



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

Mid Summer 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.

Open Spaces in the Work Schedules

As you review the Work Schedules in this newsletter, you will see open work spaces designated by *****.

We are hoping that members of the Deutscher Verein will take time out of their busy schedules to come forward and volunteer for these open spaces.

They are:

Main Food Stand

Thursday – August 4th

4:30pm – 7:00pm
7:00pm – 9:30pm
9:30pm - closing

Friday – August 5th

4:30pm – 7:00pm
7:00pm – 10:00pm
10:00pm – closing

Saturday – August 6th

10:30am – 1:30pm
1:30pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm – 7:30pm
7:30pm – 10:30pm
10:30pm – closing

Pastry Stand

Thursday – August 4th

9:30 - closing

Friday – August 5th

4:30 – 7:30pm
10:00pm - Closing

**Remember, this is our ONLY fundraiser of the year,
so please be generous with your time.**

**Please call Phyllis Schuler at 812-482-2373
to schedule one of these time slots.**

**Remember to patronize the Food, Pastry,
and Information Booths!!!!!!**

**Sister Cities of Jasper will again host the
Information Booth up on the south side of
the square. This booth will be manned by
the JHS students in the JHS German
Exchange Program and their parents.**

A message from Laura.....

Hard to believe the Strassenfest is just around the corner. If everything goes as planned, the new mural on the corner of 6th and Newton streets will proudly display a representation of our German Heritage.

By working at the Strassenfest in the Brat & Pastry Booths, you make this mural and all of the annual German Heritage projects possible. It is also a fun time to spend with other members of the club. And a great way to see lots of people in the community while standing in one place.

Will be spending most of the weekend at the booth. And look forward to working with all the members during your shift(s).

Laura Grammer
Treasurer

Message from Mike.....

Thanks to Steve Schmitt who is stepping into the open slot of Vice President, to assume President in 2017/2018, and to Mike Brescher who has volunteered to be Steve's Vice President. We should all be proud of the commitment of these club members to take a leadership position to continue to move our club forward.

Congratulations to Olivia Otto, this year's Scholarship winner. (See story in the newsletter).

We hope to have additional opportunities for winery visits this summer and fall as music schedules are published. Make sure that you have friended us on facebook to see what is being organized. Vonderheide's

Hops Farm on July 10, Riverwalk Music on Saturday July 16, and more to follow in August and into the fall.

All hands on deck for our club's primary fundraiser, the Jasper Strassenfest!!! We will gather to setup our stands on Tuesday 08-02-2016 beginning at 5:30 PM. Bring along friends and family to join in the fellowship of the evening as we construct, decorate, and work toward a common goal for a successful Strassenfest fundraiser. Tear down occurs following the parade on Sunday.

Have you signed up to work one or more shifts at Strassenfest? If you didn't get a chance to sign up for a shift at a meeting, please contact Pat or Phyllis Schuler to volunteer. Consider asking your children and grandchildren to help us in the stand. This is an opportunity to let other family members and friends enjoy working with our club, which is a great way to help to pass along your German pride to the next generation.

The time for the Jasper Deutscher Verein Sheephead tournament has been moved up to a Noon start on Saturday 08-06 and will be held in the Southwest tent of the beer garden. Thanks to Linda & Tony Schroering for donating time to run the Sheephead tourney, and to our prize donors of Headquarters Bar, Arthur Margarida, and Green Thumb Nursery.

Your German Club will have a dedication of the new Mural at 6th & Newton St on Saturday morning 08-06-2016 at 11:00 AM. You are encouraged to attend this short ceremony. The Mural has received significant support to allow it to come to fruition. Special thanks goes out to many who have been instrumental: Pat Schuler and Linda Wehr along with the Jasper Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to complete grant applications; Bob Herzog, the building's owner for use of the corner, Jason McCoy and crew of Bramwell-McKay Masonary Restoration, TDI Brands for a new bench for the landscaping, Fisher Electric for its donation toward lighting, the City of Jasper for its cooperation and assistance, the Deutscher Verein board and club member Judy Bennett for providing input and ideas for the general design of the new mural, our artist, Michael Smith of Orange Moon Art Studio who brought this project to life, Dan Wehr for his many hours spent organizing all of the pieces of the project and his efforts to search and find our talented artist, Jim and Rita Corn for their efforts to keep the sprinklers working and the landscaping attractive, and finally to our financial donors toward the project, the Linus and Sally Lechner Family Endowment and the Dubois County Foundation for making grants to this project. The mural is a project in which our club can take pride in for years to come.

Our Strassenfest results picnic will be held on Saturday 09-10-2016 at German Outdoor Rec. Like last year, we are planning an early meal at 4:00 PM to keep the evening free.

Mark your calendars for German American Day Dinner, Thursday, October 6, 2016 at Klubhaus 61. It is time to start thinking about who you will be submitting as a nominee for the German Heritage Award. We want to offer thanks to Patti Goepfrich who has chaired this event for many years. Effective 2016, Patti has stepped down from this position. We are seeking volunteers who are interested in participating in the organization of this event. Opportunities include: judging the student essay contest, coordinating with families of essay winners on their availability to attend the German American Day meeting, finding speakers for the evening, coordinating with German American Bank for media interviews and production of certificates for essay winners, and organizational and planning duties for the meeting in general. (See additional details in the newsletter.)

