



## Fasching Party



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By Friday, February 20th

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### **GAST** Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM  
**2009**

Jan 23 Weinkellerabend

Feb 6 Stammtisch

Feb 8 Konversationsrunde

Feb 10 Language classes start

Feb 24 Fasching party

Feb 27 Weinkellerabend

Mar 6 Stammtisch

Mar 8 Konversationsrunde

Mar 27 Garage Sale starts

Apr 3 Stammtisch

Apr 5 Spring Concert

Apr 11 Kids' Easter Party

Apr 12 Konversationsrunde

Apr 19 Membership meeting

May 1 Germanfest begins

May 8 Stammtisch

May 17 Berlin Airlift program

Jun 5 Stammtisch

Jul 3 Stammtisch

Aug 7 Stammtisch

Sep 4 Stammtisch

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

The weather did cooperate, and a small group of GAST members came to our New Year's Eve Party to welcome the New Year in the company of friends. My thanks go to **Lois Voeller** for helping with the set-up, to **Ed Westenhiser** and **Ruth Bly** for serving the champagne and to all the members who brought snacks to share. It was truly an enjoyable evening.

GAST celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> year with our annual Anniversary Party on January 17. This party is usually organized by members of the Board of Directors. I appreciate the help of **Barbara Conrad** and her friend Peggy, **Leon Boggs**, **Dan Dannehy** and his son Joe and Building President **Harold Wicks** with set-up and decorations. Unable to get a suitable band for the occasion, **Becky Adrian** and I arranged for DJ Connections to provide the evening's entertainment. I believe the DJ did a commendable job selecting tunes from the 50's through the 90's for everyone's dancing pleasure. There was plenty of food for everyone, served by Heyka from Arizona Restaurant.

After dinner **Marianne Segner** announced the winners of the Essay Contest "Berlin Airlift Remembered". The first prize and a \$200 check was awarded to Mary Clutter from Broken Arrow High School. Second prize and \$150 was given to Jennifer Hofener from Bixby High School and the third prize, \$100, went to Ben Brownlee from Jenks High School. We received 36 entries from 6 High School German language programs and the difficult job of selecting the winners was handled expertly by **Barbara Conrad**, **Barbara Taron** and **Rusty Seelye**. They also selected an entry for Honorable Mention for originality of thought, and \$50 was awarded to Chris Cary from Cascia Hall Preparatory School.

More music, dancing and pleasant conversation followed before the next round of awards. The Director's Award for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the goals of the German-American Society of Tulsa was given to **Hildegard Schaffrin** for her many years of service to the Society and her devotion to the children of Kinderdeutsch.



The Presidents' Award for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the goals of GAST was given to **Ed Westenhiser** and **Ruth Bly**. Both of them have given hundreds, if not thousands, of hours of their time to the three organizations that make up the German American Society of Tulsa, serving on various committees, in the kitchen, during our fundraisers and activities too numerous to mention.

GAST is truly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. The best example is the winner of the Special Award for years of hard work and service to the organization, **Erica Hartman**. I remember meeting her and her husband **Neil** when we first joined GAST in the early 80's and starting volunteering for Oktoberfest. Already then, I was impressed with their dedication to the cause. Erica has trained and supervised countless volunteers, ordered and prepared the food for probably more than a million Oktoberfest, Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt patrons and GAST members. We owe her a debt of gratitude. Thank you, Erica!

Our next party is Fasching on February 24. More about that in this edition of the ECHO. Weinkellerabend will continue on the third Friday of each month. I have not heard from anyone who would like to arrange Sonntagskaffee on the first Sundays Please let me know, if you want to be in charge of that or future parties.

Auf Wiedersehen.

—Arnold Bieber



**Wednesday, Feb 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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## ...from the Arts President

**Fred Rother** has a DVD of the Adventfeier service that will be put on the GAST website.

The spring semester of Kinderdeutsch will begin Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 10 AM. It will run for 10 sessions. The website has been updated and fliers have been distributed to the libraries advertising this.

The spring semester of adult language classes will begin Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7 PM. It will run for 10 sessions. There are 14 copies of the textbooks in storage. The order for additional books has been placed on back order and it is uncertain when they will be. We may need to ask students no longer using their books to recycle them to the new students.

The annual garage sale is coming up Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, 2009. Someone is needed to chair this fundraising event. If you are interested contact the office or me.

Sunday May 17 at 3 PM in the great hall a program on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Airlift will be presented. Details about this will be covered in future columns. Charles Meyers is chair of this event so if you have input please let him know.

The spring entertainment program will be a performance by Junge Chor from Celle, it will be on Sunday April 5 at 3 PM. Global Alliance will need assistance from GAST in hosting the performers. Also, let us know if you can think of other venues for their performances.

We are checking into having a fall entertainment program in November by the Karlsruher Konzert-Duo

Movie Night will continue on the first Monday of each month through June.

Konversationsrunde will continue on the second Sunday of each month through May.

The Library will continue operation at 1 to 3 PM on the third Wednesday of each month through May.

Interest in the Speakers Bureau should be referred to **Arnold Bieber** or the GAST office.

We welcome your ideas for programs; let us hear from you if you have any suggestions. All Arts events are free and open to the public, please come and enjoy them.

—**Jim Randall**

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We wish to thank **Bill and Ruth Obermark** for their most gracious hospitality at our last meeting and opening their beautiful home to our group. We also wish to thank Vicar Tiews for an informative and interesting presentation which generated a lot of interest and many questions. The next meeting will be at the home of **Barbara and Gerald Taron** who live at 6562 S.218 E. Ave in Broken Arrow (355-2370). The time will be at 3 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2009. They will tell us about their recent trip to Turkey . Please plan to attend this presentation about an

area considered to be one of the cradles of civilization as well as a strategic outpost for current events today.

