



Annual GAST Picnic

**Sunday June 1st, 2008, from 2:00 until - 6:00 p.m. or so
MOHAWK PARK SHELTER #2**

Burgers and Hot Dogs cooked on the spot
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Mustard, Mayonaise, Ketchup
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\$5.00 for Germanfest Workers and children ages 3 to 12 years of age,
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\$10.00 for other adults

Please make reservations by midnight Wednesdy May 28th

Or by calling 744-6998 or EMAIL Helen Cohea at ylorock5@cox.net

Directions: Highway 169 North, turn West on 46th Street North. Follow the road to Mohawk Park Tulsa Zoo entrance, then follow "GAST Picnic" signs to Shelter #2. From GAST CENTER take Lewis Ave. to 36th Street North, then East to Mohawk Park/Tulsa Zoo entrance, and follow the signs to the picnic.

Please carpool as much as possible and park at the GAST Center, as there is a \$2.00 parking fee for vehicles entering Mohawk Park on weekends. We will refund the parking on request at the picnic. Special Event: Our member Tom Clark, who is a volunteer at Oxley Nature Center, has agreed to give us a free tour of the Nature Center. So be sure and wear comfortable shoes for the tour. There will also be activities for the kids to enjoy!

PLEASE COME AND HAVE A FUN-FILLED RELAXING DAY!

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Aug 22 Weinkellerabend	Dec 5 Christkindlmarkt
Jun 1 GAST Picnic	Sep 5 Stammtisch	Dec 13 Christmas party
Jun 6 Stammtisch	Sep 13 Western Party	Dec 14 Adventsfeier
Jun 27 Weinkellerabend	Sep 19 American Organ Society	Dec 31 New Years party
Jul 11 Stammtisch	Sep 26 Weinkellerabend	
Jul 25 Weinkellerabend	Oct 5 German-American Day	
Aug 1 Stammtisch	Oct 15 Tulsa Oktoberfest	
Aug 3 Ice Cream Social	Nov 28 Weinkellerabend	

FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



I believe Germanfest was, once again, a great success in achieving our mission of promoting the German culture and traditions. Although not all of the expenses are in yet, it appears that it was also a financial success. This can only be accomplished by the hard work of many volunteers.

Thanks and appreciation go to the Germanfest Committee, chaired by **Leon Boggs** and all the volunteers who worked at set-up, in the kitchen, the bar, the serving line, cash registers and accounting, kids activities, merchandise selling, promotion, volunteer assignment and check-in, clean-up, and the myriad of other details necessary to present Germanfest.

This column would not be long enough to mention all the names of those who worked many long hours, but several members deserve special recognition: **Erica Hartman** who prepared apfelstrudels weeks ahead of time, ordered supplies and made sure that the volunteers all know their jobs and are preparing the food to her special recipes; **Lois and Al Voeller** arrived early every day and were the last ones to leave in order to account for all the money; **John Millar** who not only worked with Al and Lois, but programmed the cash registers; **Carol and Don Wright** who secured and sold our German items. Thank to them and all the volunteers who made Germanfest a success. .

I also would like to thank the festival sponsors Lufthansa Technik, Jackie Cooper Imports, Hetric, Three Point Marketing, and the many in-kind sponsors. We appreciate the radio and TV stations support in informing the community of Germanfest. The list is long and everyone is appreciated. Our Masters of Ceremony did a wonderful job, as did the bands and **Tom Bordner** on his enhanced keyboard. The **GAST Choir**, **Folkdancers** and **Blaskapelle** showcased our organization's talents. They did a great job!

**Echo Deadline is:
Wednesday, June 18 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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On Saturday of Germanfest, we crowned our 2008
Maikönigin, **Delaine Bartsch**, and announced the winners of
the High School Essay Contest. Congratulations to all!

Our next event is the GAST Picnic to be held on Sunday,
June 1, at Mohawk Park. This is a great opportunity to meet
other members, visit with old friends and just have a good
time, away from all the spring home and garden chores (and
away from the GAST Center). Make your reservation and
come to enjoy the food, music and games!

I am now retiring as GAST President and know that I am
leaving the organization in good hands with the newly
elected officers and Board. I appreciate the support I have
had during the years I have worked in several capacities in
GAST. I especially want to thank **Arnold Bieber** for all he
has done over the past year during my absences. I also would
like to recognize and thank **Claus Greiner** for his
tenacity in preparing and submitting budgets for all three
organizations.

Thanks to each of you for your support during my illness.

—Charles Tegeler

...from the Arts President

The presentation of Italian and German Operetta selections on April 20 was a delight for all who attended. Ten students and faculty from the University of Oklahoma School of Opera performed for an appreciative audience. The Arts Association has not produced this sort of program for some time. Comments from the audience were all positive and everyone wanted more. Thanks go to **Lois Voeller, Susan Bey, Gwen Bieber and Arnold Bieber** for the reception.

