

# Das Deutsche ECHO

THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TULSA



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

## September

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- 3 Handarbeitsgruppe
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- 22 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 26 **Oktoberfest Party**
- 29 Handarbeitsgruppe

## November

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- 4 Movie Night
- 5 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 12 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 15 **Prost!**
- 19 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 26 Handarbeitsgruppe

## Volunteers Wanted!



### Check out a Brief History of Oktoberfest on page 5

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](http://TULSAOKTOBERFEST.ORG)

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>
- GAST Oktoberfest Pin

**OCT 17**  
**Thursday**  
**5pm-11pm**

**OCT 18**  
**Friday**  
**11am-1am**

**OCT 19**  
**Saturday**  
**11am-1am**

**OCT 20**  
**Sunday**  
**Noon-6pm**



### Robert Rothenbücher—GAST President

Thank you for the cooperation you have given Ruth Bly in her efforts to get control of who has keys and access cards and maintains said list. Consequently, she will be in control of issuing keys in the future and keeping a record of key holders. Ruth's contact number is 918-219-7703

Thank you, Ruth for doing a great job; we sure appreciate your efforts and hard work.

We had our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, which we all enjoyed. The attendance for this event was a "full house". A big thank you to the members who helped serve the ice cream and made this summer event a success.

Our Prost! Group went to Marshall's Craft Brewery in August. Bill Wilbur reported what a good time all in attendance had. So don't miss September's craft brewery get-together to have some beer, fun, fellowship and a plain good ol' time. See page 7 for more details. Gemütlichkeit (Nice atmosphere, coziness)

Move night will have a new large screen TV, which will be installed in the GAST office.

Oktoberfest chairman, Bill Wilbur, is very busy getting the event planned, peopled lined up and scheduled. No easy task. I ask you to consider volunteering to help with our biggest event. To volunteer, call Ruth Obermark 918-645-9214.

Dankeschön , Robert Karl



### Ray Markley—Arts President

It has been a busy summer, but it is coming to a cooler end. Many exciting events are right around the corner! The American Theater Organ Society event was held on Monday the 19th with the Blaskapelle and the wonderful folks from ATOS. Special thanks to all who helped set up and conduct the event. Great music, great fun! Yes, one can find much entertainment on the Internet, but a live performance is like nothing else.

Language classes. German language classes start on **September 3, at 7 PM**. Language learning online is great but rarely will give the kind of proficiency that talking with another human can provide. Spread the word! Learn and develop some German! Arrive a little early and get register for some good learning and good fellowship.

Kinder Deutsch begins! Starting on **Saturday, September 7**, Kinderdeutsch classes begin **at 10 AM**. Expand those little minds! They pick up on new languages so well, those young ones.

Movie night is back in full swing on the **first Monday of every month**, so drop in and share thoughts on the fine art of cinema or just watch a good flick. Mondays at the GAST office at 7 PM.

On the horizon and here before we know it:

- German American Day coming up on **October 6**.
- Volkstrauer Tag commemoration will take place at Fort Reno on **November 17**.
- Advent Service is approaching, on **December 15**.

What can you do to help? All of our electronic means of communication are great and essential to tell the world of the good work and good fellowship that go on at GAST. But, the one on one conversation is the best. Tell people what we do, let them know that a lot of good things await them if they want to join with us.

Thank you, Ray



### Harold Wicks—Building Manager

Last year we replaced the seat covers on our 225 chairs. We determined that the chair backs did not need to be replaced, but they did need to be cleaned. This past month, JIM LEACH, STAN CONRAD, JOE ROHR, and STEVE NICHOLSON cleaned all of the chair backs with Jim's shampoo machine, the "Gotcha". THANK YOU FELLAS!

Our Kitchen is looking bright and clean, since we paid the cleaning service extra to do a deep clean including the lights.

Our bar was built and equipped by George Starch III shortly after we purchased the building in 1991.

The original hot water heater quit working two weeks ago. A new water heater was purchased and installed by JOE ROHR. JOE generously donated his time and skills to GAST and saved us an estimated FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS in the cost of labor. Many Thanks to JOE.

