

Das Deutsche ECHO



THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN

COMMUNITY IN TULSA

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

September

- 3 Movie Night
- 4 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 4 Adult German Class**
- 7 Stammtisch
- 8 Kinderdeutsch**
- 11 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 18 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 28 Weinkellerabend
- 25 Handarbeitsgruppe

October

- 1 Movie Night
- 2 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 5 Stammtisch
- 7 German-American Day**
- 9 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 17-21 OKTOBERFEST**
- 27 Oktoberfest Party**
- 28 Karlsruher Duo Concert
- 30 Handarbeitsgruppe

November

- 2 Stammtisch
- 5 Movie Night
- 6 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 13 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 18 Volkstrauertag**
- 20 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 27 Handarbeitsgruppe

Volunteers Wanted!

Location: River West Festival Park

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

Volunteers: Ruth Obermark 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 Ruth today (918.645.9214).

For more information about the festival, check out TULSAOKTOBERFEST.ORG



Check out a Brief History of Oktoberfest on page 5

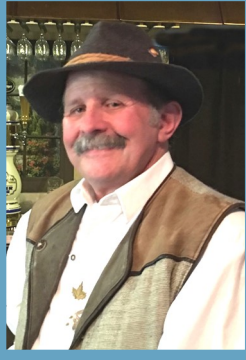
Perks of Volunteering at Oktoberfest:

- 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 27th
- GAST Oktoberfest Pin



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct 17	5:00PM to 11:00PM	Corporate Night
Thursday, Oct 18	5:00PM to 11:00PM	
Friday, Oct 19	11:00AM to 1:00AM	
Saturday, Oct 20	11:00AM to 1:00AM	
Sunday, Oct 21	Noon to 6:00PM	

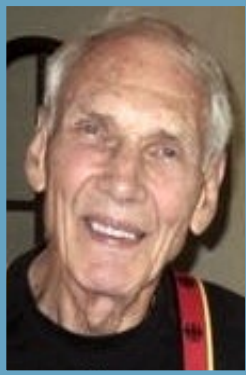


Joseph Rohr—GAST President

Summer's end is quietly approaching and with that said, watch your speed as the kids are back in school. We are now in full speed for Oktoberfest. The O-fest committee has met under the leadership of Bill Wilber. Ruth Obermark (918-645-9214) has agreed to handle all the scheduling for our tent this year. Our membership owes a wonderful "Thanks" for the committee and their commitment to GAST. Some wonderful news, Carol Schnepfer was approved by the Board as our new treasurer, as Janet Jamison had termed out. So welcome aboard, Carol!

I encourage everyone to read their ECHO and make an effort to support all the wonderful activities provided by your organization. Also, don't be bashful and come out and volunteer for Oktoberfest this year. Oktoberfest will be celebrating 40 years and this is a great opportunity to support GAST and meet your fellow members.

Until next time, Joseph



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

We are dealing with several maintenance items that have come to our attention this past month. Our kitchen has a grease trap that has started leaking due to age. It is being replaced as soon as the plumbing company can have a new one shipped in from out of state.

Our alarm system, that was installed in 1994, is unable to be activated at times due to worn parts. The repair parts are no longer being made. Robert Rothenbacher, our First Vice President, is contacting companies and exploring the possibility of replacing our current system.

Our irrigation system, which is about twenty-five years old has not been running very often due to leaks and worn parts. We are having a company make the necessary repairs to correct the various problems that we have experienced with it.

We have had a couple of heavy rains that caused some tree limbs to come down. The limbs had to be cut up and put in the dumpster. We had another heavy rain that caused water to get into the building and flood the entry area floor. The roofing contractor found a plastic bottle lodged in a drain pipe causing the water to back up! Modifications will be made so this does not happen again.

The installation of the new LED light bulbs is still going on. Thanks to Arnold Bieber and Joe Rohr.

Sometimes several things happen all at once, it seems like. We always do our best to quickly handle the problems that come along. I wonder what will happen in September?

