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## FINALLY

The German American Society of Tulsa  
is pleased to invite its members and guests to our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party,  
to be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>TH</sup> at The GAST Center.

Dinner will be served at 6 PM.

### Menu:

Prime Rib, au jus with creamy Horseradish Sauce  
Baked Potato  
Green Beans  
Signature House Salad  
Dinner Rolls and Butter  
Anniversary Cake  
Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

Dinner and Dance \$ 20.00    Dance Only \$ 7.50

Entertainment by the **GNOTES** from 7 PM to 10 PM. Please make your reservations  
no later than THURSDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> by calling the GAST office 744-6997

**This is a catered dinner and advance reservations are required.**

We hope to see everybody at this gala affair!

## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Mar 19 Garage sale	April 30 Germanfest begins
Feb 26 Weinkellerabend	Mar 22 Music program	May 7 Stammtisch
Mar 5 Stammtisch	Mar 26 Weinkellerabend	Jun 4 Stammtisch
Mar 7 Piano Concert	Apr 2 Stammtisch	Jul 2 Stammtisch
	Apr 18 Gen. Membership Mtg	Aug 6 Stammtisch

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## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Guten Tag! We have survived at least three snows and winter still has some time to go with us. But we did celebrate Fasching last night. What a great and fun party. Our Elferat, under the leadership of **Harold Wicks** did an outstanding job. The hall was festive which added to the fun atmosphere. Donna and I got to sit at the check-in table and met many visitors, several of whom were high school and college students. One high school boy

remembered working for me as a potato pancake cook at Oktoberfest. We also shared a table with two TCC students and had a good time visiting with them. We also got to turn our royalty status of Prinz and Prinzessin over to **Janet and Lonnie Jameson**. The Blaskapelle also did a fantastic job of providing great music for the evening. Thanks to all for a great evening.

All of the ideas from our 'brainstorming' session have been compiled and given to the Board of Directors for review and thoughts. Our next step will be to see which ones we are already doing and how we may need to improve on those. We need to then look to determine which of the new ideas we can implement and prioritize them. Some will take some dollars while others will simply take folks and their time. The list will be available at the General Membership Meeting for all to see. Many of the ideas are exciting and show promise of moving GAST forward. BUT as always, it will take US as members to volunteer and be a part of some of the activities to help us sustain and grow the organization. If we do nothing, I think we all know the future of GAST .

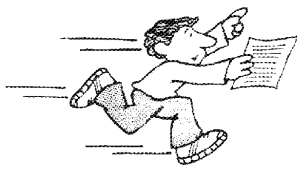
The Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking folks to serve as officers for the next year and directors to serve for next two years. I ask that if you are called and asked to serve that you consider it. We

need leaders willing to step forward and lead this organization forward. We cannot function without good leaders in all three of the organization of GAST . These elections will take place at the **General Membership Meeting – Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 PM in the Great Hall.**

Please remember that we must have a quorum of the membership present to hold the elections and conduct any other business. Put it on your calendar now and plan to attend. Again, this is your organization and this is a way for you to help make it work.

Finally, we are going to try one more time to have the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on Saturday, March 13. Our Presidents and Directors award winners will be recognized as well as our high school Essay contest winners. Make sure you make your reservation and attend. We will have a great meal and fantastic entertainment by the GNOTES band. **John Toschik** will also have a history video of GAST running in the foyer. See you all there!

—Leon



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Mar 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



It was hard to overlook the fact that we weren't having Will Rogers weather ("If you don't like the weather – wait a minute"). The ice and snow, though beautiful to look at, kept us bundled up and in the house. The trips to the bird feeders were a quick reminder regarding the temperature. Our January 31<sup>st</sup> **BARTHELMES CONSERVATORY ENSEMBLE** program was canceled due to the weather. I am happy to report that a new date of May 16th has been found. As the date nears you will receive details and reminders.

Although we did not garner the usual number of beginner students in our language classes, since we did not get word out to the public media, we do have an impressive group of faithful learners who have returned and are moving up in the ranks. Our last count was at 23 participants, with our brave and gifted beginner skipping to Level II. The language classes are ably taught by **Frieda O'dell**, **Greta McNac** and **Alexander McLaurin** (**Marianne Strong** has graciously opted for a respite this session, but as Arnold Schwarzenegger is fond of saying: "She'll be back!"). Language classes are a bi-annual event with the next session beginning in early September. I am especially proud that 4 of our current students also signed up for GAST membership. They are **Brian Bailey**, **Janet and Kenneth Brooks**, **Barbara Meehan** and **Judy Mills**. Welcome and I sincerely hope you will take advantage of our movie night and Konversationsrunde to augment your German lessons.

