



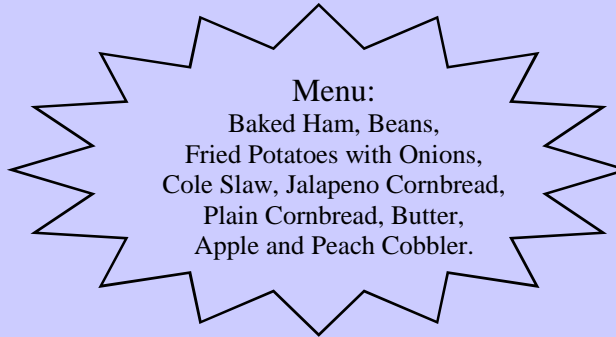
Das Deutsche Echo

September 2007

Jahrgang 28/09

Western Chuckwagon and Centennial Party

Celebrating Oklahoma's 100th Anniversary
Saturday, September 22, 2007



Social Hour commences at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is called at 6:30 p.m.
Cost for Dinner & Dancing \$15.00, dancing only \$7.50
The Western Band "The Backburners" will be playing for your enjoyment.

Babysitting will be available upon request when making reservations
for children up to 10 years of age at \$5.00 per child.

Please make your reservations by calling the Message Center at 744-6998 or E Mail ylorock5@cox.net by
Wednesday September 19th, or Thursday, the 20th by noon.

—Helen Cohea
for the GAST Party Committee

O, by the way...

The Party Committee could use some help to decorate and/or clean up for the GAST Parties. For more information or questions about our planned parties please contact **Helen Cohea** at 832-9025, or ylorock5@cox.net or Susannah@cox.net or **Brigitte Phelps** 756-3407 Thank you, The Party Committee

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Oct 5	Stammtisch	Nov 23	Weinkellerabend	Mar 7	Stammtisch
Aug 24 Weinkellerabend	Oct 7	German-American day	Dec 8	Christmas Party	Apr 4	Stammtisch
Sep 2 Sonntagskaffee	Oct 20	GAST O'fest Party	Dec 9	Adventsfeier	May 2	Stammtisch?
Sep 7 Stammtisch	Nov 2	Stammtisch	Dec 31	New Years Party	May 9	Stammtisch?
Sep 14 Weinkellerabend	Nov 4	Sonntagskaffee	2008		Jun 6	Stammtisch
Sep 21 Musical Variety Pgm.			Jan 4	Stammtisch	Jul 11	Stammtisch
Sep 22 Western Party	Nov 18	Volkstrauertag	Feb 1	Stammtisch	Aug 1	Stammtisch

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Darlene and I enjoyed our recent trip through the western-half of the United States to Washington State. Ours is really a beautiful country. It's been a long time since I traveled by car to that part of the US, and I marveled at the wide open spaces of the plains, the ruggedness of the mountains and the quiet beauty of the forests.

I do hope you had a great summer, whether you traveled abroad, in this country or just stayed at home to relax or to engage in various activities or projects.

I understand the Ice Cream Social on August 5 was a huge success thanks to Party Chair **Helen Cohea** and her helpers, **Gwen Bieber, Doris Gallagher, Erica Hartman, June Holmes, Barbara Hunsberger, Susanne Phelps, Shirley Schelper** and **Terry Sponsler**. Many others helped with the set-up and clean-up. The ice cream dishes were wonderful. The kids (and some adults) enjoyed the tricks of the magician and the face painting.

September is the month that brings back all of the other GAST activities. Some groups, like the Folk Dancers, Blaskapelle and Choir started in August already to prepare for Oktoberfest and Community performances. The Party Committee is working hard to organize the Western Party on Saturday, September 22. If you would like to help, please call **Helen Cohea** at 832-9025.

The GAST Oktoberfest Committee, chaired by **Elam Blank**, has started preparations for the annual Tulsa Oktoberfest. GAST is the largest food vendor at Oktoberfest and some of our members fill important volunteer positions for the festival. The Board again voted to sponsor the festival with a cash contribution and the use of our building for the Poster Party in September. Oktoberfest promotes a part of German culture that many visitors to Germany's Munich Oktoberfest are familiar with and it supports Tulsa River Parks to maintain its many recreational facilities.

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, September 19 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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Please come to the GAST Sign-up Party/Weinkellerabend on Friday, September 14. There will be free food for everyone signing up for one or more shifts at Oktoberfest, and you will get to meet many new members.

Katie Sloan has again agreed to be our Youth Chair. She is planning a number of movie nights and parties for Tulsa area students interested in German culture. She will be working closely with other German language teachers and form a working committee.

I hope you will attend and participate in all of the GAST activities this year and in the future.

—Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

September brings the resumption of many activities as our membership returns from summer vacation. The next three months are the busiest of the year.

Two members expressed interest in increasing the number of class sessions for Kinderdeutsch. This was not enough response but we will revisit this in the future as demand increases. Classes begin on Saturday, September 8 with 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. Tuition is \$65 for members and \$75 non-members. This is a \$10 increase over last semester. The increase covers the cost of security for the evening classes.

Movie Night, Konversationsrunde and regular Library hours return this month.

Join us at 7 PM on September 21. The American Theater Organ Society will perform a musical variety show. This program will be a lot of fun with a broad selection of light music and free refreshments.

German-American Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7. Our speaker is Mr. Reinhard Förster. Mr. Förster is the President of the Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft (German-American Society) in Celle, Tulsa's Sister City. He retired last October as Managing Director of Cooperative Business Investments for the City of Celle. He was instrumental in establishing the Sister City Partnership and has organized numerous

cultural and educational exchanges between Tulsa and Celle. The Covenant Brass will perform the musical program.

