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Prinz Larry and Prinzessin Irene

Command Your Presence

Saturday, February 13, 1988

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 Midnight

FASCHING 1988

Fasching - February 13th

Fasching 1988 is almost here! No dinner will be served but we will have a Snack Bar (from The Sausage Factory) offering the following:

Schinkenwurst	\$2.00
Bierwurst	2.00
Westphalian Schinken	3.00

Josef Hardt will serve as Royal Jester for the Court of Prinz Larry and Prinzessin Irene and will direct us through an evening of frivolity, dancing and fellowship.

Prizes for costumes will be awarded:

WOMEN	MEN
1. Best Costume	3. Best Costume
2. Runner-up	4. Runner-up

GRAND PRIZE

5. Best costume overall,
man, woman or couple

The Prinz and Prinzessin will bestow souvenirs and traditional Fastnachtskuchen will be given to all who participate in the festivities of the Court.

Pete and the Polkatimers will be there to enliven the evening.

Make your reservations early! Fasching is always a great evening of fun so plan to invite friends who have expressed an interest in our Society. The fee is small - \$6.00 per person. See you Saturday, February 13th!!!
(Jean Heidinger)

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For Your Information

Safeway Stores are now offering Vollkorn Brot, Mehrkorn Brot, Sonnenblumenkern Brot, Westphalen Brot and Pumpernickel Brot. Please let your Safeway management know how much you appreciate their stocking these German breads.

President's Corner

If you did not attend our eighth Anniversary Ball, you missed a delicious dinner and a congenial good time. Ludger Schulz of the Alpine Connection catered the dinner serving Roladen, Rotkraut, Kartoffelbrei, Sosse and Salat. It was delicious. Pete and the Polkatimers, as always, contributed to the "Stimmung" atmosphere in their usual style encouraging all to participate in the festivities. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Your hosts and hostesses were the Darnieders and Roepels.

The Board, after consulting with the Awards and Recognition Committee, has established the Anniversary Ball to be the proper occasion on which to honor and recognize some of our deserving members. Two awards were proposed:

1. The Directors' Award, to be presented annually.
2. The President's Award, not to be given annually, but only when and if such award has been earned.

It was with great pleasure that we presented Dick Heidinger with the Directors' Award. After considering several members, the Board voted unanimously for Dick with Jean Heidinger abstaining. Only one person was considered for the President's Award and was accepted without hesitation or discussion. Erica Hartman is our first recipient of the President's Award. Congratulations to Erica and Dick. You have earned your awards and our thanks.

At this time we are preparing guidelines for Social Functions, May/Okttoberfest and our Mai Königin (May Queen). Each board member will study the proposals and make recommendations based on their experience. At the February board meeting we will finalize these proposals. If you have suggestions, do call any one of us. We want to hear from you.

On the occasion of our eighth anniversary, allow me some personal observations. In looking over the records of Presidents Joe Hardt and Hannelore Giles, one has to admire the hard work done by them and

President's Corner (continued)

their boards. They can be proud of their accomplishments and the leadership they have given our Society. I especially like the fact that we are a Society and not a club. This nomenclature alone sets us apart from other ethnic organizations. To me, a Society has a much greater scope than a club, and therefore, greater responsibilities. These have been carried out in a very responsible and conscientious manner in the past. We are not only a social club but a service organization serving our community, churches, schools, nursing homes and other organizations through our language classes, singers, dancers, speakers' bureau, essay contest, scholarship fund, membership in the Tulsa Arts and Humanities Council, Sister Cities of Tulsa and the International Club of Tulsa. We have interpreters and tutors available to the public, we participate in Tulsa's two largest community events and in general enjoy a reputation of friendliness and quality, dependability and cooperation in all we do, not just in Tulsa but in all of Oklahoma. A strong foundation was laid by our previous presidents and boards, a challenge to all of us who follow to live up to those standards.

GAST is a living, breathing Society, affected by an ever changing world, its membership and their interests. Some changes are good, needed and planned, some creep in un-noticed. Case in point: Our Mai Königin became May Queen and then Mayfest Queen. Over the past few years the German names and titles have been dropped from our activities and functions. This was pointed out to me by some of our American born members and the care taken by Oktoberfest, Inc. to use German wherever possible to retain the German flavor. So, whenever warranted, we should and will use German terminology and spelling. Changes come with growth and we are experiencing both. We must be flexible and open minded. Let us honor the past, celebrate the present, plan and build our future based on the tenets of the past and present. I for one will pledge myself to serve to the best of my ability as long as I am your president and beyond.

Irmgard Runyon
President

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Please call Lois Voeller, 749-1902, by the 25th of each month for newsletter items.

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

We started the New Year with a get-together at Max and Jutta Tankersley's with a musical program under the title "German and European tunes, classical and contemporary" which had been put together by Anneliese Hardt. The tunes seemed to be enjoyed by all present; thank you so very much for your hospitality, Max and Jutta. They had even fashioned a big ribbon saying "DIE DEUTSCHE KONVERSATIONSRUNDE" and had put it up.

