



The Voice of the German-American Community

Oktoberfest Sign-up Party

Friday, September 13

7pm in the GAST Hall

Free Dinner for all members who have signed up to work at Oktoberfest, or who sign up during the party. Dinner prepared by the Oktoberfest Committee members:

Menu:

Pulled pork on Kaiser Rolls

Cole Slaw

Baked Beans

No reservations necessary

Call (918) 744-6997 to volunteer in advance

Oktoberfest Wash Party

Saturday, September 21

8am at the GAST Office

Our annual pre-Oktoberfest check-out of the grills and equipment, organizing and washing the utensils and buckets, and bagging all the items need for both Oktoberfest tents to get ready for our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Every able-bodied GAST member, man, woman and child should be there on Saturday morning. If we get a good team of workers, we can be done and ready for the festival within a couple of hours.

For information, call David Forbes at (918) 770-1743



GAST

Polka Dance Party

Saturday, September 21st

7pm—9pm

The event is hosted by the GAST Blaskapelle and is free and open to the public. Singles welcome

From 6pm to 7pm a dance instructor will be available for some quick lessons on the art of polka dancing. Even the rawest novice will be dancing the polka like a veteran before the evening is over. The GAST band will play a medley of well-loved polkas (and waltzes) from 7:00 pm to about 9:00. Everyone is invited to attend, young and old. It should be a fun-filled evening.

Upcoming GAST Events

Sep 2	Movie Night	Sep 13	Oktoberfest Sign-up Party	Sep 21	8am: O'fest Wash Party	Oct 1	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 16-20 Oktoberfest	
Sep 3	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 14	Adult language	7pm: Polka Dance Party		Oct 4	Stammtisch	Oct 22	Handarbeitsgruppe
Sep 6	Stammtisch	Sep 17	Kinderdeutsch	Sep 24	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 7	Movie Night	Oct 25	Weinkeller
Sep 8	Konversationsrunde	Sep 17	Handarbeitsgruppe	Sep 25	O'fest Poster Party	Oct 8	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 29	Handarbeitsgruppe
Sep 10	Handarbeitsgruppe			Sep 27	Weinkeller	Oct 15	Handarbeitsgruppe	Nov 1	Stammtisch
						Oct 13	Celle Concert		



...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

Guten Tag!

Well the big 'buzz' right now is Oktoberfest. David Forbes and Erica Hartman [committee co-chairs] and their crew are already hard at work. The weather outside right now sure feels like Oktoberfest! We see on the news that changes are coming from River Parks for the festival. They've had some unfortunate publicity, but it will all work out and be good. We have our contracts for our tent space signed and ready to go. So we have places to go and sell our brats, potato pancakes and Kraut.

The Volunteer Sign-up party is Friday, the 13th of September, just a little more than two weeks away. Plan on attending and volunteering for at least one shift, then sit down and enjoy a free pulled pork supper with baked beans and cole slaw, all prepared by the Oktoberfest Committee crew. Get on the work sheet early to get the shift and position you want! Helga Greiner and Ginny Rohr are calling all the members to request volunteers. If you are called to volunteer please say "YES, I WILL HELP." Then come to the Volunteer Party on the 13th, as you are entitled to your dinner on us. This is still our largest fund raiser and it takes ALL of us to make it happen.

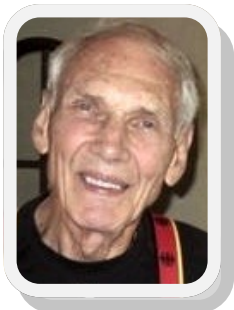
On a related topic, the Oktoberfest Wash Party is 8am Saturday morning the 21st of September. We need as many volunteers as possible to help get the equipment and utensils needed for Oktoberfest washed, sorted and bagged for the two tents and ready to go. If everybody shows up we can get that done in short order. You'll need to clean up and be back at the GAST Center that evening for the Polka Dance Party. The Blaskapelle has some great dance music planned—come and enjoy whether you want to dance or not. You don't polka? Come early, instructors are there to show everyone how its done. No special shoes or dress required, and you don't need a partner. All are welcome.

