



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

December, 2011

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.

## November Jasper Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein Club met Thursday, November 17th at the Jasper VFW. Social hour started at 6:00 and appetizers and desserts furnished by the members were enjoyed at 6:30.

President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting by welcoming the 105 members and the guests which included the Jasper High School German students and their families. Vice-President Bridgette Jarboe led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and the prayer before the meal. Birnie and Bridgette led the toast Ein Prosit.

After the meal President Jeffries started the meeting. He began with the survey he had taken at our May meeting and discussed possibilities for upcoming meetings.

President Jeffries reminded everyone that the Election of Board of Directors for 2012-2013 will be voted upon at the December meeting and formally installed at the January 19th meeting. There are currently 12 candidates wishing to be Board members of which 9 will be elected by popular vote. All 12 candidates will be on the December meeting ballot of which the members are going to be asked to vote for only 9.

He also discussed the upcoming December meeting which will be our Christmas dinner. The menu will consist of fried chicken, sweet and sour lettuce salad, cranberry salad, vegetable blend, dumplings, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread, tea, and coffee.

Price is \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by December 8th. Call Birnie and Margie Jeffries at 326-2414. The December Christmas Party will be highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus and a program by native German members sharing with all of us their customs in Germany, growing up as a child.

We then had our annual auction for the student exchange program. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Jasper High School German Exchange program. Dan Hoffman graciously agreed to conduct the auction. He did a very good job along with his helpers which included Ray Lechner, Bridgette Jarboe, and the German students from Jasper High School. Dennis Schaeffer also assisted Dan Hoffman in auctioning off items

donated by the membership.

After the auction was completed, names were drawn for the attendance prizes which were won by Steve Schmitt and Kotie Pictorius. Special prizes were won by Steve Schmitt and Dave Kluemper.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by  
Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

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**At this time of Christmas, let us remember the less fortunate of our communities. This would be a great time to make a donation to any organization helping those in need in our communities!!!! Your generosity will be appreciated!!**

**Merry Christmas to All!!!!!!**

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### Dezember Meeting

Christmas Party

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2011

Place: Jasper VFW

Time: 6:00 Doors Open

6:30 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

6:40 Dinner, \$10.00 per person - On the menu.....Fran's Famous Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet and Sour Lettuce, Vegetable Blend, Cranberry Salad, Dumplings, Dessert, Soft Drinks and Coffee will be served for the Christmas party meal. Desserts will be provided by Officers and Directors.

7:30 Meeting - Voting by Ballot for 9 of 12 Candidates for Directors for 2012 and 2013 term.

8:00 Program - Christmas Customs in the Old Country. Steffi Schmuecker will talk about her husband, Florian's early childhood Christmas memories. We will have 2 narrations of German Christmas past from Art and Marti Hughes and Gabi and Harry Guensche. Both of the couples truly lived their stories that will be shared by all. It should be a very entertaining and informative evening.

We heard rumors that Santa will appear again this year. Make plans to celebrate the Christmas season with your Club. See you on the 15th.

Remember if you did not sign up at the November meeting, reservations are required before December 10th. Call the Jeffries 326-2414.

Birnie Jeffries  
President

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**Januar Meeting**

Beer and Wine Tasting and Judging

Date: Thursday, January 16th, 2012

Place: Jasper VFW

Time: 6:00 Doors Open -

Wine and Beer Tasting Begins

6:30 Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

6:40 Cheese, Meat and Fruit provided by Club

A - P Bring Appetizers

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30 Business Meeting Election results for 9 Directors for 2012 and 2013.

8:00 Chef Bill Bockstahler from the Schnitzelbank Restaurant will give a presentation on preparing German food.

Members bring samples of your favorite squeezings and home brewed suds for the annual tasting, Dubois County Suds Club will be attending and bringing their many delicious brews.

Wine and Beer results are to be done by popular vote ballots by the attending membership.

Winners in the Beer and Wine Tasting will be awarded First, Second, and Third Place and receive a Certificate of Participation.

Sounds like great time for a cold January night.

See you then!

Birnie Jeffries  
President

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**Here's our agenda for 2012**

All meetings except the Picnic will be held at the Jasper VFW.

Meeting dates for 2012 at the VFW.

Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 15, April 19, May 17, Nov 15, and Dec 20.

