



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

Mid Summer 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.

Greetings from the President

Hello Fellow Members,

Don't get fooled into thinking that this is the lazy days of summer!

For Pat and Phyllis Schuler, our Booth Chairmen, time for action is right now.

I'm so proud of so many that make our German Club Booth operate so smoothly each year. Working together is part of this years theme and our Club exemplifies.

The Strassenfest Committee is the backbone to a successful fest and it's been my honor to sit in and see how a well oiled machine works.

At our May 18th meeting, I asked you to write down what you like and don't like how I run the meetings. Twentyseven of the 75 member did just that. There were 10 items of comment and I will share these with you at the November meeting.

From now until December, it's all about us --- you and I working and socializing together. Let's have a big turnout on Tuesday, August 2nd to help in getting our Booth up and running.

Of course, we feed you and satisfy the thirst for your help. It's a great time and fun for both women and men ----- we need you.

I'll be there for sure.

Your President,

Birnie Jeffries

Mai Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Wednesday May 18th at 6:00 p.m. At the VFW, Jasper post. The meeting was called to order by President Birnie Jeffries at 6:30 p.m. He welcomed the 75 members signed in and the 23 guests which were the entertainment for the evening, The Singing Seniors.

Vice President Bridgette Jarboe had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of God Bless America, the prayer before the meal and the toast to all club members by singing Ein Prosit.

The meal was then served, which consisted of Bratwurst and Saurkraut, prepared by Mike Hochesang and Al Astrike. The members provided appetizers and desserts.

After the meal, President Jeffries thanked the welcoming committee, which consisted of Rita Egler, Steve Schmitt, and Barb Schmitt. Phyllis Schuler was signing up members to work the food stands at Strassenfest. Margie Jeffries manned the food table.

Bridgette read the treasurers report for Rita Egler.

Patti Goepfrich gave a report on Oktober Fest 2011, sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. It will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from 11:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. At the Schnitzelbank. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Ages 10 and under \$10.00. There will be a cash bar available. There will be Theme Baskets, Silent Auction, and Kids Entertainment. There will be a Red Envelope with purchase of Buffet. More details later.

Patti also gave the date of the German Heritage Dinner. It will be on Thursday October 6th at the Schnitzelbank. The price of the meal will be \$15.00 with a cash bar. It will be the 13th annual dinner. The German Heritage award will be presented. Program will be Mayor William Schmitt on past mayors of Jasper.

Aaron Rasche gave a report on the summer picnic which will be held on September 10th.

Janet Kluemper gave a report on Company K and the flag of Indiana. There will be presentations at the Dubois County Museum and a dedication on Saturday August 6th.

Vice- President Bridgette Jarboe led in the singing of In Heaven There Is No Beer. President Jeffries introduced Gary and Marcia Schnell. They gave an update on the entertainment for the Strassenfest.

There was a drawing of the door prizes. Winners were JoAnn Knies, and Lou Schaeffer. Winners of the special prizes went to Bonnie Wininger and Bob Fleck.

Birnie then introduced the entertainment for the evening which was the Singing Seniors. The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

August

Strassenfest – August 5th to August 8th

September

Family Picnic – September 10th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Oktober

Oktober Fest – Oktober 2nd – Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank

German American Day Celebration – Oktober 6th at the Schnitzelbank

Jasper DeutscherVerein Scholarship

The winner of this year's DeutscherVerein Scholarship is Chase Braun, son of Michael and Lori Braun of Jasper. Chase is planning to attend the University of Kentucky to pursue a major in biology.

Chase is a four year German student, was a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Color Guard, Winter Guard and Great Evansville Figure Skate.

We wish his much success in his endeavors.

Strassenfest T-Shirts Pre-Sale

The newly designed T-Shirts for the upcoming 2011 Jasper Strassenfest are available for purchase at the special pre-fest price of \$10 each for Children, S, M, L, and XL. XXL will be \$12 each on pre-sale and XXXL \$14.

Show your spirit of the festival by wearing one of the shirts. They are available at the Jasper City Hall, the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, the German American

Bank Main Office, SOZO Café, and David's Hair Salon. (Strassenfest T-shirts (children, S, M, L, and XL) will be \$12 during the Fest and XXL will be \$14 during the Fest and XXXL \$16.)

With the sale of these T-Shirts, the Jasper German Club supports the Jasper High School German Exchange program.

Oktober Fest Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2nd, to attend the Oktober Fest at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. 11:00am to 3:00pm. Adult meal cost plus drink is \$20.00. Children 10 and under - \$10.00.

There will be a silent auction with theme baskets and Indianapolis Colts tickets. Other items are also being solicited.

Proceeds from the Oktober Fest benefit the JHS German Student Exchange Program.

There will be more information available after the Strassenfest.

