



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

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The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.

Happy New Year To All!!!!



thank our friends in Jasper for the wonderful anniversary celebration this past summer.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas and all the Best in the New Year. Katharina Elisabeth Goethe, Mother of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, has a wonderful recipe for that:

„You take 12 months, clean them up of jealousy, bitterness, avarice and pedantry, and cut them into 30 31 parts, so the provisions will last for one year. Every day is being prepared individually, using one part of work, two parts of cheerfulness and humor. Then you add 3 heaped table spoons of optimism, one tea spoon of tolerance, a corn of irony and a pinch of tact. Then the mixture needs to be covered with a lot of love. Decorate the finished meal with a little bunch of attention and serve with cheerfulness. “

Yours truly Bürgermeister

Dieter Hahn

Message from Pfaffenweiler Mayor Dieter Hahn

„Give your heart and freely.
Give along what lives inside of you
Be it opinion, taste and humor,
In that your own happiness
will reward you. “
(Joachim Ringelnatz)

Dear friends in Jasper,

It took me some time to fully understand the quotation from Joachim Ringelnatz above and I can imagine that you might have the same issue.

I believe Joachim Ringelnatz found the deepest meaning of the Christmas celebration, because it is about giving yourself. To give your opinion, taste and your humor, also means, to turn away from the commercialization of Christmas.

To give yourself is the most personal gift one can give and on top of it, it is for free.

The decision alone to give yourself to somebody already gives you advance happiness according to Ringelnatz; even that I believe is an impressive deep recognition. Also, before you look for gifts on Christmas Eve give your family and friends some of your precious time. There are many options, a long walk together, a conversation with a good cup of tea, a dinner with candle light and a glass of good wine, the visit of a concert or the theater and a lot more. Something will come to your mind.

With this in mind I want to thank everyone for the moments and meetings of the past year in which you gave me your opinion, taste and your humor. I want to

Greetings from the President

Year in Review

Well, 2010 has come to a close and what a great year it has been for the Jasper Deutscher Verein. As we celebrated our 30th Anniversary as a club, both the membership and meeting attendance were up substantially. We commemorated this milestone as a club with news releases and radio broadcasts by your officers and directors. A Power Point presentation, developed by the Jeffries family, was shown at the January meeting and depicted the good times had during club activities these past 30 years. The presentation was repeated throughout the year. Our historian, Dan Wehr, and I were even interviewed with regard to our club's history and Sister City program for a student's Master's Thesis.

As usual we started the year off in January with our annual Wine/Beer judging and tasting. We continued in February with a great program by Jasper Architect/Historian, Ron Flick. Ron shared his research on the Origins of the Schnitzelbank song as brought

here by the German immigrants. As it turns out the song has a long and varied history. At the conclusion, Alan Hanselman and many of his costumed waitresses led the membership in singing the "Schnitzelbank Song".

Dave Fischer, owner of Fischer Farms, presented our March program. A Power Point presentation highlighted the operations of his family run natural beef business. Our April meeting included a variety of programs: Adrienne Gibson, Assist. General Manager of the Dubois County Bombers baseball team; Paige Stradtner, volunteer coordinator for Tri-Cap of Dubois County; and entertainment supplied by Birnie Jeffries and the Recycled Teenagers. Adrienne announced a "Jasper Deutscher Verein Day" at the June 10th baseball game. I was allowed to through out the first pitch with minimal damage to my back and ego. Paige discussed the new volunteer center implemented by Tri-Cap.

May brought us warm spring weather and unfortunately, rain, which drowned our plans for an outdoor BBQ and Barn Dance at the old Schaeffer Barn near the Riverwalk. Spirits were high, however, as the meeting was moved inside to the VFW, with brats, sausage and kraut still on the menu. Joe Rohleder gave us a history of the barn and its restoration. To complement the "barn" theme, Mel Menke called and instructed the Square Dance steps. Also in May, Olivia Gutsell was presented the club's \$1,000 scholarship award at the annual JHS Award Day.

A major event this year was the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of our Sister Cities Partnership with Pfaffenweiler, Germany. On June 16, a contingent of 42 people traveled to Germany. Some of the travelers stayed in Pfaffenweiler until departing on June 28th. The rest traveled to parts of Switzerland and France. The group reported that our Pfaffenweiler friends and families went "over the top" to provide our welcome. Memories were made that will last forever.

Of course the highlight of the year, as always, was the 32nd annual Strassenfest. This year's theme "Partnerschaft" was particularly significant since it commemorated our club's 30th and the Sister Cities Partnership 25th Anniversaries. Lots of new events and activities were planned for this year's fest. Special thanks go out to our 1st year food booths chairpersons, Pat and Phyllis Schuler. With no rain and great support by our entire club, we realized one of our best years in income. A special honor for our club this year was the recognition of our very own, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle as Hofmarshalls. As last year, I was again acutely aware of all the time and effort of the Strassenfest Committee in preparation for the event. Many thanks go out to Bridgett Jarboe and her committee.

