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**November 2**

**6pm**

GAST CENTER—Great Hall

# Oktoberfest Party

Another successful Oktoberfest is behind us, and it's time to celebrate. The Oktoberfest Party, sponsored by the Oktoberfest Committee will be on Saturday evening the 2nd of November to reward the many hardworking volunteers who made the festival possible. Join us for a great dinner and a great time!

**BUFFET MENU:**

*Chicken Parmesan  
Orzo with cranberries, onion & pine nuts  
Grilled mixed vegetables  
Dessert*

Reservations Required: Call 918-744-6997 by Wednesday Oct 30  
Cost: \$10 for Oktoberfest Volunteers (\$20 for non-volunteers)

# Harp Concert

GAST CENTER  
November 10—3pm

Come join GASTAA for an entertaining afternoon with a concert by the Tulsa Harp Ensemble in a selection of German traditional music, waltzes and German ethnic pieces from classical to contemporary plus some pieces with Italian, Irish, and Japanese origins. There will be some fun audience participation which should not be missed.

The ensemble consists of 9 harpists, from teenager to adult, and from intermediate to advanced levels.

Refreshments will be offered.  
The Concert is free and open to the public.

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Midwest Harp Ensemble

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& Audience  
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Sunday, November 10  
3:00 p.m.  
German American Society  
1429 Terrace Drive

Donations Suggested  
& Appreciated

The Midwest Harp Ensemble is a part of the  
Midwest Harp Academy, a 501(c)(3) support and fund-raising  
organization for young harpists in training.

## Upcoming GAST Events

Nov 1	Stammtisch	Nov 5	Handarbeitsgruppe	Dec 3	Handarbeitsgruppe	Dec 15	Advent Service	Mar 3	Movie Night
	<b>Nov 2</b>	Nov 12	Handarbeitsgruppe	Dec 6	Stammtisch	Jan 3	Stammtisch	Mar 7	Stammtisch
	<b>Oktoberfest Party</b>	Nov 17	Volkstrauertag		<b>Dec 6—8</b>	Jan 6	Movie Night	Mar 28	Weinkeller
No 4	Movie Night	Nov 19	Handarbeitsgruppe		<b>Christkindlmarkt</b>	Jan 24	Weinkeller	Apr 4	Stammtisch
	<b>Nov 10</b>	Nov 22	Weinkeller	Dec 10	Handarbeitsgruppe	Feb 3	Movie Night	Apr 7	Movie Night
	<b>Harp Concert</b>	Nov 26	Handarbeitsgruppe		<b>Dec 14</b>	Feb 7	Stammtisch	Apr 25	Weinkeller
		Dec 2	Movie Night		<b>Christmas Party</b>	Feb 28	Weinkeller	May 2	Stammtisch



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

EIN PROSIT!!

I think that is the phrase for the next week. As I write this, I am anticipating loading all of our equipment and supplies onto 3 trucks tomorrow, Sunday, and delivering them to the Oktoberfest site. Monday we begin the task of setting up and getting ready to produce our award winning food. It looks like we have done pretty good getting you folks to volunteer and to that I say THANK YOU. David Forbes and his committee have done a tremendous job of putting this together. I have 2 live interviews on 2 different TV stations to demonstrate, taste test and promote our locations at the Festival as well as GAST in general. This is all due to RiverParks / Oktoberfest lining them up for us as a major vendor and sponsor. We thank them for that.

I was very pleased to see and hear our Blaskappelle perform for the Unity Day event at the Okla. Jazz Hall of Fame. They did an outstanding job and we may have gained a new member from it! Great playing guys and gals. Thanks for the great representation of GAST.

Coming soon to a location near you will be Christkindlemarkt. Committees are being formed and volunteers solicited. Say yes when asked to serve. All vendor slots have been rented, so it looks to be a great event!

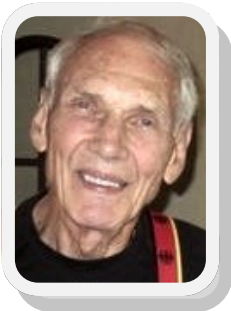
We were sad to have Jennifer Kerns resign from the Board of Directors. Thank you Jennifer for your great contribution to GAST. Erica Hartman has accepted the appointment by the BOD to fill that unexpired term. Thank you Erica. Also Loyd Samples resigned as chair of the Bar Committee which also serves as our chief bar keep. Other life responsibilities do not allow him to continue and we will miss him. Thanks to you Loyd for your great service to us. I asked Joe Rohr to accept the appointment to that position. He said yes, the BOD said OK. So it is welcome Joe! Expect to see a new face in the bar.

