



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

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The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 for the purpose of promoting interest in the community of our German heritage, history of the community, Bavarian architecture, etc. This is to be a purely social club.

Greetings from the President

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU! goes out to everyone who made the 2010 Strassenfest such a huge success. What a great weekend we had with no rain and almost bearable heat. First year booth chairpersons, Pat and Phyllis Schuler, did a great job managing such a large undertaking. Of course, special thanks go out to the old pros, Danny and Linda Wehr, for their mentoring.

Thank you to booth committee chairpersons Dave and Nancy Prechtel, Dave and Brenda Buehler, Mike Jahn, Don and Eileen Scherle, Jo and Kathy Wanninger, Dave and Rita Blessinger, Matthias and Kathy Hilger, Mike and Ann Ackerman, Mike Hochgesang, Rafe Ackerman, Leo Eckerle, Jim Corn and Dan and Kathy Gutsell. Thanks to all of your committee members for all of the hard work prior to, during and after the Strassenfest. (Jim Corn was seen up on a ladder at the pastry booth painting lettering. It was learned that he repainted the booth after last year's fest. Great job, Jim! I thought that the bunting was real!)

Special thanks go out to Rita Egler (and of course, with help from Gary) for managing the money every day and night and for organizing food and drinks for the booth set-up and the float clean-up. In addition, thanks to all the women who supplied food for the both sessions.

Much preparation goes into the planning, setting up and tear down of the area occupied by the Deutscher Verein during the Strassenfest. Thanks to all to worked their work shifts in the Brat, Pastry and Souvenir booths. Thanks also to the grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends of club members who helped with the Strassenfest. Proceeds from these booths are the only source of revenue for the Deutscher Verein.

Each year our club's float is entered in the Sunday parade and always wins an award. This year was no exception. Many thanks go to Raymie and Rita Eckerle for managing the float clean-up and details for the parade each year. The Strassenfest committee rode in the float this year and they were very appreciative.

Both the annual Sheephead Tourney and the Log Sawing Context are sponsored by the Deutscher Verein. Many thanks to Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, Dan Wehr, Fred Roeder and Werner Saw Mill Crew, respectively, for organizing these events.

We were blessed this year with a nice night for Thursday's Opening Ceremonies (no rain). The parade down to the beer garden was memorable and lots of fun. Birnie and I had lots of fun leading everyone in Ein Prosit and Judy was able to slice off nibbles of the first bratwursts - sans buns! A special thanks to all who participated in the parade; our beer keg carriers who were Dan Wehr, Mike Hochgesang, Mike Ackerman and Dave Buehler; our bratwurst toters who were Keith Bachman, Fred Routson, Glenn Schepers and Scott Blazey; and last but not least, helping me with the flag carrying duties, VP Birnie Jeffries.

A special honor for our club this year was the recognition of our very own, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, as Hofmarshall. As you all know, Leo and Lora Lou are long time club members who are great examples of our German Heritage and work ethic on this 30th Anniversary year.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Deutscher Verein plays a very big part in our annual Strassenfest. It is extremely gratifying that our club's 30th anniversary was recognized by this year's Strassenfest Committee in all of the pre-fest publicity and on the commemorative beer stein. Judy and I certainly have enjoyed our positions as fest Host and Hostess the past two years and we are going to miss it.

See you at the September Family Picnic!
Al Bennett
President.



A Thought from your Vice President

Hello everyone! As the fall season draws near, so does the beginning of my term as President. I have truly enjoyed serving as Vice President under Al Bennett because we get along so well. Now I am looking for a running mate to serve as my Vice President and ultimately as President. How difficult is the job you ask? Well it's not difficult when you have great membership behind you. Keep in mind that we are a Social Club with the sole purpose of enjoying and promoting our German Heritage.

New Officers take over at the January meeting. We are actually looking for a Secretary and a Vice President, so give me a call at 326-2414 and I'll send you the details of those office positions.

See ya at the picnic,
Birnie Jeffries
Vice President

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Winners of Strassenfest Events Sponsored by the Deutscher Verein

Log Sawing Contest

Women's Division:

First: D & D – Kristi Durcholz and Julie Dicus

Second: Sister Power – Meriam Schwartz and Alma Miley

Men's Division:

First: Angry Beavers – Mark Hoffman and Nathan Block

Second: Eckerty Brothers – Abe Schwartz and Enos Schwartz

Sheephead Tourney

Delli Keusch, Shirley Brinkman, and Leroy Schnaus

Found – A Digital Camera at the Strassenfest –
Call Rita Egler at 634-9068 to claim.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

September

Family Picnic – Oktober Fest – September 18th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Oktober

Oktober Fest – Oktober 3rd – Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank

German American Day Celebration – Oktober 6th at the Schnitzelbank

Deutscher Verein Family Picnic 2010

On Saturday September 18th, we will have our annual Deutscher Verein Picnic at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation to celebrate our families and the Deutscher Verein as well as saying thank you to the many people who put a lot of work into our social club throughout the year.

