



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

Mid Summer 2012

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.

"A Word From Your President"

Guten Tag,

Hope your year is going well with good health and having fun. Margie and I are blessed with good health and trying to be up beat and having fun.

This terrible drought is taking it's toll on all our lives. Our family business is really impacted. All of us will pay dearly for the food and drink we consume.

Your German Club is in fine shape and should remain so with good Officers and Directors for next 4 years.

We have a few seats left for the German Club trip to Cincinnati, so come along and let's have fun together.

We are planning a very special picnic this year. Great food and drink, good entertainment, and of course, we will have each other to enjoy.

Remember this: The Picnic is for the membership.....it's a big "Thank You" for being a member and especially for helping work at the Strassenfest German Club booth.

One thing I ask of you this Picnic Day please stay till the end! We plan this event to go to 9:00 or 9:30. This year we have a great German dance band from Bloomington to entertain us. So please, make this your only evening event.

Our membership remains good at the level of 450 to 475 consistently. I dare to say, that no other social club in the county, of our size, has a 20% attendance at their meetings.

Our meetings are interesting and fun. Just think....for \$10.00 for dues for a year, you will get this much back in just one meeting. Every meeting has good food choices, free beer and soft drinks, snacks and a program of either entertainment or an informative speaker. What a deal! We do sing a few songs.

I'll see you at the Strassenfest and hopefully you'll see me. That means we both have to be there. A silly way to day "Please Come"!

Auf Wiedersehen,

Birnie Jeffries
President

Thank You To the Dedicated Gardeners of the Deutscher Verein and Doug Abbett and Ruxer Ford

Dan and Linda Wehr, Jim and Rita Corn, and Gary and Rita Egler have spruced up the area at 6th and Newton where the Maypole resides. They planted bushes, plants, and flowers and put in new mulch.

Thank you to Doug Abbett and Ruxer Ford for generously agreeing to sand blast and repaint the pole.

The Maypole area was created in 1985 as a special project of the Deutscher Verein. Jim Corn crafted the Maypole and Judy Bennett drew the designs for it.

The Maypole displays carvings of a stonemason, farmer, miller, and carpenter – occupations common to both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, the German city where the ancestors of many Jasper residents were born.

Also perched high on the pole are the eagle symbol of the Deutscher Verein and Pfaffenweiler's crest of yellow wine glasses. Atop the pole is a ring of greenery and evergreen.

Lt. Gov. John Mutz attended the dedication ceremony in October of 1985.

This area shows the pride that the Deutscher Verein has in our community.

2012 Strassenfest Theme

**Celebrating German Heritage
with American Pride**

**Remember to patronize the Food, Pastry,
and Souvenir Booths!!!!!!**

Open Spaces in the Work Schedules

As you review the Work Schedules in this newsletter, you will see open work spaces designated by *****.

We are hoping that members of the Deutscher Verein will take time out of their busy schedules to come forward and volunteer for these open spaces.

They are:

Main Food Stand

Thursday – August 2nd

9:30pm - closing

Friday – August 3rd

4:30pm – 7:30pm
7:00pm – 10:00pm
10:00pm – closing

Saturday – August 4th

10:30am – 1:30pm
1:30pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm – 7:30pm
7:30pm – 10:30pm
10:30pm – closing

Pastry Stand

Friday – August 3rd

4:30pm – 7:00pm
10:00pm - closing

Remember, this is our ONLY fundraiser of the year, so please be generous with your time.

Please call Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373 to schedule one of these time slots.

Deutscher Verein Vests and German Costumes

Vera and Don Renner have a Lady's Small Vest and a Man's Medium Vest for sale for \$25 each. They can be reached at 482-4592.

Patti Goepfrich has several items of clothing for sale.

Three Men's Large-Extra Large Vests for sale for \$25 each.

Men's Leder Hosen – 38" Waist - \$25

Knickers – 34 - \$25

Ties – Suspenders - \$10 each

Wool Socks - \$3.00 pair

Red dirndl with white blouse and aprons – Size 8 - \$25

She can be reached at 482-4821.

