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THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN

COMMUNITY IN TULSA

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

February

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

March

- 1 Stammtisch
- 2 Fasching**
- 4 Movie Night
- 5 Handarbeitsgruppe
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- 22 Weinkellerabend
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April

- 1 Movie Night
- 2 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 5 Stammtisch
- 9 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 14 Konversationsrunde**
- 16 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 26 Weinkellerabend
- 28 Membership Meeting
- 30 Handarbeitsgruppe



Fasching PARTY

Saturday, March 2nd

Doors open at 5:30PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

Adults: \$20

Kids 6-12: \$5

5 & Under: FREE

Prinz & Prinzessin announced

Costume contest with CASH PRIZES!

Dinner will be announced

Berliners for dessert

Entertainment—GAST Blaskapelle

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, February 27th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com





Joseph Rohr—GAST President

Well 2019 is off to a fast start for your Board and especially Harold. The Great Hall is now freshly painted and the floor has been cleaned and waxed. The Board is in the process of having a Nominating Committee formed for the upcoming elections in April. Soon it will be time for the Germanfest Committee to start planning, so get your volunteer hats on for some work, fellowship, and fun times. I hope our Anniversary Party was a great success, as it takes place before this letter goes to press. Enjoy your February and don't forget to take your Special Valentine or just have a get together with some special friends for a nice dinner. Enjoy!

Til later, Joseph



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

Even though there was no activity except for our Thirty-Ninth Anniversary party that had to be rescheduled to February 2nd, there was maintenance work going on almost daily. We cleaned and put a new coat of finish on the floor in the Great Hall. We purchased and installed a new dehumidifier in the Weinkeller. We installed a Wi Fi booster in the Weinkeller. We started checking the emergency lighting system and will be replacing batteries as needed.

Many jobs are on our "To Do List" and we are trying to complete these items as time allows. My Thanks to Joe Rohr, Arnold Bieber, and Stephen Nicholson for your assistance.

Thank you, Harold



Sara Gonzales—Office Manager

We have a new website to promote our venue! Checkout GASTeventcenter.com and keep in mind, Members of 2+ years get **50% off** the listed price! We had a lot of good responses from the Oklahoma Wedding Show in January. Many tours are booked for brides to come and look at the building!

All good things, Sara

New Date!

2019 EVENTS AT GAST

February 2 Anniversary Party	March 2 Fasching Party	March 15&16 Garage Sale	April 13 Lumpenball Party	April 28 Annual Membership Meeting	May 10-12 Germanfest
June 9 Picnic	August 4 Ice Cream Social	October 16-20 Oktoberfest	October 26 Oktoberfest Party	Dec 6—Dec 8 Christkindlmarkt	December 14 Christmas Party



Arnold Bieber—Arts President

GAST is 39 years old. That's pretty young by my standards. A lot of us wish we could make that claim legitimately. It is also pretty young compared to many other German-American Societies that are still in existence, such as Deutsches Haus in New Orleans which celebrated their 90th Anniversary last year or the American German Club of the Palm Beaches, Florida formed in 1967 or The German-American Society of Omaha, Nebraska. Its history goes back to 1883. The oldest German-American Society still active is the German Society of Pennsylvania which was founded in 1764. The list of German Clubs, Saenger Vereine and German cultural or regional interest groups in the US is long. Who says we cannot survive and prosper for another 39 years?

GAST has matured during its 39 years of providing a setting for German-Americans and those who have an interest in German culture. What started as an idea in 1980 to form a year-long venue for like minded people who loved the Gemütlichkeit and German food of Oktoberfest became the premier ethnic Society in North-East Oklahoma. Rather than being a closed "Club," we love to share the fun with guests, members of other organizations and the general public. We offer language classes and regular cultural events organized by the ARTS Association. The GAST Blaskapelle and the Folkdancers travel far to perform at cultural festivals in Oklahoma. Our in-house Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt not only provide funds for our operations, they are also our educational tools to promote German culture.

It is time to think FASCHING again. The official start of the Fasching season is the 11th month, the 11th day at 11:11. That is how the Elferrat got its name. Taking a break for the Christmas holidays, Germans usually start celebrating Fasching (Fastnacht or Karneval) on or after January 6. This year, weather permitting, GAST will celebrate Fasching on March 2. You have about a month to practice your dance steps and come up with costume ideas.

In the meantime, stay healthy, safe and warm.

Thank you, **Arnold**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Invite your friends, family, coworkers to join the German American Society! Any new members who join as a result of your efforts will receive free admission *for you and them* to attend one of the next GAST parties.

Membership applications can be obtained at the office, on the GAST website, or in the cabinet at the main building foyer. Be sure to mark your name to receive credit when giving them the application.

Janet Jamison

NewsLetter
DEADLINE February 15 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.