BE CHEERFUL, Harold

2018 EVENTS at GAST

October 17-21
Oktoberfest

October 27
Oktoberfest
Party

Nov 30—Dec 2
Christkindlmarkt

December 8
Christmas
Party

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Arnold Bieber—Arts President

“World in a Box Day” at the Tulsa City-County Central Library on August 4th was a big success. More than 800 people, mostly families with small children, many home schooled, enjoyed the exhibits and performances and took part in the activities - over twice as many as last year. The event was a joint project between Tulsa Global Alliance and the Tulsa City-County Central Library. Margaret Bannochie, President of the Tulsa-Celle Partnership, organized the German exhibit with contributions from and help by Barbara Conrad, Ursula Monroe and yours truly. Marion Williams brought her guitar and played some of the most popular German Children’s songs. I was told that departing visitors

voted Germany the best booth to visit!

Still on the August agenda as of this writing is the FREE Musical Variety Show of the American Theatre Organ Society with the GAST Blaskapelle on Monday, August 20 at 7 PM. Cool refreshments are provided by the ARTS Association. We are hoping for a good turn-out.

German language coordinator Ruth Obermark has the teachers lined up for the adult classes beginning on Tuesday, September 4. Enrollment starts at 6:15 PM. The cost for the 12-week program is \$80 for members, \$100 for non-members. Kinderdeutsch classes start on Saturday, September 8, 10:00.- 11:30 AM. We teach German words and phrases, songs and folk dances. The cost is only \$40 for children from a member family, \$50 for non-member children. \$5 discount for each additional child from the same family. Cookies and juice and a German video follow each session. Please support these programs by helping to get the word out to your family and friends.

Please mark your calendar to attend German-American Day on Sunday, October 7, 3 PM., when we commemorate 300+ years of German-American contributions to the American way of life in the fields of science, business, education and politics. John te Velde, Professor of German at OSU Stillwater. Professor te Velde will be our featured speaker.

Also on your calendar should be the Karlsruhe DUO Concert on October 28, the Fort Reno Memorial Service on November 18 and Adventsfeier on December 9. More on that in the next issue of the ECHO.

Give me call if you have any suggestions of how we can better serve you and the community (918-357-9156).

**Auf Wiedersehen at the GAST Event Center,
Arnold**

Newsletter
DEADLINE September 21 at 2 PM
The newsletter goes to press the second Friday 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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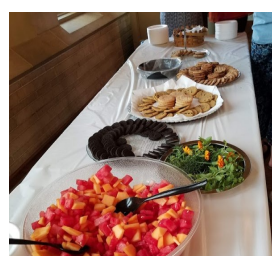
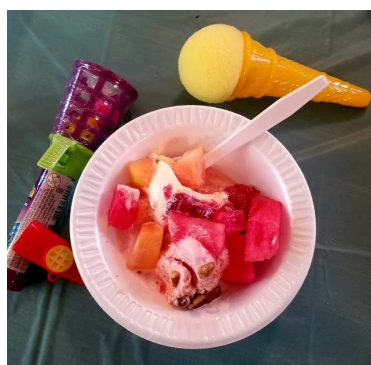
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Ice Cream Social 2018!

We had almost 120 people show up for our annual Ice Cream Social. It looks like everyone had a great time cooling off with these treats.

Thank you to our volunteers for slinging scoops and toppings! Thank you to Robert Bray for coordinating!



German Language Classes for children and adults

German classes for children and adults are open to the public as well as members, so help us spread the word by telling your family and friends.

Adult Class—September 4, 2018

12-week Adult German classes begin Tuesday, September 4th

Where: GAST Center

When: 7p–9p

Who: Beginner—Advanced levels

Cost: \$100 for the class, \$50 for materials. GAST Members get \$20 off class fee.

Kinderdeutsch—September 8, 2018

10-week Kinderdeutsch classes begin Saturday, September 8th

Where: GAST Center Weinkeller

When: 10a - 11:30a

Who: Children ages 4-12

Cost: \$40 for members \$50 for nonmembers \$5 discount for additional children from the same family. Classes include age-appropriate German language lessons, folk dancing and folk songs. Refreshments served.

A Brief History of Oktoberfest Contributed by John Toschik

The year was 1979 and Oktoberfest was born of humble beginnings on the East bank of the Arkansas River in Tulsa. The first Oktoberfest was suggested by Vivian Steele, then public affairs administrator for the River Parks Authority. Original sponsors of the festival were KJRH, the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, The Tulsa Tribune, KBEZ Radio and the River Parks Authority. A few small tents, Master of Ceremonies Josef Hardt, producer-director at KJRH, support from the German-American Club of Oklahoma City and the first Oktoberfest was well underway.

