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Fasching Party

Saturday, February 22

Doors open at 5:30PM Dinner served at 6:00PM

Adults \$15.00

Ages 6-12 \$10.00

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Wednesday,

February 19th

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Robert Rothenbücher—GAST President

I would like to wish all of our GAST members, family and friends a Happy and healthy New Year. We started out our New Year with great news regarding the financial success of Christkindlmarkt, thanks to Nikki Brewer and her hard working committee/crew of able volunteers who generated a net profit of about \$20,000.00. As a point of interest, two bus loads of guests made the trip to Tulsa from Oklahoma City to attend our Christkindlmarkt.

Saturday, January 18th, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary Party. We had a good turnout and a wonderful dinner catered by Ludger Schultz consisting of mixed greens salad, roast pork, and buttery mashed potatoes and carrots. For dessert we enjoyed his signature Bavarian whipped cream cheese cake topped with raspberry sauce.

We recognized our founding members Barbara and Stan Conrad. At our anniversary party we also recognized members who contributed their time and service to the society. This year Nikki Brewer received the President's Award for her work and dedication for Germanfest and Christkindlmarkt which were a great success just to mention a few of her accomplishments.

Ruth Bly received the Board of Directors Award. This hard working woman has worked endless hours for so many events and parties in our kitchen baking and cooking delicious meals for many years. Ruth is retiring this year and her efforts and dedication will surely be missed by all of us. Thank you Ruth!

The Board of Directors approved a budget for our storage garage upgrade which includes new siding, two new overhead garage doors and other work and materials related to this project.

We have had water damage due to a leaking pipe in the basement of our building. The leak is repaired but the basement ceiling was damaged due to the leak. We are in the process of gathering our cost for the ceiling repairs.

We are getting many inquiries, as reported by Sara Gonzales, regarding the rental of the GAST Event Center.

We are in the process of reviewing bids from contractors for repairing the GAST Office/Duplex building's deterioration.

We look forward to Fasching this month, February 22, and we hope to see you there.

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



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

My what a warm December and January we have had. The above average temperatures we experienced allowed us to save some money on our heating bill.

Joe Rohr and Steve Nicholson are working in our garage. They are building shelving so we can store necessary equipment and various items more efficiently. They are also removing unused items from our storage container to free up much needed space.

As you can see, the cover of this issue of The Echo announces our Fasching Party happening on Saturday, February 22nd. We have a new chairperson in charge of the party, Sean Novak. Several volunteers will assist Sean with arranging the party for your enjoyment.

COME TO FASCHING 2020

See YOU There, Harold



Ray Markley—Arts President

It is going to be a busy spring!

The Fasching party is February 22nd. It's not too late to get that costume together, but the clock is ticking. Get your costume ready and come help celebrate this great German holiday that has its roots in the Middle Ages. It is a great party and cultural celebration, so make your plans and reservations to attend.

In some late breaking news, I am pleased to inform our membership that we have at least



two musical events planned for the spring. Dr. Christian Bester will be here presenting an evening of vocal music with his accompanist, Whitney Myers. The performance will be on **March 12, at 7pm** at the GAST center. We are very fortunate to be able to host such an artist, so please make plans to attend if at all possible.

We are also working with the Barthelmes Conservatory for a program this spring. While the date has not been confirmed at press time, it should very likely be on a **Sunday in April**. Performers from "the bART" have played at the center before, but let's all get out for this performance in April. While the plethora of videos on YouTube gives us a world of entertainment in our own homes, there is something unique to the live performance. Come on out and enjoy some live music.

In our language classes, Ruth Obermark is pioneering a little bit different type of German language class, one that is more designed for travelers to Germany. This class is set to be on Thursday nights, as opposed to the traditional Tuesdays for German classes. This is new, but we hope it will be something we offer every semester.

The annual GAST Garage Sale is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28**. This is a great fund-raiser, which always helps the organization, but it will additionally help us meet people in the community and let them know what a great group of people we are. The Wednesday and Thursday before the event are a fine time to bring in that bit of treasure that has been rattling around the house since the 80's, or whenever.

Got your dues in? Our membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Help your organization by getting those dues in and reminding your fellow members to do the same.

