



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

February 2023

*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.*



**Bürgermeister Lukas Mahler and Mr. Schuler**

Dear citizens of Jasper,

"Year in Review" – shows are being televised, one Christmas Party after the other, the radio is playing Last Christmas. The same Same procedure as every year – that's Christmas.

But maybe do some of you know the feeling of being not yet in the mood for Christmas. What could be the reasons?

We live in a world, that has been accelerated rapidly over the past few years. In Germany, there was a tradition called "Christmas Peace" where you don't send critical E-mails or schedule meetings to discuss important topics around Christmas. This tradition is dead. Our current working generation only knows permanent reachability, time or pressure or spontaneous step-ins. Because of the conditions on the real estate market, these factors usually apply to both parents in a family.

No wonder, that not everybody finds the time to calm down and reflect weeks ahead of Christmas. But is that terrible?

"Gratitude" sadly is a rarely used word nowadays. Everybody has their small and bit problems, but: We don't live in a country that is disregarding human rights or that is being militarily attacked. We do have a roof above our heads and only have to think about how to heat it. And we are able to eat something every day.

Even if you head out of your office, out of your workshop or out of your whatever just in time on the day before Christmas Eve – Be thankful for the chance to meet family and friends, for being able to regain strength or just for being out of the daily struggles for a few days.

To be thankful for everything that you have – this message was also being brought to the former citizens of Pfaffenweiler that now live in retirement homes by the local priest, Mr. Schuler, and me.

We, the city and the citizens of Pfaffenweiler, wish you a Very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours,

Lukas Mahler  
Bürgermeister



## Jasper DeutscherVerein Dezember meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Thursday, December 15th, for the annual Christmas party at the Jasper Moose Lodge. We had around 120 members and guests in attendance. Members signed in at the door and were able to pay club dues for 2023 if they so desired.

Mary Leah Siegel took the floor to announce the Sister Cities of Jasper Wine & Dine Your Valentine event happening on February 11, 6pm at Klubhaus61. Tickets are \$50 per person with checks payable to Sister Cities of Jasper and include: wine (or beer) tasting, four course dinner, entertainment, and door prizes! Tickets go on sale January 5th. Please contact Mary Leah with any questions at [sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com). Sounds like a fun way to spend time with your valentine!

Next, president Paul Siegel welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and the Ein Prosit. He then announced the nominations received so far for the new executive board. We have:

President: Landen Weidenbenner  
Vice President: Laura Grammer  
Secretary: Valerie Heim  
Treasurer: Mike Ackerman

If anyone has a nomination, please feel free to contact Paul. The club will vote on the nominations at the January meeting (Wednesday the 18th).

Fr. Ackerman led the prayer before dinner, and the tables were released west to east. Club members dined on beef and chicken, a variety of sides, and desserts provided by the board members. It was delicious as always!

Midway through the meal Paul got on the mic and launched into a lively rendition of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" to introduce the man of the hour... Santa! Ready with his candy canes and to spread some holiday cheer, Santa had a surprise for us this year, new jokes! Haha. Funny as always, Santa did a great job of keeping the merriment rolling along. Thank you, Santa, for always finding time in your busy December schedule to visit the DeutscherVerein. We appreciate it.

After the jokes, and a singalong to "Stille Nacht", the usual prizes were handed out so we could get down to the serious business of dancing the night away. Attendance prizes were won by Sharon Dilger and Judy McCarty, and the special prizes were won by Mike Hochgesang and Joe Rohleder. Everyone who had either a "J" or a "P" under their placemats got to take home either a poinsettia or a simmer jar.

Our entertainment for the evening was provided by EV Mae. If you haven't heard of her yet, you will! She's a local singer who performs at different venues around the area, as well as in Nashville. She did a phenomenal job playing all of our country and Christmas favorites. There were a few of us that never left the dance floor! Thanks again, EV Mae, for making our party extra fun.

And then, it was time to head home. Thank you to the Moose for once again going the extra mile with their decorations. It really helps us get into the Christmas spirit! And thank you to all of our members who make being a part of this club something special. Looking forward to all that's in store for 2023!

Our next meeting will be our annual Wine and Pie contest, Wednesday, January 18th at the Moose. All contest submissions MUST be delivered to the Moose by 6pm in order to be considered for judging. Spaghetti and garlic bread will be provided by the club. Members A-H bring salad, I-M veggies, and N-Z dessert. We will also have a presentation from the Vine to Wine group on their experience making wine! Hope to see you all there!

