



They are coming to Tulsa!

The "Junge Chor", an A-cappella-Choir from Tulsa's Sister City Celle will be performing on April 5 in the Great Hall of the GAST Center, commencing at 3 PM.

This performance is free and open to the Public.



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GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM
Mar 27 Weinkellerabend
Apr 3 Stammtisch
Apr 5 Celle Choir concert
Apr 11 Kids' Easter Party
Apr 12 Konversationsrunde
Apr 19 Membership meeting
Apr 25 Soup Party
May 1 Germanfest begins

May 8 Stammtisch
May 24 Berlin Airlift program
Jun 4-6 Folkdance workshop
Jun 5 Folklore evening
Jun 5 Stammtisch
Jul 3 Stammtisch
Aug 7 Stammtisch
Sep 4 Stammtisch
Sep 18 Organ Concert

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our Fasching Party on Fat Tuesday was a great success! About 125 people came to enjoy this traditional German festival. Many came in original costumes, making it difficult for our judges, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hufford and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rowland, to select the winners of some of the cash prizes. The **Blaskapelle** did a great job filling the dance floor with their repertoire of marches, polkas and waltzes. Later, during one of the band breaks, the **Elfer-rat**, chaired by **Harold Wicks**, entertained the crowd with the musical skit "Carmen" using hand puppets and scenery painted by **Christy Collins**. The Wiener and potato salad dinner was prepared and served by the **Elfen** (ladies of the Elferrat).



I am looking forward to the **Spring Concert** on Sunday, March 22, when the **GAST Choir**, the **GAST Folk Dancers** and the **GAST Blaskapelle (Brass Band)** will hold their fundraiser, the proceeds of which will support the activities of these hard working volunteer groups. I appreciate the support of our members and the community for this event.

The Germanfest Committee, chaired by **Hannelore Giles** has been meeting regularly to prepare for our annual **Germanfest** on the first weekend in May. **Gwen Bieber** may be calling you to volunteer for the kitchen, serving line and other duties. I hope you will respond favorably. It is a great way to meet your fellow members, enjoy the food and entertainment and to contribute to the success of the festival. Setup will start on Sunday, April 26.

Be sure to attend our annual membership meeting and election of officers and Board members on Sunday, April 19, 3 PM. Meeting notices will be mailed shortly by our Nominating Committee. Please call **Christy Fell, Becky Adrian, Donna Boggs** or **Gwen Bieber** if you are interested in running for one of the positions. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. The Board has agreed to extend the time for membership renewal and voting privilege until just before the meeting will come to order. Candidates for office must be members in good standing as provided in the by-laws.



Wednesday, Apr 15
by 6 PM
scheduled for the Wednesday
after the Board meeting.
The Board meets every
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of the month
at GAST Center at 7 PM

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Don't forget to bring your children or grandchildren to the annual Kid's Easter Party on Saturday, April 11th. The Easter Bunny and his (her?) helpers will make sure everybody has a good time.

Weinkellerabend on February 27 was hosted by **Helga and Claus Greiner, Charlotte and Nick Kerpon** with the help of **Terry Sponsler**. About 40 people came for the delicious food and a relaxing evening. Thank you, Weinkeller hosts, and everybody who contributed soups, salads and deserts. For April we are planning a soup party on Saturday, the 25th, instead of the monthly Weinkellerabend on the fourth Friday. Save your cash, prepare your favorite soup or desert and bring a guest.

Auf Wiedersehen, until next time,

—Arnold Bieber

...from the Arts President

A word of appreciation to **Lois Voeller**: Lois has been a valuable member of the Arts Association for many years. Some of her activities were working on the Cultural and Education Committee and taking care of the receptions at the Sunday afternoon concerts. Lois, thank you for all you have done.

Kinderdeutsch attendance has been affected by illness. The classes will continue on into April.

The beginners group of the adult language class has been divided into two parts to be more manageable. A teacher has been added to handle this. Classes will continue through April.

Our Blaskapelle will play for the Berlin Airlift observance on May 24. They will open the program with American military music and close with Berliner music appropriate to the occasion. There will be a presentation by Mr. Southers who was in ground support for the airlift, followed by a panel discussion by others who were involved. Mr. Powell from the military museum will also be on the program. There will be items from the previous observance on our website.

Hosts are still needed for some of the Junge Chor

performers during their stay here in April. The performance will be on Sunday April 5 at 3 PM.

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 ideas for programs so let us hear from you if you have any. All Arts events are free and open to the public so come and enjoy them.

—Jim Randall

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We wish to thank **Gertrud Schmidt** for escorting a small but enthusiastic group through a tour of Gilcrease Museum. If you were not there you missed an opportunity to see one of Tulsa's hidden treasures.

We will not be meeting in April.

Details for the next meeting in May will be in the next edition of the ECHO.

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).

Folk Dancers have a busy Month

Tulsa Cerebral Palsy 's annual "Red Glove Revue" was one of the main focuses of the Folk dancers in March. The other focus was the GAST Musical Revue.

Being invited to participate in the "Red Glove Revue" was an honor for the GAST Folk Dancers and it meant that we must commit to four consecutive days of preparations, rehearsals and two performances. This was followed the next day by taking part in the GAST Musical Revue. As I am writing this, these events have not taken place. I will report next month on their success.



We will participate in TCC's Frühlingsfest on April 7, at SE campus and teach some of our dances to the students. We hope they will enjoy it enough to join our group and be ready to participate in Germanfest.