We are back to our regular schedule. The next meeting will be at the home of Dr. Albert and Hete Barthelmes, 4128 S. Wheeling between South Lewis and South Utica, (turn off 41st Street into Wheeling), on February 14, where Amadeo Richardson will present a program on the destruction and rebuilding of the East German city of Dresden (Die Zerstoerung und der Wiederaufbau Dresdens). Should be a most interesting program so don't miss out. Mark your calendars now. The meeting is from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. on February 14th. See you there!

For further information concerning Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde, please call Anneliese Hardt, Chairman (494-9712) or Barbara Conrad, Co-Chairman (492-3273).



Prof. Helga Madland
and
President Irmgard Runyon

GAST and GASTAA Board Meeting

The GAST and Arts Association Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M., at the Nathan Hale Library, 6038 E. 23rd. All GAST members are invited to attend. However, if you wish to address the Board, please notify the President in writing at least one week in advance. The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th.

Memorial Fund

In remembrance

Mrs. Gertrude Boweleit
(Irmgard Toschik's Mother)

By: Stan and Barbara Conrad

Please mail donations to the Memorial Fund to:

Irmgard Runyon, President
German American Society of Tulsa
P. O. Box 714
Bristow, OK 74010

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Folk Dancing

The folk dancers will continue to dance on their regular practice schedule of the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The group will be reviewing and relearning some of our old dances as well as new ones. Anyone interested in learning folk dances is welcome to join us at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8730 E. Skelly Drive. If you have any questions concerning the folk dancers, please call Buddy or Joy Butcher, 836-5808.

WANTED

Chairperson for Mayfest: Duration: 4 - 6 weeks. Someone willing to organize and ramrod volunteers into a hard working, fun loving group able to make and sell our German food specialties, represent our Society in a positive manner and have fun doing it. Rewards: Leadership training, knowing you are a contributing member of GAST doing a much needed job, earning dollars and good PR for GAST, getting to know other members better, making new friends, all in a spirit of cooperation. Call: Irmgard Toschik, 749-5282.

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General Membership Meeting

A General Membership meeting is planned for April 8th to elect officers and directors for the year 1988/89. This is a vital meeting and we all need to participate in the election, either by serving on the board and/or voting for our leadership. So, mark your calendar and keep this date open for GAST.



EARTH GRAINS - DANEHARTS - SNAK CAKES

1988 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 German Language Classes 7:00-9:30 P.M. Bishop Kelly High School	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 German Language Classes 7:00-9:30 P.M. Bishop Kelly High School	10 GAST Board Meeting 6038 E. 23rd 7:00 P.M.	11 Philharmonic Mozart's Piano Concerto #27	12 Folk Dancing Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 7:00-9:00 P.M.	13 Fasching Homebuilders 8:00-12:00 P.M.
14 Die Deutsche Konversations- runde 4128 S. Wheeling 3:00-5:00 P.M.	15	16 German Language Classes 7:00-9:30 P.M. Bishop Kelly High School	17	18 Die Gastsaenger Southern Hills Methodist Church 7:30-9:30 P.M.	19	20 Karneval Oklahoma City
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Essay Contest

Die Gastsaenger

Rehearsals for Die Gastsaenger will resume on Thursday, February 18th, at the Southern Hills Methodist Church, 6160 S. Lewis 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. If you would like to know more about Die Gastsaenger, please call Dottie Dittus, Director, 749-4149.

Arts Association News

The Arts Association has taken a bold step in support of classical Germanic music in Tulsa. "The Arts" in any community need more than just the regular attendance by its patrons in order to survive in today's economic atmosphere. The bottom line, be it music, dance or drama, is money. The Arts Association has set out to show our appreciation and support of the Tulsa Philharmonic's heavy schedule of classic German composers by contributing \$1500.00 to provide scores for three separate pieces. These scores were presented to our membership in beautiful German by Concert Master Mark Gottlieb, at our Christmas Party. They have been signed by conductor Bernard Rubenstein and will also be autographed by the principal players. These will make a valuable and striking addition to our future library. I heartily encourage you, the membership, to strongly respond to the Philharmonic's choice to showcase so many German composers this season. The dates and specific pieces we are underwriting are: February 11, Mozart's Piano Concerto #27, featuring the winner of the Naumberg Competition; March 17, Bach's Suite #3, BWV 1068, and the highlight on May 11, Beethoven's Violin Concerto performed by Pinchas Zukerman. By attending these concerts we will send a signal to the Philharmonic that this is the type of music we want. Now is it? If so, mark your calendar and attend these concerts in particular. You'll find we have a fine local orchestra, one sure to please you in their ability and deserving of our attendance. Remember - the Arts in Tulsa depend on us. If we don't participate, they will die out. So, send a small contribution, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, with your ticket reservation and mention that you are a member of GAST. It will add up. Danke! (Tom Clark)

