



The Voice of the German-American Community

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION

October 6
3pm in the GAST Center

The German American Society Arts Association of Tulsa will celebrate the rich cultural heritage of German immigration on Sunday, October 6th at 3pm in the GAST Center.

The speaker at this event will be Dirk Heindorff, Fire Chief of Celle County, Tulsa's sister city in Germany. Entertainment by the GAST Blaskapelle with refreshment served after the event.

Free and open to the public.

Celle Concert

Featuring the Celle Fire Blaskapelle
October 13
3pm in the GAST Great Hall

Come enjoy German style entertainment with a 20-piece brass band and traditional German marches, Polkas and popular tunes

Refreshments will served after the performance.
The event is free and open to the public



Oktoberfest

October 16-20, 2013

River Parks West
GAST Needs Volunteers

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need every member to help staff our two tents for at least one shift.

Call Leisha Jury at 918-402-1349

Upcoming GAST Events

Oct 1	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 15	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 25	Weinkeller	Nov 10	Dec 2
Oct 4	Stammtisch	Oct 13	Celle Blaskapelle Concert	Oct 29	Handarbeitsgruppe	Harp Concert	Dec 6
	German-American Day	Oct 16-20	Oktoberfest	Nov 1	Stammtisch	Volkstrauertag	Stammtisch
Oct 7	Movie Night			Nov 2	Oktoberfest Party	Weinkeller	Dec 6-8
Oct 8	Handarbeitsgruppe	Oct 22	Handarbeitsgruppe	No 4	Movie Night	Dec 14	Christkindlmarkt
						Christmas Party	



...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

The buzzword right now is Oktoberfest! David Forbes and his committee are very busy getting all the details worked out. Leisha Jury is still recruiting folks to staff the tents, so if she calls - say YES! I CAN HELP!! Please remember this is our biggest fund raiser and we need everyone to help make it a success so we have funds to operate GAST and to subsidize the Building Corp.

Right on the heels of Oktoberfest comes Christkindlemarkt. Arnold Bieber and Ed Anthis are putting their committees together and contracts are going out now for vendors. It is reported that all vendor space is taken! Again, please be ready to help with this event as it too helps us raise much needed funds.

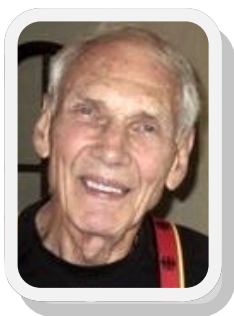
We are still looking at the possibility and feasibility of combining GAST and Building. Once we have a clear legal opinion if this is something we can do, we will look at it and see if we want to move in that direction.

Some exciting news is that we have members of the Board of Directors looking at 'resurrecting' some of our inactive functions. Watch for more to come on this topic!

Once again - this is YOUR organization. Let us hear from you. Tell us what you want GAST to be and what you want it to be doing. We will listen to constructive criticism and all ideas. Remember - We will need you to help us do these things. If we do not try to keep GAST active and alive, it will slowly die from inactivity. Come be part of keeping us going. Attend a Board meeting and tell us your thoughts and ideas.

See you at Oktoberfest!

— Leon



...from the Building President — Harold Wicks

Our Office Space Is For Rent! We have a little more than 1000 square feet. This is ideal for three people. The Post Office is next door and the Broken Arrow Expressway is only one block away. Please mention our vacancy to anyone you come in contact with.

MEMBERS: Please remember the Weinkeller cleanliness is primarily OUR responsibility. Please clean up spills and dropped food and take out the trash. Our cleaning service only cleans the Weinkeller once a month.

We have many rentals in October. We need members willing to donate around four hours of time to help support the building rental program by simply being on premises during these events We would sincerely appreciate your volunteering to help. Please call Bev in our office at 918 744 6997.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

— Harold



...from the Arts President — Gertrud Schmidt

Harvest Moon and Fall Equinox, the harbingers of fall are upon us. The days are getting shorter, the evenings and nights proportionately longer – it is a good time to stock up on good books and music and fill your spare time with more indoor activities. That is exactly what seven eager young students are planning to do. For the next eight weeks they will exercise their gray matter by learning to speak and write German with the help of their charming teacher Angelique Giddings. After sitting still for almost an hour, the students are ready to get some action. That's where Kathleen and Jeff Mosburg come in. They are volunteering to teach the children some rhythmic dances such as the "Shoemaker Dance", challenging their muscle power and tune up their vocal cords with favorite German folksongs. They will show off their talents at the Tulsa Oktoberfest... so come, see and hear! After these mental and physical exercises the students are ready for some cookies and juice for which they say 'bitte' and 'danke' very nicely and then watch some German language cartoons. A fun filled morning for all.

