



GAST OKTOBERFEST PARTY

After all the hard work (and fun) of Linde Oktoberfest is over, treat yourself to a night of good food and great music at the GAST Oktoberfest Party set for Saturday, October 28th. Erica Hartman, chairman of the Parties Committee, says guests will be treated to a schnitzel dinner, potato salad, lettuce salad, dessert, tea and beer.

Saturday, October 28

Doors open at 5:30PM. Dinner served at 6:00PM.

GAST's Blaskapelle will perform from 7:00 - 9:00PM

Admission is FREE for volunteers who worked a shift at the GAST food booth at Linde Oktoberfest.

\$20/person for non-volunteers.



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, October 25th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com

Find out how you can volunteer on page 4!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST	October		November		December	
	1	Konversationsrunde	3	Stammtisch	1-3	Christkindlmarkt
2	Movie Night	6	Movie Night	6	Handarbeitsgruppe	
3	Handarbeitsgruppe	7	Handarbeitsgruppe	8	Stammtisch	
6	Stammtisch	14	Handarbeitsgruppe	9	Christmas Party	
8	German-American Day	19	Volkstrauertag Fort Reno		& Children's Party	
10	Handarbeitsgruppe	19	Route 66 Marathon	10	Adventsfeier	
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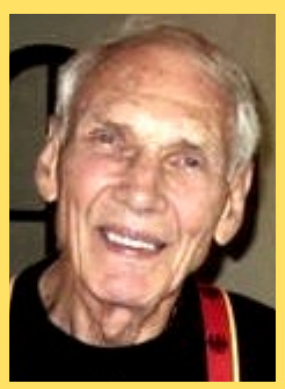
...from the GAST President — Joseph Rohr

Well Oktober is here and with that comes the fresh smell of brats, kraut, and potato pancakes. If you haven't already signed up to work in the GAST tent during Oktoberfest please do so. Don't wait to be asked! Better yet I am asking you now; we have operators at the phones awaiting your calls!!!

The work on the building is proceeding nicely. The work on the roof is finished and soon the work on the entry way ceilings will begin. Thanks to Harold Wicks and the Board for their dedication and work in making this happen. They are doing a wonderful job!

See you at Oktoberfest!

Joseph



...from the Building Manager—Harold Wicks

The signs of fall are around us. The trees are starting to drop their leaves, acorns, and nuts. We are going to be very busy with all of the activities in the building from now through Christmas. We are checking our heating system to be sure that it is ready for those cool fall days ahead.

When anyone rents our building, we set up the tables and chairs that they need for their event. Our set up crew would be happy to have someone join us. If you can help on a Friday morning for an hour, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Please contact Sara in our office for more information.

Sara Gonzales has been managing our office for a year as of September 12th. Sara, we are very happy to have you with us.

Thank you,

Harold

Pardon Our Dust



Renovations are underway in the foyer of the GAST Event Center. The project will happen in three phases:

Phase I - Ceiling repair and repainting—will be finished in time for Christkindlmarkt.

Phases II – Repairing, restoring and updating the walls, woodwork and floor as necessary.

Phase III - Still in planning stage

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



October, of course, is Oktoberfest month which is the German themed event in Tulsa with the largest attendance and it is a major fundraiser for GAST. So, please, volunteer for a shift or two and enjoy the fest while helping GAST pay the bills.

This month's Konversationsrunde will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 3 PM in the Weinkeller. We invited the Tulsa-Celle Partnership to join us. They are providing the speaker, Christiane Brandt Faris, who will speak about the years she spent in Celle, our Sister City in Germany, during and after World War II.

She is a professor emerita of German from Oklahoma City University and the author of several books. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. There is no charge and the speech and conversation will be in English this time. We will celebrate German-American Day on Sunday, October 8, at 3 PM in the Great Hall with the GAST Blaskapelle and a speaker, who still has to be confirmed at this writing. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

I will report on the performance of the Swiss groups in the November ECHO.

Move night will be on Monday, October 2, at 6:30. Look for details on page 7 of this issue.

Bis zum nächsten Mal (until next time)
Arnold

German-American Day!

Annual event celebrating the contributions of German-Americans to America's culture in the arts, the economy and science.



Date: **Sunday, October 8th**

Time: **3:00PM**

Place: **GAST Center**

Speaker: **TBA**

Refreshments will be served.

Free and Open to the Public

Newsletter
DEADLINE October 18 at 3 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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LINDE OKTOBERFEST 2017!

Location: River West Festival Park

Menu: Bratwurst, Smoked Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Potato Pancakes, Pretzels and Brownies

Volunteers: Robin Baccus will be calling all members and asking you to volunteer. We need a lot of volunteers for a big event like this, so when she calls please say "Yes!" If you already know when you and your friends can work, don't wait for her to call. Pick up the phone and call Robin today at [918-856-0258](tel:918-856-0258).



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct 18 <i>Corporate Night</i>	5:00PM to 11:00PM
Thursday, Oct 19	5:00PM to 11:00PM
Friday, Oct 20	11:00AM to 1:00AM
Saturday, Oct 21	11:00AM to 1:00AM
Sunday, Oct 22	Noon to 6:00PM

New this year:

Linde Oktoberfest will be presenting a Hofbräuhaus modeled after the original in München. Guests will sit at new Hofbräuhaus-styled picnic tables shipped direct from Germany. Entertainment will be provided by Nick Bratkovich throughout the festival. This new zelt will offer a buffet dinner paired with delicious Hofbrau Bier and will include potato pancakes provided by GAST.

