



Das Deutsche Echo

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Goethe in the Roman Campagna (1786) by Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Tischbein. Oil on canvas, 164 x 206 cm. Städelsches Kunstinstitut, Frankfurt.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Born 28 August 1749
Free City of Frankfurt
Died 22 March 1832
Weimar, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach
Occupation Poet, Novelist, Playwright,
Natural Philosopher, Diplomat



HUGE GAST GARAGE SALE

At the GAST Center, 2301 East 15th Street

Friday, April 4, 8 AM - 5 PM

Saturday, April 5, 9 AM - 3 PM

Computers, books, furniture, household items,
clothes, toys and much more.

Saleable items accepted on Wed, April 2, 9 AM - 3 PM.

Volunteers needed Wednesday through Saturday.

Please call Barbara Conrad (492-3273)

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	May 9 Stammtisch?	Aug 3 Ice Cream Social
Mar 28 Weinkellerabend	May 23 Weinkellerabend	Aug 22 Weinkellerabend
Apr 4 Stammtisch	Jun 1 GAST Picnic	Sep 5 Stammtisch
Apr 4 Garage Sale starts	Jun 6 Stammtisch	Sep 13 Western Party
Apr 13 Membership meeting	Jun 27 Weinkellerabend	Sep 26 Weinkellerabend
April 20 Operetta Recital	Jul 11 Stammtisch	Oct 15 Tulsa Oktoberfest
Apr 25 Weinkellerabend	Jul 25 Weinkellerabend	Nov 28 Weinkellerabend
May 2 Germanfest begins	Aug 1 Stammtisch	Dec 5 Christkindlmarkt

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

March was another busy month for our committees and cultural activity groups.

Since Easter was early this year, we had to schedule the Kid's Easter Party before spring break. About 20 children came with parents and grandparents in tow to meet the Osterhase (Easter Bunny) in the Weinkeller. There was lots of food and fun activities, face painting and the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Each child got a goody basket and had his/her picture taken with the Easter Bunny. May Queen **Elizabeth Bader**, with the help of **Janet Jamison** and **Angelique Giddings**, did a great job organizing the event. **Hildegard Schaffrin** and several parents assisted. **Carol Wright** and **Arnold Bieber** took and printed the digital pictures.

Lent and tax season calls for less elaborate party celebrations. What would be more appropriate than a Lumpenball (Rag Party)? More than 60 members agreed and came dressed in their best rags. Most of them brought homemade soup or a desert for all to share. The Party Committee, chaired by **Helen Cohea**, did their part by providing the meager but tasteful decorations. Helen also arranged for a performance by the Clear Water Cloggers with enthusiastic audience participation.

Our annual membership meeting and election will be held on **Sunday, April 13, 3 PM**, at the GAST Center. A notice of the meeting, listing the bios of the nominees, will be mailed to all members in good standing as of March 1, as provided by the revised GAST By-Laws. Members who have not yet paid their dues may do so at any time before the meeting and be eligible to vote. We encourage all members to attend, to vote and to learn first-hand about our activities and plans for the future of the Society. The Nominating Committee, **Christy Fell, Becky Adrian, Donna Boggs** and **Gwen Bieber**, has worked hard to put together a slate of officers and directors. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

We are still in need of volunteers for **Germanfest, May 2-4**. Please call the Office (744-6997) or **Susan Everett** (749-1869), if you would like to help with set-up, sales, food service or in the kitchen. You will enjoy meeting and working with other members and will contribute greatly to the success of this important cultural event and fundraiser.

Unless we can find someone willing to take over the responsibility, there will be no Sonntagskaffee in April. Anyone interested in restarting this very enjoyable activity in the fall, please let us know.

I hope to see all of you at the membership meeting.

