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LUMPENBALL / SOUP PARTY

Saturday, April 14
at the GAST Center.

After the pain of having to pay taxes, it's time for some comfort food, like soup and sweets.
Please bring enough soup and or dessert to share.
Bread, Butter, Coffee and Water will be provided.

Admission: - FREE, if each person will bring a dish to share
(\$10.00 per person attending without a dish)

Doors open at 5:00PM—Soups will be ready at 6:00PM
Entertainment: CD's

RSVP by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2pm; Call the GAST office 918-744-6997.
Let us know when making the reservation if you bring soup and /or dessert, or if you
just come to enjoy some good home-made dishes.

COME AS YOU ARE, BRING A FRIEND, IT'S "HOBO NIGHT".

Erica Hartman and Party Committee



GAST Children's Easter Party

Saturday, March 31st
12:30—2:30pm

There will be an Easter egg hunt, treats, and an appearance by the
Easter bunny. Drinks will be provided, but we ask each parent to bring a
dish or something to share with everyone.

Please RSVP to the GAST office at 918-744-6997 by Wednesday
the 28th with the number of children and parents/grandparents attending.



Upcoming GAST Events

All members: plan to attend the Annual Membership Meeting April 22 at 3:00pm in the Great Hall!

Apr 2	GAST Theater	Apr 22	Annual Meeting	(or 11 depending on Mayfest)	May 29	Handarbeitsgrupp	Jun 22	Weinkeller	
Apr 3	Handarbeitsgrupp	Apr 24	Handarbeitsgrupp	May 4-6	Germanfest	Jun 1	Stammtisch	Jul 6	Stammtisch
Apr 6	Stammtischrunde	Apr 27	Weinkeller	May 8	Handarbeitsgrupp	Jun 3	Picnic	Jul 27	Weinkeller
Apr 10	Handarbeitsgrupp	May 1	Handarbeitsgrupp	May 15	Handarbeitsgrupp	Jun 4	GAST Theater	Aug 3	Stammtisch
Apr 14	Lumpenball	May 7	GAST Theater	May 22	Handarbeitsgrupp	Jul 21	Summer in Paris	Aug 5	Ice Cream Social
Apr 17	Handarbeitsgrupp	May 4	Stammtisch	May 25	Weinkeller		Theme Party	Aug 24	Weinkeller

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...from the GAST President



Greetings to all in this beautiful Spring season!

This time of year finds us ‘gearing up’ for Germanfest and believe it or not Oktoberfest too! The steering committee for Germanfest, headed by **Stephen Schneider** and **Elam Blank** is hard at work and will soon be contacting you for your help. When contacted, please say YES! I will volunteer to help. This is one of main fund raisers and we need everyone’s help to make it a success.

I have already met with Oktoberfest, Inc and River Parks to make initial plans for Oktoberfest 2012. We have worked out the problems we had last year and I feel good about our relationship with them again. Erica Hartman and her team will soon begin putting together our work force for this festival. Again, plan now to

help. Both of these are very important fund raisers for us and it will take all of us doing our part.

The Annual Membership meeting is coming real soon – Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 PM in the GAST Hall. All members are urged to attend this important meeting. Eligible voters, those with dues paid by March 1 will elect officers and directors. We must have a quorum present to conduct any business. Please plan to attend. This is a great way to find out what is going on in YOUR organization. If you have ideas, concerns or constructive criticism, bring them. We will have refreshments following the meetings.

Remember, nominations can be made from the floor with the approval of the nominee!

GAST will be returning to the FOOD BANK on Saturday, April 21 from 1 – 4 PM to sort food. Our last 2 visits had great turn-outs – over 20 both times! Those times we worked on Food for Kids packs and mobile pantry boxes. This time it will be general food sorting for distribution all over northeastern Oklahoma. Come and help us give something back to our community. It’s a great feeling to help in this way and also great fellowship. See ya there.

Until next month, guten tag!

—Leon

NewsLetter DEADLINE

April 18 at 5 PM

The newsletter goes to press the first Wednesday after the Board meeting. The Board regularly meets at the GAST Center at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

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...from the Arts President



Do you feel the energy in the air? Spring has come! Flowers, bushes, trees and grasses are sprouting and showing off their best colors. Daylight lasts a little longer each day giving us the impetus to get more done.

The ARTS Committee has not been hibernating during the winter months though. The language classes got off and rolling, the Konversationsgruppe met, and committee members dutifully attended GAST and GASAA meetings to plan for the events to come.

The Kinderdeutsch students are eagerly looking forward to show off their dancing skills as part of the Germanfest celebrations on May 4-5 -6.

TCC invited ARTS on short notice to participate on February 16th in their 'GLOBAL FESTIVAL'. Students from many nations and ethnic groups were encouraged to present what is important to and typical of their respective country. The Motto: "Experience the World without leaving Tulsa". We decorated a table with German memorabilia such as a pair of chimneysweeps and a fly agaric (Fliegenpilz) as good luck symbols, a boy and girl school kid dolls complete with satchels and books and miniature versions of three generations of VWs, a Mercedes, BMW and Porsche... Germany's best known exports. Colorful maps of Germany- showing the 17 states- were hung as background, a Dirndl dress and Lederhosen on the sides, posters showing Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Neu Schwanstein flanked the black-red-gold flag of Germany. A video showed scenes from Celle, the German sister city of Tulsa. Since the 'Celle' table was next to ours, the video made a nice transition to it. Thanks to **Barbara Conrad's** and **Arnold Bieber's** wonderful collection of 'German things' GAST-ARTS got first prize for the exhibit.

