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**PARTY**

## Fasching Party - 2013

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### Upcoming GAST Events

Jan 29	Handarbeitsgruppe	<b>Feb 9</b>	Feb 26	Handarbeitsgruppe	Mar 22	Weinkeller	May 3	Stammtisch
Feb 1	Stammtisch	<b>Fasching Party</b>	Mar 1	Stammtisch	Mar 26	Handarbeitsgruppe	May 6	Movie Night
Feb 2	<b>Kinderdeutsch</b>	Feb 12	Mar 4	Movie Night	Apr 1	Movie Night	May 31	Weinkeller
Feb 4	Movie Night	Feb 12	Mar 5	Handarbeitsgruppe	Apr 2	Handarbeitsgruppe	Jun 3	Movie Night
Feb 5	Handarbeitsgruppe	Feb 22	Mar 12	Handarbeitsgruppe	Apr 5	Stammtisch	Jun 7	Stammrisch
		Feb 19	Mar 19	Handarbeitsgruppe	April 26	Weinkeller	Jun 28	Weinkeller



### ...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

GUTEN TAG!

The weather outside today is definitely winter! COLD! COLD! COLD!

I hope the new year is off to a good start for all of you. We are all receiving our renewals for membership and I hope you are getting those back in quickly. To be eligible for office or a Board member, you must have your dues paid and be in good standing [according to the By-Laws]. That is the big thing right now. The Nominating Committee will be working on getting folks to step up to be officers and board

members for all 3 of our organizations. When they contact you, consider it well before declining. Without people to serve in these very important positions to lead the organization, it will fold. We must have willing leaders. It does take some time and effort but it can be a very rewarding experience. If we want to keep GAST alive and moving forward we need you to volunteer to serve. If you are interested or have questions about serving, please contact **Georg Ort – chair of the nominating committee.**

I was happy to see many of you at our Anniversary Party. If you were not there, I am very happy to say that **Neil Hartman** was selected to receive the Board of Director's Award and that **Erwin Jerchau** was selected to receive the President's Award, both being presented at the Anniversary Party. Both of these men have been very dedicated and hard workers in GAST for many years. Of course the hardest part of selecting the winners of these annual awards is that there are so many of you who deserve them but we can only select two. Please know that I really appreciate all the hard work that all of our members provide.

We also awarded the winners of our Youth Essay Contest. Congratulations to all 4 winners. The students, parents and teachers were also invited as GAST guests at the Anniversary Party. Until next month –

—Leon

### ...from the Arts President — Gertrud Schmidt

Es war einmal.... Once upon a time.... All of the Grimms fairytales begin thus. It was 200 years ago December 20, 1812 that the Grimm brothers Jacob (1785-1863) and Wilhelm (1786-1859) published a collection of fairytales with the title: "Kinder- und Hausmärchen". They had travelled through many German states to collect these tales. While initially not a best seller it has since been translated in just about every living language and sold over a billion copies. The Grimm brothers primary concern was to save the many - mostly orally transmitted- stories and at the same time save the German



language which, after the Napoleonic wars and occupation by the French was in danger of being adulterated and lost. They were scholars of the German language and started work on a thorough dictionary of the language which was finished 123 years later; they were writers, librarians, University professors and politicians.

It therefore seemed timely and appropriate that the theme for this year's German Essay Contest was "The Brothers Grimm influence on American Children". While many students referred to the Disney Version of the tales, others experienced the fairytales through story-telling by parents or siblings and reading of the original children's versions. **Barbara Conrad, Arnold Bieber** and **Gertrud Schmidt** judged 47 essays submitted by students studying German in Tulsa schools and selected and ranked what they considered the three best essays. The students and their parents will be honored guests at the GAST Anniversary celebration on January 19, 2013

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## Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

### LEARN TO SPEAK GERMAN AT THE GAST CENTER

10 weekly classes for adults will start again on February 12. Enrollment for beginners, intermediate and advanced students begins at 6:30 PM. Tuition is still only \$65 for members, \$85 for non-members. Books, when needed, are \$35. Our teachers are the best.



We will start Kinderdeutsch on Saturday, February 2, from 10 to 11:30 AM. Please take advantage of this low-cost program to expose your children and grandchildren to the German language and

culture. The 8-week program is only \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members with a \$5 discount for the second and third child of a family.

Free video and refreshments at the end of each class!

### GERMAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR TEENS

I have found an excellent native-speaking teacher with extensive teaching experience who

would love to provide a weekend German class for those too young to participate in our adult language classes.