Coming right on the heels of Oktoberfest is Christkindlemarkt. Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis [co-chairs] are busy getting things set up for that. Again we will need many of you to step up and help. Every GAST member should plan on volunteering for at least one function or festival a year. If you didn't volunteer for Germanfest, or you aren't volunteering for Oktoberfest, Christkindlemarkt is the last festival this year, and it's YOUR turn to help carry the load.

I want to remind all of you that this is YOUR organization. We need to know what you want GAST to be. Give us your thoughts and ideas. Attend a Board meeting and let us hear from you. We cannot know your desires and wishes if you do not talk to us. I want GAST to be an organization that you are happy with and proud to be a member of.

Until next month.

— Leon



...from the Building President — Harold Wicks

Our office space is For Rent! We have a little more than 1000 sq ft, ideal for a 3 person office. The Post Office is next door, and the Broken Arrow Expressway is only 1 block away. Please mention our vacancy to anyone with whom you come in contact who might be interested.

We would sincerely appreciate your help with hosting the building during a rental. Please volunteer by calling Bev in our office at (918) 744-6997.

Thank you for your support.

— Harold



...from the Arts President — Gertrud Schmidt

No summer doldrums for GAST, GASAA and GAST Building. The planning committees went into high gear to put together the activities for the rest of 2013. The Ice cream Social

on August 4, 2013 was a delight for children and grown-ups alike thanks to thoughtful planning and execution.

The ATOS Concert on August 16, 2013 was enjoyed by about 125 guests. ARTS Education and Cultural Events Committee chair Arnold Bieber welcomed the visitors. ATOS President Phil Gray introduced his team of performers which included GAST's very own Blaskapelle under the baton of Dave Lawrence and Lisa Lahmeyer, Joyce Hatchett and Carole Kraft on the organ, Sue Wilson, vocalist, with Bruce on the piano, charming eleven year old singer Axyl and soloist GAST member Gary Harris. The musical presentations covered quite some territory. The GAST Blaskapelle started off with a potpourri of well-known tunes and polkas, progressed to a jazzy version of Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5; 'Chevy Chase'; 'Mac the Knife' and then concluded with Woody Guthrie's 'This Land is your Land'. Carol and Joyce on the Geneva Organ entertained us with folk songs and love songs which took us from ALL ABOARD for the 'Chattanooga choo - choo', 'Carolina in the Morning', 'I am in the Mood for Love' to excerpts from the musical 'South Pacific' by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein. Sue Wilson followed through on the love song theme with the spiritual "Can't Help Loving the Man" from *Showboat* and "My Man's Gone Now" from *Porgy and Bess*, and accompanied Axyl Langford with "To Where You Are" and "If I Loved You" from *Carousel*. At age 11 Axyl showed a surprising range and a powerful voice. The audience got its chance to participate as well and heartily chimed in to Woody Guthrie's 'This Land is your Land'. During the intermission the visitors and performers enjoyed the refreshments served by our wonderfully efficient hostesses Mary Jane Mueller, Joanne Sieber and Ginny Rohr. It was a most enjoyable evening and I wish to thank all who helped to make it possible.

Last year Oklahoma celebrated the 100th anniversary of its native son Woody Guthrie who was born July 14, 1912 in Okemah, Oklahoma, as the third child of Charles and Nora Guthrie. The father was a professional guitarist, the mother taught 'Social Awareness' and folk music. The musical genes from both parents expressed themselves in Woody and even though he never had any formal musical training and relatively meager schooling he produced more than 1000 songs and folk music. His career however was hampered by the death of his mother who died, when Woody was 14 years

old, of Huntington's chorea – an incurable genetic disease of the nervous system. The great Depression, the Oklahoma Dust Bowl days and the Communist Hysteria of the forties and fifties prevented broader recognition of Woody as an authentic American folk artist. Unfortunately Huntington's chorea began to cause him problems just when he experienced some success in Los Angeles through the sponsorship of Alan Lumax who promoted Woodie's 'Dustbowl Ballads' on radio. Woodrow Guthrie died October 3rd 1967.