Submitted by

*Lacey Apple*  
Secretary

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## Jasper DeutscherVerein Januar meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Wednesday, January 18th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. President Paul Siegel welcomed the 79 members and guests, then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing God Bless America and Ein Prosit.

Next, Paul introduced those who were nominated for officers and board members, calling for a vote and received approval from the club members.

Officers voted in are:

President: Landen Weidenbenner  
Vice President: Laura Grammer  
Treasurer: Mike Ackerman  
Secretary: Valerie Heim

Congratulations to all the incoming officers! Special thank you to Lacey Apple for doing a terrific job as Secretary for the past two years!

New President Landen said the prayer and released the tables for a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by the Moose. After dinner, Paul wished all January Club members a Happy Birthday. Dan Otto, JMS & JHS German Teacher, led us in singing Happy Birthday in both English and German.

Mary Leah Siegel gave updates on the newly elected Sister Cities Board members. They are:

Mary Leah Siegel, President  
Sandy Wehr, Vice President  
Matt Hilger, Treasurer  
Sheri Keller, Secretary

Additional Board Members for 2023 are  
Stan Jochum  
Alan Hanselman  
Olivia Otto  
Kent Seger  
John Eckerle

She announced that the Wine Queens from Germany will be attending and presenting at the Wine & Dine Your Valentine event on Saturday, February 11. Tickets are still available. You won't want to miss this special event!

Next, Landen announced that the Wine Queens will be in attendance at the next German Club meeting in February! Also in February, we will have the annual bread competition. Please bring your bread before 6:00 pm so it can be served with dinner after judging. Due to the lack of entries in the past, we will not have a beer judging competition.

Landen then brought Laura Grammer up to explain the Vine to Wine event. Brandon Ferguson prepared a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the event as Laura explained the process. Then Laura called up all the event's participating members to say a few words about the experience. Wine from the event was passed around for everyone to taste, and a special thank you was extended to Judy Bennett for designing the beautiful labels for the wine. Dave Buehler expressed his pride & thoughts about the success of the event. Landen led the club in an Ein Prosit to thank Dave & Brenda Buehler for hosting the event.

Next, Landen and Laura thanked everyone who brought pies to be judged. There were 8 pies total entered for the three different categories, Fruit, Nut & Other. Judges were Yvonne Mullen, Al & Judy Bennett, Mike & Bridget Bartley, and Van Ziegler. Winners were presented with certificates. Mike Humbert brought a Carmel Apple Moonshine as the only entry for the homemade wine. A big thank you to Paul & Laura Grammer for facilitating the contest. Congratulations to the winners!

Fruit Pie: Phyllis Schuler's Cherry/ Blueberry Skillet Pie

Nut Pie: Sara Hulse's Pecan Pie

Other Pie: Margie Jeffries's Apple Cranberry Pecan Bourbon Pie

Attendance prizes were drawn next. Winners were Linda Casper, Connie Brenner, Matt Hulse, Barb Schmidt,

Marcia Schnell, Karen Weyer and Gladys Knust. They each took home a bottle of the wine made at the Vine to Wine event. Yvonne Mullen and Mary Gudorf were the special prize winners.

Landen called the meeting to a close. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner at 6:30. Don't forget to bring your favorite bread to enter the contest!

Submitted by

*Valerie Heim*  
Secretary

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### **A message from our immediate past president**

#### **A Sincere Thank You**

Thank you for all the DeutscherVerein members who attended the January meeting. We had a wonderful time with the pie contest and sampling the strawberry wine that the "Vine to Wine" group made at Dave Buehler's cellar. A special thank you to Dave and Brenda for being such generous hosts to a loud and rambunctious group. Prost!

The main order of business at our meeting was the election of the executive officers for 2023-2024. I am very pleased with the boisterous "YEAs" the membership vocalized during the election. The new team consists of: Landen Weidenbenner – President, Laura Grammar – Vice President, Valerie Heim – Secretary, and Mike Ackerman – Treasurer. Each of these individuals have been a part of the DeutscherVerein Board of Directors for the past 2 years and have contributed immensely to the success of our club. A sincere thank you to Landen, Laura, Valerie, and Mike for continuing to volunteer.