Thank you, Harold

## 2019 BIG EVENTS AT GAST

**October 16-20**  
Oktoberfest

**October 26**  
Oktoberfest  
Party

**Dec 6—Dec 8**  
Christkindlmarkt

**December 14**  
Christmas  
Party

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS** As we welcome new and returning members we'd like to give everyone the opportunity to update their annual rosters. Thank you for joining us!

<b>NEW</b>	<b>August Calvin Freistedt</b>	2211 S. Erie Place	Tulsa	OK	74114
	918-688-3536	august.freistedt@gmail.com			
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	918-307-0737	jcolburn@baschools.org			
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	918-639-2452	petrasmith@cox.net			
	<b>Michael &amp; Amy Dodson</b>	4629 S. Jamestown Ave.	Tulsa	OK	74135
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K: 918-381-1714 J: 918-851-0244	vkarenhoward2@hotmail.com			james01@gmail.com	
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<b>David Nagle</b>	536 Summit Ave.	Tahlequah	OK	74464-2634	
918-885-2714	nagled@nsuok.edu				

<b>RETURNING</b>	<b>Max Byers-Horton</b>	5809 E. 18th	Tulsa	OK	74112-7103
	918-520-4622	herrhorton@gmail.com			
	<b>Bruce &amp; Sabrina Jordan</b>	3407 W. 40th St.	Tulsa	OK	74107-5114
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**Newsletter DEADLINE**

**Wednesday, September 18 at 2 PM**

All newsletter articles must be turned in the Wednesday 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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# Ice Cream Social 2019

We had over 100 people show up for our annual Ice Cream Social. Sundaes, and tasty drinks were enjoyed by all. What a treat!

Thank you to our volunteers for slinging scoops and toppings! Thank you to Robert Bray for coordinating!

# Blaskapelle!

Many of our members participate in our brass band—called Blaskapelle—and October is one of their busiest times of year. With exciting opportunities to travel around Oklahoma, they get to play in front of thousands of people through the month. Here are some upcoming events where you can catch them.

## German-American Day

*When:* Sunday, October 6, 2019

*Where:* GAST Center

## Bartlesville Oktoberfest

*When:* Friday/Saturday, October 4 & 5, 2019

*Where:* Bartlesville!

## Vinita Oktoberfest

*When:* Saturday, October 12, 2019

*Where:* Vinita!

## Linde Oktoberfest

*When:* Wednesday through Sunday,  
October 16 - 20, 2019

*Where:* Riverside Festival Park



## German Language Classes for children and adults

German classes for children and adults are open to the public as well as members, so help us spread the word by telling your family and friends.

### Adult Class—September 3, 2019

12-week Adult German classes begin Tuesday, September 4th

**Where:** GAST Center

**When:** 7p—9p

**Who:** Beginner—Advanced levels

**Cost:** \$100 for the class, \$60 for materials. GAST Members get \$20 off class fee.

### Kinderdeutsch—September 7, 2019

10-week Kinderdeutsch classes begin Saturday, September 7th

**Where:** GAST Center Weinkeller

**When:** 10a - 11:30a

**Who:** Children ages 4-12

**Cost:** \$40 for members \$50 for nonmembers \$5 discount for additional children from the same family. Classes include age-appropriate German language lessons, folk dancing and folk songs. Refreshments served.

## A Brief History of Oktoberfest Contributed by John Toschik

The year was 1979 and Oktoberfest was born of humble beginnings on the East bank of the Arkansas River in Tulsa. The first Oktoberfest was suggested by Vivian Steele, then public affairs administrator for the River Parks Authority. Original sponsors of the festival were KJRH, the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, The Tulsa Tribune, KBEZ Radio and the River Parks Authority. A few small tents, Master of Ceremonies Josef Hardt, producer-director at KJRH, support from the German-American Club of Oklahoma City and the first Oktoberfest was well underway.

During the second year of the festival, 100,000 people attended, more than double the first year's attendance. Oktoberfest patrons consumed 3,500 pounds of knackwurst, bratwurst and sauerkraut. With hamburgers, hotdogs and corn dogs also available, it was apparent the crowd craved German food.

