



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

December, 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.

**Merry Christmas To All!!!!**



**Please remember those less fortunate during this special time of year.**

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**“President’s Final Thoughts”**

As my term as President nears its end, I have many mixed emotions.

First of all – I cannot believe that two years could pass so quickly!

Everyone does things differently, and I hope my indifference has pleased most of you. It’s so true that you cannot make everyone happy all the time, but I have tried to do it to the best I can.

Secondly – I hope I’m missed! No Seriously – the mark of a good leader is to set their standards so high that it causes your successor to work even harder to maintain whatever success you had.

Margie – my wife of 46 years has been a tremendous friend to me through all that I’ve involved myself in.

To lead a social club like the Deutscher Verein, it takes help and I mean help and time from someone other than yourself.

I thought I was a good communication person, someone that shows decision making – but I’m not.

I’m too old to change and it’s too late to change. It worked for me.

One thing that is very clear to me, and that is keeping the meetings lively, exciting – making you wanting more of what we are all about.

Without membership – we are nothing! The German Club is all about its mission statement, and making it come true.

Just think, we have approximately 470 members and our meeting attendance is almost 25% many times.

Margie and I are looking forward to being a active audience member and enjoying the programs that will surely come.

To our editor of this newsletter, I want to sincerely say “thank you” to Patti Goepfrich for keeping the German Club informed and all the past presidents on the straight and narrow path. Patti is a rare and unique person that all of us hopes keeps her job for a long time.

To my officers, Bridgette, Barb, and Rita – I thank you for the tolerance you had to work with me! Sometimes I’m a high maintenance person.

To all of you members – keep coming to the meetings as often as you can.

A show of force in numbers and faith in what we do is important.

Keep Christmas in perspective – the birth of Jesus was the beginning of a happy ending for all of us.

It’s been my pleasure to serve you.

Merry Christmas

Birnie H. Jeffries  
President

## **November Jasper Deutscherverein Meeting**

The Jasper Deutscherverein met Thursday, November 15th at the Jasper VFW #673.

Rita Egler, Ann Ackerman, and Barb Schmitt welcomed members and guests.

Sandy Wehr and Erin White were selling Advent Calendars and chances for a handmade quilt for the Jasper High School German Exchange Student Program.

President Birnie Jeffries began the meeting by welcoming the 106 members and guests.

He led in the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America. Vice-President Bridgette Jarboe led in the prayer before the meal which consisted of BBQ Pork and salads, vegetables and desserts furnished by the members.

After the meal, Birnie led in a toast "Ein Prosit" He then welcomed Treasurer Rita Egler who gave the financial report.

He then introduced Barb Schmitt, Secretary and explained that the minutes are included in the newsletter and are also published in The Herald, therefore they would not be read.

Birnie then announced the date for the next meeting, which will be our Christmas Party. It will be held on December 20th, at the Jasper VFW. Social ½ hour will begin at 6:00.

The meal will be at 6:30. The meal will consist of Roast Beef and Gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet and sour salad, cranberry salad, buttered corn, bread, lemonade, and coffee. The cost is \$10 a person. Reservations can be made by calling Birnie and Margie Jeffries at 326-2414 or email [greentmargie@yahoo.com](mailto:greentmargie@yahoo.com). No later than December 10th.

Directors and Officers will furnish desserts.

Entertainment will be Dance Central which is a local troupe who perform various dances. Santa will also make an appearance.

Drawing for door prizes was conducted by Barb Schmitt. Winners were Rich Reckelhoff and Kelsey Siewers.

Special prizes were won by Phyllis Boeglin and Donna Humbert.

The drawing for the handmade quilt for the Exchange Program was conducted by Sandy Wehr and Erin White. The winner was Les Lorey.

Birnie then introduced Chip Kugler who with his helpers Ray Lechner and Mike Hochesang and the German students from Jasper High School conducted the annual auction.

He auctioned items donated by the members and families of the Jasper High School German Exchange Program. 100% of the proceeds go to the Exchange Program.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

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## **Dezember**

### **At the Jasper VFW** **Thursday, December 20, 2012** **Christmas Party**

Time: 6:00pm doors open  
6:30pm Christmas Dinner served

The dinner will consist of Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Sweet and Sour Salad, Cranberry Salad, Buttered Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Coffee and Lemonade all for \$10.00 per person. We need to have reservations in by **December 10**....no later. Call in for reservations Birnie Jeffries 326-2414 or email [greentmargie@yahoo.com](mailto:greentmargie@yahoo.com).

Officers and Directors will furnish the Desserts.

Entertainment will be Dance Central, which is a local troupe of Young girls and ladies who will perform various dances for the membership. Also, Santa will stop in making his usual timely visit.

