



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

April, 2019

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.

Jasper Deutscher Verein March Meeting in Review

The Deutscher Verein met on Wednesday, March 20th at the Moose Lodge. Paul Siegel, Vice President opened meeting by welcoming 89 members and 7 guests to the meeting. He recognized Kyle Rupert and Christine Golden, who were the program for the evening which was an update on the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center.

Paul then led the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America. Mike Ackerman led Ein Prosit. Paul announced that the Pfaffenweiler wine has arrived. He mentioned to members sign-ups for working the Strassenfest booths have started. They will be available at April and May meetings as well. StrassenVORfest (a community get ready for Strassenfest) will be Sunday, July 14th from 1-4 pm at the Moose. If anyone has any gently used German attire you are no longer using bring them to the April and May meetings and look up Van or Nancy Ziegler and give them details about items (size, name, price you would like for it, etc) and they will have them on display to sell for you at this gathering.

Paul then told members there were flyers at the welcome table for 35th anniversary trip of Jasper Sister Cities Partnership in 2020.

Ross Halverson talked about having a display case at the high school for pictures and artifacts and memorabilia of past German Exchange participants.

Mile Ackerman gave treasurer report. Everything is good. He said he mailed post card reminders in early March. The majority of members have paid.

Laura gave info on German Heritage happenings for Strassenfest. She introduced a song that will be sung at opening ceremony . She introduced 2 girls that will be helping, Erin Herbst and Breann Lechner. Laura is looking for a few German Club couples clad in dirndl and liederhosen to dance the Waltz as part of Thursday German Heritage events at Strassenfest. Five couples have already volunteered. Sam and Linda Mehringer, Leo Eckerle and Henrietta Harder, Birnie and Margie Jeffries, Dave and Nancy Prechtel, and Ross Halverson and Lacey Apple. Please call Laura at 812-630-7244 if you are interested.

Sandy Wehr gave update on German Exchange Program. The annual golf scramble will be Sunday, April

28th, 2019. 12:00 pm shotgun start. Lunch served at 11:00 Register by April 23rd: Sandy @ 482-2055 or skwehr69@gmail.com.

Sandy was also taking orders for Strassenfest t-shirts.

Ross then led in prayer.

After meal, Paul introduced the program. Kyle Rupert and Christine Golden with the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center update.

After program the drawings were held. Door prizes were won by Suzanne Webb and Maggie Schmitt. Special prizes were won by Paul Siegel and Sharon Dilger. Rest of evening was spent socializing. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17th. A-H bring salad, I-Q dessert and R-Z vegetable. Entrée will be pork steak and German Fries.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Kyle Rupert and Christine Golden updating info on the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center



Thanks for the good attendance at the March, 2019 Meeting!!!!



Beginning German returns in the Fall to VUJC!

If you're planning ahead for the trip to Pfaffenweiler in 2020, if you've never had the opportunity to build that foundation for your German, or if you'd just like a refresher for the German you already know, please join Dr. Ross Halvorsen and the first German class in a long time at Vincennes University, Jasper Campus.

It's only one evening a week, there won't be much homework, and you'll just have to find the time to keep up with learning new German words between classes. Pass/Fail is not an option at VUJC, but anybody is allowed to audit the course. If you're auditing, Ross will call on you only as much as you'd like. If you take it for credit, that's a different story.

Intermediate German will be offered the following spring semester. If you are not currently a VUJC student, you will need to apply as a guest student (for application and enrollment information, please call 812-482-3030). The first class is Tuesday, August 20th, 2019, the semester lasts 16 weeks, and the last day of instruction is December 3rd. The textbook is *Deutsch heute* (ISBN: 978-1-305-07715-7) and please feel free to contact Ross at ross.halvorsen@gmail.com with any questions.

VUJC needs a minimum of 10 enrolled to offer any language course and please help get the word out. Let's show community interest in the German language!

Fall 2019 German Level 1 Class (GRMN 101-J01) CRN #13936, is scheduled on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm in the JCCB Building, Room 211.

NOTE: This class is available for the public. You do not need to be a member of the Jasper Deutscher Verein to attend!!!!!!

A message from our Treasurer.....

Thanks to all members who have paid 2019 Dues. Your membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein is a great way to work collectively with like-minded individuals to preserve, promote and celebrate our German Heritage. Do you have a friend or next generation family member that you might invite to join our club to help us remain strong and vibrant? Bring them along as a guest to our next meeting.

With Strassenfest 2019 only 4 months away, booth chairs Mike & Bridgette Bartley, and Mike & Ann Ackerman are preparing for another successful event. Worker sign ups started at our March meeting.

A German understands the satisfaction and fun of working together. Inviting younger members of our families to work together in our Strassenfest booth is a great way to demonstrate and instill this value. It may also lead them to inquire about involvement in our club.

