



Lieder Concert

A recital by Andrea Hanson

On September 12, commencing at 3 PM at the GAST Center

Lieder, is the German word for 'songs' and so this concert is one of German songs presented by Oklahoma native **Andrea Hanson**. Ms. Hanson lived in Europe for twenty years, performing in many of Europe's major opera houses, including those in Munich, Dresden, and Florence. She has sung over 80 roles in opera, operetta, and musical theater and has concert repertoire of over 60 major oratorios, masses, and cantatas in countries such as Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Austria. She was Associate Professor of Music at Carnegie. After that very distinguished career she returned to Oklahoma City where she continues to make and teach music with her students and fellow musicians. These are some of the songs Ms. Hanson will be singing for us.

Ich kann's nicht fassen

Du Ring an meinem Finger

Helft mir, ihr Schwestern

Wie froh und frisch

Von Ewiger Liebe

Das Rosenband

Für fünfzehn Pfennig

Die Spinnerin

Storchenbotschaft

Of all instruments, the human voice is perhaps one of the most versatile and beautiful. Give yourself the gift of music by joining us for this fabulous musical presentation.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM
Aug 27 Weinkeller
Sep 3 Stammtisch
Sep 12 German Lieder Recital

Sep 14 Language Class begins
Sep 18 Kinderdeutsch begins
Sep 22 Partnership celebration
Sep 24 O'fest signup party

Oct 3 German-American Day
Nov 14 Volkstrauertag
Dec 12 Adventsfeier

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



August is here and that means school is starting. That means my paying job is real hectic. On top of that we are starting to get organized for Oktoberfest 2010. Our co-chairs, **Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis** have already had an initial planning meeting and dished out some duties – even to me! The schedule has been re-worked to give us more help in the mornings and more flexible work times. This year we have to open the Ess Zelt tent on Corporate Night! That means more volunteers will be needed. **Michelle Morris** has taken on the huge task of contacting everyone to get volunteers for all the work shifts and positions we have. So when she calls gladly say when you can help out. REMEMBER THIS IS STILL OUR LARGEST FUND RAISER! It will take all of us pitching in to make it successful and profitable. **This is our organization – you and me. We each have to take our part.** Watch and listen for more to come on Oktoberfest. More info is elsewhere in this issue.

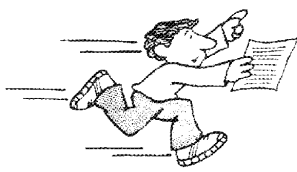
I have been encouraged with the attendance at Weinkeller. Our numbers stay up and everyone seems to have a good time. Let's keep this good thing going. Invite your GAST friends to join you there.

Our Party Committee met and made plans for the coming year. We are restructuring our party schedule to not meet each month. This is due to the fact that our attendance is down at these

parties and our admission price no longer covers the expense of a catered meal hired music/bands. We will keep our traditional favorites and add some new themed parties – inviting other cultural groups to join us!

There are some new ideas taking shape. The Board is diligently working through all the necessary red tape and legal issues. We want to make sure we are doing everything the correct way. We may also be sharing ideas of how to better organize ourselves to be a better and more efficient society. As always, I am open to your ideas, thoughts and concerns. All will not be used, but might play a part in a final decision. All members are welcome to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings. They are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. You are welcome to share and discuss – just can't vote!

– Leon



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, Sept. 15
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

So we began our 2010/11 season with toe tapping to the glorious music that our **American Theatre Organ Society** (ATOS) brethren blessed us with on Friday, Aug. 20th. Amazing what sounds an organ can produce and how much fun those ATOS folks have when they gather together to share their love of music! Thank you to **Susan Schmitz** and all the others who helped with refreshments for this event.

Ah, but here comes my favorite night, right on the heels of the dying organ strains: German Movie Night, which arrives on Sept. 4th at 6:30 pm (Vorschau) and 7:30 pm (main movie). Our movie maestro, **Erwin Jerchau**, returns with his musical Vorschau (precursor to the main movie) with scenes and songs from the old country, followed by the main film presentation – in German, of course. Please review Erwin's movie column and join us for another fun evening.

Just as schools resume their schedule, so too for GAST, with adult language classes beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 14th from 7 to 9 pm and children's **Kinderdeutsch** classes on Sept. 18th from 10 to 11:30 am (see separate articles on these two events). On another educational note, our excellent German **Barthelmes Library** still exists and is available. Should you wish to check out or return a book, please contact Becky at the office (744-6997) and arrangements can be made.