I wish to recognize Lacey Apple as the outgoing Secretary for the DeutscherVerein. Lacey has done a superb job serving as Secretary and has been the anchor in communication of the club's events and meetings. Also, Lacey did a fantastic job working with Patti Goepfrich, the publisher of Die Zeitung. Thank you, Lacey!

I want to thank the other members of our Board of Directors for volunteering their time and talents advising and guiding the club to serving its members and the surrounding community. I believe their dedication has been instrumental in continuing our mission to PROMOTE, PRESERVE and CELEBRATE our proud German Heritage.

Thank you to each DeutscherVerein member who attends meetings, events, or participates in any other manner. There is strength in numbers, and as members of the German Club you continue to promote not only the

German heritage of our past, but also to instill those same traditions at the present and into the future. PROST!

Finally, I am grateful I was given the opportunity to serve as your President. The past two years have given me an appreciation for all the hard work and dedication that so many of you have to the DeutscherVerein and to the Jasper community. My most sincere thank you for allowing me to serve the club and the community as well.

I cannot end this message without thanking my wife, Mary Leah, for her support these last two years. She has been extremely supportive and has provided a positive impact to the club's activities.

Mit aufrichtiger Freundschaft,

*Paul Siegel*

2021-2022 President

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### **A message from our president**

I want to wish all of our club members a Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a great holiday season with family and friends. I am excited to see what our club will accomplish and the fun we will have over the next year. First and foremost, I would be remiss if I do not start out by thanking our past President, Paul Siegel for all of his hard work and dedication over the last 2 years. Paul did a great job navigating our club through a pandemic, and getting the club back to normal operation post-Covid. We cannot thank you enough! Finally, I want to thank Lacey Apple who served as our secretary over the past years. For anyone not aware, Lacey Apple and her husband Ross Halverson have moved to Evansville, IN. We hope to see you in Jasper and at future events and meetings.

We are kicking the year off right - in January, a group of current members and potential new members finished off the "Vine to Wine" program, and if you were at January's meeting, you were able to enjoy a sampling of the strawberry wine. A big thank you to everyone who came to learn, to Laura Grammer for bringing this idea to life, and to Dave Buehler for allowing us to use his "party barn/wine cellar" and sharing his winemaking knowledge. As we jump right in to the new year, I ask all club members to please let our officers or board members know what ideas or thoughts you have for the club. This is your club, and we want everyone to get the most out of it.

I look forward to seeing you all at future meetings, and our officers and board are excited to lead the club into 2023 and beyond.

Kind Regards

*Landen Weidenbenner*

President

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### **A message from our vice president**

#### **Vielen Dank an unsere scheidenden Olfiziere**

Many Thanks to our outgoing officers!! President Paul Siegel and Secretary Lacey Apple were great examples of leadership in the German Club. Paul Siegel will continue on the board as past President. Lacey and her family have moved to Evansville and we wish them much joy in their new home. Thanks to all officers from last year: Paul Siegel, Landen Weidenbenner, Van Ziegler, Mike Ackerman and Lacey Apple for your dedication to keeping German History alive in Jasper. PROST!!

#### **Vine to Wine**

With a goal of engaging our current members and attracting new members, the Jasper German Club chose to have a wine making event. Dave Buehler offered his wine cellar. The process we called "Vine to Wine" took 5 months to complete.

The first scheduled meeting was to cut the grapes from Dave's vineyard. Unfortunately, the grapes in our region were not acceptable for wine this year. We cancelled the grape cutting meeting. After several tries, Dave was able to find Strawberries and we were back on track.

At the meeting we called "Fill the Barrel", the group donned stain worthy clothing. Sitting on buckets and crates we lopped off the stems of the strawberries and quartered the berries.

Using a sophisticated tool (a large screwdriver), Dave pushed the strawberries into the mouth of the funnel and into the barrel. Then buckets of sugar water were added with some yeast. When the work was done, we sampled some of Dave's wines from prior years.

Judy Bennet had created a wine label for the Grape wine. Dave contacted Judy and told her she needs to make a new label because we switched to Strawberry wine. Ironically the colors she chose for the label were almost the same color as the wine.

The big day finally arrived: "Empty the Barrel". A new friend, Steve brought his hydrometer. The wine measured 15% alcohol and low sugar. It was defined as a dry wine. By a show of hands, half of us thought it was more on the dry side and the other half thought it was more on the sweet side. We had made the perfect wine, both palates loved the wine.

