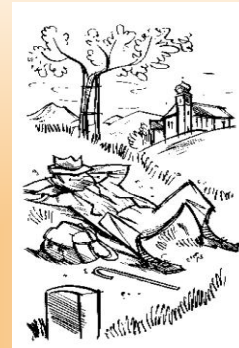




Lumpenball and Soup Party



Saturday, April 16 at the GAST CENTER.

After the pain of paying taxes
and the very cold and snowy winter days,
it's time for some comfort food, like soup and desserts.
Please bring a large pot of soup and /or dessert to share.
Bread, Butter, Coffee and Water will be provided.
Admission is FREE, if you bring a dish to share,
otherwise \$ 10.00 per person.

→ **Doors open at 5 PM** ←

Entertainment: CDs

Please make reservations no later than Wednesday, April 13,
by calling the GAST office at 744-6997

Let us know when you make the reservation whether you bring soup
and/or dessert or if you just come and enjoy some good home-
made dishes.

Please bring your recipe with your soup and dessert.



GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tue. at 10 AM	April 22 Weinkeller	Jul 1 Stammtisch	Sep 13 Language classes
Mar 27 Barthelmes Musical	April 29 Germanfest	Jul 23 Italian Party	Sep 18 Piano concert
Mar 28 Cooking class	May 6 Stammtisch	Jul 29 Weinkeller	Sep 23 O'fest signup party
April 1 Stammtisch	May 27 Weinkeller	Aug 5 Stammtisch	Sep 30 Weinkeller
April 10 Membership meeting	Jun 3 Stammtisch	Aug 7 Ice Cream Social	Oct 29 Oktoberfest party
Apr 11 Youth movie night	Jun 12 GAST Picnic	Aug 26 Weinkeller	Nov 18 Chambermusic
April 16 Lumpenball	Jun 24 Weinkeller	Sep 2 Stammtisch	Dec 2 Christkindlmarkt

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT



Guten Tag!

Spring is trying to poke its head up. We see green in lawns, flowers and trees starting to bloom and bud. Maybe we are past any more blizzards!! I thought we had a wonderful Fasching Party – thanks to **Harold Wicks and the Elferrat**. They organized a great and fun evening. The synchronized swimming was the best. I think we should send to the program “So You Think You Have Talent”. They definitely have lots of talent. It was great, guys.

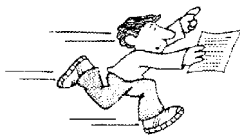
The **Blaskapelle** is to be commended for a fantastic job also. I wonder if they have any ‘lips’ left after all that playing. The variety of music was wonderful.

Our next party event is the Lumpenball [Soup Party]. Details on that will be elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to come and share in our sad state after paying taxes.

Germanfest is well underway with **Tom Morris** chairing. It looks like we will see some new activities for all ages, especially the young ones. Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful festival.

Remember this is one of our major fund raisers, so step forward and contact Tom and Michelle telling them how and when you can work.

I am happy to announce that we have new Co-Chairs for Chriskindlmarkt 2011. **Carol Wright and Arnold Bieber** have agreed to chair this event for us. After chairing this even and Germanfest, **Hannelore Giles** asked for a reprieve. She did a great job and I truly thank her for her leadership. I am sure that she will be asked to help with her expertise in certain areas for both of the events. Thanks Hannelore.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

Wednesday, April 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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Our Annual General Membership Meeting is coming soon – April 10 at 3:00 PM. We will be electing new officers and Board members, as well as looking at a By-Law change. The nominations and By-Law changes are being mailed to you for review before the meeting. We need all members in good standing – which according to the By-Laws means dues were paid 60 days prior to the meeting – to be present and vote. We must get a quorum [12%] to be able to conduct business. The cut-off date for paying of dues 60 days prior to the meeting date was February 9.

As my second term winds down, I thank all of you for your support of both me and GAST. I think we can see the organization staying strong and viable, giving our community a good taste of our culture and heritage. See you at the meeting.

—Leon

...from the Arts President



Although our daylight hours are once again longer, the days themselves still only have 24 hours in them and there is always so much to do and so little time! The society's 2010-2011 calendar year is rapidly drawing to a close, with our annual membership meeting and the election of new officers on April 10th at 3 P.M.. It is vitally important that we have a good turn-out for this event and I hope you will take the time to attend.

Speaking of turn-out, it is with great regret that our Spring Kinderdeutsch sessions needed to be cancelled due to low attendance. We need a minimum of 12 to 15 children to make this program viable and enjoyable for all.. If children could drive themselves to these sessions, the classes would be overflowing. Once children experience the fun they have, they return time and again with their parent's help

It would be good if we could start gathering email addresses for families with children who are interested in making the commitment to allow their offspring to attend Kinderdeutsch. **Fred Rother** did an outstanding job presenting our sessions in the Echo. In addition, the March *Tulsakids* magazine featured Kinderdeutsch on page 6. Contact was made with the Tulsa Parks department and the library system, but all this is not as effective as our membership speaking up about this program. An email or a phone call are often more effective than relying just on external advertising. We need your help to keep Kinderdeutsch alive. Every dark cloud has a silver lining and ours came in that the Spring Kinderdeutsch session placed on our website by Webmaster **John Toschik**, caught the eye of a young attractive family with three children, who have now joined our organization. Please welcome the **Dechow** family when you see them at our upcoming events. **Olivia** and **Bryan Dechow** showed themselves to be intelligent and eager learners and will, no doubt, be among our star children's singers and dancers come the fall session.

