



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

March 2012

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.

Congratulations to the Schnitzelbank Familie for the #1 Sandwich in the State!!!!!!!!!!

February Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein held their February meeting on Thursday February 16th at the VFW in Jasper. Doors opened at 6:00pm.

Gary Egler, Janet Kluemper, and Barb Schmitt were at the welcome table. Margie Jeffties, Gladys Knust and Pat Dunkel attended the food table.

President Birnie Jeffties called the meeting to order and welcomed the 91 members and 2 guests which were Stephen and Julia Kieser.

Birnie then recognized Don Rasche, a long time member who passed away recently.

Vice President Bridgette Jarboe had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America and the prayer before the meal, which consisted of franks, and appetizers and desserts prepared by the members.

The Officers led the Toast to all club members by leading Ein Prosit. We missed you Dave and Dan!!!!!!

After the meal, Birnie continued the meeting. He read 2 cards of thanks from the Hanselman family and the staff of the Schnitzelbank.

He turned the meeting over to Bridgette who informed the members about a grant being pursued by St. Joseph's Church to restore the writing on the headstones in the oldest part of the cemetery beside the Parish Center. She also gave an update on the planning stages of a trip to Cincinnati on April 14th and 15th.

Birnie discussed having the Schnitzelbank's winning Bratwurst sandwich available at the Strassenfest food booth this August. Signup sheets for the Strassenfest booths will be available at the March meeting. Rita will be accepting dues at the March meeting. Birnie

also talked about the plans to refurbish the Maypole which is located at 6th and Newton Street. It will be finished before the Strassenfest.

Bob Bleemel gave information on the Strassenfest Committee's search for the 2012 Hofmarshal for the 34th annual Strassenfest, which will be held August 2nd thru 5th. This year's theme will be Celebrating German Heritage with American Pride. To submit a nomination, send a letter giving the nominee's name and a statement of why this person or persons is deserving of this honor. Letters of nomination will be accepted at the Jasper Chamber of Commerce by March 12th.

The drawing for the door prizes and special prizes was held. Door prizes were won by Charlie Knust and Barb Schmitt. Special prizes were won by Pat Sermersheim and John Weidenbenner.

Birnie announced the program for the March 15th meeting. It will be Gary Whitman, a professional storyteller. He will talk to us about "The Telling of the German Family Tree History" He told everyone to wear green for St. Patrick's Day. We will be serving Spud Soup. We are changing the menu a little. Instead of appetizers we will be having salads. Members with last names beginning A-P bring salads, Q-Z bring desserts.

Birnie then announced the program for the evening which was Mike and Sheila Wiseman of M & S Entertainment. Members spent the rest of the evening dancing with their special someone, and playing cards and socializing.

Next meeting on Thursday, March 15th.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt, Secretary

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Maerz Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Gary Whittman, a professional storyteller

Thursday, March 15, 2012

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins – Potato Soup for the Irish at Heart

A - P Bring Salads

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Program will be Gary Whittman, an author and a professional storyteller, with the theme "Our German Heritage and Creating Family Stories". Wear your green. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th.

April Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Classical guitarists Ken Sparrow and Son Mark for a one hour performance. Ken is the modern day

Chet Atkins.

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mai Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Strassenfest – August 2, 2012 – August 5, 2012

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.

Strassenfest 2012

Remember to mark your calendars for the Strassenfest – August 2nd to August 5th. Please remember to reserve

some time during the Strassenfest to work a shift or two in the food booth or pastry booth. Proceeds from these booths are our only fundraiser!!!! Sign ups for work shifts will take place during upcoming meetings.

A German Easter - Ostern

Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter!

Easter Customs and Traditions in German-Speaking Europe

Ostern (Easter)

Easter in German-Speaking Europe

The Germanic celebration of Easter (Ostern in German) is very much like that in most of the Christian world. It features the same fertility and spring-related icons—eggs, bunnies, flowers—and many of the same Easter customs. The three major German-speaking countries (Austria, Germany and Switzerland) are predominantly Christian and Easter is an important time for both Catholics and Protestants in the German-speaking lands. The art of decorating hollowed-out eggs (ausgeblasene Eier) for Easter is an Austrian and German tradition.

Der Osterhase mit einem buntbemalten Ei.

Origins of Easter

The Easter celebration goes back to the earliest days of the Christian church. But the date of this festival has been controversial from the very beginning. Even the origin of the name of the most important celebration in the Christian calendar is unclear. But there is agreement on the fact that, like several other Christian holidays, most Easter customs can be traced back to pre-Christian, pagan rites and celebrations related to the arrival of spring. It is not by accident that Easter features such symbols of fertility as the egg and the rabbit, aka the Easter bunny (der Osterhase).

The Easter celebration (das Osterfest) takes on both religious and secular forms. The Christian religious celebration is the most important day in the church calendar, reflecting Christianity's very beginnings in the Resurrection of Jesus. In the western church, Easter is

celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (die Tagundnachtgleiche). (Eastern Orthodox Easter follows the same formula, but with the Julian calendar, so the date can fall one, four, or five weeks later.) Because this "movable feast" depends on phases of the moon (Mondphasen, Mondwechsel), Easter can be observed between March 22 and April 25.

