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Lumperball and Soup Party

Saturday, April 17 at the GAST Center.

After the pain of paying taxes, it's time for some comfort food, like soup and sweets.



Please bring enough soup and/or dessert to share

Bread, Butter, Coffee and Water will be provided.

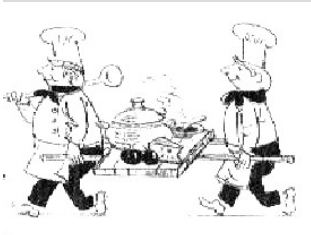
Admission is FREE, if you bring a dish to share,
otherwise \$ 10.00 per person.

Doors open at 5 PM.

Entertainment by The Bennett Band from 7 pm-10 pm

Please make your reservations no later than Wednesday, April 14
by calling the GAST office at 744-6997.

Let us know when you make the reservation
whether you bring soup and/or dessert
or if you just come to enjoy some
good home-made dishes.



GAST Happenings

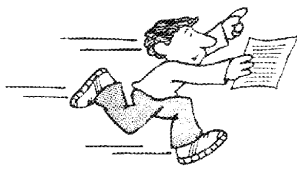
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Mar 26 Weinkellerabend	Apr 23 Weinkellerabend	Jun 6 GAST Picnic
Apr 2 Stammtisch	Apr 30 Germanfest begins	Jul 2 Stammtisch
Apr 3 Children's Easter Party	May 7 Stammtisch	Aug 6 Stammtisch
Apr 17 Soup Party	Mat 28 Weinkellerabend	Sep 3 Stammtisch

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

**Guten Tag:**

WOW! Third time was a charm. What an Anniversary party this past Saturday! I hope all of you had as good a time as I did. The food was fantastic. The band was fantastic. The fellowship with friends was fantastic. So that means it was a fantastic evening. GAST should be very proud of 30 years in existence. It was great getting a letter of congratulation from German Consul in Houston acknowledging the many ways that we cultivate and perpetuate the German heritage here in Tulsa . Thanks to who came and helped us celebrate. I especially want to thank Erica Hartman and her crew for organizing the event and Becky Adrian for helping us with the caterer. Also John Toschik for setting up the history video and those who brought the picture albums. I again want to congratulate our high school essay contest winners and the recipients of the Director's Award and the President's Award. We were finally able to properly award them their certificates and prizes. As we move forward, we have our annual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 PM in the Great Hall. There will be reports from the activities and committees within GAST. The most important business is the election of officers and board members. We must have a quorum present to conduct business. Please make sure that your dues are paid NOW and then be there on the 18th. In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing which means the dues are paid on time. This is your organization. You need to take your part in making sure we stick around for several more years and you can do that by being part of the business – be involved. The officers and board members cannot do it all. YOU ARE NEEDED!



**Newsletter
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Apr 21
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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Hopefully, we will be able to present some thoughts and ideas from our brainstorming session. We feel that some of these may well help us move forward and keep GAST live and vital for years to come. We want to attract folks who have an interest in the German culture and heritage. Again we will need YOU to help.

Our next event will be the Soup Party. See the article elsewhere in this issue for details. Plan now to come – wear your “poor man” clothes and bring your pot of soup to share and enjoy some more great food, music and fellowship. I am anxious to try all those good soups you make. Our music for that night will be the Mike Bennett band.

LOST ITEM! It has been brought to my attention that there is a GAST President's pin that is to be passed from one president to the next. Somewhere along the line it has disappeared. Does anyone know of its whereabouts? If so, please let me know.

I greatly appreciate all the support I receive from you as a attempt to lead us forward.

—Leon

...from the Arts President



Our March was a busy one, with two fabulous concerts, a garage sale, our beloved movie night, and children and adult language classes. The concerts were blessed, as has been our great fortune this past year, by **Susan Bey's** delectable receptions. For the **Hannah Wyss** reception, **Arnold** and **Gwen Bieber**, **John Millar** and Susan's true blue husband, **Roger Bey** (we often forget these background figures – always there and seldom mentioned), helped to insure that everything was just right – elegant and festive. Susan's helpers for the **Claire Roche** reception we will acknowledge in the May issue.

Speaking of the **Claire Roche**, did I really goof that badly in my last column? Yes I did, *mia culpa!* Thank goodness my executive committee members, in this case **John Millar**, keep me honest. Dana Maher was responsible for publicity on behalf of the co-sponsor for this event, the **Midwest Harp Academy**.