Next on the calendar for ARTS is German American Day, October 6, 2013 at 3:00 pm which will take place at the GAST Center Great Hall. The GAST Blaskapelle will play the American and German anthems and entertain us with well known rhythms. Dirk Heindorff from Tulsa's sister city Celle will share his thoughts for German American Day. As noted in the July Echo German language classes will start Saturday September 14 at 10:00 am for Kinderdeutsch and September 17, at 7:00pm for adult classes. On sign-up day please be there 30 minutes before class time.

Gertrud

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

September 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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ATOS Concert

The Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society hosted its annual concert at the GAST Hall on August 16th and featured the organization's Geneva Pipe Organ as well as the GAST Blaskapelle. This year was Variety Music Night. See the GAST Arts President report on page 3, *infra*, for details of the performances and selections.



The Concert had a good attendance with an estimated 170 people over the course of the evening. Groups from both the Oklahoma Methodist Manor and Silver Arrow Estates shared the evening with GAST. Everyone had a splendid time and enjoyed the music.



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 or email me directly if you would like to help, or call or email the GAST Office.

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THANKS TO GAST B.O.D.

The GAST Sanger would like to extend its thanks to the Board of Directors for their generous contribution allowing our participation in the 61st annual National Sangerfest in Milwaukee June 21-24. We appreciate your support.

Teresa Gallagher
Die GAST Sanger

GAST CHRISTMAS PARTY SET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The GAST Christmas Party has been set for Saturday, December 14. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6pm and music and dancing until 10pm. The Party Committee will need volunteers, and requests that anyone interested in helping with the party communicate with the Party Committee or with me at the telephone or email address below:

Terry Pizzo, Chairman
Party Committee
Email: terryls452@cox.net
(918) 250-9588

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

Ice Cream Social

August 4, 2013
GAST Center



The Ice Cream Social was held Sunday, August 4, from 3pm to 5pm at the GAST Center. Terry Pizzo's party committee did a great job of organizing and running the party, and it was abundantly evident from the turnout and the smiles that everyone had a good time. The ice cream and toppings were excellent.

Long-time member Hubert Pollok (rightmost at the table in foreground top, right) had a full table with his brother Waldemar (leftmost at the same table) and his brother's granddaughter Samira (between them), both guests from Landen, Germany, near Frankfurt am Main. Waldemar stayed with Hubie in Tulsa for 5 weeks on his visit, and his granddaughter stayed with Hubie's daughter Vicky and her husband Tom Parker, in that same time her English language skills improving to fluency.

Working the serving line, (top, left) are Roger Bey and his wife Susan, Paul Greek, Peter Ahrenkiel, and Rick and Terry Pizzo.



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Der Mega-Hitmix der Volksmusik

Starting at 7: PM
**Die Frau vom Checkpoint Charlie
Part 1 & 2**

Starring : Veronica Ferres, Perer Kremer, Filip Peeters
Maria Ehrlich and Elisa Schlott

ATTENTION!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR CELLE FIRE BLASKAPELLE

Twenty-five visitors from our Sister City in Germany will be in Tulsa from October 4th to October 18th to entertain us at GAST and at various events in the area, including an evening at Tulsa Oktoberfest. They range in age from 16 to 70, some couples, others travelling without their spouses or with their sons or daughters who share their love of music. If you have an extra room and can provide breakfast and some transportation for a week or two, please call or me for further information.

Arnold Bieber
(918) 357-9156



Who Am I?

(1880 – 1956) The son of a cigar factory owner of German ancestry, this individual was in later life seldom seen without a cigar jutting from his mouth. He was a well known journalist, essayist, magazine editor, author, satirist, critic of American life and culture, and scholar of American English. Known as the "Sage of Baltimore", he is regarded as one of the most influential American writers and prose stylists of the first half of the twentieth century. Many of his books remain in print.

Reply to: davidalanforbes@gmail.com

Answer to "What am I" in the July 1 issue: **Zollverein**
The first correct respondent this month was: **Ruth Obermark**

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Barbara Conrad has offered her home for the first meeting of the Konversationsrunde after the long summer recess on September 8, 2013 at 3:00pm. It's an open discussion time, - so think of all the important, unusual or fun happenings that occurred during the last few months and share it with us.

Barbara and Stan reside at: 7837 S. 70th East Ave.; Tulsa.

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

Stammtischrunde

Friday, September 6

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

—Dann Björklund, Chair



The Sunshine Lady

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

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