



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

April 2013

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.

Patti Goepfrich Hofmarschall of the 2013 Strassenfest

Patti Goepfrich has been named the Hofmarschall of the 2013 Strassenfest.

Patti and her husband, Tom, are members of the Deutscher Verein.

In 1847, eleven families left Pfaffenweiler, Germany, in the Baden area, for a better life in the United States. Among those was John George Eckerle, Patti's Great-Great Grandfather.

Patti has been active in Deutscher Verein and Sister Cities of Jasper activities and is honored to be named as the 2013 Hofmarschall.

Strassenfest Update

We will be signing up workers at the April German Club Meeting.

Please think about working a shift or two. We really need everyone's help to make this a successful event.

Also, we are in need of a day chair for the **Thursday** evening shift. Nancy and Dave Prechtel have done this for years and are stepping down. Please consider stepping up to this challenge. Pat and I will be working with you.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Pat and Phyllis

Chase Braun Honored

Chase Braun was the honored recipient of the Donald S. Wolfe Foreign Language Scholarship at USI on March 20. With this award, he plans on studying in Germany for an entire semester in the near future. Dr. S.a. Rode nominated Chase for this prestigious award. Chase is a 2011 graduate of Jasper High School and participated in the JHS German Exchange Program. He was awarded the Deutscher Verein Scholarship in 2011. Chase is the son of Michael and Lori Braun and grandson of Larry and Betty Hanselman.

March Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday, March 21st at the Jasper VFW Post #673.

President Bridgette Jarboe opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. by welcoming the 89 members and 9 guests.

Mike Ackerman, Vice President, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, Ein Prosit and the prayer before the meal which consisted of Irish stew prepared by the VFW and breads, salads and desserts provided by members.

A short business meeting was held after the meal. Rita Egler, Treasurer, gave an update on the clubs finances. Bridgette then asked the members if they approved the minutes from the previous meeting which were in the previous newsletter. Linda Wehr made first motion to approve, Cliff Howard made second motion, minutes were approved by all.

Bridgette then gave a brief summary of the person who was selected as the 2013 Hofmarschall of the 2013 Strassenfest by the Strassenfest Committee. They felt that as a lifelong resident of Jasper, she is exactly what Jasper represents.

She is Patti Goepfrich. She has been employed by MasterBrand Cabinets Inc. for more than 25 years. Patti has been very active in Sister Cities. She has been on the Board of Directors of Sister Cities for several years, which she just stepped down from, on the Board of Directors for the Jasper Deutscher Verein for several years, she was secretary of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, she is the editor of their monthly newsletter,

which is sent to all local members, other German clubs across the country and several people in Germany. As a result of her involvement with the Sister Cities Program, she has maintained a close working relationship with the Jasper High School German Exchange Program. She is also involved with the Dubois County Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Joe and Irene Eckerle. Her husband is Tom Goepfrich.

Congratulations,
Patti!!! We are proud of you!!!

Patti thanked everyone and said she was very surprised and honored to be selected.

Then Patti, on behalf of Sister Cities, presented the officers and board of directors for 2013- 2014, to be approved by the members of the Jasper German Club which are also members of Sister Cities.

Officers:
President - Sandy Wehr
Vice President - Nancy Eckerle
Secretary - Tom Kiefer
Treasurer - Dave Kieffner

Remaining Board Members:

Jim Gutsell, Alan Hanselman, Stan Jochum, Kevin Manley, Sheri Reeves, and Marlene Seger.

It was asked if there was a motion to approve. Ann Ackerman made first motion, Irene Kapp made second motion. All approved! Officers and Board of Directors were elected as presented.

Sandy Wehr then announced that Sister Cities main purpose is to raise funds for the Jasper High School German Exchange Program. She mentioned that they have 2 fundraisers approaching. They will be selling BR Bucks from April 1- 21st. Each buck costs \$5 and is worth \$5. They can be used at Denny's, Wendy's, Long John Silver's or Grandy's in Jasper. They will be offering BR Bucks at our April 18th meeting.

The last event before their trip to Germany will be the Sister Cities Golf Scramble on Saturday, May 4th at the Jasper Municipal Golf Course. You can pre-register by calling Sandy Wehr at 482-2055. Each team of 4 costs \$200 which includes lunch, golf, and cart.

Anyone can be a hole sponsor for \$100 or items to be given away as attendance prizes are also being accepted.

