

# Das Deutsche ECHO

THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TULSA



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

## December

### 1&2 Christkindlmarkt

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- 4 Handarbeitsgruppe
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- 16 Konversationsrunde**
- 18 Handarbeitsgruppe

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- 29 Handarbeitsgruppe
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## February

- 1 Stammtisch
- 4 Movie Night
- 5 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 10 Konversationsrunde**
- 12 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 19 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 22 Weinkellerabend
- 26 Handarbeitsgruppe

## GAST Christmas Party

**December 8, 2018**

**Doors open at 5:30PM.**

**Dinner served at 6:00PM.**

\$10/person for Christkindlmarkt volunteers  
 \$20/person for non-volunteers.



### Prime Rib

horseradish,  
and au jus

**Well-done Prime Rib**  
must be ordered  
with your  
Reservation!

### Baked Potato

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

### Roasted Fall Vegetables

### Mixed Green Salad

Dinner Rolls, Herbed Butter

**Bread Pudding  
or Carrot Cake**

**Coffee, Iced Tea & Water**

**Dinner will be Catered**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, December 5th  
 (918) 744-6997 or [gast@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:gast@tulsacoxmail.com)



### Joseph Rohr—GAST President

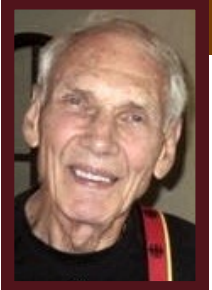
Merry Christmas to all... As we enter the Christmas Season our building is being transformed into a joyful Christkindlmarkt. The many GAST elves have been quite busy, as our Event Center will be filled with the Spirit of Christmas.

The building will be filled with many vendors selling that special item that makes a wonderful Christmas gift. Our own GAST elves have been busy with decorating, preparing our Backerei downstairs, setting up the Laden, and of course the kitchen which produces the best German foods in Oklahoma—which tastes great with some Gluehwein!

Once again we will have GAST Board member, Lynda Paul, and her friends playing wonderful Christmas songs on their harps for your enjoyment. It has also been rumored that St. Nikolas and other activities will be here for the children. So whether you are buying gifts or just want to take that special person(s) in your life out for a delightful dinner, our Christkindlmarkt is the place to be!

...and to All a Good Night!

Joseph

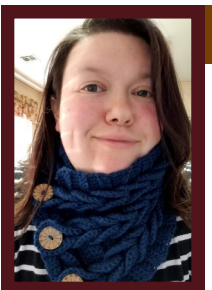


### Harold Wicks—Building Manager

This month I am not mentioning the usual topics of operating the Building. I hope that you remember the Reason for Christmas. If everyone tries to be cheerful and kind to everyone they meet, we will all have a wonderful Christmas.

We are planning on having the Great Hall repainted. The new lighter color will make the ceiling and walls much more appealing than the current color scheme.

Merry Christmas to all, Harold



### Sara Gonzales—Office Manager

It's been a busy year running the office, the venue, and the ECHO. I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for your participation in our events and responding to my questions and requests throughout the year. I couldn't do this job without you.

The GAST office will be closed Friday, December 21 at 2pm for the holidays and reopen January 2 at 10:30am.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a restful New Year.

Sara



**Arnold Bieber—Arts President**

What a beautiful afternoon of great music! More than 60 people enjoyed the performance of the Karlsruhe Concert Duo in the Great Hall of the GAST Event Center on Sunday October 28. The 90-minute program included compositions by Ludwig van Beethoven, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, César Franck, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, Claude Debussy and Enrique Granados.



Tulsa was the fourth stop on their 2018 Fall Tour which started on October 22 in Panama City, followed by 2 performances in El Salvador, then Houston, Tulsa, Dallas, Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) and finally Philadelphia. We thank Bill and Ruth Obermark for picking them up at the Tulsa Airport on Saturday night, hosting them for two nights, providing transportation on Sunday for the rehearsal and performance and taking them to the airport on Monday morning.

That was an extraordinary effort, considering their strong involvement and participation in Tulsa Oktoberfest, the GAST party on Saturday, and Ruth not feeling well. I hope she is doing much better now. The refreshments were prepared by Gertrud Schmidt and Gabriele Gonzales. Thank you, ladies. Good job!



Fall Kinderdeutsch ended on Saturday, November 17 with a mini-St. Nikolaus Party. Unfortunately, St. Nikolaus was unable to appear, but his helpers made sure the kids got their goody bags and had fun.

The Adult classes will conclude by the end of November and will start again in January.

