



German-American Society of Tulsa

cordially invites you to our annual
Anniversary Party

on Saturday, January 13th, 2007

Cocktail Hour commences at 6.00 p.m.

Dinner is served at 6.30 p.m.

Dinner and Dancing \$15.00--Dance only: \$7.50.
(These prices do not include drinks from the bar)

Caterer and menu are unknown at this time.

The Don Ryan Trio will provide the music

Please make your reservations no later than Wednesday, January 10th
by calling the office at 744-6997

Babysitting will be available at \$5.00 per child

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Mar 2 Stammtisch	Aug 3 Stammtisch
Jan 5 Stammtisch	Mar 11 Konversationsrunde	Sep 7 Stammtisch
Jan 13 Anniversary Party	Mar 30 Garage Sale Starts	
Jan 14 Konversationsrunde	Apr 6 Stammtisch	
Jan 27 Kinderdeutsch	Apr 8 Konversationsrunde	
Feb 2 Stammtisch	May 4 Germanfest begins	
Feb 11 Konversationsrunde	May 4 Stammtisch	
Feb 13 German Classes begin	May 20 Konversationsrunde	
Feb 17 Fasching Party	Jun 1 Stammtisch	
Feb 25 Barthelmes Trio	Jul 6 Stammtisch	

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



With all of our planning and preparing for Christkindlmarkt, eight inches of snow changed those plans. As was about every other event in town, we could not open on Friday. However, thanks to **Elam Blank**, the parking lot and main sidewalk were cleared in time to open on Saturday. Considering all the snow and ice still on the streets, we had a good day on Saturday. We made a decision to extend it to Monday and the vendors agreed to stay. There were not many customers on that day but several did indicate their appreciation for opening on Monday. Although we did not have the business we have experienced the last two years, I believe it was a successful event.

Several of our members put in many hours on this event not only during the open hours but also in the planning, and preparing before the event and cleanup after the event. Thanks to everyone that participated and a special thanks to those that were there every hour of every day; **Erica Hartman** running the kitchen, **Lois and Al Voeller** as the treasurer, **John Millar** keeping the cash registers operating. **Don and Carol Wright** and Carols mother manning the GAST booths, **John Toschik** making announcements and operating the sound system and **Arnold Bieber** with **Harry Runyon** and **Ed Westenhiser** doing the set up and tear down were all there doing different tasks during the event. **Ruth Bly** was there every day selling quilt raffle tickets helped by **Gwen Bieber**. **Doris Gallagher** did a great job on publicity and **Irmgard Toschik** worked closely with the vendors. **Jutta Tankersley** and her children's helpers had a delightful display and exciting puppet show. Kudos also to **Joy Walker** for beautifully decorating the foyer and downstairs. Moreover, there were many others who helped in many different ways to make it successful.

The St. Nikolaus party was well attended on December 9 by more than forty children and many of the parents and grandparents. Thanks to **Janet Jamison** for this party and her able assistants **Hildegard Schaffrin**, **Carol Wright** and **Arnold and Gwen Bieber**. That evening we had a wonderful Christmas Party. Thanks to the choir members that decorated the Great Hall and the Party Committee for putting it together. The decorations, the food and the band were all great and the party was well attended. We will have our Anniversary Party on January 13 celebrating our 27th anniversary. I hope you plan on attending.

Now always on the Wednesday after
the Board meeting

Echo Deadline is:
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Over all, we have had a good year and our membership is up to 499. We are in the process of implementing plans to get more members involved in our activities and working on various committees. You should notice the same names keep appearing when recognizing those doing the work. I know others are willing to help when asked but we have trouble identifying them. When someone needs a job done they call the same people because they know they are reliable and they know they can do the job. I know there are many willing and able members and we would like to have more members participating the activities of GAST.

I am looking forward to the New Year.

—Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

There were two Arts Association programs since the last newsletter. A delegation of members visited Fort Reno for the sixth annual Volkstrauertag ceremony on November 19. There were over 50 persons in attendance. The program included music along with presentations by Dr. Douglas Hale and Honorary Consul Charles Wiggins. Memorial wreaths were laid by the Governor's Honor Guard. GAST members **Max Tankersley** and **Dave Marshall** performed Taps at the grave site. Many thanks to **Barbara Conrad** for organizing this event.

Adventsfeier was celebrated on December 10 by Pastor Ingo Schroeder from our Sister City of Celle. The service was attended by over 100 persons and included music performed by the GAST Saenger.



