



Prime Rib
horseradish,
caramelized onions
and au jus

Baked Potato
butter, sour cream, bacon bits,
shredded cheese and chives

Roasted Fall Vegetables

Mixed Green Salad
cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumbers
and shaved parmesan cheese,
ranch dressing, balsamic vinaigrette

Dinner Rolls, Herbed Butter

**Black Forrest Torte
or Italian Cream Cake**

Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

GAST Christmas PARTY Saturday, December 9th

Doors open at 5:30PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

Dinner will be accompanied by piano
\$10/person for Christkindlmarkt volunteers
\$20/person for non-volunteers.



If you'd prefer your Prime Rib **well-done**, please add request with Reservation!

Dinner will be Catered

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, December 6th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GAST

December

- 1-3 Christkindlmarkt**
- 4 Movie Night
- 5 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 8 Stammtisch
- 9 Christmas Party & Children's Party**
- 10 Adventsfeier**
- 12 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 17 Konversationsrunde
- 19 Handarbeitsgruppe

January

- 5 Stammtisch
- 8 Movie Night
- 9 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 13 Anniversary Party**
- 14 Konversationsrunde
- 16 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Adult German Classes Begin
- 23 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 26 Weinkellerabend
- 27 Kinderdeutsch Begins
- 30 Handarbeitsgruppe

February

- 2 Stammtisch
- 5 Movie Night
- 6 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 10 Fasching**
- 13 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 20 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Weinkellersabend
- 27 Handarbeitsgruppe



Joseph Rohr—GAST President

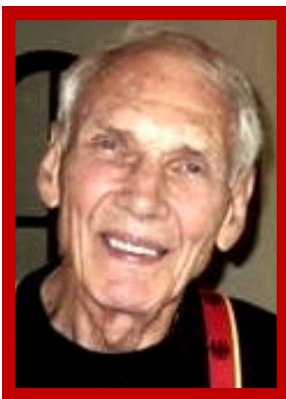
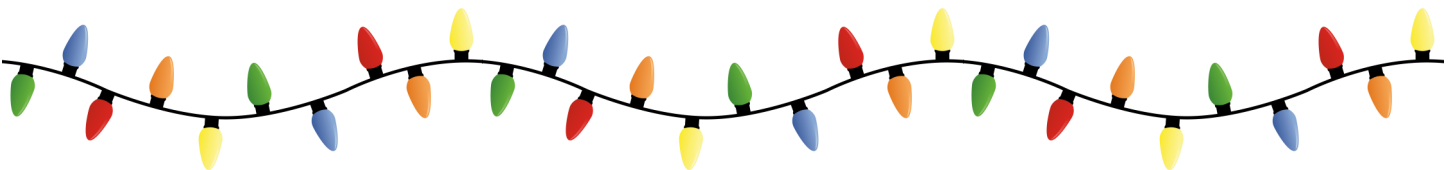
Merry Christmas to All! I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. As you receive this ECHO, be mindful that our Christkindlmarkt will be in full swing. Our Great Hall will be filled with Christmas vendors and the aroma of homemade goulash, apfelstrudel, and fresh cooked Bavarian nuts. Buddy Butcher and the Christkindlmarkt committee have been at work to make this year's event a wonderful Christmas experience. So it's time to do your Christmas shopping and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared in our kitchen by Ruth's Christmas elves!

Oktoberfest was a successful fundraiser for us, even with the early closing on Saturday night due to the weather. The Board and I would like to thank Bill Wilbur, our Oktoberfest committee, and the many volunteers both members and non-members that worked towards its success. Also, a thank you to Erica for ordering the food and setting our menu again this year. Vielen Dank!

Check the ECHO calendar for the many activities that GAST will be offering during the month of December. These activities present a wonderful opportunity to meet some of your fellow members and provide an excellent opportunity to volunteer and take an active part in assisting the future growth of your organization.

I wish all a safe and joyful Merry Christmas as you travel and receive family and friends into your homes this Christmas Season! Peace!