With this month's movie offering, **Erwin Jerchau** will leave us in suspense by presenting a movie in two parts (mit Fortsetzung). This will allow for the melodic prelude which takes us to some of German speaking's (singing's) most beautiful countryside. Don't worry if you miss the April installment of the main movie. Erwin indicated there is a short recap to bring you up to speed in May. Yes, I will have a preprinted sign-in sheet this time. Like my keys, I managed to misplace our last one. No matter, we had a record crowd and I thank you for coming. Our invitation to those who have never treated themselves to this enjoyable and inexpensive (free) night out still stands. Please do join us – your chair is waiting, and if, like me, you want to come in your slippers, we won't breathe a word to anyone else!

Our current **ECHO** will arrive just in time to remind all GAST parents and grandparents that the **Children's Easter Party** under the direction of our current Mai Königin, **Katrina Schwartz** will take place right after Kinderdeutsch on Saturday, April 3. Kinderdeutsch generally winds down at noon and since the children won't have time to go home for lunch, we will provide a bit of a heartier snack after their lessons to give them plenty of energy to hunt for Easter eggs. Please be sure to read Katrina's article dealing with the children's Easter Party. It is an event for which we need reservations to insure the Easter Bunny lays plenty of chocolate eggs. In addition, if you are available to help Katrina disperse eggs for the hunt, I am sure she would appreciate that. Keep in mind that your children/grandchildren do not need to be enrolled in Kinderdeutsch to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt.

In the May **ECHO**, I hope to be able to report on a successful Garage Sale, with a good addition to our Arts coffers. The Arts Association has limited means of raising funds, with the garage sale an important event. I would like to thank all who donated both time and items to the sale. Without your help and generous cleaning of closets, this effort would be in vain. From time to time we also receive private donations and one very generous donation, which I would like to publicly acknowledge, comes from the **Presslauer family**. Such gifts allow us to continue the many cultural programs made available. Arts also receives memorial gifts, which are noted in a separate column in the **ECHO** by **Irmgard Runyon**. Thank you, Irmgard, for keeping track and sending out notifications which honor these gifts. Another source of fund raising includes our annual fund raising letter, which I need to compose and submit. Donations are accepted at most cultural events and are truly appreciated.

In addition, we do receive one dollar from each paid membership; a figure which fluctuates from year to year. Speaking of memberships, I am happy to report that we have received an additional individual membership as a result of our language classes, **Virginia Self**, and two new memberships as a result of our Kinderdeutsch classes, family **Arnold** and **Valerie Schmidt**, and individual **Danny Hensiek**. Thank you for joining and for being young! You are our future! Be sure to voice your needs as a club member and to help make those needs a reality.

On another note, please keep, May 16th on your calendar for the **Barthelmes Conservatory Ensemble**, however, first comes the Easter Bunny, then comes movie night and then movie night again! See you there and there and there and there

—Uschi Mueller

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We are grateful to **Gertrud Schmidt** for a professional, enlightening, and entertaining German language tour of the Charles Russell exhibit at the Gilcrease Museum. The Museum is a well-kept secret and perhaps we will revisit it sometime in the future.

The next meeting will be at 3 pm on the 11th of April at the Clubhouse of the Spicewood Housing complex (249-3400). The clubhouse is located off of Memorial between 71st and 81st and may be reached by turning east on 77th street and continuing through an open iron gate and is located on the left hand side. Our meeting will be hosted by **Renate Fleming** (459-9874). The meeting will be initiated by **Barbara Taron** who will relate stories to us of a by-gone era (post WWII Germany). Hopefully this will lead to open forum for other individual members to share their individual experiences within this same time frame.

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).

Weinkellerabend

Our monthly informal get-together, usually on the 4th Friday of each month, continues to grow in popularity. On February 26 we had more than 50 people enjoy the food, drink and conversation (English is spoken so that everyone can participate). At this time we are preparing for our next Weinkellerabend on March 26th, starting at 6 PM. We hope to have a full house again.

After several years of the ladies bringing some of the wonderful dishes and desserts, we decided it was the men's turn to contribute their talents for the **Weinkellerabend on April 23rd**. After all, it will be Mother's Day a short 2 weeks later. **Elam Blank** agreed to be in charge. Come and see what Elam and the guys have brought for us.

—Gwen Bieber

FASCHING PARTY 2010

Prinz Lonnie I and Prinzessin Janet I welcomed 120 attendees to our annual celebration on Fat Tuesday, February 16th. The Great Hall sparkled with the decorations and balloons. Members and guests enjoyed the music played by our Blaskapelle

Band. The band Director, DON LINDY, presented a good variety of dance music for our enjoyment. Our Prinz and Prinzessin presented their Special Medals and they started the dancing with a waltz followed by a polonaise. The Band requested Prinz Lonnie I to be their conductor for one selection. Our Prinz performed with great enthusiasm.

