



Das Deutsche Echo

December 2007

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Fasching Party

Please join us on Fat Tuesday

February 5, from 6 to 10 PM

For Fun and Frivolity

Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for students.

A light meal will be served.

Costume contests – cash prizes to the winners

Music by the GAST Brass Band

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by Friday, February 1st



GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	*****	May 23 Weinkellerabend	Sep 13 Western Party
Jan 25 Weinkellerabend	Feb 22 Weinkellerabend	Jun 1 GAST Picnic	Sep 26 Weinkellerabend
Feb 1 Stammtisch	Mar 7 Stammtisch	Jun 6 Stammtisch	Oct 15 Tulsa Oktoberfest
*****	Mar 8 Soup party	Jun 27 Weinkellerabend	Nov 28 Weinkellerabend
Feb 5 Fasching Ball	Mar 28 Weinkellerabend	Jul 11 Stammtisch	Dec 5 Christkindlmarkt
Please note this party	Apr 4 Stammtisch	Jul 25 Weinkellerabend	Dec 13 Christmas party
Takes place this time	Apr 25 Weinkellerabend	Aug 1 Stammtisch	Dec 31 New Years party
on a Tuesday	Apr 26 Spring party	Aug 3 Ice Cream Social	
	May 2 Germanfest begins	Aug 22 Weinkellerabend	
	May 9 Stammtisch?	Sep 5 Stammtisch	

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



In January, we celebrated the 28th anniversary of the founding of GAST. Those of you who missed the Anniversary Party missed a wonderful event. **Helen Cohea, Brigitte Phelps, Barbara Hunsinger, Suzanna Phelps, Arnold Bieber and Paul Greek** did a great job. The decorations were outstanding, the food delicious, and the band played music we all liked.

The Directors' Award was presented to **Don and Carol Wright** for their many and long-time contributions to GAST. In addition to each of them serving three years as President of GAST, Don also served as President of the Building Corporation. Their participation has contributed to the success of many of our activities including the GAST dancers, Kinderdeutsch, Christ-kindmarkt, Germanfest, and Oktoberfest.

The President's Award was given to **Ludwig Obermaier**. Ludwig is one of those people not often seen, but critical to the success of our Germanfest and Oktoberfest events. His expertise in setting up and labor in tearing down makes him a vital part of these events.

The Board of Directors and I, personally, appreciate **Marianne Segnar** for assuming the leadership of the youth activities of GAST. A former German teacher at Bixby, Marianne now teaches at TCC. Her rapport with young people and enthusiasm for promoting the German language and culture makes her an ideal person to head the youth activities.

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, February 13 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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Leon Boggs and his committee are in full swing preparing for Germanfest which will take place at the GAST Center May 2-4. The success of this event depends of our membership's participation. The community has come to look forward to this cultural gift to Tulsa.

Ruth Bly and **Erica Hartman** have agreed to take over Sonntagskaffee, starting with the first Sunday in February, the 3rd, at 3 PM. This monthly event, along with Weinkellerabend on the fourth Friday of each month has been popular with many members who enjoy the informal atmosphere of our downstairs facilities.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Board of Directors of GAST for their generous contribution to the ALS Clinic in support of ALS patients and finding a cure for this most awful illness. I become very emotional when I realize how much my wonderful GAST friends mean to me. Thanks to each of you for your support for me and my family.

—Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

The 2008 Arts calendar begins with Kinderdeutsch. The first class is on Saturday, January 26 at 10AM. Our teachers are **Eileen Bader and Angelique Giddings**. They are assisted by volunteers **Hildegard Schaffrin and Carol Wright**. Tuition is \$15 for members' children and \$20 for non member's children. Each additional child in a family receives a \$5 discount.

Adult Language Classes begin on February 12. Registration is at 6:30 PM. Students are encouraged to pre enroll by mail or phone. Please send your check with the enrollment. Tuition is \$65 for members and \$75 for non members. The textbook, if needed, is an additional \$22. Our head teacher, **Marianne Strong**, and her colleagues are hard at work preparing for classes.

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 donated storage space in years past but that is no longer available.

Speaker's Bureau, Library hours, Konversationsrunde and Movie Nights are active. Movie Night now has a new, mobile projector- cabinet designed by **Erwin Jerchau** and built by **Al Voeller**.

Responses continue to arrive answering the Arts

Association's annual fund raising letter. Each donor will receive an individual letter thanking them. The Arts Association is a 501(c)(3) corporation and donations are tax deductible as provided by law. Musical programs are in the planning stages but no dates are available at this time. Probable events include Schubert Lieder, operetta and instrumental recitals. The biennial Kid's World program is set for November 13 through 16. We will be a part of this important community event. We seek a chairperson and committee members for this event.

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

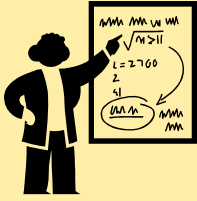
Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We wish to thank **Renate Fleming** for her most gracious hosting of the January 13, 2008 meeting at their neighborhood club house. The food, drink and company were delightful and appreciated by all. We would also like to thank Dr Gerwald Koehler for a most interesting presentation as to how his family deals with three cultures in their everyday living. The next meeting will be at the home of **Stan and Barbara Conrad** who live at 7837 S. 70th East Ave (492-3273) on 10 February 2008 at 3 pm. The speaker will be **Barbara Conrad** who will attempt to answer the eternal question "Is it really a Hummel or a Goebel figurine." Please feel free to bring any of your personal figurines if you have any questions as to their true identity. Just a reminder that 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 very new 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

Language Classes



Our German classes will resume February 12, 2008. We will meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. Beginners, intermediate and advanced classes are offered. Tuition (not including textbook/CD) is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Enrollment starts at 6:30 p.m. on February 12. Our classes fill up quickly, so you may wish to register early by sending a note indicating class level, accompanied by a check, to the GAST office.

