



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

September, 2018

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.

## Deutscher Verein Summer Picnic in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation. Doors opened at 2:00 pm and a dinner was served at 4 pm. Mike Hochesang along with Clif Howard and Al Astrike grilled pork chops and chicken breasts. Members of the club brought in side dishes and desserts. Entertainment was provided by Ron Keusch, Hoyt Wiseman, Wayne Hall, Ron Nixon, and Ed White.

Mike Ackerman talked about Wunderbar together, the year of German-American Friendship. The German American Friendship is a comprehensive and collaborative campaign with the goal of presenting today's Germany to people across the U. S. All areas relevant to society- from culture, business, and industry, science, education, , civil society, to sports- will be explored. Indianapolis will host community events October 6 and 7 2018 in downtown Indianapolis in celebration of Deutschlandjahr. There will be a car show, Parade, Wiesn in a Box, and events at the Athenaeum "Das Deutsche Haus that include a light show, gala, and post parade celebration. The German Club will participate in the parade presented by the German Consulate of Chicago. There will be a motorcoach departing Jasper at 9:00 am, parade at 1:00 pm return to Jasper at 6:00 pm. \$35 per person. Call Lisa Bower at City Hall to see if there are any seats available at 812-482- 4255.

Pat Schuler thanked everyone who helped with the booths at Stassenfest. Again we had another great year. Pat and Phyllis will be stepping down after 9 great years of organizing and running the booths. Job well done, Pat and Phyllis!

Sandy Wehr talked about upcoming events for the German Exchange Program. 2019 will be the next trip for the students. She was selling tickets to the drive through dinner which will be at the schnitzel bank on September 30 .

German Heritage nominations are due Sept. 6 as well as essay contests entries. They can be sent to Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015.

Thursday, October 4, 2018 is the German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Program starts at 6:30, Eat at 7:00 pm.

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, parade at Indianapolis. Depart Jasper at 9:00am, parade at 1:00 pm, return to Jasper at 6:00 pm. \$35 per person. Call Lisa Bower to see if seats are still available at 812- 482-4255.

Marlene Greener then gave a short talk about recently rediscovering her family heritage.

The drawing of prizes was then held. The prizes were made by Barb Schmitt with the help of Judy Bennett and Nancy Ziegler. Kids door prize winners were Rilyn Truesdale, Eli Rasche, Bri Wiseman , Lauryn Truesdale, Bennett Rasche, and Isabella Kluesner.

Attendance prize winners were Jan Kramer, Gene Humbert, Lynn Wagner, Cheryl Trambaugh, Ron Kuesch, Rich Weyer, Sharon Dilger, Gene Kempf, Don Scherle, Sandy Wehr, Vera Renner, Autumn Miller, Mike Miller, Jeremy Wagner, Marlene Seger, and Clif Howard. Special prize winners were Pam Howard and Donna Humbert.

The rest of the afternoon was spent socializing, playing cards, and dancing to the great music.

Thanks everyone for helping sign in guests, setting up, tearing down, cleaning up, helping on the food lines, etc.

Your help was greatly appreciated.

Barb Schmitt

Secretary

## A Message from Steve.....

As I write this summer is almost over. I would like to thank everyone for the great turn out at the Strassenfest booth. I think we really had good result again this year even though the weather was a lot warmer than last year. A big thank you to Pat and Phyllis for doing such a great job these past few years chairing our booth, I think Mike and Bridget will do as good a job with the booth in the years to come. In October we have the German Heritage Banquet coming up on Thursday the fourth please call Barb to make your reservations for that(812-309-3992).In November we will have the exchange student auction at the Moose on the 14th (the second Wednesday) due to the third Wednesday being so close to Thanksgiving. So everyone bring your goodies or

other items to auction off. Then comes the Christmas meeting, stay tuned to your newsletter for more info. Once again, when you see Pat and or Phyllis be sure to thank them for their great work with the booth. Stay cool.

*Steve Schmitt*  
*President*

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**A Message from Laura.....**

**Sehr Gut to another successful Strassenfest!!**

Thanks to Patrick and Phyllis Schuler who once again did a great job. Thanks to everyone who worked the stand, those that pulled more than one shift, and the Day Supervisors who spent an entire day overseeing a booth.

A special shout out to the Setup and Teardown crew.

The addition of the High School students who are going to Germany, was a big success. They did a great job, had a good time and helped the club raise the money that would be donated to them. Great job students!!

Thanks to everyone's hard work and pleasant weather, the club had another successful financial win.

**German Heritage Events for Opening Ceremonies**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the German Heritage events for Opening Ceremonies.

The High School students did a wonderful job performing the Willkommen song and the Schuhplattler. And the Elementary students created a beautiful Mai Pole by weaving Ribbon.

Was so great to have so many of our members in attendance at Opening Ceremonies to support the students and to show your German Pride.

**German Heritage night at Strassenfest 2019**

About this time last year, the idea of a German Heritage night at the Strassenfest was first presented to the Board Meeting. Thanks to the board's appropriation of funds, some of those ideas became reality with the addition of events to Opening Ceremonies.

There are more ideas that are tucked in my dirndl. Heard from several members that many years ago, club members did the Mai Pole dance using a volleyball uprights. Maybe some of you want to be involved again in some events again.

Share your ideas of other events that you might want to add, or some ways to improve Opening Ceremonies, or anything to make Thursday night at the Strassenfest a

German Heritage Event. Call me at 812-634-2138 or send me an email at [lagrammer@psci.net](mailto:lagrammer@psci.net).

