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## Fasching



## Party

Prinz Lonny 1 and Prinzessin Janet 1  
invite you to join them on Fat Tuesday  
February 16, from 6 to 10 PM

**For Fun and Frivolity**

Cost: \$ 10 per person, \$ 5 for Students  
A light Meal is served from 6:30 to 7 PM

Costume contests with cash prizes

Music by the GAST Blaskapelle

To make your reservation,

Please call 744-6997

by Friday, February 12th



# Helau, Helau, Helau!



## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Feb 26 Weinkellerabend	Jul 2 Stammtisch
Jan 30 Anniversary Party	Mar 5 Stammtisch	Aug 6 Stammtisch
Jan 31 Barthelmes Performance	Mar 19 Garage sale	Sep 3 Stammtisch
Feb 5 Stammtisch	Mar 26 Weinkellerabend	
Feb 9 Language class begins	Apr 2 Stammtisch	
Feb 14 Konversationsrunde	May 7 Stammtisch	
Feb 16 Fasching Party (Fat Tuesday)	Jun 4 Stammtisch	

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## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2010 – Another year is starting, We survived the first ‘official’ blizzard in Tulsa and the great Artic cold. This year has to get better – right?

We had good income reports from Christkindlmarkt. Again, many thanks to Hannelore Giles and her whole crew for a job very well done. We now start looking to Germanfest which is fast approaching. We do have a signed contract with a band from Germany to perform for us. They have played at Oktoberfest in the past, so it promises to be a great addition for our festival.

That festival will be April 30, May 1 & 2. Put it on your calendar now! We will be looking for volunteers to help make this another successful event for us and the community.

I will be organizing a small committee very soon to review and prioritize the ideas, etc from our ‘brainstorming’ session. Both of the GAST Vice Presidents will be helping me along with some of you. If you are called upon to help us in this initial step of looking at the future of our organization – please step up and say yes! Remember, this is OUR organization and it takes all of us to make it succeed.

**GAST 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party!!** – By the time we get this, it has happened. I hope all had a great time and enjoyed the dinner and the Mike Bennett band.

I want to congratulate our recipient of the **GAST Director’s Award – Max Tankersley**. The Board selected him for his dedicated work in organizing the Blaskapelle and keeping them going. His tireless efforts have brought us an outstanding music group. Thanks Max. I also want to congratulate **Gina Therion – recipient of the President’s Award**. Gina is a very dedicated and hard worker around here. Just look behind the scene, in the kitchen and ... you will find Gina hard at work. She is a tireless clean-up person at Oktoberfest, Germanfest, Christkindlmarkt and many of our dinners. Thanks Gina for your hard work.

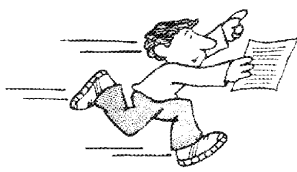
I also congratulate the winners of our annual high school essay contest. They are: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Vincent Kowalewski, Jenks [\$200.00]; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Victoria Thomas, Broken Arrow [\$150.00]; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Ian Meehleder, Jenks [\$100.00]; Honorable Mention – Breanna Norman, Tulsa [\$50.00]. All of these awards were presented at the Anniversary Party.

**Announcing upcoming events:** Fasching – Feb. 16; 50’s party with **GNOTES Band** – March 13; Lumpenball [soup party] – April 17; Picnic – June 6; Ice Cream Social – Aug. 8; Fall - Oktoberfest sign-up party – Sept. 11; Oktoberfest Party – Oct. 30; no party in November; Christmas Party – Dec. 11.

Menus and entertainment will be decided at a later date. Put these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. Your attendance and support will make our events successful. If you want some input on the **GNOTES**, visit with the Biebers, Toschiks or me. We all heard them at a wedding reception recently. They are great. I look forward to all of you getting to enjoy them.

Remember this is YOUR organization. You need to be part of it – be involved. All members are welcome at the monthly Board of Directors meetings. You can discuss and share with us. All input is appreciated. Guten Tag until next month.

—Leon



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Feb 17  
by 6 PM**  
scheduled for the Wednesday  
after the Board meeting.  
The Board meets every  
second Wednesday  
of the month  
at the GAST Center at 7 PM

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## ...from the Arts President



Yes, it was a quiet New Year that slid past like butter on a hot stove. The joy of having movie night just days later, really started the year off right. Let's look at our upcoming events in the order in which they are slated to occur. Our next cultural venue is actually still a part of January - a musical treat given by young extraordinary talent. Please join us January 31 at 3 p.m. for a fabulous concert given by the **BARTHELMES CONSERVATORY ENSEMBLE**. **Susan Bey** and her hostesses with the mostest will again serve great refreshments after the concert.