We have heard from quite a few people with children who do not have access to German lessons in their schools. If we have enough interest to form a class, we can provide a program of 8 to 10 weeks duration beginning, perhaps, in February and another similar one beginning in September. At this point, I am trying to evaluate the demand for such a program as well as the level of knowledge of the language that the kids have. Please contact **Ruth Obermark** if you might be interested or if you know anyone who is seeking such a program.

<obermarks@sbcglobal.net>



### FASCHING PARTY IN FEBRUARY

February 9th

6:00 to 10:00pm

We are serving a complete dinner—no hotdog and potato salad this time!

The Menu will be

*Roast Beef with Mushroom Sauce*

*Pan Fried Potatoes with Onions*

*Braised Purple Cabbage*

*Honey Glazed Carrots*

*Signature House Salad*

*Dinner Rolls*

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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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# Member Interview

**DORIS GALLAGHER**

**You are native German, are you not?** Yes. Berlin is my home town even though I did spend some time in Erfurt, in the Erzgebirge and Naumburg a/Saale during the war years. I have visited all those areas since then and try to get back to “the old country” every two years or so – even though “lyng is no longer what it once was.

**And how did you come to the U.S., and end up in Tulsa?** I came to the United States with another university student after the Berlin Blockade as two of the first German exchange students after WW II. I came to Tulsa in 1950 after one year as an exchange student in Raleigh, N.C. where the publisher family of The Tribune sponsored my five years of education. I lived with the Richard Lloyd Jones, Jr. family, who has the Riverside Airport named after him. Otherwise, I have lived in New York, Anchorage, Connecticut and Miami, FL. In the States besides overseas in Karachi, Pakistan; Frankfurt and Berlin; and Rome, Italy.

**So you went to school here?** Yes, I did. I graduated from Tulsa Central H.S., attended T.U. for two years and graduated from the University of Colorado. After that I flew for Pan American World Airways for three and a half years; then taught English in Alaska; worked for “The Tulsa Tribune” after my return for eight years and after that was the administrative assistant for the president of a German medical subsidiary (Lohmann) in Broken Arrow.

**What about your husband?** He is American born and—I had met him in Karachi, Pakistan on one of my lay-overs where he was Pan Am Operation Manager at the time and I was a Purser for the airline.

**You are divorced now?** Yes. After 22 years of marriage, my husband and I decided to go our separate ways. While he continued several more overseas assignments, I returned to Tulsa where I had grown up. We have two daughters, one married with three daughters who live in San Antonio; the other is a German professor at a private university in Orange, CA.

**So I am guessing you and your entire family are fluent in German. I still speak German and I also tutor in German as well as English. Both my daughters and all three granddaughters are bi-lingual. I subscribe to “German Life” and “German World”; I watch German films through “Netflix”. I like reading biographies in either language.**

**Do you attend Movie Night here at GAST?** I would love to but it interferes with other activities.

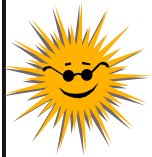
**How long have you been a GAST member?** Let me see . . . I joined GAST in 1985. I have served on the Board and as a GAST German Language teacher at various intervals; as a GAST office manager after Christl Harms moved to Missouri. I co-chaired the first and second annual “Christkindlmarkt”; I chaired the media publicity for ten years. I volunteered at “Germanfest” and “Oktoberfest” for many years – but as I grow older it becomes a bit harder. I hope the younger generation can take over for us.

**What recommendation would you offer for improving GAST?** The same thing Leon Boggs stresses again and again: the younger generation should bring about the changes which they see appropriate in order to keep the organization active, friendly and attractive for the next generation as well.

**Do you see yourself retiring to Germany?** While I like visiting my native country as long as I am physically able to, I believe I would rather continue to live in the United States because it has been good to me.

**What is a little-known fact about you, Doris, that other members—perhaps even your closest friends—would be surprised to learn?**

Well, not many of my friends know that I have been privileged to meet three American presidents: Harry Truman in the Oval Office in Washington shortly after I first arrived in the U.S.; Richard Nixon in New York at a Newspaper Advertisement Association Banquet—when he was Vice-President—and Dwight Eisenhower on his State visit to Pakistan.



## The Sunshine Lady

**Leisha Jury** was scheduled for a knee replacement in early December and a get-well card was sent on behalf of GAST. Her husband Tony just informed me that his wife had to postpone the knee replacement because of a problem with her ankle. When it has healed they will set another date for her knee surgery.

**Elam Blank** was scheduled for a knee replacement in early January but was sent home when he came down with the flu. He is recovering and he, too, will be re-scheduled for the knee replacement. We sent him a get-well card, wishing for his early recovery.