Each person in the group took turns filling bottles. The filled bottles were wiped down and taken upstairs where Rita Corn and Dave Wehr were placing the labels on the bottles. Each person that helped was rewarded with their own bottle of wine.

The wine was presented at the January German Club meeting and the club was very appreciative of the delicious wine. We hope to start another Vine to Wine at the end of the year.

We welcomed new friends: Steve Blessinger, Arnold Blessinger, Randy Boeglin, and Tina & Corey Luebbenhusen. Thanks to the members who participated in "Vine to Wine": Paul & Mary Leah Siegel, Landen Weidenbenner & Brandon Ferguson, Jim & Rita Corn, Dan & Linda Wehr, Bob & Judy McCarty, Sandy & Dave Wehr, Nancy & Dave Prechtel, Harvey & Bernita Berger, Don & Eileen Scherle, Sam & Linda Mehringer, Trisha Goodwin, Dave & Brenda Buehler, Laura & Paul Grammer.

### **Bread Judging Categories**

The February 15<sup>th</sup> German Club meeting hosts the annual Bread making competition. Bread baking is a direct connection to our German Roots. And a great opportunity to taste some of our members amazing breads.

Entries for the Bread competition must arrive on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge BEFORE 6pm. Judging will begin before the meeting starts. Then the bread can be placed in the food line for everyone to enjoy while getting their meal.

Check on Google or ask Grandma for her secret recipe. We will be presenting awards in the following categories:

1. Pure Dark Bread (Pumpernickel, Rye, Multigrain)
2. Pure White Bread (sandwich bread, rolls)
3. Sweet Bread (Sweet Rolls, Hawaiian, Italian Easter)
4. Glazed Bread (Monkey Bread, Cinnamon Rolls)
5. Other (Banana Nut, Chocolate Zucchini, Cheese Bread)
6. Apfel Strudel (a True German delicacy)
  - a. Hope to ask the German Wine Queens to Judge this category.

### **NEW Cake Judging**

Seems not all of our members like to bake pies or bread. After receiving a request to have a Cake Judging, we decided to include it for the March meeting.

Bring your entry with the category name listed on it to the Moose Lodge on March 15<sup>th</sup> by 6pm. We will serve the cakes with the dinner.

If you bring a cake, it is not necessary to bring something else for the pitch in dinner.

Cakes judging will have the following categories

1. Angel Food Cake (fruit topped, frosted or bare)
2. Chocolates (Chocolate, German Chocolate, Red Velvet)
3. Fruit Cake (Banana, Cherry, Dreamsicle, fruit in the cake)
4. Bundt Cake (So many options)
5. Other Cake (White, Yellow, Pound, Cheese, Chifon, Sponge, Butter)
6. Black Forest Cake (Another German Favorite)

*Laura Grammer*

Vice President

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### **A message from our treasurer**

Thank you to Paul Siegel for your leadership during your term as club President. Thank you to Lacey Apple for your service as club Secretary with its varied duties.

Members may pay 2023 dues of \$10.00 per person (\$20.00 per couple) at our meeting or via mail to P O Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547.

With construction on the square continuing, Strassenfest 2023 will be held on 4th Street again. The Strassenfest committee is working to tweak the layout and improve the guest experience to provide improved space and a slightly modified layout. A change that was requested by the Strassenfest committee for 2023 was for the German Club to staff an extra booth that would be attached to the beer garden to provide some sandwich options for guests in the beer garden without requiring these guests to leave the beer garden. This will place additional demands for workers on the club. A little encouragement to children and grandchildren may help our club gain members and increase our available pool of workers, while helping the club to continue its mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

Regards,

*Mike Ackerman*

Treasurer

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*Happy  
Valentines  
Day!*

## A message from The Jasper Partnership Commission

### Partnership Vision 2030

On December 31, 2022, the partnership commissions of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler signed the Unified Declaration for the future of the Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. This declaration was the finalized output from discussions that started back in July when Pfaffenweiler and Jasper celebrated the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Partnership. As part of the anniversary activities, the Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commission hosted members of the Jasper Partnership Commission, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper German Club in an engaging brainstorming session centered on how to continue strengthening the relationships between the two communities. As a follow-up to the July session and over the back half of 2022, the declaration, which creates the road map for the future, was created and refined through discussions between all of the parties.