Souvenir Booth Items

During the Strassenfest, JHS students and parents will have a Souvenir Booth benefiting the bi-annual JHS German Student Exchange Program. Items for sale include Strassenfest T-Shirts and Aprons, German Flags, German-American Desk Flag sets, plastic mugs, Pfaffenweiler post cards, Sister City stickers, Sister City lapel pins, German Prayer-Proverb-Remedy Book, cookbooks put together by local organizations, Mini-Flag Banners, Key Chains, German License Plates, DVD and Videos of Banished from Paradise, Beneath the Cherry Sapling – Legends from Franconia – Edited and Translated by Norbert Krapf and many other items. The booth will be open during the same hours than the other booths during the 2011 Jasper Strassenfest. The souvenir booth is located across from the Jasper Deutscher Verein Food Booth with their great Brat- and Knockwursts, just in front of the Biergarten entrance.

LOG SAWING CONTEST

The Deutscher Verein is sponsoring this long time event of the Strassenfest. The event is held on the Main Stage on Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m.

Werner Sawmill, Inc. is again our financial sponsor. They pay for prizes and supply wood products used in the contest; there is no club expense.

No entry fee is charged, but prizes are awarded in both the men's and women's category. Beautiful custom designed mugs for both 1st and 2nd place winners.

The event has been held continuously since the mid 1980's and has quite a following. The crowd is usually 300-400 or more, and has 30-40 people competing. Teams simply sign up before the event. Each two person team tries to saw through a log before the other team on the other end of the log.

It would be good to have a few more club members attend. And occasionally Saw Master Fred Roeder and Crew, Chief Judge Leo Eckerle or myself could use a bit of help. Please consider attending the event and showing your support of the Club.

Actually, the event has gathered quite a dedicated following over the years. Remembering back a couple year ago, I tried to cancel the event because it was pouring down rain but everyone still wanted to saw. We had two dozen people sawing with a couple hundred watching in the down pour - and nobody complained.

Hope to see you there Thursday evening.

Dan Wehr

Sheephead Tournament

The Sheephead tourney begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Bier Garten registration begins at 11:00 Vince and Linda Schroering are the Chairmen.

News from the JHS Student Exchange Program

Dear Members,

The students of the German Exchange Program have returned home after a month long experience in Germany. The students were able to experience living with German families, participating in local festivals, day trips to Switzerland and France, local cuisine, trips to Berlin and Munich, and made connections with the German people. Thank you for your kindness and support for the past two years with our 2011 exchange.

Erin White

Dubois County Suds Club Update

The 4th annual homebrew contest is open to all brewers in southern Indiana and beyond on [Saturday, August 6](#) from 11am to 3pm at Snaps Restaurant. Submit your entries (\$2 each) and compete in five categories this year (light, amber, wheat, dark and specialty). Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top three winners in each category. A Best of Show award will be given to the best beer of the day.

A brewing demonstration will also take place during the judging.

Contest entry forms are available to download online at www.jasperstrassenfest.org or by sending an email to jrumbach@hotmail.com. You can also pick up forms in person at R.O. Homebrew (3274 Bittersweet Drive in Jasper). Forms will also be available on the day of the contest.

Entries will be accepted from 11:00-11:45am at Snaps on the day of the contest. To submit entries early, call 630-8433 or email jrumbach@hotmail.com.

Justin Rumbach

Open Spaces in the Work Schedules

As you review the Work Schedules in this newsletter, you will see open work spaces designated by *****.

We are hoping that members of the DeutscherVerein will take time out of their busy schedules to come forward and volunteer for these open spaces.

They are:

Main Food Stand

Thursday – August 4th

4:30pm – 7:30pm
9:30pm - closing

Friday – August 5th

4:30pm – 7:30pm
7:00pm – 10:00pm
10:00pm – closing

Saturday – August 6th

1:30pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm – 7:30pm
7:30pm – 10:30pm
10:30pm – closing

Pastry Stand

Friday – August 6th
4:30pm – 7:00pm

Saturday – August 6th
10:30am – 1:30pm
1:30pm – 4:30pm

**Remember, this is our ONLY fundraiser of the year,
so please be generous with your time.**

Please call Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373 to schedule one of these time slots.

**German Heritage Day Program
and German Heritage Award**

The 13th annual German American Day Program will be held on Thursday, October 6th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The thirteenth annual German Heritage Award will be presented.

Past recipients of the German Heritage Award are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, and Gary and Rita Egler.

More details of the German American Day Dinner and Program will be available after the Strassenfest.

**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 on October 6th at the Schnitzelbank.

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 2011

German Heritage Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Relationship to nominee:

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

**(Remember, nominations need to be
postmarked to**

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

By September 1, 2011)

Please remember to patronize the Food Booth and Pastry Stand!!! Why not treat your family for dinner on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday or lunch on Saturday. You will find friendly faces in the booths to take your order!!

The Maibaum at 6th and Newton, a Source of Inspiration!!!!

In 2010, Mary Leah Christmas, a graduate student at Wilmington University, Dover, Delaware, pursuing a Master of Science in Management with a Concentration in Public Administration, contacted various individuals in the Jasper community, as well as in Illinois and Missouri, to conduct Master's thesis research into what makes an international sister city program successful on the business, economic, and cultural levels. She was curious to learn how those strengths could be of similar benefit to any other U.S. municipality that might consider initiating a sister city program. Historic Hannibal, Missouri, was selected as the hypothetical example for the purposes of her analysis. The full title of her thesis is "Envisioning a Twin: An Exploration of How Hannibal, Missouri, Could Benefit from Forming a Sister City Relationship."

