



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

December 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.*

## DeutscherVerein November Meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Wednesday, November 15th, at the Moose Lodge in Jasper for the annual auction benefiting the German Exchange program for JHS. President Landen Weidenbenner welcomed the 100 members and guests in attendance and then asked all Veterans to stand and be recognized. The Gesangverein led the club in singing the National Anthem and then we recognized the November birthdays by singing Happy Birthday in both German and English.

Vice President Laura Grammer gave an update on the 2024 meetings based off the feedback received from club members. Some of the meetings will required RSVP's so please look at the upcoming meetings and get those in if you wish to attend. Landen then updated the club that 2024 is a Board Election year. Club members could sign up when they entered the meeting if they were interested in be a representative of the board. The position descriptions for the board were reviewed. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let Landen or Laura now. The board members will be voted on at the December meeting.

Next, Landen gave an update on membership dues. The board voted on November 9th to up the yearly membership dues to \$15 per person or \$30 per couple due to rising costs. The dues had not been raised from \$10 per person since 2009/ 2010. Each member is getting approximately \$75 value for their membership which also includes a Jasper Sister Cities membership, meal and beer/ soft drinks at all meetings.

Laura next released the tables for a dinner of chicken fettuccine alfredo, garlic bread sticks and broccoli prepared by the Moose, as well as salads and desserts brought by club members. Everything was delicious as usual.

After dinner Mary Leah Siegel gave a Sister Cities Update. She announced we had been invited to the Carmel Christkindl mart and Sister Cities is arranging a bus to take interested individuals to the event for one day. If you are interested in going, contact Mary Leah. She also recognized Jasper High School German Teacher, Dan Otto, for being awarded the German Embassy Teacher of

Excellence Award. Only three awards were given out. The club gave Dan an Ein Prosit. Congratulations Dan!

The JHS German Exchange students in attendance were called up to help with the auction. Bridget Bartley did an excellent job selling the items that included furniture from Kimball, giant turnips, Holiday World tickets, lots of homemade baked goods and crafts. The auction raised over \$2600 for the students. A big thank you to all who brought items in for the auction and all who bid. The club gave an Ein Prosit for Bridget and the kids for doing an amazing job.

Before Landen called the meeting to a close the Attendance Prize winners were selected. Donna Humbert and Al Astrike won fall floral arrangements and Special Prize winners for the meeting were Ann Ackerman and Sarah Huls. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 14 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00pm, and dinner is at 6:30pm. This is the clubs annual Holiday Party. Please RSVP for this event by emailing [jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com](mailto:jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com) or text 812-639-6224.

Submitted by  
*Valerie Heim*  
Secretary

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*At this time of Christmas, let us remember the less fortunate of our communities. This would be a great time to make a donation to any organization helping those in need in our communities!!!! Your generosity will be appreciated!*

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## **Note from Patti.....**

We will NOT have a newsletter in January  
We will have a newsletter in February

Sorry for any inconvenience!!!!



## A message from our president

I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season! I hope that each of you are able to spend time with friends and family over the next few weeks. I first want to thank our club members who attended the November meeting, which was the Auction for the Exchange Program trip. Without your generosity, our students would not have the opportunity they do today. Again, thank you for helping the students raise over \$2,500+! Again, wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season and a very happy New Year. Prost!

## German Club Dues - 2024 & Beyond

The German Club Board of Directors voted on Thursday, November 9th to increase the dues of the Jasper German Club Members. Dues were formerly \$10 per person, or \$20 per couple. The board voted to increase dues to \$15 per person, or \$30 per couple. Of the \$15.00, \$1.00 will be paid to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment; \$1.00 to Sister Cities of Jasper; and \$13.00 will be retained for club operating expenses.

## German Club Board Elections

Elections will be held at the December 14, 2023 meeting at The Moose Lodge. We are looking to fill the following board positions:

- Marketing/Communications/Newsletter Coordinator
- Legacy Board Member (2 positions available)
- Booth Chair/Fundraising Coordinator
- German Heritage Youth Coordinator
- German Heritage Adult Coordinator
- Projects Coordinator

For more information on these positions, or if you would like to put your name on the ballot, please contact Landen Weidenbenner or Laura Grammer.