Ruth Obermark has put together a great team of teachers for the adult German language classes. Sindy Andrews, Angela Novak, Doris Gallagher, Carol Masters, Grete McNaq and Katie Sloan started the classes on September 17, 2013. Beginner, intermediate and advanced German Language classes attracted 60 students who for the next ten weeks will either be taking baby steps in a foreign language or perfecting what they already know. As more and more schools are dropping German language classes from their curriculum in favor of French, Spanish and Chinese, it will be up to organizations such as GAST to fill the void.

German American Day is being celebrated for the 30th time on October 6th since it was instituted by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 to honor the contributions of German immigrants. It was 1683 when thirteen German families arrived in Pennsylvania and founded Germantown. Names such as v. Humboldt, Steuben, Boeing, Mann, Einstein, von Braun are easily recognized as German and their contributions are well known. Or - closer to home - go visit the Gilcrease Museum and you will see art work by Emanuel Leutze whose painting 'Washington Crossing the Delaware' hangs in the Capitol in Washington D.C., Alfred Bierstadt, Carl Schreyvogel, Carl Wimar, Rudolf Cronau and more.

GAST will celebrate German American Day on Sunday October 6th at 3:00 pm in the GAST Center Great Hall. The GAST Blaskapelle will play the anthems of Germany and

the US and entertain the audience with some selected pieces. Speaker Dirk Heindorff from Tulsa's German sister city Celle will talk about his experiences with Tulsa, Odessa, Missouri, and New York in connection with Celle and certainly will be available for questions and answers. MCs for the event will be Barbara Conrad 2nd VP for ARTS and Arnold Bieber, Chair of the Education and Cultural Committee, assisted by hostesses Mary Jane Mueller, Joanne Sieber and Ginny Rohr.

On Sunday, October 13th, at 3 PM, the Arts Association will host a performance by the visiting Celle Fire Blaskapelle in our Great Hall. The 20-member brass band from our sister city in Germany will entertain you in style. Everything from traditional marches and polkas to popular music will be played by this group of volunteer firemen and women whose hobby is music (when they are not fighting fires). The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served by our charming hostesses, and you will have a chance to meet our visitors.

Upon my return from Germany I will tell you all you ever wanted to know about Oktoberfest in Munich.

- Gertrud

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

October 16 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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Oktoberfest Sign-up Party September 13

Between 75 and 80 members attended the Oktoberfest Sign-Up party on Friday the 13th and volunteered to work during Oktoberfest 2013, running from Wednesday the 16th of October to Sunday the 20th, helping to staff the Biergarten or the smaller Esszelt, in positions ranging from driving the shuttle van to and from the park, to setting up equipment, to cleaning, cooking sausages, making sausages, frying potato pancakes and everything in between. But there are still a lot of positions in nearly every shift available and more volunteers are urgently needed.



Leisha Jury, at left, and Ginny Rohr, at right, visit with a prospective volunteer to fit him with the best date, time and work assignment.

OKTOBERFEST SHUTTLE DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Oktoberfest committee still has two shifts, one each on Friday and Saturday during the festival for which a qualified driver is needed. If you are not already signed up to work, and are available either Friday or Saturday, the 18th or 19th of October, please call David Forbes at 918-770-1743 or Leisha Jury at 918-402-1349

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OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The sign-up party is over and a lot of members came forward to volunteer. A lot more "stayed away in droves" in Samuel Goldwyn's phrase. GAST needs your help to be able to staff both our tents adequately for the full five days of the festival. If you haven't already volunteered to work at the festival, please try to set one day of that week aside to help your organization have a successful event. Proceeds from Oktoberfest fund many of GAST's functions, parties and get togethers throughout the year. We need your help and there is still time for you to volunteer. Husbands and wives, fathers and sons, brothers and sisters, or just friends, can volunteer and work together. Enjoy the festival and help GAST at the same time.

David Forbes
Oktoberfest Committee
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THOMAS CONRAD BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thank-you to each and every person who came to Thomas's birthday party at the GAST Center and for your kind generosity in the gifts that you gave to him. This is the one day of the year in which he is the center of attraction and it means a great deal to his actual and extended family in GAST. THANKS

Barbara and Stan Conrad

GARAGE SALE

It's never too early to think 'GARAGE SALE' for GAST. The annual garage sale is one of our major fundraisers. As you put away the summer clothes and yard gadgets, rearrange your furniture or remodel your home, remember that GAST-ARTS will be happy to accept your usable discards! This is an opportunity for you to clear out some closets and free up some storage space.

