



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

April 2017

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.

## Maerz Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Deutscher Verein met March 16 at the Moose Lodge.

President Steve Schmitt opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. He had members with birthdays to stand so they could be recognized. Vice President Mike Brescher led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer before the meal.

After the meal, there was a short business meeting. Treasurer Laura Grammer gave a short summary of upcoming events. In April there will be a German Club Member Autolauf. It will be on April 8th. If anyone is interested call Laura at 812-634-2138.

Drawing for door prizes was then held. Prizes were won by Rita Egler and Art Kapp. Special prizes were won by Rita Corn and Clif Howard. Steve then presented the program for the evening which was Mayor Terry Seitz. He gave a presentation on what's happening around the city of Jasper.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 20 at the Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6, meeting called to order 6:30. Tenderloin will be provided by Club. Members bring any side dish you want.

Program will be Mark Schlechty discussing how to survive in the wild. Pat and Phyllis Schuler will be signing up workers for the Strassenfest booths.

Submitted by

*Barb Schmitt*  
Secretary



## Message from Laura.....



German Club Beerrun is a combination of a Road Rally and Beer Tasting.

The Road Rally is a series of wacky clues that sends drivers on a specific route. For example

*Take a Recht onto the road named for the mayor of Jasper or and a cookie; then take a Links onto the 3 x 2 + 3 strauss.*

Means - Take a right on Newton then a left on 9<sup>th</sup> street.

The Beer Tasting portion of the day happens when the clues take cars to some different drinking establishments, where each person is served 1 ounce of beer and some food.

The event will end with a flight of beer and pizza.

The winner of the Beerrun is the elapsed time for the car closest to the target time.

**April 8, 2017 1:00pm**

Meet in Ferdinand at Monastery Immaculate Conception at 12:45pm in time for the 1pm tour. (It is OK to take the tour of the Monastery and not participate in the car driving adventure.)

The BeerRun will start after the tour.

Cost for German Club Members is \$10.  
Cost for Non-German Club Members is \$25.

### Spaß mal voraus

A few German Club events scheduled OUTSIDE of the regular club meeting:

April – German Club Member Autolauf

May – Tour St Joseph's church and enjoy music at Snaps

June – Summer outing

July – Zip & Sip (Cave zip line and Sip some booze)

September – Huber Winery

October – Brown County hiking and shopping

Contact Laura at 812-634-2138, to get your name on the list for these exciting trips

Letters will be sent to those members who have not paid their annual dues. Starting in May, is the ramp up for Strassenfest. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so this week. Happy Spring.

*Laura Grammer*  
*Treasurer*

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### **GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**BUFFALO TRACE GOLF COURSE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

\$220 team/\$55 per person (includes cart, greens fees & lunch!)

12:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START (lunch at 11)  
PRIZES, FOOD AND FUN!!

Register by April 17: Sandy @ 812-482-2055  
email:senora@twc.com

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE JHS GERMAN  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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### Address Changes for Newsletters and Temporary Address Change – Travel or Nursing Home

Would all members who are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 with your new address so we 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.

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### Message from Steve.....

It is finally spring. A lot has happened since January meeting. The suds Club brought some great beers for us to sample and the bread Baker's had some mighty tasty breads. Dean Vonderheide gave a great program on his hops operation. At the March meeting, Mayor Terry Seitz presented all the projects going on in the city of Jasper.

I want to thank Laura and Paul Grammer for their help with the wine and pie competition in January, the beer and bread tasting in February and the painting party in March. Job well done.

April program will be Mark Schlechty. He will give a presentation on how to live off the land.

May program will be Dave Buehler telling us about ROJAC's happenings.

April meeting, April 20

May meeting May 18.

*Steve Schmitt*  
*President*

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### Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

#### April

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – sign ups for Sister Cities Golf Scramble are due

#### Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge

Doors open at 6:00pm Activities begin at 6:30pm

Tenderloin will be provided by the Club. Members may bring any side dish that they wish.

Mark Schleckty will present a program on how to survive living off the land. Bugs and plants included!!!!

Pat and Phyllis Schuler will be taking signups for the Strassenfest booths.

### Mai

#### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge

Dave Buehler will be giving an update on ROJAC.

Pat and Phyllis Schuler will be taking signups for the Strassenfest booths

### August

Strassenfest – August 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017

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### 2017 German Club Dues Are Due

Please check your mailing label on your newsletter for when your membership expires. Please forward your dues as to keep your membership current.

Membership Expires 12-31-2016  
Jasper Deutscher Verein  
P. O. Box 15  
Jasper, IN 478547-0015

If you get your newsletter electronically by email, please call Laura Grammer at 812-634-2138 or send her an email to [lagrammer@psci.net](mailto:lagrammer@psci.net) to verify when your dues are due!!!!

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### “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!!

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

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### Ranch BLT Roll Ups

Ranch BLT Roll Ups are a hit at every party! Bacon, lettuce and tomato are even better with ranch dressing and cream cheese!

Author: Aubrey Cota  
Recipe type: Appetizer  
Serves: 8-10

#### Ingredients

12 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1 oz. dry ranch mix  
14.5 oz. Hunt's Diced Tomatoes  
1 lb thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled  
6-8 wraps or large tortillas  
1/2 cup shredded lettuce

#### Instructions

Whisk together cream cheese, ranch mix, Hunt's Diced Tomatoes and bacon

Lay 1 wrap out on cutting board and spread cream cheese mixture in an even layer on wrap, be sure to go all the way to edges

Sprinkle with some of the lettuce

Roll wrap up like a cigar and lay on a plate, seam side down

Repeat with remaining wraps

Place in fridge for at least 1 hour  
Cut off edges and set aside  
Cut 1 inch slices and lay on serving dish  
Enjoy!

