



DEUTSCHERVEREIN

# Die Zeitung

February 2012

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 Valentine's Day To All!!**



## Deutscher Verein January Meeting in Review

The annual German Club wine/ beer tasting was held Thursday, January 19th at the VFW in Jasper. There were 110 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Rita Egler, Janet Kluemper, and Barb Schmitt were at the welcoming table. Margie Jeffries took care of the food table.

Social time and wine/beer tasting started at 6:00. President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting at 6:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all present. Vice- President Bridgette Jarboe led the club in God Bless America, Ein Prosit and the prayer before the meal which consisted of cheese, meat and fruit tray provided by the club and appetizers and desserts supplied by the members.

A short business meeting was held after the meal. Birnie presented the membership with the 2 newly elected Board of Directors which are Mike Ackerman and Pat Schuler. He recognized the 2 outgoing board members which were Bob Dilger and Virgil Gress and thanked them for their years of service with the club.

Birnie gave an update of future meetings:

February 16th Valentine Day Dance - A-P bring Desserts, Q-Z appetizers

March 15th Gary Wittman, professional story teller, A-P bring appetizers, Q-Z Desserts

Barb Schmitt read a thank you note from the Linus Lechner family.

We then had the drawings for the door prizes. They were won by Anna Friz and Gene Humbert. Special prizes were won by Art Kapp and Pat Dunkel.

### **Winners of beer tasting were:**

Wayne Patmore 3rd  
Justin Rumbach 2nd  
Daniel Hollinden 1st

### **Grape wine winners were:**

3rd place Dave Buehler  
2nd place Joe Wanninger  
1st place Kathy Wanninger

### **Non- grape wine winners were**

3rd place tie between Steve Bartles and Barb Schmitt  
2nd place Kathy Wanninger  
1st place Joe Wanninger

President Jeffries then announced the program for the evening. He welcomed Jill Otto and Chef Bill Bockstahler from the Schnitzelbank who gave a presentation on preparing some German food. They demonstrated how they make Spaetzle, Goulash, red cabbage and turnip slaw. Bill also had on display the famous bratwurst sandwich which is in the final four of the statewide Super 46 sandwiches contest. He told people how to go online and vote for the sandwich.

After the program, members spent the rest of the evening socializing and tasting the beer and wine entries.

Barb Schmitt,  
Secretary

## Strassenfest 2012

Remember to mark your calendars for the Strassenfest – August 2nd to August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to reserve some time during the Strassenfest to work a shift or two in the food booth or pastry booth. Proceeds from these booths are our only fundraiser!!!! Sign ups for work shifts will take place during upcoming meetings.

## Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

### 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.

Wear something red or white to make this a festive evening. Dancing and socializing will be the program for this fun evening.

### 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. Wear your green. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## April Meeting

### At the Jasper VFW Thursday, April 19, 2012

Possible Program – Quartet or Singing Group to entertain us.

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Any Program or Entertainment we may have will begin no later than 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.

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### A Thank You Note From the Linus Lechner Family

Jasper German Club,

Thank you so much for being such an important part of Dad's life. He was there from the very beginning and now he is an honorary member of his beloved club and family.

You all have allowed him to continue his wonderful German heritage and to educate anyone who came along.

Dad was so respected and you all helped him to live out his dream of going to Germany with his extended family.

Much love,

The Linus L. Lechner Family

Bev, Jeff, Dennis, Junie, Jerry, Steve, CiCi, Kenny, Jane, Mark, Kathy, and Debbie

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## 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

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### 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!

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



On December 29, 2011, an open house took place at the Jasper City Hall for retiring Mayor Bill Schmitt. He created the Partnership Commission to better link the two City Halls of the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Partnership.

Prior to the Open House, Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, retired Buergermeister Fritz Gutzsell with wife Brigitte and several other citizens of Pfaffenweiler made a surprise visit to Mayor Bill Schmitt via SKYPE. Heinz Hueppe played his trumpet twice for the occasion from Pfaffenweiler.

(Photos courtesy of Diana Treyer and Franz Hilger)



### **"Ein Prosit"**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
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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!!

