



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 4, 2013
3:00 - 5:00pm
at the GAST Center.

We will have plenty of ice cream and other goodies and fun for the whole family with Fergie the Bear on hand to entertain the kids.

Doors will open at 2:30 pm
No Charge for admission but donations will be accepted.
See you there!
The Party Committee



Upcoming GAST Events

Jul 2	Handarbeitsgruppe	Jul 30	Handarbeitsgruppe	Aug 16	ATOS Concert	Sep 8	Konversationsrunde	Oct 13	Celle Concert
Jul 5	Stammtisch	Aug 2	Stammtisch	Aug 20	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 14	Adult language	Oct 25	Weinkeller
Jul 9	Handarbeitsgruppe		Aug 4	\Aug 27	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 17	Kinderdeutsch	Nov 1	Stammtisch
Jul 16	Handarbeitsgruppe		Ice Cream Social	Aug 30	Weinkeller	Sep 27	Weinkeller		Nov 2
Jul 23	Handarbeitsgruppe	Aug 6	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 2	Movie Night	Oct 4	Stammtisch		Oktoberfest Party
Jul 26	Weinkeller	Aug 13	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 6	Stammtisch	Oct 7	Movie Night	Nov 10	Harp Concert



...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

Guten Tag!

WOW! Summer is here and it is already hot. I hope all who live in the Broken Arrow water area survived that crisis and enjoyed boiling all your water - what fun.

We had a great picnic with great barbeque and sides topped off with watermelon and cookies. I saw lots of good fellowship taking place as we gathered on the GAST lawn. The weather cooperated and it was a fantastic afternoon. Thanks to Erica Hartman and the party crew for another job well done. We now look forward to our Ice Cream Social in August. Rumor has it that Fergie Bear may appear again!!

I am happy to announce that we have a new Party Chair - Terry Pizzo! Thanks, Terry, for stepping up and helping us out.

It was good meeting with our new Directors this month and getting things off to a great start. I saw and heard a lot of enthusiasm and concern being discussed.

David Forbes, our Oktoberfest chair will soon be getting his planning committee together. So if he calls, step up and help us out. This is our largest fund raiser and we need everyone to help. We heard from River Parks/Oktobefest lady, Tonja Carrigg about our sponsorship. The Board of Directors voted to hold our sponsorship amount to the \$3500.00 plus the use of our building for the Poster Party. This entitles us to all the perks we have enjoyed in the past from them and the opportunity to work closer with them in trying to keep Oktoberfest more authentic. We are also going to explore ways that River Parks/Oktobefest can help GAST all year. That is exciting for us.

As I start my last year as President, I look forward to working with all of you to Keep GAST alive and well and to see us keep our heritage and culture out there for the whole area.

— Leon



This Month in History

In 996 Bruno of Carinthia (972—999), the grandson of Emperor Otto I, at the age of 23 became the first German Pope and is invested as **Gregory V**. One of his first acts upon ascending the holy throne was to crown his cousin Otto III emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Gregory died suddenly, and with a suspicion of foul play, at the age of 27.



...from the Arts President — Gertrud Schmidt

What better way to celebrate springtime and the month of May than to listen to young aspiring musicians perform what they have been practicing so diligently for months. Twenty students from the Barthelmes Center of Music, - **bART**-entertained an appreciative audience with classical solo pieces by J.S. Bach, L. Boccherini, M. Clementi, A. Diabelli, J. Haydn, C. M. Weber, W.A. Mozart, J. Massenet, G. Faure, F. Chopin, L. von Beethoven and C. Saint-Saens. They did not neglect contemporary American composers. The “Souvenir de Sarasate” by W.H. Postook, the Concerto No. 3 in g minor 1st movement by F. Seitz and last but not least “Hedwig’s Theme” from Harry Potter by John Williams rounded out this very impressive musical selections. In spite of predictions of inclement weather the concert was attended by about 75 visitors who - after an auditory treat- enjoyed the refreshments offered by our charming hostesses Mary Jane Mueller and Ginnie Rohr. Rumor has it that the young aspiring artists doused their “Lampenfieber” (stage fright) with the deliciously cool punch and not a drop was left over! A big thank you to all the participants – Mr. Rush, Mr. Aaron Beck, the helpers and in particular to Arnold Bieber who so tirelessly kept in touch with Candice Chinsethagid at **bART** to bring this wonderful event to GAST.

After a very stormy springtime, this summer promises to be another hot one. Take an early morning walk, find a cool fishing spot on one of Oklahoma’s streams or do as the members of the GAST Choir ... go to a cooler venue such as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to attend the 2013 National Sangerfest.