The declaration identifies three guiding principles. The first is the sustainability of personal contacts. We want to make the personal encounters and exchanges sustainable and find ways how these short-term contacts can be turned into long term relationships. The second is a common financial foundation. We are aware that the activities to strengthen the partnership will require a solid financial foundation and want to explore various possibilities to support the mission. And the third principle is exchanges and encounters. We want to maintain the personal contacts and the student exchange and build upon them with additional exchange formats. These formats can be remarkably diverse just as the life of our communities.

This declaration is a great sign that both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler are truly committed to the partnership and have a desire to see it continue.

*Max Verkamp*

President  
Jasper Partnership Commission

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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](https://www.facebook.com/JasperDeutscherVerein) and Sister Cities of Jasper. The Jasper DeutscherVerein also has presence on Twitter and Instagram.

## German Exchange Student Opportunities

Do you know anyone who has considered or is interested in hosting an exchange student from Germany? If so, opportunities are available for the 2023-2024 school year to host a student! For more information, please reach out to Brandon Ferguson (Local ACES Coordinator) at 812-604-3893 or [brandon\\_ferguson85@yahoo.com](mailto:brandon_ferguson85@yahoo.com).

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## Sister Cities of Jasper January 2023 Update for Jasper German Club

The Board of Directors of the Sister Cities of Jasper met on Saturday, January 7th, 2023 to discuss upcoming events and projects for 2023.

The group discussed the planning for the upcoming “Wine & Dine Your Valentine” event and a committee was formed to work on further details for the evening. More details about this upcoming event is included in this newsletter.

During the meeting the Executive Officers were nominated and approved. The officers for 2023 are as follows:

Mary Leah Siegel, President  
Sandy Wehr, Vice President  
Matt Hilger, Treasurer  
Sheri Keller, Secretary

Additional Board Members for 2023 are  
Stan Jochum  
Alan Hanselman  
Olivia Otto  
Kent Seger  
John Eckerle

The slate of executive officers for the Board of Directors was brought to a vote to the members of the Jasper DeutscherVerein at the January 18th meeting (Note: Each member of the DeutscherVerein is a member of the Sister Cities of Jasper according to its by-laws.) The slate of officers was approved.

We are looking forward to hosting the first “Wine & Dine Your Valentine” event on February 11th at Klubhaus61! More information regarding this event and tickets is included in this newsletter.

The wine queens of Germany are coming to Jasper! We are so excited that the wine queens accepted our invitation to come to Jasper. We will be hosting the Wine Queen of Germany, Katrin Lang, and the Baden Wine Queen, Jessica Himmelsbach from February 10th to the 18th. The list of itineraries of events for the queens is shaping-up and there will be several opportunities to meet them in Jasper and then they will be traveling to Indianapolis:

February 11th 6pm – ‘Wine and Dine Your Valentine’  
Event hosted by Sister Cities of Jasper at Klubhaus61

February 12th 1pm-3pm – Wine Tasting hosted by  
Holiday Liquors at the Holiday Liquors North

February 13th 6pm – 8pm – Wine Tasting and program  
hosted by The Schnitzelbank

February 14th – Spending the day with the German  
language and agriculture classes at Jasper High School

February 15th 6pm – Spending the evening at the Jasper  
DeutscherVerein February meeting

February 16th – The queens will meet with Lt. Governor,  
Susan Crouch and attend an evening event at Tastings in  
Indianapolis hosted by the International Center.

February 17th – 6pm – 9pm - “An Evening with the Wine  
Queens of Germany’ hosted by the Athenaeum in  
Indianapolis – This event is open to the public and will be  
held in the Athenaeum ArtSpace on the 2nd floor. Tickets  
are \$15 per person. More information is available in this  
newsletter. We would love to get a group together to  
attend this event. Please feel free to contact me if you plan  
on attending!

February 18th – Katrin and Jessica return to Germany

We are anticipating a wonderful time at the upcoming  
events and we are looking forward to showcasing the  
Sister Cities of Jasper and our wonderful partnership with  
Pfaffenweiler!

*Mary Leah Siegel*  
President, Sister Cities of Jasper

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### “Ein Prosit”

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
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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!!



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## Sister Cities of Jasper to Host Wine Queens of Germany in February



**Katrin Lang – Wine Queen of Germany**



**Jessica Himmelsbach – Wine Queen of Baden**

Sister Cities of Jasper is excited to announce that the  
Wine Queen of Germany, Katrin Lang, and the Wine  
Queen of Baden, Jessica Himmelsbach, will be visiting  
Jasper and Indiana from February 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. At the  
invitation of the Sister Cities of Jasper, both queens will

be hosted in Jasper and appearing at several events around the city during their stay.

