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The Voice of the German-American Community in Tulsa



The German American Society Arts Association (GASAA)

Invites you to celebrate

German-American Day

On October 2, 2016, 3 PM

At the GAST Center, 2301 E. 15th Street

Program

Welcome – Arnold Bieber, President GASAA

German National Anthem – GAST Blaskapelle

American National Anthem - GAST Blaskapelle

Reading of the Proclamations

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Dr. Joachim Reppmann

Speech and Presentation by Dr. Joachim Reppmann

Reception

Free and open to the Public

Donations to defray the cost of the program are gratefully accepted

**UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GAST**

September		October		November	
2	Stammtisch	2	German-American Day	1	Handarbeitsgruppe
5	Movie Night	3	Movie Night	4	Stammtisch
6	Handarbeitsgruppe	4	Handarbeitsgruppe	7	Movie Night
11	Konversationsrunde	7	Stammtisch	8	Handarbeitsgruppe
13	Handarbeitsgruppe	9	Konversationsrunde	13	Fort Reno/Volkstrauertag
20	Handarbeitsgruppe	11	Handarbeitsgruppe	15	Handarbeitsgruppe
23	Weinkellerabend	18	Handarbeitsgruppe	22	Handarbeitsgruppe
27	Handarbeitsgruppe	19-23	Linde Oktoberfest	29	Handarbeitsgruppe
		25	Handarbeitsgruppe		
		28	Weinkellerabend		



...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

Greetings to all GAST Members!

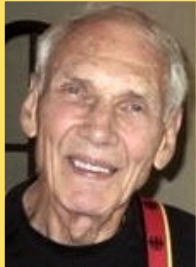
It is finally cooling off a little! I am definitely happy about that.

But I am very happy and excited to tell you that we have a chairman for our Oktoberfest committee! New member Robert Bray has volunteered to lead our effort for this year. A couple of our seasoned members have agreed to assist him, and it looks like we are on the road to another Oktoberfest. Robert has been involved with Oktoberfest, Inc, for many years so he knows what needs to happen out there. He has been in and around our tent a lot to help us out with problems, so he has a general idea of what needs to be done. With the assistants we have, we can help him build a planning team and get us ready to go. We are in the process of purchasing equipment to replace our old stoves and grills. SOOO - WHEN THE PHONE RINGS AND YOU ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER - STEP UP AND DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP GAST ALIVE BY WORKING AT THIS FUND RAISER! We will need everyone to take a part.

I am also happy to say we are moving forward on hiring someone to work in our office. We are going to hire a lady on a temporary basis to make sure this is the job for her and that we feel she is the person for us. Sarah Gonzalez, daughter of David and Gabrielle Gonzalez is the candidate. If you see her at the office or talk with her on the phone, please welcome her and make her feel a part of our happy family. We will be working on the actual details of the job description, duties and responsibilities over the next few weeks.

As we get into fall, things should start to get busier. If you have thoughts and ideas for more group activities, please let me know. This is YOUR organization. Be an active part of it.

Guten Tag



...from the Building Manager—Harold Wicks

Everything seems to be working fine in our building at this time.

We are happy that we receive e-mails and telephone calls daily about renting our facility. We have hired a new security company, and they are performing very nicely.

As Leon mentions in his column, we hope to have found an employee for the office by the time you receive this edition of the Echo.

Our treasurer, Janet Jamison, is processing all income and payments that come in the office each day. Janet, we appreciate the extra effort you are making to keep everything up to date.

Thank You,
Harold

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



Great Show! More than 100 people attended and enjoyed the performances of Phil Judkins, Carolyn Craft and Bill Rowland on our Geneva organ on Friday, August 19. Piano duet Sandy Knox and Melanie Grim were a wonderful surprise. ATOS President and MC for the evening Bill Rowland introduced his daughter

Jocelyn as the new choir director of Edison Preparatory School and he and Jocelyn gave us an example of their talents on the piano and violin, respectively. ARTS provided the refreshment during intermission. Then it was Lynda Ramsey's turn to entertain us on the piano. I cannot say enough about our Blaskapelle which provided the opening and closing numbers and more wonderful music during the evening.



This gives me an opportunity to correct an omission in my July Cole Camp article. The GAST Blaskapelle not only played the National Anthems for the Immigration Memorial dedication, they also entertained the Singers and audience with a 45 minute medley of German favorites at the end of the Sangerfest. All for the price of a barbeque meal and a few bottles of beer!

Guest speaker at the Cole Camp Immigration Memorial dedication was Dr. Joachim Reppmann. I was very impressed with the subject he chose for his speech and his delivery, so I called him and asked if he would be our keynote speaker for **German-American Day on Sunday, October 2**. He graciously agreed.

Dr. Joachim "Yogi" Reppmann was born in Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein. He studied Eastern European and Anglistik/American history and philosophy at Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel/Germany, where he completed a research project: America/Schleswig-Holstein, language and cultural relationships that included a 3-month research trip to the American Midwest. Several months of additional research in the US followed. His 1993 Doctoral thesis was titled: Freedom, Education and Well-being for All – Forty-Eighters from Schleswig-Holstein in the USA. Dr. Reppmann served as an Assistant Professor at St. Olaf and Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he still lives with his wife Gitta when not travelling for his many associations and cultural

activities. We are looking forward to his visit and participation in our German-American Day celebration.

