



German Fest



May 4, 5, from 10 am to 9 pm
May 6, from noon 5 pm

The annual **Germanfest** hosted by the German-American Society of Tulsa will be held on the lawn and in the Great Hall of the GAST Center building in Tulsa. Authentic German entertainment by the **GAST Choir, Folk Dancers, Kinder Folk Dancers, and Blaskapelle** together with outstanding Polka bands, food, drink and activities for the children make **Germanfest** a premier family event. The crowning of the German-American Society of Tulsa's Maikönigin (May Queen) is a centerpiece activity which occurs during the event.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Jun 1	Stammtisch
	Jul 1	Sonntagskaffee
Apr 22 Gen Mbrship meeting	Jul 6	Stammtisch
Apr 27 Weinkeller	Aug 3	Stammtisch
May 4 Germanfest begins	Aug 5	Sonntagskaffee
May 20 Konversationsrunde	Sep 2	Sonntagskaffee
May 25 Weinkeller	Sep 7	Stammtisch

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



By the time you get this issue of the ECHO, the General Membership meeting will be history. However, due to the cancellation of the Anniversary party it was decided that the Directors Award and the Presidents Award will be presented at the general Membership meeting. This year's recipient of the Directors Award is **Leon Boggs**. He has been a member of GAST for more than 10 years. He has previously served as director of the choir for several years and has served as a host for our leased events for several years. He has been chairman of our Oktoberfest food booth and on the Germanfest Committee. He is currently serving as Treasurer of all three of our corporations.

The Presidents Award is selected by the presidents of our three corporations. This year's recipient is **Doris Gallagher**. She has been a member of GAST since 1989. Over the years she has served on the Board of Directors and as Social Chairperson, is currently on the social committee and she is one of our language teachers. But her main contribution is chairperson of the Publicity Committee. She is involved with the publicity of all our events from concerts to language classes but specifically for Germanfest and Christkindl Markt when publicity is critical and she has done a great job.

Germanfest should be ahead of us when you get this. **Dave Schoneweis** and his committee have been working hard to make it a success. I hope all of you participate either as a volunteer or just enjoying the food and entertainment.

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, May 16 by 6 PM**
scheduled for the Wednesday after
the Board meeting.
The Board meets every second Wednesday
of the month at GAST Center at 7 PM

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Our Treasurer **Steve Parrott** and the Finance Committee have completed the transfer of our banking to Arvest Bank. With this change, we should get much better service, less fees and much better interest.

In March, the Board decided to participate in the annual Food for Families food drive sponsored by the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. A box was available at the General Membership Meeting for donations of non-perishable food items and a box will be available at the next Weinkeller Abend. At the last Board meeting we voted to become an affiliate member of The Tulsa Global Alliance. We also voted to help sponsor a TU piano student for a six weeks of music composition study in Berlin this summer.

On a personal note, I will end some rumors by explaining that I have recently returned from Mayo Clinic in Minnesota where they have all but concluded that I have ALS.

— Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

The Spring session of Adult language classes ended April 17th. This was a very successful session with near record attendance. Many thanks go to our teachers **Marianne Strong, Becky Adrian, Doris Gallagher, Grete McNac, Frieda Odell and Angelique McLaurin**. I omitted **Alexander McLaurin** from the names of Kinderdeutsch teachers in last month's column. Both Kinderdeutsch and adult classes will resume in the fall.

The annual garage sale was held March 30 and 31. Our net profit exceeded \$1,900. That's a little less than the previous two years but much better than any of the sales before then. This event required a lot of effort by many volunteers. Please pardon me in advance if I omit anyone's name. **Barbara Conrad** organized the sale. **Don and Carol Wright** once again provided storage space so that we could collect items well in advance. **Don, Paul and Derek Steeley** were our piano movers. Special thanks go to Accent Realtors for lending us their community service truck to

transport items from storage to the Center. Schlepping, pricing, cashier, sales and cleanup were accomplished by **Elam Blank, Arnold Bieber, Al Voeller, Ed Westenhiser, Hal Wicks, Irmgard Toschik, Helga Greiner, Helga Roepel, Ursula Andress, Gwen Bieber, Gertrud Schmidt, Susan Bey, Doris Wicks, Ruth Bly, Erica and Neil Hartman, Joe Monroe, Stan Conrad, Ruth Obermark and Lois Voeller**.

There are presently no musical events on the calendar until the September 21 program by the American Theater Organ Society. That may well change so watch the Echo and your e-mail for announcements. Movie night will go on summer break after the May 7 showing.

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

We wish to thank **Barbara Kühnert** for her very interesting presentation on life in the old DDR. It was very thought-provoking and touched all of us regardless of our backgrounds. The next meeting will be at **3 PM on May 20th** at the home of **Barbara and Gerald Taron** who live at 6562 South 218 East Avenue in Broken Arrow (telephone # 355-2370).

