



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

April 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.

Paul Knies **Hofmarschall of the 2012 Strassenfest**

Paul Knies has been named the Hofmarschall of the 2012 Strassenfest.

Paul and his wife, Carol, are members of the Deutscher Verein. He is a Fourth Generation of German Descent to the USA.

The farm where Paul grew up on just North of Celestine has been and still is in the same family since J. Bernard Knies migrated to the US in 1843.

Every Knies living in the area trace their roots back to this farm near Celestine.

Congratulations to Paul for this honor and for promoting the German Heritage of which he is proud of!!!

Matthias Hilger **Celebrating 25 Years In Jasper**

In 1987 Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. sponsored its first practical youth trainee. Matthias Hilger, from Pfaffenweiler, Germany, arrived in Jasper on April 23, 1987. Stan Krempf promised Matthias a job at Indiana Desk Company and Martina and Claude Eckert provided him with a home.

Matthias and Kathy married in 1989 and are the parents of two children, Amanda and Alexander.

Thank you, Matthias, for all things you have done to promote the Sister Cities Partnership in your 25 years in Jasper. Thank you to Kathy, Amanda, and Alex for sharing your Husband and Dad with so many people and projects!!!! Matthias is the son of Franz and Baerbel Hilger of Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

Golf Scramble to Benefit Student **Exchange Program**

Sister Cities of Jasper is asking your help in keeping the German Heritage alive in Jasper. In June 2013, eighteen Jasper High School students and two chaperones will travel to Germany, including the city of Pfaffenweiler, to experience first-hand the language and culture of many of our ancestors. This exchange, which began in 1987, is funded through donations and the fund raising efforts of the students and parents.

Sister Cities of Jasper, a tax-exempt organization, is sponsoring a golf scramble on May 12 at Jasper Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds from this event will benefit the JHS German Exchange Program. We invite you to be a hole sponsor for \$100, or in lieu of a hole sponsorship, consider making a monetary donation, providing promotional products, or making a prize donation. Your contribution will be recognized in the program, which will be given to all participants. We also plan to use signs to recognize the hole sponsors.

There will be teams of four with a cost of \$50 per person (includes cart). There is a 1:00pm shotgun start. There will be prizes, food and fun!!!

Entry forms are available at area golf courses. Please contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055 if you would like to sign up your foursome or would like to make a contribution.

Strassenfest 2012 **August 2nd to August 5th**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! It is that time of year once more to get your name on the Work Schedule for Strassenfest. We need all members to work at least one shift.

Please call Phyllis at 482-2373 to sign up or see her at the April 19th meeting.

There are a number of different jobs available and all of them make for a fun few hours chatting while you work with your club friends. You can wear your German attire

or the popular German colors and after your shift dance in the Beer Garden. What a wonderful way to spend time in August.

Think about it and call Phyllis **today**. Thanks for all your support.

Pat & Phyllis Schuler
Strassenfest Food Booth Chairs

Please remember, the profits from the Strassenfest booths are the DeutscherVerein’s MAIN source of Income. Membership dues barely cover any expenses of the DeutscherVerein. Among our expenses are the landscaping and upkeep of the Maypole, food, attendance prizes, entertainment, paper products, and beverages provided at monthly meetings, hall rental for the monthly meetings, postage and paper for newsletters, Scholarship, supplies for Strassenfest, etc.

In order to be able to continue the above, it is important that members realize the importance of the Food Booth and Pastry Booth at the Strassenfest. And, if you physically can’t work at the Strassenfest, not a problem. Support the DeutscherVerein by buying a food item from the booths during the Strassenfest. Remember, we serve the #1 Brat in the State of Indiana!!!!!!!!!!

Please remember there is also the opportunity to participate in set up of the booths on Tuesday night, July 31st, and tear down of the booths on Sunday, August 5th. Please think about also participating on those activities!!!!

Maerz Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday March 15th at the Jasper VFW. President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting by having the 80 members and guests sing Irish Eyes are Smiling.

Rita Egler, Janet Kluemper, and Barb Schmitt were at the welcoming table. Margie Jeffries, Pat Dunkel, and Phyllis Ackerman assisted at the food table.

