



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

May, 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 April Meeting in Review

The Deutscher Verein met on Wednesday, April 17th at the Moose. There were 79 members in attendance. President Van Ziegler opened the meeting. He led in Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America. Mike Ackerman led the group in Ein Prosit. Van gave info on StrassenVORfest (a community get ready for Strassenfest) which will be held on Sunday July 14th at the Moose from 1-4 pm. There will be activities for children, German clothing for sale, Strassenfest buttons, singing, dancing, food and drink available for purchase. Info will be on our website at jaspergermanclub.org. Also search face book for Jasper Deutscher Verein or Sister Cities of Jasper.

Mike gave treasurer report. We are doing well. We have 359 paid members.

Happy Birthday was sung for April birthdays.

Ross announced the display case is coming along, several donations of items to be displayed. He also talked about German language classes to be held in the fall at VUJC. They will be on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 8:45. He also stated enrollment is up at middle school and high school. He then led in prayer before meal.

After meal the program was given by Tammy Humbert and Gary Fritz 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 us occurring. They informed everyone that they should have a weather radio and if anyone needs help getting one or setting theirs up to call the Dubois County Emergency Management Agency at 812- 482-2202.

Laura Grammer then gave report on happenings of opening activities at Strassenfest. There will be a children's choir, maypole dance, demonstration of waltz, slapdancing, games with chocolate involved etc. Door prize drawing was then held. Winners were Ross Halverson and Al Bennett. The special prize drawing was won by Judy Gress and Linda Wehr. Next meeting will be May 15th at the Moose. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting will begin at 6:30. Program for the evening will be Alan Hanselman and Stan Jochum on the arrival of the Pfaffenweiler wine. Members with last name A-H bring vegetable, I-Q salads and R-Z dessert. Entrée will

be Sausage, sauerkraut, and potatoes. Signups for working Strassenfest booths will be available.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Tammy Humbert and Gary Fritz providing info on the Dubois County Emergency Management Agency at the April DeutscherVerein 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 President

Here's looking to more days of warm weather and sunny days! Seems we've had enough of cold, wet weather for a while.

Thanks to all who attended the German Club meeting this month. I found the presentation on our weather system to be not only informative, but entertaining as well. Our presentation for May will be focused on the wine from Pfaffenweiler...any maybe a taste or two?

As many of you know, our German educational program, spearheaded by Ross Holverson, is making major headway and impact on our heritage program, and is expanding through Vincennes University and other avenues. Because he is included in the overall IT Technology support for our school, he is at the mercy of the devices they have for use (and reuse). As a result, the German Club Board has approved the funding to purchase a laptop that will be reserved, and used exclusively for, the German Educational program. To keep this laptop reserved within the overall school inventory, the German Club will be the owner of the laptop, and will have identification of our ownership on it. So we can now support Ross with the best available technology possible! Thanks for doing a great job, Ross!!

July 14th is the date to remember! That will be our StassenVORfest for the community to help everyone get ready for Strassenfest 2019! We'll be offering games, singing, dancing, clothing, and much, much more. If this is successful, we anticipate it to become an annual event. Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon from 1-4. Of course, we want everyone to dress in their most GERMAN way!

I have had conversations with some of you on ways to improve our German Club, along with suggestions on possible activities. I welcome any and all feedback and conversations on ways to make our club more effective, as well as attractive for potential new members. This

brings me to this subject - we need to have more guests at each and every club activity! This is the BEST possible way to show what a great club this is to join. I am challenging each of you to bring at least one guest along over the rest of the year to a German Club activity.

Your participation and support is greatly appreciated!
Happy Spring!

Van Ziegler
President

A message from our Treasurer.....

Thanks to the 360 members who have paid 2019 Dues.

Thank you to the Linus and Rosella "Sally" Lechner Family Endowment for the donation of their \$390.00 grant for 2019 to the Jasper Deutscher Verein. This will be put to good use toward our heritage projects including the Jasper Strassenfest Opening ceremonies and Thursday events.

The final regular meeting before the Strassenfest for German Club will be May 15th at the Moose. The club is planning a few dates for summer entertainment. If you are interested in participating, we are posting save the dates for possible events as follows:

- Sunday 06-02-2019 – late afternoon, location to be determined
- Sunday 06-30-2019 – Turtle Run Winery – music starts at 1:30 PM
- ** Sunday 07-14-2019 – Strassen-Vor-Fest at the Moose
- ** August 1 to 5 - Strassenfest
- ** Sunday 08-25-2019 – German Club Picnic
- Saturday 08-31-2019 – Peppers Ridge Winery – music starts at 3:00 PM (Jasper Time)
- Saturday 09-14-2019 – Louisville German American Club festival 4:00 PM to Midnight
- Saturday 10-05-2019 – Blue Herron Winery – music starts 7:00 PM (Jasper Time)

If you would like to be added to the wine trip email list to be reminded of the events – please send an email to ann@ackoil.com

We will begin calling to fill shifts for the 2019 Strassenfest. Your support through your time to work this important fund raiser for our club will be appreciated.

