



*The Voice of the German-American Community*

## **GAST Oktoberfest Party**

It is time to relax and have fun after all that work.

Please join us on Saturday, October 30, in the GAST Center

Doors open at 5:30 PM and Dinner will be served from 6-7 PM

### **Menu**

Schnitzel or Jägerschnitzel (with mushroom sauce)

Potato Salad

Red Cabbage

Bread & Butter

Dessert

A beverage of your choice

We will have entertainment and a Surprise Raffle Drawing

The Cost is only \$5 for Oktoberfest volunteers, \$20 for non-volunteers.

Student volunteers \$5, other students \$10

Please make your reservation by calling 744-6997 and leaving a message

or e-mailing [gast@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:gast@tulsacoxmail.com)

by Wednesday, October 27

## **GAST Happenings**

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM  
Sep 22 Partnership celebration  
Sep 24 O'fest signup party  
Oct 3 German-American Day

Oct 21 Tulsa O'fest begins  
Oct 30 GAST O'fest party  
Nov 14 Volkstrauertag  
Dec 11 Christmas party

Dec 12 Adventsfeier  
**2011**  
Jan 22 Anniversary Party

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



It finally feels like fall may be trying to get here. This seems even more so as we get into the full swing of planning for Oktoberfest. Co-chairs **Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis** are doing a great job getting us organized. When you get a call from Michelle Morris to sign-up to volunteer, joyously say YES! Remember, this is our largest fund raiser at this time.

We need all hands on deck to make it successful. I also ask that we all be flexible in what we will do when we get there. We will try to put you where you want to be, but if we need help somewhere else, we may ask you to move. We have to work together as a team to make these events successful and fun. I hope to see all of you out there over the festival.

I am extremely happy and excited to announce the chair for Germanfest 2011. **Tom Morris** has volunteered and been approved by the Board of Directors to chair this event for us. He will be asking for advice and expertise from those who have worked this before. But it is exciting to get new faces and new blood involved in our organization. I want to thank **Hannelore Giles** for her leadership over that last couple of years. Great job Hannelore! She is still chair of our Christkindlmarkt but would like to get a co-chair to start chairing that event. If you are at all interested, please contact Hannelore or me. We need to get others involved in the leadership of GAST and its festivals and functions.

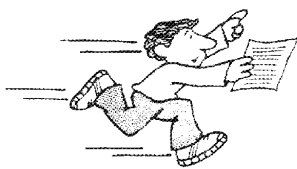
We are attempting to move forward on stuff that came in from our “Brainstorming” session last year.

Some are already in the works. As we look at new ideas and try to roll them out, we will be very diligent in seeing how they affect GAST and make sure that they are for the betterment of our Society. Where legal issues may be involved, we will make sure we have satisfied all the requirements before possibly putting ourselves in any kind of risk. This may cause some items to take longer than others to start, or it may even stop some. We must be patient and let all the processes work to make sure we satisfy all the laws and regulations of the city and state.

On a personal note, my wife Donna wants to “thank our GAST family for your kind calls, cards, visits, gifts and food after my recent hip replacement surgery. They were greatly appreciated.” I also appreciated them. You are all great friends and a special family for us.

See ya at Oktoberfest – auf Wiedersehen.

– Leon



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Oct 20**  
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 concert season began with the great hall filled by the rich, melodic sounds of **Andrea Hanson**'s voice accompanied on the piano by Mr. **Richard Jobe** from the University of Central Oklahoma music faculty. We have many aficionados of great music in our organization. I do not profess to be one of those, loving music, but not understanding its finite nuances. **Ortwin Schmidt**, however, is one who knows and I had the privilege of sitting next to him during the concert. He verified that this performance, without a doubt, is one of the best he has ever heard in our hall. Since both Ms Hanson and Mr. Jobe have family in the immediate area, many of whom were present; we hope another performance will be eminent.

Many of the some one hundred people present at Ms Hanson's concert expressed their gratitude. It should be noted that these events are prepared by numerous volunteers, among them **Helen Cohea** and **Barbara Conrad**, who came early to create the hors d'oeuvres. Let's not forget **Becky Adrian**, who goes above and beyond the duties assigned to her, as do **Harold Wicks** and **Arnold Bieber** who saw to it the hall was clean and the chairs were set in place. Then there is **Fred Rother**, our tireless and artistic creator of programs. There are those who serve and those who remain to help put everything away, including **Mary Schmitz**, **Ruth Obermark**, and **Ginny Therion**. These named individuals are the tip of the iceberg. Many more rolled up their sleeves to help stack chairs and with clean-up. Ours is a group of 'pitch-in' when they see that it is needed. Many remain nameless, but that does not mean unappreciated, for without you the rest of us end up having to work longer and harder, so to you a special 'thank-you'.

**Erwin Jerchau** began our movie season with a true story that was magnificently played and left us in tears at what some people must endure and how they are able to triumph after all. Be sure to read about his next selection and join us downstairs on the first Monday of the month.