Our focus will then turn to preparations for the Folkdance workshop that GAST is hosting on June 4, 5 & 6, 2009 in conjunction with the North American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups. This workshop is open to the public by pre registration. Please contact me if you would like to make a reservation to attend. Proceeds from the event will benefit GAST. All GAST members are encouraged and invited to help with preparations and attend the workshop. Our teacher, Mr. Volkhard Jaenhert, who is a Master teacher of German Folk Dance and an expert on the 20th Century dances, is coming from Berlin. There will be a dinner/dance presentation on Saturday evening, June 5 that is separate from the workshop. More will be available on this evening's program later.

As always, we welcome new dancers at any time during the season. Practice is most Friday evenings from 7ptill9pm. Moving feet are happy feet. Keep them moving.

—Carol Wright,
299-2839 d.c.w@cox.net

Fasching Party attracts Crowd

We had 124 members, students, and guests attend our fun event. Among those attending were :**Frieda Kimberlin, Pauline Presslauer, Neil Hartman**, and two Priests. Prinz Leon I and Prinzessin Donna I welcomed everyone and passed out beads as guests entered. Our Blaskapelle played a nice variety of music for dancing. A mustard-filled Berliner was discovered by guest Jim Kneugle. **Elam Blank** (Amish Kitchen) donated a beautiful baked pretzel. Our knee-dance contest was won by Katherine Whitaker. The Last Man Kneeling was Richard Krews. Both are TCC Students.

The costume contest winners were as follows:

Best-looking female, **Hannelore Giles**, as Dance Hall Lady

Funniest female, **Christy Collins** as Harpo Marx

Best-looking couple, **Bernie and Barbara Scieszinski** as The Peasants.

Best-looking male, **David Marshall** as Titanic Gentleman

Funniest-looking male, **Harold Wicks** as Chinese man

Funniest-looking couple, **Jim and Jean Randle** as The Ghouls

The judges special award went to "The Lady on a Horse" **Carol Wright's** 93-years-young Mother, Rose.

The Judges said it was hard to choose the best costumes.

We sincerely thank Tom and Diane Hufford and BILL and Linda Rowland for volunteering as Judges.

The party closed with Prinz Leon I and Prinzessin Donna I, shedding many tears as they removed their crowns at the end of their reign.

It was a great Fasching season

Memorial Gifts have been received in memory of: **Max McPherson** from GAST, Irmgard Runyon. In memory of **Harry Runyon** by Hannelore Giles, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Bieber and Mr. & Mrs Harold Wicks

In memory of **Beulah Farley**, Kathy Black's mother by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Conrad.

My apologies for the belated acknowledgment of gifts in; memory of **Ted Castle** by GAST and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Runyon in December.

—Irmgard Runyon

To my GAST Friends

Thank you so much for all your sympathy cards and get-well wishes. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely,

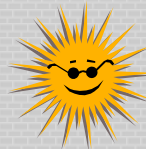
—Ursula Castle



Sweet Potato says:

The best thing about the future is that comes only one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln



The Sunshine Lady

I have sent the following cards. Sympathy to Janet Jamison Family, (death of her father) and Sympathy to Max McPherson Family (death of Max). Get Well Cards to the following, Donna Boggs, Harold Wicks, Erica Hartman and Lou Bonham.

—Gwen Bieber

Annual Membership Meeting

Important! We must have a quorum!
Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers
and Board of Directors (6) Sunday, April 19, 3 PM
in the GAST Center, 2301 E. 15th Street

GAST needs you!

The Nomination Committee is requesting those interested in becoming members of the Board of Directors for German-American Society of Tulsa, German-American Society Arts Association and German-American Society Building Corporation to contact a member of the Nomination Committee. The committee members and phone numbers are **Christy Fell** at 747-1919; **Gwen Bieber** at 357-9156; **Donna Boggs** at 258-5201; or **Becky Adrian** at 744-6997 (GAST Office). There are Director's positions available for those interested in running. GAST members will be voting at General Membership meeting to be held on Sunday, April 19th.



—Christy Fell

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An Erwin Jerchau Presentation



Monday April 6, starting at 6:30 PM
Musik vom Wilden Kaiser (Winter show)

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Nur ein kleines bisschen Schwanger
(Romantic Comedy)**

Starring: Stefanie Stappenberg, Markus Meyer, Stefanie Hoener, Karla Trippel and Andriana Altaras

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

Cassandra Duncan-Azadi
5731 E. 22nd Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114
794-8545

Mike Busenburg
436 S. Garnett
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128
437-6533

Major Cunningham
4349 S. Jamestown
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135
918-749-4898



Come join us at the next Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, April 3, 6:30 PM
In the GAST Weinkeller

Hope to see you there.
Zum Wohl,

— Dann Björklund, Chair

Here Comes Peter Cottontail!

and he's hoppin' down the bunny trail to GAST on
Saturday, April 11th from 1-3pm.

Children 12 years and younger are invited to join us
for an Easter egg hunt, pictures with the Easter
Bunny and refreshments. Children should bring their
Easter basket for the hunt.

Please bring a drink to share with the group (e.g. 2
liter pop, lemonade). Call in your reservation to the
GAST message center by Wednesday, April 8th.

— Eileen Bader



Lumpenball and Soup Party

on Saturday, April 25, 6 - 10 PM in the GAST Center

FREE, if you bring a soup or desert or you can pay \$6 per person.

Bread, butter, coffee and water will be furnished.
Soft drinks, beer and wine are available for a donation.

Entertainment: Games and Recorded Music for your dancing pleasure. Bring your favorite CD.

Please make reservations by calling the Message Center, 744-6998, or e-mailing gast@tulsacoxmail.com by April 22. Please, let us know what type of soup or desert you will bring.



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