



# Ice Cream Social

**At the GAST Center  
Sunday, August 6  
3—5PM**



Beat the heat and enjoy delicious ice cream with your friends at GAST. There will be a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings served. Admission is free, but donations to defray costs will be appreciated. Doors open at 2:30pm

Reservations are required. RSVP by 2PM on August 2nd by either calling the office at [918-744-6997](tel:918-744-6997) or email the office at [gast@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:gast@tulsacoxmail.com).

See you there!

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS AT GAST**

| July |                   | August |                     | September |                      |
|------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 3    | Movie Night       | 1      | Handarbeitsgruppe   | 1         | Stammtisch           |
|      |                   | 4      | Stammtisch          | 4         | Movie Night          |
| 4    | Handarbeitsgruppe | 7      | Movie Night         | 5         | Handarbeitsgruppe    |
| 7    | Stammtisch        | 8      | Handarbeitsgruppe   | 12        | Handarbeitsgruppe    |
| 11   | Handarbeitsgruppe | 15     | Handarbeitsgruppe   | 19        | Handarbeitsgruppe    |
| 18   | Handarbeitsgruppe | 18     | <b>ATOS Concert</b> | 22        | Weinkeller           |
| 26   | Handarbeitsgruppe | 22     | Handarbeitsgruppe   | 26        | Handarbeitsgruppe    |
| 28   | Weinkeller        | 25     | Weinkeller          | 29        | <b>Swiss Concert</b> |
|      |                   | 28     | Handarbeitsgruppe   |           |                      |

## ...from the GAST President — Joseph Rohr

Greetings!

This time it is from your new president. The general membership meeting took place and the new board is now in place. I would like to thank those who served on the board this past year for all their hard work and those on the new board for accepting the responsibility of leading and directing GAST for the upcoming year.

We had our annual GAST Picnic, and it was well attended. The food was great and as an added bonus Erica Hartman's son, Neil, and his band graciously provided entertainment for those present.

Summer is here and with that we have many of our members vacationing throughout our country and the world. We wish them safe travels on their journeys.

Plans are presently being made for some much needed repairs on the building and also in other areas the board feels that need to be addressed. As these plans get finalized and the progress starts, we hope they meet with the approval of our membership.

At present we are in search of committee chairs for our Parties, Christkindlmarkt, and Germanfest committees. The past chairs have graciously offered to share their knowledge, so please don't sit around and wait to be asked. This is our organization so take some initiative and step forward and volunteer your services to be a committee chair or to volunteer to assist on a committee.

Have a beautiful summer!

**Joseph Rohr**



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

Welcome newly elected Board Members. I am sure we will face some challenges that we are not aware of at this moment. I hope that we will be able to work together for the betterment of our society.

There are several items that we already know of that need to be acted upon as quickly as possible. We have the roof repairs to deal with by the time of the next board meeting. We have two bids for the work that needs to be done. We shall present the information to the board for approval at June meeting.

It has been suggested that our garage, that must be repaired, be replaced with a Storage Container, the same as the one we have on our property. To do this, we have to hire a Registered Professional Engineer, and we will need a City of Tulsa building permit. There is much to be done to get this project completed. There are several small projects to be worked on as well. There is always something to do in the building. I am happy to be working with our new president, JOE ROHR.

Does anybody remember him from Way Back When?

**Harold**



...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



Thanks to air-conditioning and ceiling fans, summer is quite pleasant in Oklahoma. Any outside work or exercise is best done in the early morning or late evening. That leaves a lot of time for reading, watching TV and “researching” the latest news on the computer or smart phone for those of us who are fortunate to be

retired from the “rat race”.

In my case, I have a few home projects that need my attention. I have also agreed to do some translations of letters in the old German script. I find these documents very interesting. They go back to a time when life in Germany and the United States was physically much more demanding but intellectually less complicated. But they describe life events very much like people nowadays communicate by telephone and e-mail. Letter writing, except for business or legal reasons seems to be a dying art. That is too bad, because 100 years from now there will be no evidence of current family life events for future generations to read about (or to translate).

We are looking forward to the next public event at the GAST Center, the annual meeting of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) and the GAST Blaskapelle concert on Friday, August 18. GASAA will furnish the refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. Any donations will be turned over to ATOS as an appreciation gift for maintaining our organ.

On September 29, the Swiss Club of Oklahoma will bring the Aesch Accordion Orchestra (above) and the Yodeling Club “Schlossbränneli” Möriken-Wildegg from Switzerland to the GAST Center. This “Swiss Culture Heritage Tour 2017” with more than 40 participants has been planned for more than a year. After arriving in Houston from Zürich on September 22, they will perform there and then travel by bus to performances in San Antonio, Dallas and finally in Tulsa. It has been several years since we had the pleasure of hosting a group of Swiss yodelers in cooperation with the Swiss Club of Oklahoma. We are excited!



Angela Novak’s German reading classes will continue through July. The 12-week adult classes will start September 5 and the 10-week Kinderdeutsch classes will begin on Saturday, September 9.

We are already working on bringing a concert duo from Karlsruhe, Germany, to Tulsa in the fall of 2018. More on that when dates and details are available.

Have a great and safe Summer!

