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Lumpenball/Soup Party Saturday, April 13th



Doors open at 5:00PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

Admission is **FREE** if you bring
Soup or Dessert to share!

Admission if you don't bring a dish:

Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$5, 5 & Under: FREE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, April 7th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com



What is Lumpenball?

This is GAST's annual 'Poor Man's Soup Party.' Members and their guests are invited to commiserate with their fellow tax payers by "wearing their best rags" and sharing a dinner of soup, bread and dessert.

Get in the spirit of things! Wear worn old clothes, the more "ruined" the better. Patched jeans, frayed hats, laddered stockings and torn shirts are perfect.



Joseph Rohr—GAST President

Now that spring has arrived we are busy preparing for our Lumpenball Party, the annual elections, and Germanfest (**May 3 – 5**). As many know, our Germanfest is a major fundraiser for our organization and we need everyone to support this event.

There are plenty of volunteer positions, so please make yourself available to help. You can call Sara in the office (918-744-6997) and she will pass your info on to the committee. Your support can also be shown just by being a patron of the event by bringing family and/or friends to come and enjoy some delicious food and wonderful entertainment.

Till later, **Joseph**



Arnold Bieber—Arts President

The ARTS Garage Sale was a success, thanks to Barbara Conrad's initiative, her hard working volunteers and the generous donations of our members and friends. Items not sold were donated to the Salvation Army (everything but books) and Broken Arrow Neighbors (books). I apologize for the lack of heat in the building. Harold is working on the problem to make sure we have heat for language classes and the Lumpenball Party on April 13 and the rental on April 20.

About 35 people came to the reception on March 1 for the showing of the German movie "Never Look Away" at the Circle Cinema. It received many international awards and was nominated for two Academy Awards at the 2019 Academy Awards, Best Foreign Language Film and Best Cinematography. German Month continues into April with the movie "Transit". Be sure to bring your March ECHO with the \$1 off coupon on a bratwurst with sauerkraut. Circle Cinema now has a cash bar, stocked with German beer for your enjoyment before the show.

We partnered again with the Tulsa-Celle Partnership to participate in the International Festival at Eisenhower International School on March 8. Over 600 students came to get their passport stamped and to learn a little about Germany.

The last day of Kinderdeutsch is April 6. We are planning an Easter Party for the Kinderdeutsch kids from 12 to 2 PM on that day. Of course, GAST member children and grandchildren are also invited. Please, make your reservation by Wednesday, April 3, 2 PM at the GAST Office. Bring your camera or phone video recorder. We are hoping for a sunny day for the Easter egg hunt.

Remember to attend the General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors on Sunday, **April 28 at 3 PM**. We need a quorum to conduct business.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring days, **Arnold**

GASAA THANKS YOU!

The Great Hall of our GAST House was again filled up with treasures for our annual Garage Sale. It took many hours of organizing, pricing, hanging or laying these wares so they may be attractive to buyers. The Sale days also required hard working volunteers to aid the visitors and keep the place looking inviting.

Some of the volunteers put in a few hours, others full days – standing, walking and talking to potential buyers with charming smiles. We thank you for your willingness and dedication to participate in one of GAST Arts Association's biggest fundraisers. We couldn't do any of this without you.

Vielen Dank, **Barbara Conrad**

2019 EVENTS AT GAST

April 13
Lumpenball
Party

April 28
Annual Membership
Meeting

**Corrected
Date!** **May 3-5**
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



WE NEED YOU!

The **GERMANFEST COMMITTEE** is seeking *two dedicated volunteers* for key positions to help coordinate and make successful Germanfest 2019.

LOVE TALKING TO PEOPLE?

The **Volunteer Coordinator** works with other committee members to help fill their open volunteer positions throughout the event where needed. This position reports to the committee and involves soliciting individuals to volunteer during the event, attending event meetings, and coordinating volunteers during the event.

PREFER SALES?

The **Laden Assistant Manager** reports to Jan Heffner and the committee and works with other Laden volunteers to facilitate the smooth operation of the Laden. Duties include but are not limited to selecting inventory, attending event meetings, pricing inventory, coordinating laden volunteers, cashiering, and setup/breakdown.

Both candidates will be coached and guided for success in these positions.

Please contact Nikki Brewer, Germanfest Committee Chair, by e-mail: brewer10@sbc.edu or by phone: 918.694.9564 Call after 6pm M-F or anytime on weekends. Text anytime.

We hope you will join us in making Germanfest 2019 fun and successful!



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY



Candy

Egg Hunt!

Fun!

Kinderdeutsch kids & GAST member children and grandchildren are all invited!

**April 6
12-2pm**

**Please, make your reservation by
Wednesday, April 3, 2 PM
at the GAST Office.**

NewsLetter **Wednesday,**
DEADLINE April 17 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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39th Anniversary Party 2019

Parties at GASTulsa are Wunderbar!

