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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

GAST OKTOBERFEST PARTY 2018

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!

Saturday, October 27

Doors open at 5:30PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

GAST's Blaskapelle will perform 7:00 - 9:00PM
Admission is **FREE** for volunteers who worked a shift at the GAST food booth at the festival.

\$20/person for non-volunteers.



Find out how
to volunteer
on page 3

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, October 24th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com

Find out how you can volunteer on page 3!



Joseph Rohr—GAST President

With the arrival of autumn that can only mean one thing... Oktoberfest is quickly approaching. On September 19th, GAST hosted the annual poster unveiling party for this year's Oktoberfest. Once again GAST will have a strong presence at Oktoberfest with our food tent and performances from the Blaskapella and the dancers. You will need to check the program for their performance times and tent.

There is still time to contact Ruth Obermark about volunteering in our tent. She has been doing a wonderful job in securing volunteers. Thank you, Ruth! Bill Wilber and the GAST Oktoberfest Committee have been working hard to have our booth ready for the fest. A hardy thanks to them!

Until next time, Joseph



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

The Flat Roof, over the Library, has been repaired. Danny, owner of Metals and Seams, did a great job. Our Grease Trap for the Kitchen has been installed. It is made of molded material that has a life-time guarantee. Our irrigation system has been repaired and is operating smoothly. We have a new lawn service as of September 14th. Tony's Lawn Service was recommended to us by our neighbor, Dr. Scott Meyers. Tony has agreed to clean the flat roofs and gutters on our building, in addition to the normal lawn care. I am looking forward to a successful relationship after having two poor lawn services in a row. We have one rental in October and several more before the end of the year.

Thank You, Harold



Arnold Bieber—Arts President

Question of the month: What does it take to keep the German American Society of Tulsa going for many years to come?

- 1) Volunteers for Oktoberfest, Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt.
- 2) Serving on the Board of GAST and GASAA and various committees.
- 3) Donations to GASAA (Arts) to fulfill our mission of promoting the German language and culture.
- 4) Attending our cultural events and social gatherings.
- 5) All of the above.

If you answered 5), you are absolutely correct. We encourage all members to volunteer for our fundraisers, to stay actively involved and to enjoy the benefits of our great organization. We are fortunate to own a very nice building. But it takes money to maintain it good condition and to pay the monthly bills. Rentals alone do not cover the expenses, not by a long shot, but they help. Take advantage of your membership discount if you or someone in your family is celebrating a special event.

The Musical Variety Show of the American Theatre Organ Society and the GAST Blaskapelle on August 20 was enjoyed by about 60 members and guests. It was great to hear those familiar tunes played on our Geneva pipe organ. Wonderful performances by the Blaskapelle and individual musicians.

German Conversational Language classes have started with more than 80 students signing up. The beginners class of 40 students had to be split into two evening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you, Marion Williams, for agreeing to teach them both. New member Ulrike Ralston is teaching Kinderdeutsch to 6 children on Saturday mornings.

ARTS has two special events scheduled in October: **German-American Day on Sunday, October 7** and a performance by the **Karlsruher Concert Duo on Sunday, October 28**. You will find details about these FREE events in this issue of the ECHO.

Barbara Conrad is organizing the Fort Reno Memorial Service on Sunday, November 18 and the German Language Adventsfeier on Sunday December 9.

I hope to see you at all ARTS events. Arnold

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



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

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct 17	5:00PM to 11:00PM
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

Newsletter DEADLINE

October 19 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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German-American Day at the GAST Event Center

2301 E. 15th Street

Sunday, October 7, 3 PM

Please join us to celebrate German-American Day. first proclaimed as an annual holiday by President Ronald Reagan on the 300th Anniversary of the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld landed in Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies.

German immigration continued through colonial times and increased during most of the 19th century due to religious and political persecution, wars and the lack of arable land to feed growing families in Germany. New waves of Germans arrived after WW1 and WW2.

German-American Day honors German-Americans who excelled in the fields of science, business, politics and arts.

Program



- 3:00 PM Welcome by GASAA President Arnold Bieber
- 3:10 PM National Anthems by GAST Blaskapelle
- 3:15 PM Reading of the Proclamation
- 3:20 PM Keynote Speaker Dr. John te Velde
- 4:00 PM Reception



Dr. John te Velde is a Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Oklahoma State University. Professor te Velde was the recipient of an Oklahoma Humanities grant to support his research on heritage Germans in Oklahoma who still today maintain aspects of German culture.

