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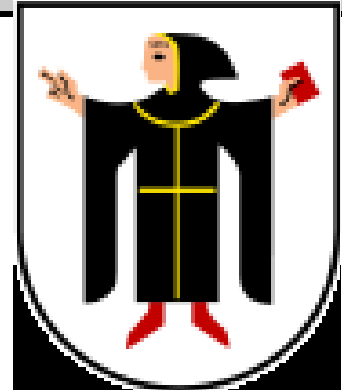
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Frauenkirche and city hall steeple
Church of our Ladies (twin steeples)

München (Munich)



Coat of Arms

Munich is Germany's third largest city and one of Europe's most prosperous. The city has a population of about 1.3 million (as of 2006) and the Munich Metropolitan Area is home to around 2.6 million people. The Greater Munich Area (including Augsburg, Ingolstadt, Rosenheim, Landshut and Landsberg) is home to over 5 million people. Munich is located on the River Isar north of the Bavarian Alps.

The city's motto was "*Die Weltstadt mit Herz*" (The global city with a heart) for a long time but has recently been replaced by "*München mag dich*" (Munich loves you). Its native name, *München*, literally means "Monks", and therefore, the figure on Munich's coat-of-arms is a monk, and is referred to as the Münchner Kindl, the *child of Munich*. Black and gold - the colors of the Holy Roman Empire - have been the city's official colors since the time of Louis IV, Holy Roman Emperor.

The *Weißwürste* ('white sausages'), traditionally eaten only before 12 p.m., often served with sweet mustard and freshly baked pretzels are a Munich specialty,



Source: Wikipedia

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Sep 7	Stammtisch
	Sep 14	Weinkellerabend
	Sep 21	Musical Variety Pgm.
Aug 3	Oct 7	German-American day
Aug 5	Nov 18	Volkstrauertag
Aug 24	Nov 23	Weinkellerabend
Sep 2	Dec 9	Adventsfeier

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



The lazy, hazy days of summer are here, but it won't be long until the fall activities are upon us. Already we have an Ice Cream social planned for August 5th and a Western Party is coming up in September.

Vital organizations are those where **all** contribute and participate in the organization. GAST presents many opportunities for members to share their time and talent. The social committee would like more members; the singers, dancers, and Blaskapelle are always looking for participants; the yard committee could use a few more busy hands; Kinderdeutsch needs support in passing our German traditions on to the next generation; the youth group would like more adults to initiate our young people into the German-American cultural experience. These are only a few ways to be a part of a vital organization – Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, and Germanfest depend on our volunteers to share our cultural heritage with the community. Find your place – let us know how you can and will help. Don't wait to be asked – **ruf heute an** (call today.)

Oktoberfest is a major event for our organization, not only as a fund raiser, but as a way of sharing our heritage. Our organization was founded as a result of the first Oktoberfest held in Tulsa. However, the Oktoberfest, Inc., organization names us as a founding sponsor because of

our members that were a part of the very first Oktoberfest and have continued to serve in many vital capacities. As a part of our sponsorship, we host the poster unveiling party each year to display the new Oktoberfest poster.

Our Oktoberfest food booths have provided a major source of funds to purchase and renovate our beautiful building and continue to provide funding for many of our activities. As Oktoberfest has grown and food vendors have been added our bottom line has decreased slightly over the past five years, it is still have great time together and have fun while fulfilling our mission to **“promote and preserve the German language, culture traditions and customs through education, social activities, and events...”**

– Charles Tegeler

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, August 15 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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...from the Arts President

The Cultural and Educational Committee is at work planning events for the fall and coming year. We welcome your ideas for new events. We also appreciate your sharing contact information on performers and speakers. Let the Committee know if there is a program you would like to see whether that be a brand new one or something similar to a previous event. Ask yourself what was your favorite in the past, what would be most attractive to you in the future and then tell us the answers. Don't keep them a secret.

The Speakers Bureau continues to receive requests for their services. Anyone interested in helping or joining the Speakers Bureau should call Arnold Bieber or the GAST Office.

There has been no response over the last few months to my question about whether we have sufficient demand to increase the number of class sessions for Kinderdeutsch. The classes will begin on Saturday, September 8 with the usual eight sessions. Tuition is \$15 for children of members, \$20 non-members. A \$5 discount is given to each additional child in a family.

Adult Language Classes begin on Tuesday, September 11. The tuition is \$65 for members and \$75 non-members. This is a \$10 increase over last semester. This increase is necessary to cover the

cost of security for the evening classes. We have been absorbing this cost but will no longer do so.

The American Theater Organ Society will be presenting a musical variety program for us on September 21. This program will be a selection of light pop music with several different instruments and free refreshments.

German-American Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7. The Covenant Brass will perform the musical program. This ensemble was recommended by our membership. We are still working on a speaker for the ceremony.

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

Best wishes,

John Millar

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

This popular program will resume in September

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).

...from the Building Corporation President

John Millar, operating committee chairman, reports that our most pressing concern is getting handicap accessibility to the Weinkeller. We are currently investigating implications including the fire code, insurance, ADA regulations, effects on rentals and events. We are actively soliciting input from members into this project. Please **contact John Millar** at jsmillar@juno.com or call him at 481-0614.

Please note that our monthly Weinkeller has been changed from the fourth Friday in **September** to the second one due to an outside rental.

The Oktoberfest signup party will be combined with the Weinkeller dinner on Friday, September 14th. Signup sheets will be available from 5:30—8:00. Free food and drinks will also be available for all who have signed up for at least one full shift. Others who do not signup will be expected to make a per person donation for dinner.