Patti has also has hats for sale.

Mai Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday May 17th at the Jasper VFW.

President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting by welcoming the 89 and 1 guest present.

Barb Schmitt, Janet Kluemper, and Linda Wehr were at the welcome table. Linda was signing up members to work the Strassenfest booths.

Birnie led the club in singing Happy Birthday to the members who had birthdays in May.

Vice President, Bridgette Jarboe had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. She then led the prayer before the meal which consisted of hot dogs and salads and desserts supplied by the members.

Birnie led the toast "Ein Prosit". After the meal Birnie continued the meeting. He presented information on a trip to the Zinzinnati Oktoberfest on September 22nd and 23rd. Look for details in The Herald.

Birnie then gave information on the September Family Picnic. It will be on Saturday, September 15th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 and the Hungry Man Band will play from 7 to 9 pm. They play an assortment of German waltzes, polka's and marches. The menu will be smoked pork loin with cinnamon apple rings and roasted red potatoes. Members with last name beginning A-P please bring salad or vegetables, Q-Z please bring desserts.

Gary and Marsha Schnell discussed all the entertainment that will be at the Strassenfest.

Barb held the drawing for door prizes which were won by Sonia Friz and Alma Kreilein. Special prizes were won by Dave Buehler and Virginia Kapp.

Birnie then announced the entertainment for the evening which was an open mike for questions pertaining to

gardening and landscaping, and The Recycled Teenagers.

Members spent the rest of the evening playing cards, talking and listening to and dancing to the tunes of The Recycled Teenagers. Next meeting will be Sep 15th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

August

Strassenfest – August 2nd to August 5th

September

Family Picnic – September 15th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Oktober

Oktober 7nd – Fundraiser sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank

German American Day Celebration – Oktober 9th at the Schnitzelbank

Family Picnic

The Family Picnic is at Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club, September 15th, 2012.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m. Smoked pork loin w/cinnamon apple rings and roasted red potatoes will be catered. 7:00 to 9:00 Hungry Five will play German waltzs, polkas, and marches.

Members with last names - A-P salads or vegetable dishes Q-Z desserts.

Jasper Deutscher Verein Scholarship

Taylor Wade Reutman, son of Patrick and Doretta Reutman has received the Jasper Deutscher Verein scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. He ranked 16 in his class with a GPA of 4.231. He has been a German Student at Jasper High School for four years and plans

to continue his study in German at Indiana University - Jacobs School of Music.

We wish him much success in his endeavors.

Strassenfest T-Shirts Pre-Sale

The newly designed T-Shirts for the upcoming 2012 Jasper Strassenfest are available for purchase at the special pre-fest price of \$10 each for Small, Medium, Large, XL, and XXL.

Show your spirit of the festival by wearing one of the shirts. They are available at the Jasper City Hall, Cutz Hair Design, and at the Jasper Chamber of Commerce.

2012 Strassenfest T-shirts Small, Medium, Large, and XL) will be \$12 during the Fest and XXL will be \$14 during the Fest.

Also at Jasper City Hall are totes for \$12 and hats for \$5 and at the Jasper Chamber of Commerce there are closeouts of past Strassenfest tee shirts for \$3.00.

Proceeds from these sales support the Jasper High School German Exchange program sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Fund Raiser Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 7th, to attend the Fund Raiser at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant.

Proceeds from the Fund Raiser will benefit the JHS German Student Exchange Program.

There will be more information available after the Strassenfest.

Souvenir Booth Items and Kettle Corn

During the Strassenfest, JHS students and parents will have a Souvenir Booth benefiting the bi-annual JHS German Student Exchange Program. A new item this year is kettle corn. Other items for sale include Strassenfest T-Shirts and Aprons, German Flags, German-American flag lapel pins, totes, umbrellas, German License Plates, and many other items. The booth will be open during the same hours than the other booths during the 2012 Jasper Strassenfest. The souvenir booth is located across from the Jasper

Deutscher Verein Food Booth with their great Brat- and Knockwursts, just in front of the Biergarten entrance.

