



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

April 2015

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.

## Membership

Thanks to the 67% of members who have paid their dues. That means only 33% of the members need to think about sending a check this week.

Dues has been paid by everyone with the last name starting with any of the following letters: A, I, N, P, Q, T, V, X

Let's try and add more letters to that list by next month.

Can't remember if your dues for 2015 are current? Send me an email at [lagrammer@psci.net](mailto:lagrammer@psci.net)

Dues are used to pay the day-to-day expenses, like the web-site, monthly meetings, and this newsletter. Thanks so much for your support.

Laura Grammer, 812-634-2138

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You may also look at the mailing label on your newsletter for your membership info.

Membership expires 12-31-2015

PAUL AND LAURA GRAMMER

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## Email vs Postal Mail

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please send me an email indicating your preference.

Thanks.....

Patti Goepfrich – [pmgoepfrich@gmail.com](mailto:pmgoepfrich@gmail.com)

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## STRASSENFEST 2015

We are beginning our planning for 2015 Strassenfest Food Booths and would like for you to start thinking about how you can help. We will start the work schedule sign-ups at the April meeting. As a reminder, Strassenfest will be July 30 through August 2, 2015. We will need workers for both the pastry and brat stands and also help with stand set up on Tuesday prior to the start of Strassenfest and tear down on Sunday. As you know, this is our only fundraiser for the year and we depend on

this event to fund our monthly meetings, scholarship awards, etc. Should you have any question, please call Pat or Phyllis Schuler at 812.482.2373. Thank you in advance for your help.

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## Message from Mike.....

Thanks goes out to Brad Ward with the Dubois County Community Foundation for providing us with an informative program about Endowments. Brad's insight helped to reinforce the concept and purpose of endowments as a means to transfer not only financial support but also that of involvement of future generations to use their time and talents to give back to the communities that have supported us. Article 2 of our bylaws is our purpose statement: To promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage...., and the endowment fits into this well. See the article about our endowment.

Our April meeting will return to the Moose Lodge on Wednesday 04-15-2015. Our meal will feature spaghetti. Our program promises to be a real treat for members. The JHS Student Exchange Program will be hosting a group of students from Poesneck, Germany who will provide us with information about their schools and activities in Poesneck. Thank you to Sandy Wehr for helping to arrange for this program. Pat & Phyllis Schuler will begin taking sign-ups for Strassenfest shifts at the April meeting.

Based on mother nature, we are planning an outing in late April or early May to Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens west of Petersburg IN. The Azalea Path has a nominal fee to tour their facility. I hope to have a better time table to present at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The program for our May meeting will feature a tour of the new craft brewery under construction in the basement of Klubhaus 61. This is an opportunity to get 'einen kurzen Einblick' a sneak peek on the "ground floor" of activities. Meeting date will be Wednesday May 20.

Speaking of beer, keep in mind that we are coming close to the time that we will be brewing beer for the family picnic. Tentatively, we are looking at a Sunday afternoon in early June for the brewing date.

Mike Ackerman

## Deutscher Verein Maerz Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met March 19th at VFW #673 in Jasper.

Laura and Paul Grammer, Barb Schmitt, and Steve Schmitt were at the Welcome table. President Mike Ackerman called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer before the meal.

A short meeting was then held. Mike asked for approval of the minutes. Eugene Kempf made first motion, Steve Schmitt made second, all approved. Treasurer Laura Grammer gave the treasurers report. Laura Grammer informed the members of the new extension of the German Club which is called Bier Verkoster. It is a beer tasting club and anyone 21 or older can join. It will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month. There will be some visits to breweries included. The meetings will be at the Grammer home at 2066 W. Skyview Drive. You can contact them by email at [jasperbeertasters@gmail.com](mailto:jasperbeertasters@gmail.com).

Pat Schuler told members that we will start taking sign ups for workers for Strassenfest at the April meeting. Jackie Braunecker gave details on the upcoming trip to Germany. Participants will leave on August 25th.

Mike informed members we are planning a trip to the Azalea Gardens west of Petersburg in late April or early May.

Winners of door prizes and special prizes were Rich Weyer, Cletus Knies, Rosemary Heim, and Rafe Ackerman.

Brad Ward with the Dubois County Community Foundation gave the presentation.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 15th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00, meeting begins at 6:30. Members with last names A-J bring salad, K-P appetizer, and Q-Z dessert. The main entree will be spaghetti.

Submitted by  
Barb Schmitt,  
Secretary

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### April Meeting

#### At Jasper Moose Lodge

Mittwoch (Wednesday), April 15, 2015

## With Program by Students and Teachers from Poessneck, Germany. The JHS Student Exchange Program will be hosting this group.

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open with  
6:30pm - Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Members with last names A – J to bring a salad,  
members with last names K – P to bring an appetizer,  
and members with last names Q – Z to bring a dessert.

The main entrée will be spaghetti.

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## Mai Meeting

### At KlubHaus 61

Mittwoch (Wednesday) Mai 20, 2015

Will feature a tour of the new craft brewery under construction in the basement of Klubhaus 61. This is an opportunity to get 'einen kurzen Einblick' a sneak peek on the "ground floor" of activities.