## **Mayor Terry Seitz Discussing the Partnership with Mayor Dieter Hahn**



On January 18, 2012, newly elected Mayor of Jasper, Terry Seitz, took the opportunity to Skype with Pfaffenweiler Mayor Dieter Hahn. Both Mayors wanted a chance to meet each other and discuss the need to continue the relationship as Sister Cities.

Mayor Seitz expressed his gratitude for the strong partnership that has grown between the two communities and assured Mayor Hahn that he has every intention to continue those relationships. He said that he sees the partnership as a "family" because there have been so many strong relationships that have formed through the friendships as well as the actual family ties.

Mayor Hahn listed several projects that Pfaffenweiler's Council and their Partnership Commission would like to continue which are the Student Exchanges, the Work Exchanges and the Stone Carver Apprentice Project. Both Mayors expressed their desire to meet each other and looked forward to that opportunity.

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## **In English-Only Debate, Consider Our Past Language Role**

**By Steven M. Nolt**

In 1831 Noah Webster, editor of the first dictionary of American English, wrote to John Marshall, chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Marshall, who had known the men who drafted the Constitution and Bill of Rights, had for decades been the leading interpreter of constitutional law. Webster wondered if Marshall would endorse an effort to make English the nation's official language. Marshall replied that such a move would be unconstitutional, since the First Amendment protected

freedom of speech. That meant, among other things, that no language should be given legal privilege.

Because Marshall's opinion was included in private correspondence, it does not carry the same precedent as his many court opinions. But it does remind us of the assumptions of the founding generation of America's leaders. They did not root national identity in language. In fact, in 1828, opponents of presidential candidate Andrew Jackson called him unfit to be president because, among other things, he spoke only English. Most of the nation's Founders had been bilingual, if not multilingual, reading and speaking several European and ancient languages.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as Northern states established public school systems, some communities with large immigrant enrollments implemented at least some teaching in a language other than English. That debate was the case in Buffalo, N.Y., for example, during the mid-1800s, where schooling took place in German and English. In 1866 the Pennsylvania legislature, chartered what is today Kutztown University to train teachers for public Schools that operated, in part, in German.

Such programs broadened the language skills of all children, regardless of their native tongue. That was the case for Norman Vincent Peale, a well-known preacher and author of "The Power of Positive Thinking." Peale spent his formative years in Cincinnati. Although his parents spoke only English, Cincinnati's public schools were bilingual at the time and so Peale's morning classes were in German and his afternoon classes were in English. This language exposure, by his own account, was a valuable piece of his education. His experience was not unique.

Of course, newcomers and non-English speakers of earlier eras – including those who spoke German – were not always warmly welcomed by their neighbors and sometimes faced outright hostility. Yet in the 1800s in many places, including Indiana until 1921, citizenship was not a requirement for voting. So communities composed of European immigrants had more political influence and were able to have a hand in shaping the policies that allowed them to adjust to American society on favorable terms. Today's debates over the public role of language, prompted by Indiana Senate Bill 590, take place in a context that is anxious. Proponents of English only believe that contemporary society is so diverse that the country needs the cohesion of a single language. Yet the United States has been this diverse before, and language assimilation may be even faster today due to modern mass media and technology. No doubt there will remain strongly held convictions on all sides of this issue. That is the nature of democracy. Pausing to consider our common past may not alter those convictions. But it does remind us that the nation's

Founders did not root American identity in language, and that public education's use of languages other than English helped some European immigrants adjust successfully to life in a new country. Were they alive today, they might wish their descendants would offer the same generosity they received and a bit less of the hostility they endured.

Steven M. Nolt

Professor of History, Goshen College

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(taken from the *Indiana German Heritage Society and IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center Newsletter* – Winter, 2012)

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### **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

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### **A German Custom**

In Germany, the Lent season is preceded by a carnival called 'Fasching'. In Fasching parades in the city of Cologne, people wear masks and giant-sized papier-mache heads, sometimes twice the size of their bodies. In some villages of the country, people hold an Easter walk or ride in memory of the walk Jesus took to His death. Another unique custom associated with the celebration of Easter in Germany is the "Easter fire". For the fire, all Christmas trees are collected and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire, clearing away the last signs of the winter and preparing for the spring. The bonfire welcomes the bountiful spring and bids goodbye to the chilly winter.