Arnold

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# GAST SÄNGER COMPLETE THEIR SUMMER SCHEDULE

The GastSänger completed their summer schedule the weekend of June 10-11, 2017, by making their annual trip to the Sängersfest at Cole Camp, Missouri. The choir performed four well-known folk songs and presented “Die Entdeckung Amerikas” as their specialty number. The visual aids that were beautifully drawn by Christy Bradley added interest to the song.

We were especially pleased that long-time choir member Teresa Gallagher felt up to making the trip so soon after having had surgery. Her dedication to the choir is truly noteworthy. On May 21st, the Sängers entertained at the Broadmoor Retirement Center and were well received there. Yet again, the GastSänger have done their best to promote German culture and music. Anyone wishing to join the choir should contact Arnold Bieber in the fall when we reconvene.



Story courtesy  
Betty Donohue  
Pictures courtesy  
Arnold Bieber

## 2017 May Queen

Cheryl  
Baker



## GAST Board Looking for Volunteers to Fill Key Positions

Are you a new member who loves attending the GAST festivals and would like to get more involved, but don't know how? Are you a long-time member who has been taking a break from volunteering for a while and would like to get involved again, but not sure what needs to be done? Well you're in luck! GAST is looking for volunteers to fill four chairman positions. If any of these jobs sound like something you'd be interested in doing, call the GAST Office today at [918-744-6997](tel:918-744-6997) and Sara will put you in touch with the GAST member who can answer your questions.

**Party Chairman** - this is a great job for someone who loves to host parties. The Party Chairman organizes the society's annual social functions like the Fasching Party, Picnic and Ice Cream Social to name a few. Have ideas for other activities? We welcome your ideas and enthusiasm.

**Youth Chairman** - if you love working with young people, then this is the job for you. The Youth Chairman organizes activities like Movie Night and helps organize activities for children at Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt.

**Christkindlmarkt 2017 Chairman** - This is our 19th year to host a Christlmarkt at GAST. Our patrons come back every year to experience the Christmas spirit, eat delicious food and shop for that one-of-a-kind gift. Our vendors come back every year because it's a profitable week-end for them. Committees are in place and experienced volunteers know their job assignments. We are looking for a chairman to make sure it all comes together.

**Germanfest 2018 Chairman** - In May 2017, we wrapped up our second-highest grossing Germanfest in the last five years. 2018 will be our 15th year to host Germanfest at GAST. Committees are in place and experienced volunteers know the drill. We are looking for a chairman to bring it all together.

Okay, you want to volunteer but not you're not convinced you have the time to do it? Recruit a friend to help!

Call Sara in the office today at [918-744-6997](tel:918-744-6997).

Your GAST Board of Directors

## GAST Soccer

Summer league play has begun. Call a friend and make plans to cheer on the GAST soccer team! All games are played indoors at Soccer City Tulsa located at 5817 S 118th E Ave. Visit their website and take a virtual tour of the facilities. See you there!



### German American Society's Remaining Soccer Schedule

| Date                       | Home                                    |   | Away                                    | Time/Status              | Venue                      | Game Type |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <a href="#">Sun-Jul 2</a>  | <a href="#">Token and His Pitches</a>   | v | <a href="#">German American Society</a> | <a href="#">4:15 PM</a>  | <a href="#">LG Field 1</a> | Regular   |
| <a href="#">Sun-Jul 9</a>  | <a href="#">German American Society</a> | v | <a href="#">HS Heroes</a>               | <a href="#">10:15 PM</a> | <a href="#">LG Field 1</a> | Regular   |
| <a href="#">Sun-Jul 16</a> | <a href="#">German American Society</a> | v | <a href="#">Barca Reserves</a>          | <a href="#">7:15 PM</a>  | <a href="#">LG Field 1</a> | Regular   |
| <a href="#">Sun-Jul 16</a> | <a href="#">German American Society</a> | v | <a href="#">Breaking Blue</a>           | <a href="#">8:45 PM</a>  | <a href="#">LG Field 1</a> | Regular   |

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## GAST Theater

July Movie Night Information not available at the time of printing.

Elke Leach  
**Sunshine Lady**

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

A get well card was sent to Doris Gallagher wishing her a speedy recovery from her injured shoulder.

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!

## SWOSU Professor Looking for Narratives of Individuals Who May Have Aided Oklahoma's German Farmers

Professor David Hertzell, of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is looking for stories about individuals who went out of their way or risked trouble to help any of the German farmers who were unjustly persecuted in Oklahoma in the early twentieth century.

In a missive to Arnold Bieber, he indicated that he is particularly interested in first-hand accounts, preferably narrated by those (or the descendants of those) who were helped. He is hoping to find accounts of people who came from outside the German American (or Mennonite and Amish) communities who helped persecuted groups, during times of violence or oppression against German Americans. And he is particularly interested in descriptions of people who risked something--their safety or reputation, perhaps—in order to help some unjustly persecuted individuals or people, and has greater interest in family memories of such people than of hard documentation.

Anyone having any such experience or information or having family members who do or who know of anyone with such information may communicate with Professor Hertzell at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma, through email if possible, to [davidhertzell@swosu.edu](mailto:davidhertzell@swosu.edu).

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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, July 7, 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:

Nikki Brewer, Tulsa  
Richard Green, Tulsa (Renewal)  
Christal Harms, O'Fallon (MO) (Renewal)

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