



*The Voice of the German-American Community*

## GAST ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, January 22nd, at the GAST Center

Doors open at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 6 PM

### Menu

*Beef Rouladen*  
*Spaetzle*  
*Red Cabbage*  
*Salad*  
*Bread & Butter*  
*Dessert*

Dinner & Dance \$ 20.00 per person    Dance only \$ 10.00 per person

Music by the Polka Timers band

This is a catered dinner,  
please make your reservations no later than January 19th,  
by calling 918-744-6997.

## GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe	Tue. at 10 AM	April 1	Stammtisch
Jan 7	Stammtisch	May 6	Stammtisch
Jan 22	Anniversary Party	Jun 3	Stammtisch
Jan 28	Weinkeller	Jul 1	Stammtisch
Feb 4	Stammtisch	Aug 5	Stammtisch
Mar 4	Stammtisch	Sep 2	Stammtisch
Mar 5	Fasching Party		

## ...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! That is my wish for each and every one of you. As we all scurry about with the hustle and bustle of the season, stop and remember the real reason for the joy of this season.

We had a great party this past Saturday! The choir did a great job of decorating the hall and setting the festive mood. Their performance and the sing-a-long were fantastic. Thanks to them for their hard work. Many thanks also to **Erica Hartman** and her party crew for an excellent meal and great music for the evening. It was great to see everyone smiling and visiting throughout the evening. It seemed all were having a good time and that made me real happy. A special treat for us was to get to celebrate **Elizabeth Kilbride's** birthday that day.

It appears that we had a very successful Christkindlmarkt. Actual figures are not in yet, but many thanks to **Hannelore Giles** and all of her crew for what appeared to be a great event. Thanks for a job well done.

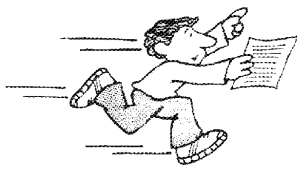
As we move into 2011, I hope to see us being able to advance the society in preserving the culture and heritage as well as make the organization more appealing for new and younger members. We can do this

if we all work together, share our thoughts and ideas and then help work on the ones we feel we can do. If an idea does not work, don't get angry and feel you are not liked or feel left out. We will be looking at various ways to get the organizations working better together – more coordination amongst them. There is much we can do if we all pull together. For the good of the society, we all need to put aside our personal differences and strive to make GAST the best cultural society in Tulsa – one that people want to come and join and be a part of.

As I always say, this is YOUR organization! We want to hear from you. You are always welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings. You can share and discuss with us at that time.

Again, Christmas blessings to each of you and see you in January at the Anniversary Party.

—Leon



**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday, Jan 19**  
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*

It seems like only yesterday that I wrote about ringing in 2010 and here we are one year later. Back then I spoke of hoping the Time Eater wouldn't swallow up the incoming year, but he did in the blink of an eye, leaving behind some incredible experiences. The Barthelmes Conservatory Ensemble showed us the creative talents many of our young people possess. The Lieder Concert and the Harp Concert both stand out, with their echoes reverberating faintly in our Great Hall if you listen just so. Our German American Day and Volkstrauertag were outstanding and the American Theatre Organ Concert had toes a tapping. We were able to get our children's German lessons back on track for both Spring and Fall, with some delightful new talent added to that group. Our adult language sessions brought new members to GAST, the folk dance group, choir and Blaskappelle. German movie night, my grand respite from the rush of time, found us with tears of both laughter and those that touch the inner core of our being. The Konversationsrunde informed and entertained, while nurturing our German coffee and cake addictions. Lest we forget, we did have a garage sale that, thanks to you, proved a success and is our one money making event, aside from your thoughtful tax deductible contributions. My sincere thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, without whom none of the events we enjoyed would be possible.

So here we are in or very near to 2011, having ended 2010 with the Konversationsrunde. Our last public event was the Adventsfeier, attended by some 80 people, not least among these, our wonderful choir and choir director, singing in both English and German. Pastor Tiews led an inspired sermon and everyone attending truly enjoyed the reception that followed, lingering for some socializing before returning to the many tasks that this time of year places before us. The some \$132 in donations we received were extended to the Tulsa Food Bank to help them bridge a very difficult time of year, when many Tulsans experience deep needs, being homeless or jobless.

The whole expanse of a new year lies before us, likely another blink, sprinkled with memorable moments. Our 2011 toast of HAPPY NEW YEAR / PROSIT NEU JAHR is quickly followed by **Erwin Jerchau's** movie pick of the month, two days earlier than in 2010! Wow and double wow, so don't ask my whereabouts on Monday eve, January 3, because you know where I will be, with a sigh and a double sigh as the first day of the 2011 school year more than likely wore me down and out. If you ever want to experience what my work day is like, volunteer to be a substitute in a public middle school for a while. The schools will kiss the ground you walk on and you'll walk away with a whole new outlook on your life.

No New Year's resolutions for Arts, just the sincere wish that we (the Arts Committee made up of active members **Arnold Bieber, Barbara Conrad, Fred Rother, Jutta Tankersley** and **Charles Meyers**, with **John Millar** and **Doris Wicks** offering their assistance as needed) will be able to bring you exciting programs and events that you will want to attend with friends and family. May this New Year bring you good health, glad tidings and great joy.

