

Das Deutsche ECHO



THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TULSA

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

June

- 3 Movie Night
- 4 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 7 Stammtisch
- 9 Picnic**
- 11 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 18 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 21 Cabin Boys Brewery**
- 25 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 28 Weinkellerabend**



New Event!

Corrected Date!

July

- 1 Movie Night
- 2 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 5 Stammtisch
- 9 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 16 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 26 Game Night**
- 26 Weinkellerabend**
- 30 Handarbeitsgruppe

New Event!

Corrected Date!

August

- 2 Stammtisch
- 4 Ice Cream Social**
- 5 Movie Night
- 6 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 13 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 19 ATOS Concert**
- 20 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Weinkellerabend**
- 27 Handarbeitsgruppe

Sunday, June 9

Doors: 3PM

Food Served: 4PM

A catered dinner with a variety of BBQ meats with all the trimmings will be served on the GAST lawn.

RAIN or SHINE!

We'll move inside in case of difficult weather.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, June 5th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com

Come early to find a good spot!

Adults: \$10

Kids 6-12: \$5

Germanfest

Volunteers: \$5





Joseph Rohr—GAST President

I would like to thank the membership for all the support and encouragement I received over the last 2+ years as your president. It has been an honor to represent GAST in that capacity. I was blessed during that time to have had the privilege to work with outstanding officers, Board of Directors, committee heads, and volunteers.

These people did a wonderful job in leading our organization through building improvements and our many fund raisers. They deserve all the credit. I would like to encourage all to give your new president, Robert Rothenbucher, the same support and encouragement that you gave me. So, until the Picnic Party have a wonderful start to your summer.

Thank you all, Joseph Rohr



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

We are starting to get costs for purchasing another container, like the one we have, for additional storage of our equipment. I did this investigation two years ago after we discovered termites in our garage. The garage is slowly rotting and will have to be removed. We have no place to put the equipment that is in the garage should an emergency suddenly happen.

We do not have any storage space in our building for items such as the language class writing boards and stands. I brought this lack of storage space to the attention of those who were at our Annual Membership meeting. I am bringing this to your attention once again. We will not accept any donations of books, furniture, or equipment. I am asking that any donation that you would like to make be Approved First, by the Board of Directors.

Thank you, Harold



Arnold Bieber—Arts President

The General Membership Meeting and Election on April 28 was well attended. We thank Christy Fell for holding the election and the Nominating Committee, Robert Karl Rothenbucher, Janet Jamison and Tonja Carrig for presenting a slate of many new members for positions on the Boards of GAST and GASAA. Significant changes from last year: Robert Karl Rothenbucher was elected GAST President, Joseph Rohr First Vice President and Harold Wicks Second Vice President. Ray Markley was elected 1st Vice President of GASAA and Donna Boggs 2nd

Vice President. I shared my health concerns with the membership, but agreed to be nominated as your ARTS President for another year, God willing. A full list of Board members will be published in the July ECHO.

I am turning my attention to a subject that we have not talked about in quite a while. GAST has lost several long-serving active members in the last few months. We miss every one of them.

Many years ago GASAA established a Memorial Fund, so that members and friends could honor the deceased with a donation that is tax deductible. The Memorial Fund is not used for ordinary expenses but is reserved for special projects worthy of the donors and the deceased. The GAST Board voted to make a contribution to the GASAA Memorial Fund for every member lost to death. GASAA acknowledges and thanks GAST for donation in honor of Ken Renberg, Buddy Butcher, Dr. June Holmes, Virginia Self and Bruce Fedderson.

If you would like to make a contribution to the GASAA Memorial Fund, please mark your check "Memorial Fund" and the person(s) you wish to honor.

Thank you, Arnold

2019 EVENTS AT GAST

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

Survey Says!

Members who attended the annual membership meeting in April were asked to complete an information survey. The purpose was to find out which activities members participated in during the last year and what types of new activities they'd like to see in the future. The results are in!

Members-Only Activities	Did not attend	Attended once	Attended more than once
Weinkellerabend	10%	8%	82%
Social Parties	8%	10%	82%
Konversationsrunde	56%	21%	23%
Handarbeitsgruppe	85%	0%	15%
German Language Movie Night	74%	13%	13%
Stammtisch	77%	10%	13%
Band/Choir/Dancers	87%	0%	13%
German Language Classes	82%	8%	10%

Most members regularly attend Weinkellerabend & Social Parties

Outings to local craft breweries and restaurants received the most votes for new activities. We can't wait to get started! Read more about our **FIRST Brewery Outing** and **Game Night** on page 5.

Proposed New Activities	Expressed Interest
GAST social outing at a local craft brewery	72%
GAST social outing to a local restaurant	59%
Games Night	46%
GAST Weinkeller moving upstairs, occasionally	46%

GAST Membership Committee wants to hear from you! If you were not able to attend the membership meeting and would like to complete a survey, we will have surveys available at the GAST Picnic on June 9th.



Newsletter DEADLine **Wednesday, June 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.

