



The Voice of the German-American Community



Barthelmes Conservatory

GAST MEMBERS!

Please join us for our upcoming concert,
featuring the Barthelmes Young Chamber Musicians



Sunday afternoon, on **March 27 at 3:00 pm**
at the GAST Center, 15th and Terrance Ave. One block west of Lewis.

Be sure to bring the family, invite your friends and young people you know who are interested in music excellence. This should prove to be a fantastic musical afternoon. More about the Tulsa Young Chamber Musicians below. We hope to see you Sunday afternoon!

-In Tune with Music, in Tune with Community-

Tulsa Young Chamber Musician ensembles feature scholarship students of the Barthelmes Conservatory Music School. These exceptional young musicians range in age from 8 to 17 and come from many communities in and around Tulsa.

Chamber Music Tulsa & Barthelmes Conservatory have common goals and mutual commitment to fostering the appreciation of music education and encouraging young, promising musicians to pursue their love of music.



Designed to appeal to young people and novices to chamber music, these skilled and passionate up-and-coming artists, with their well-rehearsed programs, will inspire young arts attendees to come back for more.

Performances may feature music by Mozart, Bach, Handel, Sibelius, Gluck, Juon and Willis, among others. The performing ensembles are coached by Barthelmes Conservatory faculty members.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	April 22 Weinkeller	Jul 1 Stammtisch	Sep 30 Weinkeller
Mar 4 Stammtisch	May 6 Stammtisch	Jul 29 Weinkeller	Oct 29 Oktoberfest party
Mar 5 Fasching Party	May 27 Weinkeller	Aug 5 Stammtisch	Dec 10 Christmas party
Mar 25 Weinkeller	Jun 3 Stammtisch	Aug 7 Ice Cream Social	
Mar 27 Barthelmes Musical	Jun 12 GAST Picnic	Aug 26 Weinkeller	
April 1 Stammtisch	Jun 23 Italian Party	Sep 2 Stammtisch	
April 16 Lumpenball	Jun 24 Weinkeller	Sep 23 O'fest signup party	

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...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Guten Tag...

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! **NOT!** I hope everyone has survived the blizzard and following snow storm ok. After being in Alaska three times in the summer, I have said that I want to go there in the winter to experience the snow and cold. I don't have to do that anymore. I actually talked with a school in Fairbanks, Alaska yesterday and it was colder here than it was there!

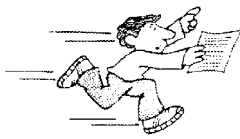
The February Board of Directors meeting was delayed a week because of the last snow storm so I have no news from that meeting. Our annual Membership Meeting is coming in April and all officers and several Board members will need to be elected. The Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking people to fill the positions. This is very important. The Board is the leadership of GAST. We need committed people who have an interest in seeing the organization continue and succeed to step up and take a leadership role. If we all work together as a team, it is not that hard on any one person. So I ask you, if you are called on to run, please give it serious consideration before just saying NO. THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOU ARE NEEDED!

The same thing goes for our 3 festivals. We must all work together to make them successful as our primary fundraisers. I know that **Tom Morris** is trying to get the Germanfest Committee organized - mother nature is working against him right now - but if you are interested in helping or are called on to help, let Tom know.

We have a great organization that just celebrated 31 years. That is a great accomplishment for a completely volunteer group. That is because we have a great bunch of folks in the group. Let's keep it going strong for many more years.

Till next time...

— Leon



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, Mar 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

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...from the Arts President

This time last year we were talking about snow and January program cancellations that resulted. Did our Arts Committee have some premonition of the blizzards that 2011 would bring or was it just plain luck the adult language classes, chaired by our very able **Ruth Obermark**, moved to start on February 15. It could be viewed as a belated Valentine to self for those now enjoying their German learning adventure. Approximately 31 individuals are signed up thus far. Thank you to class participants who also became GAST members. I realize that your initial incentive was the membership discount for classes, but hope you will find becoming active and taking advantage of what this organization has to offer you and your families will be a plus in your life, including movie night!

Yes! We were able to enjoy the February 'Vorschau und Film' in our downstairs 'Kino', just shy of the 2nd blizzard that enveloped Snowklahoma and despite **Erwin Jerchau** having fled to warmer scenery (Erwin, you deserve a break now and then; still we missed you and several of our regulars, who remained snow bound. Of course, your stand-in, **Arnold Bieber**, did you proud! Thank you, Arnold!). March 7th is a 'no snow, no rain, no sleet' day, so please check Erwin's column for what he has in store for us at our next movie night and join us.

Saturday, March 5th marks the day that the 8 week **Kinderdeutsch** sessions begin. Please check the separate article dealing with this program, whose chair person is **Angelique Giddings**. Also, do remind those friends and members who have children in K through 6th grade to consider enriching their children's lives through their participation. It's not just about the language and the culture, but also about the camaraderie and lifelong friendships that can be developed.

Do you have your calendar at hand? Please place a big circle around March 27th and write in the following: 3 p.m. GAST Center, **BARTHELMES CONSERVATORY ENSEMBLE** – not to be missed – great young talent – astounding afternoon – super reception afterwards. That about says it all, but if in doubt and if you have never attended, please look over the separate article dealing with this event.