Doors will open at 3:30pm. Members of the Dubois County Suds Club have been brewing special Oktoberfest Style beers for Deutscher Verein members and guests to taste and judge. All members of the Dubois County Suds Club may enter the contest.

Amount of beer per contestant
2 types of beer per contestant
4- one liter bottles or
6- 22oz bottles
6- 16oz bottles
10- 12oz bottles

Beers to be entered into competition should be at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club at 4:00pm for check in and tasting will begin at 4:30pm.

Voters (Deutscher Verein members and guests) will vote on a one to ten scale.

We will have to take an average on the votes due to this scale.

There will not be a Mass. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

Our dinner menu will be ribs, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, and red cabbage.

Deutscher Verein members are asked to bring a fresh salad, vegetables, or a dessert.

During the evening, we will have a short business meeting. Jeff Kunkel will provide music for our dancing and listening pleasure. Mr. Kunkel will play our favorite German polkas and dinner and dance music. Wear your outfits and show your German pride.

A Special Invitation goes to the Strassenfest Committee, all Jasper High School German Exchange Students and their parents, the Dubois County Suds Club, those individuals who traveled to Pfaffenweiler to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Partnership, and your friends and neighbors.

And, who knows....we may have a little bit of Schuhplattlein and games throughout the evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Deutscher Verein Picnic.

Aaron and Heidi Rasche

News from the Dubois County Suds Club **Results of the Strassenfest Home-Brew Contest**

91 entries this year!

Light beer (21 entries)

- 1st - Zach Weisheit - WBBC Tapp Rd Lager
- 2nd - Brent Lee - American Pale Ale
- 3rd - Daniel Hall - Light Beer

Amber beer (19 entries)

- 1st - John Mills - How Now Brown Cow
- 2nd - Sam Schatz - Bock Beer
- 3rd - Sam Schatz - Doppelbock

Wheat beer (19 entries)

- 1st - Chris Norrick - Winter Wit #58
- 2nd - Ben Nowotarski - German Wheat
- 3rd - John Dippel - Bad Moon Weizen

Dark beer (19 entries)

- 1st - Justin Rumbach - London Porter
- 2nd - John Dippel - Beer Belly Porter
- 3rd - Curtis Hall - Smoked Porter

Specialty Beer (13 entries)

- 1st - Sam Schatz - Beer Barrel Porter
- 2nd - Wayne Patmore - Terminator Ale
- 3rd - Rob Sloten - Cherry Vanilla Lambic

Best of Show - Chris Norrick - Winter Wit #58

Dubois County Suds Club - 2010 Schedule -

Oct ? - Teach a Friend to Brew

Nov 9 - 7pm - The Schnitz

Dec ? - Holiday Party

Any questions on the DC Suds Club, call 630-8433 or email jrumbach@hotmail.com.

Justin Rumbach

Thank You For Your Items

I would like to thank Linda Wehr and Kathy Hilger for helping me to refurbish the Deutscher Verein cabinets at the Schnitzelbank....

Also, thanks to all who responded to my plea to loan items....A big thank you goes out to James Marquis, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Tom and Patti Goepfrich, Matt and Kathy Hilger, Gary and Rita Egler and the gifts from Pfaffenweiler, Germany for allowing us to display all items...

Thanks also to Alan and Jill at the Schnitzelbank for being so gracious.....Rita Egler

Trip to Germany

Spring 2011. Historic Germany: from Berlin to Bavaria. Mike Whicker, a member of Evansville's Germania Maennerchor, is leading a group tour to Germany. The 12-day trip departs on March 17th, flying out of Evansville. Mike is the author of *Invitation to Valhalla*, a World War II spy novel set in Evansville and Germany. Trip cost is \$2973 which includes flights, first class hotels, fine dining, ground transportation, event and venue fees, departure fees, and much more. Overnight stays in Berlin (3 nights), Dresden (2 nights), Bamberg (2 nights), and Munich (3 nights). An optional 3-night ad-on stay in Vienna is available. Sign-ups are taken until December, but a \$300 deposit is due by September 30th to guarantee that price. For more information and a detailed itinerary contact Mike Whicker at 812-568-8160 or email him at mikewhicker52@yahoo.com.

Oktoberfest 2010
Student Exchange Program Fundraiser

A new event is being planned to raise funds for the Jasper High School Student Exchange Program. Oktoberfest 2010 is being presented by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. (Indiana) as a way to explain the exchange program, teach the public about the cultural connections and encourage new friendships.