As we moved into fall, our Family Picnic was held on September 18th. Under the leadership of first year chairpersons, Aaron and Heidi Rasche, we enjoyed a great night. The Suds Club hosted the first annual Home Brew Contest which was enjoyed by all. After a dinner of Schweine Rippen mit Sauerkraut, Kartoffelbrie und Rot Kraut, we enjoyed German music played by Jeff Kunkel. In addition, Matt Hilger led a group of dance-challenged men in the German Schuhplattler. It had to be seen to be believed! Each year our club joins with other German clubs throughout our nation in recognizing German Heritage Day on October 6th. A great night was experienced at the Schnitzelbank with a bountiful German meal, reflective essays by students from local high schools, and the personal reflections by the Eckerle family of their visit to Pfaffenweiler. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual German Heritage Award to Gary and Rita Egler.

November ushered in our annual action for the student exchange program. With auctioneer Dan Hoffman unavailable, Chip Kugler took over and did a fantastic job, helping the club provide over \$2300 for the students. Many thanks to everyone who brought and well as bought action items. Also at this meeting, the updated club By-laws were approved. This was a two year project by Dan Wehr and Bill Kaiser. Our final event was the December Christmas Party. After an ice storm forced a rescheduling of the party from December 16 to December 21, a huge turnout of over 187 had a great time of celebrating the holiday season and the birth of Christ. After a great meal by Fran and her crew, the Celebration Singers, along with a visit from Santa, certainly put us in the Christmas spirit.

Due to the generosity of all of you in time and money, and the success of the Strassenfest, our club was able to provide assistance to many individuals and projects. One of the largest projects was the club's commitment to ROJAC for the construction of the water wheel and terrace of the "Old Mill". \$30,000 was pledged with \$5,000 paid this year and only \$2,500 left to be paid next year. Of course, our on-going commitment is to the Jasper High School Students who take part in the Student Exchange program with Pfaffenweiler. Over \$4,300 was donated this year. The club also helps support the Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and the Partnership Commission. We also purchased a complete sound system for use at all of our meetings for \$1,992. This was a big improvement over having to use the old VFW system. Also every year we contribute \$2,000 toward the Strassenfest Beer Garden tents.

The end of our calendar year also marks the coming to a close of my two year presidency. At our January meeting we will elect a new set of officers who will serve for the next two years. I know all of you will give them the same support that you have given me. It has truly

been an enjoyable and informative mission. I would like to thank the board and officers for all of your hard work and support during my tenure. Thank you Birnie, Barb and Rita for all of your many hours of devotion to the club. In particular, many thanks go out to Patti Goepfrich for all you do for the club from preparing the newsletter to your major input for the Family Picnic and the German Heritage Dinner. Finally, my tenure as President has truly been a team effort with Judy's input and help behind the scenes being crucial; typing all of my reports and letters for the newsletters and her help at all of the meetings.

Your new officers and board are all looking forward to the club's New Year. Make an effort to attend meetings and get involved in your club this New Year. I can assure you, you'll be glad you did!

Happy New Year!
Al Bennett
President.

Deutscher Verein December Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met on Tuesday, December 21st, at the Jasper VFW for their Christmas Party with 187 members in attendance. Social time started at 6:00pm with President Al Bennett opening the meeting at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all present, recognized Sam and Linda Mehringer as guests and introduced new members Leo and Phyllis Boeglin, Paul Nonte, Kurt Bies and Mick and Star Birge. Al invited all guests to join the club.

Vice President Birnie Jeffries then led the club in the prayer before the meal, the singing of God Bless America and "Ein Prosit". After the prayer, Al announced the meal of pork chops and broasted chicken and thanked Fran and her crew for preparing the meal. Desserts were provided by the Board of Directors and Officers. Elaine Peters accompanied dinner with Christmas music played on the piano. Thanks, Elaine!

A short business meeting was held after dinner. Al thanked the welcoming committee consisting of Rita Egler, Abby, Breanna and Grace Truesdale, Barb Schmitt and Judy Bennett. He thanked Margie Jeffries and Linda Wehr for helping at the dessert table. He recognized everyone with birthdays in November and December. The club sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Al mentioned that a chili supper fund raiser for the JHS German Exchange program will occur in February. Details will be in the newsletter.

Al then introduced the program which was the Celebration Singers under the direction of Larry

Feldmeyer. This was their 7th and final Christmas concert this year. The audience was surprised by a visit from the Chipmunks who sang along with the Celebration Singers. "Alvin" turned out to be a great dance partner for Birnie Jeffries. Santa, aka Fr. John Boeglin, made an appearance during the concert and led the singing of Silent Night in English and German. He and some helpers passed out candy canes to all of the good "boys" and "girls".