"We are overjoyed that both of these ladies accepted our invitation to visit Jasper and to be special guest presenters at our event," stated Mary Leah Siegel, President of Sister Cities of Jasper. "This will be such a wonderful opportunity for our community to experience and share in their passion for German wines and winemaking."

Both Katrin and Jessica will be special guest presenters at the 'Wine and Dine Your Valentine' event on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at KlubHaus 61 in Jasper when Sister Cities of Jasper hosts a special evening showcasing the wines from Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The evening includes five wine samplings, a gourmet four-course meal, information about the wines and pairings, a silent auction, door prizes, music by Jon & Stacey, dancing and fun. Beer options are also available as well as a cash bar.

Tickets are \$50 per person (tables of eight available) and can be purchased via Eventbrite at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-and-dine-your-valentine-wine-sampling-4-course-dinner-music-fun-tickets-504001711687> or via hard copy from the Sister Cities of Jasper email: [sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to Sister Cities of Jasper.

### **About the German Wine Queens**

The German Wine Queen (German: Deutsche Weinkönigin) is the representative of the German wine industry. The Wine Queen is supported by two princesses, forming together the German Wine Ambassadors. She is elected, for a period of one year. The title is competed for by the regional wine queens of the thirteen German wine regions. The German Wine Queen must first be a wine queen of one of the German wine regions for a year prior.

The German Wine Queen competition is arranged by the German Wine Institute (DWI or German: Deutsche Weininstitut). Selection of both the German Wine Queen and each of the regional wine queens is based on a knowledge of oenology and winemaking technology, quick wit and eloquence, as well as proficiency in foreign languages and a knowledge of the wine export business.

**The 74<sup>th</sup> German Wine Queen is Katrin Lang** from Ebringen in the Baden region; she was chosen on 30 September 2022 for the period 2022/2023.

**The 72<sup>nd</sup> Baden Wine Queen is Jessica Himmelsbach** from Heitersheim in the Markgräflerland region (Breisgau-Hochschwarzwald district) of Baden;

she was chosen by the Baden Winegrowers' Association on 03 June 2022 for the period of 2022/2023

During their one-year term of office, the Wine Queen and Wine Princesses advertise German wine at trade fairs, wine festivals, and other events. The Wine Queen, in particular, is the ambassador of German wine-growers and their products at over 250 appearances in Germany and abroad.

The Wine Queen of Baden has been an elected position since 1950 within the Baden Winegrowers Association. Women with a strong wine background, oenology students, winegrowers, or women from winegrowing families may apply for the honor. The Wine Queen of Baden opens larger wine festivals, can be booked for wine tastings and support and advertise the nine Baden wine-growing areas throughout Germany and abroad. The Wine Queen of Baden makes approximately 200 appearances during her year of reign.

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### **About Katrin Lang, German Wine Queen** **2022/2023**

Age: 23

Profession: Winemaker - Bachelor's Degree in Viticulture and Oenology, employed at Weingut Zähringer, Heitersheim

As a vintner's daughter, she has been familiar with working in the vineyard since early childhood. During the queen competition, she scored points with her spontaneity and knowledge in the competition with the five young vintners and with the President of the German Sommelier Union, Peer Holm.

#### **What are your hobbies?**

I play tenor horn in two music clubs in my home community and in my neighboring village. The community in the club is very important for me, it is great fun to play music together. Music connects people, just like the passion for German wine. A bottle of wine is a must during a long hike in our beautiful homeland. I like to go for walks with my friends and explore Germany! As an oenology student, wine tasting is also my hobby in a way. I love discovering new wines and could talk about wine for hours.

#### **What is your favorite wine?**

For me, there is no one favorite wine. I like the variety that our German wines have to offer. I especially like the Pinot Blanc. The wines can be tangy and fresh, but they can also be a real stunner when aged in wood! I find the facets of the Weißburgunder very exciting. In addition, the Pinot Blanc is a real all-rounder and can be super combined with any food. The winegrowers of Germany are really good at it and always manage to bring the special features of our vineyards into the glass.



