



February 2010

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## December Deutscher Verein Meeting in Review

On Thursday December 17, the Jasper Deutscher Verein met for their Christmas meeting at the VFW in Jasper. Social ½ hour was at 6:00. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Al Bennett. He commented on a great turnout. We had 182 members signed in and some additional guests. Al led the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then welcomed guests and new members. New members are Bert Alman, Robbie Garland, Doug and Ann Fleck, Rich and Jill Rademacher, Paul and Julie Tempel, Maureen and Mike Braun, Ruth Rowekamp, and Gary and Nancy Moeller. He invited all guests to consider joining our club.

Birnie Jeffries led the prayer before our meal and also led Ein Prosit.

A wonderful meal provided by Fran and her crew was enjoyed by everyone. Desserts were provided by the Board of Directors and Officers. Gary Moeller performed at the piano during dinner. Thanks, Gary!

A short business meeting was held after the dinner. President Al Bennett thanked the welcoming committee consisting of Judy Bennett, Margie Jeffries, Barb Schmitt, Rita Egler, Judy Gress, Sharon Dilger, Bernita Berger, Mary Jane Roeder, and Linda Wehr. We would also like to thank Phyllis Ackerman and Janet Kluemper for helping at the dessert table.

He introduced Matt Hilger to give details on the upcoming trip to Germany. Jackie's Travel passed out brochures.

Al introduced Dan Wehr and thanked him and his wife Linda for many years as Chairpersons for the Strassenfest Booths. Dan and Linda are stepping down as chairpersons. Dan introduced their replacements. They are Pat and Phyllis Schuler. Dan also provided reflections on the beginning of our club 30 years ago this January.

Al then talked about our upcoming meetings. January 21 at the VFW will be our annual Beer and Wine Tasting/ Judging

Members are encouraged to bring samples of their beer and wine for the competition. The categories to be judged are Grape Wine, Non Grape/Other Wine and Beer. The Suds Club will be in attendance. Please plan to attend and bring a guest!

During the tasting, a table of various meats and cheeses along with soup will be provided by the club along with drinks. In addition, we will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club and we will have a Power Point presentation developed by the Birnie Jeffries family from Memorabilia supplied by our membership. A number of us will be doing spots on WITZ and WBDC.

The program for February 18 will be presented by noted Jasper Architect/Historian Ron Flick. Ron will be sharing his research on the German immigration and the origins of the Schnitzelbank song. A-L will provide desserts; M-Z will provide appetizers. Please plan to attend and bring a guest!

The Celebration Singers was the program for the evening. They performed their Christmas Concert led by Larry Feldmeyer. Santa, aka. Father John Boeglin, made an appearance during the concert and led in singing Silent Night in English and German. He passed out candy canes to all the good "boys" and "girls".

After the entertainment door prizes were presented. The lucky winners of beautiful Poinsettias furnished by Green Thumb were: Stan Schnell, Gary Egler, Joe Wanninger, Jim Webb, Janice Sunderman, Jim Arvin, Jeff Lechner, Donna Kieffner, Mike Ackerman, Becky Schnaus, Steven Dunn, Al Schuler, and Donna Schepers.

Special Prizes went to Wes Rohleder, Ann Schnell, Dave Buehler, and Norb Kreilein.

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

Respectfully submitted by  
Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### **Februar Deutscher Vereinsabend**

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Place: Jasper VFW

Time: 6:00pm Social Gathering

6:30pm Desserts and Appetizers provided by members. Those with last names beginning A to L are asked to bring desserts, M to Z please bring appetizers.

7:00pm Club Meeting

7:30pm Program

Our program will feature noted Jasper Architect and Historian, Ron Flick. Ron has done extensive research on German immigration to Jasper. In addition, Ron, along with Professor William Keel, chairman of the Dept. of Germania Languages at the University of Kansas, have researched the origins of the "Schnitzelbank" song. A great power point presentation is promised.

In addition, the club will be partnering with Alan Hanselman of the Schnitzelbank for this exciting program. Invite all your friends and let's have a great turn-out!

As always, guests are welcome.

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### **25 Anniversary Trip Planned**

The Jasper Partnership Commission along with Sister Cities of Jasper are organizing a Sister City Visit with coach tour through France and Switzerland this coming June. Departure from Jasper will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will celebrate our 25th Anniversary of our Partnership in the Snail Valley with a busy schedule for the next three days with the Pfaffenweiler community, your host family, including on Sunday the Steibickfesch (Stone Quarry Festival) in the historical quarry above the town.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the group will be transported to Mulhouse, France, for a journey on a High Speed train down through the Rhone River Valley to Avignon in Southern France. Multiple days will be spent around Avignon. We will be staying within the old medieval walled town in Avignon offering the opportunity to stroll the narrow

cobblestone village, shop the quaint shops, flea market and bars and restaurants in the shadow of the Palace of the Popes.

