



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

January 2016

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.

Christmas Message from Buergermeister Dieter Hahn

“When all is quiet, a lot happens“

When reading this quote from a Danish philosopher, my thoughts spontaneously go to Christmas Eve and the Christmas holidays. Every year I look forward to Dec. 24 coming around and the public life throughout the town and the countryside settles into peace and absolute silence.

This silence is very special because in place of the daily hectic bustle, an enjoyable rest settles in. In place of all the hasty decisions come sensible conversations. In place of self-centered actions comes the harmonized familiar togetherness.

Based on the quote by Soeren Kierkegaard, exactly this sets in, and I agree with him. The silence of Christmas lets us slow down, lets us look back, lets us develop new ideas for the new year and plan resolutions.

Silence is the opposite of our fast-paced time which happens daily with hundreds of emails, text messages and What's App.

Sadly there is no Christmas every month.

But we are responsible for it ourselves, to create oases of silence throughout the year where we can be creative and recuperate physically and build new strength.

During the ending year 2015, a lot happened again in Pfaffenweiler, the community life has been supported by many citizens. For this broad volunteer work by the people of our community, in the clubs, city council, the youth organizations, climate control or to support the refugee situation, I want to express my heartfelt thank you. I'm will aware of this great support and wish that we can continue it into the future.

I wish you all a moment of silence, so a lot will happen.

Buegermeister Dieter Hahn
Pfaffenweiler, Germany

December Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met December 17th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. President Mike Ackerman welcomed the 132 members present.

He presented members with a request to adjust the by-laws. Instead of having to be 21 years of age to become a member, it was decided to change it to 18 years of age. Members approved the change.

He announced the dates of the January and February meetings. January meeting will be on the 21st at the Moose Lodge. This meeting will be the wine and pie tasting/judging competition. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite homemade wine or pies to enter into the competition. Doors open at 6:00, meeting called to order at 6:30. The menu will consist of spaghetti and bread supplied by the Moose. Members are asked to bring salads and vegetables. A - M salad and N - Z vegetables. Dessert will be the pies entered into the pie judging competition.

February meeting will be on the 17th. This will be our bread and beer tasting. Members are encouraged to bring their best homemade bread to enter in the contest. Instead of having the homebrew competition we are going to change it up and offer tastings of beer from several different breweries.

Prize drawing winners were Linda Wehr, Rosemary Heim, Tom Kiefer, Van Ziegler, Leo Eckerle, Ann Ackerman, Linda Mehringer, Laura Grammer, Marcia Schnell, John King, Betty Hanselman, Rich Weyer, Dave Prechtel, Rita Corn, Kevin Bartley, Irene Kapp, Cletus Knies, Joe Rohleder, and Phyllis Ackerman. Special door prizes were won by Linda Rohleder and Donna Schuler.

Santa then arrived and entertained us with a few jokes and led in singing Stile Nacht. He then passed out candy canes to all the good little boys and girls then headed back to the North Pole.

Mike then announced the entertainment for the evening which was Sisters of Second Avenue.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt, Secretary

Message from Mike.....

Our first meeting for 2016 will be Thursday January 21st. This meeting will feature our Wine and Pie judging. We will be judging wines in 2 groups, grape and non-grape, and the pies in 2 groups, fruit and crème. We will be saving a sliver out of the pies for judging and then providing the rest for members for our desert for the evening. This meeting will also include a people's choice award for wine tasting. Vote with your dollars. Our program will feature Catherine Bramlett, owner of the Mad Batter Bakery at 708 Main St, Jasper, IN.

Our February meeting will be held on Wednesday the 17th. This meeting is our beer and bread judging. Our three categories of breads to be judged will include: White, Whole Grain, Fruit/Nut/Other. Due reduction in the number of beer entries in the past couple of years, the club will be providing a variety of beers from one of our local craft breweries for tasting. Following the tasting, we will be playing some games to bring some of the fun of Beir Verkosters to the German Club Meeting.

Our March meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, the 17th, which is St Patrick's Day. Our program will include a presentation by the Jasper High School German Students.

Our April meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday April 20th. This meeting will feature a presentation from Jasper native, Don Flick, on L. Frank Baum / Wizard of Oz.

In the spring we plan to have an outing to visit Vonderheide's Hops farm to get a first had look at how an important ingredient to the flavor of beer is now being grown here in Dubois County.

Thanks for all you do to keep our German Heritage alive and strong. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Mike Ackerman
President

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerin 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. Dues are to be by March 31, 2016 by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.



Beer Tasting & Painting
Wednesday, February 24 at 6pm

Basketcase Brewing is hosting the event at the Mill House for members of the German Club.

For your \$35 entrance fee you will receive

- Step by Step painting Instructions from Dubois artist, Abby Laux, to create a picture on a 9 x 12 canvas
- Commemorative Basketcase Brewing glass
- Flight of 5 beer from Basketcase Brewing and the Mill House

Men, Women and couples have a great time at these events. And the art you take home to hang on a wall or sit on a shelf will remind you of the fun experience.

*** SPACE IS LIMITED ***

To reserve your spot

1. Send an email to Laura at lagrammer@psci.net
2. Call Laura at 812-634-2138 and leave a message on the answering machine.
3. Last day to make a reservation is Valentine's Day, 02/14/16.

Message from Laura.....

Frohes neues Jahr!

Hope everyone's 2016 is off to a great start.

Dues are flowing in at a steady pace. And I want to thank everyone who has already submitted their dues.

If you have not had time to send your dues, that's OK. You can do it this month.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the Beer & Bread and Wine & Pie judging events in January and February.

And don't forget to sign up for the Beer Tasting and Painting social.

What a fun time to be a member of the German Club!

Laura Grammer
Treasurer

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 Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 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.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Januar

Annual Wine and Pie Judging – Thursday, January 21, at the Jasper Moose Lodge – Doors open at 6:00pm. Meeting at 6:30pm.

Judging for two groups, grape and non-grape. Pies in two groups – fruit and crème.

Spaghetti and bread will be supplied by the Moose.

Members are asked to bring salads and vegetables. Members with last names A – M are asked to bring a salad and N – Z are asked to bring a vegetable.

Program will be presented by Catherine Bramlett, owner of the Mad Batter Bakery.

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Chicken Noodle Soup and Merkley Hot Dogs will be supplied by the Moose.

Members with last names A – H are asked to bring a dessert, I – Q – a vegetable, and R – Z – salad.

Beer Tasting and Painting – Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00pm – Cost is \$35 – Reservations are due to Laura Grammer at lagrammer@psci.net or leave a message at

812-634-2138. Reservations are due by February 14, 2016

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St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Thursday, March 17th

Program will include a presentation by the Jasper High School German Students.

Menu will be Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes

Members with last names A – H a vegetable, I – Q – a salad, and R – Z – a dessert

April

Wednesday, April 20th

This meeting will feature a presentation from Jasper native, Don Flick, on L. Frank Baum / Wizard of Oz.

Members with last names A – H – a salad, I – Q – a dessert, and R – Z – a vegetable.

August

Strassenfest – August 4, 2016 – August 7, 2016

September

Summer Picnic - September 10, 2016

**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, 2016. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 812-482-4432.

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 1, 2016 to:

Jasper Deutscher Verein Scholarship Committee, P.O.
Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

February Newsletter

Due to Patti's schedule, there will be NO newsletter in February. Thanks for your understanding. Watch for news releases and emails concerning Club activities.
Thanks for your understanding.

Happy Valentine's Day To All!!



**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 2016 by March 31, 2016 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

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: _____



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