*Landen Weidenbenner*  
President

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## A message from our vice president

UPDATES to the January Meeting  
January 17, 2024 @ 6:00pm  
Patoka Lake Brewery & Winery

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Spätzle  
Schnitzel with one topping (mushroom gravy or Bell Pepper Gravy or White wine Gravy or caramelized onions)

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## **Frohe Weihnachten, keine Frohe Feiertage.**

Someone once shared that the proper Christmas greeting is "Happy Holidays" not "Merry Christmas". After thanking them for trying to make the world a more inclusive place, I why Merry Christmas should not be considered offensive.

When I wish someone a Merry Christmas, I am wishing for them the same happiness that I have in my heart. Basically I am telling them that I love them and want for them to have Peace, Joy and Love in their life.

Many different cultures and religions celebrate the return of days getting longer. So when someone shares a Happy Kwanzaa or Happy Hanukah or Eid al-Fitr or Happy Naw Ruz, I thank them for sharing their special joy with me and wish the same for them.

From Paul and Laura Grammer to all members of the German Club – We wish you a Merry Christmas!!!

*Laura Grammer*  
Vice President

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**A message from our treasurer or treasurer's tales**

We will begin collecting 2024 Dues at our December meeting. As a reminder, it was announced at the November meeting that the Board of Directors recommended that dues for 2024 be increased to \$15.00 per person / \$30.00 per couple. \$1.00 of your dues is provided to Sister Cities for your membership in Sister Cities, and \$1.00 of your dues goes into to the endowment.

As dues are collected in December, it is important for us to verify and update our membership records with current telephone, email, and address information. If you have a winter address, I would like to capture that along with the dates that you spend at the alternate location. I will also be collecting information about how you prefer to receive your German Club Newsletter, electronic only via email, paper only via USPS, or both. As I understand that gathering this information will slow down the check in process, I will appreciate your patience.

Financial data of interest. For 2023, our Strassenfest booth provided over 75% of the funding for our club's supported causes and activities. Club members having fun working together to serve Strassenfest patrons, helps to demonstrate the strong work ethic that our German Heritage has provided us. Your continued support of our booth is vital to our ability to fund the functions of our club.

Continue to encourage friends and family to join our club. Involved members help to keep our club thriving and growing as we continue our mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

Regards,

*Mike Ackerman*  
Treasurer

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$15 a person. Out of this \$15, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$1 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$13.00 will be retained for club operating expenses.

*As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$1.00 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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**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 or [pmgoepfrich@gmail.com](mailto:pmgoepfrich@gmail.com) 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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**"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!!



**Happy Birthday to the Jasper DeutscherVerein  
in 2024 - 44 Years Old!!!!!!**

### **Host Families for 2024-2025 School Year**

If you have hosted in the past, or are looking to learn more about being a host family for a German Exchange Student, please contact Brandon Ferguson at 812-604-3893. Students in Germany are starting to inquire about coming to Jasper. Hosting an Exchange Student is a rewarding and fun experience.

#### **Exchange Student Spotlight – Felix Eckerle**

**Who are your host parents?** Luke & Amanda Schroeder

**Where are you from?** Pfaffenweiler, Germany

**What is your favorite class in American high school?** Strength & Conditioning because I like to work out every day and get in shape to work out more.

**What is your favorite American food?** Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes

**What is your least favorite American food?** Cottage Cheese

**What is your favorite place you have visited in America so far?** Patoka Lake

**What activities with friends have you enjoyed the most?** Exploring the town and driving around with friends.

**Other than German and English, do you speak any other languages?** I can speak Spanish.

**What is one major cultural difference in America?** The way people live life here.

**What was your favorite part of the Strassenfest?** To see all the booths and walking around making new friends.

**What activities are you involved with at school?** None

**What do you miss in Germany the most?** The bread

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### **Symbol of the Bee**

The bee is a symbol of industry, resourcefulness and prosperity. These tiny creatures demonstrate the success and satisfaction found in working together harmoniously to enjoy the sweetness of life. British farmers believed the bees hummed in honor of the Christ Child on the first Christmas.

