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THE VOICE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TULSA



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ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Saturday, January 18

Doors open at 5:30PM.

Dinner served at 6:00PM.

Dinner & entertainment to be announced

Adults \$20.00

Ages 6-12 \$10.00

Ages 5 and under are free.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, January 15th
(918) 744-6997 or GAST@tulsacoxmail.com

Language Classes Begin SOON!

Adult German Classes—Tuesday, January 28
Kinderdeutsch—Saturday, February 1



Robert Rothenbücher—GAST President

Here we are in a brand new year. We presented Christkindelmarkt which turned out to be very successful thanks to Nikki Brewer and her hard working committee/crew of able volunteers.

Our German-American Society Arts Association advent service was truly a well attended and excellent program with German songs and hymns. Our guest Pastor Inge Matern from Celle, our German sister city, presented her moving sermon in German. I am glad my German-born parents taught my sister and me to speak German with Bavarian accents.

If you didn't come to our Christmas Party, you missed a great event. Food was by Ludger - need I say more; and, of course, the Bavarian cheese cake with raspberry sauce for dessert was exceptional.

After dinner, we had a very nice raffle. Many of the raffle items were nativity scenes presented in candle lanterns. Ruth Bly and Jim Leach worked their magic and we all just loved them. They did excellent work. These nativity lanterns may be a good project for our Handarbeitsgruppe in addition to their beautiful quilts.

Don't forget we have our GAST Anniversary Party on the 18th of January.

Don't miss the return of Weinkellerabend which starts January 24th.

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



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

There is always some maintenance item to deal with since we are the owners of our ninety-one-year-old building. During Christkindelmarkt, our kitchen exhaust fan quit working and our fan in the handicap restroom quit too.

These parts are being replaced. We have some water damage in the back stairwell due to a leaking hot water pipe. A hole had to be made in the ceiling to locate the source of the leak.

This will amount to considerable expense. We are in the process of obtaining costs for other repairs that need to be made.

We hope this New Year will be a good one for all of you.

Best Wishes, Harold

Janet Jamison—GAST Membership Chair

Contact the GAST office if you have not received the 2020 Membership Information/Renewal form that was 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.



Ray Markley—Arts President

The Christkindlmarkt of 2019 is now in the books as a fantastic event. The sales and attendance were both great, with a constant stream of guests passing through the doors—many of whom had never been to a Christkindlmarkt or to the center before. Numbers are great to examine, but there is the intangible quality of the great feeling of meeting new people and welcoming them to our center. Our society's function is to strengthen cultural links and help other discover what a wonderful and rich culture the Germans have. Our Christkindlmarkt went a long way toward such a goal. We wish a special thanks to all who planned and executed this amazing event.

January is membership renewal time. A new year is perhaps even a busier time than some, so please help us all by reminding each other of membership renewal.

While we do have a membership committee to promote membership of our organization, we can all help with that goal. All help in promoting the continued membership in GAST makes it a better group.

While the many activities of GAST are great fun, they will be just a bit better if you understand the German language. Learning a second language can be a challenge with the many things that we have on our sundry plates, but our own staff of teachers, managed by the capable Ruth Obermark, provides a great way to acquire and hone your German skills. With the many levels of classes and range of teaching methods, these classes are a real boon to learning German. Please take a class and promote the classes to others. It helps immensely. Adult language classes start on **Tuesday, January 28th**, and Kinderdeutsch classes start on, **Saturday, February 1st**.

The GAST anniversary party is coming up on **January 18th** so make plans now and in February the annual Fasching party is set for February 22nd—work on that costume now!

It is a new year and we all make our resolutions. GAST is there for its members, so make a resolution to take part in one activity that you have not done before. I am betting you will be glad you did...

Vielen Dank! Ray

Newsletter DEADLINE

Wednesday, January 15 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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The 23rd annual GAST Christkindlmarkt Tulsa was a huge success! We sold out of Glühwein, Goulasch, Potato Pancakes and Schnitzel. We had record attendance and sublime weather. The new children's Story Time by Lavender's Bleu was a success, as were the changes to our live entertainment; thank you Linda Paul and our Blaskapelle players. The upstairs quilt was won by a guest; John M. The downstairs quilt was won by GAST member Linda Adams. We had more vendors this year than last and all did very well. The committee is looking forward to 2020 and would like to extend a very big thank you to all who visited, volunteered, vendored and helped make the event possible!

-Nikki Brewer
Christkindlmarkt chair



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Updates from the Handarbeitsgruppe!