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE** December 19 at 2 PM  
 The newsletter goes to print the second Friday after the Board meeting. The Board regularly meets at the GAST Center at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Pastor Inge Matern from our Sister City Celle in Germany will conduct the non-denominational German Language Adventsfeier on **Sunday, December 9 at 3 PM**. All donations collected will benefit Meals on Wheels.

Gertrud Schmidt will host Konversationsrunde on **Sunday, December 16 at 3 PM**.

I wish you and yours Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Arnold



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# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christkindlmarkt

Friday, November 30, 10am-7pm  
 Saturday, December 1, 10am-5pm  
 Sunday, December 2, 11am-5pm



Every year, families from all over Tulsa and the surrounding communities come to the GAST Christkindlmarkt to shop for one-of-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.



Puppet Show	
<b>Fri</b>	1pm & 5pm
<b>Sat</b>	12pm, 2pm & 4pm
<b>Sun</b>	1pm, 2:30pm & 4pm

**On the MENU**  
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- Beef Gulasch*
- Schnitzel*
- Sandwiches*
- Bratwurst*
- Smoked Bratwurst*
- Hot Dogs*
- Potato Pancakes*
- Sauerkraut*
- Stollen*
- Apfelstrudel*
- Cheesecake*

## GAST Glühwein Mugs



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.

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 Christ-kindlmarkt. 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 another beautiful quilt made by Ruth Bly.



# ADVENTSFEIER

Sunday, Dec. 9th ~ 3:00 - 4:30PM

GAST is hosting our annual Adventsfeier on December 9th at 3PM. Once again, we are decorating the grand hall of the GAST Center with a forest of Christmas trees and opening our doors to the public for a non-denominational German-language Advent service.



This year's Adventsfeier will again 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.**



## Membership News

2019 Membership Information/Renewal forms will be mailed out in December. We need you to complete the form so that our membership database has your current information. Please return the form with your payment by **January 1.**

**Single Membership renewal is \$40.00 and Family Membership renewal is \$60.00.**

We must receive your payment in the GAST office BEFORE March 1 for you to be listed in the Annual Printed Roster, be eligible to vote in the Annual Membership meeting, and to continue to receive the monthly ECHO newsletter and other notices.

-Janet Jamison, GAST membership chair



### In Memoriam: Ken Renberg

Long time GAST member and supporter Kenneth "Ken" Renberg passed away on November 3 at the age of 97. Born Günter Renberg on November 30, 1920 in Delmenhorst, Germany, he immigrated to the United States in 1937. He enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard 45th Division which was mobilized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. After some training as an POW interrogator he took part in the invasion of Omaha Beach with the 1st Infantry Division.

After the war Ken settled in Tulsa, attended Tulsa University and became a successful petroleum engineer. He retired in 2011.

A full obituary can be read at [www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com) or the Tulsa World November 6 e-issue.

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## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

There will be reading of Christmas poems and stories, singing of well known Christmas songs und good fellowship over Gluehwein, coffee, cake, stollen and cookies. Come, join us at the Schmidt Haus on **December 16, 2018 at 3:00 pm.** Ortwin and Gertrud Schmidt live at 5133 East 86 Place, Tulsa



*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

### Williams ROUTE 66 MARATHON

presented by BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF OKLAHOMA

November 18th was a cold but fun day for the Route 66 Marathon runners and volunteers! Thanks to all the GAST members who kept the runners hydrated with water and Gatorade.



## Oktoberfest at GAST 2018



Thank you to our party chair, Robert Bray, the Blaskapelle, and the amazing kitchen champions who made our Oktoberfest dinner so great. A wonderful tradition to thank our Tulsa Oktoberfest volunteers, and to celebrate our 40th festival together.



Elke Leach

### Sunshine Lady

[elke@one-ring.net](mailto:elke@one-ring.net) (918) 252-3838

**A get-well card was sent to Teresa Gallagher, also to Jean Randall**

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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## GAST THEATER

Monday, December 3,

Starting at 6:30 PM

### Weihnachtelodien

Starting at 7:30 PM

### Weihnachten im September

Chocolate manufacturer and his staff have been celebrating Christmas in September—the busiest production phase of the year, leaving no time for company parties. But this autumn, everything will be different.



**CANCELLED**  
Stammtischrunde  
Friday, December 7, 2018 – 6:30 PM  
in the GAST THEATER  
Hope to see you there.  
Zum Wohl,  
– Dann Bjorklund

There will be no Stammtischrunde this December due to rentals taking place during the week.

## Membership News

Please see page 5  
regarding  
**Membership Renewals**  
for 2019

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