Our Costume Contest had many participants. The Winners were as follows :

Funniest Female, CAROL WRIGHT, "COW"—Best Female, ROSE (Carol's Mother), " ZEBRA"

Funniest Male, DORIS WICKS, "ABE LINCOLN"—Best Male, David Marshall, WWII SOLDIER

Funniest Couple, Ruth Bly & Ed Westenhiser "Green Couple"—Best Couple, Hannelore Giles, MAID, & Joe, "Indiana Jones"

Judges' Discretion Prize went to Wayne Beebee, "Old Band Member"

Sincere Thanks to our judges PHIL and LAURA JUDKINS, BILL and MARGARET MARTINSON for their services.

The prize for ONE of the TWO Mustard Filled "BERLINERS" was claimed by Leonia Barker, a guest from Muskogee. She received a Pretzel donated by Elam Blank. We hope to see all of you next year on Saturday March 5th.

— Harold Wicks, Chairman, Elferrat



Come join us at the next
Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, April 2, 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 April 5, Starting at 6:30 PM
Musik vom wilden Kaiser

Starting at 7:30 PM
**Zwischen Liebe und Macht
Part one**

Starring : Alexander Kamp, Kai Wiesinger,
Benjamin Sadler and Bernd Ssteigmann

Queen for a Year!



We are now accepting nominations for the 2010 GAST Maikönigin (May Queen). She must be at least 18 years old and a current single-or-family member of GAST.

Her main responsibilities are to represent GAST at various functions and to chair the children's St. Nikolaus and Easter parties (Details can be requested from the Maikönigin Committee). The past three May Queens will assist her with "Rat und Tat" (advice and help).

The deadline for nominations is set for Friday, April 2nd. Please submit a short bio to any member of the committee. The crowning of our new Queen will take place during

Germanfest.

Maikönigin Committee:

Hildegard Schaffrin 747-8291

Gwen Bieber 357-9156

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Annual Children's Easter party

Calling all children to the annual Easter party, to be held Saturday, April 3rd from noon until 2:00 (following Kinderdeutsch) at the GAST building. Parents, please RSVP the GAST office by Thursday, April 1st at 744-6998 or at gast@tulsacoxmail.com.



The party is free of charge, but we encourage parents to bring a sweet or salty snack item to share. Children will enjoy crafts and an egg hunt and will have their pictures taken with a big fluffy guy with large ears. Don't miss this special event.



—Katrina Schwartz, May Queen 2009-2010

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Sweet Potato says:

Success seems to be largely
a matter of hanging on
after others have let go.

—William Feather



The Sunshine Lady

GAST sent one get well card to Harold Wicks (knee Surgery) and two sympathy cards, one for the death of Jean Heidinger and one to the Jack Wynn family, the death of his 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 or phone me at 357-9156

—Gwen Bieber

DUES ARE (PAST) DUE

All members please pay your dues as soon as possible to ensure your continuous membership and voting privileges.

**—Tom Bordner
Membership Chair**

Library Hours

Thanks to Hildegard Schaffrin for staffing our library for many years. Due to low volume of visitors, however, the library will now be available during office hours by appointment only. Please call the office at 744-6997 for your appointment.





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We just completed most of the move of the store and restaurant this weekend. We plan to open on Thursday March 18.

We will be open Monday-Saturday and will be serving lunch and dinner in our vastly expanded new restaurant.

Don't forget to come shop in our new "Factory" Salesroom!

Our new location is now at **81st** and Sheridan

Just one mile north of our old location at 91st and Sheridan.

We've got plenty of parking now!

This is Siegi's Sausage Factory?

What happened to the old Siegi's?

Well, they moved.!



Franz Joseph Haydn (March 31, 1732 – May 31, 1809) was an Austrian composer. He was one of the most important, prolific and prominent composers of the classical period. He is often called the "Father of the Symphony" and "Father of the String Quartet" because of his important contributions to these genres. He was also instrumental in the development of the piano trio and in the evolution of sonata form.

A life-long resident of Austria, Haydn spent much of his career as a court musician for the wealthy Hungarian aristocratic Esterházy family on their remote estate. Isolated from other composers and trends in music until the later part of his long life, he was, as he put it, "forced to become original". At the time of his death, he was one of the most celebrated composers in Europe.

Joseph Haydn was the brother of Michael Haydn, himself a highly regarded composer, and Johann Evangelist Haydn, a tenor. He was also a close friend of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and a teacher of Ludwig van Beethoven.



Prince Nikolaus Esterházy, Haydn's most important patron