Our next event is the Oktoberfest Party on Nov 2. There will be info elsewhere in this newsletter on that. But I want to personally invite all of you to come celebrate the fact that we survived Oktoberfest again - and hopefully a very successful one. We will hear our Blaskappelle play and we will have some fun activities for all. Please make your reservation and come join us.

Remember - this is YOUR organization. We need to hear from you for new ideas to keep us going. We are slowly decaying from within and this troubles me. GAST is a great organization—for us as members and for the community. We don't want to stop promoting the German culture and heritage. Let's work together to promote GAST and its activities.

Auf Wiedersehen

— Leon



**...from the Building President — Harold Wicks**

Our Office Space Is For Rent! We have a little more than 1000 square feet, ideal for a three-person office. 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. We would appreciate hearing any ideas you may have for advertising our rental.

We have two committees that are needing members. Operating Committee Chair, Arnold Bieber, and Leasing Committee Chair, Leon Boggs, would like to have at least two volunteers to serve with them. Please contact Arnold via e-mail: aobieber@aol.com and Leon via e-mail: leon51boggs@gmail.com. By serving on either of these committees, YOU would contribute to our Building maintenance and rental program. We have many rentals in November and December. Would YOU please donate four hours of your time to help support the building rental program? Please call Bev in our office at 918-744-6997 for more information.

— Harold



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

**Oktoberfest:** It all started in fall of 1810 in Munich/Bavaria. The occasion was the marriage of King Ludwig I to Princess Therese of Sachsen-Hildburghausen. There was horseracing, all kinds of amusing activities on the meadows outside the walls of Munich and stands where beer was sold at 2 pennies a 'Mass' (liter approx. a quart). The meadows are now called 'Theresien Wiese' or 'Wiesn' for short. The horseracing is a thing of the past, but visitors and 'locals' alike celebrate hard for 16 days. This year 6.4 million visitors enjoyed the Wiesn activities and beer – 6.7 million Mass - quenched their thirst.

Tulsa's Oktoberfest put on by the Riverparks Commission didn't have quite that many visitors and the beer didn't flow quite as freely but the visitors surely had fun listening to Bavarian Music by our GAST Blaskapelle and Choir, watch the GAST Dancers and the Kinderdeutsch students do the 'Shoemaker Dance' while good German food served by our tireless GAST Oktoberfest volunteers fortified them for all the fun activities. A big thanks to David Forbes' Oktoberfest team for a job well done.

German American Day was celebrated on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the GAST Center. Barbara Conrad and Arnold Bieber as MCs organized the celebration. The GAST Blaskapelle played the anthems of Germany and the United States and entertained the visitors with older and newer musical pieces; Arnold read the proclamations of Governor Fallin and Mayor Bartlett honoring the contributions of German immigrants to this country. Dirk Heimhoff from our sister city Celle reminisced about his connections and experiences with Americans and Tulsans in particular. The refreshments served by Barbara Conrad, Elke Leach and Ginny Rohr found grateful takers. A good time was had by all.

A special treat was the concert offered by the Firemen's Blaskapelle from Celle on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the GAST Center. The crowd appreciated the Marches and Polkas and happy tunes offered by the guests from Celle. I am certain the Firemen in turn treasured the friendly reception and camaraderie they received and all enjoyed the reception hosted by Mary Jane Mueller and Ginny Rohr.

Next up on the GASAA event calendar is the Harp Ensemble Concert on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the GAST Center Great Hall. Linda Paul and her ensemble will present a wonderful variety of pieces such as: Wild Rose of the Mountain, Edelweiss, Pirates of Penzance Medly, Dance of the Magi, Scott Joplin Montage, The Blue Danube and more. This concert is open to the public, free of charge and refreshments will be served after the concert. Come and enjoy.

Volkstrauertag is fast approaching. A delegation from GAST will travel on Sunday November 17, 2013 to Ft Reno. The Consul General from Houston Klaus-Jochen Guhlcke will attend the celebration, give the address at the Ft Reno chapel and honor the war dead of all the wars and in

particular the 62 German prisoners of war buried at the Ft. Reno annex cemetery. Also present will be a delegation from the German Luftwaffe, members of several Veterans societies and the Honor Guard of Oklahoma. Dr. Toni Wohlers will also speak to the visitors. Ms. Susan Calvert will offer the musical framework, bagpipes will play on the way to the cemetery where the laying of the wreaths takes place and Taps will be played. The service begins at 2:00 pm in the chapel which was built by the German prisoners of war. Ft Reno was established in 1875 to protect the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian agency in Darlington from hostile Indians. The Fort's usefulness faded by about 1900 and was put to various uses. It was converted to a prisoner of war camp in 1943 to house the soldiers from Rommel's failed African campaign. At times there were more than 1300 prisoners at the camp. They performed work as field hands, carpenters, bakers, mechanics, tailors or whatever needed to be done. Anyone interested in joining the delegation please get in touch with Barbara Conrad (918) 492-3273