During the second year of the festival, 100,000 people attended, more than double the first year's attendance. Oktoberfest patrons consumed 3,500 pounds of knackwurst, bratwurst and sauerkraut. With hamburgers, hotdogs and corn dogs also available, it was apparent the crowd craved German food.

Oktoberfest moved to the West Bank of the Arkansas River in 1981. For many people, festival volunteers in particular, it was an unforgettable occasion. The weather was not kind to Oktoberfest that year and the festival became known as Mudfest. The rains came and stayed. The festival went on as scheduled, not for just one weekend, but for two weekends. The Heilbronn Band from Germany played, the Chicken Dance was introduced to festival-goers and ironically, Mudfest for many attendees became the most fun of all.

For 1982, Oktoberfest was once again relocated. The Burlington Northern Railway provided train rides from the festival location to Jenks America. The crowd reached an estimated 250,000 and ate five miles of sausages in addition to mountains of kartoffelpuffer (potato pancakes) sauerkraut and pickles.

Completion of the existing festival site in 1985 provided Oktoberfest with a permanent home, more space and the necessary infrastructure to allow a growing and maturing festival to better accommodate and serve the ever-growing crowds. Each year brings different bands from Germany, variations in German and European foods, arts and crafts and fun activities for the children. Each year, Oktoberfest donates a sizable portion of its revenues to the River Parks Authority for continuing improvements to the festival site and park system.



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Joe & Hannelore Giles Carter
Stan & Barbara Conrad*

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Mark your calendar for the start of the Konversationsrunde on **Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 3:00pm**. We will meet at the GAST Office at 1429 Terrace Drive.

Barbara Conrad and Arnold Bieber will host the post summer break Konversationsrunde. Special guest Petra Allen will tell us all about her life as a 'Wanderer between two Worlds'.

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) 918 492 3273 or Gertrud Schmidt (Co-Chair) 918 495 3727

GAST Soccer

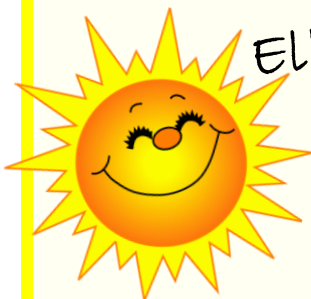
The adult summer soccer games are in full swing at Soccer City in Tulsa. Our GAST coed team has been really active. They have played and won their first 3 games (10-0, 6-4, and 13-11). There are two games left of the season. The schedule this session is very spectator-friendly! The games are held indoors in an air-conditioned facility with food and snacks available. The remaining schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, September 2	8:00 pm
Sunday, September 9	6:30 pm



The address for Soccer City is 5817 S 118th East Avenue in Tulsa. This is northeast of the intersection of 61st and Garnett, basically 2 big blocks east of Hwy 169 and one block north.

Our soccer team players have become members of GAST and will be working as a group in our food tent at Oktoberfest. They will also be working at Christkindlmarkt. If you enjoy soccer, it might be a good occasion to come out and support them in their games.



Elke Leach

Sunshine lady

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**A Get Well card has been sent to Buddy Butcher
A Sympathy card was sent to Gwen Bieber**

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!

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Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST THEATER

Monday, September 3,

Starting at 6:30 PM

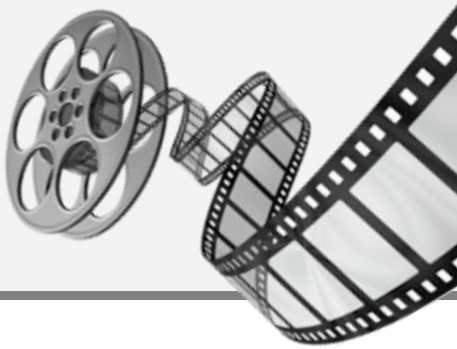
Wunderbare Melodien

Starring Helen Fischer, Hansi Hinterseer, Rudi Giovanini, Bianca, Stefanie Hertel, and more

Starting at 7:30 PM

Katie Fforde: Du und Ich

Charlotte and Alec are soon to be married and lead the life of a successful New York couple. Everything seems perfect until Charlotte ends up in a strange rear-end collision.



Stammtischrunde

Friday, September 7, 2018 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

New Members

James Hasselbrack—Tulsa
Anne Gaffney—Sand Springs
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