LOG SAWING CONTEST

The Deutscher Verein is sponsoring this long time event of the Strassenfest. The event is held on the Main Stage on Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m.

Werner Sawmill, Inc. is again our financial sponsor. They pay for prizes and supply wood products used in the contest; there is no club expense.

No entry fee is charged, but prizes are awarded in both the men's and women's category. Beautiful custom designed mugs for both 1st and 2nd place winners.

The event has been held continuously since the mid 1980's and has quite a following. The crowd is usually 300-400 or more, and has 30-40 people competing. Teams simply sign up before the event. Each two person team tries to saw through a log before the other team on the other end of the log.

It would be good to have a few more club members attend. And occasionally Saw Master Fred Roeder and Crew, Chief Judge Leo Eckerle or myself could use a bit of help. Please consider attending the event and showing your support of the Club.

Actually, the event has gathered quite a dedicated following over the years. Remembering back a couple year ago, I tried to cancel the event because it was pouring down rain but everyone still wanted to saw. We had two dozen people sawing with a couple hundred watching in the down pour - and nobody complained.

Hope to see you there Thursday evening.

Dan Wehr

Sheephead Tournament

The Sheephead tourney begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Bier Garten registration begins at 11:00 Tony and Linda Schroering are the Chairmen.

Golf Scramble Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

The second annual Golf Scramble sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. was held at the Jasper Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, May 12th.

Ten teams participated. Winning teams were:

First Place

Jerry Buffington, Brett Smith, Ron Schitter, and Chuck June

Second Place

Greg Bush, John Braunfield, Jennifer Hilgefert, and Tim Hopper

Third Place

Chuck Fleming, Bret Niehaus, Ryan Fleming, and Chris Knies

Fourth Place

Rich Clark, Mike Pride, Wayne Matthews, and Ryan Vaupel

Jenn Hilgefert and Merril Osterman – Closet to Pin

Linda Strosnider and Mike Page – Longest Putt

Thank You to our Hole Sponsors

Wabash Valley Produce, Brosmer Chiropractic, Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame, Hoosier Business Machines, Inc., Buehler, LLC, German American Bankcorp, Matrix Integration, Holiday Liquors, Dubois County Tire and Supply, Versteel, Pieper-Burns Insurance Agency, Inc., Jasper Seating Foundation, Inc., Rich Eckerle, Messmer Mechanicals, American Legion Post #147, Erny Sheet Metal, Moose Lodge #1175, and Jasper Strassenfest Committee.

Prize winners were – Ron Schepers, Evan Elrod, Jim Strosnider, Greg Pfister, Greg Bush, Brett Smith, Jerry Buffington, Sandy Wehr, Glenn Weil, Jim Gudorf, Terry Thewes, Ron Schitter, Scott Horney, Paul Seigal, Linda Strosnider, and John Braunfield.

Thanks to those businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated prizes and food and beverages. The grand prize was a 6' picnic table.

Thanks to the parents of the students who prepared the food for the golf scramble.

And thanks to Sandy Wehr for coordinating the event.

**German Heritage Day Program
and German Heritage Award**

The 14th annual German American Day Program will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The fourteenth annual German Heritage Award will be presented.

Past recipients of the German Heritage Award are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, and Patti Goepfrich.

Our program will be Kevin Manley, Jessica Beck and Whitney Hall of the Dubois County Visitors Center giving us an update on tourism information in Dubois County.

More details of the German American Day Dinner and Program will be available after the Strassenfest.

**Sister Cities of Jasper
Jasper Partnership Commission
Jasper Deutscher Verein
GERMAN HERITAGE AWARD**

"Honoring those who promote our German Heritage"

The annual German Heritage Award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon our German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award.

This recognition is open to all individuals, not just residents of the City of Jasper, who give what they can in order to make a difference.

Because the efforts of these individuals are sometimes known only to a few, a nomination will recognize the work of those who generously support our German Heritage.

A committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission, will judge all nominations. The Presidents will present the German Heritage Award during the German American Day Dinner celebration on October 6th at the Schnitzelbank.

How you can nominate:

The nominee must be an individual or group, nominated by any individual or group. Please submit the official form (copy is accepted), along with the following:

1. A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination.
2. A biography, up to two pages, listing the service or efforts of the nominee.
3. Mail or deliver your nomination to: Jasper Deutscher Verein

German Heritage Award
P.O. Box 15
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

**Nomination for the 2012
German Heritage Award**

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Relationship to nominee:

Nominee's service is: voluntary / paid
(circle one)

**(Remember, nominations need to be
postmarked to**

**German Heritage Award, P. O. Box 15, Jasper,
IN 47547-0015,**

By September 4, 2012)

**STRASSENFEST 2012
AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 5**

Strassenfest 2012 is nearly here and plans are well under way. We will be operating the Main Food Booth and the Pastry Booth on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We have assigned chairman to specific duties to help the process of setting up and take down of the Deutcher Platz area.

The following is a list of Chairman and times for each process. All names are not listed for set up and take down, so if you helped out in the past, please help again. We appreciate your help and if you find new helpers, bring them along. We can use some young people!

| | SET UP | TAKE DOWN |
|---|---|---|
| Deutcher Platz Decoration | Tuesday 7:30 AM Mehringer's – | Monday 7:30 AM Same Crew |
| Logistics – Haul stand and Equipment to Fest | Tuesday 5:00 PM Rafe Ackerman, Mike Ackerman – pull trailer into Plaza. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew /Load Trailer |
| Food Booth | Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman – Leo Eckerle – If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Pastry/Souvenir Booth | Tuesday 5:30 PM Chairman – Jim Corn – If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Biergarten Tent Decoration | Tuesday 6:00 PM Chairman – To be Determined – If you helped before, please help again. All members are invited to help. | Sunday 3:00 PM After parade – Same Crew |
| Fest Setup – Last Minute Details | Thursday 10:00 AM Any help appreciated. | |

We will again have day chairmen for the main food and pastry booths. They are responsible for the entire process for that day. Also, the Strassenfest Committee is handling the table and chair setup, and cleaning. We will supervise the organization that will keep the plaza area and tables clean for our patrons.

Please remember that this is the only fundraiser we have and we need everyone's help!! Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to work, but as you can see on our enclosed work schedules, there are still openings. If you haven't signed up, please call Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373. **We can use your help!**

Thursday & Friday

Help to grill, warm potato salad & kraut. Help to serve food, handle drinks and wait on customers. Check the schedule for the asterisks to see the specific shifts where help is needed.

Saturday

We have many needs here but especially on the fryer, grilling brats, drinks, cashiers and the pastry stand.

CHAIRMEN OF OPERATIONS

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Main Food Booth | Thursday – Dave and Nancy Prechtel Friday – Dave and Brenda Buehler Saturday – Mike Jahn |
| Pastry Booth | Pastries Chairmen – Don and Eileen Scherle Thursday – Joe and Kathy Wanninger Friday – Art & Irene Kapp |
| Souvenir Booth | Chairman – Kim and Pat Lottes and Tom and Lynn Louviere JHS Student German Exchange students and parents No schedule is attached, as this is coordinated by JHS Student German Exchange parents |

If for some reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please trade with someone or find a replacement.

We also appreciate and need help to clean up each evening. If you have the time please help.

Again – **This is our only fundraiser, please participate so we can continue the programs we enjoy throughout the year and keep our German Heritage alive.**

Additional Strassenfest Activities Chairmen sponsored by the Deutscher Verein:

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|--------------------|--|
| Sheephead Tourney | Tony & Linda Schroering |
| Log Sawing Contest | Dan Wehr, Fred Roeder and Werner Saw Mill Crew |

Thanks for your help,

Pat and Phyllis Schuler
General Chair Persons

2012 Strassenfest Tee Shirt



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