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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GAST

GAST Christmas Party December 14, 2018

Doors open at 5:30PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

\$5/person for Christkindlmarkt volunteers

\$15/person for non-volunteers.

**Peppered
Roast Beef**

Buttery Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Fall Vegetables

Mixed Green Salad



**Dinner Rolls,
Herbed Butter**

**Bavarian
Cheese 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



Robert Rothenbücher—GAST President

We all serviced Oktoberfest with great weather and all who attended had a fabulously great time. Bill Wilber and his Oktoberfest committee and volunteers along with Bill Obermark's help and mechanical skills made this year's Oktoberfest the best ever. Financially this year's Oktoberfest was our best ever thanks to everyone's efforts and hard work. Our very own Blaskapelle was a great success, everyone just loved their music.

We look forward to this year's Christmas season, we will be busy with many events planned; such as the children's Christmas party hosted by our May Queen, Bonnie, and of course Christkindlmarkt, just to mention a few.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen (With heart-felt regards), Robert Karl Rothenbücher



Ray Markley—Arts President

Along with many GAST members, I recently made the trip to El Reno to attend the Volkstrauertag, or Commemoration Day ceremony. Barbara Conrad did a magnificent job of planning and executing this excellent event. A detachment from the German military and a representative from the Italian military represented their fallen countrymen quite well. Our guest speakers included the Honorary Consul of Germany, Mr. Jeremy Tubb, and Dr. Bill Corbett, who as a history professor, provided much insight about how prisoners of war in WW II were treated. The graveside service was truly moving, the sense of sacrifice that so many endured was brought home exquisitely. David Marshal provided a very moving bagpipe solo and the Oklahoma Governor's Honor Guard, presented and retired our national colors with grace and precision. As someone who has attended his fair share of memorial services, I have never been so moved as seeing the lone bugler, standing on

the edge of the Oklahoma prairie, playing taps for the fallen.

Language classes have come to an end for this calendar year and Ruth Obermark has done an outstanding job of taking care of this vital program. Please do not be shy about promoting our language program which will start again after the first of the year.

The Koversationrunde is planned for a little bit later in the month, on December 22nd. See Gertrud Schmidt's article in this month's Echo (page 7) for more information.

Don't forget movie night with Erwin Jerchau. It is always the first Monday of the month.

GAST and GAST Arts Association have so many things going, and, there are many new activities this year. Your leadership wishes to serve you, the members. Please let us know what we can do to make GAST and GAST Arts Association better for members. Help us all consider what the future holds for GAST.

Vielen Dank! Ray



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

Here we are into the last month of this year. We have less daylight and longer nights. We have many more activities this month than we do in other months. For the Building, time must be allocated to prepare a budget for next year, among other end of the year tasks.

Have a wonderful month.

Best Wishes, Harold



21st Annual Christkindlmarkt

Friday, December 6, 10am-7pm
 Saturday, December 7, 10am-5pm
 Sunday, December 8, 11am-5pm



NewsLetter DEADLINE

Wednesday, December 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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2019 marks German American Society of Tulsa's 21st Annual Christkindlmarkt.

This year's Christkindlmarkt hosts a lot of old favorites as well as a few new items. As in past years two quilts, made by our members, will be raffled. The Majestic Pine pattern is our featured upstairs quilt and a Nativity pattern is our featured downstairs quilt.

Everyone who comes during Christkindlmarkt and makes a \$1 donation to GAST will be entered into the drawing for the handmade Pine 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 the Nativity quilt made by Ruth Bly.

Entertainment is growing and changing. This year there will be small ensembles by the Blaskapelle, harp music by Linda Paul, and recorded Christmas music selected by the Christkindlmarkt committee. After many successful years of delighting children and adults alike the puppet show is being retired. In its stead there will be story time presented by Lavender's Bleu Literacy Market.

Sneak peek
2019 design!



The Glühwein house has seen remarkable growth in the past year and will have a unique, never before seen mug; one of three designs set to be offered over the course of the next couple years. There will be over *twenty-five* unique vendors in house this year; the Laden and Bäckerei among them. Both of GAST booths have ample and exceptional stock for members and guests to enjoy; visit early and often for the best selection!

As always, keeping true to their splendid tradition of excellence, the kitchen and line will be cooking up and serving all of our favorite foods, hot and fresh; Schnitzel, Goulash, Bratwurst, Apfelstrudel and more.

We hope to see you there!

Bryca Brewer, Christkindlmarkt chair

Prost!

Craft Beer Night Continues

GAST Social Outing to
Roosevelt's

Friday at 5pm December 20th

Dec 20th—Roosevelt's Gastropub 5pm 1551 E 15th Street
Jan 17th—Dead Armadillo Brewery 5pm 1004 E 4th St.



December—At Christmas time, there's no better place to enjoy a craft beer than at Roosevelt's on Cherry Street. This locally owned and family operated gastropub specializes in craft beer with 80 taps and a large selection of wine and seasonal cocktails. And during the holidays, the restaurant is trimmed with tons of holiday lights. Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle and enjoy a beer with friends on Friday, December 20th.

January—Dead Armadillo—Not sure how this brewery got its name, but apparently they brew some nice craft beers. Let's be adventurous in the new year and give it a try on Friday, January 17th.

Prost! usually meets at 5PM on the **third Friday of every month** at a local brewery. 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.

Frohe Weihnachten
und ein gutes neues Jahr

wünscht GAST

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde



T'is the season! Come, join us at the Schmidt Haus on **December 22, 2019 at 3:00 pm.** There will be reading of Christmas poems and stories, singing of well known Christmas songs und good fellowship over Gluehwein, coffee and cake, stollen and cookies.

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

Adventsfeier

Sunday, Dec. 15th ~ 3:00 - 4:30PM

GAST is hosting our annual Adventsfeier on December 15th 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 former Choir director Susan Calvert 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.**



Sunshine Lady

Sympathy cards were sent to Al and Lois Voeller, the family of Elizabeth Kilbride, the family of Floyd Shulmeier and the family of Barbara Hunsberger

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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, December 2

Now in
the GAST
office!

Starting at 6:30 PM

Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht

Starting at 7:30 PM

Das Winterparadies

See you in **2020** for
Stammtischrunde

Friday, January 3, 2020 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

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

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