(Recipe by Real Housemoms at

<http://realhousemoms.com/ranch-blt-roll-ups/>)

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### Dining Etiquette in Germany

#### **German Table Manners**

Good dining etiquette in Germany and Europe is not very different from that in the USA, but there are a few variations that you should know about.

There are a few things you are allowed to eat with your hands. *Würstchen*, the German version of a hotdog is one.

First of all, relax! If you know your North American table manners, you'll do fine in Austria, Germany or Switzerland. But if you would like to blend in even better,

here are a few helpful bits of advice that can give you a touch of continental manners and some *savoir faire* at the dining table in German-speaking Europe. You don't want to be seen as a barbarian, do you?

## **Dining with Friends or Acquaintances**

### **A Gift is Nice**

As in the US, if you have been invited to dinner at someone's home, it is appropriate to bring a gift for your hosts. If you have brought along something typically American from your home state or city, that would be nice. Typical gifts include wine, flowers (no red roses, a sign of romance) or sweets. The better you know your hosts, the better you can select a gift. Remember to arrive on time! Germans don't do "fashionably late."

### **Business Dining**

If you are attending a business luncheon or dinner, the rules are much the same as in the US, but remember not to lapse into American first-name familiarity. In Germany, business is business – even when dining. Shake hands (firmly) when greeting people! Wait for your host to indicate where you should sit. Otherwise, you can follow the table manners below.

### **German Table Manners: The Basics**

Utensils (*Besteck*) | You certainly may continue to hold your eating utensils the American way, but Europeans find the American way of eating rather inefficient. (You may get some stares.) They find all that switching hands and picking up and putting down the knife a bit too complicated.

Here's the German/European way of using a knife and fork: Hold the fork in your left hand, the knife in your right hand.

Keep both in your hands while eating. Don't put the knife or fork down except to drink or pick up bread. The knife (in your right hand) is also used to help discreetly guide food onto your fork (in your left hand).

Do not cut up an entire piece of meat at once. Cut off a bite-size piece and eat it before you cut off another piece.

If there are more utensils than just a knife and fork (salad fork, dessert spoon, etc.), the rule is simple: Move inward from the outside for each course. Sometimes spoons are placed above the plate rather than on the side.

When finished, lay your knife and fork side by side on your plate pointing to the center, with the handles on the lower right rim (five o'clock position).

### **Finger Foods? Nein!**

Germans and other Europeans rarely eat with their hands! Especially in a fine restaurant or in a

formal/semiformal dining situation, even pizza is eaten with a knife and fork. However, if you are at an outdoor *Grillparty* or eating informally, it's okay to eat some foods, such as hamburgers or hotdogs, with your hands.

Do not cut up an entire piece of meat at once. Cut off a bite-size piece and eat it before you cut off another piece.

### **Beverages (*Getränke*)**

Germans don't normally drink tap water, even though it's perfectly safe to do so. Sparkling mineral water (from a bottle) is the norm. If you prefer the non-fizzy variety (*stilles Wasser*), you can get that. Germans are big coffee and tea drinkers. (Decaf coffee may or may not be available.) Of course, beer and wine are usually also part of any dinner in Germany. After dinner, brandy, cognac, grappa or some other digestif is often served. Sometimes a *Kräuterlikör* (herbal liqueur), such as Jägermeister, may be offered instead.

### **Napkins (*Servietten*)**

Germans seem to make less use of napkins than Americans, but you should put the napkin in your lap while dining, and use it as needed. If you have to leave the table for some reason, put your napkin next to your plate (not on the seat of your chair). After the meal, place your napkin on the table next to your plate (not on it). This also applies to paper napkins, which will end up in the paper recycling bin.

### **Guten Appetit!**

Wait for everyone to be seated and have food on their plates before you begin to eat or drink. It is customary for the host or someone to say "Guten Appetit!" ("Enjoy your meal!") before anyone takes the first bite. Also see Toasting below.

Note: In restaurants in Germany all the food may not arrive at the same time. Some guests may be served before others. In this case, it is OK to ask politely if you can begin eating, so your meal won't get cold.

Toasting

If wine or beer is served (and it usually is), wait for the host or hostess to propose a toast and/or start drinking. For a special occasion, you may want to make a toast yourself. Most of the time a simple "Prost!" ("Cheers!") or "Zum Wohl!" ("To your health!") will suffice. Look the person in the eye with whom you are clinking glasses!

### **Hands on the Table**

Americans and the British keep their left hand under the table or in their lap. Germans keep it on the table (but no elbows!), partly because they also keep the fork in their left hand most of the time. But it is not a real faux pas to have your hand on your lap.

**Try New Foods!**

Don't be afraid to try foods that are new to you. Refusing to even try is an insult to your hosts. If you have a food allergy of any kind, it is best to tell your hosts in advance. If you can't eat something for health reasons, politely explain to your hosts why.

**Clean Your Plate**

Don't take more than you can eat. It's considered impolite to leave food on your plate.

**When in Doubt**

If you aren't sure what to do, watch what others are doing. Also feel free, as a stranger in a strange land, to ask your host discreetly about what is appropriate. You aren't expected to be James Bond and know all the rules.

(taken from [www.german-way.com](http://www.german-way.com))

**From February, 2012**

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



**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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