We will send a delegation to the annual Volkstrauertag observance in Fort Reno in November. This is scheduled for November 18. Last year we had a car pool and ate dinner in El Reno on the way back. Look for details of the program in next month's column.

Adventsfeier is set for Sunday, December 9. We will once again have a pastor from the Celle region of Germany.

The Barthelmes Library has received a donation of many hundreds of books from Mr. and Mrs. Hart Holtz of Ramona, OK. The books come from the estate of Mr. Holtz's mother, the late Marie-Luise Woodruff. The family requests we share this gift with the University of Tulsa. This will be done.

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 welcome all the members to the next season of Konversationsrunde and hope that you had a good summer and vacation. The next meeting will be at the home of **Max and Jutta Tankersley** (742-2734) who live at 1312 E.26th St. at 3 PM on the 9th of September. It is tradition at the first meeting that we talk about our summer activities and vacations. Please bring your memories, pictures and any other souvenirs to this meeting. After this program, we must discuss and determine which direction and where the Konversationsrunde will go for the coming year. If possible please plan on attending .

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....

Lois Voeller, chair of the leasing committee, reports that we now have 37 rentals for 2007. We have nine for 2008 and one for 2010. Thank you to those members who work as host/hostesses. According to Lois, "Their willingness to work these events makes the leases the biggest fund raiser for the organization. They bring in more dollars than all 3 of our other fund raisers."

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

Our monthly Weinkeller will be changed from the fourth Friday in **September** to the second one due to an outside rental.

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

—Elam Blank

Das Deutsche Fest

Saturday, September 22, from 9 AM to 9 PM

Washington Irving Memorial Park
Located on South Memorial between 131st & 141st

This is a one-day festival put on by the Bixby High School German Class
GAST will have a booth set up to sell merchandise from Christkindlmarkt.

We need twelve people to help. Please volunteer to work in the booth
for three hours.

Please contact me at 743-0359 or e-mail dhwicks@cox.net

Thank you

—Harold Wicks

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday September 3,



Starting at 6:30 PM

Heimatmelodien



Starting at 7:30 PM

Beichtgeheimnis

Starring Margit Saad (Grete Sailer) Erich Auer (Vikar Kersten) Franziska Kinz (Trude Michaels) Charles Regnier (Stadtrat Praun)



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

*We welcome these new members
to the GAST Family*

Correction

Membership renewal printed in the last issue was incorrect;

It should read:

Eric and Renee Hartman
 10632 S Memorial Box 225
 Tulsa, OK 74133
 918-902-8119

Instead of: Cornelius and Erica Hartman



GERMAN LANGUAGE CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 11

Have fun and improve your language skills in the process by joining our German classes. Different levels, from beginning to free conversation, will be offered. We meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the GAST Center. The course runs for ten weeks. Tuition is still a bargain at \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Enrollment starts at 6:30 p.m. on September 11. In order to secure your place in a class, you can pre-enroll by sending a note indicating the level you wish to enroll in, accompanied by a check, to the GAST office.

See you in class!

—Marianne Strong

Sonntagskaffee

Dear Sonntagskaffee friends,

The next Coffee will be held on September 2nd, then we'll conclude the year with a final one on Nov. 4th.



Wolfgang and I hope to see many of you there, and as always, **we are asking for volunteer cake bakers.**

These will be the last two Coffees we intend to host and sincerely hope somebody else will step in to continue this wonderful event. Wolfgang and I will gladly offer our assistance to the new team!

In the hope that the temperatures will have gone down by then, we are looking forward to seeing you on September 2nd.

—Silke and Wolfgang



We cordially invite you to join the

Tulsa - Celle

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F. Y. I. from the Operating Committee

June, July and August are the months in which we use the most electricity!

You may have heard that our electric bill for the Center this July was the most expensive ever. Part of this is due to the fact that the June power consumption was estimated by AEP. We paid much less than we should have in June and have now made up the difference. The truth is that we used a lot of electricity in June and July. The Operating Committee tracks this. We used record levels of power in those months. The weather does not account for that. We receive the monthly heating and cooling degree day reports from AEP and it has not been that hot. The cost per KWH is also not to blame. In summertime, the system runs intermittently during the day to prevent the building from becoming heat-soaked and to control humidity. It may be off when you leave, but it will cycle on and off several times every day.

Many of us do not remember to return the thermostat to the correct setting when leaving the building. If you turned it down then you must remember to set it back to the summer time setting of 78 degrees before leaving.

—John Millar

Third Annual Deutsches Fest

will be held at Washington Irving Memorial Park in Bixby

on Saturday, September 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The Park is located at 13900 S. Memorial, Bixby.

This annual festival was founded by the Bixby High School German Club and is sponsored by the Friends of Irving Foundation, Inc. Enjoy a taste of authentic German food, pastries, and beverages from area merchants including Ludger's and Siegi's Sausage Factory. Entertainment from the German-American Society of Tulsa's band and local rock bands will perform during the day, plus **Karl Waldbauer's Polka Kings** will top off the evening. Craft booths include the German-American Society selling authentic German items. Other vendors include scrapbooking, jewelry, and clothing. There will be an inflatable play area for the kids, assorted games, a Volksmarsch, a dog show and races, plus old and new German cars will be on display.

**Get a jump on Tulsa's Oktoberfest
and enjoy a taste of Germany in Bixby!**

**The American Theatre Organ Society
will hold their next Meeting and Concert
at the GAST Center
Friday, September 21, 7 PM
Free and open to the public.
Refreshments**

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The Ice Cream Eaters



One Happy Camper

GAST Ice Cream Social