**(taken from iloveindia.com)**

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### **Käsespätzle**

Käsespätzle is a popular dish in Germany and people like to recreate it in the US because it is so simple and tastes so good. Cheese Noodle Casserole is foolproof if you take the time to make it right. Homemade Spätzle are the best for this dish, although you can substitute dried noodles from the store, if necessary.

Caramelizing the onions takes about 1 hour, noodles - 30 minutes and casserole bakes about 35 minutes.

Serves 2 - 4, depending on hunger and side dishes served.

Prep Time: 1 hour  
Cook Time: 25 minutes  
Total Time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- \*\*\*Caramelized Onions\*\*\*  
 •2 tsp. olive oil (20 ml)  
 •1 tsp. butter 9(10 ml)
- 2 medium onions (400 grams) quartered and sliced
- \*\*\*Spaetzle - Noodles\*\*\*  
 •2 eggs  
 •1/2 c. water (125 ml)
- 2 c. all purpose flour (250 grams)  
 •1/2 tsp. salt
- \*\*\*Casserole\*\*\*  
 •1/4 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg  
 •4 oz. (100 grams) Gruyère
- Butter and breadcrumbs for casserole dish

#### Preparation:

##### Start Browning Onions Early

Start by making the caramelized onions about one hour before the casserole needs to go into the oven. Heat the butter and oil in a non-stick pan on medium, turn heat to low and add onions. Stir every few minutes for about an hour, or until onions are lightly browned and sweet enough for your taste. Turn off heat and set onions aside.

##### Make the Spätzle

Here is a step by step guide to making Spätzle with a Spätzlebrett (wooden board used to make drop noodles). You may use a colander to form the noodles or a grater-like device with a hopper on it called a Spätzle Maker.

Place a large pot of water on to boil. You may add salt if you wish, I do not.

To make the dough, mix the eggs with water and add to the flour and salt. Mix or beat for several minutes, or until dough is smooth. Let the dough rest for 10 minutes, then beat it again. Add water or flour to adjust consistency to a thick batter (a little thinner than brownie batter).

Place half of the dough in the hopper of the Spätzle Maker (or see here for more instructions) which is placed over the simmering water. Push and pull the hopper back and forth, creating a dough wave inside the hopper. Little bits of dough are pushed out the other side and drop into the water. They are fatter and more tear drop shaped than the Spätzle you make with a board.

The noodles drop to the bottom of the pot, then rise to the surface. Let them sit there for another two or three minutes, then scoop them out with a slotted spoon or small sieve. Rinse briefly in hot water, then drain well and set aside.

Using the second half of the dough, make another batch of noodles. If the noodles stick to the bottom of the pan, give a quick stir to loosen. They should then rise to the top.

##### Assemble Casserole

Butter and line a 1 1/2 - 2 quart casserole dish with bread crumbs ("Paniermehl").

When noodles are done, add them to the (cooled) pan with the onions. Add the grated nutmeg and 3/4 of the grated cheese and stir to mix.

Gruyère cheese can be used, as well as Emmentaler or Raclette, but any smooth melting, slightly stinky cheese can be substituted as long as you like it.

Spoon noodles into casserole, sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake, covered, at 350°F for 20 minutes, then uncovered for 15 minutes. If you like, brown the cheese topping with the broiler during the last 5 minutes.

(taken from about.com)

#### 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.

#### Grants from the Dubois County Community Foundation

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. received a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2013 JHS German Student Exchange Program through the 2011 General Grantmaking program. Another grant was received from the Claude and Martina Sister Cities Endowment.

### **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  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration dates of membership dues date will be updated on the March, 2012 newsletter mailing label.**

### **Special Announcement by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.**

Find Sister Cities of Jasper on FaceBook by entering "Sister Cities of Jasper" in the FaceBook search box or go here.... <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sister-Cities-of-Jasper/104109826372883?sk=wall>

Email to [sistercitiesofjasper@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesofjasper@gmail.com).

Thanks to Carolyn Mowat for her efforts.

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Tradition of the Pretzel

Pretzels had their beginning in the 6th century at an Italian monastery. A young monk was preparing unleavened bread for Lent and creatively twisted scraps of bread dough to resemble arms folded in prayer. He named his creation Pretiola, a Latin word meaning "little reward," and gave it as a treat for the children who recited their prayers. The pretzel is often served during Lent to remind Christians of their faith.

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