Closer to home you may want to mark your calendar for August 16, 2013, at 7:00pm when the American Theater Organ Society will treat us to their annual Concert in the Great Hall of the GAST Center. The program will include Organ Music, (naturally!) piano pieces and some vocal music; and refreshments will be served afterwards.

For German-American Day on October 6th GAST’s Blaskapelle will give the rendition of the American and German Anthems and then entertain us with some well-

known tunes. Mr. Dirk Heindorff from Tulsa’s sister city Celle will be the speaker for this event. A guest performance of the Celle Fire Blaskapelle is in the planning stages for October 13, 2013 at 3:00 pm. Then we take a break from Brass Music and have Lorelei Barton Paul (harpist) and her ensemble treat us to a concert on November 10. As soon as the program is set up I will tell you all about it.

By popular demand the Education section of GASAA offered an adult German Language course of eight weeks this summer. Ruth Obermark signed up 16 eager students and two teachers for this experimental course. The students argued that they wanted to keep up their newly acquired knowledge of the German language. With more schools cancelling their German language courses there just might be a chance for GASAA to fill that void. Regular fall classes will start September 17th for adults and September 15 for Kinderdeutsch.

Enjoy the summer, but do stay cool.

Gertrud

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

July 17 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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NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS

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June 12, 2013

The new Boards of Directors met in the Weinkeller at 7pm with a quorum present for all three Boards.

Tony Pitzer Carrigg, representing River Parks, was present as a guest at the invitation of Leon Boggs and addressed the Board, at some length, reviewing the history of the festival and its importance to GAST and to Tulsa. She urged GAST's support for the 2013 Oktoberfest and closer cooperation with the new administration in charge of that festival. The only issue addressed by the Board at the meeting was the level of sponsorship of Oktoberfest by GAST, that is, the amount paid by GAST for its participation in the festival. That amount had been \$3,500.00 in past years, and there had been some sentiment expressed both for lowering that amount as well as for raising it. Upon motion and vote taken the Board decided to leave the \$3,500.00 sponsorship unchanged with the possibility raised to add an additional amount after the festival if the turnout was good, in addition to providing River Parks the gratuitous use of the Great Hall for the poster unveiling party. At the end of her presentation, Ms. Carrigg submitted her own application for membership in GAST, which was subsequently approved, and she appears as one of the two new members for the month.

While the Treasurer's Report indicated that GAST has a nice surplus for the month of May, with \$16,645 in expenses against income of more than \$24,000, the Finance Committee's report was more sanguine with the news that Germanfest revenue had come in more than \$7,000 under its budget. The Germanfest Committee plans to meet on Wednesday the 26th of June to review the festival and discuss ways to improve it. That committee welcomes any member comments or suggestions. Email Stephen Schneider, the committee chair, at seslawoffice@aim.com.

The Arts Association Board announced several dates: Fall adult language classes would begin September 14th and Kinderdeutsch on September 17th; the much anticipated ATOS Concert remains on the schedule for August 16th, German-American Day will be celebrated on the 6th of October, and GASAA would host the Celle Brass Band on the 13th of October, and a Harp Concert on the 10th of November featuring noted Oklahoma harpist Lorelei Kaiser Barton. Volkstrauertage is set on November 17, 2013, with Barbara Conrad in charge of planning activities, and Adventsfeier for December 15.

Leserbriefe**OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As noted in the President's report, page 2, planning for Oktoberfest is underway and we will be in need of every able bodied person who is willing to step up and volunteer for a shift. We will also need shift supervisors and those who have annually filled a role in one fashion or another to make the festival a success for GAST. Please call the GAST Office at (918) 744-6997, or email: gast@tulsacoxmail.com to indicate your availability. Of call or email me directly if you would like to help.

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GAST PICNIC

June 9, 2013

About 70 people turned out for a wonderful bar-be-que dinner on the GAST lawn catered by The Rib Crib. The event was the last Party arranged by outgoing, long-time Party Chair Erica Hartman. Terry Pizzo takes over as Party Chair effective immediately and with the first upcoming event being the Ice Cream Social on the 4th of August. Erica will assist in the transition.

Rita & Ed Lenfestey, and Bill & Teresa Wilber, lower left, Tom Bordman on accordion, right, photos courtesy Arnold Bieber



Member Interview

Fred and Irene Rother

▪ *You've been with GAST forever have you not?*

Fred: Yes, we joined GAST early on as charter members and participated in the restoration of the GAST Center. I served as 2nd VP in Arts, Newsletter editor and initiated the Stammtisch event. Irene served as Arts president and served as proofreader for the GAST newsletter.