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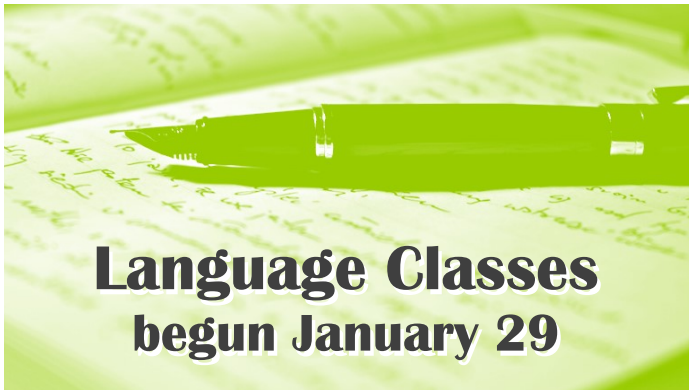
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UPCOMING EVENTS at GAST

Here are big events happening the next 6 months. Some dates may change.

Our mission is to promote and preserve the German Language, culture and customs through education, social activities and events for the enrichment of our members and the community.



**Lumpenball/Soup Party
Saturday, April 13th**

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
APRIL 28**





Want to Rent the GAST Event Center?

Members (for 2+ years) get 50% off the public price! Call the office to find out more!

Weekend Wedding—\$2,500 **(Members—\$1,250)**

Ceremony and Reception on **Friday or Saturday**.
This gives you 8 hours access to the Great Hall for your event, as well as 3 hours the day before for initial set-up and rehearsal.

- 8 hours in the Great Hall for your event
- 3 hours in the Great Hall the day before your event for set up and rehearsal
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- Access to prep-kitchen for caterers

See our **NEW** event website!
GASTeventcenter.com

Weekend Reception/Private Party—\$2,250 **(Members—\$1,125)**

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Ceremony and Reception on **Sunday—Thursday**.
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Weinkeller also available—call for details

In Memoriam:



V. O. "Buddy" Butcher

GAST lost a long time member, dedicated volunteer and strong supporter. V O "Buddy" Butcher, 88 of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed from this life on Saturday, December 15, 2018 in a Tulsa hospital. He was born December 25, 1929 in Woodward, Oklahoma to his late parents, V O Butcher and Juaneta Pound Butcher. Buddy married the love of his life, Joy Judd Butcher on October 8, 1949 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Buddy is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Joy Butcher, two children and one sister and their families.

A full obituary and funeral information can be read at www.floralhaven.com



Dr. June Holmes

Long time GAST member, Doctor June Elaine Holmes passed away December 19, 2018 at the age of 95. She was born in Cambridge, MA on June 6, 1923. She served on the faculty at Boston University, until taking a sabbatical in 1969 to work in Germany for the U.S. Department of Defense Dependent's Schools. She remained there until moving to Oklahoma in 1978. On June 30, 1993 she retired from her position as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. After retirement, she stayed active in organizations like Muskogee VA Medical Center, Health Sciences Center and College of Medicine, GAST, and Helping Hands Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa.

June leaves behind her sister, nephews, and her best friend and partner Retired Colonel Shirley A. Schelper. A full obituary and funeral information can be read at www.fitzgeraldfuneralservice.com

GAST

is grateful to the following members for their continued and generous support:

*Rick & Terry Pizzo
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*Harold & Doris Wicks
Joe & Hannelore Giles Carter
Stan & Barbara Conrad*

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

A lively group gathered at the GAST Office for the January Konversationsrunde on January 13, 2019 to hear Tom Clarke talk about his experiences with German exchange students at the Riverfield School where he teaches German Language. The consensus was that teaching and students expectations have changed quite strikingly since most of the attendees attended school. He also outlined an ambitious travel plan for Riverfield students and their parents with destinations in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. Thank you Tom.

A big thank you also for our hostess Barbara Conrad for the refreshments and Arnold Bieber for supplying the German coffee.

The February Konversationsrunde will meet on **February 10th, 2019** at 3:00pm at the GAST Office on 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa. Jutta Tankersley will be our hostess. Come and hear what she has in store for us.

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**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting will be held at the GAST Center

3PM on Sunday, April 28nd

This meeting is held once a year to elect Officers and Directors for GAST and GAST Arts Association. A quorum of members is necessary for the voting to take place, so please plan to attend this important meeting.

To be eligible to vote at the meeting, members need to have paid their dues for 2019 by March 1st.



Elke Leach

Sunshine Lady

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

A get-well card was sent to Neil Hartman,

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, February 4,

Starting at 6:30 PM

Erwin's Schlager and

Volksmusik Selection 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM

Carl und Bertha

The Mercedes Benz Story



Rent our Venue! See Page 5

Members of 2+ years get 50% off the listed price!

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Stammtischrunde

Friday, February 1, 2019

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

Membership News

Jens Quilitzsch—Tulsa

Ashley & Maeghan Webb—Tulsa

Steven K. Blaman—Tulsa

Angela Harader—Tulsa

Thank you for joining us.

GAST cordially welcomes you!

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