GAST is selling soft pretzels at the GAST food booth. Pretzels will be served warm with 3 oz. of German mustard.

For more information about the festival, go to tulsaoktoberfest.org

**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED**



Perks of Volunteering at Oktoberfest:

- Free admission to Oktoberfest for the day you work
- Free parking (GAST shuttle will take you to and from GAST to the festival grounds)
- Free food and drinks during your shift
- Free admission to GAST Oktoberfest Party on October 28th
- GAST Oktoberfest Pin

GAST Blaskapelle (Brass Band):

Wednesday, Oct 18	5:00 PM at Warsteiner EssZelt
Thursday, Oct 19	5:00 PM at Spaten Haus
Friday, Oct 20	11:30 AM at Der Lufthansa BierGarten
Saturday, Oct 21	1:00 PM at Der Lufthansa BierGarten
Sunday, Oct 22	Noon at Der Lufthansa BierGarten

GAST Volkstanz Group (Folk Dancers):

Thursday, Oct 19	6:30PM at Opening Parade
Friday, Oct 20	1:30PM and 2:30PM at Spaten Haus
Saturday, Oct 21	Noon and 1 PM at Warsteiner EssZelt

2017 OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULE

GAST Folk Dancers October Schedule

In addition to 4 performances at Linde Oktoberfest Tulsa, our GAST folk dancers will perform at other events in Tulsa and surrounding communities. Here's where they'll be in October:

Oct 6th - Bartlesville Oktoberfest sponsored by OK Mozart - Festival hours 4 - 11 PM.
GAST folk dancers perform at 8 PM.
GAST Blaskapelle will be performing as well!

Oct 14th - Vinita Oktoberfest held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church - Festival hours 10AM - 5PM.
GAST folk dancers perform at 1 PM.

Oct 19th - Tulsa's St. Pius X Church Group 55+ luncheon with Oktoberfest theme
GAST folk dancers perform at 11:30 AM.

Oct 28th - GAST Oktoberfest Volunteer Thank You Party



THE DANCE GROUP PRACTICES EVERY SUNDAY EVENING FROM 6-8 PM IN THE GAST WEINKELLER. NEW DANCERS ARE WELCOME!



Volunteers Wanted!

Your GAST Board accepted an invitation to take part in a community event benefitting some local charities. We were asked to provide volunteers during the Williams Route 66 Marathon on November 19th to hand out water and Gatorade to the runners as they pass by the GAST Center on 15th Street. The actual location of the “water station” will be in the AAA parking lot ½ block west of GAST.

Volunteers can also rest assured that their efforts enhance Tulsa and its local economy. The races have an economic impact of over \$8,000,000 each year. As an added bonus, the Williams Route 66 Marathon benefits the following local Official charities:

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Folds of Honor Foundation, Tulsa Habitat for Humanity, Tulsa Area United Way and Tulsa Society for the Preventions of Cruelty to Animals.

We will have more information in the November ECHO regarding times and the number of volunteers needed. Talk to your friends and form a “Team” to volunteer for this worthwhile event.

Interested in more information before then? Please contact Carol Wright at clwright37@gmail.com

Perks of Volunteering for Route 66 Marathon:

- 2017 Volunteer Coin
- 2017 Williams Route 66 Marathon Volunteer T-Shirt
- Goodie Bag
- Invitation to a Volunteer Thank You Party



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*Rick & Terry Pizzo
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GAST THEATER



Monday October 2, starting at 6:30 PM

Das Fest der Besten (Part 2)

Starting at 7:30 PM

Wieder Daheim

Starring Uschi Glass, Horst Schachtleben, Emzi Fuchs, Axel Schreiber and many more

Elke Leach Sunshine Lady

Email: elke@one-ring.net

Phone: (918) 252-3838

Renate Fleming was in hospital. She is now back at home. Ed Westenhiser is in hospital but will come home Thursday 9.21.17. He is feeling much better.

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!

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

After a long summer recess Konversationsrunde started up again on September 10th at Barbara and Stan Conrad's house. They shared with a small group experiences of their latest trip to Germany. The lively conversation moved on to topics such as other plans for travel and the hurricanes. As usual the refreshments were delicious and ample. Thank you very much Barbara and Stan.

Since German American Day is celebrated on October 8th—the second Sunday of October—the **Konversationsrunde will meet on October 1st at 3:00 PM in the Weinkeller.** We invited the Tulsa-Celle Partnership to join us. They found a very interesting speaker for us:

Christiane Brandt Faris will speak of her childhood memories growing up in Celle, Tulsa's

Sister City in Germany, during and after World War II. I am certain this will bring back memories to many of the listeners and lead to lively discussions.

Ms. Faris is the author of the book "The Nicest Nazi: Childhood Memories of World War II." She came to the United States in 1968. She is professor emerita of German and former chair of the Modern Languages Department at Oklahoma City University.

All members and invited guests are welcome to attend. The presentation will be in English. Refreshments will be served with an opportunity for conversation in German or English.



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

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

New Members

Former member renewed:
Raymond Markley, Broken Arrow

New members:
Christine Schicketanz, Tulsa

GAST heartily welcomes you all!

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