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Germanfest 2019

The volunteer spirit of our membership was evident again at Germanfest. Thank you, Chair Nikki Brewer, your committee and the many helpers to make this important fund raiser another success.

Maypole



Thousands of guests



New May Queen 2019



Long time GAST member Gabi Richardson having a great time at Germanfest.



The GAST Quilters did it again!

By Irmgard Toschik

This quilt called "Route 66 in Oklahoma" was a winner in more ways than one at Germanfest.

The very popular quilt brought in a big profit of \$900. I think our \$200 sewing machine has paid for itself several times over, plus!

The lucky winner this year was a young man by the name of Brandon Fulmen, originally from Edmond and now living in Dallas.

The Quilters, Helga Roepel (not pictured), Elke Meyer, Ruth Bly and myself, Irmgard Toschik are always happy when the winner is as happy and enthusiastic as this young man!



GAST Social Outing to Cabin Boys Brewery
1717 E 7th St., Tulsa

Friday, June 21st at 5PM

72% of GAST members who responded to the recent membership survey expressed an interest in a social outing to a local craft brewery. Great idea! To kick things off, let's meet at **Cabin Boys Brewery**.

Cabin Boys Brewery is a popular, local craft brewery that serves a nice selection of tasty, hand-crafted beers in an atmosphere that is relaxed and family-friendly. Currently, they have 12 beers on tap in their Tap Room. Hungry? Feel free to bring a snack from home or simply buy a meal from their food truck, 1907 BBO.

Cabin Boys is located 1.2 miles from GAST on the corner of 7th and Utica. There's plenty of seating and free parking.

See you there!
GAST Membership Committee



NEW Activities at GAST

YOU'RE INVITATION TO GAST'S FIRST
SPIEL NACHT

The fourth Friday of July will be our first monthly game night. To kick things off, we will be in the Great Hall coinciding with Weinkellerabend, **July 26th at 6PM**



Included will be The Settlers of Catan.

First published in 1995 in Germany and winning the Spiel des Jaures and the Deutscher Spiele Preis awards, The Settlers of Catan has been translated into more than 30 languages including English. The multi-player game is simple to learn but requires more strategy than chance to win.

Although dice throws control the distribution of resources, players develop their own path by spending their resources on roads, settlements and cities. The games generally take 40 minutes to an hour, but the fact that there is no fixed game board means that a unique strategy to win is required every time the game is played.

Regular card decks will also be available, as some people have expressed an interest in playing Canasta or other card games.

For additional information or just to confirm your attendance please contact Skip Johnson at sjcpatulsa@cox.net.

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

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We will resume discussions in September. Have a wonderful summer!

Membership News

As we welcome new members, Steven Dieck, and Beth Webb, we'd like to give everyone the opportunity to update their annual rosters. We also welcome back Phyllis Aschim & Gerry Volz, as well as Ashley Robert & Maeghan Webb. Thank you for joining us! Below are some corrections to the printed 2019 Roster.

NEW

Steven Dieck	Beth Webb
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The Barthelmes Conservatory Concert

On May 18, 2019 the German American Society hosted a concert given by Barthelmes Conservatory center for music.

The concert was performed by piano students ages eleven to seventeen from the Barthelmes Conservatory Division at The bART.

Eight pianists performed works from Ludwig van Beethoven, Johann Hummel, Randall Fabre, Muzio Clementi, Frederic Chopin. These young artists played eight pieces by these composers flawlessly and they were just plain great. It was a wonderful treat for the audience and myself. We had about fifty in attendance, so don't miss this great concert when they come back around next year; I'm sure you'll really enjoy it. This is not heavy classical music; it is just great music for all to enjoy, played by very good young musicians.

The students really gave our old Baldwin piano quite a workout and it really sounded fabulous in the big hall. After the concert, we all enjoyed refreshments that the GAST Arts Committee prepared.

Robert Karl Rothenbücher
GAST Arts Association 1st Vice President



In Memoriam: Bruce Feddersen

Member of the GAST Choir and long time ARTS German language student passed away on March 22.

Bruce Feddersen was born on February 8, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan to Bernice (Potts) and Harry Feddersen. He was an electrical technician and one of the first to build electric cars. He enjoyed membership in the Pasadena Electric Car Association and participated in electric car races. One of Bruce's last acts on Earth was to purchase a Nissan Leaf electric car. Survivors include two children, Brent Feddersen of Los Angeles, California and Karin Feddersen of Seattle, Washington; a brother, Eric Feddersen of Detroit, Michigan; a sister, Candace Koenig of Royal Oak, Michigan; his best friend, Betty Donahue of Wagoner, Oklahoma; extended family and friends.

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Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST THEATER

Monday, June 3

Starting at 6:30 PM

Schlagerparade –4- 2019

Starting at 7:30 PM

Katie Fforde:

Diagnose Liebe



A wealthy but terminal patient hires a new nurse to old doctor's confusion. Her son however, seems interested. With Fiona Coors, and Thomas Unger

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Stammtischrunde

Friday, June 5, 2019

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

Membership News

Steven Dieck—Catoosa
Beth Webb—Tulsa

Thank you for joining us,
GAST heartily welcome you all!
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