Vielen Dank! Ray

Newsletter DEADLINE

Wednesday, February 19 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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German for Travelers

Are you traveling to Europe this year? Wouldn't it be fun to surprise your hosts by speaking in their language? The GAST Arts Association language program is adding a new 10-week class just for you this session. The class is "German for Travelers" and it will be taught from 7 to 9 on Thursday nights beginning on February 6th and continuing to April 9th. Our own Greta McNac will cover topics like greetings and introductions, ordering in restaurants, asking directions, shopping, etc. The class will teach useful interactions, but it will not be too heavy on grammar. If you are interested, please call Ruth Obermark at 918-645-9214 for more information.

March 27-28 2020

It's the time to clean out your drawers, closets, attics and garages. Before putting your clothes, toys, tools, furniture etc. into storage ask yourself if you will be needing these items again. If not, give Barbara Conrad a call! She is again planning the annual Garage Sale.

Take your donations to the GAST Office at 1429 Terrace Drive which is open from Monday through Friday from 10:30 am-2:30 pm or call Barbara for pick-up of large items. [918-492-3273](tel:918-492-3273)



Thank you for contributing to our biggest ARTS fundraiser of the year!

Let's remember our longtime GAST members who passed in 2019. We want to thank them for their contributions made to our Society over the years. We also want to remember them for the friendships they shared with us.

May God bless them in their eternal rest, **Robert Karl Rothenbücher**
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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

Anglizismus vs Denglisch' (ref.: Wikipedia) was the theme of our Konversationsrunde on January 12, 2020. A lively discussion ensued after hearing about the history and the changes happening to the German and also the English language in the past 50-60 year.

A big thank you to Ruth Bly for inviting us to her charming home and spoiling us with gourmet Strudels, pies, coffee and wine.

Our next meeting will be **February 9, 2020** at the home of Ruth Obermark who lives at:4325 Whispering Creek Dr., Sand Springs Tel. 918 645 9214; email: obermarks@sbcglobal.net.

The theme will be: culinary specialties in the various German States.

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

Do you have an interest in becoming more involved with our organizations by serving on the Board of Directors? If so, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. We are starting the search for the upcoming election of officers and directors and would love to have your name for consideration. The Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7:00pm.

GAST and GASAA are thriving, and Board participation is critical to our continued success. YOUR involvement is essential. Please contact one of us today! The nominating committee consists of: Janet Jamison (918-695-5611), Tonja Carrigg (918-645-7424) and David Gonzales (918- 921-5601).

We hope to hear from you and see you at the meeting.

The annual election of Officers and Directors will be held at the GAST Center

2PM on Sunday, April 19th, 2020

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 need to have paid their dues for 2020 by March 1st.

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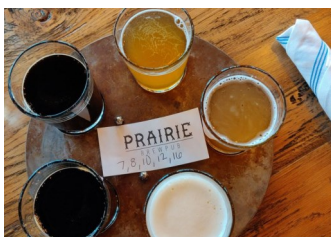
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Harold & Doris Wicks
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Stan & Barbara Conrad



All GAST members are invited to join us at our next Prost! event. These fun, informal get-togethers at local breweries take place the third Friday of every month at 5PM at a different brewery. They're a great stress-free way to relax with friends and say TGIF! and Prost!

February 21st – Renaissance Brewing Company, 1147 S Lewis Ave, is located a half mile north of the GAST Center and is owned by a fellow GAST member, Glenn Hall. Come on out and enjoy good brew with good friends.



March 20th – Prairie Brewpub, 223 N Main St, is all about food and locally brewed craft beers. It took two years to renovate the old Universal Ford Showroom into a brewpub. Let's check it out!

April 17th – American Solera Brewery, 1702 E 6th St., was voted the best new brewery in the U.S. in 2016 by Rate Beer! Specializing in the oak barrel aging process, they produce some creative craft beers. Who doesn't want to try some award-winning craft beer?



Sunshine Lady

A get-well card was sent to Elke Meyer

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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COMMUNITY IN TULSA

Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST THEATER

Monday, February 3

Now in
the GAST
office!

Starting at 6:30 PM

20 Jahre Geschwister Hofmann

Starting at 7:30 PM

Zu mir oder zu dir



Christiane ist um die 60 und führt ein erfülltes Leben. Sie ist beruflich erfolgreich und als Inhaberin einer Firma ihre eigene Chefin. Längst hat sie ihre Mitarbeiterin Iris zu ihrer Nachfolgerin aufgebaut. Ihr Leben ändert sich von Grund auf, als sie Iris' neuen Freund kennen lernt: Dem Charme des attraktiven Graukopfs Christoph erliegt sie auf der Stelle.

Stammtischrunde

Friday, February 7, 2020 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl, – Dann Bjorklund

Membership News

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