Happiness is: As I write this, **Erwin Jerchau's** movie night will be in just 13 short days. Please be sure to read Erwin's column to see what delights he has in store for us on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our true blue film fans gathered on February 1 and I promised last month to recognize them. They are **Arnold Bieber**, **Christa Cherny**, **Barbara Conrad**, **Erwin Jerchau** (of course!), **Elizabeth Kilbride**, **Grete McNac**, **Georg** and **Martha Ort**, **Gabi Richardson**, **Ron Sanning**, **Hildegard Schaffrin**, **Gina Therion** and I. These are by no means the only people you will see at movie night. We have a strong core group, augmented by those who come as they can. Can you smell the popcorn? Please take advantage of our standing invitation

Mutti (my Mom) has been in the hospital these past few days and is due to come home tomorrow. Thank you **Gwen Bieber** for the get-well card on behalf of GAST. Mutti says she hasn't felt this good in a long time, which means she will be able to enjoy the upcoming **Hannah Wyss** concert on March 7 at 3 PM. Please look over the separate information regarding this concert.

Many of you have heard **Dana Maher** perform for us and know what a great artist she is. It's your lucky month; Ms Maher will be presenting us with an evening of music on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. I hope you will be able to attend despite it being a week night.

Kinderdeutsch is once again up and running. This is a program where joining in the fun two or three Saturdays into the session is still viable. The price is definitely reasonable and our three teachers, **Angelique Giddings** (language and crafts), **Hildegard Schaffrin** (singing) and **Madeline Schaffrin** (dancing) are the cat's meow! If you know of someone with children ages K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, please do let them know about this program.

March is also **GARAGE SALE** month. This is one of our primary fund raisers, along with general donations to Arts and the Memorial Fund. If you have items or time which you could donate – we do need both. Putting on a garage sale is work, however, pricing and arranging can be fun; especially if shared with friends. Please see Barbara Conrad's separate article dealing with the garage sale and also her article dealing with the Konversationsrunde regarding our trip to the Gilcrease museum. A large group gathered for last Konversationsrunde at the home of **Barbara** and **Gerald Taron's** house (what a fabulous Apfel and Käsekuchen!). **Fred** and **Irene Rother** presented a very interesting and insightful overview of their trips to Silesian in present day Poland. Thank you to all who attended and please join us for the next Konversationsrunde.

Our thanks also go to **Arnold Bieber** and all those GAST members who helped with the recent successful Global Festival at which 1, 513 attendees were able to learn about German culture. I hope you will join us in the pursuit of our March whenever you can. We do appreciate your being there.

—Uschi Mueller

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We are grateful to **Gerald and Barbara Taron** for hosting our February meeting and for all the members and guests who attended a most interesting meeting regarding what happened to Silesia during and after World War II. A special thanks to **Fred and Irene Rother** for sharing their personal experiences during these turbulent times as well as their recent visit.

The next meeting will be at 3 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at the Gilcrease Museum located at 1400 North Gilcrease Museum Road (596-2700). Please gather in the entrance 10-15 minutes prior to the tour. At this time Gilcrease has a special exhibit by Charles M. Russell and Olaf Seltzer. This exhibit is a famous collection of paintings and sculptures by two world renown artists. Our guide will be our own **Gertrud Schmidt** who has been conducting tours at Gilcrease in either German or English for the last several years. Gertrud can give us insights to the art that you would not be aware of on a self-guided tour. The admission fee is \$6 which hopefully we can defer some of the costs by GAST members who also members of Gilcrease and who can bring a guest. Car pooling may be arranged by contacting either **Gertrud Schmidt** ( 495-3727 ) or **Barbara Conrad** (492-3273) .

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).

## Giant GAST Garage Sale

On the weekend of 19-20 March we will be hosting a garage sale in the GAST Center. This activity is vital to the Arts Association since it is a major source of income to fund other non-revenue producing activities of our group. This is the time to get rid of your white elephants and other items that you no longer care for but that someone else will pay for and treasure. All unsold items will go to the Salvation Army which I am sure we will all agree is a worthy organization.

