



Das Deutsche Echo

May 2008

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Germanfest 2008

Come enjoy a celebration of German food & music!

German-American Society of Tulsa
Join us on the lawn & in the Great Hall of the GAST Center

15th and Terrace Drive (One block west of Lewis) Tulsa, Oklahoma
Friday & Saturday May 2 & 3 10am-9pm - Sunday, May 4 12pm-5pm

German Menu

- German Sausages & Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut on a bun (Schmaus Sandwich)
- Supper: Schnitzel & Jägermeister w/ Hunter Sauce
- Salad: Kartoffelpuffer, Kraut, Salad and Potato Salad
- Desserts: Apfelstrudel and Cheesecake
- Beverages: Beer, Soda, Coffee, Ice Tea & Water

German Entertainment

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- Tulsa Accordion Band
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GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	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
May 9 Stammtisch?	Aug 3 Ice Cream Social	Dec 13 Christmas party
May 23 Weinkellerabend	Aug 22 Weinkellerabend	Dec 31 New Years party
Jun 1 GAST Picnic	Sep 5 Stammtisch	
Jun 6 Stammtisch	Sep 13 Western Party	
Jun 27 Weinkellerabend	Sep 26 Weinkellerabend	

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

I am sorry, I was unable to attend this year's General Membership Meeting. I understand that we had a good turnout, considering the upcoming tax deadline and other factors.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee, **Christy Fell, Becky Adrian, Donna Boggs** and **Gwen Bieber** for doing an excellent job of finding candidates for all positions and for conducting the election and vote count. The elected new officers and board members will start their term of office on June 1. All are invited to our next Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 7 PM, in the Great Hall of the GAST Center.

I also thank all of the outgoing officers and board members for their service and commitment to our organization. Several of them are returning for another term of office or in a different capacity. I appreciate their dedication. A complete list of officers and board members will be published in the next issue of the ECHO.

Preparations for **Germanfest** will be in full swing by the time you read this. Please come and enjoy the wonderful food and music and help us get the word out. Here is a challenge for you: Find the five billboards advertising this cultural festival to the public. There is no admission charge and no charge for parking! We may still need some volunteers, so please call the Office (744-6997), **Susan Everett** (749-1869) or **Erica Hartman** (272-7903), if you would like to help.

Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, May 21 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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Hildegard Schaffrin introduced the 2008
 Maikönigin, **Delaine Bartsch**, at the member-
 ship meeting. She will be crowned during
 Germanfest, on Saturday afternoon. We will
 also announce the winners of the High School
 Essay Contest at that time.

Watch for details about our GAST Picnic in the
 June edition of the ECHO.

—Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

Let me begin this column by welcoming the incoming officers and directors of the Arts Association. The membership has elected **Jim Randall, Barbara Conrad and Billy Wideman** as President, 1st Vice-president and 2nd Vice-president respectively. They take office beginning June 1. I trust they will receive the same support I have enjoyed during my time in office.

Barbara Conrad organized the annual garage sale held on April 4 and 5. This is an important source of funds for Arts programs. Receipts were very good. This event requires a large number of volunteers. I apologize in advance if anyone's name is omitted from the list. Many thanks go to **Gwen and Arnold Bieber, Erica Hartman, Ed Westenhiser, Ruth Bly, Ginny Greek, Jinny Wynn, Christl and Dale Parsons, Doris and Harold Wicks, Barbara Taron, Stan Conrad, Gabi Richardson, Gertrud Schmidt, Joe Monroe, Elke and Jim Leach, Irmgard Toschik, Helga Greiner, Helga Roepel, Rita and Ed Lenfestey, Uschi Mueller, Judy Anderson, June and Glen Cockrell, Susan Bey, Stan Conrad, Lou Bonham, Fred Rother, Lois Voeller and Inge Thomason.** Don and Carol Wright provided

storage space. Sale items were donated by many members and friends.