Jasper was one of three Case Study cities examined in her research. She made a brief visit to Jasper in April 2010, during which time she conducted interviews with a number of individuals involved in the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler partnership. Some additional Jasper interviews were conducted in May and June of 2010. Interviewed in Jasper were: Daniel J. Beck, Al Bennett, Dave Buehler, Nancy Eckerle, Martina Eckert, Patricia Eckerle Goepfrich, Jim Gutgsell, Matthias Hilger, Bridgette Jarboe, Stan Jochum, Janet Kluemper, Ann Recker, Kristen Ruhe, Mayor William J. Schmitt, and Dan Wehr. The interviews were excerpted for space reasons, but some of the information contained in the full set of materials could potentially provide the basis for future projects.

Of special note is the fact that the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler partnership was the inspiration for Mary Leah's thesis. The seed was planted in the late 1990s when Mary Leah's husband worked as an IT consultant at Kimball for about 18 months. Her husband is originally from southwest Indiana, and some of her in-laws live and work in the Jasper area. During Mary Leah's visits to Jasper at the time, she could not help but notice the Maibaum at the corner of 6th and Newton streets. Recalling her encounters with the Maibaum, she wrote in her thesis that "its very existence signified something extraordinary was going on in this Midwestern town."

The January 2010 issue of Die Zeitung contains the statement that "the Maibaum will stand for many more years reminding all who pass through Jasper of its rich German heritage." It has, and it does! It inspired a thesis and, in turn, has suggested that towns without a partnership might do well to follow Jasper's lead by reconnecting with their own ancestral past. As stated in the thesis: "Sister city programs are moving forward, enriching lives, and providing a shared vision of a better future."

Copies of the thesis have been placed at the Jasper Public Library, Dubois County Museum, Max Kade Center-Indy, and the IUPUI Library in Indy. Thank you, Mary Leah, for capturing the essence of the Partnership with Pfaffenweiler!!!!

**STRASSENFEST 2011
AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 7**

Strassenfest 2011 is nearly here and plans are well under way. We will be operating the Main Food Booth, the Pastry Booth and the Souvenir Booth on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We have assigned chairman to specific duties to help the process of setting up and take down of the Deutcher Platz area.

The following is a list of Chairman and times for each process. All names are not listed for set up and take down, so if you helped out in the past, please help again. We appreciate your help and if you find new helpers, bring them along.

	SET UP	TAKE DOWN
Deutcher Platz Decoration	Tuesday 7:30 AM Mehringer's -	Monday 7:30 AM Same Crew
Logistics - Haul stand and Equipment to Fest	Tuesday 5:00 PM Rafe Ackerman, Mike Ackerman - pull trailer into Plaza.	Sunday 3:00 PM After parade - Same Crew /Load Trailer
Food Booth	Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman - Leo Eckerle - If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help.	Sunday 3:00 PM After parade - Same Crew
Pastry/Souvenir Booth	Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman - Jim Corn - If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help.	Sunday 3:00 PM After parade - Same Crew
Biergarten Tent Decoration	Tuesday 6:00 PM Chairman - Dan & Kathy Gutgsell - If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help.	Sunday 3:00 PM After parade - Same Crew
Fest Setup - Last Minute Details	Thursday 10:00 AM Any help appreciated.	

We will again have day chairmen for the main food and pastry booths. They are responsible for the entire process for that day. Also, the Strassenfest Committee is handling the table and chair setup, and cleaning. We will supervise the organization that will keep the plaza area and tables clean for our patrons.

Please remember that this is the only fundraiser we have and we need everyone's help!! Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to work, but as you can see on our enclosed work schedules, there are still openings. If you haven't signed up, please call Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373. **We can use your help!**

Thursday & Friday

Help to grill, warm potato salad & kraut. Help to serve food, handle drinks and wait on customers. Check the schedule for the asterisks to see the specific shifts where help is needed.

Saturday

We have many needs here but especially on the fryer, grilling brats, drinks, cashiers and the pastry stand.

CHAIRMEN OF OPERATIONS

Main Food Booth

Thursday – Dave and Nancy Prechtel

Friday – Dave and Brenda Buehler

Saturday – Mike Jahn

Pastry Booth

Pastries Chairmen – Don and Eileen Scherle

Thursday – Joe and Kathy Wanninger

Friday – Dave and Rita Blessinger

Souvenir Booth

Chairman – Matt Hilger

JHS German Club students and parents

No schedule is attached, as this is coordinated by Matt.

If for some reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please trade with someone or find a replacement.

We also appreciate and need help to clean up each evening. If you have the time please help.

Again – **This is our only fundraiser, please participate so we can continue the programs we enjoy throughout the year and keep our German Heritage alive.**

Additional Strassenfest Activities Chairmen sponsored by the Deutscher Verein:

Float

Raymie and Rita Eckerle

Sheephead Tourney

Vince & Linda Schroering

Log Sawing Contest

Dan Wehr, Fred Roeder and Werner Saw Mill Crew

Thanks for your help,

Pat and Phyllis Schuler

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