March is our fund raising month with the yard sale scheduled (see **Barbara Conrad's** more detailed information) and a fund raising letter to darken your door step. Although our events are free, there really is no such thing as a 'free' event, be that our organization or some other group or activity. Everything in life costs something: volunteer sweat or cold hard cash, the piper will need to be paid. We want our events available to most everyone, which means that sometimes some of us shoulder the monetary burden for those on restricted incomes, who also deserve to add culture and beauty to their lives. Your contributions, whether that be items to the garage sale or a monetary donation to Arts coffers, are tax deductible, so if you are able to extend a helping hand, which will allow us to continue our varied programs, it is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Conrad and **Gertrud Schmidt** continue to bring us interesting and varied programs for our Konversationsrunde. If you are not a fluent German speaker, please don't let that keep you from this most interesting activity. It does require enjoying hearing another language, without thinking you are the topic of a conversation you can't clearly follow. Translators are always nearby and we are proud to have you join us.

Thanks to all our volunteers and event attendees for all you do throughout the year. March is said to come in as a lion and go out as a lamb. I'm really not lying when I say our March begins with our little lambs and ends with a lion of a concert. Hope to see you there.

—Uschi Mueller

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Due to the snowstorm we had to reschedule our February session. We appreciate **Gwen and Arnold Bieber** for accommodating this last-minute switch.

Our next meeting will be held at the Gilcrease Museum on March 13 where we will have a German language tour by **Gertrud Schmidt**. We will meet in the entrance hall at 2:45 and will visit exhibits dealing with "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" which has been the historical basis of our American way of life. Please bring your Museum card if you are member. Otherwise you may be able to acquire a free membership card; admission would cost \$ 7.00. Either way, please come if you are interested and the Arts Association will ensure that you do not miss this most interesting presentation.

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).

SNOW SNOW SNOW

We had to clear the Snow for our Anniversary Party and then again after the Record 14-inch Snow fall. This EXTRA expense severely impacted our BUDGET.

The rental half of our duplex is being cleaned up in preparation for renting to a tenant by Mid-March. Arnold and Harold are spending many hours cleaning and repairing the interior.

—**Harold Wicks**, Building President

The Great GAST Garage Sale

Please do not forget to bring your White Elephants, Treasures, Junk, etc. for the GAST garage sale in March 18-19, which is a major source of income for the GAST Arts Association. Bring your donation to GAST center at any time between now and then, whenever GAST personnel are (call first) present. We will receive, sort, label, price and arrange these items for the garage sale on March 16 from 10 am till 3 pm. Please come and help, even if you can do it only for a few hours. Next day at 9 am we'll continue to set up till we're done. The actual garage sale will start on Friday the 18th from 9 o'clock till 5 pm, and on Saturday from 9 am till 3 pm. At that point we'll close the sale and will prepare the remaining items for pick up by the Salvation Army.

As you might suspect we will need a lot of volunteers for all of these activities to be successful. Even a couple of hours of your time would be a great help. Please contact Barbara Conrad (492-3273) for details, information and/or when and what you can do. We thank you in advance for your time and efforts.



Come join us at the next
Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, March 3, 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 March 7, starting at 6:30 PM
**Hansi Hinterseer Open Air Konzert
 (2009 Part 2)**

Starting at 7:30 PM

Im Schatten des Pferdemondes
 Starring: Phillip Brennkmeier, Chatherine
 Flemming, Suzan Anbeh and Volkert Kraeft

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." You are in luck if Sunday is a better time.

The GAST Folkdancers have decided to change our practice time and day. We will be having our practice sessions on in the GAST Weinkeller on **Sundays from 2pm to 4pm.**

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

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



FASCHING 2011

**Prinz Joe II and Prinzessin
 Ginny II will award a special
 medal to everyone wearing a
 costume to the Fasching Party
 on March 5th.**



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Sweet Potato says:

It's easier to go down a hill than up,
but the view is from the top!



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 me at book_worm34@hotmail.com or phone me at 357-9156

—Gwen Bieber

Kinderdeutsch / Children's German Classes

An **8 week Saturday** German course for children from Kindergarten to 6th grade will begin on Saturday, **March 5th, 2011** from 10 to 11:30 A.M. These courses teach young children German and about German culture in a fun and playful atmosphere. Children are taught basic German phrases, do crafts, learn German songs and German dances. A light snack is served at the end of lessons.

Cost is \$20 per child for GAST members and \$35 for non-members. A \$5 discount is given for each additional child within a given family unit. You may pre-register by sending us your basic information (names / address / phone #) and appropriate funds to **GAST Kinderdeutsch**, 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa, OK 74104. 918 744-6997. Hope to see you and your youngsters on March 5th.

—Angelique Giddings, Chair



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GAST Certificates Award Ceremony



Claus Greiner



l,r Emily Smucker, Caitlin Postoak,
Angela Novak, Enrique Sifuentes.



Stan Conrad

Photos by Arnold

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Party

March 5

don't miss it!

