



## Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8

10:00 - Noon

Get your Easter baskets ready and hop on over to the GAST Center on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> for an Easter Party and Egg Hunt. Children and grandchildren of GAST members and Kinderdeutsch kids are invited to join in the fun of searching for colorful eggs hidden throughout the front lawn of the GAST Center. The party will include games and refreshments in the Weinkeller and the Easter Bunny will hop by for a visit.

**RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, April 5th.**  
[918-744-6997](tel:918-744-6997) or [gast@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:gast@tulsacoxmail.com)

## Lumpenball Soup Party

Saturday, April 15

5:00pm at the GAST Center

GAST's annual "Poor Man's Soup Party" will be held on Tax Day, Saturday, April 15th. Members and their guests are invited to commiserate with their fellow tax payers by wearing their best rags and sharing a dinner of soup, bread and dessert.



Admission is free if you bring either soup or dessert to share or \$10.00 without a dish.

Ages 6-12 \$5.00. Ages 5 and under are free.

**Doors open at 5:00, Dinner is served at 6:30PM**

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, April 12th [\(918\) 744-6997](tel:918-744-6997) or [gast@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:gast@tulsacoxmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

April		May		June	
3	Movie Night	1	Movie Night	2	Stammtisch
4	Handarbeitsgruppe	2	Handarbeitsgruppe	4	Picnic
7	Stammtisch	5	Stammtisch	5	Movie Night
8	<b>Childrens Easter Party</b>	5-7	<b>Germanfest</b>	6	Handarbeitsgruppe
11	Handarbeitsgruppe	9	Handarbeitsgruppe	13	Handarbeitsgruppe
15	<b>Lumpenball Soup Party</b>	16	Handarbeitsgruppe	20	Handarbeitsgruppe
18	Handarbeitsgruppe	23	Handarbeitsgruppe	23	Weinkeller
23	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	26	Weinkeller	27	Handarbeitsgruppe
28	Weinkeller	30	Handarbeitsgruppe		



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

Greetings to all.

I thought spring was getting here, but today feels like winter is back. We are rapidly moving to tax day and that means Lumpenball. You will find details in other areas of this newsletter. Hope to see all of you there for some delicious homemade soups.

We are also rapidly approaching our annual General Membership meeting which will include reports on all of our activities and plans, but most important the election of officers and directors for the GAST Board of Directors. If you are contacted by the Nominating Committee and asked to serve, please consider it. We must have folks willing to step up and take on the leadership of this organization if it is to stay alive. It does involve time and some work, but when you get others to help, it really is not that bad. It can be very satisfying to know you are part of keeping one of the largest and best known ethnic groups active in our community. Lots of people in this area know GAST for its festivals, food and other activities. Some things happening: we now sponsor a soccer team; we are still considering participation in the Glenpool Black Gold Days festival; purchasing a new thermostatically controlled griddle for the kitchen; and selling our old Oktoberfest equipment.

We are going to be needing a chair for Christkindlmarkt. Ed Anthis, after serving for several years has resigned. If you are interest in that position or have a suggestion for me, please let me know. We are also starting to look at repairing and painting the office duplex and the garage.

Bill Wilber, our Oktoberfest chair and I sat down and negotiated our food vendor contract today. The BOD at its last meeting approved our sponsorship of the Oktoberfest Poster again.

As you can see, we are busy, and it is exciting. If you have other thoughts and ideas, please let us know. This is your organization - let us know what you want us to be doing. You are always welcome to attend the Board meetings -- the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. You can always call and talk to me also. I greatly appreciate and enjoy serving as your President.

**Leon**



## ...from the Building Manager—Harold Wicks

Our rentals for this year are coming in very slowly. As of now, we do not have any for the month of April.

We have been gradually losing our grass. We have patches of dirt almost anywhere you look. The repair of our classroom wall created a lot of unusual traffic that wore out the grass. I cannot remember the last time any seeding or fertilizing was done to the lawn. Our lawn service company will be begin working on the lawn as soon as possible and I hope that by this time next year, we will see a nice stand of grass around our building.

We had a fine Fasching Party this year. Our attendance was greater than usual. JEAN COULTER, wife of PAT COULTER, a Blaskapelle member, invited family and friends to celebrate PAT'S BIRTHDAY at GAST. Several members invited friends to our party as well. THANKS to CAROL WRIGHT for inviting friends of RiverParks to be our judges. The Judges were: Gerry and Barbara Boyer, Tricia Fulton, and James Edwards.

We had many outstanding costumes. IRMGARD TOSCHIK handmade the prize winning costumes that she and JOHN wore. LONNIE and JANET JAMISON won a prize for their unique costumes. DORIS WICKS won a prize wearing her Angel costume.