Oktoberfest moved to the West Bank of the Arkansas River in 1981. For many people, festival volunteers in particular, it was an unforgettable occasion. The weather was not kind to Oktoberfest that year and the festival became known as Mudfest. The rains came and stayed. The festival went on as scheduled, not for just one weekend, but for two weekends. The Heilbronn Band from Germany played, the Chicken Dance was introduced to festival-goers and ironically, Mudfest for many attendees became the most fun of all.

For 1982, Oktoberfest was once again relocated. The Burlington Northern Railway provided train rides from the festival location to Jenks America. The crowd reached an estimated 250,000 and ate five miles of sausages in addition to mountains of kartoffelpuffer (potato pancakes) sauerkraut and pickles.

Completion of the existing festival site in 1985 provided Oktoberfest with a permanent home, more space and the necessary infrastructure to allow a growing and maturing festival to better accommodate and serve the ever-growing crowds. Each year brings different bands from Germany, variations in German and European foods, arts and crafts and fun activities for the children. Each year, Oktoberfest donates a sizable portion of its revenues to the River Parks Authority for continuing improvements to the festival site and park system.



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*Joe & Hannelore Giles Carter*  
*Stan & Barbara Conrad*



## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Mark your calendar for the start of the Konversationsrunde on **Sunday, September 8, 2019** at 3:00pm. We will meet at the GAST Office at 1429 Terrace Drive, Tulsa and chat about our summer experiences. Traditionally Barbara Conrad hosts the after summer recess meeting, however due to an accident which demolished her left humerus she not only had to cancel her trip to Russia but also some of her favorite activities,- i.e. the Konversationsrunde. We wish her fast healing.

Refreshments will be provided.

*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**

**GAST Social Outing to  
Welltown Brewing  
Friday at 5 pm  
September 20<sup>th</sup>**



## Prost! Craft Beer Night Continues

Sep 20<sup>th</sup> – Welltown Brewing 5pm 114 W Archer St

Oct 18th—Oktoberfest Biergarten 4pm Riverside Festival Park

**September** - As Petula Clark once sang: "Go downtown, you can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares!" Prost! is going to downtown Tulsa in September, gathering at **Welltown Brewing**. Their tap room is located in a beautifully renovated building with plenty of seating and a Caribbean Queen Stout that is DELICIOUS! Parking is always a challenge downtown, but the event manager mentioned that when there are no events scheduled in downtown, the big parking lot across the street offers \$ 1 parking.

**October** - Linde Oktoberfest is in full swing the third week of October. There's no better place for us to be than in the Biergarten tent at Oktoberfest. Come **before 4pm** to get free admission into the festival.

As always, no need to RSVP for Prost! events. Just come on down and look for the GAST table.

Prost! (formerly known as Craft Bier Freitag) meets at 5PM on the **third Friday of every month** at a local brewery. In recent years, Tulsa's craft brewery industry has exploded so there are lots of breweries on the radar. Our goal is to visit some of these local breweries and sample craft beers while enjoying the company of our friends from GAST. You don't have to drink beer to join us. Breweries generally serve wine and non-alcoholic drinks as well.



Welltown Brewing in September

## SPIEL NACHT

Spiel Nacht meets at 6PM on the **fourth Friday of every month** in the Great Hall at the GAST Center. Game Night is meant to supplement Weinkellerabend, so you can eat with your friends in the Weinkeller first, then come upstairs later or you can bring food up to the Great Hall or you can just come to play games. Whatever works best for you.

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## GAST THEATER

Monday, September 2

Now in  
the GAST  
office!



**Starting at 6:30 PM**  
**Schlagerparade –5- 2019**  
**Starting at 7:30 PM**  
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## Stammtischrunde

Friday, September 6, 2019

6:30 PM

in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

## Membership News

**Dr. Shari Eubank—Granbury, TX**  
**Karen & Jim Howard —Tulsa**  
**Kyle & Sarah Wright—Sand Springs**  
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Thank you for joining us,  
GAST heartily welcome you all!

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