The annual Advent Service will be held at the GAST Center Great Hall on December 15<sup>th</sup>. As is traditional the GAST Choir under the direction of Ms. Calvert and the congregation will sing the familiar Christmas songs. The Sermon will be presented in German. Join us for some joyful and thoughtful quiet time.

- Gertrud

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

November 20 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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# German-American Day

October 6, 2013

Barbara Conrad welcomed the assembled members and guests to the GAST Center and to the German-American Society hall for celebration of the four hundred and fifth year since the first German settlers left their homes on the Rhine and settled in Pennsylvania, later establishing Germantown, Pennsylvania, and adding their blood and sacrifice to the nation and helping to establish American destiny.



The GAST Blaskapelle, directed by David Lawrence, led the band in the German National Anthem and the American National Anthem, in that order, followed by additional pieces for the occasion and the reading of the proclamations.



Arnold Bieber, the GASTAA Cultural and Educational Committee Chair, introduced Dirk Heindorff (at left) the Celle County Fire Chief as the keynote speaker.

A reception followed the address.

## Leserbriefe

### 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

### JOIN DIE GAST SAENGER

Do you enjoy the beautiful German Christmas songs? You're invited to join Die GAST Saenger as we prepare our music for the Christmas party & Adventsfeier. Don't speak German? We'll help you w/the German words. Rehearsals: Thurs. eve., 7:00 p.m., Weinkeller.

Contact: Teresa Gallagher

[918-663-9573](tel:918-663-9573)

[ingtmsg@aol.com](mailto:ingtmsg@aol.com)

### GAST CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party will be held on December the 14th starting at 6pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm, and the Mike Bennett Band will provide entertainment from 7pm. Reservations are required by December 5th to assure your place. Call the Office

Terry Pizzo

Party Committee Chair

Communications from members are welcome and should be sent to [davidalanforbes@gmail.com](mailto:davidalanforbes@gmail.com)



# Oktoberfest 2013



*Clockwise from top left, : The GAST windows at the Biergarten just after opening on Sunday, Gerwald Kohler on the pancake grill; the GAST Dancers on the Esszelt stage; Eric Hartman, supervising the Esszelt Sunday; sausage grill volunteers; and GAST President, Leon Boggs on sausage cook..*



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# GAST Theater



Monday November 4, starting at 6:30 PM  
**Musikalische Parade**

Starting at 7:30 PM

## Stürme in Afrika

Starring: Katja Flint, Anglaia Scyszkowitz  
Markus Knuefken and August Zirner

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### The Sunshine Lady

No get-well or sympathy cards were sent out this month. Our members remained healthy.

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](mailto:marthaort@gmail.com) or tel 918-728-0103  
—Martha Ort



## Who am I?

(1852-1921), I was born in the Black Forest region of Württemberg. At the age of 20 I immigrated to the United States, arriving in Westerly, Rhode Island, where I worked as a language teacher before moving to Providence. Quite by accident, I discovered what would later be known as my eponymous “method” of language instruction when I fell ill, and a French teacher I had hired for my newly acquired school who could speak no English was forced to use only French for teaching, with exceptional results. Soon my schools expanded to many more cities across the U.S. and oversea.



Answer to “What am I” in the October 1 issue:  
**The Reichstag in Berlin, home of the German Parliament, the Bundestag**  
The first correct respondent, paper edition, this month was **Doris Wicks**  
And the first correct respondent, online edition, was **Carol Wright**

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## **Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde**

Since the November 10th Konversationsrunde coincides with the concert by the 'Harp Ensemble' we will meet at the GAST Center at 3:00 pm, 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 cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or hosting one of our meetings please call: Barbara Conrad (chair) at 918 492 3273 or Gertrud Schmidt (co chair) 918 495 3727

### **Stammtischrunde**

**Friday, November 1**

**6:30 PM**

**in the GAST Weinkeller.**

**Hope to see you there. Zum Wohl,**

**— Dann Björklund, Chair**

## New Members

Alissa Hill  
Tulsa, OK

Remi & Darlene Knilans  
Bartlesville, Ok

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