**What are you looking forward to during your term?**

I am looking forward to discovering all of Germany and tasting many good wines! I am looking forward to the many encounters with the local winegrowers and I would like to hear about their stories and their passion for winegrowing. As German Wine Queen, I would like to share these stories with the winegrowers. I would like to inspire people for German wine and bring them closer to my homeland and my own passion for viticulture and wine. I would be delighted if people are as enthusiastic about drinking one of our many German wines as I am.

**What would you like to convey during your tenure?**

With every glass of wine, you can tell a story. I want to tell the stories of the winemakers behind the wine and give them a face. As a trained winemaker, I know how much work each individual puts into their product so that we can drink such great and unique wines. This craft is something very special and is part of our culture. During my term of office, I would like to bring people closer to our culture and show them how much passion and pride our winemakers take in their work every year. It is important to me that the German wines, but also our beautiful landscape, are appreciated.

**About Jessica Himmelsbach Baden Wine Queen for 2022/2023**

Age: 27

Profession: Winemaker – Bachelor’s Degree in International Business and Oenology, employed at Julius Zott KG, Heitersheim

**What hobbies do you have?**

I am an absolutely home and family-loving person. I often enjoy spending my free time in our fruit and vegetable garden. After the work is done, of course, a good glass of wine with home-baked bread or a home-cooked, regional dish with my family is a must. Together with my boyfriend, I love rediscovering our region on all kinds of excursions.

Taking our future into our own hands and helping to shape it is important to me and so I like to get involved in the "Team Weinbau" at the Bund Baden Rural Youth.

**What's your favorite wine?**

Wine should not be a "standard product", but should reflect its origin. There are countless factors that have an influence on the wine: the soil, the microclimate in the vineyard, the expansion in the cellar, the vintner himself and much more. Wine is as individual as we are and I love it when it shows this and has character. Here you can inspire me equally for sparkling wine, white, rosé and red wine. I particularly enjoy getting to know the very individual wines of the winegrowers, being surprised and inspired and finding the perfect wine for every occasion.

**What are you looking forward to during your tenure?**

How are you supposed to decide? I look forward to every event and every encounter. During my time as Markgräfler wine princess, I learned that it is often the small, inconspicuous things that shape you and are remembered forever. Of course, I am particularly happy when I can share my enthusiasm and passion for Baden wine with others and "infect" them with it.

**What would you like to convey during your tenure?**

I have a practical background, am a trained winemaker myself and work in the vineyard most of the time. I know the beautiful, but also very challenging sides of my job. It is extremely important to me to convey this and to make people aware of what is behind every single bottle of wine. How much work, sweat and passion is the basis for our wonderful Baden wines. If I can help people broaden their horizons, change perspectives and show the Baden wine and our winegrowers the appreciation they deserve, to see how influential and important viticulture is for our landscape and culture, then this fills me with infinite joy.

**Februar 15, 2023 – Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge**

**In honor of our special guests, let’s wear our best German Outfits.... whether it be a vest, lederhosen, or dirndl!!!**



**There will be photo opportunities!!!!**

**Katrin Lang, Wine Queen of Germany, and Jessica Himmelsbach, Wine Queen of Baden, will give the program. They will give information on the wine industry in Germany and in the Baden area where Pfaffenweiler is located. They will share information about themselves**

## März Meeting Program Information

The März meeting program will be given by Mike Humbert of the Dubois County Genealogical Society.

The presentation will be a PowerPoint presentation.

Our genealogy society is trying to "collect, preserve, and share our genealogy history". We, in turn, help people work on and expand their family tree, whether they are a first time beginner, or have been researching for many years. We use many programs to assist in research, such as FamilySearch.com, Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, findagrave.com, billionsgraves.com, and many others. Our strong point is that we have experienced people that can help you with your research.

In our room at the Dubois County Museum in Jasper, we have three computers linked to the internet, over 1600 books and files on ancestral information, a computer program with over 851,000 names in family trees, and our society has published 26 books on cemeteries, births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

The most popular computer family tree programs are Legacy and Family Tree Marker. We can help you install and work with all of these.

I recently visited the Family Search Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is a genealogy researcher's paradise.

We try to help people with a broad range of things. We can help you with transferring pictures from your cell phone, how to have a recorded conversation typed for you automatically, DNA research, and of course, genealogy research.

Bring your questions to the meeting.