The spring session of adult language classes has ended. The success of this popular program is due to the efforts of our volunteer teachers. They were **Marianne Strong, Grete McNac, Frieda Odell, Doris Gallagher, and Alexander McLaurin.** Classes resume in September.

The presentation of Italian and German Operetta selections will have taken place by the time this edition of the Echo is published. I know the program will be excellent and hope we will report a large attendance.

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 next meeting will be at 3 PM on May 18 at the home of **Gabi Richardson**, who lives at 5827 Maplewood, Tulsa (telephone # 494-3762). Please note that this is a time change to avoid Mother's Day. This will be the last meeting before we begin our summer recess. The theme will be spring and festival music and hopefully we will have the services of some of our musicians to assist us. Please feel free bring any music-related articles or other artifacts with you and let us begin the Spring season properly.

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).

The present

In a university commencement address several years ago Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises, spoke of the relation of work to one's other commitments: Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. You name them - work, family, health, friends, and spirit and you're keeping all of these in the air.

You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back.

But the other four balls - family, health, friends, and spirit are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life.

How?

#1: Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

#2: Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

#3: Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

#4: Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live ALL the days of your life.

#5: Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

#6: Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us together.

#7: Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

#8: Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

#9: Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you are going.

#10: Don't forget that a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

#11: Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.

#12: Don't use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved.

#13: Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery and Today is a gift: that's why we call it

The PRESENT.

From the Building Corporation President....

Our annual membership meeting was well attended. We elected a slate of officers who will bring new energy to the building corporation. They are going to need members to join the committees and help with the work days.

The new officers are:

Harold Wicks—President

Dave Schoneweis—1st Vice President

Ed Westenhiser—2nd Vice President

Ruth Obermark—Secretary

Janet Jamison—Treasurer

Currently we have 27 rentals scheduled for 2008. This is our biggest revenue source for maintaining our building. It is essential that we continue offering a desirable facility for people to lease. We need more members to become hosts for these events. 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 744-6997 for more information.

If you want more information or if you have questions about the building, contact Elam at 625-7629.

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEE WHO WERE ELECTED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

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1 st V Pres:	Leon Boggs	Barbara Conrad	Dave Schoneweis
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Secretary:	Ruth Obermark	Ruth Obermark	Ruth Obermark
Treasurer:	Janet Jamison	Janet Jamison	Janet Jamison

Directors Elected for a two year term beginning June 2008 – May 2010

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

Thank you

The death of my son, Samuel McNac, was devastating and very emotional for our family, he will be missed very much.

We sincerely thank GAST for the kind expression of sympathy by sending the most beautiful flowers.

—The McNac Family

Hosting an International Visitor

The Tulsa Celle Partnership is looking for two or three host families, who can host a young lady from Celle. She will be in Tulsa from mid August until late October for an internship at Tulsa City Hall.

She is in her mid twenties, versed in English, German and Russian, interested in literature and in cultivating friendships, and is finishing her higher education in civil services and government administration.

Please contact **Silke Becker** at (918) 434-5995 or silke-hbecker@hotmail.com in case you are interested in hosting her or need further information.

We will hold our membership GAST picnic on June 1st at Mohawk Park, Shelter #2 in case of rain. More details to follow in the June Echo.

—Helen Cohea
Party chair



Sweet Potato says:

Sometimes,
the fool who rushes in,
gets the job done.

Al Bernstein

Garage Sale

As you have probably heard by now, the garage sale was a success and raised funds that will be used for a number of Arts Association activities. Many people participated in this process at many different levels. It would be impossible to thank everyone without forgetting to mention someone who participated.

Therefore, I wish to collectively thank everyone who helped, donated or otherwise participated in the 2008 garage sale. **Thank you very much.**

—Barbara Conrad

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Das Schokoladenmädchen
(The chocolate girl)

A painting by
Jean-Étienne Liotard, 1744

This original painting can be viewed in the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister in Dresden, Germany.