



Italian Party

July 23rd

The door open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:15pm

Entertainment from 7-10pm

By the "POLKA MEISTERS".

MENU:

- *Brushetta*
- *House Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing*
- *Chicken Alfredo with Bowtie Pasta*
- *Spaghetti Feast with Meatballs, Sausage and Chicken with Penne Pasta*
- *Bread and Butter*
- *Tiramisu*

Admission for dinner and dance \$20.00. Dance only \$10.00

Raffle Prices

GAST Party Committee has asked the ITALIAN CLUB MEMBERS to join us at this party.



This is a catered dinner, please make your reservations by: WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH

BY CALLING 918-744-6997

Thank you, Party Committee

GAST Happenings

Jul 1	Stammtisch	Sep 13	Language classes	Nov 18	Chambermusic	Mar 2	Stammtisch
Jul 23	Italian Party	Sep 18	Piano concert	Dec 2	Christkindlmarkt	Apr 6	Stammtisch
Jul 29	Weinkeller	Sep 23	O'fest signup party	Dec 9	Stammtisch	May 4	Stammtisch
Aug 5	Stammtisch	Sep 30	Weinkeller	Dec 10	Christmas party	(or 11	depending on Mayfest)
Aug 7	Ice Cream Social	Oct 7	Stammtisch		2012	Jun 1	Stammtisch
Aug 26	Weinkeller	Oct 29	Oktoberfest party	Jan 6	Stammtisch	Jul 6	Stammtisch
Sep 2	Stammtisch	Nov 4	Stammtisch	Feb 3	Stammtisch	Aug 3	Stammtisch

...from the GAST President



Guten Morgen!

Boy what happened to spring? Seems like we were having a blizzard and now we are burning up in the scorching heat. I guess that is nature and weather in Oklahoma.

Let me begin by saying welcome to our new Board members and officers. We had our first meeting with all new members officially in office. I think we have great promise for good things to come this year. Thanks again for your willingness to serve as leaders of our organizations. I must also thank those who just retired from office. Your service was greatly appreciated by me. I expect to see you still active in the projects and programs that will be coming along.

We had a wonderful picnic. It was warm, but a nice breeze was blowing, the food was good and the fellowship was the best. Thanks to all who came out and shared the afternoon with us. Special thanks to **Erica Hartman** and her party committee for organizing the event and to **Elam Blank** for catering a delicious meal for us. We had several guests who were volunteers with us at Germanfest who came to their first event and enjoyed their time with us. We might even get some new members out of it!!

Tom Morris led a Germanfest wrap-up meeting recently and things look great. He will provide us with firm figures once all the bills are paid, but at this point, we had a very successful festival. I must thank Tom and his co-chair, wife **Michelle**, for a fantastic job. Most of all, thanks to all you volunteers. It is not possible to hold these events without you. You are priceless!

We are beginning our initial planning for Oktoberfest tonight. We have some very important decisions to make regarding our presence out there. We will be closing looking at the number of food tents we open in relation to our ability to adequately staff them. There are additional costs this year from the festival park for waste disposal, higher rent and increases in the cost of our supplies. Watch for more info to come out on this topic from our co-chairs, **Ed Anthis** and **Jim Walker**.

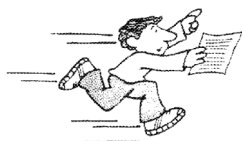
Believe it or not, Christkindlmarkt is already in the planning stages! That means Christmas is just around the corner. More info will be coming from our co-chairs, **Carol Wright** and **Arnold Bieber**.

Our GAST Saenger just returned from Cole Camp, Missouri (story on page 5). I hope they had a great time and look forward to hearing about their time there with other German choirs from this area. We also have some of our dancers going to a national dance festival in Illinois later this summer and will expect to hear about their experience there. Thanks to both of these groups for representing GAST in these events in other states.

I hope all of you stay cool and can afford your electric and water bills! See you at the upcoming Italian Party where we are inviting the Italian Club to join us. See details of this event on the cover page, and be sure to make your reservations early.

Auf Wiedersehen

—Leon



**Newsletter
Deadline**

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by 6 PM
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the Board meeting.
The Board meets the
second Wednesday
of every month
at the GAST Center at 7 PM

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...from the Arts President



Greetings to all the members from the new Arts President.

Thirty years of age ... and going strong... that's the German American Society of Tulsa Arts Association.

The leadership has changed but not its mission: "Promote and maintain German and European culture, customs and language and establish and maintain a cultural and social organization".

Under this umbrella the Arts Association will continue to offer language classes for adults and children, concerts, Speakers Bureau, movie evenings, Konversationsrunde, Adventfeier, and celebrate German American Day and Volkstrauertag.

As is almost tradition the cultural events start off with the "American Theater Organ Concert" August 19, 2011. Performers will treat the audience to a repertoire of some well known and some not so well known pieces for organ music.

An evening with pianist Jeongwon Ham September 18, 2011, is a must for lovers of piano music. Jeongwon graduated with highest distinction from the Folkwang Hochschule für Musik in Essen and the Hochschule der Künste in Berlin. She will be playing pieces by Liszt, Chopin and Schumann.

The Tulsa Symphony Orchestra is offering an expanded season with a new program "Flavor of Europe" chamber series of three concerts. The first "Germany" (Brahms, Bach, Mozart) will be held at the GAST Center November 18, 2011, at 6:30 pm. There will be a cover charge of \$ 25.00.

Movie nights and Konversationsrunde will resume in September.

To all readers of *Das Deutsche Echo*: suggestions as to new programs and constructive input on improvements are always welcome.