*Laura Grammer*  
*Treasurer*

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**News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.....**

Sandy Wehr and Stan Jochum accept the award for Best Overall Program at the Sister Cities International Conference in Aurora, Colorado, "on behalf of the city of Jasper and Sister Cities of Jasper."



## German Genealogy Databases Online -Find your German Family

For many German-Americans, tracing their history is not so easy. Records were lost or destroyed, and the old script can be difficult to read. While I am by no means an expert, I have found some **German Genealogy Databases online** that can help you find a little more about your German Ancestry.

I've also included links to a few groups who help Germans with American Fathers connect with their family in the US.

Finally, there is an online Bulletin board for family searches... you can input your information, and hopefully it will help you find the person you lost.

If you know of any websites or pages that would be helpful, please let me know in the comments, or email me at [Germangirlinamerica@gmail.com](mailto:Germangirlinamerica@gmail.com).

### German Genealogy Databases Online German Genealogy Site

<http://gedbas.genealogy.net/>

#### Online German Genealogy Records and Databases

– Lists a number of websites including, emigration lists, grave records, Casualty lists, Hamburg Passenger lists, Historical Address books. Also lists some sites that are specific to different German States.

<http://www.germanroots.com/germandata.html>

#### Online Family Tree

Register in German or English... provides some useful search tools

<http://www.verwandt.de/Start.action>

<http://www.dynastree.com/Start.action>

#### The German Genealogy Group

<http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>

#### My Heritage (German Site)

You do need to sign up for this one

<https://www.myheritage.de/>

#### Top 100 Genealogy Websites

Lists 100 different Genealogy websites to use.... both paid and free (as of 2015)

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/top-100-genealogy-websites-of-2015-page02.html>

#### Billion Graves

A site that is logging all of the Graveyards and headstones around the world. Free to join and participate.

<https://billiongraves.com/>

### German Immigrants and Immigration

#### -German immigration to the United States

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_Emigration\\_and\\_Immigration](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Emigration_and_Immigration)

-German Genealogy Resources including Archives and Atlases... Also includes specific immigration information

for Australia

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/german>

#### Germany Births and Christenings

-the site also has tips to help you in your search

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany\\_Births\\_and\\_Baptisms\\_\(FamilySearch\\_Historical\\_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Births_and_Baptisms_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

#### Early Immigration Records

-Castle Garden has records of had an immigrants who came to New York after 1820 and before 1892

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/the-11-million-free-immigration-records-you-may-have-completely-overlooked>

-More about Castle Garden-

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/ny-castle-garden-ellis-island/>

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#### German Place Names That Were Changed After WW2

##### Kartenmeister

Included in this database are the following provinces:

Eastprussia, including Memel, Westprussia, Brandenburg, Posen, Pomerania, and Silesia.

<http://kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>

##### Germany/Poland

[http://polandpoland.com/names\\_german\\_polish.html](http://polandpoland.com/names_german_polish.html)

<http://www.der-familienstammbaum.de/pommern/orte-deutsch-polnisch-a.php>

##### Germany/Czechoslovakia

<http://czechgenealogy.nase-koreny.cz/2011/10/german-and-czech-names-of-places-towns.html>

##### Germany/Russia

<http://www.odessa3.org/collections/refs/link/volgavl.txt>

(taken from: <https://germangirlinamerica.com/german-genealogy-how-to-find-family-in-germany/>)

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Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Glendening, both now deceased, compiled a listing of where families were found in areas of Germany.

Lowell and Joan were both committed to researching and celebrating our German Heritage and were proud to do research to further help future generations understand where they came from. Lowell and Joan were committed to the community of Celestine and Wagshurst, Germany. We thank them for their efforts.

Lowell and Joan were posthumously awarded the 2006 German Heritage Award.

**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

**Oktober**

**Thursday, Oktober 4, 2018**

**German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank**

The German Heritage Day Dinner will be held on Thursday October 4 at the Schnitzelbank. Doors open at 6. Program starts at 6:30, eat at 7. Menu will be Goulash, smoked pork chops, Fried chicken, German fries, German potato salad, red cabbage, green beans, turnip kraut, fried biscuits and applebutter. Price will be \$15 per person. To make reservations call Barb at 812- 309-3992. Reservation deadline will be September 27th. Pay at the door.

**Sunday, Oktober 7, 2018**

**The Jasper DeutscherVerein’s participation in the “Deutschlandjahr USA” Parade in Indianapolis – presented by the German Consulate of Chicago**

Depart Jasper at 9:00 am, parade at 1:00 pm, return to Jasper at 6:00 pm. \$35 per person. Reserve seats soon. Call Lisa Bower at City Hall. 812-482-4255.

**November**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

November meeting is on Wednesday the 14th. Didn't want to have it the day before Thanksgiving. This will be the annual auction for the Jasper German Exchange Students. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item or two to donate to the auction. Some suggestions are homemade cookies, candies, cakes, pies, Thanksgiving and Christmas items, handmade items, wine, gift baskets, gift certificates, snack mix, jelly, etc. Please ask family members and friends to come join in the fun! Members with last names ending in A-H bring a salad, I-Q dessert, R-Z vegetable.

**Dezember**

**Thursday, Dezember 13, 2018**

December meeting will be on Thursday, December 13th. This will be our Christmas meeting. We will be having a meal consisting of Fried chicken, roast beef, dressing, green beans, corn, creamy slaw and bread and butter, plus dessert. The price will be \$10 per person. To reserve your dinner call Barb at 812-309-3992 or email [barbschmitt12@gmail.com](mailto:barbschmitt12@gmail.com). Please get your RSVP in by December 6th. No late reservations will be accepted.

I am looking for a few volunteers to donate a pie or two. You can call Barb at 812-309-3992.

**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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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