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August 6th
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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

August		September		October	
1	Handarbeitsgruppe	1	Stammtisch	2	Movie Night
4	Stammtisch	4	Movie Night	3	Handarbeitsgruppe
6	Ice Cream Social	5	Handarbeitsgruppe	6	Stammtisch
8	Handarbeitsgruppe	5	Adult Language Classes	8	German-American Day
15	Handarbeitsgruppe	9	Kinderdeutsch Classes	10	Handarbeitsgruppe
8	Handarbeitsgruppe	12	Handarbeitsgruppe	17	Handarbeitsgruppe
18	ATOS Concert	19	Handarbeitsgruppe	18-22	Linde Oktoberfest
22	Handarbeitsgruppe	22	Weinkeller	24	Handarbeitsgruppe
25	Weinkeller	26	Handarbeitsgruppe	27	Weinkeller
28	Handarbeitsgruppe	29	Swiss Concert	31	Handarbeitsgruppe

...from the GAST President — Joseph Rohr

Greetings...

Vacation time in July proved one thing, it is impossible to get a quorum for the board meeting when a considerable number of the members are out of town.

The board is still moving forward with its plans to have the water leaks on the roof in the foyer repaired.

In the last issue of the ECHO volunteer positions for Party Chairman, Youth Chairman, Christkindlmarkt 2017 Chairman, and Germanfest 2018 Chairman were listed. As of last week none of these positions had been filled. The past chairmen are willing to share their knowledge concerning the positions, so we just need some new people to step forward and become involved in these leadership positions. If you feel this would be too over whelming grab a friend and operate as co-chairs!

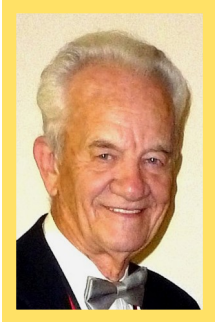
Enjoy Your Summer,

Joseph Rohr

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

Harold

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



Our future as an organization and the success of our mission – to promote and preserve the German language, culture, traditions and customs – depends on our efforts to engage and involve the young people of the community. We cannot offer trips to Germany, but we can invite them to our events and offer programs of specific interest to young people. GAST is now sponsoring a soccer team that

promotes our organization. It is no secret that soccer (Fußball) is the national sport of Germany, but it is not necessarily linked to Germany in the minds of those who play soccer or watch soccer games. It is our job to communicate that connection.

When most local high schools offered German language classes, we had many opportunities to invite the teachers and students to our events and we even created special events for them. However, financial cutbacks have eliminated most public school German language programs. Currently only Riverfield and Cascia Hall continue with their German language programs at the elementary and high school level in Tulsa. Jenks Public School reinstated some German classes recently, and they are still available at the Southeast Campus of TCC and at Tulsa University.

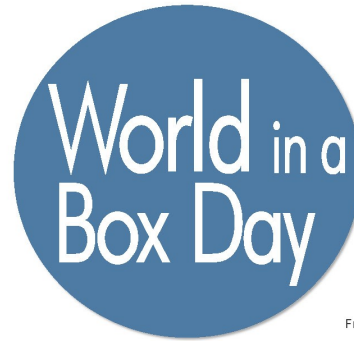
ARTS briefly considered filling the gap by adding an evening course for high school age students. We thought we could fill a need, but realized that we cannot duplicate what the high schools were offering at no additional cost during the day. Our Adult Conversational German classes are highly successful, but Kinderdeutsch enrollment is at minimum level. GAST needs a dedicated Youth Chair to support the efforts of the schools that are still teaching the German language. It is our best hope to continue as a strong ethnic heritage organization.

ARTS will participate in “The World in a Box Day” on Saturday, August 5, 11 AM to 3 PM, at the Central Library, 5th Street and Denver. The title refers to the cultural boxes that Tulsa Global Alliance and Eisenhower International School maintain which contain unique items from 40 countries. The Library expects 200-250 children to attend.

For a great evening of pleasant entertainment please come to the annual joint meeting of the Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) and GAST Blaskapelle on Friday, August 18, at 7 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Invite your friends and family. And mark your calendar for the Swiss Concert on September 29 and German-American Day on October 8.

I'll see you at the GAST Center.

Arnold



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Dear German-American Society of Tulsa,

I am reaching out to you as Local Coordinator for CIEE in the Tulsa area.

My name is Natasja and being a Local Coordinator for CIEE this means I find host families willing to open up their hearts and homes to an international exchange student! Our students are all high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 years old who come to America on a J-1 visit to attend an American public High School for a semester or a full school year. They arrive in August or January.

As the local coordinator I help host families find a teen who matches their interest and lifestyle. Once the student is here I stay in touch with both the student and the host family on a monthly basis to make sure things are going smoothly for both sides. I also stay in touch with their school to make sure they are adjusting okay and that they are maintaining good grades.

Currently we have students, boys and girls, from Germany, Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, Turkey, Kazakhstan, China, Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, Brazil and Ecuador who will be coming in August and are in need of a loving host family to stay with. We work with over 55 countries world wide!

I have 3 German boys still in need of a Host Family for this school year!

Alexander Heinrich is a 15 year old boy from GERMANY.

I'm an open-minded boy and love laughing and like to make jokes with friends. I play soccer in the local team and also like to go skiing or climbing in a climbing hall. I have a little dog, because I love pets. I am looking forward to bring my host family the German culture closer.

Teo Lucian is a 16 year old boy from GERMANY.

I enjoy talking with people discussing things and debating. I am also very creative and interested. Most of my free time I spend with friends. We go outside and do some activities or we sometimes play videogames. I really enjoy exercising outside, doing Parkour: running and climbing. While I'm in America I would like to go to a freerun course because I would really like to improve my skills. Later when I'm older I would maybe study psychology but I'm not sure yet. Or become a movie maker because I really like American movies and TV series.

Finn Lukas is a 15 year old boy from GERMANY.

My name is Finn and I am 15 years old. In my free time I love to meet with friends outside, at the cinema, at the rowing club or to play some video games with them. I love laughing and everybody says that I am socially really good and that I can be helpful when people are arguing about something. I am an only child but I do not have any problems with having people around me. When I am in the United States I would also love to cook some typical German dish for my host family or tell them things about the German culture.

I would be happy to meet with your club in person to talk more about our exchange program and give you some flyers and brochures to pass out to interested members of GAST! I would also be happy to speak at an upcoming meeting or have an informational booth at any events that GAST may have throughout the year.

Please feel free to share this email with your members!

I hope this has given you an idea of CIEE's High School exchange program and what my role is. I look forward to meeting with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Natasja Kemp

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

Elke Leach Sunshine Lady

Email: elke@one-ring.net
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A get well card was sent to Doris Wicks who was hospitalized.

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!

Kinderdeutsch Classes Start September 9th

On Saturday, September 9th, the Kinderdeutsch program starts it's fall session. The children's program takes place on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30am and is open to children ages 4-12. If you or someone you know is interested in introducing their children to the German language and culture - give Kinderdeutsch a try!

The 10-week program costs \$50 for non-members, \$40 for members, with a \$5 discount for each additional child from the same family. Classes start with age appropriate German language lessons, followed by folk dancing and folk songs. Then they are treated to cookies while watching German videos.

Angelique Giddings, our Kinderdeutsch teacher, was born in Germany and lived there with her family until her teen years. She is the sister of Alex McLaurin, our soccer coordinator.



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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, August 4, 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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