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Saturday **March 5th, 2011**
Doors Open 6:00 PM

LIGHT MEAL
6:30-7:00 PM

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Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	April 1 Stammtisch	Jun 23 Italian Party	Sep 2 Stammtisch
Jan 28 Weinkeller	April 16 Lumpenball	Jun 24 Weinkeller	Sep 23 O'fest signy party
Feb 4 Stammtisch	April 22 Weinkeller	Jul 1 Stammtisch	Sep 30 Weinkeller
Feb 25 Weinkeller	May 6 Stammtisch	Jul 29 Weinkeller	Oct 29 Oktoberfest party
Mar 4 Stammtisch	May 27 Weinkeller	Aug 5 Stammtisch	Dec 10 Christmas party
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Mar 25 Weinkeller	Jun 12 GAST Picnic	Aug 26 Weinkeller	

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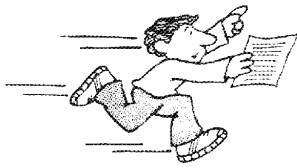
...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 31st Anniversary Party. I am very happy to announce the recipient of the **Director's Award - Stan Conrad** and **Claus Greiner**, the recipient of the **President's Award**. Congratulations to both of these men on the many years of dedicated service to our organization. It is difficult to narrow the selection to just a couple of people as there are many of you who are well deserving of recognition. The three winners of the High School Essay contest were announced at the party and their award checks were issued. Congratulations to them.

The Board of Directors at its last meeting decided to cancel having security guards at our GAST parties. This was decided since we do not have that service at any of the other GAST functions. Of course, we will have security at our two onsite festivals. This was done to lower our expenses for our parties which continue to exceed the income. We suggest that when you leave any event you do not tarry on the parking lot. If you are leaving alone, please ask someone to walk out with you .

Election of officers and board members is coming up soon! If you are called to serve, please consider it. We need willing workers to helps us keep this organization running. I ask that you seriously consider it if you are called or you can call **Elam Blank** and tell him you are willing to serve.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, Feb 16
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

Talk with you next month.
Regards,

— Leon

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...from the Arts President

January 3 may forever be a red letter day for **Erika Hartman**, our long standing, hard working GAST member, who for the first time ever gave herself the gift of **Erwin Jerchau's** movie night. Yes, she now is a movie night believer. (Erika, I am delighted, you are delighted!) Erwin's movie choices are always excellent and we, his growing group of fans, are grateful. On February 7th you will know where to find us, so please check out Erwin's column and join us!

With the budget approved and on the server, we move into 2011 with a wonderful new sign on our building, a gift to GASAA from the **Charles and Marion Weber Foundation**, as a result of sign project efforts by members **Charles Meyers, Jr., Ruth Obermark, Harold Wicks**, as well as the Board. Now when we have free public cultural events, our public should actually be able to locate us easily! Thank you all!

The Arts committee is currently working on a number of cultural venues, but nothing is firm as of this date. Our thanks to **Ruth Obermark** for joining this committee, which includes **Charles Meyers, Jr., Arnold Bieber, Fred Rother, Barbara Conrad, Jutta Tankersly, John Millar, Doris Wicks** and myself. If you would like to serve on this or any other GASAA committee, please let any of the committee members know.

Ruth Obermark has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the Adult Language Classes, since **Greta McNac** is stepping down due to personal obligations. We appreciate Greta's help and know we can continue to rely on her for advice. The adult language classes are slated to begin February 15th with registration at 6:30 PM. Thank you to **Terry Sponseler**, our organization's Publicity Chair, **John Toschik**, our Webmaster, and **Fred Rother**, our Echo editor, for doing their part to see that this and our other events receive public recognition.

Our Kinderdeutsch Chairperson is **Angelique Giddings**, with Kinderdeutsch classes slated to begin March 5th, to allow for additional time to announce this program to the public. We need more children to attend this very worthwhile program, so if you know of families with children from Kindergarten through 6th grade, please let them know it is available. If you are able to post flyers at your church, school, gym, or library, I will have updated flyers available in the office and at other events.

This is the first anniversary of **Susan Bey's** retirement from being the hostess with the mostest and I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank her one more time for the excellent job she did while serving as our Refreshment chair. In addition, I would like to thank her for her donation to GASAA, it is greatly appreciated, which brings me to the topic: donations to GASAA.

Asking for money has never been my strong suit, yet requesting donations is a vital part of GASAA, since most of our activities are either entirely free or supplemented. I will be sending out a letter requesting donations to GASAA and hope that, if you are able, you will consider making a tax deductible contribution. Since most of us are struggling to catch up from Christmas and in April the tax man nabs our pockets, an in between of early March is what I will shoot for. Please also consider our one annual public fund raising event, the Garage Sale, to donate your white and pink elephants for a tax deduction. We are already collecting for that event.

