



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

April 2022

*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.*

## **Jasper Deutscher Verein March meeting in Review**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein gathered on Wednesday, March 16th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. We had around 75 people in attendance. Members signed in at the door and Mike and Ann Ackerman began taking sign-ups for the Strassenfest booths. Working at the booths is a great way to support the club and it's also a lot of fun! We will continue with the booth sign-ups at the next meeting, so check your calendars and grab a spot.

VP Landen Weidenbenner welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America and the Ein Prosit. Ross Halvorsen got everyone going on "Zum Geburtstag, Viel Glück" to celebrate all of our March babies, and also led the prayer in German.

Mary Leah Siegel took the floor to update members on the upcoming partnership trip. If interested, the last day for reservations is March 31st. It's shaping up to be a great group, and many of us from the club will either be on the trip, or in Pfaffenweiler at that time. Be sure to check out the video on the Sister Cities YouTube page for more details on where you'll be headed. You do not need to be a resident of Dubois County to go. Bring a friend, family member, or just come by yourself! No matter what, you'll be in good company.

Marlene Greener then treated the club to a small performance on the topic of Ukraine. Reminding members that we are all the same on the inside and the importance of empathy in these trying times.

After dinner, Arnie Mehringer from the Dubois County Museum was our guest speaker for the night. Full of knowledge and jokes, Arnie gave us some good information about our local museum, as well as giving us a good example of why he's such a popular tour guide! If you have never been to the museum, it's well worth a visit. For more information on what exactly you can find in the massive 50,000 sq ft building, check out this video on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/Duboiscountymuseum> or their website at [duboiscountymuseum.org](http://duboiscountymuseum.org). Members were also reminded that the museum is not just a great place to spend an afternoon, but it's also a great place to

get some exercise when the weather is bad. Walking the museum six times equals one mile!

Before wrapping up his presentation, Arnie made one request of the club: if anyone has any information on the hatcheries that used to exist in Dubois County, please contact him at the museum. He is trying to gather all the information he can for the museum's records. Did you know that at one point Huntingburg was home to the world's biggest hatchery, Atz's Mammoth Hatchery? Pretty cool!

Next up it was time to award the usual prizes, with the addition of two extra prizes provided by Arnie and the Museum. Ruth Kuebler and Mike Humbert won the attendance prizes, John Strange and JoAnn McGuffey won the special prizes, and Barb Schmitt and Madi Hulse each won a museum membership. Thank you to our special guest for the generous donation!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20th at the Moose. Doors open at 6pm. Club will provide pork steak and German fries, members A-H bring a salad, I-Q a desert, and R-Z a veggie. Until then...

Bis Bald! Tschüss!

Submitted by

*Lacey Apple*  
Secretary

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## **A message from our president**

Thank you to everyone that attended the March meeting. I hear that the presentation by Arnie Mehringer about the Dubois County Museum was both informing and entertaining!

I wish all of you a blessed Easter and hope you enjoy the day spending time with friends and family. Our next meeting in April is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moose. I am looking forward seeing all of you and enjoying the longer and warmer days of Spring.

Strassenfest 2022 is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. We will need many volunteers to handle this most important

event for our club. Ann Ackerman has begun working on volunteer sign-ups for the DeutscherVerein booth. Volunteering is probably the biggest show of support for our club that you can do. This can be as simple as being a "mentor" to new members, or as critical as volunteering at our most important fund-raiser and display of our heritage and German work ethic.

I have been attending the Strassenfest committee meetings and plans are progressing with the relocation of booths and events from the square. I want to commend our fellow German Club member, Bob Bleemel, for being the Chairperson for this year's Strassenfest, and doing an excellent job! Prost, Bob! Additionally, our fellow members Jim and Rita Corn will be honored as the Hoffmarschalls for the 2022 Strassenfest! Prost, Jim and Rita!

For more information on the Strassenfest and location of events, you can go to [www.jasperstrassenfest.org](http://www.jasperstrassenfest.org)

We are planning to have the StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm. More details will be included in upcoming newsletters regarding the future meetings.

Happy Easter! Fröhliche Ostern! Auf Wiedersehen!

*Paul Siegel*  
President

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### A message from our treasurer

Strassenfest 2022 will be held on August 4 to 7. As many are aware, as a result of construction activity on the square, the Strassenfest will have a new location and configuration for 2022 and 2023 on Fourth Street from Main to McCrillus (Cultural Center). While more compact, this location allowed the Strassenfest committee to begin trying out ideas to meet a city objective for linking the square with the riverfront, train depot, and cultural center.

Some important changes for the German Club Booth.....

