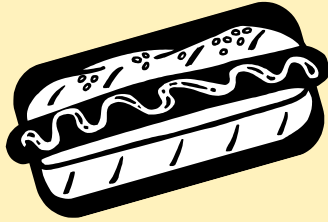




The Voice of the German-American Community



GAST Picnic



On June 6, from 1 pm to 4 pm

At Haikey Creek Park, 11327 South Garnett road, shelter # 2

Menu:

Pulled pork, smoked bologna

Hot links, hot dogs

Baked beans, Cole slaw

Potato Salad, bread

Cookies

Water, soda & beer

Family activities

Admission: \$ 10.00 per person, Germanfest volunteers \$ 5.00 per person

\$ 5.00 children 5 yrs to 11 yrs.

For reservations, please call 744-6997 by Wednesday June 2

Please bring your own lawn-chair, available seating is very limited.



GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Jul 2	Stammtisch
	Aug 6	Stammtisch
May 28 Weinkellerabend	Sep 3	Stammtisch
Jun 4		Stammtisch
Jun 6		GAST Picnic

This page is sponsored by GAST Member Hildegard Schaffrin

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



GUTEN TAG!

Germanfest was a success! What a great weekend it was. Lots of good food, great music and dancing and generally a good time by all that came. We are showing a slight increase over last year – before expenses – which is great news. The weather cooperated for the most part and that helped. Many thanks to **Hannelore Giles**, her planning committee and all the volunteers who made this festival such a success. It was great to again have a band from Germany to play for us. Our ‘in-house’ music and dancers were also tremendous. It was also a great pleasure for me to meet the president and some of the members of the Dallas German group that came up to attend Germanfest. They highly complimented our group for putting on such a great festival. They came both Friday and Saturday!

As we move into the next year of our Board of Directors, I want to thank our current Board for their dedicated service this past year. To those who are leaving, thanks. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I look forward to seeing you involved in other areas of GAST now. Just leaving the Board does not excuse you from being involved in YOUR organization. The new incoming members – WELCOME! I look forward to working with you and hearing your thoughts and ideas as ‘new blood,’ on the Board. From our last meeting, I can already sense a new energy and excitement in the air. New ideas, new ventures, new thoughts are already coming forth. That excites me. As we see our members age, we are no longer able to do the same activities we have always done – Oktoberfest, Germanfest, etc. The Board has already stated that we must look at new ventures to raise our needed funds and to attract new members and keep them. Several ideas are out there and we will be working on them. Expect to see some exciting things in the future for GAST. We are already pursuing the proper licensing for alcohol and strong [German] beer. This will allow us to offer service to groups renting our facility and we reap the profit. It will also allow us to offer other activities that will possible attract younger members and

even some of our local German company folks who are looking for a good German beer at a German festival or event here.

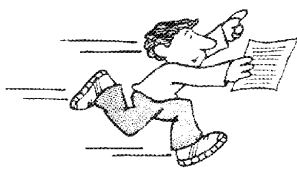
We also will be seeing a German-American Toastmaster group started by **Fred Rother**. Look for more info on this to follow. This is just one of many new ideas that I anticipate coming forth. Some will work, some will not. We will not know though, unless we try. We have to do something to keep GAST alive and well for years to come.

I am currently looking for a co-chair for Oktoberfest. It is coming up sooner than I want to think about. Are you interested? Let me know.

Again, I want to remind all of you that this is YOUR organization! It takes YOU to make it work and stay a vital ethnic organization in Tulsa . Remember, **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT BOARD MEETINGS!** You can listen, give the Board ideas and discuss. You just cannot vote. This is a great way to keep up with what is happening. If you wish to present something to the Board, I would appreciate advance notice of that.

Hope to see all of you at the summer picnic.