Summer months are slow as many of our members are on vacation. No musical performances are on the Arts calendar until September. That may change as we look for opportunities. The fall calendar will start with a musical variety program by the American Theater Organ Society on September 19. This is always a popular event.

We will celebrate German-American Day on October 5. Our speaker will be Martin Bierman, Lord Mayor of Celle, Tulsa's sister city in Germany. Do not miss this day.

Volunteers are needed to setup and staff our booth

at the Kid's World program in November. The event runs from the 13th through the 16th and is heavily attended by schoolchildren from the entire Tulsa area. **Lois Voeller and Becky Adrian** are co-chairs for our participation.

This is the last column for me as I leave office. Many volunteer and it is not possible to name them all. I do wish to recognize the members of the Cultural and Educational Committee. They are **Susan Bey, Arnold Bieber, Barbara Conrad, Fred Rother, Doris Wicks and Lois Voeller.**

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 **Gabi Richardson** for opening her home to our group for our last Konversationsrunde and for her most gracious hospitality. This marks the last of our meetings before we begin our summer recess. A special thanks to **Barbara Taron** and **Peter Ahrenkiel** for organizing the program and delivering a wonderful musical treat to all. We had an outstanding turnout of over twenty participants for the music and fellowship.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to the new round of meetings in the fall. **Thank you.**

—**Barbara Conrad.**

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).



G E R M A N F E S T



Before going to Europe on business, a man drove his Rolls-Royce to a downtown NY City bank and went in to ask for an immediate loan of \$5,000. The loan officer was quite taken aback, and requested collateral. "Well, then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce", the man said. The loan officer promptly had the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping, and gave him \$5,000.

Two weeks later, the man walked through the bank's doors, and asked to settle up his loan and get his car back. The loan officer checked the records and told him, "That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest." The man wrote out a check, thanked the loan officer, and started to walk away.

"Wait sir," the loan officer said, "while you were gone, I found out you are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow money? The man smiled. "Where else could I securely park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"

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GAST Youth Picnic

The GAST Youth Picnic took place on Saturday, May 17th at Haikey Park. The turnout was good, considering it was so close to the end of school. In attendance were Bixby High School, Edison High School, Jenks High School, OU and TCC. Students who worked at Germanfest had free admission as were all instructors.

Siegi's Sausage Factory provided us with Bratwurst, Knackwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and cookies. Games such as egg toss, wheel barrow race, sack race, Krabbeln, spoon and egg run took place with the winners garnering large bags of gummi bears, fish, etc.

Thanks to Bixby High School for bringing the volley ball and net, to finish off a great evening of fun!

—Marianne Segner

The Essay Contest

This year's contest involved five schools: Bixby, Broken Arrow, Edison, Union Senior High and Union Intermediate with 29 essays submitted.

Participants were given a choice of two topics:

The Rebirth of Berlin
and **Germany's Smoking Ban in Public Places.**

Winners are: Jacob Winslow Arrington, Broken Arrow, First Place, \$200. Kristina Sednev, Broken Arrow, Second Place, \$150. Morgan Reger, Union Senior High, \$100. Natalie Hundley, Broken Arrow, Honorable Mention, \$50.

First, Second and third place winners chose the topic "Germany's Smoking Ban in Public Places", the Honorable Mention winner chose "The Rebirth of Berlin".

Melanie Roberson is the German teacher in Broken Arrow, and Chris Guckian is the German teacher at Union High School. Congratulations to the winners and the teachers!

We would also like to thank the judges who volunteered their time and talent, **Arnold Bieber, Barbara Conrad and Rusty Seelye.**

—Marianne Segner



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Next Movie show will be on September-1-2008

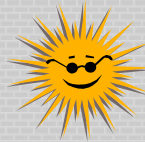
Congratulations to Memorial Volkstanzgruppe for their award winning performances at Deutschfest 2008. American Association of Teachers of German held the Oklahoma statewide competition for German students in Stillwater on March 27. The Memorial High School group won: 1st and 2nd place for Level 1, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Level 2 (upper division). Their German instructor, **Max Byars-Horton**, practiced many hours after school with the students as they prepared the five entries of traditional German folkdances.

—Joe Rohr

We welcome these new members
to the GAST Family

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3505 E. 21st Pl.
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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.

A get well card was sent to Floyd Webster and the following sympathy cards to: Lottie Pfahl (loss of husband Rolf), Clarence McMillan (loss of wife Lois), Susan Burch (loss of husband Lowell), and Floyd Webster (loss of sister June Wilson).

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



Sweet Potato says:

Only a fool
tests the water
with both feet

The Tulsa-Celle Committee is now in the process of accepting nominations for the upcoming elections. The positions available are:

President

VP of Finance/Treasurer, VP Membership

VP Publicity & Historian, VP Business

VP Education, VP Exchanges, Secretary

If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact one of the following of the nominating committee:

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Please contact us by Tuesday the 20th of May

2008. Thank you for your interest and commitment to the Tulsa-Celle Partnership and we hope to here form you soon!

—Joseph Rohr

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