



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

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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.

Happy New Year To All!!!!



With this in mind I want to thank you all very heartfelt for the many meetings in the past year and wish you an

optimistic light for the [Christmas](#) holidays and courage and strength, health and Luck in 2012.

Yours truly,

Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn

Pfaffenweiler

Message from Pfaffenweiler Mayor Dieter Hahn

„As soon as an optimist sees a light which does not exist, a pessimist will find a way to blow it out.“

Dear Friends,

At the threshold to the new year 2012 I found the quote above from Giovanni Guareschi. The Italian writer is world known for his stories about Don Camillo and Peppone. His quote does speak to me.

When the annual time of advent comes, the days of [Christmas](#) are in front of the door and the opportunity is given to review the past year in the rear view mirror and to plan the new year in rough outlines, then it is quite a difference to be optimistic or pessimistic.

While the optimist will find a light at the horizon even during the dark days, the pessimist will find a cloud on clear blue sky. But optimism has nothing to do with glossing things over, and pessimism nothing with fatalism.

It is more about the basic set up in the community, political, social and private life. It is much better to remember the positive meetings of the past year instead of grieving over conflicts. It is much better to take on the new year 2012 with all the new challenges instead of fearful, worrying what might come down the road.

To see a light which does not exist takes quite a portion of courage from us people. Courage to confront the daily scenarios of crisis. Courage to believe in the creativity and strength of our society despite all the surveys and imperial analysis.

Deutscher Verein December Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscherverein met on Thursday, December 15th at the VFW for their Christmas party with 148 members and guests signed in.

Social time started at 6:00 pm, with President Birnie Jeffries opening the meeting at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all present. He asked for a moment of silence for deceased member Linus Lechner. He had Dan Wehr share a few memories of Linus.

Vice President Bridgette Jarboe then led the club in the prayer before the meal, the singing of God Bless America and Ein Prosit. After the prayer, Birnie announced the meal and thanked Fran and her crew for preparing the meal. Desserts were provided by the Board of Directors and the Officers.

A short business meeting was held after dinner. Birnie thanked the welcoming committee consisting of Linda Wehr, Patti Goepfrich, Barb Schmitt, and Margie Jeffries. He thanked Leo Eckerle, Ray Lechner, and Freddie Hopf, and the turnip cutting crew for the turnip slaw. He also thanked Pat Dunkel for caring for the dessert table.

He had everyone that had birthdays to stand and the members sang "Happy Birthday".

Ballots were handed out for the upcoming Board of Directors election for the members to vote on. Members were asked to vote for 9 out of 12 candidates wishing to be board members. They will be elected by popular vote. Those picked will be formally installed at the January

meeting.

Birnie, then had Jim Corn to stand and thanked him for constructing the Maypole and taking such good care of the area and all the years he was dedicated to it. The club is very grateful. Thanks again, Jim.

Birnie announced the upcoming January meeting. It will be the annual beer and wine tasting/judging held at the VFW in Jasper. Doors open at 6:00 pm, wine and beer judging will begin. At 6:30 welcome and call meeting to order, cheese, meat and fruit tray provided by the club. A-P bring appetizers, Q-Z bring desserts. 7:30 business meeting. Election results for 9 Directors for 2012- 2013.

8:00 Chef Bill Bockstahler from the Schnitzelbank Restaurant will give a presentation on preparing German food. We will then have the results for the wine and beer tasting which will be voted on by the members.

The Suds Club will be in attendance.

After the meeting a few members shared memories of Christmas in Germany. Birnie read a story from Gabby and Harry Guendche, Steffi and Florian Schmuecker told of their customs, and Wolfgang Erhardt got up and gave a few memories of his childhood in Germany. Thank you for sharing your memories with us.

After their talks a few of our favorite Christmas carols were sang by the members. We then had the drawings for the door prizes which were poinsettias from Green Thumb Landscaping. The winners were Nancy Kreilein, Aaron Rasche, Ann Ackerman, Bernita Berger, Judy Gress, Dave Kluemper, Leo Eckerle, Allen Brescher, John Luebbehusen, Leroy Oser, Delli Keusch, Betty Kempf, Sam Schatz, and Gloria Buecher. Special prizes were won by Ted Bartley, Steve Herbig, and Sam Schatz.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Januar Meeting

**At the Jasper VFW
Beer and Wine Tasting/Judging
Thursday, January 19, 2012**

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open -

Wine and Beer Tasting Begin

6:30pm Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

6:40pm We will also enjoy Goulash and Spaetzle from the Schnitzelbank during the meal. Members will bring appetizers and desserts like previous meetings. Club will also supply a Cheese tray with apples and grapes.