I thank the Arts Cultural and Educational Committee for their efforts throughout 2006 and look forward to working with them in 2007. The committee members are **Susan Bey**, **Arnold Bieber**, **Barbara Conrad**, **Fred Rother**,

Doris Wicks and Lois Voeller.

The Arts calendar for early 2007 opens with the spring session of Kinderdeutsch on January 27. Adult classes begin February 13. Our first musical event will be a performance by the Barthelmes Trio on February 25. Other events are being planned.

The annual Garage Sale is set for March 30 and 31. This is an important source of income for our programs and we need your donations of items.

Don and Carol Wright have once again made storage space available so you may donate now. Small items may be left at the office. Please call me or **Arnold Bieber** to arrange for storage of larger items.

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

Best wishes,

—**John Millar**

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We would like to thank **Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt** for opening their house for our annual Christmas get-together. Their home was beautifully decorated and we all shared an old fashioned Christmas spirit.

Our next meeting will be on the 14th of January at 3:00 pm at **Max and Jutta Tankersley's**. 1312 E. 26th St. (742-9759). **Barbara Taron** will tell us about her trip to Burma and the difficulties that you now encounter flying - just in time for the upcoming traveling season.

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
7837 S. 70th E. Ave
Tulsa, Ok 74133*

Book Review

by Arnold Bieber



James Kemmerer shows his book to Pastor Ingo Schroeder from Celle, Germany

A strong desire to preserve a valuable family treasure persuaded James Kemmerer, a Pennsylvania native and current resident of Claremore, Oklahoma, to write a book that captures and explains the magnificent content of an old German bible, printed in the early 18th century, brought to the new world by ancestor Christian Kämmerer in 1751 and lovingly handed down from generation to generation.

His 611-page book “The Luther-Bible of Christian Kämmerer, the Dilherr Edition” contains the German text and English translations of subtitles of 144 woodcut pictures and full-page reproductions of beautiful copper-engraved illustrations. The book includes Luther’s 50 prefaces to his translation of the books of the Bible into German, as well as Johann Michael Dilherr’s Preface and biographies of Martin Luther and 11 Saxon barons.

Kemmerer’s extensive research resulted in a unique “Guide to German Bibles”. He managed to preserve and present the hand-written family history, cultural and historical content of a family bible as a helpful research tool for others to use.

James D. Kemmerer may be reached at 918-343-8276

Fasching Party

February 17, 2007

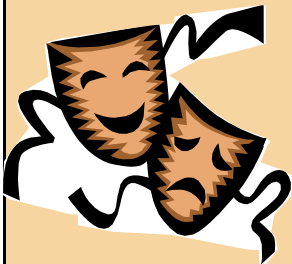
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Monday, January 8

Starting at 6:30 PM

Ab in den Urlaub

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Starting at 7:30 PM

Ausgerechnet Weihnachten

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

Dear GAST Members

The weather really did not co-operate for our Annual Christkindlmarkt—all that work to get ready. You may not know that work starts on Sunday before the opening, decorating, marking our the vendors booths, hauling in tables, getting electricity to everyone, putting up the Weihnachtsbaum (Christmas tree) in front, etc. etc..... The list of work is long and often hard. Many people put in long hours before and during the opening of the event. In order not to offend anyone I will not mention individuals, you know who you are and I appreciate your efforts.

However, I would like to mention one couple who work throughout the year to bring German authenticity to the Christkindlmarkt all on behalf of and for GAST. **Don and Carol Wright**. It came as a big surprise to me that some people are still under the impression Don and Carol's are vendors at this event. That is not so, please know that this booth is GAST's and is our most profitable venture. This is a year-round ongoing effort. Keeping up with inventory, ordering, checking on mailing dates, putting everything out on display then packing it up again to be used for GermanFest, all this is done on behalf of GAST.

It has been my privilege to assist in both setting up and taking down of ornaments. It has become part of my Christmas tradition to see what new and exiting things the Wrights have ordered for this year. I always find something I think I need. I encourage everyone to participate with setup and teardown, it goes pretty fast and is enjoyable.

I appreciate Don and Carol for their dedication to GAST not only at the Christkindlmarkt but throughout the year and at all event. This is my personal thank you to this remarkable couple.

Herzlichsten Dank, Carol and Don.