We are very thankful for RUTH BLY getting several people together to prepare and serve the salad, Gulasch, and Spätzle. The meal was wonderful. Again, VIELEN DANK, RUTH.

**Harold**



## ...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber

The German American Society Arts Association Endowment Trust was established in April 2000 for the purpose of furthering the charitable and educational goals and the maintenance of the facilities of the German American Society organizations. It was assigned the non-profit status 501 (C)(3) by the IRS (TIN 73-1589995). The Trust was initially funded by a major contribution from the Barthelmes Foundation. Since then the Trust has grown substantially by additional contributions and earnings. Annual distributions of dividends earned by the Trust to the Arts Association have financed a number of cultural and maintenance projects of the Societies. None of the funds are used for the benefit of the trustees and members. All trustees, as well as the officers and directors of GAST and GASAA are unpaid volunteers. A full report of the financial status of the Trust will be made available at the Membership meeting on Sunday, April 23.

Our organizations owe a full measure of gratitude to the vision and generosity of Dr. Albert Barthelmes and his wife Hedwig (Hete), which made it possible to acquire and renovate this beautiful building in the early 90s.

Albert (“Doc”) and Hete left Germany in the 1930s. Upon arriving in Tulsa, then known as “the Oil Capital of the World”, Dr. Barthelmes became a highly successful and innovative petroleum engineer specializing in seismic exploration. Although they never had children, they supported the musical education of young people throughout their lifetime. The Barthelmes Conservatory continues that tradition, and the Barthelmes Foundation has supported the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra (now Tulsa Symphony) and many other non-profit organizations. GASAA could not continue to operate without the generous donations from our members and the Barthelmes Foundation.

About 50 people came to attend the reception given by GASAA and the Tulsa-Celle Partnership and to see the award-winning, Oscar-nominated German film “Toni Erdmann” on February 17 at the Circle Cinema. Another Oscar-nominated movie “Land of Mine” from Denmark will show on March 31. It tells the story of young German POWs forced to dig up land mines planted by the German Army who expected an invasion on the Danish coast.

The TCC Metro Campus Global Fest on February 21 gave us and the Tulsa-Celle Partnership an opportunity to display German cultural items and show 2 videos of “Germany from above”. Thank you, Jutta Tankersley, Barbara Taron, Ursula Andress and Gabriele Blankenship for your help and Barbara Conrad for some of the display items.

We have been approached by an organization called GroupRaise to organize dinner meetings where a portion of the sales will be donated to us. The Board approved our participation and we selected Jason’s Deli on 61<sup>st</sup> & Memorial as the restaurant. Details are still being worked out as I write this column. They will be announced by e-mail and Facebook.

Don’t forget the General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors on Sunday, April 23. We need a quorum to proceed with the meeting.

Enjoy the warm days and have a great Spring!

**Arnold**

**NewsLetter DEADLINE** **April 19 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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## GAST Theater

April 3, starting at 6:30 PM  
*Das Fest der Besten Part 2*  
Presented bei Florian Silbereisen

Starting at 7:30 PM  
*Eine Liebe in Königsberg*  
Starring Walter Steinhoff, Iris Bulatow,  
Nadeshda, Sibille Steinhoff, Clara Steinhoff  
And many more

## GAST Participates in the 16th Annual Global Festival



The GLOBAL FESTIVAL is an annual celebration of culture and diversity hosted each year by the Tulsa Community College and held on the Student Union Commons at TCC's Metro Campus.

The festival this year ran from 10:30am to 4pm on the 21st of February. The Festival was free and open to the public with live entertainment and foods available from a number of different cultures and countries. GAST sponsored a booth.

The answer to "Who in the World?" in the March issue:

**Karl Lagerfeld**  
Doris Wicks was the first correct respondent and Kat Marrs was a close second.!



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## **Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde**

The next Konversationsrunde will take place on April 9, 2017, at 3:00pm, at the home of Stan and Barbara Conrad who live at 7837 S 70th East Ave. They will talk about their recent travels to exotic places.

The refreshments will be ample—as usual.

*The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German American Society of Tulsa Arts Association (GASAA). It serves to promote the German language and cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or if you are interested in hosting one of our meetings please call:*

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

## **Stammtischrunde**

Friday, April 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM  
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

— Joe Rohr, Chair

## **Membership Renewals not past due**

Please mail or bring in your membership renewals as soon as possible, Otherwise, you might miss out on something going on. As specified in the GAST bylaws anyone who has not renewed by March 1 of each year may attend but cannot vote at our annual membership meeting, this year scheduled for April 23. Also, your name and information will not be in the printed Roster. We want you to continue to be a

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