With our club being tasked by the Strassenfest committee to spear head our German heritage events to help keep our heritage alive and growing, it is important to keep the fire burning strong in our families. Be sure to ask your children and grandchildren if they would like to help. From booth setup and tear down, to working the booth, to involvement with our committee that is organizing events for opening ceremonies, to assisting with the log sawing contest, to simply sporting German clothing at the Strassenfest, there are lots of ways for everyone to get involved.

Mike Ackerman
2019 Treasurer

News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc!!!!!!

Still time to get a team together for the Sister Cities Golf Scramble or sponsor a hole or make a donation! Contact Sandy Wehr (812-482-2055) or skwehr69@gmail.com

You can still pre-order Strassenfest t-shirts. Contact any exchange student or Sandy Wehr.

Wine from Pfaffenweiler has arrived!!!!!!

2019 Strassenfest Tshirt



What is the Easter Fire in Germany? A Symbol of Light in Darkness....

What is the Easter Fire in Germany, and why is it lit? The Easter Fire, or Osterfeuer, is a symbol of light in the darkness. It can be as simple as lighting a candle, or as big as the bonfires which are ignited all over in Germany at Easter. Because fire is a symbol of light, of renewal, it signifies the end of Winter, and the coming of spring. It also symbolizes Jesus Christ, as the Light of the world. Depending on the community, the Easter fire is lit on Good Friday or Black (Holy) Saturday, with Saturday being more common, and extinguished on Easter Sunday or Monday.

What is the Origin of the Easter Fire in Germany?

And how did the Easter Fire start?

For hundreds of years, the Easter Fire has been a tradition in Germany. In Christian tradition, the Easter fire starts with the lighting of a Paschal candle, usually by a Priest or Pastor, to symbolize the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The candle is generally lit on Holy (Black) Saturday to start the Easter Vigil. Parishioners can then

light their own candles from this candle. The large Paschal candle is kept lit through the Easter Season. In some churches it stays lit until Ascension Day, or is used throughout the year for Baptisms.

But there is a much older meaning behind the Easter fires that comes from the pre-Christian Saxon tradition. Bonfires at this time of year help the Earth to usher in Spring, and banish the cold and dark of Winter. The fires were also considered a symbol of fertility, and rebirth. The ashes from the Easter fires were spread on the fields to fertilize the soil, and insure good crops for the coming year.

What is the Easter Fire in Germany Today?

Today, Easter bonfires in Germany have lost most of the religious meaning, and they tend to be social event. Friends and family come together with neighbors around a fire, and it's more like a huge party with food and drink. Depending on where you are in Germany, you can either light your own bonfire, while in other areas, bonfires are built and monitored by the local fire department.

More recently, the Osterfeuer, Easter Fires, have evolved into small Volkfests. Booths are set up near the fire to sell food and drink, and some communities even have rides for the kids!

Fires are generally left lit until dawn on Easter Morning, although, in some places they continue burning until Easter Monday, which is a National Holiday in Germany.

(Taken from <https://germangirlinamerica.com/easter-fire-germany/>)

Wine from Pfaffenweiler Has Arrived in Jasper

In August of 2015, a discussion began between Sister Cities of Jasper, the Jasper Partnership Commission, and the community of Pfaffenweiler concerning the project of bringing Pfaffenweiler wine to Jasper.

The project came to be reality on March 19, 2019.

Former Mayor Terry Seitz spoke a few words about this project, which started during the anniversary visit by Pfaffenweiler in August of 2015. Mayor Dean Vonderheide spoke about the neat project and how we now have also an economic link with Pfaffenweiler and not just school and cultural. Alan Hanselman talked about the struggles to get to this point. Credit for the project getting done and the 'pipeline' going goes to Stan Jochum and Alan Hanselman, who have explored together with various importers how this can work, who can handle it etc. Matthias Hilger translated the information and visited venues in Germany to check on the project.

Carrol Wine and Spirits out of Fishers, IN was the final link who made it happen with their partner in Germany, Valkenburg. The Weinhaus of Pfaffenweiler, under the leadership of Heinrich Maennle, had made that link and after over two years of investigations, it all came together and the first three pallets of wine was delivered on Tuesday, 3/19/19 at 10:30am.

After the official first unloading, some wine tasting took place, and then the orders were delivered to the various businesses throughout town.



Erinnerst Du Dich?

In the coming newsletters, we will have an opportunity to review memories of the Deutscher Verein and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc taken from Board Meeting Minutes, Club Meeting Minutes, our website, or articles from printed in **The Herald**.

February 21, 1980 DeutscherVerein German Club Meeting Minutes

The first official meeting of the newly formed German Club was called to order by the President, Dan Wehr. The group met at the Schnitzelbank with a large crowd on hand.

Larry Hanselman announced the German menu for the evening and those present could partake of the refreshments as they chose to do so.

The President then proceeded with a brief history of the club as there were many members present who were not at the original organizational meeting. The club was the brainchild of the Jasper Action Team which is part of the Chamber of Commerce. This group felt that a club such as this could promote Jasper by enlightening the community of their German heritage, creating more interest in the German architecture for our places of business and supporting the Strassenfest committee. These it3ems would be the basis for the programs which would be presented at the monthly meetings.. However, it was stressed that the club would remain mainly a social club.