Please note that this is a time change to avoid Mother's Day. The theme will be spring and festival music and hopefully we will have the services of a guitarist to assist us. Please feel free bring any music-related articles or other artifacts with you and let us begin the Spring season right.

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

Tribute to Josef Hardt on his 80th Birthday

Today's a very special day,
For a very special man,
A very handsome, German-born,
And loyal American.

So much of life this man has seen
So many friends has he
In all of these United States
and far-off Germany

His best friend is his daughter,
who loves him beyond measure,
And it is very clear to see,
She is his dearest treasure.

The list of his accomplishments,
is too long to review,
And since he rarely speaks of them,
I'll mention just a few.

Remember "The Sound of Music,"
I've heard some people went twice,
As Von Trapp our Josef was perfect,
and how he could sing "Edelweiss".

For theatre soooo fantastic,
with moments that were less scho-
lastic,
"Meine Freunde, said Peter's head,
Floating through nightmares in
your bed.

So whether acting on the stage,
or creating great TV
His many gifts he's freely shared,
so very graciously.

To German-Americans in this town,
He's a true celebrity.
It's all because of him they have
their own Society.

This man just has to be the best,
He gave us our Oktoberfest,
Without which we'd have no chance
To do our funny chicken dance.

He's been on earth for eighty years
Seen lots of joy, not many tears,
His hair turned silver, matching now
The twinkle in his eye,
His voice still rich, his charm the
same
A very special guy.

He probably says "thank you"
a hundred times each day,
And shows appreciation true
In every sort of way.

Patient and kind, a loving man
Now, what more can one say
Well, put this way, to be exact,
He's one of a kind and
One Class Act.

To know him is to love him
and all of us agree,
To know him, clearly one can see,
He's everything a man should be.

He means so much to each of us,
And in so many ways,
So, all will come from near and far,
And gather here to celebrate,
His very, very special date.

And now it's time for me to say,
And in my own poetic way,
I hope you have a wonderful,
And joyful eightieth Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO

JOSEF PETER HARDT

And now I'm adding wishes for
Many, many, many more!

From PATTY BUHL,
April 14, 2007

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

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Monday, May 7



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Starting at 7:30 PM

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Gerhard Riedmann (Hans Bruckberger)
Josef Egger (Grossvater Gassl)
Annie Rosar (Stefanie Brickberger)
Joe Stoeckel (Karl Bruckberger)

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



More "Sweet Taters" are needed to help with Children's Activities at Germanfest May 4-6. Be a "Partici-Tater."

Contact **John or Teresa Gallagher**: 663-9573; e-mail jngtmsg@aol.com

Thanks

—Teresa Gallagher

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Renew Member

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 5371 E. 26th Street
 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114
 918-833-0823



Books upon Books

Spring is here and it is the perfect time to read a book in your garden, in the park or on the road. You can borrow a wide variety of books from the GAST library simply by filling out a check out card. Please be sure to return the book to the return-bin when you are done with it. Re-shelving books yourself only makes more work for me. By following these simple steps everyone can enjoy GAST's bountiful library.

—Hildegard Schaffrin

...from the Building president

Spring shows off our beautiful building from every angle. From the gorgeous pansies to the brightly color tulips, our grounds show the work and care given by our grounds committee. If you would like to be involved with keeping our grounds in top condition, call **Harold Wicks**, chairman of the grounds committee at **743-0359**.

Leasing chairwoman, **Lois Voeller** reports that we already have 32 leases for 2007 and 2 for 2008. We are looking for new **volunteers** to join the leasing committee. You will have some training and partner experience before you host leased events in the building. *If you are interested or have questions, please call me or Becky in the office on WF from 9:00 to 3:00 at 744-6997.*

John Millar, operating committee chairman, organized a work day in March. The wood paneling received a coat of
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Giant GAST Garage Sale

As you have probably heard by now, the garage sale was a resounding success and raised funds that will be used for a number of Arts Association activities. Many people participated in this endeavor and so at the risk of forgetting to mention someone by name, I wish to collectively thank everyone who helped, donated or otherwise participated in the 2007 garage sale. Thank you.

— Barbara Conrad

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oil and several outside projects were completed.

Germanfest: Erica Hartman is still signing up volunteers to help set up the kitchen for Germanfest. Volunteers are encouraged to have their food handler's card but it is NOT a requirement. Call Erica at 272-7903 or Dave Schoneweis at 298-6952 to join the work and fun of Germanfest.

If you notice anything around the building that needs to be addressed, please call me at 625-7629 or write me a message at amishkitchen@mail.com.

—Elam Blank

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GAST member and master butcher, **Siegi Sumaruk**, was born in Austria and came to the States in 1965. Twenty years later, he moved to Tulsa where he opened the family-owned and operated "Factory".

We invite you to visit Siegi's Sausage Factory and Deli at 8988 S. Sheridan in the Chimney Pointe Center to experience the scents, sights and taste of real sausage.



The GAST Blaskapelle,
playing in Jenks at Riverwalk