Three years ago, the Tulsa City Council decided to end the controversy surrounding Tate Brady, a prominent merchant, politician and co-founder of the City, after whom Brady Street was named, by renaming the street "M. B. Brady Street" to honor well-known Civil War photographer Mathew B. Brady. A less well-known 19th century photographer was German-American Frederick Gutekunst. Gutekunst opened his photography studio in Philadelphia in 1856 after graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. His business flourished and his art was refined when crowds of soldiers and their loved ones lined up to have their pictures taken before they went into battle. Arriving at the battlefield of Gettysburg with all his photographic equipment 10 days before Brady, he saw the urgent need to take care of the wounded and he rolled up his sleeves to help the nursing staff. When he was no longer needed, he set up his camera and developed his battleground pictures in a covered wagon. Years later he made the panoramic pictures of the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition (1876) and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Gutekunst portraits of Ulysses S. Grant, William McKinley, Grover Cleveland, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and others are still being displayed in Galleries and many publications.

Let us remember those that came before us

Arnold

NewsLetter
DEADLine

September 21 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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MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION HELPS BOY'S DREAM TO VISIT GERMANY COME TRUE

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was formed in 1980 as a non-profit organization to arrange "wishes" for children with life-threatening medical conditions. In order to qualify for a wish, the child must be between the ages of 2-1/2 to 18 at the time of referral by a medical professional, a parent or the child. It is the child's physician who ultimately decides if a child is eligible and physically able to enjoy the experience. Most wish requests fall into one of five categories: I wish to go, I wish to be, I wish to meet, I wish to have, or I wish to give.

Jesse was 16 when he was diagnosed with leukemia. He underwent a rigorous treatment program at St. Francis Children's Hospital in Tulsa. Although the treatments were debilitating, he was able to continue his high school education by taking on-line courses, including a German language course that he started at Muskogee High School.

At the hospital, Elizabeth Sharp, a child life specialist at St. Francis, noticed his determination even as his condition worsened and his strength faltered. Jesse confided to her that he would love to visit Germany. Elizabeth knew just who could make that wish possible. She contacted her friend Erin Howard at the Make-A-Wish Foundation who got the process started and his wish was granted.



Jesse, his teacher Zach Anderson and his friend Joy left for Berlin, Germany, on Thursday, June 23 for an 8-day trip. On Sunday they took a guided bus tour of the "highlights" of the city (Brandenburg Gate, Gendarmenmarkt, the Reichstag, Tiergarten, etc.). Later that day they attended a street festival in Kreuzberg and took part in a "public viewing" of a EuroCup match (Germany vs. Slovakia, Germany won 3-0). Exploring the Ku'Damm close to their hotel gave them a great opportunity to experience life in Germany's Capitol City. Zach was familiar with many of the most interesting places, having taken a group of Muskogee students on a trip to Berlin earlier that month. He recommended visits to Museum Island, the Pergamon Museum and the Old National Gallery, the Bauhaus Archive, the Museum of Musical Instruments and the Jewish History Museum later that week. A concert, a show at the Palast Theater, a visit to Potsdam, a view from the TV Tower, a shopping trip at KaDeWe and a picnic lunch at the Tiergarten rounded out an exciting week.

GAST hosted a bon voyage meeting before the trip and invited Jesse to Weinkellerabend after his return. He is doing well and he plans to attend Northeast Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah in the fall.

German Language Classes

Adult Classes: 12 two-hour classes, starting Tuesday, September 6, 7-9 PM
 Enrollment is September 6, starting at 6:15 PM
 The cost is \$100 for non-members, \$80 for GAST members
 plus books \$50, if needed.

Kinderdeutsch: 10 one-and-one-half-hour classes, starting Saturday, September 10
 10 - 11:30 AM. Refreshments (cookies and juice) will be provided.
 The cost is \$50 for non-members, \$40 for members

Our 2016 Ice Cream Social was very well attended with more than 100 members and guests, a great success, and by all reports everyone had a wonderful time. I want to thank the Party Committee and all of the volunteers who helped make this party so successful.

One suggestion which we think has merit is at future parties for name tags to be provided to all attendees, perhaps color coded for guests, for new members, and for members of long standing, so that all can more easily be recognized. We will have to plan for that next time.

Again, thanks to all who helped with our Ice Cream Social this year.

Erica Hartman
Party Committee Chair

August Ice Cream Social



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Elke Leach

Sunshine Lady

Get Well cards were sent out this month to:
David Gonzalez and Ginny Greek

**And Happy Anniversary to
John and Teresa Gallagher who celebrated
their 50th on August 20! Congratulations**

Sunshine Lady in September: Email: davidalanforbes@gmail.com
Or telephone: David Forbes at (918) 770-1743 for get well cards.

Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST Theater

Monday September 5, starting at 6:30 PM

Musik ist Trumpf

Whit Die Fetzig'n, Amira Wilinghagen, Hansi Hinterseer,

Clubbb 3, Michalle, Sigrid und Marina,
Die Mayrhofner,

Starting at 7:30 PM

Zwei Herzen und ein Edelweiss

Starring Julia Jäger, Sascha Hehn, Gaby Dobm,
Karia Leipold, Paul Metzger and many more

ATOS Concert

**August 19
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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Mark your calendar for the start of Konversationsrunde on Sunday September 11, 2016, at 3:00pm. We will meet at the home of Barbara and Stan Conrad to chat about all the happenings and exciting things we have done since the last time we got together. Barbara and Stan live at 7837 South 70th East Ave.

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 call: Barbara Conrad (chair) at [918 492 3273](tel:9184923273) or Gertrud Schmidt (co chair) [918 495 3727](tel:9184953727)

Stammtischrunde

Friday, September 2, 2016 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Joe Rohr, Chair

New Members

There were no new memberships added at the most recent meeting of the GAST Board of Directors:

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