



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

December 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.

November Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met on Thursday, November 17th at the Moose Lodge in Jasper.

President Mike Ackerman opened the meeting by welcoming 70 members and 27 guests to the meeting. Vice President Steve Schmitt and Mike did an Ein Prosit in honor of the guests. Mike then led the prayer before the meal consisting of hot dogs and chicken noodle soup and potluck brought in by members.

Steve Schmitt gave details on the upcoming Christmas Dinner. It will be on December 15th at the Moose. Meal will consist of Fried chicken and roast beef with all the trimmings. Dessert will be provided by the club. Cost is \$10 per person. Children 1-6 is free, 7-12 is \$5. RSVP Barb by December 12 by calling (812) 309-9181 or email barbschmitt12@gmail.com. If you need to cancel your rsvp for any reason please let us know. Entertainment will be provided by a few men from Celebration Singers.

Sandy Wehr talked about the Sister Cities needing 2 new directors on the board. Dana Schnarr and Eric Arvin were voted in as the 2 new directors. Sandy also advised that the German Exchange Students were selling Advent Calendars.

Sandy also shared that 1 of our guests was here from Germany. Fabian Wesoern.

Laura Grammer gave treasurers report of the club. She also explained to everyone how the auction will work tonight.

Mike led in another Ein Prosit in honor of Pat and Phyllis Schuler's hard work before, during and after Strassenfest.

Drawings for prizes were held. Door prizes were won by Yvonne Mullen, and Leo Eckerle. Special prizes were won by Van Ziegler and Darren Patterson.

The auction for the German Exchange Program was then held.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt
Secretary

With help from Nancy Ziegler

Message from Steve.....

First of all, I hope you and your families had a Happy Thanksgiving. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President for the next 2 years. I want to thank Mike Ackerman for the great job he has done the last two years. He has left some big shoes to fill. Hopefully with your help and suggestions, I can come close.

There is a lot coming up in the next few months.

December 15 will be our annual Christmas Dinner. Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30.

It will be at the Moose Lodge. The menu will be fried chicken and roast beef with all the fixings. Price for the dinner is \$10 per person. You can RSVP by calling Barb at (812) 309-9181 by Dec 12th. The program will be a few men from the Celebration Singers performing a few Christmas songs. We will also have an appearance from Santa Claus, so I hope you have been good.

January 18th will be our wine tasting and pie contests which is always a good time. We have a lot of great wine makers and pie bakers in the club.

On February 16th we will have our beer tasting and bread baking contests. There is always a nice variety of beer to sample. Dean Vonderheide will have the program about his hops farm.

Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. My number is 812-827-1394 or email at saschmitt59@gmail.com.

Barb and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Steve Schmitt
Vice President

Message from Laura.....

Der Deutscher Verein Christmas Memory Book

Think back to the earliest Christmas you can remember. About what year was it? What do you remember doing that year for Christmas? Where were you?

What were the gifts that were exchanged?

Do you have a Christmas memory that you feel is uniquely German?

Do you have a family tradition that symbolizes Christmas to you?

Was looking to get a list of Jasper Christmas traditions.

When you send your Dues for 2017, please include your Christmas memory.

I look forward to reading all about what makes Christmas special to you, your history and your traditions.

Frohe Weihnachten und guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr

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.

At this time of Christmas, let us remember the less fortunate of our communities. This would be a great time to make a donation to any organization helping those in need.

Your generosity will be appreciated!!!!!!!!!!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

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Annual Wine and Pie Judging – Wednesday, January 18th, at the Jasper Moose Lodge – Doors open at 6:00pm. Meeting at 6:30pm.

Februar

Annual Beer and Bread Judging – Thursday, February 16th. Dean Vonderheide will also have a program about his hops farm.

August

Strassenfest – August 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017

2017 German Club Dues Are Due

Please check your mailing label on your newsletter for when your membership expires. Please forward your dues as to keep your membership current.

Membership expires 12-31-2016

**TOM AND PATTI GOEPFRICH
2389 POPLAR AVENUE
JASPER, IN 47546**

If you get your newsletter electronically by email, please call Laura Grammer at 812-634-2138 or send her an email to lagrammer@psci.net to verify when your dues are due!!!!

German Green Pickle Ornament Tradition

For those of you who have never heard the German Green pickle ornament tradition, it goes something like this... every year when the Christmas Tree is decorated, the LAST ornament on the tree (hung by mom and dad) is a green glass pickle. On Christmas morning, the first

child to find the Pickle Ornament on the Tree would get an extra gift.

