



The voice of the German-American Society of Tulsa

Aloha! Hele mei Hoohiwahiwa

(come celebrate)

Couldn't get to Hawaii this year?

Buddy and Joy Butcher are bringing Hawaii to GAST on August 29, commencing at 6:00 PM

Tulsa's Hula Halu O Leilani dancers will greet you at the door Hawaiian style; throughout the evening they will also entertain you.

In addition, the King's of Music, one of Tulsa's finest dance bands, will provide a variety of musical treats.



**The menu,
prepared in house, will include:**

Succulent Hawaiian roast pork with broth,
served on blanched cabbage leaves,
accompanied by sweet potatoes, butter and bread.

Desert: pineapple cake

Drink: coffee/water

Cost for the evening is \$15 per person with dinner served as soon as you check-in, no waiting!

Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment, food and dancing.

To make your reservations please call 744-6997 by August 24th.

Let us know if you plan to bring children and their ages.
For children 14 and under we will provide hot dogs at no charge.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM
Jul 24 Weinkellerabend
Aug 2 Ice Cream Social
Aug 7 Stammtisch
Aug 21 O'fest signup party
Aug 29 Hawaiian Party
Sep 4 Stammtisch

Sep 7 Movie night
Sep 8 German language classes
Sep 13 Konversationsrunde
Sep 18 Organ Concert
Sep 25 Weinkellerabend
Sep 26 Kinderdeutsch
Oct 4 German-American day

Oct 31 Oktoberfest Party
Nov 15 Volkstrauertag
Dec 4-6 Christkindlmarkt
Dec 13 Adventsfeier
Dec 19 Christmas Party
Dec 31 New Years Eve Party

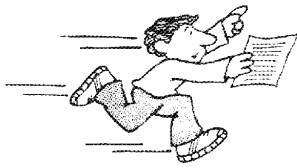
...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Summer is here! The heat is on! We enjoyed a great picnic at Haikey Creek Park . **Arnold Bieber** did a great job organizing the event with the help of **Uschi Mueller** on providing games and activities. The bar-b-que ala Elam Blank was delicious. Thanks to all of you for a pleasant, but warm afternoon. I hope all Germanfest volunteers enjoyed our 'Thank You' party. The greatest part was that we had some of our new members in attendance.

Arnold Bieber is starting to get our 2009 Oktoberfest event going. An initial organizational meeting has been held, so it is off and running now. He will be looking for lots of volunteers to staff our 2 tent operation. We have signed our contracts with Oktoberfest, Inc. and sent in our sponsorship so we are officially in! **Remember this is our biggest fund raiser. We will all need to step up and help so we have funds to operation on.**

Hannelore Giles is chairing our Christkindlmarkt for 2009 and is already ordering goods from Germany for this. Again, when asked to volunteer, please step up. This also helps raise funds for us to operate on. I ask that we all remember that we have 3 fund raising events: Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt and Germanfest. Of course the building rentals bring in funds, but we cannot operate on the rentals alone. It takes a great deal of money to keep our building operating. And, if we want to keep our dues very reasonable and our parties at a good rate, we need to help raise the most we can at our fund raisers. This is our society – we each 'own' a part of it and we must help take care of it and do our part to keep it going. This also means getting more people interested and to become members. Let's get excited about our heritage and culture and let others know about it. Yes, I have some German blood. My mom's family came from northern Germany.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, Aug 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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I also want to report that we have some more committee chairs that were approved at our last Board meeting. I am happy to announce that **Gwen Bieber** is the chair of Weinkellerabend, **Tom Bordner** is chair of Membership and **Hannelore Giles** is the Media chair. It is great to see folks agree to help when asked.

A note to all members: the monthly Board of Directors meetings are open. You are welcome to attend and see what is happening. If you wish to present something to us, I ask that you let me know in advance. We would like to hear your thoughts, ideas and concerns about GAST. Of course, you cannot vote, but you can let us know your thoughts. The meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Weinkeller.

Stay cool and see you at the upcoming Ice Cream Social.

—Leon

...from the Arts President



As the sweltering heat of summer sweeps over us, we are looking to September, along with its cooler weather, to get back in the swing of things.

Tentatively our **Adult German Language Classes**, under the direction of **Marianne Strong**, will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, ending the 10 week session just before Thanksgiving. Please check the September ECHO for any corrections.

Don't forget the wonderful upcoming **American Theater Organ Society** concert evening on Friday, September 18.

Our **Kinderdeutsch** (Children's language/dance instruction), under the direction of **Hildegard Schaffrin**, will once again be an eight-week session beginning September 26, with a vacation for Oktoberfest, and ending November 21, before Thanksgiving. The children's **St. Nikolaus Party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 12.

Konversationsrunde, scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, begins September 13. This fun session is an open share get-together, with attendees relating summer experiences.