(taken from [www.brommers.com](http://www.brommers.com))

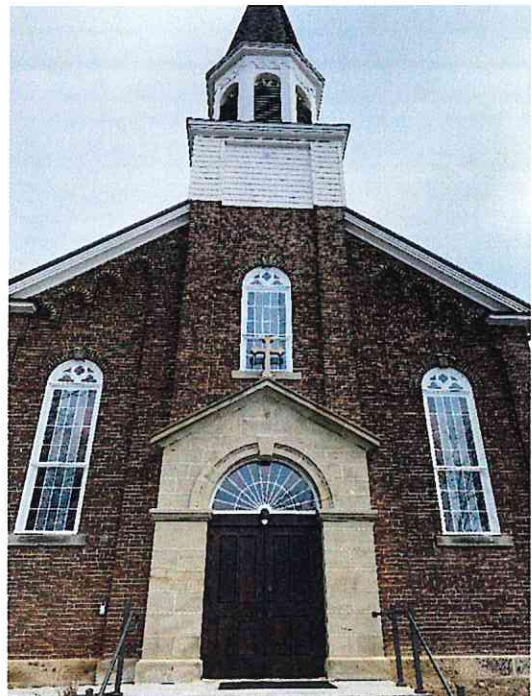


**Felix Eckerle and Linda Mayer**

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**The Chapel of Sorrowful Mothers is located on Chapel Hill Drive off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street on the property of St. Ferdinand Parish in Ferdinand. What a gem!! A peaceful place to visit!!! The following articles were written by Kathy Tretter – Editor of The Ferdinand News**



## Chapel to be dedicated Sunday

It's been a long time coming — although sometimes it feels like only yesterday when work began to restore the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mothers to its former glory.

This Sunday, November 5, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel will dedicate the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother on Calvary Hill in Ferdinand for its new purpose as a columbarium — a place to inter cremains. He will be joined by St. Ferdinand/Christ the King Pastor Fr. Anthony Govind, former pastor Fr. Jack Durchholz, Deacon James King, Deacon Phillip Rogier, St. Ferdinand's choir and members of the Preservation Committee, including Fr. Anthony, Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans, Lori Klem, Ralph Pund, Gloria Rahman, Sr. Barbara Lynn Schmitz and Kathy Tretter.

Bishop Siegel will bless the niches in preparation for becoming a final resting place, as well as everyone in attendance. By the way, everyone is invited but seating might be tight.

One feature not to be missed in this newly restored space is the Snippets of History in the choir loft, where Father Eberhard Stadler's desk also holds a place of honor. The Snippets of History features massive "pages" telling the story (with pictures) of Ferdinand's founding. Readers may remember it was Fr. Eberhard who fulfilled Ferdinand founder Father Joseph Kundek's vision to place a chapel on Mount Calvary Hill.

Before going forward it would seem appropriate to take a



look back to how this restoration came to pass.

The Ferdinand Historical Society hosted a gathering for Indiana Landmarks in 2015, during which the Society was honored with an award for the restoration of the Wollenmann House. Camile Fife, who wrote the nomination to get the house on the National Register, mentioned to Diane Hoppenjans, "Now that you're done with the Wollenmann House you can start on the chapel." The chapel was already on the Society's radar and the first of what would be many meetings was held February 1, 2016.

What could be the purpose for this sacred space was the first question in need of an answer.

The late Father John Schipp posited the idea of a columbarium, explaining many more people were choosing cremation.

A feasibility study followed, along with an application to get all of St. Ferdinand's property on the National Register, which took a while to be approved.

