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The Voice of the German-American Community in Tulsa



Fri, May 5th 10AM – 9PM
Sat, May 6th 10AM – 9PM
Sun, May 7th Noon – 5PM

This premier German ethnic festival occurs the first week-end in May every year and celebrates all things German – food, music, dance, family, community, tradition and much more! The festival is free and open to the public in keeping with the German-American Society’s goal of keeping the German culture alive and well in Tulsa.



GAST Picnic

Sunday, June 4th at 1:30PM

A catered brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served. We will eat outside, weather permitting. If it rains, the picnic moves inside.

Cost: \$5.00 for Germanfest volunteers. \$10.00 for non-volunteers, \$5.00 for ages 6-12, ages 5 and under are free.

Bring a lawn chair and an appetite!

Doors open at 1:30pm—Dinner served at 4:00pm



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

May		June		July	
1	Movie Night	2	Stammtisch	3	Movie Night
2	Handarbeitsgruppe	4	Annual GAST Picnic	4	Handarbeitsgruppe
5	Stammtisch	5	Movie Night	7	Stammtisch
5-7	Germanfest	6	Handarbeitsgruppe	11	Handarbeitsgruppe
9	Handarbeitsgruppe	13	Handarbeitsgruppe	18	Handarbeitsgruppe
16	Handarbeitsgruppe	20	Handarbeitsgruppe	26	Handarbeitsgruppe
20	General Members Meeting	23	Weinkeller	28	Weinkeller
23	Handarbeitsgruppe	27	Handarbeitsgruppe		
26	Weinkeller				
30	Handarbeitsgruppe				



...from the GAST President — Leon Boggs

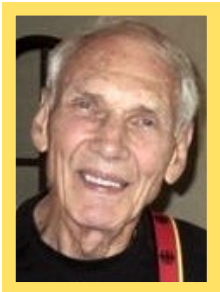
By now you may know that I am presently the interim president of GAST. It was a sad day when I inherited this position with the passing of Leon Boggs. Leon had served GAST faithfully as Choir Director, on the Board of Directors, as a Vice President, and currently as President of GAST. He was involved in all our functions including Oktoberfest, Germanfest, Christkindlmarkt, the many parties, and the activities of GAST ARTS. He was a tireless volunteer and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are now with his wife, Donna and his extended family.

The preparations for Germanfest (May 5, 6, & 7) are in full swing! However, it is still not too late to call Irmgard Toschik @ 918-749-5282, as there are still volunteer slots to fill on the schedule. Volunteering is also a good way to meet other members.

Our General Membership Meeting has been postponed until May 20 at 3pm. I hope all of you will make plans to attend, to vote for your candidate for each office, and if nominated and called upon you will step up and serve.

**Joseph Rohr
Interim GAST President**

Leon was born August 6, 1951, and went to be with the Lord on March 30, 2017. He grew up in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1969. He graduated from St. John's Lutheran College in Winfield, Kansas and Concordia Seminary in Exile in St. Louis, Missouri. Among the gifts Leon gave to us in his lifetime include choir director, District Registrar for Tulsa Public Schools, active in Barber Shop Chorus and volunteering at Broken Arrow Neighbors. He was a long-time member of German American Society and was serving as President at the time of his death. One of his greatest joys was directing the Tulsa All Lutheran Messiah for 25 years and being a member of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Donna, brothers and sister, Wayne, David and Sandra, and many family and friends. Memorials may be made to: "Broken Arrow Neighbors" Funeral was held at 10:00 AM, April 4, 2017 at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Tulsa.



...from the Building Manager—Harold Wicks

We appreciate ARNOLD BEIBER volunteering to paint the stairwell wall outside the classroom that was repaired.

We are beginning to see some grass growing on the Eastside of the Building. Our lawn service is being paid for this increased responsibility.

After many years of ignoring the condition of the outside walls of our garage, we must replace the exterior due to rotting and Termites. We will obtain quotes and present the information to the Board for consideration.

We have ordered a new griddle for cooking potato pancakes. The new griddle has 25 percent more cooking area than the griddle we have been using.

Last month in my report about our Fasching Party, I failed to express our appreciation to LISA LAHMEYER, DAVID LAWRENCE, And BLASKAPELLE MEMBERS for doing a fine job of entertaining us during the party.

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



We are all saddened by the untimely passing of GAST President Leon Boggs on March 31. Leon was a strong leader and a hard worker for every organization he was involved with. GAST was fortunate to have him and his wife Donna as long-time members and volunteers. From cooking schnitzel to being the MC of

a party, from moving tables and chairs for a wedding reception to driving the shuttle van at Oktoberfest, Leon was there when we needed him. The GAST Choir made its first trip to the Cole Camp Saengerfest and the first appearance at the National Saengerfest in Peoria when he was its director. He chaired GAST Oktoberfest for several years and served on the Board as Secretary before being elected 1st Vice President of GAST. That was followed by 5 years as GAST President and a year as 2nd Vice President of the Building Corporation. Term limits gave Leon a short reprieve before he heeded the call last year to run as GAST President again. Leon's life was dedicated to serve the community by volunteering untold hours at Broken Arrow Neighbors, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and the German American Society of Tulsa cultural mission. We are grateful.