The German Club Booths will be constructed side by side on the North side of 4th Street just east of Jackson. The Glockenspiel will be across 4th St at the north end of Deutscher Platz tables.

VERY IMPORTANT: Our booth construction day will be MONDAY evening 08-01-2022.

As additional details are confirmed, I will have more communication regarding changes.

Thanks to those who signed up for shifts at the March meeting. Ann will begin phoning members after mid-April to sign up for shifts at the booths.

Dues reminder postcards will be mailed in April. We look forward to continued membership.

*Mike Ackerman*  
Treasurer



### Sister Cities of Jasper Update for Jasper German Club By Mary Leah Siegel, President Sister Cities of Jasper

The Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper will meet on April 5<sup>th</sup> at The Schnitzelbank to review and discuss all the activities we have coming up in 2022. We will be planning and preparing for our upcoming joint meeting with the members of the Jasper Partnership Commission on April 23<sup>rd</sup> where we will be working together on details for the upcoming prioritized projects such as the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip, the Artists Exchange, the first Teacher Exchange, future internship exchanges, as well as scholarship opportunities.

### Student Exchange Update

The Jasper students have been paired with their Staufen Gymnasium students. Things are getting exciting as they prepare for their trip from June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. The end of this student exchange will be unique, as it will coincide with the students being in Pfaffenweiler with their partner families during the same time as the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This will allow the students to enjoy the celebration along with their host students and families as well as the group on the Anniversary Trip from Jasper. We're looking forward to celebrating the partnership all together and getting to see the student exchange in person this summer.

**GOLF SCRAMBLE: The last fundraiser for this group for the student exchange is the Golf Scramble on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Trace.**

**11:00am Lunch and Check-In**

**12:00pm Shotgun Start**

**Entry Fee: \$240 per team of 4 (Includes cart and greens fees.)**

**PRIZES, FOOD, AND FUN!!!**

**Please register by April 19<sup>th</sup>: Call Sandy at 812-482-2055 or [skwehr69@gmail.com](mailto:skwehr69@gmail.com)**

**Proceeds benefit JHS German Exchange Program – all checks payable to Sister Cities of Jasper**

### 2022 Teacher Exchange Update

Ross Halvorsen, German Teacher at Jasper High School, will be our first teacher exchange participant! Ross will be traveling to Germany the first of June after school is out in Jasper and teach at Staufen Gymnasium while they are still in school. Then, while in Germany

from June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>, Ross will meet and chaperone the student exchange from Jasper, and then return to Jasper in early August.

Ross will work with the Pfaffenweiler Sister Cities Committee and the Staufien Gymnasium to help facilitate a teacher exchange/stay in Jasper as early as August 2022 once Jasper schools are back in session, but prior to their start of school in Germany in September.

There are many details to be worked out, however like the artists exchange, we are happy that Ross is willing to take this first step to establishing a teacher exchange between our two cities!

### Partnership 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip

The Jasper Partnership Commission and Sister Cities of Jasper are working on the details for the trip. At this time, we estimate 18 people will be going along on the trip, however there is estimated to be an additional 6 to 8 people who will be joining up with the end of the trip in Pfaffenweiler for the celebration.

If you will be traveling on your own to Germany and intend to "meet-up" in Pfaffenweiler for the celebration on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Mary Leah Siegel at [siegel.maryleah@gmail.com](mailto:siegel.maryleah@gmail.com) so that we may include you in the count and communicate the plans for our stay in Pfaffenweiler and details of the celebration.

*Mary Leah Siegel,*  
President, Sister Cities of Jasper

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### MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings.

*As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$.50 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.*

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### Just a Reminder!!!!!!!!!!!!

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – [www.jaspergermanclub.org](http://www.jaspergermanclub.org). The website features information on German Heritage info of the DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities, pictures of areas in Dubois County, past German Heritage winners, and past newsletters and be

**sure to "like us" on Facebook at Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper. The Jasper DeutscherVerein also has presence on Twitter and Instagram.**

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### StrassenVORfest – A "Prep for the Fest" Event

The Jasper DeutscherVerein (Jasper German Club) will have a community, family friendly event, StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3pm at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. This will be a "Prep for the Fest" event.

StrassenVORfest will help usher in the 2022 Strassenfest which will be held on August 4 to August 7.

There will be 2022 Strassenfest buttons and mugs for sale as well as various sizes of Strassenfest bunting, slightly used and new traditional German clothing items. Also available will be a variety of vintage Strassenfest souvenirs and German themed bows for sale.

Come for lunch. The Jasper Moose Lodge will have items from their menu available for sale. And enjoy the afternoon with us!!!!