The Konversationsrunde, which generally meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month, will meet on the 3rd Sunday for Sept. (see **Barbara Conrad's** separate article for details), as we have a wonderful **Lieder Concert** for you on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 3 P.M. at the **GAST Center**. 'Lieder' is the German word for 'songs' and so this concert is one of German songs sung by Oklahoma native **Andrea Hanson**. Ms Hanson lived in Europe for 20 years, performing in many of Europa's major opera houses, including those in Munich and Dresden. After a very distinguished career she returned to Oklahoma City where she continues to make and teach music with her students and fellow musicians. Of all instruments, the human voice is perhaps one of the most versatile and beautiful. Give yourself the gift of music by joining us for this fabulous musical presentation (see separate article for details).

As you can see, our season is starting out well. Please mark your calendars for the following events: **German American Day**, Oct. 3 with author **Peter Bernhardt** and a musical presentation, **Kid's World**, Nov. 4-6 at Expo Square (we participate and will need volunteers for our booth – we also need a chair for this event if you are available), **Volkstrauertag** in El Reno, Ok, Nov. 14 and the German **Adventsfeier**, Dec. 12th. Other events are sure to be sandwiched in, as we are able to realize them, such as a hoped for return of the **Barthelmes Conservatory Ensemble** students.

The Arts Committee is also working on a photo exhibit to be hosted by TCC, but that may not be until next year. In the meantime, the Committee thought it might be nice to highlight our own photographers for an internal exhibit to be featured at our events and at Kid's World. The theme would be, what else, German speaking countries. If you have traveled to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein or Namibia (yes, they do speak German there) and have favorite photos that would lend themselves to a public exhibit, please contact a committee member, which includes **Barbara Conrad, Fred Rother, Arnold Bieber, Jutta Tankersley, John Millar, Charles Meyers** or myself. As this is in its initial stages, we could end up with a really enjoyable project to benefit the entire Society for years to come.

Share your photos, your thoughts, and your time and please join us for our various cultural events.

—Uschi Mueller

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We held our last meeting in May at the home of **Harold and Doris Wicks**, and we thank them for their gracious hospitality. We hope that everyone had a wonderful and fun-filled summer. This will be our first meeting since the summer break and we traditionally bring all our souvenirs, postcards, pictures to share with each other as to what we did on vacation.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. The next meeting will be in the home of **Stan and Barbara Conrad** at 7837 South 70th East Avenue (918-492-3273) at **2 PM on the 19th of September**. This change is necessary to accommodate club members who will be picking up visitors from Celle, Tulsa's sister city.

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).

Sister City 10th Anniversary celebration

The Tulsa-Celle Partnership herewith invites all GAST members and their friends to celebrate the Partnership's 10-year Anniversary of the signing of the Sister City Agreement. The celebration will take place at the GAST Center on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 6:30 PM,

Guests of honor will be the mayor of Celle, the Honorable Dirk-Ulrich Mende and his wife, the mayor's assistant Ms. Susanne Lau, Mrs. Susanne McDowell, who represents Tulsa in the Celle administration, the economic advisor Mr. Faber, as well as Celle Council members Jürgen Rentsch and Ms. Karin Hogenkamp. We will also be hosting several members of the Celle Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft.

Invitations to the event will be sent to Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett, his administrative assistant Hillary Parkhurst and City Council member Jim Mautino. Members from Tulsa's other sister Cities are also welcome to attend.

The meal will be prepared and served by "Party Serve". It will be a full "china service" with linen napkins,

porcelain dishes, silverware and real glasses. The menu will consist of slow-smoked BBQ brisket, smoked continental chicken breast, Chef's selection of grilled vegetables, Signature house salad, and hard rolls served with whipped butter. For dessert Apple Cobbler with fresh whipped cream..

Attendance is open to all. The cost will be \$20 for all members of the TCP, GAST and TGA Board. The entry fee for non-members will be \$25 per person. The price includes the food, tips and taxes as well as a choice of Pilsner or Weißbeer, water, or tea. Wine will also be available at \$3 per glass. The dress code for the evening will be business casual (Jacket suggested, tie optional).

We will need to know how much food to order, and request that you make advance reservations for this event by September 15, 2010. Please send your reservation checks made out to "Tulsa Global Alliance" to Gerald Taron, 6562 South 218th East Ave., Broken Arrow, 74014 .



Come join us at the next
Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, Sep 3, 6:30 PM
 In the GAST Weinkeller
 Hope to see you there
 Zum Wohl!