Call Barbara Conrad

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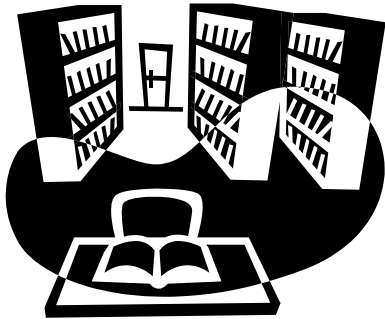
DIAMOND RING LOST AT GAST RENTAL EVENT IS SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND

Bev Bordner, the GAST office manager, received a frantic telephone call Monday from Kelli McNally, whose wedding reception was held at GAST the Saturday before. Ms. McNally's sister in law had



lost the diamond from her ring and she thought it was probably lost in the main hall Saturday night. After the group searched the front hall without success, Bev suggested that perhaps it had gotten swept up in the trash by the maintenance crew. So Kelli, Adam Hollingsworth, Jerod and Sandi Hollingsworth and Bev did some dumpster diving to find the sweepings from the Saturday event. And, success! The stone (about 1-1/2 carats) was found. The owner of the ring and the insurance company are no doubt equally delighted with the effort.

Story & photos courtesy Tom and Bev Bordner

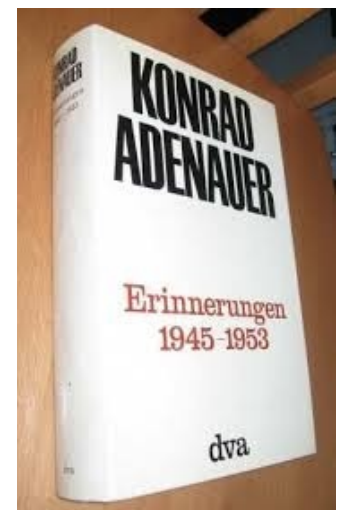


From the GAST Library

GAST ARTS has received a donation of a German musical treasure. It consists of a series of original 78 rpm vinyl records from Germany's 1950s Schlager parade. These records represent Germany's hits of songs and dances of the immediate post-war era.

We'll be storing these treasures in the GAST library for checkout. Meanwhile, we are looking for someone who might have the equipment, and might be willing to transfer these whimsical melodies to CDs. Please contact the office at [918 744-6997](tel:9187446997), if you are willing and able to make this effort.

Moreover, we have also received a donation from a German bookseller. It consists of a German-language version of Conrad Adenauer's "Erinnerungen, 1945 to 1953". This book describes in great detail, the effort and pain that needed to be made to allow Germany to arise from its WWII devastation.



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The Sunshine Lady

Get well cards went this month to
Erica Hartman, Carol Wright and
Gwen Bieber

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

Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST Theater



Monday October 7, starting at 6:30 PM

Musikalische Delikatessen

Starting at 7:30 PM

Wenn die Glocken hell erklingen

Starring: Willy Birgel, Ellen Schwiers,
Teddy Reno, Michael Ande and Annie Rosa

Oktoberfest Wash Party

GAST's operations at Oktoberfest.

The larger equipment, including grills, steam tables and other equipment is stored in the garage next to the GAST hall. Everything has to be hauled out, checked and tested to be sure all is in working order, then cleaned and bagged for its destination at the fairgrounds, either the larger Biergarten tent or the smaller Esszelt. Veterans like Arnold Bieber, Erica Hartman, and Leon Boggs have been doing this for so many years they have it down to a science.

In the GAST kitchen, all of the utensils, pots and pans and smaller items used during the festival are also washed thoroughly, then bagged for the appropriate tent to which they will be delivered. Once cleaned and ready to go, the equipment is returned to the garage ready to load onto the moving trucks the Sunday before the festival.

September 21: A small but energetic group of volunteers met at the GAST Center at 8:00am Saturday morning to assemble, wash, dry and organize all of the equipment, utensils and supplies needed for



What am I?

Interior view of the building in Germany designed by architects Paul Wallot and Norman Foster and completed between 1995 and 1999. Neoclassical exterior style with new Modern elements.

Reply to: davidalanforbes@gmail.com



Answer to "Who am I" in the September 1 issue: **H. L. Mencken**
The first correct respondent, paper edition, this month was **Mary Mueller**
And the first correct respondent, online edition, was **Doris Wicks**
Congratulations to both and the other correct respondents! This was a tough one.

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

A big 'Danke Schoen' to Barbara Conrad for hosting the first Konversationsrunde of the 2013/2014 season. While enjoying coffee or wine and nibbling on cookies or Torte there was easy chatter about recent trips;- how we might encourage more participation by the members of the GAST organization;- and Ruth Bly's nephew Fabian from Germany enlightened us about the study of law in the 'Old Country'.

Since the October 13th Konversationsrunde coincides with the concert by the Celle Firemen's Blaskapelle we will meet at the GAST Center, enjoy the concert and chat about it around the refreshment tables.

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).

Stammtischrunde

Friday, October 4

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Björklund, Chair

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