After the entertainment the door prizes were presented. The lucky winners of beautiful red and white poinsettias furnished by Green Thumb Nursery were: Al Bennett, Sharon Dilger, Bonnie Winenger, Dave Kieffner, Joe Wagner (2), Bernita Berger (2), Don Routson, Ramona Brosmer, Ruth Wibbels, Nancy Burton, Pearline Brahm, and Rosie Woolsey.

Special prizes went to Rich Merder, Nancy Burton, Lila Seger, and Phyllis Ackerman.

Al reminded everyone that the upcoming January meeting will be the Beer and Wine tasting/judging held at the VFW on January 20, 2011. Members are encouraged to bring samples of their harvest and enter them into one of the categories of Grape Wine, Non-Grape/Other Wine and Beer. The Suds Club will be in attendance. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring guests. During the tasting, a table of meats and cheeses, soup and beverages will be provided by the club. Ann and Don Routson will be chairpersons for the event.

This meeting marks the close of our club's 30th Anniversary Year Celebration. With a membership of over 500 and meeting attendance of between 120 – 220, our club is alive and well and ready for the next 30 years.

The meeting was closed with Vice President Birnie Jeffries leading the membership in singing Happy Trails to You. Al and Birnie wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Schmitt, Secretary.

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Januar Meeting

At the Jasper VFW Beer and Wine Tasting/Judging Thursday, January 20, 2011

Time: 6:00pm Doors open. Beer & wine sampling & socializing

6:30pm Call to order for dinner. Members bring: A-P appetizers and Q-Z desserts. Vegetable soup and cheeses will be provided.

7:15pm meeting will begin, installation of new officers, some agenda items

7:45pm wine & beer judging results

8:00pm German song sing-along, slide show review & socializing

9:00pm half pot drawing & attendance prizes

9:15pm happy trails!!!!

Members are encouraged to bring samples of their beer and wine for the annual competition. The categories to be judged are: Grape Wine, Non-Grape Wine, Other Wine and Beer. Don and Ann Routson have again agreed to chair the event. In addition, I am sure that the Dubois County Suds Club will be attending and bringing many of their delicious brews.

During the tasting, a table of various meats and cheeses along with soup will be provided by the club.

A Thought From Your President

As I set here about to expose my most inner soul thoughts to you - I feel really good about doing so.

This months meeting which will be held on Jan 20th will be the inauguration night for your 2011 and 2012 officers.

Due to the cut off date for this press release, the new officers are not yet officially approved by the board of directors.

This will be done right after the first of the year so you, as members, can also ratify your approval at the January 20th meeting.

It's important that all officer positions are filled by those that WANT the job!

After that comes qualifications and approvals.

In my search, I pursued 10 members to fill 3 positions and those that are not willing to do so now - said they would the next time around in 2013 - so the future looks very good.

Subject to Board of Directors approval, the officer candidates for 2011 and 2012 are:

President - Birnie H. Jeffries
Vice President - Bridgett Jarboe
Secretary - Holly Mundy or Barb Schmitt
Treasurer - Rita Egler

We have a choice to make for secretary.

In addition, I have asked along the way some dynamic people to come on as directors in 2012 and they will be willing candidates for the Board to Consider later this year.

Lastly - this past Christmas was one of the most memorable moments in my life... beautiful church service, snow on Christmas Eve, wonderful and meaningful family moments all together, made my Christmas season over way too soon.

I need and look forward to your support as I assume the role as your new leader. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by me (both positive and negative are solicited)!

The need to know what you like and dislike are important to all the officers and directors. After all, our jobs are to serve **you** and that is going to be our mission.

Thank you,

Birnie H. Jeffries
President
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MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerin are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to German Club for postage and meetings. Dues

are to be paid in January by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.

We are trying to build our membership and need many people to work at the Strassenfest and help with our meetings during the year. The Strassenfest is our **only** fund raiser of the year. We need everyone and I am asking all members to try to get new people interested in the German Club.

All members who are going to be gone for any period of time, I would appreciate if you would let me know when you are leaving and give me your new address so I can forward your newsletter to you. This keeps us from having to pay double postage and assures you to receive all newsletters while you are away from home. Having your mail forwarded while you are gone will not work, simply because of the "Return Service Requested" stamped on our newsletter. This is stamped to let us know when someone has moved. The Post Office informs us of new addresses if you have permanently moved.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if you have any questions regarding membership or if you know of someone interested in the German Club.

Thanks again,
Rita Egler, 634-9068

News from the Jasper High School German Exchange Program

The JHS German Exchange Program will be selling Texas Roadhouse rolls in the weeks prior to Easter. Rolls are \$4 per dozen and can be frozen until used. Honey Cinnamon Butter is also for sale with it for \$2 a pint. All proceeds benefit the German Exchange Program's trip to Germany in 2011. Any questions may be directed to Erin White at JHS.

