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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 or call Barbara for pick-up of large items. **918-492-3273**

Here are the dates for this year's very important event:

Wednesday, March 25th 10am-3pm

Accepting all your treasures which you are willing to donate to GASAA at the GAST House or Office

**Thursday, March 26th
starting at 9am**

(until we finish sorting and pricing the donated items.)

**DAYS OF SALE: ALL HANDS on BOARD
needed to make the event a success**

Friday, March 27th 9am-5pm

Saturday, March 28th 9am-2pm

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

This event is one of the main sources of income for the German-American Society of Tulsa Art Association (GASAA) so that educational and cultural events, which are enjoyed by many of our members and friends, can continue to be offered which are enjoyed by our members and friends.



Robert Rothenbücher—GAST President

February brought us lots of things to do. The weather is up and down - warm one day and freezing cold on the next day.

We have members with the flu, colds and other winter ailments; some of the things in life we have to accept and learn to live with. Spring is around the corner and winter will be behind us.

At our Fortieth Anniversary Party on January 18th we presented the Presidents Award to Nikki Brewer and the Directors Award to Ruth Bly. Congratulations ladies! We at GAST appreciate all your hard work and effort you have given to the Society.

The Board of Directors approved a budget for our garage upgrade which includes new siding, two new overhead garage doors and other work and materials related to this project. Due to bad weather, we have not started this project yet. We have repaired our leaking pipe and water damage in the basement of our building.

We started this season's Weinkeller on January 27th which we all enjoy and welcome back.

In February, we had a work party of five volunteers to work on the flower bed in front of the office building which still needs a lot of work and attention. We will schedule another work party for this project and keep you posted. While performing regular maintenance on our building we discovered that our main building, office, and garage have been attacked by both termites and carpenter ants. We hired a pest control company to handle the problem; hopefully by the time you read this, our buildings have been treated and the problem eliminated.

We celebrated Fasching with a wonderful party on Saturday, February 22. If you didn't attend, you missed a good time. We had a costume contest, cash prizes, hourly door prizes, elected Prinz and Prinzessin and presented them with medals. We had a Knee Dance Contest. The last lady won a sausage, and the last man won chocolate covered cherries. As a special surprise, we had mustard filled berliners hidden in the fruit-filled selection.

We look forward to the garage sale at the end of the month. Your donations help fund Arts activities throughout the year.

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



Harold Wicks—Building Manager

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members who gave their time and talents to prepare for our Fasching Party.

Many thanks, Harold

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March 27th & 28th, 2020



Lumpenball
April 11, 2020

ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
APRIL 19



May 1-3, 2020



JUNE 6, 2020



Ray Markley—Arts President

The Garage Sale is in March! I have been told by a wise person that if you cannot discard something, it has power over you...whatever. But consider this, we all collect things and we all determine how high that stack of junk, I mean treasure, will go. How about gathering up any goods that might, even vaguely, go into the category of junk and bring that down to our garage sale. Items can be dropped off at the GAST Center during business hours on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th of March. Then the sale commences Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th. The Annual Garage Sale helps us keep our language program going, so free yourself of some clutter and help GAST in one fell swoop, as the saying goes.

On Thursday March the 12th, Dr. Christian Bester will be performing at the GAST center at 7 PM. Dr. Bester is world-renowned, quite literally, for his talent and skill. Dr. Bester has served Visiting Assistant Professor of Voice at Lawrence University, the UW Oshkosh, and Baylor University. Currently, he serves as Assistant Professor of Voice at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah Oklahoma. Dr. Bester holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree, along with the Artist Certificate from the University of North Texas. He has performed in many musical roles, way too many to list, but including King Pellinore, King Arthur (understudy) in *Camelot*, Don Giovanni, Count Almaviva in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Belcore in *L'elisird'amore*, Marcello in *La Bohème*, Germont in *La Traviata*, Aeneas in *Dido and Aeneas*, Bob in *Old Maid and the Thief*, Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte*, Escamillo in *Carmen*, Prince Moritz Popolescu in *Countess Maritza*, Basil in *Der Graf von Luxemburg*, Gianni Schicchi and Dr. Malatesta in *Don Pasquale*. As a first time guest, please come out for his show. This *Lieder Abend* or, evening of songs, show is open to the public and is a great time to let others in the community know just what kind of entertainment we do have at GAST. His performance and academic credentials are way too long for this space. Please come help us welcome him and enjoy his performance.



Dr. Christian Bester



Performers at GAST 2018

Tulsa's Barthelmes Conservatory, aka, "the bART," has a performance at the GAST Center scheduled for April 5. Still a little way off but mark that Sunday afternoon on your calendar and come see these young artists demonstrate what great performers they are.