A - P Bring Appetizers

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting Election results for 9 Directors for 2012 and 2013.

8:00pm Chef Bill Bockstahler from the Schnitzelbank Restaurant will give a presentation on preparing German food.

Members bring samples of your favorite squeezings and home brewed suds for the annual tasting, Dubois County Suds Club will be attending and bringing their lmany delicious brews.

Wine and Beer results are to be done by popular vote ballots by the attending membership. Winners in the Beer and Wine Tasting will be awarded First, Second, and Third Place and receive a Cerificate of Participation.

Reservations/Commitments must be made during the January and February meetings for the March 17th German Club Historic Tour to Cincinnati.

Would like all Officers and Directors to be at the January meeting for a group photo.

Februar Meeting

**At the Jasper VFW
Valentine Day Dance
Thursday, February 16, 2012**

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins

A - P Bring Desserts

Q - Z Bring Appetizers

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm The program is a Valentine Day Dance and a real chance at getting to know one another.

Last chance to committ and sign up for German Club Historic Tour to Cincinnati on March 17th.

Maerz Meeting

At the Jasper VFW
Gary Wittman, a professional story teller
Thursday, March 15, 2012

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins

A - P Bring Appetizers

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Program will be Gary Wittman, a professional story teller, who will talk to us about "The Telling of the German Family Tree History". His presentation will last approx 30 to 45 minutes and promises to be informative and entertaining.

Any Program or Entertainment we may have will begin no later then 8:00 and last no longer than 9:30 for bigger performances. We are going to begin having prize drawings before the program so those who have to leave early or want to leave early, can do so. Not everyone likes the same thing; so they can stay or go as they wish.

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

We are trying to build our membership and need many people to work at the Strassenfest and help with our meetings during the year. The Strassenfest is our **only**

fund raiser of the year. We need everyone and I am asking all members to try to get new people interested in the German Club.

All members who are going to be gone for any period of time, I would appreciate if you would let me know when you are leaving and give me your new address so I 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.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if you have any questions regarding membership or if you know of someone interested in the German Club.

Thanks again,
Rita Egler, 634-9068

News from The Dubois County Suds Club

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2012. There are still some dates to be determined.

Even if you have no interest in learning how to homebrew, members of the Deutscher Verein are ALWAYS invited to stop by a meeting or event to simply enjoy some good beer! Thanks!

- February 7 - 7pm - Schnitzelbank
- March 6 - Snaps
- April 3 - 7pm - Snaps
- May 6 - Big Brew Day @ Patoka
- June 2 - Bloomington beer festival trip
- July 3 - 7pm - Snaps
- August 4 - Strassenfest Contest
- September 4 - 7pm - Snaps
- October 7 - Learn to Homebrew Day (location TBD)
- November 6 - 7pm - The Schnitzelbank
- December 1 - Holiday Party (location TBD)

Anyone wanting more information about the club is invited to call 630-8433 or attend a meeting.

Justin Rumbach



Vanessa De Leo

Vanessa De Leo arrived in Jasper on August 6, 2011 at the age of 16.

She is from a little village, Ehrenstetten, very close to Pfaffenweiler. Vanessa attended Jasper High School as a Junior.

In Germany, she attended Max-Planck-Realschule in Bad Krozingen and will return there for additional schooling. It takes her about 10 minutes to get to school via car.

At Jasper High School, she was on the Dance Team.

On weekends, her favorite thing to do was to hang out with friends.

She did notice differences between school in Germany and at Jasper High School. At JHS, the schedule is the same every day. In Germany, every day is different. In Germany, there are no handicapped students in school and students don't choose the subjects. She saw nothing being the same between her school in Germany and JHS.

She chose to come to Jasper to learn more about the people and the culture in America and wanted to learn the language.

Vanessa returned to Germany on December 27, 2011. While here, she was hosted by Todd, Laurie, Alexis, and Grace Mehringer.

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, 2012. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 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, 2012 to:

President of Jasper Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15,
Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015



Marlena Löffler

Marlena Löffler is 16 years old and arrived from Ehrenkirchen/Baden-Wuerttemberg on August 6, 2011.