Host families needed. Sister Cities is seeking a couple of additional host families for students who will be in Jasper from October 15th through October 30th. Contact Sandy Wehr at 812-482-2055 if you are interested in helping to provide a positive experience for students from Germany.

Mike Ackerman
President

Sister Cites of Jasper Golf Scramble

The Sister Cities of Jasper Golf Scramble was held on May 21st at the Buffalo Trace Golf Course. Scramble

Winners were:

1st Place – 4 rounds – Donald Ross – David Patton, Max Mendel, Mitch Huebner, and Devin Traylor

2nd Place – 4 rounds – Sultan's Run – Brad Becker, Steve Luebbehusen, Wade Begle, and Jordan Schuetter

3rd Place – 4 rounds – Buffalo Trace – Bob Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Brad Weyer, and Dave Welp

4th Place – Tire Rotation and Balance – Dubois County Tire and Supply and Box of Golf Balls – Jarod Brames, Phil Ruhe, Brett Smith, and Jimmy Corbin

Longest Put - Eric Sargent and Camasia Folz
Closest to Pin –Jordan Schuetter
Special Prize – Ryan Brames

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

August

Strassenfest Set Up – August 2nd – 5:30pm

Strassenfest – August 4, 2016 – August 7, 2016

August 6th - Dedication of Mural – 11:00am

September

Summer Picnic - September 10, 2016

Oktober

German American Day Dinner with German Heritage
Award Presentation
October 6, 2016
KlubHaus 61

High School. Olivia completed 4 year of German language study at Jasper High School, including serving as President of the German Club her Junior and Senior year, and participation in the German Exchange Program.

Olivia is the daughter of Kurt and Jill Otto. With a GPA of 3.936, Olivia graduated in the top 25% of her class and received awards of: National Honors Society, Distinguished Service Award, and Perfect Attendance. She was also active in various clubs including: Key Club, SADD, National Honors Society, participated in band and Dance Central Academy, and volunteers at the Dubois County Humane Society. Olivia is employed at Schnitzelbank restaurant.

Olivia will be enrolling at Purdue University with a major in pre-vet and continuing her German language studies.

Congratulations Olivia! You are a shining example of embracing and exploring your German Heritage.

The 2016 Deutscher Verein Scholarship Winner



Mike Ackerman presenting 2016 Scholarship to Olivia Otto

The Jasper Deutscher Verein has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Olivia Otto, a 2016 graduate of Jasper

LOG SAWING CONTEST

The Deutscher Verein is sponsoring this long time event of the Strassenfest. The event is held on the Main Stage on Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m.

Werner Sawmill, Inc. is again our financial sponsor. They pay for prizes and supply wood products used in the contest; there is no club expense.

No entry fee is charged, but prizes are awarded in both the men's and women's category. Beautiful custom designed mugs for both 1st and 2nd place winners.

The event has been held continuously since the mid 1980's and has quite a following. The crowd is usually 300-400 or more, and has 30-40 people competing. Teams simply sign up before the event. Each two person team tries to saw through a log before the other team on the other end of the log.

It would be good to have a few more club members attend. And occasionally Saw Master and Crew, Chief Judge Leo Eckerle, Rafe and Mike Ackerman or myself could use a bit of help. Please consider attending the event and showing your support of the Club.

Actually, the event has gathered quite a dedicated following over the years. Remembering back a couple year ago, I tried to cancel the event because it was pouring down rain but everyone still wanted to saw. We had two dozen people sawing with a couple hundred watching in the down pour - and nobody complained.

Hope to see you there Thursday evening. Dan Wehr

Sheephead Tournament

The Sheephead tourney begins at 12:00p.m. in the Bier Garten on Saturday, August 6th. Tony and Linda Schroering are the Chairmen and they can be contacted at 812-630-6264.

Thank You to Headquarters, Arch and Ruth Margarida, and Green Thumb Nursery for their donations for the Sheephead Tournament

German Heritage Day Program and German Heritage Award

The 18th annual German American Day Program will be held on Thursday, October 6th, at KlubHaus61. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The eighteenth annual German Heritage Award will be presented.

Past recipients of the German Heritage Award are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, Patti Goepfrich, Larry and Betty Hanselman, Ron and Dellie Keusch, Jim and Rita Corn, and Lois Kuntz.

Our program will be presented by Haley Arthur, the Jasper High School German Teacher, about her recent trip to Germany.

German American will again be the financial sponsor of the German Heritage Essay Contest open to all seniors in the four county high schools.

More details of the German American Day Dinner and Program will be available after the Strassenfest.

German Heritage Essay Contest

An essay contest open to all seniors in the four county school corporations is being held in conjunction with German-American Day on Thursday, October 6th. There are three essay topics. The students may pick one of the three topics. They are "What does German heritage mean to me?", "What can we, as the younger generation, do to help maintain and preserve our German heritage?", and "Note local or family German names as they relate to the towns or villages that immigrants came from, the meaning of the family names, relationship to geographic location, occupation, etc."