Always -- Doors Open at 6:00

Always -- Welcome and Call to Order 6:30

Always -- Meal begins at 6:40

Always -- Business Meeting will begin at 7:30

Any Program or Entertainment we may have will begin no later than 8:00 and last no longer than 9:30 for bigger performances. We are going to begin having prize drawings before the program so those who have to leave early or want to leave early, can do so. Not everyone likes the same thing; so they can stay or go as they wish.

The Officers are looking at the following possibilities for future programs:

A Professional Storyteller

Art Nordhoff - History of the Courthouse or Civil War

Ken Sparrow - Classical Guitarist

Gospel Quartet

Ron Flick - More History on Dubois County

Bingo - for all ages - no profit - 100% pay out - so kids can play

Green Thumb Center - on what's new in the plant world plus gardening tips

Card Game Tourneys - Sheephead - 4 hHand Lo Rum - Hi Lo Euchre

These are some of the activities we have talked about to make meetings fun and interesting.

Birnie Jeffries  
President

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### **Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for “Snowbirds” With Temporary Address Change**

Would all members who are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 634-9068 with your new address so we 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.



### **Justin Lassiter**

Justin Lassiter is attending the Institutionen Der Jazz and Rock Schulen Freiburg in Germany. He is studying jazz guitar and will focus on music production/songwriting and German.

Lassiter is the son of Veronica and Dale Lassiter of Jasper and a 2011 graduate of Jasper High School. The Freiburg school is a sister school of Berkley School of Music in Boston.

Lassiter auditioned for the jazz school on July 10<sup>th</sup>, accompanied by Pfaffenweiler, Germany, historian Eddy Weeger. Pfaffenweiler is Jasper's sister city. The

audition included music theory and ear training tests as well as playing three songs with a German band.

He found out in August that he had been accepted and returned to Germany on Sept. 4. He is the only American in his class.

Lassiter's host family for the school year are Karin and Alex Horst in Pfaffenweiler. The Horsts, musicians in the town band, hosted Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter during a sister city trip to Germany in 2010. The Horsts have involved Justin in the town band playing horn.

In high school, Lassiter played in the jazz, marching and concert bands all four years. He also was in the choir and in some school musicals.

During his senior year, he was selected as one of two all-state jazz guitar students in Indiana. He played guitar in the state jazz band and also for one of the selected jazz choirs in the state. He was selected to receive the Brian Bonifer jazz/pep band award and made history as the first band student to make the rhythm section at the state level.

For his high school graduation, Justin wrote and performed the class song, “While You Can.”

(Article taken from *The Herald*, September 20, 2011)



### **Laura Knoebel**

Laura Knoebel of Ehrenkirchen, a community near Pfaffenweiler, arrived in Jasper on August 6<sup>th</sup>. She is 17 years old and attends Jasper High School as a Junior.

When in Germany, she attended Max-Planck-Realschule in Bad Krozingen.

At JHS, she participates on the Dance Team.

She enjoys going out with friends on the weekends.

Laura states that school in Jasper is easier, She gets to go to the teacher's room and was able to choose her classes.

She notes that you go to school in German and in Jasper to learn.

It has been her dream to come to America to attend high school since her oldest cousin came to America. She chose Jasper because of it being the Sister City to Pfaffenweiler.

She will return to Germany at the end of the school year and is being hosted by Michelle and Jerry Buffington.

He enjoys hanging out with friends on the weekends and was a member of the JHS football team.

Tim states that a major difference between school in Germany and Jasper is that in Germany, every class has a room and the teachers go from class to class and in America, every teacher has their own room.

Classes in Germany and Jasper are 45 minutes in length.

Tim wanted to attend school in America to learn more about American culture and the daily grind of school in America. He chose Jasper because he lives two miles away from Pfaffenweiler.

Tim has really enjoyed the time he has already spent in America and looks forward to more exciting experiences.

Tim's host is Don Vennekotter.



**Tim Ehrhardt**

Tim had a birthday on November 25<sup>th</sup> and turned 17. He arrived in Jasper on August 6<sup>th</sup> and will leave at the end of May or the beginning of June.

Tim's home community in Germany is Ehrenkirchen, near Pfaffenweiler and Freiburg.

Tim is a Junior at Jasper High School and attended school in Germany at the Max-Plank-Realschule in Bad Krozingen.

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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.

A gift to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment or to the Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a wonderful way to remember that special someone. A gift in honor of someone or in memory of someone may be given. The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored or to the family of someone being remembered. Send your gift along with the appropriate information to the Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269. Envelopes are also available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

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Note: Information submitted for Die Zeitung is printed as submitted. That includes all name spellings. Thanks for your understanding.

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