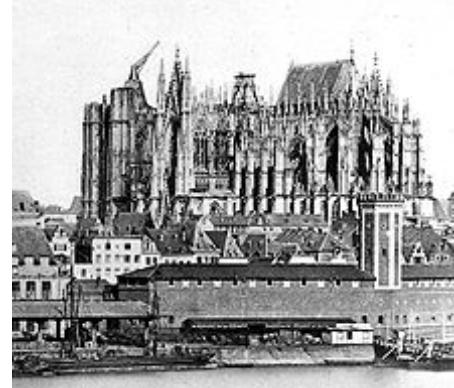




Cologne Cathedral  
UNESCO World Heritage Site  
View from the river Rhein



Cologne Cathedral was the world's tallest building from 1880 to 1884.



Unfinished cathedral, 1856 with ancient crane on south tower.

This majestic structure is one of the world's great cathedrals -- the spiritual and geographical heart of the city. It's the largest Gothic cathedral in Germany. From the top of the south tower, you get panoramic views of the city and surrounding area.

Construction began in 1248, in order to house the relics of the three Magi brought to Cologne in 1164 by Archbishop Reinald von Dassel, chancellor to Frederick Barbarossa. After the completion of the chancel, south tower, and north-side aisles (around 1500), work was halted and not resumed until 1823. In 1880, the great enterprise was completed, and unlike many time-consuming constructions that change styles in midstream, the final result was in the Gothic style, true to the original plans.

At the end of the war in 1945, this great cathedral appeared relatively unscathed, even though the entire district around it was leveled. According to legend, Allied bombers used the Dom as a landmark to guide their flights to more strategic military targets and could not bring themselves to destroy such an architectural triumph.

Courtesy: Wikipedia

## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM

Jul 2 Stammtisch

Aug 6 Stammtisch

Aug 20 Am. Theater Organ Society musical fun

Sep 3 Stammtisch

Sep 14 Language Class begins

Sep 18 Kinderdeutsch begins

Nov 14 Volkstrauertag

Oct 3 German-American Day

Dec 12 Adventsfeier

**...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT**

Summer is almost officially here. Where are those 'lazy, hazy days of summer'? Between work and GAST happenings, I seem busier than ever.

We had a wonderful picnic. Many thanks to our Party Chair, **Erica Hartman** for putting it all together. And as usual, Elam did a fantastic job cooking. Many thanks also to **Ed**

**Westenhiser, Arnold Bieber and Rob Mitchell** for making sure everything for drinks

and entertainment was in place. I am still curious about the number of German engineers that it takes to put up a small screen tent! It appeared to me that a good time was had by all, 75 – 80 in attendance was the count I got. That was great. The weather even cooperated with a beautiful afternoon.

We currently have Soccer Watch Parties taking place at GAST. One of our college students, **Michael Owen**, brought this idea to the Board and got its blessing to host these event to watch the World Cup.

They are primarily following the German and US teams. Watch your GAST broadcast Emails and face-book for more details. See ya at the party.

We have had our initial meeting with Oktoberfest, Inc concerning Oktoberfest 2010. We have not settled on a contract with them yet. The rental for the tent space has gone up almost \$400.00 for the two spaces.

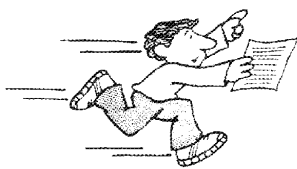
We are still discussing other issues in the contract before I present it to the Board for approval. Oktoberfest is working with us on some of the issues we have. **The most urgent issue is to find someone to co-**

**chair the event!** Arnold has agreed to stay on as a co-chair and help train a new person. If we cannot fill this position, we are essentially out of business.

We are also facing a lack of volunteers to staff the tents. We are considering closing one of them because of this problem. **If you are willing to step up and volunteer as a co-chair, please contact me now!**

We had our first meeting with the newly elected board members and it was exciting to get some new ideas on the table. I see a great year coming. I hope everyone has a great summer. If you travel, be safe.

—Leon



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, July 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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*...from the Arts President*

Our 2010/2011 Arts year began with our last movie night from the 2009/2010 season and what a super one it was. Over 15 people attended the romantic feel-good selection. **Erwin Jerchau** is already making plans for our September offering and I, for one, have my place reserved. If it hasn't been mentioned, these are not 'old movies', but rather current fare, along the line of what you might find on cable's 'Hallmark Channel' and PBS. This is not to say that we'll never see a classic! At the recommendation of one of our members, Erwin will try to remember to mention the approximate year of the production of the selections. The list of all those who attended this past year's performances is too long to mention, but I do want to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting **Movie Night** and hope you will return in September for our first Monday of the month evening's enjoyment.

August brings us the **American Theater Organ Society's** evening of musical fun at 7 p.m. on **Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendar, setting aside a gift to yourself filled with music, friends and refreshments.

Speaking of refreshments, if you enjoy putting together a spread for others to savor, I am looking for someone to chair refreshment presentations. We have Arts events that call for refreshments about once a month; around eight a year. Please email (mueller11@cox.net) or call me (743-4353), if you would like to be the next 'hostess with the mostest'.

