



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

September 2014

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.

Thank you to Pat and Phyllis Schuler for the great job as 2014 General Chair Persons of the Strassenfest. Your efforts, hard work, and long hours that you devote to the Strassenfest are truly appreciated!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to all of the individuals who chair the contests sponsored by the Deutscher Verein, the Day Chairpersons, Shift Chairpersons, everyone who sets up and tears down, and all workers of the Food and Pastry Booths. We have many nonmembers who work and that includes grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for also patronizing the booths with your purchases. Proceeds from the Strassenfest are the largest source of income for the Deutscher Verein. Without those, we could not do what we do for our members or our community!!!!

A Message from Mayor Seitz.....

In late June, Deena and I commenced on a European journey which concluded with our first visit to Pfaffenweiler. It was a planes, trains and automobile vacation which featured stops in Paris, Versailles, Munich, Salzburg, the Neuschwanstein Castle, the Dachau Concentration Camp and so much more. It seems we had Jasper ties all along the way.

On the first leg of our trip our pilot to France turned out to be a college classmate of Jasper eye doctor, Greg Gordon. Our tour guide at Paris also guided Laurie Becher's family and, after we left, the Daryl Huls' family. We also connected with a former Heritage Hills exchange student in Munich and Janel Seng greeted us in Pfaffenweiler. She's the daughter of Al and Jane Seng.

The evening before our arrival in Pfaffenweiler, God set the stage for our visit by enabling Deena to meet a direct descendant of her maternal family in a small village called Iptigen, located near Stuttgart. Amazingly, we were welcomed into their home for the night and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast the next morning before we headed off to Pfaffenweiler.

Welcomed by the Pfaffenweiler Fire Brigade escorting us to the Jasper Room at the Rathaus, Deena and I instantly felt at home and among friends. Mayor Dieter Hahn was attending the Soccer World Cup in Brazil so we were entertained by a familiar entourage including Fritz and Brigette Gutsell, Eddie Weeger, Franz and Barbl Hilger and Diana Treyer from the mayor's office, just to name a few. Of course, wine from the Weinhaus started flowing immediately and it didn't stop until we left four days later!

A wonderful schedule of events unfolded for us including a walking tour of the town, lunch and a historic reenactment at the Stone Quarry. We were surprised with a going away party at the Soccer Club which ended a bit too late for those of us with a 15-hour flight the next morning! Werner Kiefer provided great hospitality at the Jaspis Haus during our stay.

We are very grateful for the experience and can't wait to share more memories at the January Deutschverein meeting. Next year, we will welcome a large group from Pfaffenweiler at the Strassenfest as part of the 30th Anniversary of our Sister City Partnership.

Mayor Terry Seitz and Deena

Message from Mike.....

To all members, (their children and grandchildren), who worked the German Club booths at the Strassenfest, **THANK YOU!!** for volunteering. The beautiful weather brought out another large crowd and led to brisk sales. I hope that all had fun and good fellowship serving our neighbors and showcasing our city.

Our Strassenfest Worker Picnic is set for the afternoon of Saturday September 6th. The picnic committee will be cooking up some delicious eats. Doors open at 2:00 PM with a demonstration from Stone Carver Josh Dodd starting at 2:30. Entertainment will follow our 4:00 PM meal. This spring, the Suds Club assisted us in brewing beer for our picnic. Quench your thirst with *Hefeweizen* & *Kölsch* Beers.

On September 21 plan to join us for a trip to Turtle Run Winery (near Corydon IN), for some wine tasting, a picnic, and to listen to music by the Monarchs. The caravan will leave Ackerman Oil office at 11:30 AM.

The German Heritage Dinner will be October 6 at a new venue, Klubhaus 61, to accommodate the group much more comfortably.

Our first regular meeting is scheduled for November 20 at the VFW. This will be our auction meeting to help raise funds for the benefit of the high school German Exchange Program.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

September

September 6th - Strassenfest Worker Picnic at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Doors Open – 2:00pm
Corn Hole and Card Games will be available
Stone Carver Demonstration – Josh Dodd – 2:30pm
Business Meeting – 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Meal – 4:00pm

Serving Pulled Port, Chicken Breasts, Hamburgers
Members bring to pitch in.....

Last Name
A – G – Potato
H – L – Salad
M – R – Vegetable
S – Z – Dessert

Entertainment – 5:00 – 6:30pm – „The Hasbeens“

September 21st - Trip to Turtle Run Winery

Oktober

Oktober 6th - German American Day Celebration at KlubHaus61

Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations due to Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 by September 30.

Oktober 12th - Oktober Fest – Drive Thru Dinner at the Schnitzelbank sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper – 10:00am – 1:00pm

November

November 20th – Meeting at VFW with Auction to benefit JHS German Exchange Program

Doors Open – 6:00pm
Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
Everyone is encouraged to bring an item or two for the auction. Some suggestions include but are not limited to homemade cookies, cakes, pies, candy, Thanksgiving and Christmas items, handmade items, gift baskets, gift certificates, gift cards, wine, etc.