Chair

**Now Playing
 at the GAST
 Theater**

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation



Monday September 6, starting at 6:30 PM

Grand Prix der Volksmusik
 Vorentscheidungen von Suedtirol

Starting at 7:30 PM

So weit die Fuesse tragen
As far as my feet will carry me
 (This movie is with English Subtitles)

Starring: Irina Pantaeva, Bernhard Bettermann,
 Michael Mendl, Anatoly Kontenyov and Iris Boehm

Blaskapelle Co-Directors Selected



The Blaskapelle has selected **David Lawrence** and **Shawn Usedom** as Co-directors to replace the late Don Linde. Lawrence is a graduate of Southern Methodist University where he was active in the university band. He is currently employed by Jenks Public Schools. Usedom received his Music Education degree from the University of the Pacific and served five years as a California public school music instructor, before accepting employment with

Hilti Corporation, where he now serves in the corporate training department. Both Lawrence and Usedom have been active band members and plan to continue the Blaskapelle's traditional German music.

Language Classes Begin

The German-American Society of Tulsa Conversational German Language classes are scheduled to start again on SEPTEMBER 14th, 2010, and run for 10 weeks on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. at the GAST building on 15th and Terrace Drive. We offer classes for all levels, from beginners to advanced.

Class registration is \$ 65 for members, \$ 85 for non-members, plus the cost of books for levels 1-3 (which in previous years has been about \$ 25.00).

Non-members can apply for membership at the time of registration and take advantage of the membership fee.

Registration is on the first Tuesday Sept. 14 starting at 6:30. Thereafter the classes start at 7:00.

Joining will cost \$ 37.00 for a family, and \$ 35:00 for an individual.

For more information or pre-registration call the Gast office at 918 744-6997 Or contact at GAST_Inquiry@tulsacoxmail.com

—Frieda O'Dell

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GAST on Facebook!

Did you know that GAST has a page on Facebook? Since March 2010 GAST's Facebook page has grown considerably. It now has over 100 "fans"! Who are these fans? They are both members, nonmembers and student members of GAST who have Facebook accounts. What is facebook? Facebook is a "social networking" site for the purpose of sharing news, photos, thoughts between family and friends. Facebook is free to use and hence a great place for businesses and non-profit organizations, such as GAST to promote themselves.

To join Facebook, all you need to do is go to www.facebook.com and set up your own Facebook page. No web skills are involved, it's very easy to get started. Then you, too, can become a "Fan" of GAST. Type the words "German American Society of Tulsa" in the search field on Facebook and click enter and you're there! Click on "like" and you become a fan. Then, as a fan you can post on the GAST page. Feel free to post your own pictures of GAST events. Remember you must call the GAST office for reservations to parties. The Facebook page is not monitored for the purpose of RSVP to our parties.

Thanks,

—Bernie Scieszinski



Sweet Potato says:

There's no such thing in anyone's life
as an unimportant day.

Alexander Wollcott



The Sunshine Lady

GAST sent Get-Well cards to:

Conrad Gossmann, Jack Wynn, Ingeborg Mueller,
Donna Boggs and Mrs. Robert Mills.

And Sympathy-cards to Darlene Tegeler (Death of her father), Janet Jamison (Death of her mother), and Christy Bradley (Death of her brother and his fiancée in an auto accident).

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



The Volkswagen Club of Tulsa invites GAST members to their 15th Annual Car Show on September 17 for Hospitality Night and on September 18 to a judged show with an Awards Ceremony at PM 4:00. There are activities for the whole family indoors and out.

This event takes place at Oklahoma Technical College 4444S. Sheridan Road.

Sylvia Strom, registration chair
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The German-American Society Arts Association

celebrates German-American Day 2010



Emigrant Memorial in Bremerhafen, Germany
Father looking forward,
and the mother
looking back

On Sunday, October 3,
commencing at 3 PM at the GAST Center
2301 E. 15th Street, one block west of Lewis

Keynote Speaker

Peter Bernhardt

Author of *The Stasi File*

The Emigrants:

They came, They worked hard, They made a difference!

Tulsa Oktoberfest, October 21 - 24

This will be the 32nd Oktoberfest celebration in Tulsa.
Check out their website <http://www.tulsaoktoberfest.org/>.

GAST has been a founding sponsor and major vendor since the beginning. (Actually, the first Oktoberfest had a lot to do with the founding of the German American Society of Tulsa). It's a fun family festival, but it takes a lot of volunteers to prepare for it and to staff it during the event. This year, GAST will have **both tents** open on **Corporate Night, Wednesday, October 20** and through Sunday, October 24. This is where we need your help.

We need a total of 16 shift supervisors and over 300 volunteers, not including setup and teardown. Volunteers do not have to be GAST members. We again will have a shuttle from the GAST Center and everybody receives a meal and drink during their shift. There will be a **sign-up party at the GAST Center on Friday, September 24, starting at 6 PM.**

(No reservation needed). We also need volunteers for Equipment Maintenance on or before Saturday, September 25 (call Ed Westenhiser, 355-1371) and a pots and pans wash party on Saturday, October 2 (call Erica Hartman, 272, 7903).

Thank you very much for your help.

—Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis,
GAST Oktoberfest Co-Chairs