Fabulous movie night under the direction of **Erwin Jerchau** is set to begin September 7 and continue from there each first Monday of the month, beginning at 6:30 PM with a German musical prelude. The main movie begins around 7:30 PM. Be sure to circle all your first Mondays on your calendars. If you haven't been to movie night you've missed a treat.

German-American Day, which recognizes contributions made by Americans of German descent, will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4 with featured guest speaker, Professor Victor Udwin. Please make a correction from my last month's advisement regarding the **Volkstrauertag** in El Reno, this is slated for Sunday, November 15 and the **Adventsfeier** on Sunday, December 13.

Stay cool and be sure to look for your *Now Playing at the GAST Theater* in September's ECHO.

—Uschi Mueller



Don't forget our Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

on Sunday, August 2, from 3-5 PM.

Dress in your finest old-fashioned clothes; we will have a roving judge with a prize for best dressed female and best dressed male.

For more details review your July ECHO or call the office for details 744-6998



Frogs...



A group of frogs was traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit.

All the other frogs gathered around the pit.

When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit.

The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could.

Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

"Why did you continue jumping, didn't you hear us" they asked him. The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill him. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.

The power of words ... it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times.

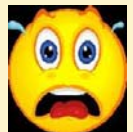
Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another. Be special to others. Send this to someone you like.

...from the internet



Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice said again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot, "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes", said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, then he asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Rotweiler Jesus."



Oktoberfest Sign-Up Party,

Get in the mood for Oktoberfest 2009 and come to our GAST Volunteer Sign-Up Party on Friday, August 21, at 6 PM in the Weinkeller.

Free food and refreshments for those who sign up for one or more shifts

GAST will again be a sponsor and major food vendor for Tulsa Oktoberfest, to be held on the West bank of the Arkansas River on Wednesday October 21 (Corporate night) through Sunday, October 25.

We need everybody's help to get ready for the festival and work one or more shifts preparing and serving food from our extensive menu in the Biergarten and Esszelt. The benefits? Free shuttle from the GAST Center to the festival grounds, free admission to Oktoberfest, free food during your work shift and free admission to our Oktoberfest Party on October 31. Come early and sign up for the best spots on the schedule!

—**Arnold Bieber**
Oktoberfest Chair



Sweet Potato says:

Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.

-Voltaire



The Sunshine Lady

GAST sent out sympathy cards , to the family of Diana Dipboye and one to the family of our beloved Josef Hardt, also a get-well card to Bob Warner.

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. E-mail me at book_worm34@hotmail.com or phone me at 357-9156

—**Gwen Bieber**

GAST Folkdancers are ready!

Yes, the Folk Dancers are excited to begin our fall season practice sessions on August 14. We will begin with renewed enthusiasm because we will be learning some new dances.

Our Berlin theme Lehrgang (workshop) that GAST hosted in June was very successful. Not only because we had over 40 dancers who came from 10 different states to attend and over 50 GAST members who enjoyed the Folklore Evening but there were many of the dances taught that we are interested in adding to our fall program. I would like to give a special thank you to **Irmgard Toschik and Elke Meier**, who were on hand to provide refreshments and meals to the weekend workshop participants. Thanks also the all of the Folk Dance Group members who helped make the weekend successful.

We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. We will meet in the GAST Weinkeller on Friday August 14 from 7 to 9 pm. and continue on subsequent Friday evenings thru October. We have already received invitations to dance in Choctaw, OK and Independence, KS at their annual Oktoberfests.

Please contact me if you haven and questions about joining our group.

—**Carol Wright**
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An Erwin Jerchau Presentation



This popular program
will return
in September

...from the GAST Building President

The Operating Committee needs your help!
Please call me at 743-0359 for details

The Operating Committee evaluates, approves, and schedules all improvements and repairs to the Building. The committee meets quarterly or as determined by the Chairperson. Please volunteer to help keep our Building looking and operating at it's BEST. Our Building is seen and admired by local people and people who come to visit Tulsa.

Becky Adrian, our Office Manager, reports that we have rented our Building for 30 events this year, and we already have 6 rentals for 2010.

Ed Westenheiser has been repairing damaged plaster in the lower level. THANKS, Ed ! We plan to have the lower level painted sometime this year.

— Harold Wicks

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
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Come join us at the next

Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, August 7, 6:30 PM
In the GAST Weinkeller

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

— Dann Björklund, Chair

GAST Cares!

We are here to help in times when extra help is needed. Please let us know if you or any one you know is in need of help. Please contact our Sunshine Lady or me, **Grete McNac**, and we will respond to your request for help. You can e-mail me at sonnenkind11@hotmail.com, or you can call me at 230-5670.

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Bubbles anyone?



The Cook



The Music Man



The Chow Line



All done already?



Hurry up already



The historic City Hall in formerly Breslau, Germany, now Wroclaw, Poland, built in a typical fourteenth century Brick Gothic architectural style. Although Breslau was 60 percent destroyed during the siege of “fortress Breslau” in the final days of the war. Fortunately, this magnificent building suffered only minimal damage.
—Fred Rother