



*The Voice of the German-American Community*

## The German-American Society of Tulsa

### Annual Christmas Party.

To be held at the GAST Center on December 11, commencing at 6 pm.

We will have live entertainment and a raffle.

Menu:

Prime Rib au jus  
 Creamy Horseradish sauce  
 Baked Potato  
 Vegetable  
 Salad  
 Bread and Butter

Dinner and Dance \$ 20,00, Dance only \$ 7.50

This is a catered dinner and advance reservations are required!  
Please call the GAST office at 744-6997 by December 8.

**Please bring a Christmas Dessert to share**

### GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	Jan 7	Stammtisch	Jul 1	Stammtisch
Dec 10 Stammtisch	Feb 4	Stammtisch	Aug 5	Stammtisch
Dec 11 Christmas party	Mar 4	Stammtisch	Sep 2	Stammtisch
Dec 12 Adventsfeier	Mar 5	Fasching Party		
<b>2011</b>	April 1	Stammtisch		
Jan 22 Anniversary Party	May 6	Stammtisch		
Mar 5 Fasching party	Jun 3	Stammtisch		

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

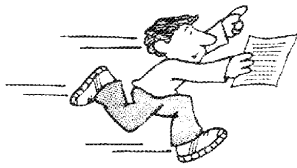


Guten Tag

November is here – fall is in the air – and I can smell Thanksgiving dinner! We each have so much to be thankful for. Stop and think about it for just a moment.

As I think GAST, I am thankful we survived Oktoberfest. Over all I feel it was a good and successful festival. There were some problems – like one of the co-chairs falling and breaking his wrist just to get out of work I'm sure!!!! I am thankful to both of our co-chairs, **Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis** for a job well done. Most important I am thankful for all you volunteers who helped make this event successful. It takes all of us working together to keep this volunteer organization moving ahead. You will get a more complete report once all the income is put in the correct categories and all the bills are paid we will have a better picture of how it really turned out. I think the Oktoberfest Party was a great hit. Thanks to the Oktoberfest Committee, headed-up by **Erica Hartman**, for cooking the meal. Also to the dancers for decorating and serving for us. It was a great fun evening.

By the time this gets to you, we will have held another Christkindlmarkt. **Hannelore Giles** has once again served as our chair and I am sure we will get a reporting from her as soon as all the figures are in.



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Dec 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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I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving. Think of all the blessings that we have, those that we take for granted everyday, and say thanks.

As we move towards the end of another year, I still ask each of you to think of what you want GAST to be. What do you want the organization to be doing to keep the German culture and heritage going strong in our community? I am open to listen to all ideas. Realize that all of them will possibly not be used, but they may spark other ideas for us. This is YOUR organization. YOU need to help us with thoughts and ideas for events, etc. Remember, all Board meetings are open for you to attend. You can share and discuss with the Board, just not vote on motions. Come and be a part of YOUR organization.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

— Leon

*...from the Arts President*

The gust of wind that swept across the school parking lot, tossed rust colored leaves in my direction. There is no mistaking that winter has arrived, even as the weather forecasts bounce us between warm and cold temperatures. Our trip to El Reno for Volkstrauertag was blessed with sunshine and the type of fleecy clouds that morph from shape to shape. I was touched at last year's ceremony, as it was the first I had attended. This year, however, was extremely moving with our speakers, the Honorary German Consul, Charles Wiggin and Dr. Bill Corbett, professor at Northeastern State University, reaching our hearts and souls with their messages.

So many lives were lost during WW II, that hardly a family was left untouched if their nation was involved in that terrible conflict. Yet President Roosevelt had foreseen the importance of treating prisoners of war well and though some lie buried in Oklahoma soil, thousands returned home to help rebuild their countries and to establish a positive relationship between what were former enemies. The beautiful songs sung by **Susan (Burch) Calvert** (a belated congratulations on your nuptials) accompanied by Peggy Cooper and the stirring bagpipe sounds that **David Marshall, Max Tankersley** and their comrades provided, only added the more to this day of reflection of the losses our nations endured. I hope you will mark your calendar for next year, as we continue to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their countries. **Elizabeth Kilbride**, who accompanied me on this her first such experience, has already promised to join me next year.

The fall brings with it several endings, such as both the adult and children's German lessons. Our children performed beautifully at both Oktoberfest and Kid's World, doing us proud with their singing and dancing. Both groups are scheduled to resume activities in February 2011, so do continue to spread the word about these interesting programs. A special thank you to all who joined our organization as a result of their participation in these programs.

Have I really waited until the middle of this article to recount the amusing 'double trouble' film that **Erwin Jerchau** presented to us in November. It was the story of identical twins separated at birth, who grow up in very different circumstances. One a single mother with three thoughtless children, the other still married but neglecting her husband for her career, toss in the daughter's good looking boyfriend and a chance meeting giving these two the opportunity to swap lives and...well, you can imagine the havoc that results. As I have said before, Erwin's movies are always enjoyable. Please read what's on the marquee for December in Erwin's separate column and do join us.

As I write this, our November Konversationsrunde will take place in a few days, with December being heralded in **Barbara Conrad** and **Gertrud Schmidt's** column. Generally the December Konversationsrunde expresses the sentiments of the season, with holiday stories and songs.

Our last public event for 2010 is the annual Arts Adventsfeier, which takes place on December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. the Sunday after GAST's Christkindlmarkt. Please visit the Weihnachtszimmer (Christmas room) at Christkindlmarkt. Although this is not an Arts item, yours truly, with the help of **Christy Bradley**, will again decorate this room with our youngsters in mind. In addition, there are many, many volunteers who insure that children visiting Christkindlmarkt have a memorable experience, enjoying puppet shows and receiving small gifts.