—Irmgard Runyon

Christkindlmarkt and Germanfest. We are encouraging the kitchen volunteers to get their food handlers card. It requires to attend a class and test which take approximately one hour. You may sign up by calling the **Health Department at 582-9355**.

Harold Wicks and Arnold Bieber have been busy planting pansies, juniper spreaders, and tulip bulbs in the front flower gardens.

Ed Westenhiser is completing a service manual for the operation of the building.

You may volunteer to be on grounds committee or just help with the work by calling **Harold at 743-0359**.

We still need new volunteers 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 me your ideas or suggestions to **amishkitchen@mail.com**.

—Elam Blank

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

January 2007

Renewed

Jessica and Joe
Cunningham
3424 East 84th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137
918-492-0992

Kenneth and Leitner Greiner
4350 Will Rogers Parkway,
Ste 350
Oklahoma City, Ok 73108
405-721-3141

New Members

Kraston Colby
and Amanda Doutey
5258 Lewis Ave. Apt. 2116
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105
918-637-4336

Martha and Richard Reasor
10404 S. Hudson Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137
918-298-7792

Melissa Tatum
and Christopher Merle
1914 East 52nd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105918-
748-5814

From the Building Corporation President...

December 2006

It is time to winterize our building. First, the low-temperature boiler has been reconditioned. This is the system that provides the heat for the lower level of the building. We also met with the representative of the chemical company who explained to us how to chemically condition the water to keep the boiler in good repair.

The board approved the purchase of a convection oven and proofer. This will allow the kitchen committee to prepare and bake the apple strudel for



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Lydia Traeger and her mother, Kathryn Curtis, have long been active GAST members. Lydia's scroll-saw art work was popular at GAST's Christkindlmarkt for years. Lydia is dedicating her new shop to all persons, who are serving, or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Active/reserve military personnel and all U.S. Vets get discounts at Lydia's shop.

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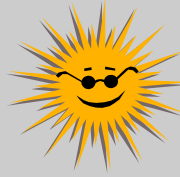
Call Pat Gallagher at 918 406-9246

Youth Activities

This year **Katie Sloan**, teacher at Bishop Kelley High School, will be the sponsor of the youth group. This is the first year for Katie and she is anxious to have a good year. Our GAST Youth group started this year with the annual post Oktoberfest party. Approximately 30 youth and 15 adults attended the dinner.

The GAST kitchen committee prepared a buffet table full of German food, and several of our dancers provided the entertainment. Everyone joined in the fun and learned several new dance steps.

Student memberships were also available.



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.

E-mail book_worm34@hotmail.com
Phone 357-9156
—Gwen Bieber

The GAST Blaskapelle

Once again the Blaskapelle was asked to perform at Oktoberfest 2006. Strong winds moving through in advance of a front caused the tent poles to dancing with the beat of the music and authorities to clear the tent. Once back inside, it took no time to fill the tent up again with a most appreciative audience. If you have not heard them lately, you are missing a real treat.

The Silver Beavers, retired Airmen, heard the Blaskapelle this spring, asked them to play again for

their Christmas party at the GAST Center. A mix of music including some Christmas songs were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

After a short break the Blaskapelle will take up regular Monday night practice in January. Got to keep those lips in shape. If you play a horn or other wind instrument and would like to hone your skills after years of neglect, you are very welcome to participate in both practice and performances. For more information contact **Max Tankersley** 742-9759.

—Irmgard Runyon

GAST Saenger News

The GAST Saenger are taking a few weeks of well-deserved rest after a busy December.

Performances at Franciscan Village, The Church of the Resurrection and Shady Brook Retirement Center, made practice enjoyable.

The Christmas Season, always a favorite with the public, took us to Lutheran Trinity in Broken Arrow and Lutheran Trinity in Okmulgee, all on the same day. Emanuel Lutheran Church asked us to be with them for their Epiphany celebration in January.

It was a great pleasure to sing for our own membership at

the Weihnachtsfeier and for the Advents Service.

Rehearsals will start again no later than the first Thursday in February to prepare for the scheduled Concert at the GAST Center on March 23rd. and the trip to Evanston Ill. As always, everyone with a desire to sing is invited to join us at any time, any Thursday at 7:00 pm to learn and enjoy singing also learn some German since all our songs are in German.

For an exact date for resumption of practice, call any choir member or me at 367-6454.

—Irmgard Runyon



STAMMTISCHRUNDE

Friday, January 5, 2007

Come and join us, starting at 6:30 PM

—Dann Bjorklund, Chair

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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.

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