The Barthelmes Conservatory is very interested in keeping contact with GAST since their founding was made possible through the generosity of the late GAST members **Dr. Alfred and Hete Barthelmes**. A "Friend Raising Luncheon" and presentation of the organization's purpose and future plans was attended by 14 GAST members at the Conservatory's new location on the ninth floor of the SUNOCO building. The goal of this organization is to make Music Instruction possible for the young and old, the gifted and the underprivileged.

Elizabeth Fishborn is still on schedule to sing for us on Sunday May 20th 2012 at 3:00pm (please note the correction of date) in the great Hall of our GAST Center. Songs from Operettas are on the program. Most of us very likely associate the Operetta with Austria and Johann Strauss but it actually had its origin in Italy in the 18th century when people wanted to be entertained with happier and lighter tunes than the traditional operas were offering. The most frequently performed operettas in our time are "Die Fledermaus" (The Bat) by J. Strauss II and "Die Lustige Witwe" (The Merry Widow) by Franz Lehar. I am certain you will go home humming some of the familiar tunes.... So come join us and enjoy!

Garage Sale is just a few days away as I write this; German American Day and Kids World are in the planning stages.

Stay tuned!

—Gertrud

GAST Folk Dancers Prepare for Workshop

GAST and the GAST Folk Dance Group will be hosting a Folkdance workshop June 15, 16 & 17, 2012. Invitations are going out to Folkdancers across the US to attend this workshop. The GAST membership will be welcome to attend the lessons and will also be invited to attend the Gala Saturday evening session which includes dinner, dancing and Folk dancing exhibitions. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.

During the past month we have been meeting regularly on Wed evenings at 7pm and welcome new members at any time.

At the request of their teachers, Folkdance lessons were extended into Union and Edison schools to prepare some of the German language students for competition at the State contest of German Language Studies in Stillwater on March 10. These students walked away with trophies representing 1st, 2nd and 3 place in German Folkdancing. Congratulations to their teachers, **Ushie Mueller** and **Chris Guckien**. I enjoyed their enthusiasm and sprit and would gladly welcome them into our adult dance group.

For information on joining us for a stimulating evening of music and exercise please call Carol Wright—(918) 299-2839

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GERMANFEST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed in the KITCHEN for Germanfest, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4th, 5th and 6th. All shifts available. Call Erica Hartman 918-272-903

We wish to thank Barbara and Gerald Taron for hosting our last meeting and for presenting their most interesting trip to Australia and New Zealand which was followed by some very tasty snacks. Our next meeting will be at the Philbrook Museum of Art (2727 South Rockford Road). We will meet on 15 April at 2:45 pm at the front door for a guided tour by Gertrud Schmidt. The theme will be a "Dream and Vision" tour by Gertrud which will start at 3:00 pm. Car pools are available if necessary.

R. Stan Conrad

GAST Building Corp Seeks Volunteers as Hosts

Our members serve voluntarily as Hosts when the GAST main hall is rented for different events (primarily weddings). Most shifts are on weekends and are held from 5:00 to 8:00pm, rarely later than midnight. When possible the shifts are split, and there is always an off-duty police officer or security guard on the premises until closing. If you are interested in helping by serving as a Host, call the GAST office (918) 744-6997 for additional information or to confirm your availability.

Bev Bordner

Communications from members are welcome and should be sent to davidalanforbes@gmail.com

FASCHING PARTY—2012

We had lots of people, costumes, dancing, and fun! Our royal couple, Prinz and Prinzessin, Tony and Leisha I, welcomed all those attending with beads and candy.

The Blaskappele played to the enthusiasm of those assembled and reminded us how fortunate we are to have our own band to play for us, and with such talented performers. Additional entertainment was provided this year by noted Broken Arrow crooner Luigi Balletto.

Kathy Blank found the mustard-filled Berliner and won the Giant Pretzel. Our Costume Judges this year were Dr. Mark Collins, his wife Becky, and Art and Linda Paul. The costume contest winners were as follows:

- Best Looking Female: Lade in hat with walker (Carol Wright's mom)
- Best Looking Male: Gary Bradley (in Black Cape)
- Best Looking Couple: Kenneth & Patricia McLaurin (Karneval Outfit)
- Funniest Female: Ruth Bly (Clown)
- Funniest Male: Arnold Bieber (Hospital Gown)
- Funniest Couple: Marty & Cindy Pickell (Fastnacht Heads)
- Judges' Honorable Mention: Rosita Martin (Bag Lady)

Each winner received a \$25 cash prize.

Thanks to all members attending our Fasching Party for 2012.