By Linda Paul

Whether it's our Anniversary, or the kickoff party to Lent, (better known as Fasching or even Karneval), or Lumpenball in April, Germanfest in May, the events for members continue to inspire participation and good times! Besides the normal monthly activities, these extra special events are times to rub elbows, dance, and laugh! Who says we can't have fun? Only those who don't sign up to come to these wonderful parties for our membership!

At our **Anniversary Party** we had a wonderful catered meal, completed with cake, and DJ's supplying great dance music. Having moved the date from January to February was a bit confusing, and some couldn't make the February date. However, we had around 45 people helping to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of the German American Society of Tulsa through the years. After dinner, Arnold Bieber presented the annual awards. These are:

1. The Board of Directors Award was presented to Barbara Conrad, for outstanding support over the years.
2. The Presidents Award was given to William Wilber both for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the goals of the German American Society of Tulsa.
3. The Executive Committee Award was given to Buddy & Joy Butcher for long-time volunteer services and outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the German American Society of Tulsa. (Buddy passed away in December, so this is a posthumous award.)

William Wilber and Joy Butcher were unable to attend the party. Their awards will be presented to them at a later date. The rest of the evening was our regular fellowship, dancing, and certainly Prost for all!

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FASCHING 2019



The Fasching Party, on March 2nd, singing and dancing to the beat of the Blaskapelle, (thanks to the members of GASTulsa that perform for our events!) The judging for the costumes was not only fun, but sometimes hilarious, as our members pranced and danced in their outfits! This year we had a 8 foot tall dinosaur helping to lead the dancing, and the costume march! Who else can brag about that? Our Prinz and Prinzessin, members Art and Linda Paul, dutifully greeted their subjects, and made pictures with all. They also donated their Merrit's Bakery King Cake to the members present to further celebrate in a Karneval atmosphere! We mourned the end of the good times, and left the building anticipating for the next event Lumpenball!

Lumpenball is April 13th! In German, Lumpen is translated as "rags" or "Ragamuffin." A Lumpenball can be thought of as a Ragamuffin ball. This event is always held AFTER Fasching, because you've spent your money on costumes, drinking and partying...so all you have left is just enough cash to dress like a bum. Please read the cover for RSVP directions. See you there for more fun, more fellowship, and Prost!

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*Harold & Doris Wicks
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Stan & Barbara Conrad*

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Mainzer Karneval was the theme for the Konversationsrunde on March 10th, 2019. With marches, songs and dances the Rhinelanders celebrated the end of Karneval season in a big way. The jokers got back at politicians and authorities sometimes in not so subtle ways.

Our host Arnold Bieber provided us not only with a fun afternoon, but also with coffee, wine, cakes, cookies and fruits which found grateful takers.

The April Konversationsrunde will meet on **April 14th, 2019 at 3:00pm at Ruth Bly's home** who lives in Broken Arrow at 2501 East Tacoma St. (Tel: 918 355 1371) The speaker will be Florian Luedke. Florian who studies law at the University of Siegen/Germany is currently an exchange student at TU - Siegen's Partner University. He will share with us his impressions of Oklahoma and how his studies are enriched by courses at TU.

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:

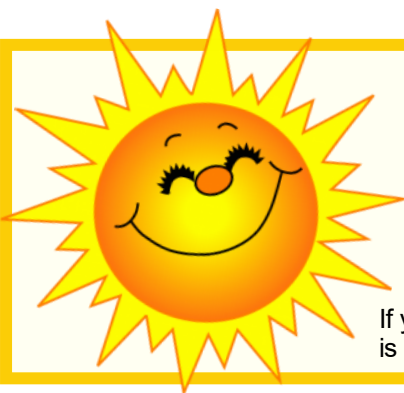
Barbara Conrad (Chair) 918 492 3273 or Gertrud Schmidt (Co-Chair) 918 495 3727

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 3PM

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GAST CENTER

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 must have paid their dues for 2019 by March 1st.



Sunshine Lady **Terry Pizzo**

A visit was paid to Jack Wynn while he's staying at the VA Nursing Center. A get-well card was sent to Ralph Krause.

Terryls452@cox.net * 918-271-1559

If you know of anyone who is ill or injured and could use a get-well card, or if someone is celebrating an important anniversary, milestone, or life event, please let me know.

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Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST THEATER

Monday, April 1

Starting at 6:30 PM

Schlagerparade -1- 2019

Starting at 7:30 PM

Die göttliche Sophie:

Das Findelkind



Pastor Steffensen and his housekeeper Sophie care for a baby who shows up at church. No one will claim the child so the two go in search for the parents.

Rent our Venue!

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

GASTeventcenter.com

Stammtischrunde

Friday, April 5, 2019

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

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