Mike had Jackie Braunecker give details on an upcoming bus trip the club is planning to a

German Fest in Nashville, Tennessee on the weekend of October 12th. Mark your calendars and watch for additional information at our next meetings.

Door prize drawings were held. Dave Merkley and Gladys Knust were winners of gift cards. Special prize winners were Mick Birge and Kevin Sermersheim.

Mike then announced the programs for the evening. Emma Messmer, a student from the German Class at Holy Family School and her teacher, Charmaine Oxford gave a short program. They showed us how they are promoting and teaching the German language to our future generations. Good job, Emma!!

The second part of the program was a presentation from club member Mick Birge and his dad Jerry Birge titled "The Evolution of Local Media in Dubois County". They took us on a walk through history with information and clips from written communications to early radio and television to the digital age. He ended the program by bringing to us the launch of his 2013 NewsNowDC.com.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

The entertainment for April 18th meeting will be a demonstration from Hodgini School of Dance and Gymnastics.

Members with last names A-I bring vegetables, J-R desserts, S-Z salads.

Doors will open at 6:00, Meeting starts at 6:30 at VFW #673, Jasper.

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

April Meeting

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Time:

6:00pm - Doors Open

6:30pm –Welcome and call meeting to order

Members with last names A-I bring vegetables, J-R desserts, S-Z salads.

Program by students of the Hodgini School of Dance and Gymnastics

Mai Meeting

At the Dave Buehler Plaza at the Riverwalk (weather permitting – if bad weather, VFW)

Thursday, Mai 16, 2013

**Program by Dave Merkley of Merkley Meats
Bring your own beverages and chairs**

More details available later

August

**Strassenfest – August 1 – August 4
Sign up for a workshift or two!!!! – Your help and support is needed.**

Oktober

German Food for German Students – Oktober 6th at the Schnitzelbank – Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

German American Day Dinner – Oktober 9th at the Schnitzelbank

Oktoberfest in Nashville, TN – Oktober 12 and Oktober 13 – Call Jackie's Travel Service at 482-7158 for more information or talk to Mike Ackerman – A Great Time is Planned for All!!!!!!!

STRASSENFEST 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...AUGUST 1-4. We will need your help to work the "food" and "pastry" booths at this year's Strassenfest. Sign-ups will begin at the April meeting. Please think about working at least one shift.

Pat and Phyllis Schuler

News from the Jasper High School German Exchange Program

Students in the JHS German Exchange Program will also be selling BR Bucks from April 1-21. Each "buck" costs \$5 and is worth \$5 at Denny's, Wendy's, Long John Silver's, or Grandy's in Jasper. We will offer bucks at the April 18th meeting.

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Teachers and students from Poesneck, Germany will be guests on the Gary Lee program at WITZ on Tuesday, April 9th. Tune in!!!!!!!

The Homestay Program of Sister Cities is Looking for Host Families

Over the past years, we have had many students through our Sister City Homestay Program visit us for the full or partial school year. Again for the coming 2013/14 school year we have a large list of students coming, some only to visit for a few weeks, most of them staying for the complete school year.

Please contact us if you are interested in hosting one of our students.

Alisia Klemm (partial school year)

Laura Krall (partial school year), both from a neighbor town of Pfaffenweiler

Livia Heller from Pfaffenweiler, for the Full School Year,

Steffen Fidler, from a neighbor town of Pfaffenweiler for the full school year, whose brother attended the JHS 2011/12

Sebastian Schneider also for the full school year.

Three more students are on a waiting list, in case one of the other students cancels their request.

All of their applications have been received and details are available by calling Matthias Hilger at 309-8757.

Indiana German Heritage Society Update^{9th} Annual Meeting and Symposium

The 29th Annual Meeting and Symposium of the Indiana German Heritage Society was held at the Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand on March 22nd and March 23rd. On Friday evening, a program was presented by Ruth Reichmann, Giles Hoyt, and Norbert Krapf. Bethany Boeglin of Forest Park Jr. Sr. High School presented her essay "German in My Heart".

On Saturday, Daniel Nuetzel, President of IGHS, welcomed the group and introduced the presenters, Joan Quante, Katie Mehling, Ron Flick, and Glory June Greiff. Mike Lindauer and Roger Dilger gave an interesting program on southern Indiana dialects.

Jasper DeutscherVerein members attending were Mike and Ann Ackerman, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Patti Goepfrich, Giles Hoyt, and Norb Krapf.