A winner from Southridge High School, Forest Park Jr.-Sr. High School, Northeast Dubois High School, and Jasper High School will be named from the essays submitted, and the four winners will attend the German-American Day Dinner and read their winning essays.

Each winner will be awarded a \$250 scholarship. German American is the financial sponsor of the contest. Rules of the contest with additional information will be available to the students at their high schools or by contacting Mike Ackerman at 812-630-8756 or mike@ackoil.com. Entries must be postmarked by September 3rd.

We understand that all members of the DeutscherVerein may not be able to work in either the Pastry Booth or Main Food Booth.

We encourage you to patronize those booths for lunch on Friday and Saturday or dinner on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

And, the pastries in the Pastry Booth make great Breakfast items for Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning!!!!

Sister Cities of Jasper Jasper Partnership Commission Jasper Deutscher Verein GERMAN HERITAGE AWARD

"Honoring those who promote our German Heritage"
The annual German Heritage Award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon our German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award.

This recognition is open to all individuals, not just residents of the City of Jasper, who give what they can in order to make a difference. Because the efforts of these individuals are sometimes known only to a few, a nomination will recognize the work of those who generously support our German Heritage.

A committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission, will judge all nominations. The Presidents will present the German Heritage Award during the German American Day Dinner celebration on October 6th at KlubHaus61.

How you can nominate:

The nominee must be an individual or group, nominated by any individual or group. Please submit the official form (copy is accepted), along with the following:

1. A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination.
2. A biography, up to two pages, listing the service or efforts of the nominee.

Nomination for the 2016 German Heritage Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Relationship to nominee:

Nominee's service is: voluntary / paid
(circle one)

**(Remember, nominations need to be
postmarked to
Jasper Deutscher Verein
German Heritage Award,
P. O. Box 15,
Jasper, IN 47547-0015,
By September 3, 2016)**

Mural - July, 2016



Thanks to Mike Ackerman for the pictures

STRASSENFEST 2016
August 2-August 7

Strassenfest 2016 is nearly here and plans are well under way. We will be operating the Main Food Booth and the Pastry Booth on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We have assigned chairman to specific duties to help the process of setting up and take down of the Deutcher Platz area.

The following is a list of Chairman and times for each process. All names are not listed for set up and take down, so if you helped out in the past, please help again. We appreciate your help and if you find new helpers, bring them along. We can use some young people!

| | SET UP | TAKE DOWN |
|---|---|---|
| Deutcher Platz Decoration | Tuesday 7:30 AM Mehringer's – | Monday 7:30 AM Same Crew |
| Logistics – Haul stand and Equipment to Fest | Tuesday 5:00 PM Rafe Ackerman, Mike Ackerman – pull trailer into Plaza. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew /Load Trailer |
| Food Booth | Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman – Leo Eckerle – If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Pastry/Souvenir Booth | Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman – Jim Corn – If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Biergarten Tent Decoration | Tuesday 6:00 PM Chairman – None. If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Fest Setup – Last Minute Details | Thursday 10:00 AM Any help appreciated. | |

We will again have day chairmen for the main food and pastry booths. They are responsible for the entire process for that day. Also, the Strassenfest Committee is handling the table and chair setup, and cleaning. We will supervise the organization that will keep the plaza area and tables clean for our patrons.

Please remember that this is the only fundraiser we have and we need everyone's help!!

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to work, but as you can see on our enclosed work schedules, there are still openings. If you haven't signed up, please call Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373.

We can use your help!

Thursday & Friday

Help to fry, grill, warm potato salad & kraut. Help to serve food, handle drinks and wait on customers. Also need help in Pastry Stand. Check the schedule for the asterisks to see the specific shifts where help is needed.

Saturday

We need help for the second shift at 1:30 a.m. waiting on customers, servers, grillers and someone to do the fryer. We could also use a runner which is a key position and helps keep everything running smoothly.

CHAIRMEN OF OPERATIONS

Main Food Booth Thursday and Friday Lunch – Holly Mundy and Bridgette Bartley
Friday – Dave and Brenda Buehler
Saturday – Mike Jahn

Pastry Booth Pastries Chairmen – Eileen & Don Scherle
Thursday – Joe and Kathy Wanninger
Friday – Art & Irene Kapp
Saturday – Don and Eileen Scherle
Linda and Sam Mehringer

If for some reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please trade with someone or find a replacement.

We also appreciate and need help to clean up each evening. If you have the time please help.

Again – **This is our only fundraiser, please participate so we can continue the programs we enjoy throughout the year and keep our German Heritage alive.**

Additional Strassenfest Activities sponsored by the Deutscher Verein:

Sheephead Tourney Tony & Linda Schroering
Log Sawing Contest Dan Wehr, Fred Roeder, Mike and Rafe Ackerman and
Werner Saw Mill Crew
Mural Dedication Mike Ackerman

Thanks for your help,

Pat and Phyllis Schuler
General Chair Persons

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