I wish to thank the nominating committee members for placing their trust in me. My gratitude to the "A-Team" ('A' is for Arts!): **Barbara Conrad** 1st VP, **Arnold Bieber**, Chair of Arts Committee, committee members **Gwen Bieber**, **Jutta Tankersley**, **Charles Meyers**, 2nd VP, and **Uschi Mueller**, past president, for helping me take the first steps as president of GASAA with confidence.

—Gertrud Schmidt

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

This popular program will return in September

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).

Oldest Giant Wine Barrel to be Tapped!

The world's oldest giant wine barrel, measuring five metres (nearly 16.5 feet), held in a Saxony-Anhalt hunting mansion, after being refilled for the first time in 400 years will be tapped for an upcoming three-day festival organized for the express purpose of marking the re-opening of the cask.

The barrel holds nearly 144,000 litres of wine and weighs about 53 tons empty.

The barrel took two years for construction by craftsmen in the nearby village of Groningen and was finished in 1594 and filled in time for the wedding of the Duke of Brunswick, Heinrich Julius, to Princess Elisabeth of Denmark. It was moved into its specially built wine cellar of Lord Ludwig von Spiegel in 1781.

A local restaurateur, Chris Schone, will crack the seal and serve red wine to the massive gathering.



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by Wednesday, August 3rd.
(we want to make sure we have enough ice cream)

Thank you
Party Committee



Stammtischrunde

Friday evening, July 1 and August 5
 starting at 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



There is no scheduled movie presentation for July. Stay tuned to this space for the best in German language theater when Erwin Jerchau returns with new films later this year.

Cole Camp Sangerfest

The GAST Sanger have just returned from their annual trip to Cole Camp in Missouri for the twentieth annual Cole Camp Sangerfest (Singers Festival) held on the 11th of June. This conference was originally organized in 1991 by Neil Heimsoth for the purpose of preserving German music and is an open-air evening performance by the local German Children's Choir (Kinderchor), the local German Women's Choir (Damenchor), the local German Men's Choir (Mannerchor), and the combined Mixed Choir (Gemischter Chor), always featuring performances by individuals and groups from other areas, the Tulsa GAST Choir, led by director **Susan Calvert**, being a well received fixture of this annual festival.

This year's meeting honored the composer Friedrich Silcher in the afternoon concert while the evening performance featured music ranging from Wagner to Brahms to Guonod/Ophoven. The choirs practice approximately four months for this concert and their hard work is greatly enjoyed by the attendees. Selections range from the serious to the hilarious, and perhaps the most lighthearted was this year's rendition by the St. Louis Liederkrantz of a medley of German "homeland" songs interspersed with unlikely additions. The singers were treated to a fine meal and shots of ApfelKorn. GAST will certainly return next year for more. It's an occasion everyone anticipates and relishes. Besides that, it's a rolling party from beginning to end.



Cole Camp is a small town in Benton County, Missouri, population of 1,028 at the 2000 Census, a site of one of the earliest skirmishes in the American Civil War and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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*Bescheidenheit ist eine Zier,
doch weiter kommt man ohne ihr*

The Most Beautiful German Words

A contest to pick the most beautiful words in German attracted suggestions from over 100 countries with the top 5 winners by vote being:

5th: **Rhabarbermarmelade**

4th: **Augenblick**

3rd: **lieben**

2nd: **geborgen**

And their choice for the most beautiful German word:

Habseligkeiten



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

Where am I?

This unique structure is a city gate marking off the western boundary of an old center of this Hanseatic town. A brick gothic construction, it is one of the relics of this medieval city's fortifications and one of only two remaining city gates. Because its two round towers and arched entrance are so well known it is regarded today as a symbol of this German city and together with the old city center it has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1987. The view shown here is from the field side of the gate. On



the city side over the entranceway it reads: "SPQL" framed by the years 1477 and 1871, the first year being the supposed date of construction (although the correct date is now known to be 1478), the latter date being the gate's restoration and the founding of the German Reich. According to **Fred Rother** the structure has developed a distinct lean, which you can almost see in this photograph!

The first member to correctly provide the name of the structure and the city where it stands wins a \$20 gift certificate for lunch at Seigi's Sausage Factory. Reply to: davidalanforbes@gmail.com

Results and answer in the August issue!

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After 24 years at our 91st & Sheridan location, we have purchased property of our own and built a brand new building, on the southwest corner of 81st and Sheridan Road, complete with an expanded Deli and meat market and a larger restaurant with extended hours.

Deli & Meat Market Hours: Monday-Friday (9am-7pm) and Saturday (9am-5pm) Closed Sunday

Restaurant open for lunch & dinner Mon-Thu (11am-8pm), Fri & Sat (11am-9pm) Closed Sunday



The Tulsa-Celle-Partnership

This Tulsa Global Alliance Partnership was created to promote a Sister City relationship between Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Celle, Germany, a picture postcard city of approximately 70,000 inhabitants in Lower Saxony on the banks of the River Aller, a tributary of the Weser. First established in the 10th century as a fishing bay, Celle has a picturesque old town center with more than 400 original and beautifully restored half timber-framed houses, as those in the old city center (right). The Tulsa-Celle Partnership was created in



2000 with a mutual exchange of representatives and a partnership agreement signed by representatives in each city. Since 2000 there have been exchanges of students, businessmen, clergy, groups of all kinds, and multitudes of individuals and representatives of both cities.



Celle Castle (left), one of the residences of the House of Brunswick-Lüneburg, is a four-winged building and the largest castle in the southern Lüneburg Heath region. The Castle overlooks the Altstadt.