Forty area high school students submitted their opinions on the topics "What will German American Relations Be Like In Another Forty Years" or "How Does the German Constitution Reflect American Political Principals". High Schools represented this year in order of the numbers of essays submitted were: Union High School (C. Guckian), Bixby High School (M. Segner), Holland Hall (M. Condon), Bishop Kelly High School (B. Chin), Prior High School (F. Deuben), and Booker T. Washington (T. Clark). Bret Allison and Todd Bevins of Union took first and second place awards of \$200.00 and \$150.00 respectively. Kendra Schmidt of Booker T. Washington won the third prize of \$100.00 for a most unusual and original approach to her topic. Our judges, returnees, Buddy Butcher and Rudi Fickert, were joined by newcomers and local instructors Doris Collins and Jutta Tankersley. I would like to warmly thank them for their time and interest in performing this invaluable task. It is a pleasure to come into contact with some of the fine young minds out there by means of judging our essays. I also would like to thank all of those who wrote essays but were not successful in bringing home an award this year. The judges were quite impressed with the high level of expression shown. I encourage these students to write again next year.

Helga Madland, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Oklahoma, was present at the Christmas Party to accept a check in the amount of \$1000.00 from the German American Arts Association. In lieu of the college level essay prize this year, we elected to make this award to the Masters Program to be used for scholarship funds for graduate students in German. Funds must be used for continued study in German either for foreign study or an approved summer program. Only interest will be used for the Program with the principal remaining intact for a continuing scholarship program. (Tom Clark)

WANTED

Recipe for a Sugar Cookie my mother used to make using Hirschhornsalz. Call Ferd Cehak, 835-4947.



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Green Country Wander Freunde

Green Country Wander Freunde will be inaugurating its own year round walk in February. The weekend of Feb. 13th, 14th and 15th has been selected as the kick-off date. It is planned to have Tulsa's elected officials present for the inauguration. The start/finish point of this walk is to be the Quick Trip convenience store in Utica Square. The walk wends through parts of Woodward Park and Riverside. Come join us! Also in February, GCWF is sponsoring a volksmarch which will take walkers up Holmes Peak. This is the only peak in the world named for Sherlock Holmes and it is close to Gilcrease Museum. A brochure explaining details of this volksmarch is enclosed with this newsletter.

(Jean Stiles, 272-1622)



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Membership

If you have any questions regarding membership, please call Jean Heidinger, 747-4958.

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Remember, Margaret Schmidt is our sunshine lady. Please call her if you know of anyone needing her special ray of sunshine (446-0716).

Karneval Oklahoma City

Oklahoma German American Society

Saturday, February 20, 7:30 P.M.

Costume Party

Money prizes for best costume, most original and best couple. Knockwurst, sauerkraut and bread will be served. Music provided by Pete and the Polkatimers. Guests \$10.00, ice and food provided. For information, call 405-232-0104 or 405-848-0071.

International Friendship Festival

On February 26th from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M. at Booker T. Washington High School will be an International Friendship Festival. Offered will be Food displays, dances, and skits performed by students involved in magnet programs, Booker T. Washington, Carver, Wilson and Elliott. Come sample ethnic foods which will be offered and see what direction foreign languages are taking in Tulsa. Donations will go toward purchase of a badly needed portable language lab. For information, please call Tom Clark, 747-2337.

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GAST name tags with the logo and name of the organization may be ordered through Shirley Schelper, 2923 E. 84th Street, Tulsa, OK 74137, at a cost of \$6.00 each.

Raffle Prizes

Raffle prizes for the Christmas Party were as follows: Three pen and pencil sets, courtesy of Albert Equipment Company, a hand knit scarf by Hildegard Schaffrin, a bottle of Piesporter Michelsberg Wine donated by John and Hannah Hufford, a set of Dansk glasses donated by June Holmes, dinner for two from the Alpine Connection, four bottles of invisible windshield wiper donated by Rudi Fickert and a hand crocheted afghan by Freidel Wimmer. Thanks to all those who donate raffle prizes for our social events. If you wish to donate raffle prizes, please call Hildegard Schaffrin prior to the event at 747-8291.

Language Classes

We started the German language classes on January 19th with a total enrollment of 78 students. We were able to offer all four levels of classes this semester. Classes will continue for 10 weeks through March 22nd if we don't get snowed out. Our instructors this semester are Antje Gally, Ingrid Grimm, Anneliese Hardt, Greta Swenson and Barbara Taron. We're looking for another great semester and learning a lot of Deutsch. (Tom Clark)



St. Nikolaus with
Melissa Toschik and
Jared Busby

Registration Form

Date: Feb 13, 1988
Postmark By: Feb 8, 1988(Monday)
Mail to: Irmgard Toschik
5617 S. Utica Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74105

RESERVATIONS:

Dance \$6.00

___ Members \$ _____
___ Guests \$ _____
___ Total \$ _____

From: _____
Member Phone

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