Mike Ackerman
2019 Treasurer

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

The German Exchange Group from Poesneck had fun at the Dubois County Museum! The group enjoyed climbing St Joseph Church tower, meeting with Mayor

Vonderheide, Dairy Queen ice cream, and the Police and Fire Station. They were live on WBDC and even taped a segment for "Informed" on WJTS tv. The students remarked how nice everyone was to them and what a great time they had here in Jasper.



Niklas, a student from Poesneck, Germany modeling a Jasper Fire Dept. Fireman's suit.



LOG SAWING CONTEST

9:00 PM on Strassenfest Thursday on the main stage. Event is sponsored by the Jasper Deutscher Verein and the financial sponsor is Werner Saw Mill, Inc.

This event is the longest continuous competitive event of the fest, starting at the second fest.

This event consists of two people sawing a log. The first team winning moves on to the next round.

Registration is free a few minutes before the contest, and prizes are awarded to the first and second place winners to both men's and women's divisions.

Competition has gained quite a following through the years, usually with 50-60 people sawing and 300-400 people watching. It has even become a tradition for the queen's court to saw, and I think they and everyone else has a great time. The Herald is always there covering the event. Many times making their front page.

As you know, beginning this year, Thursday night is meant to celebrate our German Heritage even more than ever before. The Deutscher Verein has been asked by the Strassenfest Committee to keep the spirit alive. Probably no bigger part of this would be using a two person saw to clear the forest. Our ancestors relied on this skill.

If you have never watched this event, come and see what you've been missing. I think you will enjoy!

Dan Wehr
Log Sawing Chairperson

Dorothy Hautsch has German Vests and Dirndls available – 812-309-9925

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**.

Taken from *The Herald*, November, 2000

Eckerts proud parents of Sister Cities
By Amy Erickson
Herald Staff Writer

Martina and Claude Eckert have spent more than two decades forging a bond between Jasper residents and their relatives in Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

Claude, 84, and Martina, 83, were recognized for their instrumental work in promoting Jasper's German heritage with a German Heritage Award presented to them on German American Day last month.

"They felt like they needed to do something to help our culture and our heritage, and that's what they did. They took the lead in promoting and maintaining our heritage," Bob Dilger, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, said.

Claude and Martine said they were surprised by the award because they felt their work needed no recognition.

"This award is great. It was a surprise, but we are very happy with it," Claude said.

"We consider it a great honor," Martina added.

Claude started his crusade to bring the two cities together in 1979 when he helped found the German Club. Fred Hollinden, a former president of the club, said that Claude and Martina were very influential in those early years.

"He helped me a lot when I was president," Hollinden said. "He and his wife always participated in the functions of the German Club. They were always willing to do more than their share."

Claude was aware that his relatives descended from Pfaffenweiler and was pleased in 1980 when Dr. Sabine Jordan discovered a broader link between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. She discovered it was one of several German communities from where many families had migrated to Dubois County 100 years before.

Claude and Martina arranged for a group of Jasper residents to visit Pfaffenweiler in 1984; that trip formed the foundation of the partnership between the two cities.

"We went over to check things out," Claude said. "Since then, we have traced our ancestry in Germany back to 1675, and I still have fourth cousins living in Pfaffenweiler."

After that first trip, Claude set about making arrangements through the federal government to make the partnership a reality. Sister City organizations were started under the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration with the premise of pairing American cities with cities around the world to support peace, Dilger said.

Sister Cities of Jasper was started in 1985, with Claude holding the president's office for the first five years.

"There was a lot and lots of paperwork to be signed," Claude remembered. "We also had very close contact with the mayor of Pfaffenweiler during that period."

A year later, Claude again took the initiative and helped build an alternating student exchange program between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler.

Claude said he went to companies, private benefactors and foundations to solicit money to get the program on its feet.

In 1986, the first exchange took place when four teenagers came to Jasper from Pfaffenweiler.

The next year, a young college student from Pfaffenweiler wanted to come to Jasper under the youth training program within the Sister Cities' partnership, but the American Consulate required the young man to have a job and a place to live before he came.

So Claude and Martina gave Matthias Hilger a place to live, and helped him find a job in the woodworking business.

"Matt opted to stay with us and paid for his board, but we didn't charge him for his room," Martina said. "He lived with us about 18 months, and then he moved out on his own."

Hilger, now married with two children, decided to stay in Jasper after the training program ended.

"They are like my American grandparents. Martina definitely spoiled me," Hilger said. "She would get up early in the morning to make me breakfast before I went to work."

Between all his other activities, Claude took it upon himself to find all Pfaffenweiler visitors a place to stay while in Jasper. "Home-stays," as they were called, were set up about six months beforehand to allow matched families time to get acquainted through the mail and via telephone before meeting in person.

"The first year of home-stay was the hardest. I nearly wore out the telephone calling people to find everyone a place to stay," Claude said. "But after awhile, the lists grew and snowballed and it just kind of took care of itself after that."

During all their activities working to build a relationship between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, Claude and Martina recorded notebooks full of information and cut clippings from newspapers.

Those clippings along with the Eckerts' notes and other records were turned into a five-year history book of the Sister Cities relationship in 1990. This year, that book was expanded to cover 15 years.