—Charles Tegeler

Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, April 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

Spring Kinderdeutsch classes ended on March 15. This was another successful season. Our language teachers were **Eileen Bader** and **Alexander McLaurin**. **Carol Wright** and **Hildegard Schaffrin** taught folk dances and singing. Thanks are also due to volunteers **Becky Adrian** and **Arnold Bieber**. Once again we had a last minute request to extend the length of the program. You may recall we had a similar request at the end of the spring 2007 session. We requested interested parents to respond in the June and July 2007 editions of the Echo. There was no response and the number of classes per session has remained the same. As mentioned before, I will go to work on this if and only if we get enough interest well ahead of the beginning of a session. We must ensure the teachers and volunteers are available before extending the number of classes.

The annual garage sale is set for Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. We thank **Don and Carol Wright** for once again providing a location to store items prior to the sale. We are now able to accept your salable items in both large and small quantities. Small items may be brought to the office during business hours. Please contact **Arnold Bieber** or me for large items, which should be brought directly to the storage location on 46th Street.

The performance of German and Italian Operetta will begin at 5 PM on Sunday, April 20. Note that this is not the usual time for a Sunday Arts program. The

performers have commitments to sing on that Sunday morning and must then car pool to Tulsa from the Oklahoma City area. The 5 PM start time will allow this and still leave plenty of time for our members to drive home before dark. Details of the program are being posted on the web site as they become available. We are inviting members of the Italian-American Society to attend.

The American Theater Organ Society will return to perform a musical variety program on Friday, September 19. This event is always well received and promises a selection of numbers from pop to show tunes and ragtime.

We continue planning other programs including possibly Lieder and instrumental recitals. German-American Day and Adventsfeier are already on the calendar. Speaker's Bureau, Library hours, Konversationsrunde and Movie Nights are active.

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

The Konversationsrunde will not take place in April.

**Please watch the Echo for an announcement
about the next meeting in May.**

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).

Germanfest - 2008

Our Germanfest celebration will take place Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4 at GAST. We have lots of fun and food planned for the weekend. There will be activities for the entire family. The Polkas Timers will be playing as well as the Tulsa Accordion Band, the GAST Blaskapelle and **Tom Bordner**. The GAST Saenger will perform along with the GAST Folk Dancers and the children dancers. The youth Essay Contest winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Saturday evening. Also our new Mae Queen will be crowned. We will have yodeling contests, dancing contests and lots of activities for the kids. The menu will include German sausages, schnitzel, apple strudel and more! The Bavarian Nut stand will be open as well as our own GAST store selling loads of German goods. We will also have 2 raffles - one for German cuckoo clock and one for a homemade quilt [by Bea Schults].

Our committee has worked hard to put together a great weekend for you and the entire Tulsa area. Help us get the word out. Invite your friends and neighbors. There is more info on our web site. **We need your help! If you have not been contacted to volunteer and wish to help us, please call: Susan Everett-Tronnier at 749-1869, Erica Hartman - 272-7903, or Leon Boggs - 258-5201.**

This is one of the main fund raisers for our organization. Come on out, join the fun and help us raise the funds to keep GAST going with all the parties and activities we enjoy.

—Leon Boggs, Germanfest 2008 Chair

Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Board Members, Sunday, April 13, 3 PM.
Reports by the Presidents of GAST, GAS ARTS and GAS Building Corporation.
Introduction of the 2008 Maikönigin (May Queen)
Refreshments.

Definition of "stupid" is "voluntarily ignorant."

I called my car insurance company to tell them to change my address from Vermont to Georgia. The woman who took the call asked where Vermont was. As I tried to explain, she interrupted and said, "Look, I'm not stupid or anything, but what state is it in?"



How do you know when it's time to tune your bagpipes?

My wife wanted a change of scenery, so I showed her the kitchen.

I stopped at a red light, and this lady came up to my car and said she would do anything for \$100. She is coming over Saturday to paint my house.

From the Building Corporation President....

Our new chairs look fabulous in the great hall. We now have matching chairs downstairs to replace the mismatched folding chairs in Weinkeller. We are selling the old chairs to the membership or at our annual Garage Sale the first weekend in April.

Currently we have 25 rentals scheduled for 2008. We need more members to become hosts for these events. It is an essential job. These events are our main source of income for our organization. The revenue from these lease events would not be available if we didn't have volunteers. Please call **Lois Voeller** or Nancy in the office for more information.

