



Das Deutsche Echo

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German-American Society of Tulsa

cordially invites you to our 28th Anniversary Party on January 12th, 2008

Cocktail Hour commences at 6:30 PM

Dinner is served at 7:00 PM

Dinner will be catered by TW's CATERING

Menu

Ricotta and Spinach Spiral Stuffed Pork Loin
 Wild Rice
 Vegetable Medley Spring Green Salad
 Bread and Butter
 Anniversary Cake



Dinner and Dancing, \$20.00--Dance, only \$10.00
(These prices do not include drinks from the bar)

Music provided by Russell Neas Big Band Music

Please make your reservations **NO LATER** than 12:00 NOON
on Thursday, January 10th,
by calling the office at 744-6998, or EMAIL ylorock5@cox.com

**Our anniversary party is a special occasion
to show off your Pearls and Ties!**

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM
 Dec 31 New Years Party
2008
 Jan 4 Stammtisch
 Jan 12 Anniversary party
 Jan 28 Weinkellerabend
 Feb 1 Stammtisch

Feb 5 Fasching Ball

**Please note this party
Takes place this time
on a Tuesday**

Feb 22 Weinkellerabend
 Mar 7 Stammtisch
 Mar 8 Soup party
 Mar 28 Weinkellerabend
 Apr 4 Stammtisch

Apr 25 Weinkellerabend
 Apr 26 Spring party
 May 2 Germanfest begins
 May 9 Stammtisch?
 May 23 Weinkellerabend
 Jun 1 GAST Picnic
 Jun 6 Stammtisch
 Jun 27 Weinkellerabend
 Jul 11 Stammtisch
 Jul 25 Weinkellerabend

Aug 1 Stammtisch
 Aug 3 Ice Cream Social
 Aug 22 Weinkellerabend
 Sep 5 Stammtisch
 Sep 13 Western Party
 Sep 26 Weinkellerabend
 Oct 15 Tulsa Oktoberfest
 Nov 28 Weinkellerabend
 Dec 5 Christkindlmarkt
 Dec 13 Christmas party

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



As the year 2007 draws to a close, the German-American Society of Tulsa has many things to be proud of. Successful ethnic events such as Germanfest, Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt expose Tulsans to German traditions. Additionally, outreach activities into the community by the GAST Saengers and GAST Dancers also make the community more aware of our German heritage. Kids' World, youth activities, the German essay contest and Kinderdeutsch foster the German heritage and culture for the next generation.

Having our German library open to members, providing low-cost German language lessons, and hosting Konversationsrunde encourage learning and/or maintaining the German language. German traditions such as Weinkellerabend, Sonntagskaffee and Stammtisch evoke memories of German customs.

In addition, the community has access to our wonderful building through the leasing of our facilities. It is important that GAST recognizes the hard work of our members that makes these activities possible.

Our last Christkindlmarkt was the most successful ever. Each year Christkindlmarkt functions more smoothly, more people attend, and more money is raised to support our organization. Special thanks go to **Joy Walker** and **Judy Anderson** for chairing the event. The building looked beautiful thanks to the decorating efforts of many including **Jan and Del Dryer, Bev and Tom Bordner** and members of the Choir. Also, the trees would have not been nearly as beautiful without the hundreds of bows made by **Brigitte Phelps, Erica Hartman** and her crew fed the crowd wonderful German food. **Carol and Don Wright** again worked hard purchasing, displaying, organizing, and selling in both the German booth and the Bäckerei that raised thousands of dollars for GAST. **Doris Gallagher** and **John Toschik** brought in the crowds with their public relations activities. **Arnold Bieber, Harry Runyon, Ed Anderson, Jack Wynn** and others set up tables, provided electrical service and kept the trash emptied. Danke to **Jutta Tankersley, Gabi Richardson** and the puppet group for providing entertainment for the children. **Irmgard Toschik** and **Helga Roepel** made the all-important contacts with vendors. The money was

accounted for by **Lois** and **Al Voeller** and **John Millar**. **John Millar** also programmed all the cash registers giving us a most accurate accounting. **Irmgard Runyon** secured Christkindl, St. Nikolaus and entertainment for the event. **Inge Thomason** brought together a group of volunteers to greet people and make them feel welcome. The quilt, made by the Handarbeit group, made more than \$800 in the raffle headed by **Ruth Bly**. Also, thanks go to **Jack Wynn** for sharing his hand-carved nativity set and **Barbara Conrad** for her village display. I'm sure there are many others that should be named and recognized, but with so many people involved I don't know all the names. Again, thanks to all who contributed to the success of Christkindlmarkt.