Can you believe it! The very next night after the concert is February 1 and **MOVIE NIGHT!!** The year is getting better by the moment and you know why! We are truly blessed to have **Erwin Jerchau** select such excellent movies and musical treats for us. I should mention another staple at movie night; someone who puts in countless hours at GAST and has seemed to slip into the shadows, quietly doing for others. That someone is **Arnold Bieber**. I want to publicly say thank you, Arnold, for all you do for Arts and our organization.

Lest we forget – it is our loyal troop, that shows up Monday after Monday that truly makes movie night a special evening. I am remiss in that I haven't had a sign-up sheet to recognize our troop on a monthly basis, but I promise to remedy that next month. Viewers, you are valued and without you, our movie night wouldn't shine as brightly as it does. Our invitation to those who have never joined us stands. Give yourself a treat and check out Erwin's column to see what you have been missing.

It's time to have another go at **KINDERDEUTSCH!** Parents and grandparents, members who have friends with children, I really hope you will help spread the word and will enroll your children. The program is set to begin on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and a separate article provides more detail. The cost is minimal – less than \$1.75 an hour! The children do crafts, learn German, sing, dance and receive a snack; a superb bargain and an educational and social opportunity for our little ones. If cost is an issue, talk to me about a possible 'scholarship' for your child to attend. We do need a basic number of students to make this a worthwhile experience for both children and instructors, so please don't think someone else will take care of the situation. With your help, we can do this and we, the adults, are the beneficiaries of the wonderful entertainment these children provide for us and the love of German culture they will take with them. Older children, who might want to help out for volunteer hours, are also welcome. We can provide them with a volunteer hours certificate for their school.

On the heels of Kinderdeutsch, we have our Adult language classes beginning February 9 under the able direction of **Greta McNac** and **Frieda Odell**. **Marianne Strong** will continue to be a part of this program, as well as **Alexander McLaurin**. If the need arises, we hear that **Doris Gallagher** is ready to pinch hit as a teacher of substitute. Thank you all for enriching Tulsa with these classes.

**Barbara Conrad** and **Gertrud Schmidt** continue to gather interesting presenters and topics for our *Konversationsrunde* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's day!) at 3 P.M. Our next presenter is a world traveler whom most of you know, or should know, from the ECHO – it is our remarkable editor –in-chief, **Fred Rother**. Please read Barbara's column for details – the when, where and what.

In March two musical events await you on March 7 (Sunday) and March 22 (Monday). Please mark your calendars and look for details in next month's ECHO.

Happy Valentine's Day!

—Uschi Mueller

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

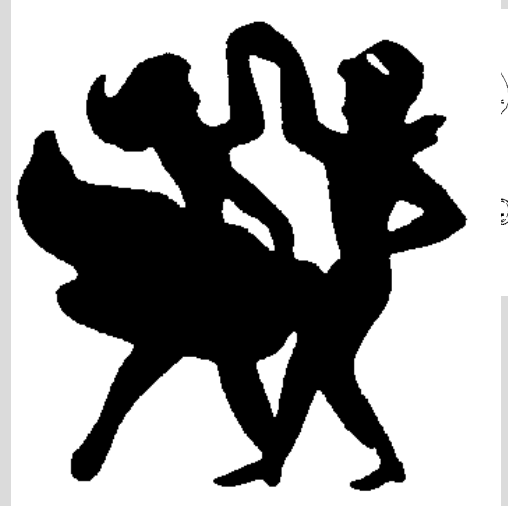
We thank **Rosita Karin Martin** for sharing an inspirational message as to what can be accomplished with self-help and by using your imagination and resources to help others. We wish to thank all of the brave attendants who came to the meeting despite some very disagreeable weather. The next meeting will be in the home of **Barbara and Gerald Taron** who live at 6562 S. 218 East Avenue, Broken Arrow (355-2370) on 14 February 2010 at 3 pm. Our guest speakers will be **Fred and Irene Rother**, (Fred, a one-time resident of Silesia) who recently visited this former German state, which is now part of Poland. Please plan to attend this most interesting presentation. Anyone who is desiring to carpool should call either Barbara Conrad at 492-3273 (Chair) or Gertrud Schmidt at 495-3727 (Co-chair). We will have a garage sale on 19-20 March and will be needing helpers and merchandise. Details to follow. Please try to help in this important fund-raiser.

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).

## Get on your Folkdancing Shoes

We need YOU! The GAST Dancers are ready to do it again and they would like you to join them, beginning Friday evening, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. The camaraderie in this group is really great and our age range is high school through seniors. You don't need to be a great dancer; you only need to enjoy dancing and having a good time. We perform at various Oktoberfests throughout the region, including one in Kansas and Choctaw. In addition, we perform at our own Germanfest, which is our next venue.