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).



## We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Felix Freeman  
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## ...from the Building President

### HELP WANTED!

We need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs for rental events. This only takes one hour on a Friday mornings before the rental. Rentals help pay for the expense of operating our building. To sign up, please call the office at 744-6997 or call me at 743-0359.

We would be appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

—Harold Wicks

## Folk Dancers resume their Fun Friday Evenings

The GAST Folk Dancers are ready to resume practice sessions on Friday, February 9 at 7 pm in the Weinkeller as we prepare for our spring season. As usual, we welcome all newcomers. A partner is not required although helpful. Come in comfortable shoes and casual dress to join us in learning traditional German, Swiss and Austrian folk dances for our pleasure and presentation at various venues in the Tulsa community.



Our spring session runs thru May and will culminate with a weekend of fun and learning on June 5,6& 7 when GAST hosts the North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups annual National Lehrgang (Workshop).

Our teacher for the workshop is coming from Berlin and we expect 40 to 60 folkdancers from around the country to attend. GAST member are welcome to attend as well as take part in the planning and hosting of this event.

Please let me know if you would like to attend or be a part of the planning and hosting. More information will be available as the program plans develop.

For more information contact me.

—Carol Wright  
299-2839 or d.c.w@cox.net

# Dues are Due

All members please pay your dues before March 1st. This ensures your continuous membership and voting privileges. Also, please encourage your friends to join GAST by calling 744-6997 and ask for a membership application.

—**John Gallagher,**  
Membership Chair.

## Christkindlmarkt 2008 Quilt Winner

Congratulation goes to this year's Quilt winner Jim Emery. The 2008 Quilt was made by quilters **Ruth Bly, Helga Roepel and Irmgard Toschik**. Proceeds of \$720.00 goes to the general fund of GAST.

The Handarbeitsgruppe meets every Tuesday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your sack lunch and something to work on. Knitting, crocheting, sewing etc.. We welcome all our crafty GAST members.



—**Irmgard Toschik**

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks our many friends at GAST who sent cards, notes, flowers and have called to expressed their sympathy to me and our sons David and John. It is a real comfort to us to know how well-respected and liked Harry was. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Thank you friends.

—**Irmgard, David and John Runyon.**



*Sweet Potato says:*

*Experience is what you  
get, when you don't get what  
you want.*

—**Dan Stanford**

## Memorial Fund

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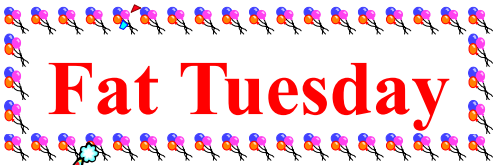
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and join us  
at Fasching**



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Costumes & Prizes



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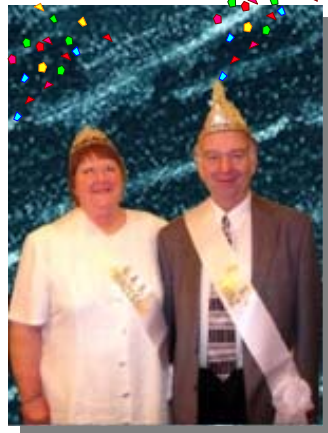
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### Heimatmelodien

Starting at 7:30 PM

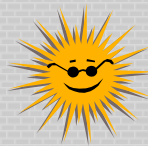
### Der Schandfleck

Starring: Gerlinde Locker, Hans von Borsody,  
Heinrich Gretler, Lotte Lendel and Armin Dahlen

## Come join us at the next Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, Feb 6, 6:30 PM  
In the GAST Weinkeller  
Hope to see you there.  
Zum Wohl,

—Dann Björklund, Chair



## The Sunshine Lady

One sympathy card was sent to  
**Irmgard Runyon** and one get-  
well card to **Margaret Schmidt**.

—Gwen Bieber

## GERMAN LANGUAGE CLASSES START FEBRUARY 10

Our popular German classes start February 10,  
2009. Enrollment begins at 6:30 p.m. classes  
start at 7 p.m.

Different levels, from beginners to advanced  
will be offered. We will meet every Tuesday  
from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks at the GAST Cen-  
ter, 1429 Terrace Drive. Tuition is \$65 for mem-  
bers and \$75 for non-members.

By sending a note indicating class level, accom-  
panied by a check, to the office you can secure  
your place in a class.

Come join us!

—Marianne Strong

## Thank you to the kitchen/serving line crew

I wanted to extend a very special thanks to an amazing kitchen crew, which worked long hours and happily stayed even when the shift was over, due to no replacement being available. A big thank you to the volunteers that checked the kitchen work schedule themselves, seeing that we were short handed and came in on extra days to make this Christkindlmarkt a huge success. I also want to thank the serving line and cashiers who did a great job keeping the food stocked and the line moving. Christkindlmarkt and all of our events require our volunteers to selflessly give their time and sweat to better our community, so I can honestly say "There would not be a German American Society without all of you".

I would like to put a stop to a rumor that we used 'DEHYDRATED GULASCH' at the Christkindlmarkt. I can reassure you that this not true. We used 130 lbs of beef, which we cut in uniform cubes, 60 lbs of diced onions and 120 lbs potatoes that we peeled and cubed. The **GULASCH was made from scratch**.

Thanks again,

—Erica Hartman

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Director's Award  
Hildegard Schaffrin



Special Award  
Erica Hartman



President's Award  
Ed Westenhiser  
Ruth Bly

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