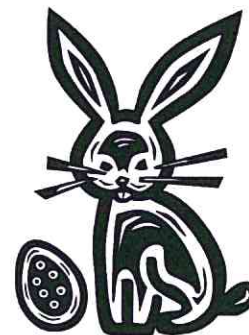
Now is the time to look at your German clothing and maybe purge some or possibly add to your wardrobe!!!

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### "Ein Prosit"

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kinder machen, Kinder machen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Wunderbar!!



## Die Jugend

We're all set to go on the German Exchange this summer and I am in the process of booking youth hostels and activities for the week we are on our own (in Rothenburg and Munich) before we arrive in Staufen/Pfaffenweiler to meet up with student partners and host families with whom our JHS students will stay for the remainder of the trip.

The plan is still to bring 20 students to Indianapolis on a field trip to the Athenaeum for a tour of the building, educational activity, and lunch at the Rathskeller. We then head to the Indiana Historical Society to visit the Eva Kor exhibit currently on display. And here's a quote from the Society: "The exhibit tells the remarkable story of Eva Mozes Kor, who survived Auschwitz as a child and the experiments of Dr. Joseph Mengele, and grew up to be one of the most influential Holocaust educators and activists in the world. She ignited a global manhunt for Mengele, organized other survivors, and educated millions about what happened during the Holocaust and about her vision of empowerment and forgiveness. Exploring how Kor's life and legacy teach us about the horrors of the Holocaust, the realities of antisemitism and the power of an individual to make change, the exhibit includes never-before-seen artifacts and images, original film footage from award-winning documentarian Ted Green and several dynamic interactive elements, like a virtual reality experience that transports visitors to Auschwitz and includes Eva's own voice recounting her experiences there."

*Ross Halvorsen*  
JHS/JMS German Teacher



## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### **April**

**April 20, 2022-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.** Club will provide Pork Steak and German Fries. Requesting members with last names A – H bring a salad, I – Q a dessert, and R – Z a salad.

**April 24, 2022-Sunday-Golf Scramble to benefit Sister Cities Student Exchange Program**

### **Juni – Juli**

**Juni 26 – Juli 5 – 2022 Partnership Anniversary Trip to Germany**

## **Juli**

**Juli 10, 2022-Sunday-Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street-StrassenVORfest-** A "Prep for the Fest" family friendly, community event. Noon to 3pm

## **August**

**August 1, 2022-Monday** – Booth set up for Strassenfest – 5:30pm (subject to change)

**August 7, 2022-Sunday** – Booth tear down immediately following Strassenfest parade (subject to change)

**August 4, 2022 – August 7, 2022** – Strassenfest - This year's theme will be "A Great German Time". Bob Bleemel is Chairman of the Strassenfest, Jim and Rita Corn are the Hofmarschalls, and Paul and Mary Leah Siegel are Host and Hostess.

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## **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 DeutscherVerein (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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I want my gift to be in memory of / in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



**Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.**  
Jasper, Indiana · Pfaffenweiler, Baden-Württemberg

# **GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**BUFFALO TRACE GOLF COURSE**

**SUNDAY, April 24, 2022**

**12:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START**

**11:00 Lunch and check-in**

**Entry fee: \$240 per team of 4**

**includes cart and greens fees**

**PRIZES, FOOD AND FUN!!**

**Register by April 19: Sandy @ 482-2055 or  
[skwehr69@gmail.com](mailto:skwehr69@gmail.com)**

**Checks payable to Sister Cities of Jasper  
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# SISTER CITIES OF JASPER GOLF SCRAMBLE REGISTRATION

Sunday, April 24, 2022  
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start (11:00 am-lunch)  
Buffalo Trace Golf Course



## FOURSOME:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry fee of \$240 (\$60 per person) includes green fees, golf cart, and lunch prior to start of event. Please return this form with entry fee to: Sandy Wehr, 1404 Maute St., Jasper, IN 47546 no later than April 19, 2022. Make checks payable to: Sister Cities of Jasper

Mulligans and Special Prizes!

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE JHS GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



# Fund Summary



YOUR TRUSTED CHARITABLE PARTNER

## Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment

**#2101**

1/1/2021-12/31/2021

Balance - 1/1/2021	\$49,502.85
Contributions 2021	\$5,817.00
Investment (Net of Fees)	\$6,564.08
Grants Distributed	(\$1,760.00)
Market Value - 12/31/2021	\$60,123.93

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*Your commitment through this endowment makes a lasting difference in Dubois County. The Community Foundation is proud to be your partner.*

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**Total amount available to grant:  
\$1,868.31**

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