Fundraising began in earnest and grants helped along the way, including a \$100,000 Historic Preservation Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and \$35,000 from the Dubois County Community Foundation. The total cost came in over \$1 million so all the donations were essential. For a bit of perspective, the chapel, built in 1876-77, cost \$6,464.64 when it was built.

Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans took the lead on the project (and deserve buckets of accolades), and Ralph Pund has been a Godsend when he joined the team. Together he and Alvin served as clerks of the work.

The project was completed in phases. The late Jane Jochem and Joan Lange at St. Ferdinand were indispensable, keeping track of all the donors and handling much of the paperwork.

Many, many people came forward with donations of labor, as well as money.

Last Friday night, many of the committee members were busy attaching marble faces on the niches and working to complete other finishing touches. The Snippets of History panels were delivered on Monday and touch ups were ongoing all week in preparation for the dedication.

Some work, including exterior landscaping, would continue after the chapel is dedicated.

This project has truly been a labor of love.



### **A blessed event**

It was a day almost eight years in the making!

On Sunday afternoon, November 5, with the sun washing the landscape in a golden light, Evansville Diocese Bishop Joseph Siegel blessed the niches and rededicated the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother as a columbarium to hold the remains of those who choose cremation.

The chapel had been the vision of Ferdinand founding father, Reverend Joseph Kundek, who did not live to see the reality. It was built on Mt. Calvary - a hill east of St. Ferdinand Church and south of the Monastery Immaculate Conception quadrangle on Mt. Tabor by Father Eberhard Stadler in 1876, with the cornerstone laid by Saint Meinrad Abbot Martin Marty, OSB on June 18. Construction was completed and the chapel dedicated on March 23, 1877, on the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

That day was filled with blessings and processions with the congregation making their way up the steep hill to the chapel, and to a degree that celebration was replicated on Sunday, although attendees made their way by car and golf carts were used to transport those who might find it a difficult climb.

The restoration was completed in four phases, the first to replace the roof and gutters and repair the bell tower and steeple. Phase two was scheduled for tuck-pointing the brick and foundation (except for the portal and stone trimmings, the Romanesque exterior is brick). Phase three included window restoration and storm window installation. The final phase was dedicated to the interior restoration.

Special recognition must be given to Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans, along with Ralph Pund, who jointly served as clerks of the works and oversaw every step of the project.

Diane penned the following, which was included on the back of the program and truly expresses the thoughts of committee members who assisted with this project.

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*To attempt to thank everyone who played a part in restoring the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother would be a task beyond measure just as measuring the gratitude in our hearts would be!*

*From the start, the support has been sincere and solid, unwavering and true, driven, yet patient, understanding of the inherent process of planning, researching, applying for grants, fundraising, orchestrating a phase, and then repeating the process all over again. Each phase led us to the next "promised land" as our belief that we could complete the Chapel Restoration Project grew.*

*Thank you for your prayers and for your faith in us! Thank you to our skilled laborers and to the many volunteers completing the task at hand! The work of many hands was met with a deep sense of purpose as God led us step-by-step, timing it His way. Donations of money and skills continued throughout making it all possible, and for that, we cannot thank you enough!*

*To our founding father, Father Joseph Kundek, your vision eventually led to a monument to Christ being built in honor of His Mother, Mary, most holy, on this hill you called Mt. Calvary. You established a community based on faith. Thank you and those who followed in your mission, especially Father Eberhard Stadler who fulfilled your dream for this hill overlooking the town you named "Ferdinand".*

*The Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother held a special place in the hearts of many who have gone before us, some who inspired us to see to its renovation. May they be looking down on it today with a sense of fulfillment and pride, knowing they were with us throughout! To them we say, "You are with us still!"*

*May every person who visits find the chapel and its grounds a place where they find peace of mind and spirit! Our ancestors gifted it to us for that purpose. We thank*

them and all of you for gifting it to this and future generations!

With our sincerest gratitude! God bless you All!