Jasper High School German Exchange Chili Supper

The Jasper High School German Exchange Chili Supper will be held Friday, February 4th, preceding the varsity Homecoming basketball game between Jasper and Bosse from 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM. The dinner will be located in the JHS cafeteria.

The dinner will include chili, a hot dog or peanut butter sandwich, a homemade dessert, and a drink for \$7.00. Tickets can be pre-bought for \$6.00. A children's meal is \$4.00. Free refills will be available for chili and drinks. We encourage you to bring the entire family. You may

also buy chili by the gallon for \$15.00. Tickets may be purchased from any Exchange student or by contacting Erin White at 812-482-6050.

All proceeds will support the JHS German Exchange Program between German students and Jasper High School students. The exchange program, begun in 1987 by Mary Joe Meuser, includes visits to Jasper by East and West German students and a visit to Germany by Jasper High School students. Jasper High School has 17 students participating in the exchange program. We look forward to seeing you and your family on February 4th!

Theme Baskets!!!!

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will be selling tickets for Theme Baskets which will be raffled on February 4th at the Chili Dinner.

Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each and will be sold at the January Deutscher Verein meeting and at the Chili Dinner. They can also be gotten by calling Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821.

News from The Dubois County Suds Club

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2011. There are still some dates to be determined.

Even if you have no interest in learning how to homebrew, members of the Deutscher Verein are ALWAYS invited to stop by a meeting or event to simply enjoy some good beer! Thanks!

January 4 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
January 20 - German Club homebrew and wine contest
February 1 - meeting at Snaps - 7pm
March 12 - Bus trip to Indianapolis
April 5 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
May - Big Brew Day (exact date TBD)
June 7 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
July 5 - meeting at Snaps - 7pm
August 6 - Strassenfest contest
September 6 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
September 17 - German Club Picnic
October - Learn to Homebrew Day (exact date TBD)
November 1 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm
December - Holiday party (exact date TBD)

They Are Coming!!!!

For the 2011-12 school year, Tobias Fidler, Tim Ehrhardt, Hans Guenter, Vanessa De Leo, Marlana Loeffler and Maja Gutenkunst will be traveling to Jasper to attend Jasper High School. These young adults are from Pfaffenweiler or neighboring communities to Pfaffenweiler.

Would you like an opportunity to be a host family or a welcoming family? What a wonderful opportunity to expand your cultural knowledge of Germany and share with the student American culture. If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of these students please contact Matt Hilger at 661-0624, Carolyn Mowat at 634-7193, Sandy Wehr at 482-2055, or Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821.

For more information on the Home Stay Program, listen to WITZ at 7:05am on February 8th. Gary Lee will have some special guests!!!!

For Sale

Woman's Deutscher Verein vest. Please contact Ted Bartley at 482-7381.

Jasper Deutscher Verein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a German student of Dubois County. If you have a child, grandchild or know of anyone who would like to submit an application, please inform them to contact their Guidance Counselor at their school. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2011. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 482-4432.

At their January Board of Directors' Meeting in 2008, the following adopted the following qualifications for the Dubois County Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.
4. Verification of enrollment in a German course at the college of their choice, or participation in an accredited

German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program.

5. Submission of a one page or less essay stating your personal qualifications and intentions.
6. GPA consideration.
7. Participation in an exchange program or hosting an exchange student.
8. Submission of two letters of recommendation from adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.
9. The scholarship will be awarded upon verification of enrollment in German at college or acceptance into another German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given for the first semester and will be renewable for the second semester.
10. Parental membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be considered.
11. Submission of all completed forms by April 1st, to:

President of Jasper Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15,
Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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Thank You From Holy Family School

Dear Deutscher Verein,

Thank you for your generous donation towards the Holy Family German Program. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and welcome your support to in encouraging our students to learn more about their German heritage.

Sincerely,

Sally Sternberg
Principal

“Ein Prosit”

Ein Prosit, Ein Prosit, der Gemüthlichkeit

Ein Prosit, Ein Prosit, der Gemüthlichkeit

Eins, zwei, Drei g'suffa!

Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke, hoi, hoi, hoi,

Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke, hoi, hoi, hoi,

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**Endowments at the
Dubois County Community Foundation**

**Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)
German Heritage Endowment**

A donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and enriched in Jasper and Dubois County.

**Claude and Martina Eckert
Sister Cities Endowment**

A designated endowment to provide support to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler relationship.

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2011 by March 31, 2011 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, ATTN: Rita Egler, P.O. Box 15,
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

Please note if you would like to receive your newsletter via E-mail. Please note your email address: _____

[circle one]
Single Membership (\$10.00) or Couple Membership (\$20.00)

[circle one]
New Membership or Membership Renewal

Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: _____

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