—Leon



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, June 16
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

You were promised a fabulous treat for our last cultural presentation in the 2009/2010 season and received one in spades as the **Barthelmes Conservatory of Music's Tulsa Young Chamber Musicians'** played their hearts out, presenting Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Clementi, Vivaldi, and other great musicians' works. The youngest in the group, little **Kayla Cao**, almost needed a step stool to get onto the piano bench. Her tiny fingers flew across the keys playing a *Sonatina in C Major*. Jared Riddoch, Abigail Terrill, Katherine Bates, Fiona Byrd, Margarita Kuzminova, Victoria Galushkin, Chris deBruyn and Drake Dugger followed suit with their amazing dexterity in mastering those little black and white keys. Yet it was not only the piano that was featured, but also bass, cello and violin played individually, with piano accompaniment, or as part of a quartet or quintet. Anthony Conroy, Grant Houston, Jerry Ni, Joy Martin, Emma Maley, Ana Hunt, Charis Martin, Kiersten Morales, Alicia Chong, Matthew Maroney, Zac Hardin, Drew Crane, and Emma Hardin demonstrated the universality of music and how it can lift your heart and soul.

Thank you to the students, to their parents, and to their teachers for encouraging and sharing these musically gifted young people with us. I would also like to gratefully acknowledge **Susan Bey's** outstanding reception presentation. Susan and her husband, Roger, have faithfully created these delectable offerings for at least two years, which I am aware of, assisted now and again by various association members. At this particular reception, **Arnold and Gwen Bieber** lent a hand, with Arnold closing down the fort, after the last of the guests had departed.

About 80 people were present to hear this astonishing display of talent. It should have been more, and I hope that when this group returns, those of you who did not have the opportunity to attend, will be able to do so then. Ms Aida, who coordinates the conservatory's public presentations, indicated that this was by no means the full representation of their student body, but that to include all would make a program much too long. Thus we will definitely have the pleasure of hearing more from these young folks. When you hear of their return, please plan to attend not just for the music, which will captivate you, but also to see the joy and passion that shines on the students' faces as they play and their smiles as they acknowledge the well deserved applause you give them.

Our last movie night fast approaches on June 7th with **Erwin Jerchau** bringing us one more delight for our 2009/2010 season (see Erwin's column). Erwin was right; the sequel on May 6th left us guessing until the very end. The newly betrothed husband was indeed killed, deader than a door nail, but his brother had nothing to do with it. It was the trusted business partner with an evil grudge that 'done him in'. Was the evil man satisfied in just killing off the husband? By golly, no! He wasn't to rest until he knocked off our Cinderella as well. When he thought he had succeeded, remorse overcame him to the point of suicide. But wait – there was a happy ending after all. Our Cinderella survived the horrific car crash, brought from death's door by the brother who had always been madly in love with her. Their future, though unwritten at the end of the story, looks rosy, with them living happily ever after.

Our last *Konversationsrunde* was moved to **Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt's** house and has not yet taken place as I write this column, thus the report will come in next month's column,

Next month begins our 2010/2011 season and with that I would like to thank you for your support as regards this presidency. Being permitted to continue to work with our dedicated Board and volunteers is indeed an honor. Our new season is taking shape with our first cultural offering being the **American Theater Organ Society's** annual fun fest in the Great Hall on Friday evening, August 20. Please mark your calendars and look for more information on our new season in next month's column. Have a safe and happy summer!

—Uschi Mueller

Is Toastmasters 4 U? And no, we don't make Toasters!

Let me explain:

Toastmasters International is a world leader in helping people become more competent and comfortable in front of an audience. This nonprofit organization now has nearly 250,000 members in more than 12,500 clubs in 106 countries, offering a proven and enjoyable way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills.

We have no instructor; instead, meetings are run by the members in a positive manner, focusing on what was done right and what could be improved.

The following mission statement explains it further:

It is the mission of a Toastmaster club to provide a non-threatening learning environment in which every member has an opportunity to develop communications, listening and leadership skills, which, in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth.