Joseph



Harold Wicks—Building President

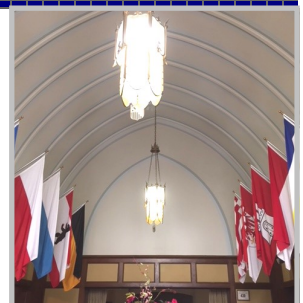
Our Building is looking **Great** with all of our Christmas decorations on display during the Advent Season. We have two rentals this month and our renters are excited to be able to enjoy our holiday décor.

The Christmas Season is upon us and the end of this year is close behind. As we look at the calendar for 2018, we notice that ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14th. That means that our FASCHING PARTY will be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th.

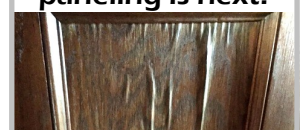
When you put up your 2018 calendar, be sure to put a circle around that date.

May you enjoy your holidays with Family and Friends.
Be of Good Cheer. Merry Christmas,

Harold



Work on the ceiling in the foyer is complete. Wood paneling is next!





Arnold Bieber—Arts President

Many of the Christmas traditions celebrated throughout the United States and other parts of the modern world today were brought here by German immigrants. The advent wreath, the Christmas tree, the baking of gingerbread cookies (Lebkuchen) and gingerbread houses were all customs common throughout central Europe since the middle ages.

Early German settlers along the American East Coast found plenty of fir or pine trees to chop down and decorate with apples, nuts and popcorn strings. Later, candles were added to be carefully lit to prevent starting a house fire. They were replaced in the late 19th century by safer strings of electric light bulbs.

Hand-blown glass ornaments got their start in Lauscha, a small town in Thuringia (Thüringen), Germany, in the early 19th century. And last but not least, there is the German Christkindlmarkt/Weihnachtsmarkt tradition which we have adopted as a fundraiser for our organization, taking place this year on the first weekend in December.

Each year, GAST imports many varieties of tree ornaments, nut crackers, calendars and specialty gift items for sale in the "Laden." Be sure to check it out. The "Bäckerei" offers the original German Advent calendars, Stollen, Lebkuchen, Marzipan and chocolates for sophisticated tastes. Barbara Conrad's "Bethlehem Village" will be back this year. Jutta Tankersley and her crew will entertain the kids with their puppet show and Erica Hartman's Glühwein will warm your spirits. Darlene Tegeler managed to get most seasoned vendors to return and several new ones with unique items that make wonderful Christmas presents for everyone. Of course, there will be traditional German food from Ruth Bly's kitchen and Ginny Greek's serving line. Soothing harp music by Linda Paul and her talented fellow harpists will set the tone for another traditional Christmas.

Continuing German Christmas traditions, your ARTS Association will again celebrate the season with a German language Adventsfeier on Sunday, December 10th. More information is one page 7. Please bring your family and invite your neighbors to this wonderful event.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Arnold



NewsLetter
DEADLINE **January 17 at 2 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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19th Annual Christkindlmarkt December 1-3

Every year, families from all over Tulsa and the surrounding communities come to the GAST Christkindlmarkt to shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, eat authentic German food and enjoy holiday entertainment. No matter the weather, the indoor market is always a warm and welcoming shopping experience for the whole family.



Join us!

Friday, December 1st 10 - 7
Saturday, December 2nd 10 - 5
Sunday, December 3rd 12 - 5

Puppet Show

Fri 1pm & 5pm

Sat 12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Sun 1pm, 2:30pm & 4pm

On the MENU

- *****
- Beef Gulasch**
- Schnitzel Sandwiches**
- Bratwurst**
- Hot Dogs**
- Potato Pancakes**
- Sauerkraut**
- Stollen**
- Apfelstrudel**
- Cheesecake**

GAST Glühwein Mugs for Sale at Christkindlmarkt



Glühwein (hot mulled wine) is considered by many to be the official drink at German Christmas markets. In 2015, GAST started selling Glühwein at our Christkindlmarkt and it has been a real hit with our customers. At this year's Christkindlmarkt, we have created an attractive new sales booth and placed it just inside the front doors. We are also selling souvenir "Christkindlmarkt Tulsa" mugs. The limited edition mugs sell for \$6.00 empty or \$10.00 filled with Glühwein.

