, III**. Cost per person is: \$25.

Please be sure to make your reservation no later than Wednesday, December 6, by calling the office at 744-6997. These reservations are necessary, since bottled products are used and a positive count is required.

We hope you will be able to join us for this tasty and fun-filled event.

Zum Wohl!

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New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2007 from 9 p.m. till....



We'll have Music, Laughter, Dancing, Games.
Something for everyone to enjoy.

ADMISSION? Just bring a favorite snack to share.

Pubmeister, George Starch will serve a complimentary glass of CHAMPAGNE at midnight.
Other drinks are available as always.

Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year