GAST has agreed to host a Toastmaster Club on its premises. I am planning to establish such a club for members and friends of GAST. To generate interest for the establishment of a club at GAST, I plan to demonstrate a typical Toastmaster meeting, which will take place in the Weinkeller on a date yet to be established. Meanwhile I need to get some feedback from GAST members on potential interest for this project.

Clubs meet every week on a given day of the week from 7 PM to 8:30. Cost of membership biannually is set at \$30 plus a one-time registration fee of \$20, once the club is chartered. New members receive an initial workbook and a monthly Magazine.

Even before charter has been achieved, I would form a leadership team from those who have signed up. I will lead the club as president for six months and will appoint: Vice Presidents of membership, education, public relations, Sec/Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. After charter we will establish a slate of officers to run the club for the next segment of the TM operating cycle.

Please take a look at the web pages of my **Jenks Toastmaster club** for an example of a typical TM meeting agenda and reasons to join.

<https://sites.google.com/site/jenksamericatoastmasters/>

Anyone potentially interested in participating in such a program, please email me
at ffrother@yahoo.com.

If you have any other question about Toastmasters, also please send me an e-mail. I'd like to keep track of the level of interest this notice generates, therefore, I prefer to interact via email rather than phone calls. However if you're not set up for email, call me at 299-4814.

Please note: Our Toastmaster club is not affiliated with the GAST organization or its rules. It is a stand-alone club and requires no financial support from GAST. Meeting times and space availability at GAST will determine whether a Toastmaster club will have its needs met and whether a club can be established.

Looking forward to some input.

—Fred Rother



Come join us at the next
Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, June 4, 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 June 7, starting at 6:30 PM

**Startreff unterwegs
Musikmagazin**

Starting at 7:30 Pm

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Starring Walter Sittler, Ester Schweins
Juergen Hensch and Michael Lott

Next Movie showing is on September 6, 2010

Herzlichen Dank – Thank you!

On behalf of GAST I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's German-fest such a success. While we had a few times where we were short handed, the same "old Reliables" came through and worked until they were barely able to stand up. There were some outstanding "newcomers" as well who weren't even members but got talked into helping out. **Leon Boggs** brought in a young man who returned each day, working from beginning to end in various capacities, and even tried his luck at learning to dance with various ladies.

Our committee was incredible! They all worked harmoniously and tirelessly on planning and executing the extensive duties involved in putting on a great festival. The committee consisted of: **Erica Hartman, Ruth Bly, Leon Boggs, Arnold Bieber, Dora and Bob Schein, Ginny and Paul Greek, Irmgard and John Toschik, Carol Wright, Joy and Buddy Butcher, Elke Meyer, Christy Fell, John and Theresa Gallagher, Tom Bordner, Darlene Tegeler, Ed Westenhiser, and myself.**

Many others helped as well before, during and afterwards in addition to working normal shifts. While I was the visible entity for GAST, without these people we could not have put on our important fundraiser. We even had fun doing it! Next time you should join us if you missed it this time. Remember it's the first weekend of May, so reserve it.

While Friday was rainy and slow, due to the great coverage by the Tulsa media the people did come. All our groups, the Volkstaenzer, the GAST Saenger, the Blaskapelle, the Kinder-deutsch group, and our own **Tom Bordner** were warmly received. The Twins, Sepp and Heinz Diepolder did a great job entertaining the masses. We even had 45 people from the German American Club in Dallas join us Friday and Saturday. They are eager to come back.

Thanks for being a part of our great organization.

– Hannelore Giles

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The Sunshine Lady



GAST sent one Get Well card to Leonard Brehm.

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 at book_worm34@hotmail.com or call me at 357-9156

—Gwen Bieber



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German-American Toastmasters?

How's that sound?

Afraid to speak up in public?

See details on page 4

If you are interested to help form a club,
to meet at GAST

send me an email at ffrother@yahoo.com.