Chapel Restoration Committee: Father Anthony Govind, Alvin and Diane Hoppenjans, Lori Klem, Ralph Pund, Gloria Rahman, Kathy Tretter and Sr. Barbara Lynn Schmitz



## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### Dezember

#### Dezember 14, 2023-Thursday-German Club Holiday Party-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm

The Club will provide Roast Beef, Dressing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, and Christmas Cookies.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Valerie Heim at 812-639-6224 or emailing [jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com](mailto:jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com) by December 5, 2023. Price is \$15.00 per person-checks made payable to Jasper DeutscherVerein. Santa to visit, along with a performance by the Gesangverein German Club Singing Group with Singalongs.

### 2024

### Januar

#### Januar 17, 2024-Wednesday-Field Trip to the Patoka Lake Brewery Facility Tour and Wine and Beer Tasting.

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### März

**März 20, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm.**

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert

Program will be given by Kent Yeager – President of the Indiana Barn Foundation. Their mission is “Supporting the Preservation of Historic Indiana Barns”.

### April

**April 17, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm German Club Game Night or Card Party**

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What started as a Sheephead tournament to honor our German Heritage, has grown into an all-out game night. We are looking to have tables for Sheephead, Cinch, Euchre or ????. But maybe you prefer to play Operation, Mousetrap, Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit.

What a great way to get to know other members by mixing members together and let them play a game with other members. The winner at each table will receive a small prize. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting at the November & December & March meetings.

What was that sound? Yes, I hear the warning bells. Members will be able to sit together with the same people and play games or just chat. It is not required to move and get to know other members.

### Mai

**Mai 22, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Preview**

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What will be happening at the Glockenspiel and at Opening Ceremonies?

What are the plans for the booth?

How will things look when we are moving back to the square?

Signup Sheets for the Strassenfest will be available.

### Juni

**Juni 5, 2024-Wednesday: Paint Ornaments to Hang on Dubois County Museum Christmas Tree**

No Meal will be served-just snacks BYO Beverage or cooler

Put on some old clothes, bring a drink, a chair, a favorite paint brush and your creativity. Members will have the opportunity to paint an ornament for the German Club Christmas Tree at the Dubois County Museum for November, 2024.

### August

**August 1 – August 4 Jasper Strassenfest**

### September

**September 18, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Wrap-Up Meeting.**

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert

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### Legend of the Tabby Cat

Legend tells us that as the baby Jesus shivered in the manger on the night He was born, a tiny kitten jumped into the humble crib to warm Him with its fur. Mary touched the little tabby cat to thank it for its gifts of love and warmth, bestowing her initial “M” on their foreheads, a symbol of gratitude for love so gently given.

(taken from [www.brommers.com](http://www.brommers.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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**COCONUT MACAROONS**

5 1/4 cups coconut flakes

1 (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk

2/3 cup all-purpose flour

2 tsp vanilla extract

melted chocolate (optional for dipping)

Preheat the oven to 350 F degrees.

Line a cookie sheet with non-stick baking paper or parchment paper.

Mix the flour and coconut together in a bowl.

Add in the condensed milk and vanilla and stir together until well blended.

Scoop by teaspoonfuls and using wet hands, shape the macaroons into round balls (or triangles if you prefer) before dropping them onto the baking sheet.

Bake for 12-15 minutes until top is golden brown.

Immediately remove from baking sheets.

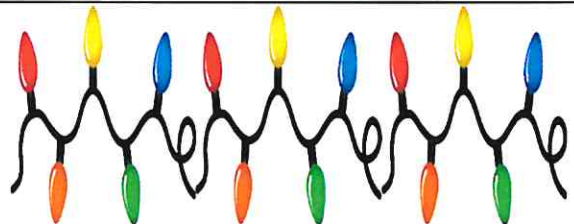
Cool completely before dipping in melted chocolate.

(taken from The Old Recipe Box on FB)

**Legend of the Donkey's Cross**

Legend tells us that the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday followed him to Calvary. Appalled by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but could not leave. It is said that the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the donkey. A cross marking found on many donkeys today remains a testimony of the love and devotion of a humble, little donkey.

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