Barbara Conrad and **Gertrud Schmidt** continue to gather interesting presenters and topics for our *Konversationsrunde* on the 2nd Sunday of the month (Feb. 13th) at 3 P.M. Please read their column for details – the when, where and what. With that I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

—Uschi Mueller

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Our last meeting was in the home of Elam and Kathy Blank and we thank them for their gracious hospitality, wonderful snacks, comfortable atmosphere as well as a wonderful presentation and insights regarding the Amish world here in Oklahoma as well as in Pennsylvania.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 pm on February 13 in the home of **Arnold and Gwen Bieber** who live in Broken Arrow at 6409 East El Paso Pl. (918-357-9156). Our speaker will be Lance Wheeler who will relate to us his experiences of living and working as an American expatriate (non military) in Berlin.

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).

Garage sale. Please do not forget to keep your White Elephants, Treasures, Junk, etc. for the GAST garage sale in March, 2011 which is a major source of income for the GAST Arts Association.

We welcome these members to the GAST Family

Matthew Ackenhausen
5432 E. 24th Place
Tulsa, OK 74114
(918)745-2365

William W. & Teresa J. Wilber
7707 S. 70th E. Place
Tulsa, OK 74133

German-language Classes

The German American Society of Tulsa offers 10-week conversational German language classes in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The next series of classes begins Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2301 E. 15th Street, Tulsa, OK 74104, (one Block West of 15th & Lewis). Those wishing to participate in the classes should arrive for enrollment at 6:30 PM on February 15 for registration and class level placement.

For further information please visit www.gastulsa.org or call The German American Society of Tulsa at 918-744-6997.

— Ruth Obermark

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, Feb 4, 6:30 PM
 We meet 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 February 7, starting at 6:30 PM
**Hansi Hinterseer Open Air Konzert
 (2009 Part 1}**

Starting at 7:30 PM

Der Pfarrer von St. Michael

Starring: Erich Auer, Lucie Englisch,
 Heinrich Gretier and Elisabeth Stemberger
 Filmed in 1957

BUILDING NEWS

**No more changing a baby's diaper on a bench in the Weinkeller!
 We have many mothers with babies visiting the building.**

**At Becky's suggestion, we installed a diaper-changing station in the
 lower level Ladies' Restroom this past December.**



—Harold Wicks
 Building president

What in the heck is a Stammtisch anyway?

The word defines a special table in a Wirtschaft (a pub or restaurant), a table reserved for special customers, ie. regulars.

A Stamm is an expression for valued, well-known guests and customers who have an unusual loyalty to the place they frequent, be it because of other friends, good service, or the atmosphere. Thus, a Stammtisch is the cherished table, reserved for loyal, trusted, good guests. Stammgast is the person invited to sit at the Stammtisch. Stammkunde is the loyal customer who frequents a business. Stammplatz is the favored place a customer likes to sit at. Stamm is the trunk of a tree, but it is also based on the direct translation of the word applied to the old Germanic tribes or clans.

Although a Stammtisch gathering in the olden days implied: men only, it is nowadays generally open to women also. However, a lone woman at the Tisch might feel somewhat ignored since the topics being discussed would normally lean toward male interests.

If interested, check with the chair, **Dann Björklund at (918) 809-1286 for details.**

—Fred Rother

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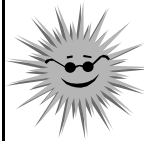
The GAST Folkdancers in action



Sweet Potato says:

If there is no wind,
row.

John Honeyfeld



The Sunshine Lady

GAST sent a Sympathy card to the Emery Radtke family, Emery passed away at the age of 94.

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

Change Coming for Folkdance Group



I have heard many times that some of you would like to join the Folkdancers but "Friday Night is not a good night for us." Growth and advancement require change so the GAST Folkdancers have decided to change our practice time and day. We will be having our practice sessions on **Sundays from 2 pm to 4 pm beginning February 13**. We will continue to meet in the Weinkeller .

We will be learning folk dances from Germany, Austria and Switzerland and sharing each other's fellowship and love of dance.

Our spring session will continue through Germanfest on May 1. Our meetings/practice sessions are casual and a partner is not required. Junior

High and High school Students are also welcome.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Carol Wright - e-mail at d.c.w@cox.net or by phone **after Feb 9**. 299-2839

You could also contact **Christy Collins** 724-6777 or **Uschi Mueller** 743.4353.

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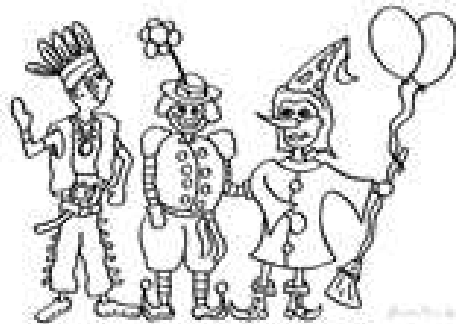
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