▪ *How active are you today?*

Fred: I'm currently a committee member in Art Association but have no further plans to rejoin the board.

▪ *Well, I read your book so I know you are native German, but remind me how you happened to come to the U.S.*

Fred: I was born in Germany and came to the States in December 1949 at age 16 with my family of five. As a consequence of WWII, we were evicted from our home region in eastern Germany and were relocated to northwestern Germany, where we had been living in an 8x12 room in a barn for three years. On an invitation from my mother's sisters, already living in Buffalo, N.Y., my parents chose to emigrate.

▪ *And Irene?*

Fred: Irene joined me in 1967 in Buffalo, after we met while I briefly worked for a German company in her hometown of Erkelenz.

▪ *What brought you to Oklahoma and to Tulsa?*

Fred: After we had settled in Buffalo, I went to work for American Airlines and was eventually transferred to Tulsa. Working for an Airline gave us the opportunity to travel inexpensively.

▪ *Do you have family, either here or in Germany?*

Fred: We have two girls, and three grandchildren. Irene still has a brother who lives in Bavaria, as well as a number of cousins all over Germany. I have two cousins who live in Wolfsburg and Berlin. We also have a number of friends in various areas of Germany. We enjoy visiting Germany to explore the various regions, that neither of us had had the funds, nor the opportunity to do while living there.

▪ *What do you enjoying doing with whatever spare time you can find?*

Fred: We both love to travel. I enjoy reading—I'm currently reading a memoir by Konrad Adenauer, the first Chancellor of Germany after the war. I'm also pursuing my childhood hobby of playing the harmonica. I enjoy writing and have written a book that is now available on Amazon.Com. I volunteer at the Military Museum as a writer for a docent manual and their newsletter. Irene volunteers at "Neighbors along the Line" in their food bank. She also participates in a Yoga group and loves to research new recipies. She makes primarily American dishes but likes to experiment with spices and recipies of other cultures. She always makes my favorite Oxtail soup and Rouladen on my birthday. Irene enjoys listening to classical music and reading. Her favorite authors are Amy Tan, Jodi Picault and Marianne Fredrickssen.

▪ *What does GAST offer that you enjoy most:?*

Fred: Weinkeller, German-American day, Advent service

▪ *Where do you see the GAST organization in the coming years?*

Fred: It seems to me that GAST is evolving from a German-American Society into an American-German Society, as German-born members become a small minority. Consequently, the events and activities need to be adjusted to meet the needs of the majority, yet must still provide sufficient interest and German flavor to retain its German born members. Moreover, I think GAST has outgrown its current configuration and needs to reinvent itself as an umbrella organization with three underlying areas, such as Public Relations, Arts and Building.



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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The next meeting of the Konversationsrunde will take place on September 8th at 3:00pm, with the location yet to be determined.

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 of one of our meetings, please call Barbara Conrad at 918 492 3273 (chair) or Gertrud Schmidt at 918 495 3727 (Co-chair).



The Sunshine Lady

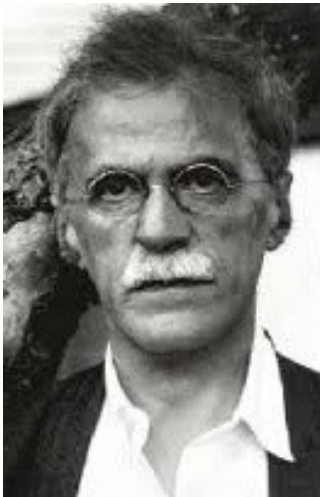
Condolence cards were sent out this month to Terry Pizzo, and to Rob Mitchell, both of whom lost their fathers. We also sent out a get-well card to Ginny Greek after she had surgery on her arm.

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: marthaort@gmail.com or tel 918-728-0103

—Martha Ort

Who am I?



An American photographer and modern art promoter born in Hoboken, NJ, the first son of German-Jewish immigrants, who was instrumental over his fifty-year career in making photography an accepted art form. In addition to his photography, he is known for the New York art galleries that he ran in the early part of the 20th century, where he introduced many *avant garde* European artists to the U.S. He was married to an equally well known American painter. At left is a photograph of the artist taken by Paul Strand at Lake George in 1924.

Answers should be sent to davidalanforbes@gmail.com

Answer to "What am I" in the June 1 issue: **Albrecht Dürer house (museum)**

The first correct respondent this month was: **Doris Wicks**

The first correct respondent from the print edition was: **Inge Wagdalt**

Stammtischrunde

Friday, July 5

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

—Dann Björklund, Chair

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Next Movie Night will be September 2



New Members

Tonja Carrigg
Tulsa, OK

Mark Warning
Tulsa, OK



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