Plans are underway for our next season of offerings, including **Adult Language Classes**, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 14 for a 10 week session. These are co-chaired by **Greta McNac** and **Frieda Odell**. On Saturday of that same week, September 18, **Kinderdeutsch** begins for an 8 week session. I am both pleased and proud to announce that our 2009/2010 Maikönigin, **Katrina Schwartz** has graciously agreed to chair Kinderdeutsch this year. If you enjoyed her excellent articles dealing with children's activities last year (Christmas and Easter parties), get ready for more of the same for Kinderdeutsch. Thank you to all who participated in these two programs this past year, with a special thanks to all of our teachers: **Greta McNac, Alexander McLaurin, Frieda Odell, Marianne Strong, Angelique Giddings, and Hildegard and Madeline Schaffrin**. We added several new members from participants in both groups and hope that all who attended will continue to support Arts offerings and will encourage friends to take part as well.

**Barbara Conrad, Charles Meyers, Arnold Bieber, John Millar, Jutta Tankersley, Gabi Richardson, Fred Rother and Doris Wicks** are extending input into our future programs, which include our monthly **Konversationsrunde**, a musical performance planned for September, **German-American Day** on October 3, **Volkstrauertag** in El Reno on November 14<sup>th</sup>, the German **Adventsfeier** on December 12 and other events, such as an exhibit of photographs dealing with Germany, which we hope to have displayed at **TCC** for an extended time and with support from our **German Consulate** in Houston. We also hope to see the return of the **Barthelmes Conservatory of Music's Tulsa Young Chamber Musicians'** ensemble and other groups as well.

If you have any suggestions, or would like to be a part of our planning committee, please let me, **Barbara Conrad**, or **Charles Meyers** know. We welcome your suggestions and would be pleased to add to our planning group – the **Arts Committee**. Our committee generally meets once a month, either the day of the Board Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month), or a few days before. We also communicate per phone and email (that means phone me first, so I will look at email!). You are always welcome to attend our gatherings to give input and recommendations.

Again my thanks to all who made are 2009/2010 year a success, to all our **Konversationsrunde** hostesses and participants, to all who came to Arts events. We appreciate you!

—Uschi Mueller

Camp Fire USA Green Country Council would like to thank GAST for their generous donation. Your gift sponsored the arts and craft table at our 11<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser, JUST PLANE FUN on June 5, 2010.

Just Plane Fun is the only event in the country where teams of 20 men and women compete in the ultimate tug-of-war... with a Boeing 727! This free public event also included a Family Fun Festival, the National Guard's climbing wall, carnival games, a silent auction, a radio-controlled flight demonstration, and a craft center.



Camp Fire is a member agency of the Tulsa United Way, partners with families, schools, and communities to help prepare children for success in school, work, and life. All proceeds raised at Just Plane Fun directly provide programs in low-income and disadvantaged areas of Northeastern Oklahoma.

Camp Fire was founded in 1910, and is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Your donation helps continue the mission of "building caring, confident youth and future leaders."

—Kathy Blank

The Barthelmes Conservatory is pleased to announce its Music School Scholarship auditions for the 2010—11 academic year. Merit-based music scholarships are available on piano, violin, viola, cello, and bass. The curriculum also includes instruction in music theory and ensemble performance.

Auditions are based upon music aptitude, and students ages 7-13 with or without prior playing experience are welcome to apply. Barthelmes Conservatory is located in downtown Tulsa on the 3rd floor of the Avanti Building at 810 S. Cincinnati Ave, in Tulsa.

The Music School is a year-long after-school program, which starts in September and ends in May. We follow Tulsa Public Schools calendar for Holidays and breaks. The classes are scheduled after 3:30 pm to avoid any schedule conflicts with school programs. All students at the Music School receive full merit-based scholarships that cover all the expenses associated with the Music School, including instruction, instruments, textbooks, supplies, etc. Students in good standing hold their scholarships from year to year for up to seven years. This program is designed not to replace the public school music and orchestra programs, but to

enrich the existing programs by providing additional opportunities for musically gifted students.

We are kindly requesting your assistance in passing on this information. In addition, you may contact us directly and nominate students that you already know would be good candidates for this program. We hope that you will consider assisting us with the auditions!



Please contact us at (918) 794-0330 with any questions concerning the Music School and auditions.

Thank you very much in advance,

Aida Aydinyan, Executive Director

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Come join us at the next  
**Stammtischrunde**

Friday evening, July 2, 6:30 PM  
 In the GAST Weinkeller  
 Hope to see you there.  
 Zum Wohl,  
 – Dann Björklund, Chair

## Ice Cream Social

Come join us at our annual gathering on Sunday, August 8th, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM at GAST.



We'll have lots of Ice Cream,  
 Eiskaffee and other goodies.  
**We appreciate your donations!**

For reservations  
 please call GAST at 744-6997 by August 4th.