Dan Wehr announced that the “Fastnacht” was a great success and would become a traditional event. He stated that there were approximately 70 people at the founding meeting and the committee was overwhelmed with the attendance of 400 at the “Fastnacht”.

Wehr then announced the officers and Directors as follows:

President – Dan Wehr, Vice President – Gary Egler, Secretary –Jeanne Holler, Treasurer – Ron Kieffner. Directors – Larry Hanselman, Harvey Berger, and Dave Buehler.

The officers and directors plan to draw up a set of By-Laws in the near future and make necessary arrangements to get the club operating in a business-like manner, incorporating if necessary.

The President praised the club members on their interest which has been evidenced by the immediate organization of the German Band which now played for two functions: a Mannerchor is being formed and will be directed by Ken Ziegler. He thanked all those who worked to make the first “Fastnacht” a success with a special thanks to the Holiday Inn, The Schnitzelbank Band and our own German Band.

Ron Kieffner, Treasurer, then gave the following report:

401 tickets were sold for Fastnacht for a total of	\$3,006.50
Profit on Liquor Sales	<u>1,275.00</u>
	\$4,281.50
Expenses (Miller Band from Indy)	488.00
Holiday Inn	<u>1,769.50</u>
	\$2,024.00
Contribution to Strassenfest Committee	<u>1,400.00</u>
Balance on Hand in Social Account	\$ 624.00
Membership Dues Received (290)	\$ 696.00
Expenses: Postage, secretarial supplies, etc.	<u>36.00</u>
Balance on hand in Membership account	\$ 660.00

The membership approved the 3rd Thursday of each month as meeting night. The next meeting will be March 20 with the location to be announced at a later date. Membership will be notified by mail.

The membership voiced their ideas of future programs which included polka and folk dance lessons, slide shows on Germany, etc. Wehr announced that we could secure a representative of Lufthansa Air Lines who would be able to present a program at some future date.

Jeanne Holler announced that Cecile Klamer would be pleased to present a program on the history of the Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler Home at the March 20th meeting.

Dan Wehr announced to the club that plans should be made outlining specific social functions such as "Fastnacht", a May Day Party, Oktoberfest, and possibly a Kris Kringle Party. Assistance would also be given at the time of Strassenfest.

It was suggested that we consider chartering busses to visit other German Club functions such as a trip to Terre Haute, Louisville, Evansville, etc.

Following the business meeting, the remainder of the evening was turned over to the German Band which presented an enjoyable program.

Larry Hanselman then served a most delicious German lunch which turned out to be the real highlight of the evening. Our sincere thanks to the Schnizelbank!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Holler, Secretary

Das Kaffeekränzchen

Dr. Ross Halvorsen will host Das Kaffeekränzchen (coffee hour) at the High School from 3-4 PM every week on Wednesdays when school is in session. It will be a German conversation group that will be open to students and members of the community to learn and practice their spoken German.

This would be a good event to attend to brush up or improve your knowledge of the German language in preparation for any upcoming trips to Germany or welcoming visitors from Germany to your home!!!!

Enter High School through the main entrance and left into the foyer with the two large showcases. Turn right and immediately left (before the library) into the 300 hallway. Room 308 will be on your left.

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerein 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 Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings. Dues can be mailed to DeutscherVerein, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at the April meeting.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

April

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Doors open at 6:00pm, activities begin at 6:30pm

Program will be given by Tammy Humbert, Director of the Dubois County Emergency Management Agency and Gary Fritz, Deputy Director of Emergency Management. There will be a power point presentation of recent local severe weather events, tornadoes and the related threat, how to prepare for severe weather, and how to remain safe when severe weather is occurring.

Sign Ups for Strassenfest and update on StrassenVORfest – Sunday, July 14th

Club will furnish Pork Steak and German fries.
Members A-H salad, I-Q dessert, and R-Z vegetable

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Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Doors open at 6:00pm, activities begin at 6:30pm

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Sunday, July 14, 2019

StrassenVORfest

August

Strassenfest – August 1st to August 4th, 2019

Family Picnic – Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club –
August 25

Easy Baked Mozzarella Bites

Prep 20 min
Total 35 min
Ingredients 4

Servings 24

Ingredients

- 1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dough sheet
- 8 mozzarella sticks (from 12-oz package), unwrapped and cut crosswise into thirds
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2/3 cup Italian style panko crispy bread crumbs

Steps

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll dough sheet; press into rectangle, 12x8 inches. Using pizza cutter, cut rectangle into 6 rows by 4 rows to make 24 (2-inch) squares.
2. Place mozzarella stick in center of each rectangle; bring dough up and around cheese sticks; press edges to seal.
3. Place melted butter in small bowl. Place bread crumbs in another small bowl. Dip each stick into butter; shake off excess. Roll in bread crumbs to coat. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased large cookie sheet.
4. Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

<https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/easy-baked-mozzarella-bites>



**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)

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