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## **JHS German Exchange Students will be selling BR Bucks April 20 – May 10**

**Sister Cities Golf Scramble – May 16<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Trace Golf Course – Shotgun start at 1:00pm  
\$50 per person - \$200 for a team**

### **Jasper Strassenfest – July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**August, 2015 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister City Partnership - Celebration in Jasper.** The Partnership Commission has been meeting to make plans for the event. The guests from Germany will arrive on July 29<sup>th</sup> and depart on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Family and Worker Appreciation Picnic**

August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jasper Outdoor and Recreation Club

### **German American Day Dinner**

Oktober 6<sup>th</sup> at KlubHaus 61

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**Annual Sister Cities of Jasper Golf Scramble**

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. is sponsoring a golf scramble on May 16th at the Buffalo Trace Golf Course. Entry fee is \$200 per team, \$50 per person. This includes green fees, golf cart, and lunch prior to the start of the event. There will be a shotgun start at 1:00pm. There will be prizes and food. To sign up your foursome, please call Sandy Wehr at [812-482-2055](tel:812-482-2055) or email at [senora@twc.com](mailto:senora@twc.com).

**Facts about Germany**

**Germany was once a cluster of small kingdoms, duchies and principalities** – which were unified as the German Reich (*Deutsches Reich*) in 1871. Later it became the Weimer Republic, the Third Reich (National Socialism), and in 1949 the nation divided into the Soviet-supported East Germany (German Democratic Republic) and the democratic West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany). On October 3rd 1990, East and West were reunited.

**German remains the language with the most native speakers in Europe** – besides Germany having the largest population in the EU, the German language was once the lingua franca of central, eastern and northern Europe.

**Germany's capital centre has shifted around the country** – these cities have all at one time or another been capitals of Germany: Aachen, Regensburg, Frankfurt-am-Main, Nuremberg, Berlin, Weimar, Bonn (and East Berlin), and, since 1990, Berlin again.

**Germany is the fifth largest country in Europe** – covering an area of 357,022 square kilometres, only the Ukraine, France, Spain and Sweden are bigger. Since reunification, there have been 16 *länder* or federal states. There are three city states – Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen – and 13 regions: Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, Brandenburg, Hesse, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia.

**Germany shares borders with nine other countries** – Denmark, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

**Germany was the first country in the world to adopt Daylight saving time** – DST, also known as summer time. This occurred in 1916, in the midst of WWI.

**Germany is sometimes known as 'the land of poets and thinkers'** – or *das land de dichter und denker*; Bach, Beethoven and Goethe were all German, alongside composers Händel, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Wagner and R. Strauss. Some of the world's greatest German philosophers include Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Heidegge

(taken from [www.expatica.com](http://www.expatica.com))

**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.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I want my gift to be in memory of / in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please acknowledge my gift to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2015 by completing and sending in the following form. Dues for the Deutscher Verein are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to German Club for postage and meetings Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, ATTN: Laura Grammer, P.O. Box 15,  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

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

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Please note your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Cream Cheese-Bacon Crescents

- 1 tub (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Chive & Onion Cream Cheese Spread
- 3 slices Bacon, cooked, crumbled
- 2 cans (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

**HEAT** oven to 375°F.

**MIX** cream cheese spread and bacon until well blended.

**SEPARATE** each can of dough into 8 triangles. Cut each triangle lengthwise in half. Spread each dough triangle with 1 generous tsp. cream cheese mixture. Roll up, starting at shortest side of triangle; place, point-sides down, on baking sheet.

**BAKE** 12 to 15 min. or until golden brown. Serve warm.

(taken from [www.kraftrecipies.com](http://www.kraftrecipies.com))

## **Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment**

Are you aware that your contribution to the German Club Endowment can be more than just a financial investment to the future? Brad Ward provided our club with a fun and informative presentation on endowments at the March meeting.

Interesting statistics:

- The Dubois County Community Foundation currently oversees over \$30 million in assets and distributes about \$1 million in grants from earnings on these assets annually.
- Over the next 10 years, there is an estimated \$688 million dollars of wealth that will transfer in Dubois County. (Over \$2 Billion over the next 50 years)
- If just 5% of these estates were to be captured into endowments, earnings from endowments would increase by another \$1.7 million.
- Funds are managed conservatively as a long term investment to provide asset protection and ratable grants while continuing to grow fund values to account for erosion of value from inflation.

Grants from funds can be managed in a variety of methods.

- Grant distributions can be dedicated for a named purpose for the funds to be distributed.
- Grant distributions from some funds are managed by the next generation(s) to determine causes to be supported. This may help to keep heirs involved in the community that we all enjoy.
- Grant distributions from some funds are managed by the Foundation.

Thanks to forward thinking of club members, the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment was created. As of 12-31-2014, the fund has grown to an account value of \$34,619. For the early years of the fund, the annual grant has been reinvested into the endowment fund to allow it to grow rapidly. Our endowment has now reached a point that we will be able to start dedicating the annual grant to fund our annual scholarship of \$1000. A purpose that fits our bylaws of: "Promote, preserve and celebrate our German Heritage" very well.

The fund will continue to grow with new contributions from various sources.

- \$1.00 of each member's annual dues is dedicated to help build the Endowment
- Each year a number of members make additional contributions to the fund
  - Some use envelopes to make memorial contributions
  - Some include the German Club Endowment in their estate planning

Endowments provide a path for us to preserve and promote causes important to us. What are things that you feel strongly about preserving? What are things that you feel strongly about improving for future generations? If your German Heritage is one of these things, you may want to consider the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment in your estate planning.

Brad and his staff are happy to meet with you about any other ideas that you may have as well. You can reach the Community Foundation at 812-482-5295.

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