At Jasper High School, she was a member of the Junior class and was on the Volleyball team and also went to the gym to exercise.

She enjoyed hanging out with friends on the weekends.

In Germany, she attended Jengerschule Realschule in Ehrenkirchen.

She observed that in Jasper, her school schedule was the same each day and that the teachers stayed in their room and the students rotated to them. She also states that there is nothing the same between school in Jasper and in Germany. Everything is different.

She came to the States to improve her English and live in another country for a period of time.

Marlena returned to Germany after the first semester and her host family was Veronica and Dale Lassiter.



Maja Gutenkunst

Maja Gutenkunst arrived in Jasper on August 6, 2011 at the age of 16. She turned 17 on August 31, 2011.

She is from Ehrenkirchen, a neighboring town of Pfaffenweiler.

She attends Jasper High School as a Junior and participates on the Dance team.

In Germany, she attends Faust-Gymnasium in Staufen.

Her favorite weekend activities are to go out for dinner and the movies with friends on Saturday night and then on Sunday, to relax and do things with her host family.

In Germany, they have classes with 25 – 30 students and the teachers come to the classroom. Their classes are for 45 minutes and after the 2nd and 4th periods, there are 20 minute breaks. They done have lessons every afternoon and depending on the schedule, each day is different. She noted that the attitude of American and German students is the same.

She wanted to come to Jasper because it is the Sister City of Pfaffenweiler and wanted to experience something different from Germany.

Maja notes that she really likes staying here in Jasper because it's a nice town with friendly people. She will return to Germany after the current school year.

Her welcoming family was Tom and Patti Goepfrich and her host family is now P. J. and Christie Wessel.

“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!!

Erinnerst Du Dich?

(taken from *The Herald*, October 1, 1986)

German girl studying in Jasper

Jutta Eisenring, of Staufen, West Germany, is presently attending Jasper High School under the sponsorship of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

She is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hayden, R. 2, Jasper.

Jutta plans to do her senior year in Jasper. She enjoys music, swimming, volleyball and plays saxophone in the school band. Jutta also played in her home town band.

Her favorite school subjects are mathematics, physics, English and sports. Her favorite hobby is knitting.

(taken from *The Herald*, December 22, 1986)

Library displays German stones

A pair of adjoined stones quarried from Pfaffenweiler, West Germany, and etched with date about people who emigrated from there to the Jasper area, has gone on permanent display at the Jasper public library.

The special stones were brought here in the spring of 1985 when Pfaffenweiler's Burgermeister, Fritz Gutsell, and Jasper's mayor, Jerome Alles, formally approved a "sister cities" relationship.

Claude Eckert, of Jasper's German Club and Sister Cities, Inc., said the stones commemorate when Pfaffenweilerans left their homeland to establish a new one here about 130 years ago, and when Gutsell and Alles reunited the cities with a pledge of continued appreciation for German-American heritage in 1985.

A red and yellow Pfaffenweiler town flag is shown with the stones, too.

Pfaffenweiler is a small community known largely for wine made from locally grown grapes.

Bavarian beer hall tries to seduce Berlin

What promises to be the biggest beer hall in Europe has opened in Berlin, prompting a culture clash by bringing Bavarian boozing culture to the Prussian-accented German capital.

Anxious tourists stretched outside the doors of the newly-opened 2,500-seat Hofbräuhaus Berlin near Alexanderplatz, waiting for their turn to be seated and sample Bavarian beer and Weißwurst.

"I've been to Bavaria and it's really not to that level yet, but it definitely has potential," said Larry Frank, a tourist visiting from Toronto, Canada. Jürgen Bach wasn't one of them. "It all seems rather silly," the long-time Berliner grouched. "This is Berlin and Bavaria is Bavaria. I wouldn't ever visit this restaurant," he said. Hofbräuhaus owner Björn Schwarz knows he must win over fickle locals in order to conquer Berlin's ultracompetitive restaurants. And he admits the 2,500-seat restaurant – claiming to be Europe's largest beer hall – seems a bit incongruous amidst the somewhat drab architecture of once-East German Alexanderplatz.

(taken from - <http://www.thelocal.de> - 9 Nov 11)

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.

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2012 by March 31, 2012 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

Please note if you would like to receive your newsletter via E-mail. 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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