



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

February 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.

Message from Steve.....

Here's hoping that you and your families had a great Christmas and New Year's holidays. I hope everyone is keeping warm with this cold weather. As I write this I am looking out the window at all the snow and ice and longing for spring.

Since our last meeting in December, we have lost three members, Phil Buecher, Dennis Schaeffer, and Charlie Knust. They will be missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

In February, the Beer and Bread Judging will be taking place. I'm still working on details with the Suds Club to bring some of their homebrew to be tasted, but, if anyone has their own beer, you are more than welcome to bring yours too.

I hope to see you all at the meetings, and as always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please let me know. Stay safe. Stay warm.

Steve Schmitt
President

Dezember Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Deutscher Verein met on Wednesday, December 20 at the Moose Lodge. There were approximately 120 people in attendance.

President Steve Schmitt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and the prayer before the meal prepared by members of the Moose Lodge.

After the meal was served he introduced the entertainment for the evening. Ladies from St. Joseph Choir and Celebration Singers Choir which consisted of Joyce Bolten, Paula Alles, Carol Herzog, Sarah Sergesketter, and Donna Stemle. They sang a few Christmas carols and led everyone in welcoming Santa with Here Comes Santa Claus. They also helped Santa with singing Feliz Navidad. Santa entertained us with a few jokes and reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Drawing of door prizes was then held. Barb had 2 little elves that helped with the drawings, Ari and Bri Wiseman. Winners were Phyllis Ackerman, Rose Herbig, Jackie Braunecker, Ann Ackerman, Nancy Ziegler, Carol Herzog, Lois Lechner, Phil Buecher, Jacob Patterson, and Kevin Mullin. Special door prizes were won by Joe Wanninger and Delli Keusch.

Remainder of the evening was spent socializing. Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan 17th. This will be the wine tasting and pie baking competition. Cold cut and cheese trays will be provided. Members are asked to bring appetizers.

February meeting will be Wednesday February 21. This will be beer brewing and bread baking competition. Menu will be spaghetti. Members last name A-H bring dessert, I-Q vegetable, R-Z salad

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt, Secretary

Message from Laura.....

Mitgliedsbeiträge

Membership dues for 2018 are expected by 1/31/18. Thanks to the many members who paid their dues in advance. For the other half, a reminder postcard was mailed on 01/18/18. If you have questions about your dues, you can call Laura at 812-634-2138.

Strassenfest Opening Ceremonies

The 2018 Strassenfest will be the 40th Strassenfest. In honor of the occasion, few German Heritage events are being considered for Opening Ceremonies:

Mai Pole dance
Opening Bavarian song
The Schuhplatter

The funding has been approved by the German Club Board and the Strassenfest Committee has given their general approval as well.

Jim Corn has agreed to bring his expertise and create a Mai Pole for the event.

Lots of things need to fall into place to bring these ideas to fruition. Need to coordinate practices for the 3 groups of students, teach them the dances, create the music, etc.

Was hoping to have a small committee tackle the project together. Please call Laura if you are interested in being part of the committee to bring German Heritage to the Strassenfest Opening Ceremonies and to keep the tradition alive for years to come.

Call Laura at 812-634-2138 by 2/15/18.

Laura Grammer

Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the Deutscher Verein 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. .

News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Sister Cities Golf Scramble is April 29 at Buffalo Trace! Mark your calendars and get a team together! And pray for NO RAIN!

Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for “Snowbirds” With Temporary Address Change

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.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Februar

Beer and Bread Competitions

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
The Moose

Doors open at 6:00pm, activities begin at 6:30pm

Menu will be spaghetti.

Members last name A-H bring dessert, I-Q vegetable, R-Z salad

April

Sunday, April 29

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Golf Scramble at Buffalo Trace Golf Course

August

Strassenfest

August 2nd to August 5th

Pictured are Alexander Horst, Tyler Richardson, and Karin Horst at a reception following a concert in Pfaffenweiler.



Pictured are Karin Horst, Tyler and Hunter Richardson, and Jenny Richardson in the Rathaus in Pfaffenweiler.



Tyler Richardson, son of Dr. Jennifer and John (Dan) Richardson, and a member of the 2017 JHS Exchange Program, is spending a year and a half in Pfaffenweiler and attending classes at the Faust Gymnasium in Staufen to improve his German. He then plans to attend the University of Freiburg and study chemistry and music

with a goal of becoming a teacher. He is also playing trombone for the Batzenberger Winzerkapelle.