—Erica & Ruth

## Think about this...

- Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
- John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
  - Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
  - John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.
  - Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
  - Both wives lost a child while living in the White House.
- Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both were shot in the head.
  - **Here is an interesting one...**
    - Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
    - Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.
    - Both were assassinated by Southerners.
      - Both were succeeded by Southerners.
      - Both successors were named Johnson.
    - Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
    - Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
    - John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln was born in 1839.
    - Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy was born in 1939.
      - Both assassins were know by their three names.
        - Both names comprise fifteen letters.
      - Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a warehouse.
      - Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theater.
- To cap it all off, Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

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**Sweet Potato says:**

You can't base your life  
on other people's expectations.



**The Sunshine Lady**

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

—Gwen Bieber

### Children's Letters to God

- Dear GOD,
- I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Alison
- Dear GOD,
- Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? -Norma
- Dear GOD,
- Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have now? -Jane
- Dear GOD,
- I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? -Neil
- Dear GOD,
- What does it mean You are a Jealous God? I thought You had everything. -Jane
- Dear GOD,
- Did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you"? Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother. -Darla
- Dear GOD,
- Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. -Joyce
- Dear GOD,
- If You watch me in church Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes. -Mickey D.



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Tom, the Music Man



I'm guarding the Food



Shoot! It doesn't fit



I wonder what's wrong?

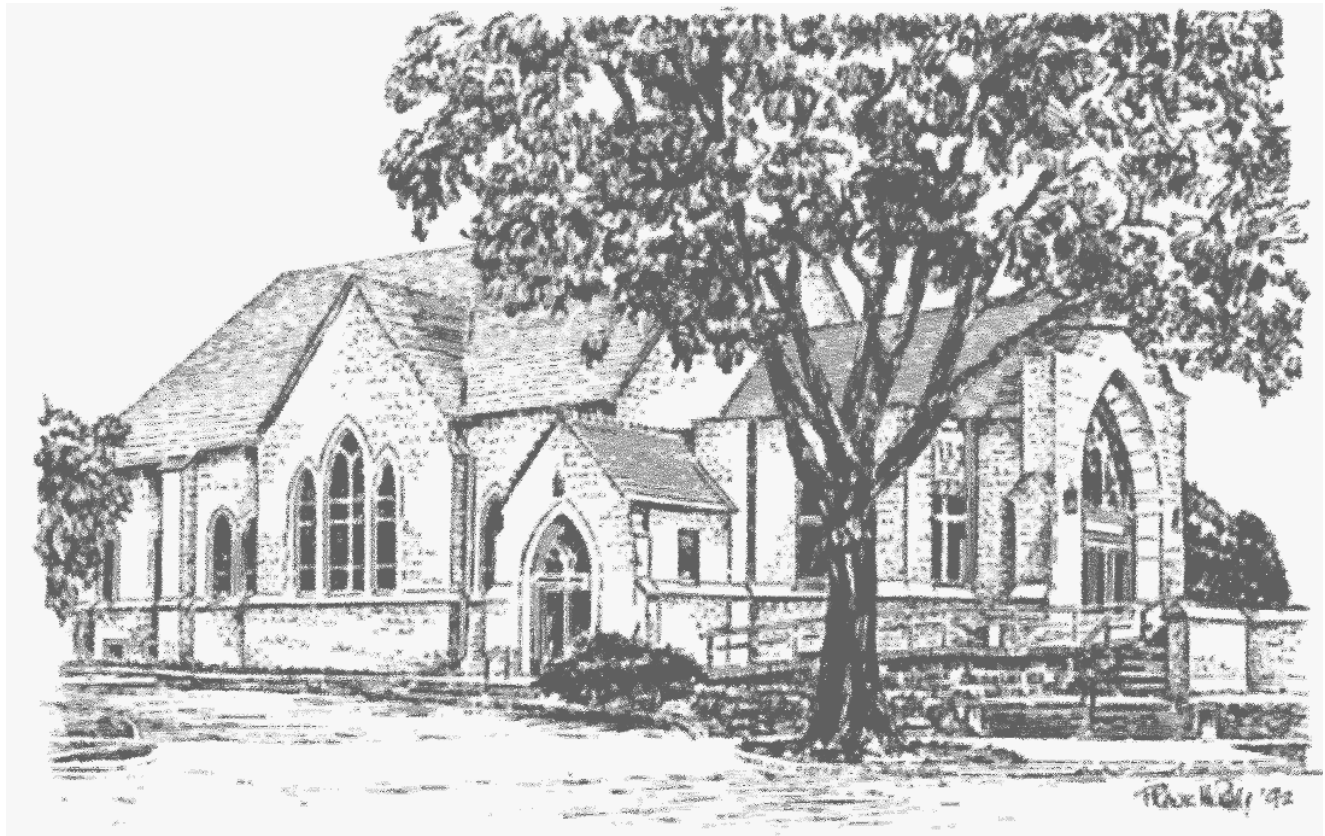


Smile, you're on Candid Camera



What, no beer at a picnic?

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## Our GA ST Haus