As an outreach of GAST, we dance at nursing homes, weddings, parties, churches, schools – if we are asked, we will gladly go. Our aim is to entertain and in the process to have fun ourselves. We teach you the dances and it does take practice, but what a fun way to volunteer your time and make people happy! So do join us Friday evenings beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. – We need YOU!



—Carol Wright

– GAST Volkstanz leader, e-mail: d.c.w@cox.net

## Start collecting for our Garage Sale!



Come join us at the next  
**Stammtischrunde**

Friday evening, February 5, 6:30 PM  
 In the GAST Weinkeller  
 Hope to see you there.  
 Zum Wohl,  
 – Dann Björklund, Chair

**Now Playing  
 at the GAST  
 Theater**

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation



Monday February 1 starting at 6:30 PM

**Heimatmelodien**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Cappuccino zu dritt**

Starring: Liane Forestieri, Andreas Brucker  
 Peer Jaeger and Elenora Weisgerber

## Calling all Children K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Kinderdeutsch begins February 6th

The younger a child starts learning another language, the easier it is for them to excel not only in the new language they are learning but also in their daily language. Students of foreign languages excel academically over their non-foreign language counterparts. What better way to enhance your child's (or grandchild's) learning career than by enrolling them in a fun, educational program which will teach them German language and culture with song and dance.

Children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can benefit from these classes. Our spring session begins on February 6th from 10 to 11:30 am and will run for 8 sessions, with a break for Spring Break (March 20), ending just before Easter on April 3 and culminating with our Easter party on that day. Cost for children or grandchildren of members is \$20 (that's \$1.67 an hr), non-members - \$25. A \$5 discount is given for each additional child within a given family unit.

You do not need to remain at GAST while your child is having their lessons. There are abundant shopping opportunities near-by. We ask only that you can be reached by cell-phone and that you return in time to pick up your child. If you choose to socialize with other parents, coffee will be available and you may want to bring some nibbles.

You may pre-register by sending us your basic information (names / address / phone #) and appropriate funds to **GAST Kinderdeutsch**, 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa, OK 74104.



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Revenue from Building Rentals goes toward the building overhead which reduces funds required and transferred by GAST to the Building corporation.

Last year, 2008, rental income was \$57,000 which was 54% over 2007 rental income. Based on current bookings this will increase by 5+% in 2010. The wedding packages have not only brought in more revenue, but a big success with our clients.

If you are a willing, charming and friendly candidate to host rentals please call **Ginny Greek** at 298-1013 or Becky at the office 744-6997.

## GAST GARAGE SALE!

March 19

**Our annual Garage Sales have always been good money makers for GAST Arts. Please save your Stuff!**

Details follow in the next issue



## Sweet Potato says:

A politician is someone who can make waves and then make you think he's the only one who can save the ship.  
— Ivern Ball

### The Sunshine Lady



I sent the following cards. Get Well to Henry Sendejas (our Ex-Office managers husband). Get Well to Bill Obermark and Carl Edmondson, Sympathy to Annemie and Glenn Waldroop (death of their son) and Sympathy to the Parsons (death of Cristl's mother).

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](mailto:book_worm34@hotmail.com) or phone me at 357-9156

—Gwen Bieber

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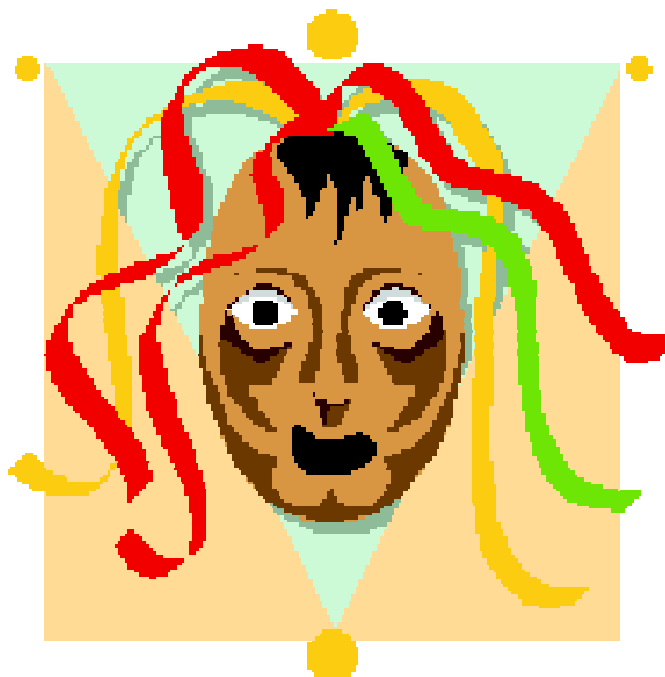
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