The Elferrat

Harold Wick, Chairman





The Sunshine Lady

Our GAST members providentially enjoyed good health last month and we sent out no get-well or sympathy cards!

Please call or E-mail me if you know a GAST member who is ill. Also, please let me know if it is appropriate to send a sympathy card.

E-mail: book_worm34@hotmail.com,
or telephone 918-357-9156

—Gwen Bieber

*Hunde, die bellen,
beißen nicht.*

Now Playing at the GAST Theater



Monday April 2, starting at 6:30 PM
Das Musik Magazin

Starting at 7:30 PM

Rosamunde Pilcher

Karussell des Lebens

Starring Christine Hoerbinger,
Barbara Wussow,
Jacques Breuer, Aline Hetzner
and Eleonore Weisgerber

Interesting News from the Old Country

GERMANY SHIFTS €200 BIL TO ENERGY RENEWABLES

Not since the allies leveled Germany in World War II has Europe's biggest economy undertaken a reconstruction of its energy market on this scale. Chancellor Angela Merkel plans to build offshore wind farms that will cover an area six times the size of New York City and erect power lines that could stretch from London to Baghdad. The program will cost 200 billion euros (\$263 billion), about 8% of the country's gross domestic product in 2011, according to the DIW economic institute in Berlin.

Germany aims to replace 17 nuclear reactors that supplied about a fifth of its electricity with renewables such as solar and wind. Merkel to succeed must experiment with untested systems and policies and overcome technical hurdles threatening the project, said Stephan Reimelt, chief executive officer of General Electric Co. energy unit in the country.

Utilities running gas-generating plants in Germany lost 10.92 euros a megawatt-hour today at 12:16 p.m. local time, based on so-called clean-spark spreads for the next month that take account

of gas, power and emissions prices. That compared with a profit of 20.95 euros in October 2009, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. U.K. generators earned 2.06 pounds (\$3.27), down from a profit of 7.02 pounds in October.

"Germany is like a big energy laboratory," Reimelt said in an interview. "The country has a political and societal consensus to drop nuclear power but lacks a clear technological solution."

Already, the program is expanding markets for Suntech Power Holdings Co., the world's biggest solar panel maker, and Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the largest maker of wind turbines. It is hurting other utilities which have stepped up cost-cutting to

curb losses from closing nuclear stations early.

"The German energy transformation is as challenging as the first moon landing," said Peter Terium, who in July takes over as chief executive officer of RWE, Germany's second-largest utility. "It's a huge challenge we'll be able to master only if everyone works together."

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NEW MEMBERS

Jim Behnke
Tulsa, OK

Karyl Burns
Tulsa, OK

Dirk Johnson
Tulsa, OK

Floyd & Vi Schulmeier
Tulsa, OK

Boxes Packed by GAST Members at Food Bank

Packing boxes of food that weigh 25 pounds is not as easy as you would think. GAST members (23 adults and two youth) unpacked, organized, and repacked donated food for two hours February 11th at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. This was the second time GAST members have donated their time.



Saturday, April 21st will be our next volunteer date. We will work from 1-4:00. If you are interested in joining our group, please call 918-744-6997 and leave a message. If this will be your first time also leave an email address so we can send you the volunteer form and directions.

Come join us for a rewarding afternoon helping our community.

Teresa and John Gallagher, their daughter-in-law, and grandson volunteering at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Ursula Mueller is in the back.

Story & Photo provided by Kathy Blank



Who am I?



An anthropologist and ethnologist best known for his work with the Kwakiutl Indians in British Columbia, Canada. Born in 1858 into a Jewish family in Minden, Westphalia, he set new standards for cultural research, and his theories changed the way anthropologists gathered and analyzed data about social populations. He most notably debunked prevailing theories on racial superiority and purity. Broadly educated in Europe (physics, geogra-

phy, philosophy), he settled in the U.S. in 1887 when he was offered an editing position with the journal *Science* in New York. He later held posts at various American museums and universities, and authored several important books on cultural anthropology.

Reply to davidalanforbes@gmail.com

Answer to "What Am I?"
in the March issue:
Burg Eitz

Deb Schoneweis was the first correct respondent.
Congratulations!

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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



**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:
DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING !
APR 22 at 3:00pm
GAST Great Hall**

As the President noted in his March remarks in this Newsletter, this is one of the most important things you can do for the organization we all belong to and love. At this Membership Meeting, the current officers will report activities undertaken and unveil plans for the future, exciting plans that will affect us all, some still in the planning stages, but all important for our organization, and we need your input!

This Annual Membership Meeting is the ideal opportunity for each member to learn more about the organization, to make his or her feelings known and share his or her constructive thoughts and ideas with the leadership and the other members present. One of the best way for each member to make a substantial and constructive contribution to the Society, as well as to the community at large, is to volunteer to serve in a responsible post. To volunteer, or to nominate or propose the nomination of another individual who is willing to serve, please contact George Ort, the Nominating Committee chair. Email georgort@gmail.com or call or email any director with your information.

We need a quorum at the Membership Meeting to conduct business—this is one of your key duties as a member of GAST, and we need every member and his family to attend.

Plan to be there on the 22nd!