(taken from about.com German Language)

mailto:german.guide@about.com

Pen Pal Program

Through her own experience and the ones of her daughters, Pat Hochgesang is taking the initiative to start a Pen Pal program again between young students in Jasper and Pfaffenweiler.

Her contact person in Pfaffenweiler is Annika Marschall, who spent a full year at the Jasper High School through the Sister Cities International Homestay program. She lived with Jim and Louise Gutsell.

Anyone interested in working with Pat, please call her at 482-3252 or Dana Bachman at 634-2990. They are currently working with Annika on creating links and finding potential participants.

News from The Dubois County Suds Club

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2012. 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!

April 3 - 7pm - Snaps
May 6 - Big Brew Day @ Patoka
June 2 - Bloomington beer festival trip
July 3 - 7pm - Snaps
August 4 - Strassenfest Contest
September 4 - 7pm - Snaps
October 7 - Learn to Homebrew Day (location TBD)
November 6 - 7pm - The Schnitzelbank
December 1 - Holiday Party (location TBD)

Anyone wanting more information about the club is invited to call 630-8433 or attend a meeting.

Justin Rumbach

German Outfits

Do you have an extra dirndl, blouse, apron, a pair of lederhosen, or German Club vest in your closet that you would like to sell or offer to "lend out" if the occasion arises?

If you do, please contact Patti Goeprich at 482-4821 or pmgoepfrich@insightbb.com.

Sometimes occasions arise and there is a need for such items and it would be great to have a listing to fall back on to find the items when the occasion presents itself.

Address Changes for Newsletters

If a member has an address change, please notify Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 634-9068.

Any help you can give in maintaining postage costs is greatly appreciated!!!!

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, 2012. 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

**An Irish Toast and 20 Interesting History Facts
About St. Patrick's Day**

By: SullivanRose

Have you ever wondered if anything besides the wearing of green, the eating of corned beef and cabbage, or getting pinched has happened on St. Patrick's Day? The answer is yes. Many odd things have happened in history on St. Patrick's Day.

First, the traditional St. Patrick's Day toast is "May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whiskey, but be tormented with itching without the benefit of scratching." Only an Irishman could come up with that!

Here are some interesting events and occurrences that have happened in history on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

In 461 AD, St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, died.

In 1766, New York City held the first St. Patrick's Day parade. An unofficial march occurred in 1762.

In 1776 during the Revolutionary War, British forces evacuated Boston.

In 1870, Wellesley Female Seminary, later named Wellesley College, obtained its charter from the Massachusetts legislature.

In 1905, Franklin D. Roosevelt married Eleanor in New York City.

In 1909, an earthquake rocked Taiwan and killed over 1200 people.

In 1931, Nevada voted and made gambling legal.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington.

In 1942, General Douglas MacArthur was named the Supreme Commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1945, the Japanese were defeated at the battle of Iwo Jima by American forces.

In 1948, "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover", by The Art Moonie Orchestra hit the music charts.

In 1949, at the international auto show in Geneva, Switzerland, the first car with a Porsche badge is shown on a Porsche 356.

In 1950, University of California at Berkeley scientists announced they had formed "californium", a radioactive element.

In 1956, Fred Allen, the comedian died.

In 1963, Mount Agung on Bali in Indonesia erupted.

In 1964, The Beatles song, "I Want to Hold Your Hand" hit the music charts.

In 1969, Golda Meir was sworn in as Prime Minister of Israel.

In 1985, Richard Ramirez, the Night Stalker, began his killing spree in Los Angeles.

In 1992, 28 people were killed in Buenos Aires, Argentina when the Israeli embassy was targeted by truck bomb.

In 2003, President Bush gave Saddam Hussein a taunting challenge: "Leave Iraq within 48 hours or face an attack!"

Actors Patrick Duffy and Kurt Russell celebrate their birthdays on St. Patrick's Day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all lucky Irishmen
(taken from <http://www.life123.com/holidays/st-patricks-day/irish-toasts/an-irish-toast-and-20-interesting-history-facts-ab.shtml>)

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2012 by **March 31, 2012** 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): _____

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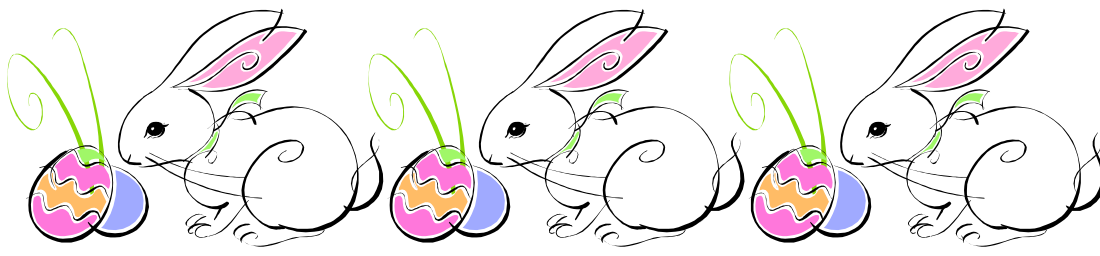
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