Oktoberfest 2010 will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. The hours are between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Included is a German Buffet with Salad Bar and soft drink. The cost is \$20 for an adult and \$10 for anyone age 10 and under. The location is the Schnitzelbank Restaurant at 393 Third Avenue in Jasper, Indiana. Homebrew tasting will be provided by the Dubois County Suds Club. Also being offered throughout the day and into the evening will be a cash bar with German Beer, Silent Auction, Entertainment, ½ pot drawing, accordion music by Jeff Kunkel, face painting and other fun activities.

Because of the close historical and family ties to Pfaffenweiler, Germany, a high school exchange program was established in 1987. The exchange for Jasper High School has been taking place every two years since then. Around 15-20 students travel to Germany every other year, while the students from Germany visit in the opposite years. This is a great opportunity for these young students to get some international exposure. Pfaffenweiler is a small village in the foothills of the Black Forest, with approximately 2600 residents. The relationship between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler has blossomed and grown into an important part of the heart of both cities.

Tickets for Oktoberfest 2010 will be available at the door on the day of the event.

For more information contact the Jasper Chamber of Commerce at 812/482-6866 or the Schnitzelbank Restaurant at 812/482-2640.

Items already donated for the silent auction are tickets to the Indianapolis Colts football game, a hike from Crawford County Outfitters, a *Spring Fling* Large Flareware Compote by Romy and Clare Designs 12"x7", and many types of theme baskets.

Desserts

Anyone who would like to donate a dessert to be included in the German Buffet or as an item for the silent auction at Oktoberfest 2010 may contact Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821.

All desserts or donations for the silent auction will be appreciated.

German American Day Program and
Annual German Heritage Award

The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will celebrate German-American Day on Wednesday, October 6th, with a dinner at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The dinner and program will honor the contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States.

The program will begin with opening remarks by Al Bennett, president of the Deutscher Verein. Mayor William J. Schmitt will proclaim October 6th as German-American Day.

Matthias Hilger, president of the Jasper Partnership Commission, will present the German-American Heritage Award. The award will be presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon the German roots in Dubois County. The recognition is open to all individuals.

Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999.

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award. Past recipients are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Dan and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, and Vic and Monica Knies.

Our guest speakers will be Raymie Eckerle, Joan Knies, and Gene Eckerle. They were members of the delegation from Jasper visiting Pfaffenweiler in June to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister City Partnership. This was the first visit to Pfaffenweiler for these brothers and sister whose Great Great Grandfather, John George Eckerle, came from Pfaffenweiler to Jasper in 1847. They will share stories and thoughts of their visit.

Jim Gutsell, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will have closing comments.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and program. The social hour begins at 6p.m. with the program and German-style buffet at 6:30p.m. The cost is \$10 a person for the buffet with a cash bar. Reservations are needed and can be made by calling Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821 by September 29.

Lois Kuntz also provides support in planning the program.

An essay contest open to all seniors in the four county school corporations is being held in conjunction with German-American Day. There are three essay topics. The students may pick one of the three topics. They are "What does German heritage mean to me?", "What can we, as the younger generation, do to help maintain and preserve our German heritage?", and "Note local or family German names as they relate to the towns or villages that immigrants came from, the meaning of the family names, relationship to geographic location, occupation, etc."

A winner from each school corporation will be named from the essays submitted, and the four winners will attend the German-American Day Dinner and read their winning essays at the German-American Day Dinner. Each winner will be awarded a \$250 scholarship.

German American is the financial sponsor of the contest.

A Special Recognition and Thank You to Matthias Hilger

On Friday, June 18th, during the 25th Sister City Anniversary celebration at the Batzenberghalle in Pfaffenweiler a surprise took place. During the performance of the Batzenberger Brass Band, two of their members, Annika Marschall and Dominik Klein, took the microphone and immediately they were surrounded by 20 teenagers and adults on the stage. "What do they have in common?" the audience thought. They all were Exchange Students who had visited and spent time in Jasper either attending Jasper High School, participated in a work internship, or participating in another educational program Jasper. Twenty of the over 60 students were in attendance for the evening's festivities.

For all of them, for over 20 years, Matthias Hilger took the responsibility in organizing their visit to Jasper, looking for host families and for some of them, he and his family hosted themselves. For this great hospitality, welfare and care given to them, the people on the stage said THANK YOU to Matthias.

Annika and Dominik, who both stayed in Jasper for almost one year, presented a program on everything that Matthias has done for the young people and gave him a suitcase labelled with the names of all the students. Matthias was very touched and speechless. His only comment to those in attendance was "This partnership is my life. I immediately felt like home when I arrived in Jasper and that warm feeling should be possible for all the students."

