



# Das Deutsche Echo

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## General Membership Meeting

Friday, July 10, 8:00 P.M. - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8730 E. Skelly Drive

The meeting will be concerned ONLY with the proposed Club House Building. The Architect will be present to explain and answer questions concerning the construction. See you there!

## 1987 MAIQUEEN



Congratulations to Angela Giles, our new Maiqueen! Angie has just graduated from Jenks High School as an honor student and will continue her education at the University of Tulsa. In the past Angie has worked at Mayfest and Oktoberfest and helped with various childrens' parties, general meetings and other activities. Her outside interests have included involvement with the Muscular Dystrophy Association helping with the Telethon and PR work for K-95. She has studied the German language and has visited Germany on several occasions. She feels it will be a great honor to represent GAST as Maiqueen. Thanks to Melissa Toschik who has represented us as a very lovely and gracious Maiqueen for the past year.

Melissa and Angela

## Dates to Remember

1987

Jul 10	General Membership Meeting
Jul 12	Summer Picnic - Haikey Creek Park
Sep 19	Summer Party
Oct 22-25	Oktoberfest/River Parks
Oct 31	Oktoberfest/Halloween
Dec 12	Christmas Party

## An Invitation to Dance

The dance classes will continue during the summer on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Come with your friends and learn the heel and toe polka, schottische and bumps polka. There is a \$1.00 fee to help offset the club's rental price of the church. Everyone is invited to any class, even if you already dance. You may learn something new. In any event, you will have some fun. Please come and join us. (Peter Weiss)

## GAST AND ARTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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## Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The meeting on May 10 at Joe and Anneliese Hardt's had a good attendance. It was a welcome of spring celebration (Fruehlingswillkommen). Joe and Anneliese recited beautiful spring and love poems, against a background of music and songs from Germany. The group joined in and sang along with some of the German folks songs and a good time seemed to be had by all. This was our sign-off meeting before the summer break. We will start back on the 2nd Sunday of September, September 13, 1987, from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. Mark your calendars now and watch the Echo for further announcements.

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde is a project of the Arts Association and open to all GAST members. For further information, call Anneliese Hardt, Chairman, 494-9712, or Barbara Conrad, Co-Chairman, 492-3273.

## SUMMER PICNIC July 12

### Haikey Creek Park

Watch your mail for a flyer giving details about the upcoming picnic on July 12.

## President's Corner

Due to Mayfest starting on the day of our regularly scheduled Board meeting and the absence of several members, we did not have a Board meeting in May. However, the June meeting was held at the regular time and place.

Our appreciation to the 60 GAST members who came to the General Membership Meeting on a long weekend (Memorial Day) and a very busy month. We had a quorum and were able to elect Irmgard Toschik as our new First Vice President. Congratulations Irmgard and welcome aboard!!! Many thanks to Hildegard Schaffrin and Norbert Hoffman for their willingness to serve GAST. We regret that only one person could be elected.

We have so many people in our organization who give freely and generously of their time and talents. It would be dangerous for us to start to name them all because we would surely omit someone who worked as hard and as long. Therefore, ALL Mayfest workers, take a bow! It was a very good year due to your willingness to do a lot of hard work. Five continuous days of manning a booth stretches the ability of any organization but we did it and did it well. Our thanks, of course, go to Erica Hartman for her efforts in the organization of all the volunteers as well as the ordering of the food, etc. Thanks, Erica from all of us.

The Building Corporation, too, has put in long hours to come up with a proposed building plan and an architect. Please express your appreciation to them. We now have a picture of what we have been and are continuing to work for with the activities of Mayfest and Oktoberfest. It now looks as if our Club House will become a reality IF we continue to work together in harmony, a home for all our activities that will perpetuate our German heritage and culture. Together we're strong, united we're stronger. The dream CAN become a reality.

Congratulations to Angela Giles as our new Maiqueen. She will be an asset to GAST and represent us as graciously as did all the previous Maiqueens.

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George Starch is totally committed to putting out a GAST Cook Book, even if he has to do it by himself. For the past three, or is it four, years he has pleaded, begged and cajoled all of us to please send in a few of our recipes with little, very little, response. SHAME ON US! Most of us would have quit a long time ago, but not George. So come on, send in two or three of your favorite recipes. George is not doing this for his own profit or benefit, but for GAST and for our Club House. George, you are a terrific example of commitment and dedication to all of us.

There are so many members who have earned and deserve public recognition but where to start? Past efforts have brought us this close to a Club House. Current efforts keep us going ahead. All of us will be needed in a future that may well ask as much and more. If we take one step at a time in unity, "the dream can become a reality."

IRMGARD RUNYON, President

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officers of GAST and the Arts Association are soliciting a "People's Voice" column to be included in Das Echo each month. Members may use this medium to express opinions, question actions of the Board, express expectations for GAST, whatever would be of interest to the organization. Letters must be signed but name may be withheld upon request and should be sent to Lois N. Voeller, Editor, Das Deutsche Echo, P. O. Box 521150, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74152-1150.