Vielen Dank! Ray

Newsletter DEADLINE

Wednesday, March 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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Lumpenball/Soup Party

Saturday, April 11th



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

Admission is **FREE** if you bring
Soup or Dessert to share!

Admission if you don't bring a dish:

Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$5, 5 & Under: FREE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP by 2PM Wednesday, April 8th
(918) 744-6997 or gast@tulsacoxmail.com

Let us know what you plan to bring!

If you are interested in helping decorate for this event, please let us know! Call the office, or look out for an email closer to the date for an opportunity to help setup.



What is Lumpenball?

This is GAST's annual 'Poor Man's Soup Party.' Members and their guests are invited to commiserate with their fellow tax payers by "wearing their best rags" and sharing a dinner of soup, bread and dessert.

Get in the spirit of things! Wear worn old clothes, the more "ruined" the better. Patched jeans, frayed hats, laddered stockings and torn shirts are perfect.

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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

It was a nice drive to Ruth Obermark's house in Sand Springs but sadly only few made it. Ruth was ready for us with a beautifully set table and homemade cakes. Thank you very much, Ruth.

The discussions went from home remodeling, how to make Maultaschen to the Corona Virus outbreak in China.

Our next meeting will be **March 8, 2020** at 3:00pm at the GAST Office on 1429 Terrace Drive
The theme will be: culinary specialties.

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.

If you are in need of an ATTORNEY in the Oklahoma City Metro Area, you may contact **CHARLES J. BYRD** at **NECCO & BYRD, P.C.** We are a law firm with over 95 years of combined experience.

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Joe & Hannelore Giles Carter
Stan & Barbara Conrad*



Prost!

Craft Beer Night Continues

Mar 20th—Prairie Brewpub—223 N. Main St.
 Apr 17th—American Solera Brewery—1702 E 6th St.
 May 15th—Pippin’s Taproom at High Gravity—

**GAST Social Outing to
 Prairie Brewpub
 Friday at 5pm March 20th**

Prost! had a great time last month at Renaissance Brewing Company. We enjoyed the recently renovated space that was perfect for a large group like ours to gather around one table and enjoy great craft beers and lots of laughs. As always, all GAST members are invited to join in on the fun! No RSVP required! Just walk in and look for the GAST table.

March 20th - Prairie Brewpub, 223 N Main St, is located in the Brady District of downtown Tulsa in a beautifully renovated space. The brewpub has 20 locally-brewed craft beers, plus wine and cocktails. Good news -they have a full dinner menu, so come hungry and leave happy!



April 17th – American Solera Brewery, 1702 E 6th St, serves a variety of craft beer that have aged in oak barrels for 6 to 18 months. The brewery was voted the best new brewery in the U.S. in 2016 by Rate Beer! Currently, they’re experimenting with a "pop up kitchen" with a full menu, but not sure what will be available in April. Sounds interesting!

May 15th – Pippin’s Taproom at High Gravity, 6808 S Memorial Dr, offers craft beers on 11 rotating taps plus small food plates (queso and chips, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches and pizza.)



Sunshine Lady

A condolence card was sent to Susan Calvert and John Gallagher and family.

Terry Pizzo TerryIs452@cox.net 918-271-1559

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.

In Memoriam: Teresa Gallagher

Teresa was a member of the GAST Sanger (choir) and tirelessly organized and maintained the choir’s library of sheet music. She always saw to it that each choir member had the music they needed. She’d send a personal birthday card to every choir member every year. She was very dedicated and became known as Mother Teresa to the choir members. Teresa, as Chairman of Children’s Activities, and husband John provided hours of entertainment for the children at our various events, especially Germanfest.

Teresa and John were faithful attendees of GAST parties, Weinkeller and other events.

Teresa and John have been long-time members of GAST and she will be missed.

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Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

GAST THEATER

Monday, March 2



Starting at 6:30 PM

Schlagerparade - 2 - 2020

Starting at 7:30 PM

Liebe mit Lachfalten



Dr. Maria Wagner's sudden dismissal at 50 is a hard blow, so she searches for another job. Meanwhile she goes to her ex's idyllic lake house, where her best friend Jovana presents her older lover, Elvis-imitating hedonist Steffen Berger. An injury causes Maria spend time with and grow closer to Steffen, as Jovana is reintroduced to her ex-boyfriend, studly veterinarian Finn Huber.

Stammtischrunde

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

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl, – Dann Bjorklund

Membership News

George Fletcher Jr. —Tulsa

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GAST heartily welcomes you all!

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