The Finance Committee is in the process of reviewing our 2008 budget. Unfortunately, due to the power outage caused by the ice storm, we had to cancel the December Board of Directors meeting. The budget and other items will be addressed at the next meeting on January 9. Don't forget to make your reservations for the Anniversary Ball on January 12.

In this Holy Season, I wish each of you peace, health and joy in the New Year.

—Charles Tegeler

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

Our annual Adventsfeier was celebrated on an icy December 9. The Pastor was Dr. Wolfgang Guenther, whose visit was facilitated through the Celle Sister City connection.

Music was provided by the GAST Saenger, Susan Burch and Marina Jentsch. Attendance was less than usual due to the inclement weather.

Donations given at the Adventsfeier, as always, will be sent to Meals on Wheels to support their efforts for the holiday season.

Thanks go to **Stan and Barbara Conrad** for hosting Pastor and Mrs. Guenther during their visit.

The Cultural and Educational Committee is at work planning our schedule for 2008.

- Kinderdeutsch begins at 10 AM on January 26.
- Adult language classes start on February 12 with registration at 6:30 PM.
- The traditional German-American Day and Adventsfeier programs are already on the calendar.
- We will participate in the biennial Kid's World program in November.

- Speaker's Bureau, Library hours and Movie Nights continue into the New Year.
- Programs of Schubert Lieder, operetta and instrumental recitals are being planned.
- The annual garage sale is set for the first Friday and Saturday in April. We need salable items and, critically, a place to store them before the event. We were fortunate to have had donated storage space for several years, but that is no longer available.
- The 2007 Konversationsrunde program was not as well attended as in years past. We wish to revitalize this program and request your suggestions for ideas to increase participation.

We welcome ideas for programs. Let us know what you enjoyed in the past and what new events you would like to attend in the coming year. Do you have a favorite program from previous seasons? How about an idea for one we haven't tried?

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 **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt** for hosting the annual Christmas meeting of the Konversationsrunde. A good time was had by all. The next meeting will be at the clubhouse of **Renate Fleming** who lives at 7724 S. 84th East Ave (459-9874) on 13 January 2008 at 3 pm. Turn off Memorial Avenue at 77th Street S. (just north of former Red Cross facility) and continue east to "Spicewood" gates. The south gate should be open and enter. The club house will be immediately to the left. Park in front of the clubhouse or behind Renate's house. Please do not park in front of or in any other residential driveway. The speaker will be Dr. Gerwald Koehler, a faculty member of OSU-Center of Health Sciences. His topic will be a discussion of the differences in everyday living in three different cultures (German, American, Mexican). Please join us in what should be a most interesting discussion. In case you wound up with some Christmas presents or other things that you don't quite know what to do with, be advised that the annual garage sale will be the first weekend in April. We will be taking in items for sale in the near future.

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

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Fat Tuesday

February 5th, 2008
Doors Open 6:00 PM

A decorative border of small, colorful balloons surrounds the text 'Fat Tuesday' in a red, serif font. To the right, a grey box contains the date and time information in a black, serif font.



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Musikparade



Starting at 7:30 PM

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A romantic comedy

Starring: Yvonne Catterfeld, Stephan Luca,
Sebastian Stroebel and Ingeborg Westphal



The Sunshine Lady

Please call or E-mail me if you know of a GAST member who is ill.

Please let me know if it is appropriate to send a sympathy card. Thank you.

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

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Lisa Frederick
2705 W. Mobile St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Eric and Renee Hartman
9521 E. 114th St.
Bixby, Ok 74008

Jerry Glenn
P.O. Box 91
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
74013

Kinderdeutsch

Starts Saturday, January 26th, 10 AM

Please enroll your children and grandchildren, ages 4 - 12, in this wonderful program. They will learn German folk dances, songs, words and phrases in an hour and a half of fun and games, followed by refreshments and German videos.

The cost for the 8-week program is still only \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. A \$5 discount will be given to additional children in a family.



Notes from the editor...

Many thanks to all of you who consistently contribute to our newsletter. Without you, we'd have just a one-page flyer. A special thanks to our three Presidents who have regularly hammered out their commentary every month. Moreover, a big thanks to **John and Irmgard Toschik**, who just in time provided the proper mailing labels to our printer, even before I e-mail the current Echo to our printer's computer. And speaking of the printer, INK IMAGES: you may have noticed the clear pictures and graphics in the Echo. This crisp output is primarily due to their up-to-date equipment, and the skillful manipulations of Dave Buffington and his crew.
Best regards and Happy New Year.

—Fred Rother

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Weinkellerabend

We hope you will come and join us for a gemütlichen evening in our cozy Weinkeller for some food and fun and drink on January 25, 2008, commencing at 5:30 PM. We provide the food and will ask you to help defray the costs with a donation. Softdrinks, beer and wine will be available in the refrigerator for a small fee.

See you There?