Thank you all for your support during our entire 2010 year. Have a very Frohe Weihnachten (joyful Christmas) and a gesundes Neues Jahr (a healthy New Year). In 2011 we will again be blessed by the **Barthelmes Youth Musicians**, as well as other delightful cultural events, so please stay tuned.

—Uschi Mueller

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Our November meeting was changed to the 21st. So we have no report, but knowing Barbara and Gerald, I'm sure it was very interesting. The 2nd Sunday of November we celebrated Volkstrauertag at Ft. Reno. It went very well and I wish that more of you could have been there. It is getting better every year. Our next meeting will be at 3 PM on the 19th of December at the house of **Gertrud and Ortwin Schmidt**, 5133 E.86th Place (495-3727 ) It will be our annual Christmas celebration with songs and poems to read. We will hear the story how "Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht" came about and enjoy the spirit of Christmas with holiday music, cookies and other treats. You do not need to bring any of these. But if you have a nice story or poem to share you are welcome to bring it along., I hope to see many of our members and friends for this occasion.

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).

## Announcing The Fasching Prinz and Prinzessin



**Joe and Ginny Rohr** were selected to preside over our Fasching party on March 5, 2011. The Elferrat hosted a catered dinner November 12th in the GAST Weinkeller which was open to all GAST members. Fasching 2010 Prinz Lonnie I and Prinzessin Janet I crowned Prinz Joe II and Prinzessin Ginny II and wished them a happy and successful season.

Joe and Ginny have been GAST members for more than 25 years. They have been actively involved in many GAST activities. Ginny has been our Mai Queen. They are members of the Tulsa-Celle (Germany) sister city program. They help teach Memorial High School students German folk dances. They are teachers in Tulsa Public Schools. They both have earned a Masters of Math and Science Education from The University of Tulsa. Prinz Joe II and Prinzessin Ginny II say they are honored and grateful to have been selected.

Come to our Fasching Party Saturday, March 5, 2011

**HELAU HELAU HELAU**

Please remember our upcoming Garage Sale in March!

Please bring your items to the GAST office.

Garage Sale means \$Money\$ for ARTS Programs!





Come join us at the next  
**Stammtischrunde**  
 Friday evening, Dec 10, 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 December 6, starting at 6:30 PM

**Alpenstar TV**

**Weihnachtskonzert**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Ausgerechnet Weihnachten**

Starring Dagmar Schwarz, Peter Lerchbaumer,  
 Ursula Staack, and Florian Avid Fitz

The **Bombing of Dresden** was a military bombing by the British Royal Air Force (RAF) and the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) as part of the allied forces between 13 February and 15 February 1945 in the Second World War. In four raids, 1,300 heavy bombers dropped more than 3,900 tons of high-explosive bombs and incendiary devices on the city, the Baroque capital of the German state of Saxony. The resulting firestorm destroyed 15 square miles (39 square kilometers) of the city center.



A 1953 United States Air Force report written by Joseph W. Angell defended the operation as the justified bombing of a military and industrial target, which was a major rail transportation and communication center, housing 110 factories and 50,000 workers in support of the Nazi war effort.

Against this, several researchers have argued that not all of the communications infrastructure, such as the bridges, were in fact targeted, nor were the extensive industrial areas outside the city center. It has been argued that Dresden was a cultural landmark of little or no military significance, a "Florence on the Elbe," as it was known, and the attacks were indiscriminate area bombing and not proportionate to the commensurate military gains.



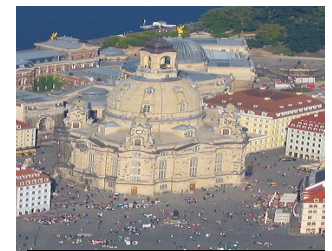
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**The Frauenkirche**

Dresden Germany



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**We welcome these members  
to the GAST Family**

Steven and Sharon Weidner 3916 So. Sequoia Ave. Broken Arrow, OK 74011 (918)269-8721	<u>Also reinstated were:</u> D.Loyd and Jennifer Kearn Samples 2216 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Tulsa, OK 74104 (918)724-5198
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**Sweet Potato says:**

The art of being wise, is the art of  
knowing what to overlook.

William James

I stopped at a red light, and this lady came up to my car and said she would do anything for \$100. She is coming over Saturday to paint my house.



He who puts his nose to the grindstone is a bloody fool.

Just remember you are unique. Just like everyone else.

Illiterate? Write for free information.

The major cause of auto wrecks is a screw loose in the nut behind the wheel.

When God created man, she was only kidding.

If I want your opinion, I'll ask you to fill out the necessary forms.



**The Sunshine Lady**

GAST sent the following cards:

**Get Well** to Irmgard Toschik, Glenn Waldroop, Genny Greek and Ed Westenhiser.

**Sympathy** to Inge Thomason Family and Gerald Coakley Family (death of his wife).

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

**Vielen Dank,  
GAST Oktoberfest volunteers!**

Thanks to you and our many friends we had another successful Oktoberfest. Although gross receipts were down somewhat from last year and not all the bills are in yet, we managed to keep expenses below budget and to again sponsor one of the best German cultural festivals in the country. If you worked and did not get your GAST 2010 pin, please call 357-9156 or e-mail [aobieber@aol.com](mailto:aobieber@aol.com). Hope to see you at Christkindmarkt.

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

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Wishing you

Happy Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas

and a prosperous New Year!