*Mike Humbert*

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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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**Clock Hanging in Jasper City Hall – A gift from Pfaffenweiler in celebration of the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Partnership between the two communities**

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### Jasper DeutscherVerein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper DeutscherVerein 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, 2023. If any questions, please contact Shelley Whalen at 812-827-1027.

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, 2023 to: Jasper DeutscherVerein, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015



### Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

#### **Februar**

**Februar 15, 2023-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.**

Katrin Lang, Wine Queen of Germany, and Jessica Himmelsbach, Wine Queen of Baden, will give the program. They will give information on the wine industry in Germany and in the Baden area where Pfaffenweiler is located. They will share information about themselves.

The main course will be provided by the Club.

Requesting members with last names A – H bring veggies, I – M a dessert, and N – Z a salad.

The February 15th German Club meeting hosts the annual Bread making competition. Bread baking is a direct connection to our German Roots. And a great opportunity to taste some of our members amazing breads.

**Entries for the Bread competition must arrive on February 15th at the Moose Lodge BEFORE 6pm.** Judging will begin before the meeting starts. Then the bread can be placed in the food line for everyone to enjoy while getting their meal.

Check on Google or ask Grandma for her secret recipe. We will be presenting awards in the following categories:

1. Pure Dark Bread (Pumpernickel, Rye, Multigrain)

2. Pure White Bread (sandwich bread, rolls)
3. Sweet Bread (Sweet Rolls, Hawaiian, Italian Easter)
4. Glazed Bread (Monkey Bread, Cinnamon Rolls)
5. Other (Banana Nut, Chocolate Zucchini, Cheese Bread)
6. Apfel Strudel (a True German delicacy)
  - a. Hope to ask the German Wine Queens to Judge this category.

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BEST GERMAN OUTFIT WHETHER IT BE A VEST, LEDERHOSEN, OR DIRNDL. PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH THE QUEENS!!!!!!!

#### **März**

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Mike Humbert of the Dubois County Genealogical Society will give the program. See the Society's FB page and "like" it!!!

The main course will be provided by the Club.

Requesting members with last names A – H bring a dessert, I – M a salad, and N – Z veggies.

We will also have a Cake Judging Event!!!!

#### **April**

**April 19, 2023-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.**

TBD

#### **August**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> – Strassenfest – the time of the year when the Jasper DeutscherVerein shines!!!**



**“Strong German Roots Grow Strong Towns”  
The 45<sup>th</sup> Jasper Strassenfest celebrates Jasper’s designation as the 2022 Strongest Town in the USA and the 20<sup>th</sup> year of ROJAC, Redevelop Old Jasper Action Coalition.**

## Baklava Cheesecake Bars

### Ingredients

2 cans (8 oz) refrigerated Crescent Dough Sheet  
2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
2 cups walnuts, finely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup honey  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

### Steps

Heat oven to 350°F. Unroll 1 can of dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish. Press in bottom of baking dish.

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese, 1 cup of the sugar and the lemon peel with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Spread over dough in baking dish. Set aside.

In medium bowl, mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar, the walnuts and cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over cream cheese mixture.

Unroll second can of dough. Carefully place on top of walnut mixture, stretching dough to cover filling.

In small bowl, mix honey and lemon juice; brush over dough.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 20 minutes. Refrigerate about 3 hours or until well chilled. For diamond shapes, cut 6 diagonal parallel lines down length of pan; cut 6 diagonal lines across straight lines.

(taken from: [Baklava Cheesecake Bars Recipe - Pillsbury.com](http://Baklava Cheesecake Bars Recipe - Pillsbury.com))



## 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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Gift to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)  
German Heritage Endowment

October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

There were no gifts in this timeframe.

### Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, please submit by completing and sending in the following form with payment as soon as possible. Thanks! If questions, contact Mike at 812-630-8756 or [mike@ackoil.com](mailto:mike@ackoil.com)

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein,  
P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015

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Preferred Method of Contact for Strassenfest Booth Shift Scheduling \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues (calendar year) \$10.00 per person (\$20.00 per couple)

### **Memories from the January, 2023 Jasper DeutscherVerein Meeting**



# **WEINGEIST**

**AN EVENING WITH THE WINE QUEENS OF GERMANY**

**feb 17 ♦ 6:00pm**



**Katrin Lang**  
Wine Queen of Germany

**Music**



**Hors d'Oeuvres**



**Regional  
Wine Tasting**



**Jessica Himmelsbach**  
Wine Queen of Baden

**\$15 / person**



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