The central thesis of Dr. te Velde's research is that settlers of Oklahoma whose common bond was German culture brought with them a unique resilience that enabled them to preserve important aspects of their culture and to pass along their cultural heritage to future generations. Their strengths enabled them to make notable contributions, despite making up just over 3% of the population in the early settlement years. His presentation will include recordings of Plautdietsch as spoken today by descendants of Germans from Russia.

Big Thanks from the Conrad's!

Thomas and his family would like to thank the GAST members who made his birthday special. With your help this day is the highlight of the year for him.

Naturally he is already talking about next year! A big thank you to everybody again, we are very happy that you are making him so welcome.

Barbara & Stan Conrad





The German American Society Arts Association (ARTS) presents
The Karlsruher Concert Duo
on Sunday, October 28, 3 PM
at the GAST Event Center

The Karlsruher Concert Duo was founded by cellist Reinhard Armleder and pianist Dagmar Hartmann. It has been very successful and in much demand in Germany and abroad. The ensemble has established itself by winning several international competitions in Italy and France. The Duo is highly praised for fascinating its audience by the depth of its interpretations, brilliant technique and its imaginative choice of programs.

In the past seven years the Duo has performed in more than 60 countries all over the world and has enjoyed success on prestigious stages and concert series such as Schubert Society London/Great Britain, Verbier-Festival Switzerland, Beethoven Music Society Washington/USA, Festival de Musique aux Châteaux de Bourglinster/Luxembourg, Festival Art November Moscow/Russia, Haifa Music Festivals/Israel, Rovinj International Music Festival Croatia, Johannesburg International Mozart Festival South Africa and at the Maitisong Theatre Gabarone/Botswana.

The Duo has also recorded for various Radio and Television productions as well as several CD's under the Fiori Classics label.

Williams
ROUTE 66 MARATHON
presented by BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF OKLAHOMA

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

November 17th marks the date of 2018's Route 66 Marathon! GAST has again been selected as a water stop location. It is a great opportunity to promote ourselves while giving back and supporting our community. To make this stop a success we need volunteers! Volunteers motivate the runners while offering them Gatorade and water.

Nikki Brewer, GAST representative and lead for the event, is also seeking volunteers ahead of the event date to help coordinate needs of the event. Water stops have a unique opportunity to really have some fun and she would love to see the GAST stop become a showstopper!

Contact Nikki
brewer10@sbc.edu
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*Harold & Doris Wicks
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Stan & Barbara Conrad*

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We had a nice turn-out for the September Konversationsrunde. Thank you Barbara Conrad and Arnold Bieber for hosting the get-together and 'vielen Dank' to special guest Petra Allen for sharing with us her experiences as a 'Wanderer Between Two Worlds'. It sure brought back memories to most of the attendees.

The **German-American Day celebration on October 7, 2018** will substitute for the October 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) 918 492 3273 or Gertrud Schmidt (Co-Chair) 918 495 3727



20th Annual Christkindlmarkt

Christkindlmarkt is fast approaching! A winter market dedicated to all things Christmas there is joy and merriment to be had for both patrons, vendors, and volunteers. The Christkindlmarkt committee has been hard at work coordinating the details but more help is now needed. The committee is looking for general volunteers as well as new committee chairs for a couple of positions.

Chair positions on the committee:

- Food line chair
- Vendor liaison for food and beverage needs.

General volunteer needs:

- Main event setup of tables, chairs, etc.
- Setup and sitting with the Bethlehem village.

**Contact Nikki
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or 918.694.9564**



*Email is preferred at this time



Elke Leach

Sunshine Lady

elke@one-ring.net (918) 252-3838

Congratulations to Ed Anthis, and his new bride, Elena!

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, October 1,

Starting at 6:30 PM

**Die Superhitparade
der Volksmusik**

Starting at 7:30 PM

**Liebe und andere
Delikatessen**

Talented Art Director loses her top job and now has to bake smaller rolls. In order to pay for her expensive apartment, she takes a job at a catering company.



Stammtischrunde

Friday, October 5, 2018 – 6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

New Members

Patricia Kennedy—Bristow

Thank you for joining us.
GAST cordially welcomes you!

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