Currently we no longer have an official chair for the Adult Language Classes. Even so, **Becky Adrian**, **Doris Gallagher**, **Angelique Giddings**, **Greta McNac**, and **Ruth Obermark** pulled off our registration evening without a hitch. Twenty seven people signed up for language classes, many of them new. We have two beginner's classes, an intermediate and an advanced. It's not too late to join in or to encourage friends to join in. The classes meet for 10 weeks on Tuesday evening from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Our Kinderdeutsch classes have also begun. My thanks to **Mike Gambill**, **Kathleen and Jeff Mosburg**, **Patricia Fulton**, **Arnold Schmidt** and **Angelique Giddings** for bringing their precious little ones to class. Since it appears we only have one teacher for this session, we may be able to continue classes despite the low numbers. It is not too late for students to enroll and if you know of anyone with children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, please do encourage them to join. We would like to be able to perform at both Oktoberfest and Kid's World.

Our next major event is **German-American Day** on October 3, with **Peter Bernhardt**, author of **The Stasi File, Opera and Espionage - A Deadly Combination**, giving our keynote address. He will also be selling and autographing his new book.

Please also remember our *Konversationsrunde* with its separate article in the Echo.

Thank you for supporting our cultural events.

—Uschi Mueller

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

For our next meeting we will meet at 3 PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at the home of **Claus and Helga Greiner** who live at 509 East Winston (Broken Arrow) telephone (455-3096).

Many of us lived through the awful events during and immediately after the war. With this meeting, however, we want to share some joyful memories of calmer times during our youth in Germany. Please bring some object, a toy, perhaps, or memories you wish to share with the group.

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).



### Lieder Concert a Success

*A recital by Andrea Hanson*

This event attracted a near "full house" to our Great Hall at GAST on September 12. **Lieder**, is the German word for 'songs', presented by Oklahoma native **Andrea Hanson**.

### Did you know?

Oklahoma has a rich history of foreign language newspapers. With the influx of international settlers at the turn of the 20th century, periodicals in German were of particular importance to Oklahomans of the times. According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, at least 20 German-language newspapers were born between the 1890s and the 1910s. Papers like *Die Enid Post*, *Oklahoma Neuigkeiten*, *Oklahoma Volksblatt* and many more served communities with large numbers of German immigrants, such as Perry, Enid, El Reno, Cordell and Medford.

Courtesy OKLAHOMA MAGAZINE, September 2010

## German Language Classes at GAST

It is time again for our GAST German Language Classes to start. Come and join this fun experience of learning German! The classes start on SEPTEMBER 14th. We will meet for ten weeks, every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

As always, classes will be offered for different levels, from beginners to advanced levels. The fee for members is \$ 65.00, plus books. The fee for non-members is \$ 85.00, plus books. It's not too late to still sign up. For more information about the Language classes, please contact the GAST office at 918 744-6997 918 744-6997 .

I hope to see many of our members and their friends at our next Language classes.

—Grete McNac



Come join us at the next  
**Stammtischrunde**

Friday evening, Oct 1, 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 October 4, starting at 6:30  
 PM

**Grand Prix der Volksmusik, part 2**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Das Gässchen zum Paradies**

Starring: Hans Moser, Peter Bosse,  
 Mady Rahl, and Schroeder Schrom

**GAST Folk Dancers gear up for the Season**

The GAST Folkdancers are practicing regularly on Friday evenings at 7 in the Weinkeller in preparation for a busy Fall season. In September we traveled to Choctaw, Oklahoma to again entertain at Choctaw's Oktoberfest. We were well-received and asked to reserve the same weekend next year to dance for them again. OSU at Okmulgee has invited us to be part of an international program on Sept 23. Traveling to Independence, Kansas for their Germanfest on October 2 will be the next stop for us where we will be dancing throughout the evening.



Tulsa Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 24 at 12:30 pm again will be the time for GAST members to show their support by coming to watch us dance. All of these events should put the Folkdancers in fine shape to entertain at the GAST Oktoberfest Party on October 30

New dancers are always welcome, it is not necessary to bring a partner.

For more information, please contact me at 299-2839 or email at d.c.w@cox.net.

—Carol Wright

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We welcome these members  
to the GAST Family

No new members to report  
for September.

Spread the word:  
**Join GAST,**  
*It's the cool thing to do*

### ...from the Building President

Our rental half of the duplex is vacant as of August first. The unit needs a complete renovation. Bids are being taken to find out the cost of the necessary remodeling that must be done.

Donations of "Like New" Appliances, Light Fixtures, Plumbing Fixtures, and materials would save us expenses.

If you can help us in this endeavor, please contact me by phone at 918 743 0359 or leave a message at our office by calling 918 744 6997.

Any way that you can assist with this project will be greatly appreciated.

—Harold Wicks



**Sweet Potato says:**

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Fortune Cookie

### 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



### Calling all Oktoberfest Volunteers!

If you have not yet signed up to work a shift or two in one of the GAST tents, please call or e-mail or volunteer coordinator

**Michelle Morris**

Phone **918-853-3282**

email: [gastvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:gastvolunteer@yahoo.com)

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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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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!*



Post-war occupation of Germany

Green: Britain

Red: Soviet Union

Gold: America

Blue: France