Birnie called the meeting to order and welcomed the 80 members and guests. They then sang Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays in March, and also God Bless America. Dr. Alan Friz gave the blessing before

the meal, which consisted of Potato Soup and salads and desserts supplied by the members. Birnie then led the toast to all club members by leading Ein Prosit.

After the meal, Birnie continued the meeting. He discussed details of the trip to Cincinnati on April 14th and 15th. Bob Bleemel gave information on the Strassenfest Committees selection of the 2012 Hofmarshal for the 34th annual Strassenfest. This years theme is Celebrating German Heritage with American Pride. This years Hofmarshal will be Paul Knies. Congratulations, Paul!!!!!!

The drawing for the door prizes and special prizes was held. The winners of the door prizes donated by Gary Whitman were Janet Kluemper, book and Margie Jeffries, cd. Plants were won by Gene Humbert and Helen Watson. Special prizes were won by Don and Eileen Scherle.

Birnie then announced the program for the evening which was Gary Whitman, an author and professional storyteller, with the theme “Our German Heritage and Creating Family Stories” Members spent the rest of the evening socializing.

Submitted by Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

April Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Classical guitarists Kent Sparrow and Son Mark for a one hour performance. Kent is the modern day Chet Atkins.

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins – Cream of Broccoli Soup

A - P Bring Salads

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Program will be Kent and Mark Sparrow.

Mai Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Recycled Teenagers

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins – Hot Dogs

A - P Bring Salads

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Program will be Recycled Teenagers. You may pass the evening dancing to the songs of the Teenagers or playing your favorite card game.

You may also sign up for a workshift, or two, for the Strassenfest Food Booth or Pastry Stand.

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.

May 12, 2012

Golf Scramble - Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. – Call Sandy Wehr at 482-2055

Strassenfest – August 2, 2012 – August 5, 2012

October 7, 2012

Oktoberfest - Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant

October 9, 2012

German American Day will be celebrated with German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The 14th Annual German Heritage Award will be presented that evening.

Deutscher Verein Vests

Thank you for the response for German Outfits.

Vera and Don Renner have a Lady's Small Vest and a Man's Medium Vest for sale for \$25 each. They can be reached at 482-4592.

Patti Goepfrich has a Lady's Medium Vest and a Man's Extra Large Vest for sale for \$25 each. She can be reached at 482-4821.

Patti has also been given names of individuals who will "lend" out clothing for activities.

Thanks!!!!!!

News from the JHS Student Exchange Program

Erin White will have BR Bucks available for sale at the April Meeting and will have information on other upcoming fundraising activities of the group.

A Portion of the Group Who Traveled to Indy in Support of the Super 46 Sandwich competition.



Missing from the picture are Dave and Janet Kluemper, Julia from WJTS, and Robert Eckerle. Thanks to our driver, Raymie Eckerle.



Pen Pal Program

Through her own experience and the ones of her daughters, Pat Hochgesang is taking the initiative to start a Pen Pal program again between young students in Jasper and Pfaffenweiler.

Her contact person in Pfaffenweiler is Annika Marschall, who spent a full year at the Jasper High School through the Sister Cities International Homestay program. She lived with Jim and Louise Gutsell.

Anyone interested in working with Pat, please call her at 482-3252 or Dana Bachman at 634-2990. They are currently working with Annika on creating links and finding potential participants.

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!

- 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

Address Changes for Newsletters

If a member has an address change, please notify Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 634-9068.

Any help you can give in maintaining postage costs is greatly appreciated!!!!

Membership Dues are now DUE!!!!

Please remember to pay your membership dues.

Dues are \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a couple.

Please send your check to Deutscher Verein, P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 – Attn: Rita Egler.

German Heritage Day Program and German Heritage Award

The 14th annual German American Day Program will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The fourteenth 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, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, and Patti Goepfrich.

Our program will be Kevin Manley, Jessica Beck and Whitney Hall of the Dubois County Visitors Center giving us an update on tourism information in Dubois County.

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

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 9th at the Schnitzelbank.

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.

3. Mail or deliver your nomination to: Jasper Deutscher Verein

German Heritage Award
P.O. Box 15
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

Nomination for the 2012
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**

**German Heritage Award, P. O. Box 15, Jasper,
IN 47547-0015,**

by September 4, 2012)



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