Christkindlmarkt QUILT Raffles



The GAST Quilters have created a beautiful queen-size quilt to be given away at Christkindlmarkt. Everyone who comes during Christkindlmarkt and makes a \$1 donation to GAST will be entered into the drawing for the handmade owl quilt.

Many thanks to Elke Meyer, Helga Roepel, Ruth Bly and Irmgard Toschik.

Purchase something from one of our vendors on the **Lower Level** and you will be entered to win this beautiful quilt made by Ruth Bly.



A beautiful new Christmas wreath welcomes shoppers to this year's Christmas Market. Buddy Butcher created the wreath to resemble Maibaums displayed in many towns in Europe.



Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 9th
Noon to 2PM**

GAST's Children's Christmas Party is set for Saturday, December 9th from 12-2. There will be snacks and activities for the kids and St. Nikolaus will stop by for pictures. Bring your children, grandchildren and their friends.



All are welcome
Admission is FREE.

So we know how many to plan for, please make your reservation by 2PM on Wednesday, December 6th. 918-744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com.



November 19th was a beautiful day for the Route 66 Marathon runners and volunteers! Thanks to the GAST Blaskapelle who provided music on the patio and all the GAST members who kept the runners hydrated with water and Gatorade.



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Garage Sale – Rummage Sale – Flea Market

They all say the same thing! Clean out your drawers, closets, attics and garages. Before putting your summer clothes, toys or furniture away ask yourself if you will be needing them again next year. If not, give Barbara Conrad-the GAST ARTS Garage Sale chair-person a call (918 492 3273) She is already planning this big event and has set the date for it:

April 19th-22, 2018

The garage sale is one of the main sources of income for GASAA so that educational and cultural events can be offered which are enjoyed by many of our members and friends.



Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

Plan ahead!

GAST THEATER



Monday January 8, starting at 6:30 PM

Die Besten Deutschen Schlager

With Die Amigos, Daniela Alfinito, Tanja Lasch, Gaby Albrecht, Hansi Hinterseer and many more

Starting at 7:30 PM

Stürme in Afrika

Starring Katja Flint, Aglaia Szyszkowyz, Markus Knüfken, August Zimmer and many more

JANUARY

December 4, 6:30pm—Weihnachtsmelodien, 7:30pm—Weihnachten ohne mich mein Schatz

Elke Leach
Sunshine
lady



A card was mailed to Dr. June Holms.

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!

Email: elke@one-ring.net

Phone: (918) 252-3838

Adventsfeier

Sunday, Dec. 10th ~ 3:00 - 4:30PM

GAST is hosting our annual Adventsfeier on Dec. 10th at 3PM. Once again, we are decorating the grand hall of the GAST Center with Christmas trees, poinsettias and a large Advent wreath and opening our doors to the public for a non-denominational German-language Advent service.



This year's Adventsfeier will be officiated by Pastor Inge Matern, a retired minister coming to Tulsa all the way from Celle, Germany, Tulsa's sister city!

The service is entirely in German and the GAST Choir will be there to lead us in singing familiar Christmas songs.

Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome. All donations will support Tulsa's Meals on Wheels.

2018 EVENTS at GAST

January 13
Anniversary Party

February 10
Fasching

April 14
Lumpenball

April 19-22
Garage Sale

May 11-13
Germanfest

June 10
Picnic

October 17-21
Oktoberfest

October 27
Oktoberfest Party

November 30-December 2
Christkindlmarkt

December 8
Christmas Party

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Hard to believe but Christmas is not far off! Time to get together on December 17th 2017 at 3:00pm at the Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt House 5133 East 86 Place, to celebrate the Christmas season the old fashioned way by reading our favorite Christmas stories and poems and to sing our traditional Christmas songs.

Come and help us light the third candle on the tree and enjoy cookies, cakes, tea, coffee and Gluehwein and good fellowship.

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** or
Gertrud Schmidt (co chair) **918 495 3727**

Stammtischrunde

Friday, December 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

New Members

Thank you for joining us.

GAST heartily welcomes you all!

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