Did anyone spot the red flag?? (hint... Christmas MORNING) In Germany, the tree is revealed, and presents are given on Christmas Eve.

German Pickle Ornament Story

The truth is not quite as magical... There are several pickle story theories, but the one that seems most valid goes like this.

In the 1890s German Immigrants were flooding into America, bringing with them customs and traditions, including, the Christmas Tree. Woolworths had loads of these new ornaments, and in among the blown glass vegetables were pickle ornaments that no one was buying (who wants a pickle ornament on their tree? It would scare the cat!). So, a marketing genius kicked his brain into high gear, and created a story about the Christmas Pickle... and the green glass pickles flew off the shelves. Suddenly, this German Tradition (which had never been heard of in Germany) was all the rage!

(Taken from www.germangirlinamerica.com)

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, 2017 by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.



*Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to All!!!!
Be safe and enjoy the time with
your families and friends!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Due to Patti's schedule, there will be no newsletter in January, 2017. Thanks for your understanding. Watch for news releases and emails concerning Club activities. Thanks for your understanding.

"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!!

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

July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016

In Memory of Brian (Tony) Burton

Ken and Rosemary Heim

In Honor of Birnie and Margie Jeffries' 50th Anniversary

Danny and Linda Wehr

**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: _____

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German Christmas Customs Traditions

German Christmas customs traditions and practices can be celebrated here in America. There really is something special about this time of year that makes me look back to my childhood. The candle light, the smell of chocolate and cookies, the wonder of the Christmas Tree.

German Christmas Eve Tradition

There was a special feeling on Christmas Eve. We would come in from Church Services, and we girls would have to wait outside while my parents went to see if der Weinachtsman (Santa) had arrived. Then we would be brought in to the living room, the only lights would come from the Christmas Tree and candles that were lit around the room. Under the tree were presents. The pyramids would be spinning. My father would have put German Christmas music on the record player, and we would all sing. My sister and I would be vibrating just a bit with anticipation.

Finally, we would sing "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht", and as the song ended, there was a moment of calm. We would all kiss and wish each other a Frohe Weihnachten... and then there were presents, warm drinks, treats and laughter.

I try to carry on this tradition for my kids. It's not always easy, being so different from what their friends are doing. But, I want them to have that same feeling of wonder. Of being led into a candle-lit room... of singing... of being together.

German Holidays Traditions For Your Home

Traditional German Christmas Recipes for Cookies and Treats can be made and served. Homes are adorned with traditional Christmas Decorations like Wooden Angels, Hand Carved Santas, Pyramids that Spin with lit Candles, Glass Ornaments, Advent Wreaths, Nutcrackers and Smokers. Ornaments might be simple or elaborate... but often they are hand made, and are destined to become family heirlooms, passed from generation to generation.

Other decorations for a German Household might include embroidered Tablecloths, Table Toppers and special Holiday Dishes. Windows are hung with Fenster Bilder (window pictures), or glass balls. Electric Candles are placed on Windowsills to welcome people in from the Darkness.(taken from www.germangirlinamerica.com)

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2017 by March 31, 2017 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: _____

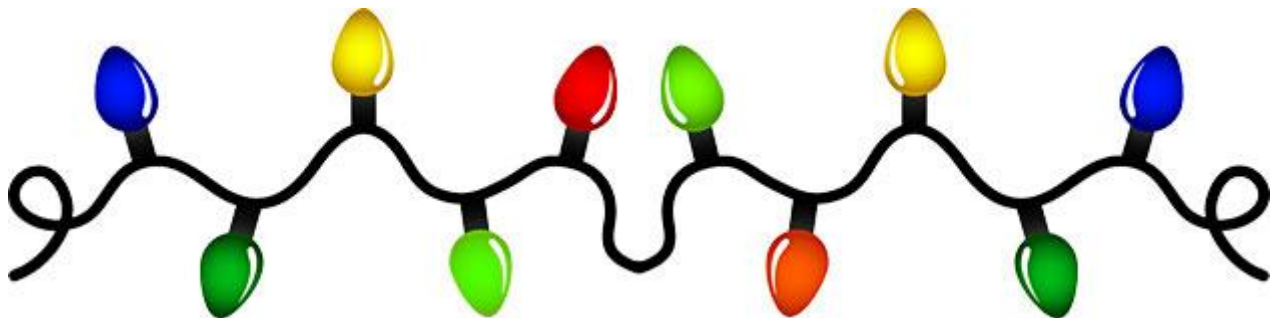
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Please note your email address: _____

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New Membership or Membership Renewal

Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: _____



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