Our trees have been trimmed and the debris hauled away. We have a more open look now, but the trees are healthy and will flourish soon.

Ruth Bly has finished framing and hanging all the Oktoberfest posters. She, **Ed Westenhiser** and **Erica Hartman** have also cleaned, organized, and labeled all the supplies in Fort Knox II.

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

We need  you

To host leased events

The Extended Leasing Committee, consisting of members who host leased events in the Center is in serious need of more people to be a part of this committee. Generally a couple is best; hours are either opening or closing with the opening hours usually beginning at about 5:00 until 8:30 P.M. and another couple relieving them and working until the event closes, usually by mid-night and almost always, on weekends.

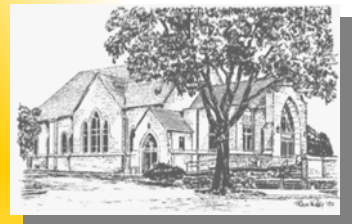
The leased events can be very enjoyable with most being wedding receptions. If we have 30 or 35 couples, normally one works only two or three times during the year. However, recently, due to the aging and ill health of some of our stalwarts, the hosting members are working more often.

If you would like to be a Goodwill Ambassador for our beautiful Center, please call Nancy at the office, 744-6997, and volunteer your services. Thank you for your help.

—**Lois Voeller**, Chairman
Leasing Committee

Notecards

Beautiful note cards bearing the picture of the GAST Center are available for purchase in the office at a cost of \$5.95 for ten cards with envelopes.



Please see Nancy during normal office hours,
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Weinkellerabend
Friday, April 25th,
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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.

Get-well wishes were sent to: Helen Cohea, her mother passed away and another to Grete McNac, her son passed away, also to Barbara Hunsberger, Louise Reid, June Holmes, Ed Westenhiser, Irmgard Toschik and Robert Mills.

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

Queen for a Year!



We are now accepting nominations for the 2008 GAST Maikoenigin (May Queen). She must be at least 18 years old and a current single or family member of GAST.

The main responsibilities are to represent GAST at various functions, chairing the children's St. Nikolaus and Easter parties (Details can be requested from the Maikoenigin Committee). The past three May Queens will assist her with "Rat und Tat" (advice and help).

The deadline for nominations is set for Friday, April 4th. Please submit a short bio to any member of the Maikoenigin Committee. The crowning will take place during Germanfest.

Maikoenigin Committee:

Hildegard Schaffrin 747-8291
Becky Adrian 269-6471
Janet Jamison 493-2407
Gwen Bieber 357-9156
Eileen Bader 451-6865
Angelique Giddings 363-8287



Sweet Potato says:

A politician is a person who can make waves and then make you think he's the only one who can save the ship.

Ivern Ball

We welcome these new members
to the GAST Family

David and Neta Carrino
6205 E. Skyline View Dr.
Claremore, Oklahoma 74019
918-342-0634

Did You Know?

- GAST is 28 years old this year and was formed as a result of the first Tulsa Oktoberfest in 1979.
- Proceeds from Germanfest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt and other public events benefit the cultural, musical, youth programs and activities of the Society.
- GAST has owned the GAST Center as the Society's Home since 1991.

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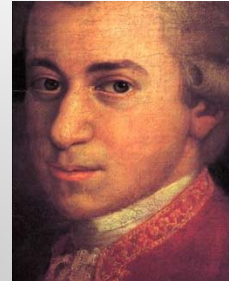
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, baptized **Joannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus**

Theophilus Mozart) (27 January 1756 – 5 December 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical era. His output of over 600 compositions includes works widely acknowledged as pinnacles of symphonic, concertante, chamber, piano, operatic, and choral music. Mozart is among the most enduringly popular of classical composers, and many of his works are part of the standard concert repertoire.

Mozart's music, like Haydn's, stands as an archetypal example of the Classical style. His works spanned the period during which that style transformed from one exemplified by the *style galant* to one that began to incorporate some of the contrapuntal complexities of the late Baroque, complexities against which the *galant* style had been a reaction.