—Uschi Mueller

## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Our last meeting was in the home of **Gerald and Barbara Taron**. We thank them for their wonderful presentation with regards to Turkey, gracious hospitality, wonderful snacks and comfortable atmosphere. The next meeting will be at 3 pm on 9 January in the home of **Elam and Kathy Blank** who live at 3732 South Braden Pl. (Tulsa) ( 918-660-6855 918-660-6855 ). Elam will discuss the Amish culture, which promises to be a very enlightening presentation of a culture that lives among us and of which we know very little.

**Advent Service.** I think that you will agree that the Advent service was both beautiful and moving. We thank all of the participants in the advent service and especially **Ursula Andress** who came from Oklahoma City to attend and who paid for the two ladies who played the wonderful flute music.

**Garage Sale.** Please be aware that the GAST garage sale will soon be upon us (March). This year **Don and Carol Wright** have graciously consented to give us some space for large items, which will facilitate the collection process. More details will follow.

**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).

## ...from the Building President

This may be a First! For this year 2010, Building did not ask GAST for any money! This was a very good year! As we begin a new year, rentals of the Building are ahead of last year. We have reviewed the GAST schedule of events for 2011 to be sure GAST has every date that is needed.

From time to time it is necessary to publish a reminder of some guidelines regarding the use of our Building. Please inform our office manager of any meeting you are planning so the date and time can be posted on our calendar.

The Rental Policy for Members is as follows: Members may rent the Building for themselves, their children, or their grandchildren. If you have been a member for two years consecutively, you will receive a 10 percent discount. If you have been a member for three years consecutively, you will receive a 50 percent discount. This policy has been in effect since 1993.

We hope you enjoy a Healthy and Happy New Year !

Sincerely,

Harold Wicks

**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, Jan 7, 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 January 3, starting at 6:30 PM  
**Hansi Hinterseer open-air Konzert  
 2008, Part 1**

Starting at 7:30 PM  
**Ein Hund, zwei Koffer und die ganz grosse Liebe**

Starring Wolke Hegenbarth, Andre Roehner,  
 Elena Uhrig and Oliver Petszokat

A tree-planting

**In Memory of Inge Thomason**



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

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**Christkindlmarkt 2010 Quilt winner**



The lucky Quilt winner this year was Charles Shannon. He was very pleased to finally win, since he had bought Raffle tickets for the past few years.

Charles said our Christkindlmarkt is a yearly trip for him and his wife to do their Christmas shopping. They truly enjoy the event. It is a pleasure for the ladies of the Handarbeitsgruppe to see the appreciation of their efforts. The Quilt Raffle earned a sizeable amount of money for GAST. Thank you Christy for directing the Raffle.

—Irmgard Toschik



**Sweet Potato says:**

The only people  
you should ever "get even with",  
are those who have helped you.

—John Honeyfeld



**The Sunshine Lady**

GAST sent a sympathy card to the **Jim Walker** family (death of Joy Walker) and a get well card to **Bruce Feddersen**.

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

**We wish you  
a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**

**Happy Holidays**

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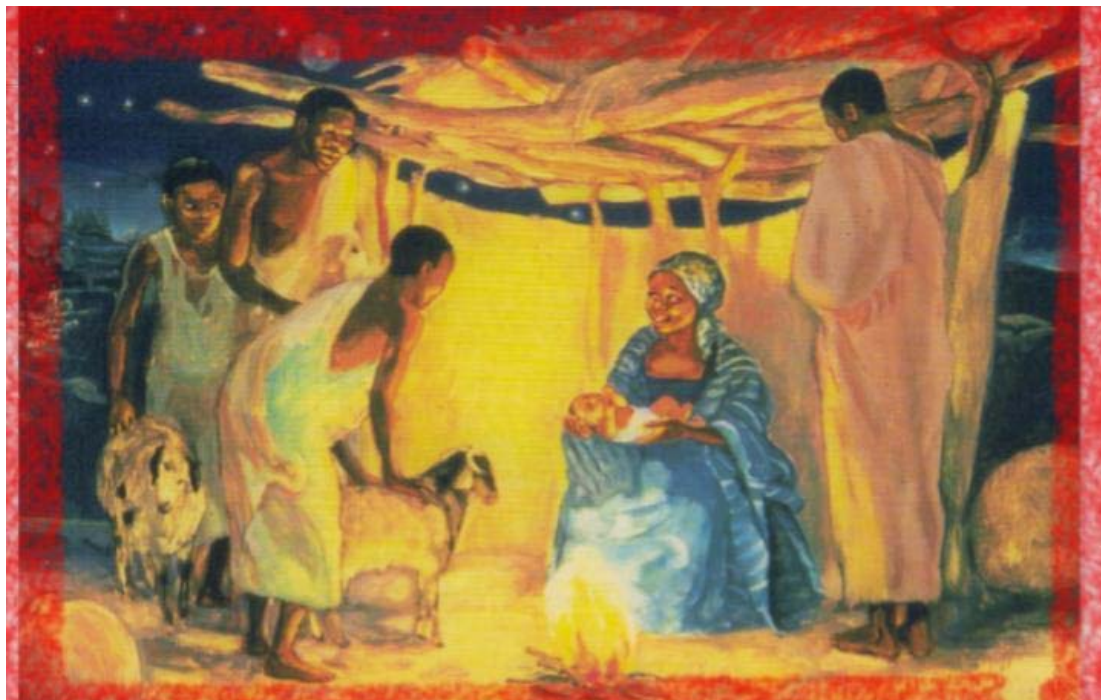
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