Germany's Beer Gardens - Tradition and History

There is nothing better than drinking a big beer in one of Germany's beautiful beer gardens; sitting at long wooden tables shaded by century-old chestnut trees, and enjoying a beer fresh from the brewery with your plate of hearty food.

Beer Gardens date back to the early 19th century. They came to be in Bavaria as a practical extension of German breweries.

Back then, brewers stored their beer barrels in cellars, where it slowly fermented. To keep the cellars cool and shady during the summer, brewers covered the ground with loose gravel and planted chestnut trees. When the Bavarian King Ludwig granted brewers the right to sell their beer on the spot, the beer garden, as we know and love it, was born.

Food and - of Course - Drinks in German Beer Gardens:

In the beginning of beer gardens, there was plenty to drink but nothing to eat. Because brewers were not allowed to sell food, many Germans brought their own pretzel and wurst to the beer garden.

This B-Y-O food custom is still reflected in many traditional beer gardens in Bavaria today; although all of them serve up Bavarian specialties, many still have a self-service area where you are allowed to bring your own picnic.

German Beer Garden Dining Guide:

Although many German beer gardens are big enough to seat thousands of people, empty tables are often hard to find. It is common to share your table with people you don't know, so look out for free seats and make some new friends.

Along with local beer, served in 1-liter steins, German beer garden specialties include:

Brotzeit - a platter with cold cuts, artisan cheese, sausages, pretzel, horseradish, and cucumbers
Obatzter - a soft, white cheese, mixed with onions and chives

Weisswurst – white sausage, complimented by sweet mustard and a pretzel

Kartoffelsalat - potatoes salad

Hendl - half a chicken

(Information taken from About.com-Germany Travel)

News from the Dubois County Suds Club

The Dubois County Suds Club is a group of local home-brewers. Anyone who home-brews or wants to learn how to home-brew is invited to attend.

In addition to monthly meetings, the club also holds group brew sessions and live demonstrations throughout the year. Anyone wanting more information about the club is invited to call 630-8433 or attend a meeting.

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2013. There are still some dates to be determined.

Even if you have no interest in learning how to homebrew, members of the Deutscher Verein are ALWAYS invited to stop by a meeting or event to simply enjoy some good beer! Thanks!

2013 Schedule

May 5 - Big Brew Day at Patoka 11am

June 4 - Snaps 7pm

June ? - Bloomington trip - TBD

July 2 - Snaps 7pm

Aug 3 - Strassenfest contest

Sep 3 - Millhouse 7pm

Oct 6 - Learn To Homebrew Day 11am

Nov 5 - Schnitzelbank 7pm

Dec 7 - Holiday Party @ Jaycee's clubhouse

Justin Rumbach

Gifts to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment

November 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

In Memory of Frank and Crystal Colvin
In Memory of Maurice and Hallie Corn
In Memory of Gene Edwards
In Memory of Richard Colvin

Jim and Rita Corn

In Memory of Jim Luegers

Betty Luegers

In Memory of Louise Ackerman
In Memory of Simon and Marie Ackerman
In Memory of Mike and Cecelia Eckert
In Memory of Clarence and Helen Renner

Don and Vera Renner

Endowments at the Dubois County Community Foundation

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

A donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and enriched in Jasper and Dubois County.

**Claude and Martina Eckert
Sister Cities Endowment**

A designated endowment to provide support to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler relationship.

A gift to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment or to the Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a wonderful way to remember that special someone. A gift in honor of someone or in memory of someone may be given. The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored or to the family of someone being remembered. Send your gift along with the appropriate information to the Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269. Envelopes are also available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

to the _____
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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

Please acknowledge my gift to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please remember, the profits from the Strassenfest booths are the Deutscher Verein's MAIN source of Income. Membership dues barely cover any expenses of the Deutscher Verein. Among our expenses are the landscaping and upkeep of the Maypole, food, attendance prizes, entertainment, paper products, and beverages provided at monthly meetings, hall rental for the monthly meetings, postage and paper for newsletters, Scholarship, supplies for Strassenfest, etc.

In order to be able to continue the above, it is important that members realize the importance of the Food Booth and Pastry Booth at the Strassenfest. And, if you physically can't work at the Strassenfest, not a problem. Support the Deutscher Verein by buying a food item from the booths during the Strassenfest. Remember, we serve the #1 Brat in the State of Indiana!!!!!!!!!!

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