We will start on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March beginning at 9 am and ending whenever we finish organizing, tagging and pricing all the previously collected items plus whatever is brought in on the 17<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 3 pm and on 18<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 3 pm. We will be open from 9 am until 5 pm on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be open on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 3 pm.

After close of business on Saturday and on Sunday, if necessary, we will pack the remaining items for pick-up by the Salvation Army on Monday. As you might guess, this event requires a lot of help in the form of cashiers, arranging, stocking, pricing the items, general looking after the merchandise as well as general gofer activities. We would appreciate whatever time you can spare to help us start the new fiscal year on a good note.

For further details contact **Barbara Conrad** at 492-3273.

## Piano Concert

The Swiss Club of Oklahoma and the German-American Society Arts Association will present world-renowned Swiss pianist Hanny Schmid-Wyss on Sunday, March 7 at 3 PM in the Great Hall of the GAST Center Please join us for this free performance and invite your family and friends. A reception will follow.

For program details please call 744-6997 or 357-9156.



Come join us at the next  
**Stammtischrunde**

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

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Monday March 1, Starting at 6:30 PM  
**Musik vom Wilden Kaiser**  
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Starting at 7:30 PM  
**Liebe hat Flügel**

Starring Lilly Schoenauer, Erol Sander, Suzan Anbech,  
 Heidelinde Weiss and Guenther Schramm

## Building News

Bride's Choice Awards 2010 was presented to **Becky Adrian** representing GAST. We are in the top five percent of local wedding professionals. Weddingwire.com network makes this award based on Excellence in Quality, Service, and Professionalism. Our clients consistently give us 4.5 to 5 Stars when they fill out a survey. Becky richly deserves this award for her dedicated service to GAST. Go to [www.weddingwire.com](http://www.weddingwire.com) to read comments and see photos of our building.

Thanks to the efforts of John Toschik, GAST has internet access in all parts of our building. We still are in need of members to help us by volunteering to serve as hosts during our rentals. Please call Becky at 744 6997.

– Harold Wicks, Building President

## Music Program

**Irish harpist Claire Roche** will present a program of music for voice, harp and piano **on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the GAST Center**. Ms. Roche is known for her ability to weave a rich tapestry of sound, imagery and emotion. Her award-winning settings of the poetry of W.B. Yeats, as well as her original compositions, celebrate Irish folklore, culture and history. This event is sponsored by the German-American Society Arts Association and the Midwest Harp Academy.

For more information, visit [www.anamcronan.com](http://www.anamcronan.com) and click on "Claire Roche In Concert". Ms. Roche's CDs will be available for purchase at the concert. This program is free and open to the public. Donations are welcomed but not required.

—John Millar

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to the GAST Family**

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**Sprechen Sie Deutsch?**

The German-American Society is again offering their ten-week German conversation classes from beginners through advanced.

The classes are held every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 pm at the GAST Center.

Although classes started on February 9th, there are still a lot of spaces available in the basic and intermediate classes, **so that you can still enroll.** Come with a buddy (it is more fun that way!) and please tell all your friends.

Now is a great time  
to tackle that German language!



**Sweet Potato says:**

There are two types of people—  
those who come into a room and say,  
"Well, here I am," and those who come in  
and say, "Ah, there you are."

Frederick Collins



**The Sunshine Lady**

GAST sent out the following get-well cards to Peter Ahrenkiel, Margot Schewing, Shirley Stoops, Irmgard Runyon and Ingeborg Mueller. Additionally, we sent out these Sympathy cards to Christy Collins (death of her mother) John Gallagher (death of his mother) Charlotte Kerpon, (death of her brother) and June Cockrell (death of her sister).

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

**Thank You**

We would like to thank the "GAST Family" for their expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of John's Mother. We appreciate your kindness. Danke!

—John & Teresa Gallagher



**Join GAST**



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Sure looks like fun, doesn't it?



In February 1945, barely three months before the end of World War II, the city of Dresden was heavily bombed. Approximately 25,000 people were killed. The picture on the left shows the remnants of the iconic Frauenkirche after the raids. The new Frauenkirche was reconstructed over a period of seven years by architects using 3D computer technology to analyse the old photographs and every piece of rubble that had been kept. The church was formally consecrated on 30 October 2005. GAST contributed to its reconstruction.