For more information or questions about the building, contact me at 625-7629

—Elam Blank

Did you know.....

If Brooklyn, New York became independent of New York City, it would be the third largest city in the United States, after the remainder of New York and Los Angeles

An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers' first flight

. Hippopotamuses do eighty percent of their vocalizations under water

Ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the deaths of their cats

The province of Alberta in Canada has been completely free of rats since 1905

Illinois has the most personalized license plates of any state

Cost in America of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The Dalmatian is the only dog that gets gout

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

In order for a deck of cards to be mixed up enough to play with properly, it should be shuffled at least seven times.

It takes forty minutes to hard-boil an ostrich egg.



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
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 —Gwen Bieber

*We welcome these new members
to the GAST Family*

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 918-272-7903

Memorial Fund

Donations have been received from
 GAST
 and an anonymous donor

In loving memory of
James Thomason

Helau Helau Helau

The Elferrat met in June at the home of **John and Irmgard Toschik** to continue plans for the upcoming crowning of the new Prinzenpaar on November 11th. Suggestions from members on how to make changes in keeping with tradition after the evaluation meeting were discussed and measures taken to make appropriate changes. The Elferrat skit for Fasching was considered but not yet decided.

Weiberfastnacht

Almost 200 years ago the Moehne (dialect for women) of Beuel on the Rhein took over the foolishness of Fastnacht, another word for Fasching. For generations the Beule washer women did mountains of laundry for the elegant more prosperous folk from across the river, towns like Bad Godesberg, to Koeln. The return of the laundry was done by the men who loved the chore especially during Fasching when they could forget about the daily grind and even their own wife to enjoy the merriment of the season.

In 1824 the wives rebelled while the men were delivering the clean laundry. they left their waschboards and boiling wash kettles and began their own Fasching celebrations. This emancipation of the women could not be quelled by the men, try as they may, and so a new tradition was born.

To this day, Beuel a town of about 100,000 residents, is known as "Alte Damenkommittee von 1823" (old Women committee of 1824), now with an additional 14 committees, non of the committees allow men to participate, the women oust the City council on Rose Thursday and take over City Hall. The 'Faschingzug (Fasching parade) is well known. it has been celebrated every year for about 185 years.

In other regions this has been adopted and celebrated usually on Saturday, when the ladies dress up in costumes, enjoy being together eating cake, drinking coffee and some spirits.

Blaskapelle

The Blaskapelle is practicing every Monday evening at the GAST Center from 7 pm till 9 pm. It is not meant to be a structured rehearsal during the summer months but everyone wants to keep their lips in shape. Use it or lose, it fits in this instant. These musicians love to play, not much will keep them from their Monday evening play time. As always, new members are more than welcome at any time.

—Irmgard Runyon



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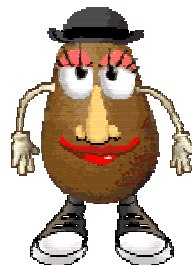


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**Sweet Tater says:
Sign up for
Oktoberfest!**

Kudos to our Leasing Event Babysitters

We recently held an appreciation dinner to thank the approximately 40 GAST members who support the Leasing operation in the GAST Center. Since this time last year we have hosted 45 leased events. An average of 8 hours for each event, most of which were attended by two couples or four people, amounted to 1440 hours. If it were necessary to pay a minimum amount for this service, costs of hosting events would have been about \$14,400. These figures do not include the set-up crew which is available for every event, sometimes several during a weekend and some of whom have pulled this duty for the entire lifetime of our leasing operation. The Leasing Committee appreciates the efforts of these Good Will Ambassadors for the German-American Society of Tulsa.

Our beautiful facility continues to be very popular for wedding receptions, weddings and other events and last year generated approximately \$50,000 which almost covers the expenses of an aging building which has been and will continue to be considerable. Thanks to our loyal leasing committee members, we are able to keep and maintain a Tulsa landmark. It is interesting to note that the Leasing operation derives more revenue than the other three fund raising activities, Oktoberfest, Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt, combined!

—Lois Voeller
Chair, Leasing Committee

Invitation to Dance

Our Dance Card is getting full. We already have requests to present programs for seven different groups this fall and we need more dancers to fill this need. The GAST Folk Dance Group could use several new members. In fact, if we don't get some new members we will be forced to discontinue the program.

I would like to invite you to come join the GAST (German American Society of Tulsa) folk dancers. We meet weekly during the fall and spring to learn traditional folkdances from the German-speaking countries (Germany, Switzerland and Austria).

Our mission is to perform, teach and preserve Germanic Folkdances and traditions through cultural exchanges, education, social activities and exhibitions for the enrichment and entertainment of the community and our members.

We will begin our fall session on Friday, August 17, 2007. Mark your calendar now. We practice at the GAST Center, 15th Street & Terrace Drive from 7 till 9 pm. Of course it is better if you bring a dance partner but it is not required. Bring a friend even if they are not GAST members.

In addition to responding to our local dancing requests we have future plans for the group that include hosting a national German Folkdance workshop in Tulsa in 2009 and the opportunity to travel to Germany and take part in an International Folkdance Festival in Germany in 2008.

Please come and join in the music, fun and exercise that we enjoy. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 299-2839 or e-mail me at d.c.w@cox.net

—Carol Wright

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GAST Picnic 2007



Foggy Munich Skyline



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