Looking forward to seeing you in class,

—Marianne Strong

Dancing with our (semi) Stars

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).



The mission of the GAST Folk Dance group 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 spring session on Friday, February 15, 2008. Mark your calendar now. We practice at the GAST Center, from 7 till 9 pm. Of course it is better if you bring a dance partner but it is not required. Bring friends 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. Please come and join in the music, fun and exercise that we enjoy. If you have any questions please feel free to call or me at 29902838 or e-mail me at d.c.w@cox.net

—Carol Wright

Editor's notes

Our advertisers and page sponsors have committed to support the publication of Das Deutsche Echo. I hope that our members make a special effort to acknowledge their commitment and seek out their services whenever possible.

A special thanks also to **Harold and Doris Wicks** and to **John and Teresa Gallagher**, who stepped in to fill two blank spaces on our Ad Page. More kudos go out to our non-commercial page sponsors: **Hildegard Schaffrin, Don & Carol Wright, John Millar, The GAST Saenger, Arnold & Gwen Bieber, and Kenneth Renberg.**

—Fred Rother

Special Award for Charles Tegeler

A special award was presented at the 28th Anniversary Celebration of the German-American Society on Saturday, January 12th. First Vice President Arnold Bieber presented a certificate for "Outstanding Service and Selfless Devotion to the German-American Society of Tulsa".

Additionally, Mr. Bieber read a letter, addressed to the Director of the ALS Clinic in Oklahoma City, presenting a donation of \$1,000, which GAST donated in Charles's honor to help with funding for the ongoing programs of the Clinic.

On behalf of the general membership, the Board of Directors are pleased to offer this token of appreciation and love for Charles and for the service he has provided to the organization for so long.

—Lois Voeller

Sonntagskaffee

Sunday, February 3, commencing at 3:00 P.M.



This very popular program is in danger of being discontinued for lack of chairpersons. We hope that several members will offer to host at least one event to keep this very German part of our culture alive. If you care to support this event, please make a commitment with Erica or Ruth at the coffee on February 3.

We always feature delectable homemade cakes, good coffee, and lots of stimulating conversation. This makes for a very nice Sunday afternoon.

Hope to see all of you there!

—Erica Hartman

The GAST Singers

Our Christmas season was one of the most pleasant even though the storms and cold weather tried to spoil it. The audiences were very appreciative, making most generous donations to the GAST Singers, thereby assisting to defer some of our expenses. We are very thankful.

After a brief rest the GAST Singers will return to **weekly practice sessions on February 7th, 7 pm to 9 pm at the GAST Center**. The music committee has selected old and new pieces for the spring season. The internet has made it much easier to get songs and arrangements that will fit events, and also our voices. We are delighted with the growth of our choir. Age is taking its toll on some of us, new members will keep us singing for a long time to come.

Singing is a long-standing German tradition, a large part of any gathering, festival or party, a tradition well worth preserving. Now is the perfect time for you to join us in preparations for Spring and if possible another trip to Cole Camp in June or July.

—Irmgard Runyon

The Blaskapelle

The change in date and time for the Fasching party made it impossible for The Polka Kings to play for us. Karl Waldbauer is truly sorry to have to miss one of their most favorite engagements, but his musicians are unable to get time off work.

After searching the world over, the Elferrat discovered a wonderful band right in our own house, the GAST Blaskapelle. They are turning themselves into a first rate Dance Band. Under the direction of Don Linde, who has years of experience in every kind of band music including dance bands, and stringent practice sessions and dedications since early January we are in for a pleasant surprise on **Fat Tuesday, February 5th. (from 6 pm to 10 pm)** (since it is a week day) The band is ready and very excited to be branching out, all they need now is your attendance. So get your costume ready, make your reservations and attend this first time appearance of the **Blaskapelle as dance band**. See you there, you will not be sorry.

—Irmgard Runyon



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The Sunshine Lady



GAST sent out one Get Well card to Wm. Shoun, and one Sympathy card to Glenn and Annemie Waldroop.

E-mail book_worm34@hotmail.com
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—Gwen Bieber

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Sweet Potato says:



*If your ship doesn't com in,
swim out to it!*

Jonathon Winters

Attention Bar Flies!

Would you like to enjoy the company of almost everyone at the parties without ever leaving your place? Please join the Bar Committee and enjoy an hour of serving beer and wine to fellow members. Our goal is to have enough members participate so that it is an enjoyable experience for bar helpers as well as our guests on the other side of the bar. We look forward to your participation! Please contact Ed Westenhiser at 261-6872.

Krug, a.k.a. Bier Stein



It's January again. The annual enrollment for the Krug program is under way. Any adult member of GAST in good standing is eligible to enroll in this program.

We hold eight events annually where the bar is open. Krug members enrolled in this program, store their Krug in the bar and drink beer without additional charges after

paying the annual fee of \$ 30.00.

To enroll in this program, please contact:

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The GAST 28th Anniversary Party

Special Award presented to
Charles Tegeler by Arnold Bieber



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Arnold Bieber presents
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Don & Carol Wright

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