A tour of this well known city is planned, a visit of the Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes), where several popes and antipopes lived from the early 14th to early 15th centuries, a visit to Pont d'Avignon and Notre Dame des Domes. It is followed by Bus Excursions to the Pont du Gard (built around the year 19 BC. Designed to carry the water across the small Gardon river valley; it was part of a nearly 31 miles aqueduct bringing water from Uzès to Nimes. It was constructed entirely without mortar. The Pont du Gard was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1985), the city of Nimes with the elliptical Roman Amphitheatre, the towns of Arles, Aix-en-Provence and L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (a town surrounded by water with 6 of the original 70 watermills still in place).

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, a tour bus will take the group into the French Alps, passing through Grenoble and Albertville into Chamonix, situated near the massive peaks of the Aiguilles Rouges. The town shares both the summit of highest mountain in the Alps, Mont Blanc, and the title of highest town of France.

We will take the cable Car to Aiguille du Midi at about 9,759 feet, visiting a panoramic viewing platform, with a cafe and a gift shop.

From there the bus will take the group back to Zurich for one day, to fly back to the US on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

This is a wonderful, relaxing and exciting way to see many sights in Europe in a short time period. A tour that will provide lasting memories for years to come!

For more details please contact Lois Kuntz at the Jasper City Hall at 482-4255 or call Jackie's Travel at 482-7158.

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

Due to rising costs, the Deutscher Verein Board of Directors has voted to raise the yearly dues. Starting January 1, 2010, dues will raise to \$10 a person. Out of this raise, a \$1 will go to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment and \$.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 by March 31, 2010 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

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### **A Thought from your Vice President**

Hello everyone,

I'm so happy to report that our membership is really on the rise. According to my figures, we will experience a 12 to 15% increase over our 12-31-09 membership.

Our Treasurer and membership chairman, Rita Egler, will address this completely at or February meeting.

My primary job as Vice President is program chairman. I do hope you all are pleased with the effort being made.

President Al Bennett and myself are great together. We both have a silly side, we both like to sing and dance, and we both want whatever you all want.

The Jeffries family is adding to and upgrading the historical pictorial review of our beloved German Club from its inception in 1980.

At every meeting, you will see new material that you never saw before. These will be shown during the pre-

meeting gathering and during the meal, and after each program up to 9:00 p.m.

Once we get the VCR's connected to DVD's, we will have audio and video shows that will require some quiet time to see and enjoy.

I've got a favor to ask of you. Most of us have children and brothers and sisters and friends. Encourage them to be German Club Members.

Al and I tell everyone we meet, that in just 1 meeting you get your dues worth and more, plus great new friends.

I'll see you on February 18th and hopefully even more new members.

Auf Fiedersehen,

Birnie Jeffries  
Vice President

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### **Happy Valentine's Day!!!!!!**



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### **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, 2010. 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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### **Invitation to Deutscher Verein Members An Opportunity to Educate Others About Germany and Our Local German Heritage**

The Purdue Extension-Dubois County is currently trying to host more activities within the community year-round; therefore, we are hosting another Family FUN Night on March 25, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Clover Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. Due to the success of our last Family FUN Night in the fall, we wanted families to have the chance to come out and participate this spring. This program that we have put together includes many fun games and activities for young children and their families to take part in for free. We are also trying to give families a chance to do something fun together.

The theme for this event is ***Discovering the World***. This means that the participants can learn more about the different cultures throughout the world that they live in. That is why we wanted to invite your language class or club to participate in our Family FUN Night event by setting up a booth with a game, craft, or food stand so families can learn about games played, crafts that are popular, or knowledge about the different types of food that are common in your languages' homeland.

If any DeutscherVerin member is interested in participating in this event, please contact Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821 by March 5<sup>th</sup> at 482-4821 or [pmgoep@fullnet.com](mailto:pmgoep@fullnet.com).

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### **Host Family Needed For Judith Osterloh**

Judith will turn 19 this coming July and lives in a neighbor town of Pfaffenweiler, called Wittnau. She has a 16-year old brother. The family does not smoke, they have a cat at home and own a horse.

She wants to spend her summer break here in Jasper to strengthen her English, which she admits is not her strongest subject in school, even she has been taking classes for seven years. As her second language she had four years of Latin. Throughout the year, she practices three times a week with her Soccer team, also plays Volleyball and snowboards in the winter time.

She is not certain yet what she will do in her professional future. She has done a lot of odd jobs over the past years to see which direction she might want to go.

She is scheduled to arrive July 20<sup>th</sup> and return to Germany on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

If you are interested to learn more about Judith, please contact Matthias Hilger at 661-0624.

We probably will need two more host families for a similar set up and one for Julie Schenkel from Pfaffenweiler who wants to spend one full semester at the Jasper High School starting this coming fall 2010.

More details on either of these girls as soon as they become available.

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Nominations for the next German Heritage Award may be made at any time during the year. The next German Heritage Award will be presented at the German American Day Celebration to be held in October of 2010. Nominations for the 2010 award must be postmarked by September 1, 2010.