Even though they are both in their 80's, the Eckerts can't seem to stop encouraging those Pfaffenweiler-Jasper bonds. Just a few months ago, Martina made copies of 10- and 15-year old newspaper clippings to give to the Dubois County Museum.

Hilger said he is proud of the efforts that Claude and Martina have put forth over the years, and that they did it expecting nothing in return.

“The whole community appreciates them. Everything they did was done without having to be in the spotlight,” Hilger explained. “It was done from the heart without getting a big credit. They did it because they loved it”.

Passenger List for the trip to Pfaffenweiler – Sept 15 – 26, 1984

Jim and Dottie Boeckman, Dave and Judy Buehler, Harold and Nancy Burton, Claude and Martina Eckert, Shirley Eckert, Stan and Judy Englert, Dolores Flannagan, Lowell and Joan Glendening, Willis and Selma Goller, Marty and Anna Mae Gosman, Larry and Betty Hanselman, Mike and Pat Hochgesang, Wif and Alice Hochgesang, Dan and Sharon Hoffman, Karen Hourigan, Ron and LaVerne Kieffner, Norb and Doris Kreilein, Linus and Sally Lechner, Jerry and Linda Messmer, Emilie Neukam, Oleta Sendelweck, and Joe and Mary Ann Weinzapfel.

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 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 Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings. Dues can be mailed to DeutscherVerein, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Mai

Wednesday, Mai 15, 2019

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

Program will be given by Alan Hanselman and Stan Jochum on the arrival of the Pfaffenweiler wine.

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

Club will furnish Sausage, sauerkraut, and potatoes.
Members A-H vegetable, I-Q salad, and R-Z dessert

Juni

Sunday, Juni 2, 2019

Late afternoon – location to be determined

Sunday, Juni 30, 2019 – Turtle Run Winery – music starts at 1:30pm

Juli

Sunday, July 14, 2019

StrassenVORfest

August

Strassenfest – August 1st to August 4th, 2019

Sunday, August 25, 2019 - Family Picnic – Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Sunday, August 31, 2019 – Peppers Ridge Winery – music starts at 3:00pm (Jasper time)

September

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – Louisville German American Club festival 4:00pm to midnight

Oktober

Saturday, Oktober 5, 2019 – Blue Herron Winery – music starts at 7:00pm (Jasper time)



Taco Spaghetti

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound ground beef
1 (1.25-ounce) package taco seasoning
1 (10-ounce can) Mild Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies
1 tablespoon tomato paste
8 ounces spaghetti
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 Roma tomato, diced
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add ground beef and cook until beef has browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks; stir in taco seasoning. Drain excess fat.

Stir in Mild Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies, tomato paste, spaghetti and 3 cups water. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat and simmer until pasta is cooked through, about 13-16 minutes.

Remove from heat and top with cheeses. Cover until melted, about 2 minutes.

Serve immediately, garnished with tomato and cilantro, if desired.

(Taken from <http://www.bestrecipesww.com/taco-spaghetti-2/2/>)

Special friends – Kathy Wanninger, Giesla Hueppe, Baerbel Hilger, and Marlene Seger



Rest in Peace, Giesla

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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City/State/Zip: _____

It is not too early to begin thinking about decorating for Strassenfest!!!!!!



The following was taken from the May, 2009 Die Zietung

18 Visitors from Pfaffenweiler will be visiting Jasper for the Strassenfest

On his first official visit to Jasper, Buergermeister Dieter Hahn will lead a delegation from Pfaffenweiler to the Jasper Strassenfest this year. The group of 18 will arrive in Jasper around 8:00pm on July 29th. They are Buergermeister Dieter Hahn and his 17 year old son Julian, Franz and Baerbel Hilger, Eddie Weeger, Heinrich and Gisela Hueppe, Bernd and Ingeborg Gehler, Amalie Schmid, Ingeborg (Schuble) Kiefer, Doris (Kiefer) and Janez Sori, Cornelia Muller-Hauss and Emil Ehrat, Markus Boesch, Michael Eckert, and Angelika Schenkel (Kiefer).

They will be involved in many official parts of the Strassenfest and with ROJAC activities like the Opening Ceremony and Parade of the Strassenfest, Jasper Mill activities by ROJAC and an official Partnership Meeting at the City Hall.

An official community evening inviting everyone to meet the group is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, at the Dubois County Museum. There will be a tour of the Museum at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. The guests will be treated to an "All-American" meal. The meal will cost \$10 per person with a cash bar.

Everyone is invited to attend to give our guests a great sendoff.

Their departure event will be on Friday, August 7th at 1:00 pm at St. Joseph's North Parking Lot. They will leave from there at 1:45 for the airport.

A few host families are still needed and anyone interested in helping out, please contact Matthias Hilger at 661-0624.

This visit will help refine next year's 25th Sister City anniversary celebration in Pfaffenweiler. Plans for this future event are being put together as well and further announcement are expected in the near future with dates, program and travel details.

The Jasper Partnership Commission is scheduled to present more details over the next several months, especially, on the WITZ Gary Lee Show on June 15th and July 15th at 7am.

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