The Handarbeitsgruppe still meets on Tuesday from 10am to 2pm at the GAST office. During the year we work on our own projects, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, sewing or even mending. Whatever your preference.

Four ladies (Ruth Bly, Elke Meyer, Helga Roepel and myself, Irmgard Toschik take time out to do two Quilts for GAST's Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt raffle every year. This years lucky winner for the Christkindlmarkt Raffle Quilt was won by a Gentleman named John Mitsdarfer (good German name). When called, he came right back to GAST to happily retrieve his winning. This Quilt

brought an almost \$ 1,200 profit and needless to say our little \$200 sewing machine has paid for itself ten times over. We, the GAST Quilters, are pretty proud of ourselves.

We would like to invite any GAST members who have an interest in joining our Handarbeitsgruppe on Tuesday's. Bring your lunch, craft etc. and come join the fun. A mixture of German and English is spoken!

For the Handarbeitsgruppe, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

-Irmgard Toschik



John Mitsdarfer



Linda Adams

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Let's start the January Konversationsrunde with a full house! Ruth Bly graciously offered her charming abode for our meeting on January 12, 2020. As most of you know, Ruth makes delicious "nonfattening!!!" cakes and cookies.

Ruth lives at 2501 E. Tacoma St. Broken Arrow. Tel: 918 219 7703.

For discussion let's talk about how the English and German language has changed in our time. Both languages are termed 'Living languages' that is they do change with time to adjust to needs in science, communication and social life.

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

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Prost!

Craft Beer Night Continues

Jan 17th—Dead Armadillo Brewery—1004 E. 4th St.
 Feb 21st—Renaissance Brewing Company—1147 S. Lewis Ave.
 Mar 20th—Prairie Brewpub—223 N. Main St.

GAST Social Outing to
Dead Armadillo
 Friday at 5pm January 17th



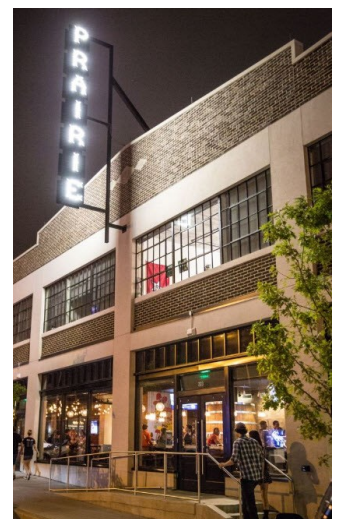
Prost! has scheduled our first three outings of 2020 – Dead Armadillo Brewing, Renaissance Brewing and Prairie Brewpub. Make it a New Year’s resolution to have more fun in 2020 with your friends from GAST. We meet at 5PM on the third Friday of every month at a local brewery for fun, fellowship and beer.

January 17th – Dead Armadillo, 1004 E 4th St, is where we’re kicking off the new year of Prost! This brewery (with an interesting name!) has 15 craft beers on tap so you’re sure to find something you like.



February 21st – Renaissance Brewing Company, 1147 S Lewis Ave, is owned by Glenn Hall, a fellow GAST member! Come on out and have fun, enjoy one or more of the 9 beers on tap and support your friend from GAST.

March 20th – Prairie Brewpub, 223 N Main St, is located in the old Universal Ford Showroom in the Brady District of downtown Tulsa. They have 18 beers on tap and a full dinner menu so come hungry and leave happy.



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.



Sunshine Lady

Sympathy cards were sent to Christl Parsons, Kat Marrs and Erica Hartman.
 A get-well card was sent to Barbara Conrad.

Terry Pizzo

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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, January 6

Starting at 6:30 PM
Schlagerparade –1– 2020

Starting at 7:30 PM
Fluss des Lebens - Yukon



Now in
the GAST
office!

Ein Sturm "spült" Daniels (Florian Lukas) Familie in Annikas (Dagna Litzenberger) einsame Hütte. Schockiert von deren Naivität willigt Annika erst ein, ihnen zu helfen, als sie erfährt, dass sie alles verloren haben - auch Daniels Herz-Tabletten, von denen nicht einmal seine Familie etwas weiß. Annika hatte sich in die Einsamkeit Kanadas zurückgezogen, um den Tod ihrer Tochter zu verarbeiten. Doch erst die Erscheinung eines Wolfes auf der beschwerlichen Wanderung macht Annika klar, dass sie sich der Familie öffnen muss.

Stammtischrunde

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

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl, – Dann Bjorklund



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