As I write this, our garage sale is in a matter of days with **Barbara Conrad** and her group of able helpers busily setting up the event. I hope to be able to report it as having been a success in our next Echo, since it is one of Arts' few fundraising opportunities. Arts' other fundraiser is the letter you should have received requesting monetary gifts. Thank you to each and every one of you for your various donations of time, articles for the garage sale, and funds throughout the year to help continue our cultural offerings. We appreciate any and all gifts from friends and members alike. It helps enrich people's lives and fosters cultural understanding.

The **Barthelmes Conservatory Ensemble** on March 27th also lies ahead. If you attended I know it will have been an afternoon you will long remember for its ambience and wonderful music. Our next musical offering will not be until August 19th, when the **American Theater Organ Society** will once again delight us with their upbeat and fun loving group, singing and playing and having a great time bringing the GAST organ back to life.

This month I end with my favorite activity – movie night! There are only a few movies left for our 2010-2011 session and **Erwin Jerchau** is busily selecting presentations that are sure to delight. **Erika Hartman** is now among our regulars and can vouch for the good times had by all! Please be sure to read Erwin's column regarding the next showing on April 4.

See you at the movies!

—Uschi Mueller

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We held our last meeting in the Gilcrease Museum where we were given a wonderful tour by **Gertrude Schmidt** highlighting some of the landmarks associated with the building of America as we know it today. Danke schön, Gertrude! The next meeting will be held in the home of **Barbara and Stan Conrad** who live at 7837 South 70th East Avenue, Tulsa (close to 81st and Sheridan, 918-492-3273). Please note the altered time change (3pm, April 3rd) which was necessary to avoid conflicting with the annual election of GAST officers. Our speakers will be recent visitors from our sister city of Celle who will give us their impressions of Tulsa. Please plan to attend to hear some candid observations as to how others see us, which, believe it or not, may be different from how we see ourselves.

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).

The GAST Folkdancers

It is not too late to join the GAST Folkdance Group. Our program is always open for new members. There is no cost and non-GAST Members are also welcome.

Set aside a Sunday afternoon between 2 and 4 to stop by the GAST Weinkeller to join us for some light- hearted exercise and fun. Remember - that is **Sundays from 2pm to 4pm (except Easter Sunday)**

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

As part of our community outreach we will be presenting dance program on April 26 at TCC for their annual Frühlingsfest.

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



Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, April 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 April 4, starting at 6:30 PM
 Andreas Fulterer in Konzert

Starting at 7:30 PM
 Sissi die Junge Kaiserin
 Starring: Romy Schneider, Karlheinz Boehm,
 Magda Schneider and Uta Franz

FASCHING PARTY 2011

Lots of People, lots of costumes, lots of dancing, lots of fun!



Many people praised the Blaskapelle for the music they played. The Elferrat Swim Team presented a funny skit. It is on the GAST website if you want to see it again. Ruth Ann Hudspeth directed our skit. Ruth Ann was the winner of our knee dance Contest. Wayne Beebee was the last man kneeling. Ruth Ann also found one of our mustard-filled Berliners and received the giant pretzel. Our Judges for the costume contest were Phil and Laura Judkins and Bill and Linda Rowland. Phil and Bill are members of the Tulsa Theater Organ Society.

The Costume Contest Winners were as follows:

Best Looking Female: Judy Bomer

Best Male: David Marshall (again!)

Best Couple: Doris and Harold Wicks

Funniest Female: Frieda Kimberlin

Funniest Male: John Gallagher

Funniest Couple: Hannelore Giles and Joe

Honorable Mention: Leon and Donna Boggs

Prinz Joe II and Prinzessin Ginny II gave each winner the 25 dollar cash prize.

Our Prinz and Prinzessin helped keep the program lively during the evening.

Thank you members for attending our Fasching Party for 2011. The Elferrat would like to have some new members. Please call me 918 743 0359 if interested. Thank you.

The Elferrat
 Harold Wicks
 Chairman

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Sweet Potato says:

You have the capacity to choose what you think about. If you think about past hurts, you will continue to feel bad. While it's true you can't change the effects past influences had on you once, you can change the effect they have on you now.

Gary McKay. Ph.D.



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

...from the Building Prez

Beverly Bordner is our new office employee. She will be responsible for normal jobs related to a business office. Bev will also assist the Treasurer by doing data entry as needed, as well as assist the Presidents of Building, GAST, and Arts with any normal requests. Members will receive assistance with GAST-related business.



The Building and **Becky Adrian** have received the “Brides Choice” award again this year. Weddingwire.com website has 20 reviews that give us a rating of 4.9 out of 5. Becky will continue to be responsible for the rentals that are on the calendar for 2011.

The rental half of our duplex is leased to a law firm. They began operations on Monday, March 14th. They are very pleased with the remodeling that was done by several GAST members. These members have my sincere gratitude for working on this project with me: **Arnold Bieber, Max Tankersley, Elam Blank, Ruth Bly, Ed Westenhiser, Erica and Neil Hartman, and Ruth Obermark.**

—Harold Wicks

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