**Sister Cities of Jasper**  
**Jasper Partnership Commission**  
**Jasper Deutscher Verein**  
**GERMAN HERITAGE AWARD**

"Honoring those who promote our German Heritage"

The annual German Heritage Award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon our German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award.

This recognition is open to all individuals, not just residents of the City of Jasper, who give what they can in order to make a difference.

Because the efforts of these individuals are sometimes known only to a few, a nomination will recognize the work of those who generously support our German Heritage.

A committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission, will judge all nominations. The Presidents will present the German Heritage Award during the German American Day Dinner celebration.

**How you can nominate:**

The nominee must be an individual or group, nominated by any individual or group. Please submit the official form (copy is accepted), along with the following:

1. A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination.
2. A biography, up to two pages, listing the service or efforts of the nominee.
3. Mail or deliver your nomination to: Jasper Deutscher Verein

German Heritage Award  
P.O. Box 15  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

**Nomination for the 2010**  
**German Heritage Award**

Nominee's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation:

Nominator's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's service is: voluntary / paid  
(circle one)

**Erinnerst Du Dich?**

(The following information has been taken from Deutscher Verein Minutes and Misc. files)

**Milestones of the Deutscher Verein**

**1980**

Founded in January, 1980, in Jasper, Indiana, USA, 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.

First official event, The Faschnacht, at the Jasper Holiday Inn on February 9, 1980.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors and officers of the Deutscher Verein was February 21, 1980 at the Schnitzelbank.

President – Dan Wehr, Vice President – Gary Egler, Secretary – Jeanne Holler, Treasurer – Ron Kieffner  
Directors - Larry Hanselman, Harvey Berger, and Dave Buehler

Mrs. Sabine Jordan arrived in Dubois County to conduct a one-year study of the German-American heritage in the county. Her study, funded by grants from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the German American Bank Foundation, was pioneered by Stephen Harroff, a specialist in German-Americans in Indiana who spent three weeks in 1978 studying the feasibility of the larger study of the county's heritage. The Jasper Community Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts are administering the study.

### 1981

Officers and Board of Directors of the Deutscher Verein are Dan Wehr, Gary Egler, Jeanne Holler, Ron Kieffner, Larry Hanselman, Harvey Berger, Dave Buehler, and Jan Hulsman.

39 individuals departed Jasper on June 21<sup>st</sup> and visited Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Sabine Jordon's job as "Humanist in Residence" ends in June of 1981.

The Deutscher Verein made a contribution to Kim Hulsman and Clare Wagner who will study in Germany. The Deutscher Verein also donated books on German heritage to the Jasper Public Library.

In October, the Jasper Kinderlein performed for the Deutscher Verein. This group consisted of children from the five schools in the Greater Jasper Consolidated School System who sang and danced in their native German costumes.

### 1982

Officers and Board of Directors of the Deutscher Verein are Gary Egler, Ron Kieffner, Nancy Burton, Jan Hulsman, Jim Corn, Don Rasche, Mary Jane Roeder, and Dan Wehr.

The Deutscher Verein provided financial support for four Jasper High School students who studied in Germany for six weeks.

In November of 1982, Mary Jo Meuser, German Language Teacher at Jasper High School, presented information to the Deutscher Verein on a four week

German exchange program. The German students would arrive here in April of 1982 and the Jasper students would go to Germany in June of 1984.

The Deutscher Verein purchased a tape "Jasper's German Heritage" and donated it to the Jasper Public Library.

### 1983

Officers and Board of Directors of the Deutscher Verein are Ron Kieffner, Jim Corn, Nancy Burton, Jan Hulsman, Dan Wehr, Dr. George Meunich, Claude Eckert, and Gary Egler.

The Jasper Action Team is in search of a Sister City in the Baden area.

Ruth Reichmann of Sister Cities International gave a presentation to the club on the potential of a Sister City for Jasper.

The Deutscher Verein has their first German Food Stand during the Strassenfest.

### 1984

Officers and Board of Directors of the Deutscher Verein are Ron Kieffner, Al Astrike, Rita Corn, Nancy Burton, Claude Eckert, Jan Hulsman, Dr. George Meunich, and Dennis Fritz.

Plans for a club trip to Germany and Austria are in full swing.

Two Sister Cities are being considered – Pfaffenweiler, Germany and Lofer, Austria. A final decision will be made after the upcoming trip.

In November, Pfaffenweiler, Germany was chosen to be the Sister City of Jasper. Claude Eckert consented to chair the program. A group from Pfaffenweiler will visit Jasper in April.

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Ein Prosit, Ein Prosit, der Gemut-lich-keit,  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit,  
der Gemut-lich-keit, Eins Zwei, Drei...G'suffa

A toast, A toast, To happy times, A toast, A toast, To  
happy times, One, two three... drink up

### Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2010 by March 31, 2010 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

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

[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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Deutscher Verein

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