Two mothers of Exchange students from Pfaffenweiler invited all the students whom Matthias has helped. Many of the students have moved away from Pfaffenweiler. Many travelled back to Pfaffenweiler for the special evening and others wrote very lovely letters. For example, citing Kathrin: "I am pregnant, it's planned that my baby will come two days before the celebration. But it's a great idea, I would have come for sure." Or, citing Julia: "I am not able to travel that long way. But, by the way, it reminds me to contact my exchange student Kerri in Jasper. But I am not sure, if I have the e-Mail-address. But if not, I could ask Matt for sure."... PS of her mail was: "When I look out of my window, I see the 'Schloss Neuschwanstein". That's a very popular sight to visit. If there will be an American group, who would like to visit it, I am happy to be the contact person."

The next Exchange group will arrive in Jasper in October and some individual students are going stay in Jasper for the next year or six months. During his visit to Pfaffenweiler, Matthias spent much time with students, parents and teachers.

Matthias, thank you for all you have done for these students, their parents, and host families. Your continued commitment is very much appreciated. And, thank you to your family for sharing you for the benefit of the Partnership.

(Thank you to Karin Horst of Pfaffenweiler for providing this information.)



A Magical German Essay by Steffi Mehringer

In the fall of 2005, Steffi Mehringer, who was a senior at Forest Park High School, entered and won the German Essay contest sponsored by German American in conjunction with the German Heritage Dinner.

One of her paragraphs read – “Last year another German exchange student attended our school and I became very close friends with him. I was fortunate to be invited to stay with his family over the summer. Visiting the country gave me the opportunity to reinforce the already strong ties. By spending nearly a month with the Schumueckers rather than go over as part of a tourist group, I experienced first-hand what life is like in their country. I spent much of my time in their home town – small village outside Berlin. I got to witness and take part in things that they do on a daily basis, which gave me a whole new perspective of the German lifestyle. I was able to see where they work, what they eat, their weekend activities, and I attended a

German school. I even accepted an invitation to talk to their English class and tell them about American culture and life in Dubois County. This trip was an excellent way for me to learn more things about my heritage, and I encourage all of my peers to visit the country if they get a chance. I would like to plan another trip to spend more time exploring the southern part of the country. “

Life takes very interesting turns. Steffi Mehringer has married the German exchange student she refers to in her essay. Steffi Mehringer married Florian Schmuecker of Wansdorf, Germany in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville on July 31st and they reside in Jasper.

Steffi is employed by German American as a service and sales representative. Congratulations and best wishes to Steffi and Florian and Florian, Welcome to Dubois County!!

Witty, Lively, Useful: The Multifaceted German Language

The Federal Foreign Office and its partners want to inspire more young people abroad to learn German – with the “German – Language of Ideas” initiative.

“Tonight is intended as an homage to the German language. We also could have called it an Ehrerweis or a Lobpreisung.” Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Guido Westerwelle pauses briefly in his speech. “But that is not necessary. German is self-confident enough to get along well with words from other languages.” The Federal Foreign Office and its partners launched an initiative called “German – Language of Ideas” in late February to show just how multifaceted the German language is – and above all how much fun it can be. Japanese author Yoko Tawada, who lives in Germany, scrutinized the complexities of German grammar with a sharp wit. Hungarian essayist Peter Esterhazy reported on his childhood adventures with the German Language. Tenor Christoph Pregardien recited Goethe’s Erlkoenig – an icon of German poetry and song that seems to epitomize the perfect south of the German language. Slam poet Nina “Fiva” Sonnenberg and DJ Phekt rapped in German and showed how vibrant the language is. And this is precisely the intention of the “German – Language of Ideas” initiative, a focus of Germany’s foreign cultural and educational policy in 2010.

As Federal Foreign Minister Westerwelle said, “German gives individuals opportunities. It opens the door to one of the best education systems in the world and of course also strengthens Germany’s stance as an academic hub. German gives people the opportunity to have an academic career in over 350 institutions of higher education, some of which, as we all know, are world renowned. The German language is the key to German literature, music, philosophy and science, to the wealth of great European cultural traditions and of course also to the largest economy in Europe. For all of these reasons, over 14 million people have chosen to learn German. No other language in Europe is spoken by more people as a native tongue than our language. We want to generate enthusiasm for German among even more people.”

Together with its partners – the Goethe Institute, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA), the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa), the Deutsche Welle and the Educational Exchange Service (PAD) – The Federal Foreign Office wants to encourage young people to learn German with lots of imaginative events and projects all over the globe. An important role is also played here by an initiative called “Schools – Partners for the Future” (PASCH), with which the Foreign Ministry has already set up a worldwide network of over 1,400 schools. The plans include the “German Olympics” for high-school students, an international debating competition for young people, language camps for young people, and a Youth Parliament to be held partly in German. For more information visit: <http://www.diplo.de/sprache-der-ideen>.

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