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GAST congratulations to Jeri and Lydia Treager on the birth of a daughter, Kristin Noelle Treager, born 24 May 1987.

## 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.

## Folk Dancing

The Folk Dancers will continue their regular schedule through June with rehearsals to be held the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8730 E. Skelly Drive. Time is 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Joy or Buddy Butcher, 836-5808.

## Die Gastsanger

Die Gastsanger will recess during the summer. For information regarding the fall schedule, watch Das Echo. If you need other information, please call Dottie Dittus, 749-4149.



The Maifest Party was a great success and marked the completion of another successful Mayfest for the Club and ended the spring party season. Our own Joe Hardt was Master of Ceremonies for the Maiqueen Contest and crowning of the 1987 Maiqueen, Angela Giles. A good crowd was present for the last party of the season and many compliments from those who attended were heard. To all who worked so hard to make our parties so much fun, Vielen Dank!



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### Raffle Prizes

Raffle prizes for the Maifest party were a license plate and four beer glasses from the Golden Eagle Distributing Company, a subsidiary of Anheuser Busch; a bottle of Stone Hill Missouri Wine, donated by Ruth and Karl Koch; a record album, The Polkatoons #10, a gift from Anneliese and Joe Hardt; consultation and hair design at California Concept, compliments of Patty and Jim Steinsiek; two Edelweiss pendants from Hildegard and Paul Schaffrin. Hannelore and Jim Giles contributed a bottle of Valkenberg, "Madonna" Auslese. Helen and Karl Lochner contributed a beautiful embroidered apron, Connie and Jerry Wallace are inviting you for dinner for two at their new Alpine Kitchen at 6525 E. 31st. A beautiful Trachten Tie was given by GAST. Pete Weiss took the appeal in last month's Echo to heart and is donating a lovely bar set he has treasured for over 20 years and has never used for the good of the Club. Hannelore Giles has solicited and obtained a gift certificate for dinner for two from Ashley's.

We urge you to visit the firms that support our raffle and thank those individuals who have donated prizes.

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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.



## Memorial Fund

IN REMEMBRANCE

Rosina Obermaier

M. and Mrs. Erwin Jerchau

Edwin Perner

Mrs. Ella Schilling

Karl Schmidt

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Jerchau

Please mail donations to the Memorial Fund to:

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

## Building Corporation

June meeting for the Building Corporation will be held at the Nathan Hale Library, 6038 E. 23rd, Wednesday, June 24th, 7:30 P.M. Any member interested in attending the meetings of the Building Corporation is welcome.



Candidates Trish and Angela with their escorts, David Guier and Tom Clark

## CDS International Students

Tulsa Junior College will be admitting two young people from West Germany in the Fall 1987 semester. Thomas Vollrath, 19, and Beate Vielz, 20, will be participating in the German Bundestag/U.S. Congress Youth Exchange Program and will study at TJC in the fall and work as interns in Tulsa companies next spring. The program is supported by the Carl Duisberg Society (known now as CDS International), and will represent Tulsa Junior College's first entry into international student exchange on a formal, structural basis.

Applications are being taken for the selection of host families. Please call Dr. John Kontogianes, Provost, 622-5100, ext. 232, or Mr. Mark Peterson, Advisor for International Students, for specific information on the program or to express interest in being a host family for a long or short duration. Thomas and Beate will arrive in Tulsa on or about August 20. The faculty and staff at TJC are excited about having the students at their college and giving young German professionals a valuable look into the lives of Americans.



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**Hannah's Film Ecke**

May was the last month for our film series. We have seen some interesting films from Germany, some good, some not so good but all interesting and there are many more for us to choose from. If we are to continue the series this fall, we need volunteers, especially for a fourth Sunday afternoon showing. If you are interested, call Tom Clark (628-0784) or Hannah Hufford (745-1133 - work).

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

**Das Deutsche Echo**

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

**Green Country  
Wander-Freunde**

President Ken Miles expressed appreciation to Past President Jim Dillinger in the last issue of the Green Country Wander-Freunde News and noted that as the club closes out the second full year they have conducted five successful IVV sanctioned events and are witnessing the rapid growth of the Club's own non-sanctioned walking program. In addition, the Green Country Wander-Freunde are looking forward to the sanctioning and initiation of a year-round IVV event in Tulsa. Upcoming events are as follows:

July 18 - Tulsa Grand Prix	Walk-Bike
July 18 - Tulsa Volksschwimmers	Swim
August 1 - Clinton Grand Prix	Walk-Bike

Note: Oktoberfest dates have been changed to October 24-25 due to the change of dates for Oktoberfest.

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The eleven-part, 16 hour West German television film "Heimat" (Homeland) has been sold to the American television network PBS, the Cologne based regional television station, WDR, a co-producer of the series, announced recently. Since its first broadcast in the Federal Republic in 1984, the film has been sold to a total of 19 foreign television networks, including stations in almost all European countries as well as Korea, Australia and Canada. PBS plans to show the series to American audiences later this year, according to the WDR statement.

**Membership**

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