Tyler has one brother and one sister. Karin and Alexander Horst and Silvia and Mario Woerner are hosting Tyler during his stay in Germany.

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, 2018. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 812-482-4432.

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, 2018 to:

Jasper Deutscher Verein Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

I want my gift to be in memory of / in honor of:

Please acknowledge my gift to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Looking Forward to 2018

Dear Friends of Jasper:

I stumbled on an interesting quote a short while ago from an unknown person: "if it is not happy people that are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy."

Especially during the Christmas time and the end of the year, this quotation is fascinating and stimulates thoughts and interpretation.

Being thankful is basically the elementary foundation of satisfaction, and satisfaction is subsequently the supposition for happiness.

2017 certainly was one of the more difficult years – bristling here with my problems, tension and conflicts, as for example the clean cut of trees around the stone quarry, the lawsuit against the state of Baden Wuerttemberg in reference to a roundabout in the neighboring town Ebringen and the disagreement with the county about the allocation quota for refugees.

As our local hometown poet Hubert Treyer says, 'not everything is even.'

Should we seriously be thankful for problems, conflicts and tensions and are we really going to be happier because of it?

Maybe not – but we shouldn't just see problems in our difficulties, but also opportunities, opportunities for a change, opportunities for further development or just the opportunity to learn from mistakes and to start with new beginnings.

Thus, I'm still thankful for the difficult Year 2017, but I'm looking forward to the new Year 2018, which will bring many new and differing things.

I wish that you include into your Christmas thoughts many thanks, as we are living in a time missing hardly anything.

With this I forward you and your families a blessed and Merry Christmas time and a Happy New Year. I think you for all the visits of this past year and I'm looking forward to the new 2018.

Buergermeister Dieter Hahn
Pfaffenweiler



Do Germans Celebrate Valentines Day? Yes, They Do! See how here..

January 26, 2017 By: karenanne

(taken from - <http://germangirlinamerica.com/do-germans-celebrate-valentines-day/>)

It's that time of year when I get asked, "Do Germans celebrate Valentine's Day?" Now... I'm not sure if I'm getting the question by people who want to do something "German" for Valentine's Day... or because people want to use a negative to get OUT of celebrating Valentine's Day (yes, I'm looking at you...)

So let me clear things up a bit by saying... YES, some Germans do celebrate Valentine's Day... others don't.

Let me explain... The history of Valentine's day in Germany is a fairly recent... but like other "imported holidays" there is some acceptance. Whether you want to celebrate or not is up to you (however, if your significant other wants to celebrate... I suggest you go along, and not make comments like "it's a Hallmark Holiday" or "the flower stores invented it"...I promise, your day will go a lot smoother).

History of Valentine's Day in Germany

What we have come to know as Valentine's Day was originally a Pagan celebration called Lupercalia. On February 15th, to celebrate Spring and Fertility, (presumably) single women would put their names in an Urn, and the men would choose their partner for the year by drawing names. Naturally, the Christian Church needed to put a stop to this. In order to Christianize the day, it was designated, St.Valentine's day, to commemorate the death of martyred St Valentinus. The confusing part is that there were actually 3 different Saints named Valentinus... but since all three did romantic things in the name of love.... it kind of works. The most famous Valentinus fell in love with his jailors daughter, and sent her notes signed "From your Valentine".... and that's why we have cards with that sentiment. (Now, all of you who are pointing out the parallel between a man in jail writing notes, and men today forced to shop for cards can just stop!)

But what does that have to do with Germany?

Frankly, not much.

Valentine's Day, sending cards, and giving gifts of love became popular in France and England during the Middle Ages, but somehow it missed Germany.

At least, until after World War II. When the French, English and Americans occupied Germany, they brought along some of their traditions (a bit like Halloween). In fact, the first Valentine's Ball took place in Nuremburg in 1950. From there, things started to grow.

German Valentine Day Traditions

So, Valentine's Day is not a HUGE German holiday... in fact, less than 40% of Germans will give their special someone a present. (Got to hand it to the Bavarians though, over 50% of them celebrate!).

One main difference between German and American Valentine's Day celebrations... it tends to be an adult holiday... which means no cartoon cards with a Necco Heart stuck onto it.

That's not to say that it isn't sweet... People do exchange cards, give flowers (flowers are always a favorite in Germany!), or go to dinner. Lebkuchen Hearts with loving sayings are hugely popular. Valentine's Day is a time for romance!



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