**Joy Butcher** is having some unspecified health problems, and I sent her a get-well card.

**Charlotte Kerpon** is doing very well post chemo, which finished on December 1st. She is regaining her strength and will return for follow-up scans in February. Please pray for a good recovery and increased health. I also wrote her from the club. (I specifically asked her husband if we could publish this good news and he was favorable.)

**Doris Wicks** had a lumpectomy last week and will receive the report back some time this week. I sent her a card from us all, and am looking forward to a good report back

*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.*

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telephone 918-728-0103

—Martha Ort

## Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau GAST Theater

Monday February 4, Starting at 6:30 PM



### ...from the Arts President (continued from Page 2)

and the students will receive their well earned price money: first price \$ 150.00; second price \$ 100.00; third price \$50.00 and consolation price \$ 25.00

‘Es war einmal’ also was the theme of the Konversationsrunde.

**Ingeborg Mueller** shared with us memories of her long life: from comfortable family oriented childhood days in Breslau to the horrors of war, loss of home and family and a new life in Canada and finally in Alabama and Tulsa. It certainly brought back memories for some in the audience and made all of us wish for harmony and peace among nations. Thank you Ingeborg for giving us a ringside seat to your interesting life and letting us be part of your 90th birthday celebration.

German American Arts Association (GASAA) has been invited again by Tulsa Community College (TCC) to take part in their Globalfest on February 20, 2013. Remember we got First Price last year for our exhibit. We sure will try our best again. **Arnold Bieber** (918 357 9156) would be happy to hear from you if you have any bright ideas for decoration of the tables or are willing to man the booth. Awareness of cultural diversity and how it enriches our life is an important learning experience for all of us. Speakers bureau is the GASAA vehicle to enlighten students about German history and culture and is still looking for volunteers to help.

No fiscal cliff problem for the GASAA budget. We managed our monies well and hope to do so again this fiscal year. But just like many other clubs the dues alone are insufficient to bring to you the classes, entertainment and representations expected of this very active organization. Chip in, lend a hand, be an active member!

There is a wonderful opportunity to help out at the annual garage sale March 22-23. Let **Barbara Conrad** know if and what you can contribute and if you are available to help out during the sale (918-492-3273). Any help is much appreciated and who knows you might just find a little treasure or trinket you always wanted. Take a walk in the brisk winter air and afterwards curl up..... with a Grimms story. You just might discover some old wisdoms hidden in it.

— Gertrud



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## Die Konversationsrunde

Ingeborg Mueller started us off for the first Konversationsrunde of 2013 at the GAST Office. Not only did she share with us her life experiences but also allowed us to be part of her 90th birthday celebration. Her daughter Uschi certainly outdid herself with decorations, libations and food. Thank you both very much. It certainly was a memorable afternoon.

The next Konversationsrunde will be held at the GILCREASE Museum (1400 Gilcrease Museum Road) on February 10, 2013 at 3:00pm. (please be there at 2:45 pm). We will tour the Edgar Payne exhibition. Edgar Payne, born in Missouri, is a well known California impressionist who not only painted extensively in this country but also brought back fabulous landscape paintings from the Swiss and French Alps and the French sea coast. Gertrud Schmidt will be leading the tour in German.

Admission is \$ 6.00 for seniors. We will have a few free tickets, compliments of Gilcrease members.

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 cultural interests of its members. For information or hosting one of our meetings, please call Barbara Conrad (chair 918 492 3273) or Gertrud Schmidt (co-chair 918 495 3727)

## Stammtischrunde

Friday, Feb 1

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Björklund, Chair

## New Members

*Gabriele Blankenship  
Tula, OK*

*Roberto Martinez  
Broke Arrow, OK*

*Klaus & Hannelore Raabe  
Bixby, OK*

*William & Joyce von Glahn  
Tulsa, OK*

### Re-admitted Members

*Matthew Ackenhausen &  
Catheryn Mason  
Tulsa, OK*

## What am I?



A residential building complex built in the late 1990s. Over 1,000 windows, no two alike.

*Answers should be sent to [davidalanforbes@gmail.com](mailto:davidalanforbes@gmail.com)*

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## ANNUAL GAST GARAGE SALE — MARCH 22-23

Our annual GAST garage sale will be held on 22-23 March 2013 at the GAST center. In addition to recycling Christmas gifts that you really can't use, this is an opportunity to get rid of other items which no longer fit or need. We are also in dire need of people for managing this most significant fund-raiser. These duties include: cashiers, stockers, and helpers in pricing and arranging items for sale. See/call Barbara Conrad for details.

Call Barbara at (918) 492-3273 or Email her at: [boeconrad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:boeconrad@sbcglobal.net)

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