To be in the festive spirit, Ladies wear red or green and Gentlemen wear your vest and your hats. great time to strut your stuff.

The December meeting will be the last chance for anyone to challenge the slate of officers we currently have committed. If anyone desires to run for an office now is the time to come forward and have your name on the ballot.

January

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Officer Election

Beer and Wine Tasting/Judging

Program by Nancy Eckerle on her  
Trip to China

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Looking for Host Families for Home Stay  
Program for Second Semester – 2013 at JHS

Julia Duffner is 16 years old, loves playing her guitar, acting, cooking and drawings. She loves Baseball, Aerobics and Badminton. She has traveled extensively with her family and through her school, and has a very solid foundation of the English language.

Stefanie Dettling will soon be 16 years old, loves cooking, dancing, watching movies and listening to popular music. She plays in a local Handball team (Olympic Handball), loves running, soccer, badminton and skiing. Do to her grandparents having a place in Nova Scotia, she has spent many vacations already using her English foundation learned at school.

Ann-Kristin Hodapp is also planning on coming, but only as a visitor at the JHS for approx. 6-8 weeks. Her details are forthcoming.

Also we have currently five more students applying for the 2013/14 school year (two boys and three girls). One more is on a waiting list.

Sebastian Schneider from Staufen.

Steffen Fidler from Ballrechten/Dottingen (his brother was here the last school year 2011/12.

Shannon Schwoerer from Pfaffenweiler (has personal contact with Marlene and Bill Seger's family).

Hannah Gutenkunst (has already family lined up (Kristi and JP Wessel).

Magdalena Margold from Staufen.

Two more girls are asking for a 4 week visit at the JHS in August and September in addition to the five students mentioned above.

If you have an interest in hosting one of these students, please contact Matthias Hilger at 309-8757, Sandy Wehr at 482-2055, or Carolyn Mowat at 634-7193.



Marina Gutschell

Marina Gutschell is sixteen years old and arrived in Jasper on August 8, 2012 and attends Jasper High School as a Junior.

Marina is from Pfaffenweiler and is the granddaughter of Fritz and Brigitte Gutschell.

In Germany she attends the Max-Planck-Realschule in Bad Krozingen.

She was a student manager of the JHS varsity volleyball team.

Marina enjoys watching movies, playing tennis, going out for dinner, and participating in activities with her host family.

Marina does see differences in school from Jasper to Bad Krozingen. At JHS, the grades are A, B, C, D, and F. In Germany, they are numbers – 1 through 6. School day begins at 7:50am and ends at 1:05pm. And once or twice a week, the school day runs from 7:50am to 3:35pm. The schedule is different each day and there are no sports teams in school. Individuals join teams outside of school in their free time. There are no multiple choice tests. Students in Germany write down long answers to questions. Students in Germany take public transportation to school or ride a bike or moped or their parents give them a ride.

Marina wanted to come to Jasper to improve her knowledge of the English language and learn more about American culture and also because of the Sister City relationship with Pfaffenweiler.



Todd and Laurie Mehringer are her host parents along with their daughters, Alexis, a sophomore at JHS and Grace, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at JMS.

Thank you, Todd, Laurie, Alexis, and Grace, for sharing your home and life with Marina.

Mariana will return to Germany on June 3, 2013.

**National Education Week**  
**Around the World**

At the invitation of Natalie Werner, MSW, LSW, School Social Worker at Winslow Elementary School, Joe and Irene Eckerle and Patti Goepfrich gave a presentation on Germany to the students in grades K – 5 on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

They shared information on the differences between schools in America and in Germany. And the students were given an opportunity to ask questions about German students.

Thank you to Diana Treyer of Pfaffenweiler and Gabi Guensche of Jasper for sharing information for the presentation.

**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!!!!

**Expiration dates of membership dues information will be updated on the January newsletter mailing labels.**

**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.



**Irene and Joe Eckerle**  
**Natalie Werner and Patti Goepfrich**



**Students at Winslow Elementary School looking at items from Germany after presentation to the students.**

**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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**Gifts to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment**

January 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012

**In Memory of Linus Lechner**

**David and Janet Kluemper  
Paul A. and Sue Habig  
Ken and Rosemary Heim  
Danny and Linda Wehr**

**In Honor Gary and Rita Egler's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary**

**Tom and Patti Goepfrich**

**In Honor of Dubois County Visitors Center – Kevin  
Manley, Whitney Hall, and Jessica Beck**

**Jasper Deutscher Verein**

**"Ein Prosit"**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kindermachen, Kindermachen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Voonderbar!!

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