I would like to thank Barbara Conrad for again organizing our garage sale in March and all members and friends for donating items and volunteering their time. The proceeds are used for ARTS programs and all unsold items, except books, tapes and DVDs, were donated to the Salvation Army. The bi-monthly Book Fair held by Broken Arrow Neighbors benefitted from those leftovers.

We invited the Barthelmes Conservatory to have a Spring Concert/Recital on the 3rd Sunday in May. If they accept, you will be notified by e-mail and Facebook. Angela Novak will teach a summer German reading class in May, June, July and August for language students who have completed 3 semesters of conversational German classes.

We are looking forward to a visit by 2 Swiss performing groups on September 29, and we will celebrate German-American Day on Sunday October 8. On November 19 we will arrange a visit to Fort Reno to remember the German POWs buried there and all the victims of war. Adventsfeier is scheduled for Sunday, December 10.

I'll see you at Germanfest!

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.

General Membership Meeting & Election postponed to Saturday, May 20, 3 PM

Joe Rohr, interim President GAST
Arnold Bieber, President GASAA

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Children's Easter Party - April 8



GAST Soccer Team Wins First Two Games!

In case you haven't heard by now, GAST is sponsoring an adult co-ed soccer team. The team is named German-American Society of Tulsa F.C. (Fussball Club) and their 8-game season started on Sunday, April 9th at Soccer City Tulsa, the indoor soccer stadium near 61st & Garnett. Games are played on Sunday and Tuesday nights. If you're a soccer fan and you want to cheer on the GAST F.C., their schedule is provided below. It's fast-paced fun for all ages!



The team's next game at Soccer City Tulsa is scheduled for April 25th at 8:15PM. Admission is FREE and there is a full concession stand. You can watch the action on the field from the bistro tables upstairs or you can be closer to the action on the bleacher seating near the field.



Alex McLaurin, one of the players on the team, is a director at West Alliance Soccer Club and has strong ties to GAST. His mother, Patricia McLaurin has been a member of GAST for more than 10 years and Alex and his sister, Angelique McLaurin have taught Kinder-Deutsch classes over the years.

The team members range in age from 22-35 and are planning to start volunteering at our festivals beginning with Germanfest in May.



German American Society Tulsa's Schedule

Date	Home	Away	Time/Status	Venue	Game Type
Sun-Apr 9	German American Society Tulsa	v Jelly n Jam	8:45 PM	LG Field 1	Regular
Tue-Apr 18	Token and His Pitches	v German American Society Tulsa	8:15 PM	Bob Moore Field	Regular
Tue-Apr 25	German American Society Tulsa	v Head Game Strong	8:15 PM	Bob Moore Field	Regular
Tue-May 2	German American Society Tulsa	v Make Indoor Great Again	7:30 PM	Bob Moore Field	Regular
Tue-May 2	German American Society Tulsa	v Out of Shape	9:00 PM	Bob Moore Field	Regular
Sun-May 7	German American Society Tulsa	v Breaking Blue	10:15 PM	LG Field 1	Regular
Tue-May 16	CF-FC	v German American Society Tulsa	7:30 PM	LG Field 1	Regular
Sun-May 21	Bad Touch	v German American Society Tulsa	10:15 PM	LG Field 1	Regular

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Get well cards were sent to Harold Wicks and Col. Shirley Schelper

Sympathy cards were mailed to Donna Boggs, on the death of her husband Leon; to Robert Smith on the death of his wife Barbara; and to Jan Erdman on the death of her mother.

Email: elke@one-ring.net
 Or telephone: Elke Leach at (918) 252-3838 .

Thank you Garage Sale Volunteers 2017

The Garage-sale of 2017 was a success. Thanks to Barbara Conrad's organization,- her calling and nagging- the Great Hall of our GAST House filled up with treasures. It took many hours of organizing, pricing, hanging or laying these wares so they may be attractive to buyers. The Sale days again required hard working volunteers to aid the visitors and keep the place looking inviting. Some of the volunteers put in a few hours, others full days – standing, walking and talking to potential buyers with charming smiles and in the end help gather up of what was left over so that the Salvation Army may pick it up on Monday.

Many heartfelt thanks to all the elves of GASAA
 Barbara Conrad Chair for Garage Sale
 Arnold Bieber President of GAST ARTS

Host a German Exchange Student in your home

Tulsa Community College is looking for hosts to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals funded by the US Department of State and administered by Cultural Vistas. German participants are 18-24 years old and are selected by a German Member of Parliament to be cultural ambassadors to the United States. They come from all backgrounds and fields across Germany.

The participants arrive in August, study at a community college for one semester and work as an intern from January to June.

Host may request a monthly stipend for up to \$225.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please call or e-mail:

Arnold Bieber ([918-357-9156](tel:918-357-9156), aobieber@aol.com)

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Barbara and Stan Conrad treated a small group to interesting stories about their visit to Cuba, Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam. The changes they saw in land and people led to very lively and lengthy discussions. Thank you Barbara and Stan.

Mark your calender for the start of the Konversationsrunde on Sunday September 10, 2017.

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, May 5, 2017 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Joe Rohr, Chair

New Members

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

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