



GAST Picnic

Sunday, June 4th at 1:30PM

A catered dinner with a variety of BBQ meats with all the trimmings will be served. We will eat outside, weather permitting. If it rains, the picnic moves inside.

Snacks will be provided for hungry people at 1:30 for people to begin gathering on the lawn and visiting with their fellow GAST members and Germanfest volunteers. Dinner will be served between 3:30PM and 4PM.

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!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

You must RSVP by 2PM on May 31st by either calling the office at [918-744-6997](tel:918-744-6997) or sending an email to the office at gast@tulsacoxmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

June		July		August	
2	Stammtisch	3	Movie Night	1	Handarbeitsgruppe
3	Soccer Watch Party			4	Stammtisch
4	Annual GAST Picnic	4	Handarbeitsgruppe	7	Movie Night
5	Movie Night	7	Stammtisch	8	Handarbeitsgruppe
6	Handarbeitsgruppe	11	Handarbeitsgruppe	15	Handarbeitsgruppe
13	Handarbeitsgruppe	18	Handarbeitsgruppe	18	ATOS Concert
20	Handarbeitsgruppe	26	Handarbeitsgruppe	22	Handarbeitsgruppe
23	Weinkeller	28	Weinkeller	25	Weinkeller
27	Handarbeitsgruppe			28	Handarbeitsgruppe

...from the GAST President — Joseph Rohr

Greetings!

Germanfest has now come and gone. That said, I would like to thank and congratulate the excellent planning of the Germanfest Committee and the many **wonderful volunteers**, both members and non-members, whose hard work was responsible for the success of the festival this year. With the completion of Germanfest, our focus now moves onward in preparation for Linde Oktoberfest Tulsa as our next major fundraiser for GAST.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the general membership meeting and elections were delayed from April until May. So by the time you receive this June ECHO our elections will have taken place and we will have elected a new president and board. I wish our new president and board well as we head into a relaxing summer and get ready for a busy autumn.

Till later,

Joseph Rohr
Interim GAST President

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

We are happy to report to you that we have four rentals in June.

We are seeking bids for replacing the exterior siding on our garage.

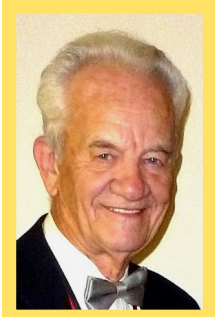
We have some roof repair to be done as soon as the company that we have chosen can get to us.

Thank You JOE ROHR for moving tables and chairs in the building. And the day before Germanfest, GINNY ROHR cleaned the floral arrangements and other decorations in the womens restroom. It is nice to have such good volunteer help.

Choose To Be Happy.
Sincerely,

Harold

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



I would like to express my appreciation for the support of the GASAA Board in the past year, especially to the outgoing members Uschi Mueller and Gabriele Gonzales. Uschi has reached the 10-year term limit and Gabriele decided not to run again for the position of 2nd Vice-President. Both have contributed a lot of their time for the benefit of the association, the membership and the community. We will miss you.

I would also like to thank the members of the Cultural & Educational Committee and its chair, Gertrud Schmidt, for their services. The C&E Committee meets every month on the day of the Board meeting at 5 PM to review past ARTS events and activities, to discuss future programs and to make recommendations to the Board for approval of expenditures. Currently serving on the Committee are: Gertrud Schmidt, Barbara Conrad, Charles Meyers, Gabriele Gonzales, Jutta Tankersley and Ruth Obermark.

Ruth has been the coordinator of the Adult Conversational German language classes for several years now. Thanks to her efforts the enrollment has grown, a new set of books were introduced and the semi-annual program has been extended from 10 weekly sessions to 12. For the 2017 spring semester

she added a sixth class with qualified teachers for all of them. Here are the names of the last team of teachers: Christy Crockett, Christa Hart, Angela Novak, Carol Masters, Grete McNac and Arcadia "Katie" Teel. Jutta Tankersley has been substituting when necessary. Angela Novak started a summer program in May. Our fall program will start on Tuesday, September 5.

Another successful GASAA German language program this year has been Kinderdeutsch, taught by Angelique Giddings and Jeff Mosburg. It is very rewarding to see those kids have fun learning German words, phrases, songs and dancers. Angelique wrote a play for them that they performed for the parents and Jeff coached them to perform some folk dances at Germanfest.

Unfortunately, we were not able to have a Barthelmes concert/recital this year. The next GASAA event will be the joint meeting of the American Theatre Organ Society and the GAST Blaskapelle on Friday, August 18. Please mark your calendar.

In the meantime, enjoy the reminder of spring and a relaxing summer. Stay safe!

Arnold

Lucky Germanfest Quilt Winner

The Quilt was made by our ladies from the Handarbeitsgruppe, left to right Irmgard Toschik, Helga Roepel, Elke Meyer and Ruth Bly and the lucky winner Karen.

The Handarbeitsgruppe meets weekly from 10am to 2pm. Come join us. Bring your knitting, crocheting etc.. Not everyone is into quilting, so whatever you are working on will be ok. The Quilters will soon start on the next Quilt for our Christkindlmarkt drawing.



NewsLetter DEADLINE April 19 at 5 PM

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Germanfest

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Germanfest 2017 goes in the record books as the 2nd highest grossing Germanfest in the last 5 years bringing in over \$33,000. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made our 14th annual Germanfest so successful.

For 3 days, the GAST Center was beautifully decorated in the colors of the German flag and filled with the sounds of live entertainment, the aroma of good German food and the convivial atmosphere of people having a good time with family and friends. Prost!!

Food sold during the festival:

- Dinners 682
- Brats 755
- Hot Dogs 150
- Potato Pancakes 325
- Sides 177
- Desserts 663
- Pretzels 260

Volunteers who donated their time to work during the 3 day festival 275



Carol Wright and Tonja Carrig got Germanfest off to a great start with a t.v. interview on The News at 6!



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Monday June 5, starting at 6:30 PM

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Get well cards were sent to Gary Copper, Dale Parsons, and Teresa Gallagher.

If you know of anyone who is ill or injured and could use a get-well card, please let me know. The same, if you know someone who is celebrating an important anniversary, milestone, or life event!

SOCCER WATCH PARTY—JUNE 3 at 1:45PM

German American Society of Tulsa is joining with members of the GAST soccer team to host our second Soccer Watch Party on June 3rd. The 2017 UEFA Champions League Final between Real Madrid and Juventus will be live streamed in the GAST Center Weinkeller beginning at 1:45 PM. Sandwiches and chips will be served. BYOB. All GAST members are welcome!

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

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, June 2, 2017 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Joe Rohr, Chair

New Members

The following new members added at the most recent meeting of the GAST Board of Directors:

Leta Hanson - Tulsa

Mary Susan Wolfram - Tulsa

Eleanora and Joh Norman & family - Tulsa

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