Members with last names, please bring:

A – F – Vegetable
G – K – Dessert
L – P – Salad
R – Z – Potato Dish

2015

August, 2015 - 30th Anniversary of Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister City Partnership - Celebration in Jasper. The Partnership Commission has been meeting to make plans for the event

Winners of Strassenfest Events Sponsored by the Deutscher Verein

Log Sawing Contest

Women's Division:

First: D & D – Julie Dicus and Kristi Adams

Second: Chainsaw Manials's – Stacy Merkley and Katrina Thompson

Men's Division:

First: Termites – Joe Schwartz and Justin Hensley

Second: Good Service – Nathan Block and Lee Vogler

Grand Champion – Termites

Sheephead Tourney

First – Alan Huther, Second – Leroy Schnaus, Third – Leroy Bleemel, Fourth – Jerry Wilz, Fifth – Dave Henke, Sixth – Matt Schmitt, Seventh – Deb Sickbert, and Eighth – Delmar Werner.

Attendance Prizes – Jim Hochgesang and Lester Sickbert

Update from the JHS German Exchange Program

The JHS German Exchange Program is gearing up for its exchange with Staufen Gymnasium. Students and chaperones will be in Jasper October 11th to October 28th. JHS has 11 students participating in the exchange and there will be 20 students from the Staufen Gymnasium. Host families are needed for 9 students for the time they are in Jasper. If interested, please contact Sandy Wehr at 812-482-2055.

Larry Tenbarga is the new German language teacher at JHS.

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. is sponsoring Oktober Fest on Oktober 12th at the Schnitzelbank. Drive thru only. More information will be available at the Picnic or from any Exchange Student.



The Information-Souvenir Booth at the 2014 Strassenfest – Great Job Students and Parents!!!!

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 Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 812-634-9068 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.

German Heritage Day Program and German Heritage Award

The 16th annual German American Day Program will be held on Monday, October 6th, at KlubHaus61. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The sixteenth 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, Patti Goepfrich, Larry and Betty Hanselman, and Ron and Dellie Keusch

Our program will be presented by Diane Hoppenjans of the Ferdinand Tourist Commission. Diane will give us an update on Ferdinand’s special relationship with Dudenhofen, Germany. Visitors from Dudenhofen were in Ferdinand in October, 2013. They will return in March, 2015 to help Ferdinand celebrate its 175th Anniversary. The Balbach, Bettag, Koenig, Lindauer, Ofer, and Tretter families originated close to Dudenhofen.

Dudenhofen is located approximately two hours north of Pfaffenweiler, and about an hour north of Wagshurst.

German American will again be the financial sponsor of the German Heritage Essay Contest open to all seniors in the four county high schools.

Cost of the buffet meal is \$15 and reservations can be made by calling Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821. Reservations are needed by September 30th.

There will not be a newsletter in October.

Please notify Patti Goepfrich of any email address changes or if you wish to have your newsletter sent via email.

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**Endowments at the
Dubois County Community Foundation**

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

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

**Claude and Martina Eckert
Sister Cities Endowment**

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

A gift to the Jasper 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.

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

April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014

In Memory of Randy Schmitt

Jim and Rita Corn

**German Club
Strassenfest Worker
Picnic**

**09-06-2014 Saturday
Jasper Outdoor Recreation –
559 W 500 N, Jasper, IN**

Doors Open at 2:00 PM

**2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Stone Carver
Demonstration - Josh Dodd**

**3:30 PM to 4:00 PM Business
Meeting & upcoming events**

Josh Dodd, Matt Hilger speak about accomplishments and future September 21, caravan to Turtle Run Winery – leave Jasper at 11:30AM Wine Tasting & Picnic while listening to The Monarchs perform (we will plan to be back in Jasper by 6:00 PM to attend JCAC event) Other Fests in driving distance
A listing of other fests in area will be available at the picnic.

4:00 PM..... Meal

Serving: Pulled Pork, Chicken Breasts, Hamburgers

Members bring to pitch in.....

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	S – Z	Desert

**5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Entertainment
– “The Hasbeens” 2013 Winner of
WBDC Country Showdown Singing
and Jokes by David Wayne & T.K.**

From *The Herald*
Saturday, February 23, 1985

Sister Cities **Story by Garbiella Jacobs**

For some, perhaps, it was just a vacation.

But for others it was a trip through time, a journey to better understanding of their – and Jasper’s – heritage.

This is one of the goals of the Jasper DeutscherVerein or German Club. So when the group sponsored a trip to Europe several months ago, many travelers took the opportunity to trace local family ties to the town of Pfaffenweiler, West Germany.

German Club members, through their own research and that of Jasper’s former humanist-in-residence, Sabine Jordan, have found that most of the first German settlers in Jasper were from Pfaffenweiler. And in keeping with another of the club’s ideas, they began plans to make Jasper’s schwesterstadt, or sister city.

“We’d talked about getting a sister city for several years, but never were able to find one we thought would be appropriate. We wanted one that had something meaningful about it to us and that would want to come together with us as much as we did with them, so we kept putting the thing off,” says Dave Buehler, a DeutscherVerein member. “Finally, by chance, about two years ago Sabine Jordan helped us find out about Pfaffenweiler.”

Mrs. Jordan’s knowledge of her homeland and her examination of local date, including the history of a statue at St. Joseph Church, helped map out the cities’ connections.

The monument originated with a Pfaffenweiler man named George Bauman, who was one of 11 immigrants here in 1847. “They’d had terrible times at sea on their voyage here, and he pledged to the Lord that if they made it, he’d put up a monument,” says Claude Eckert of the German Club. That was something they’d left behind that Mrs. Jordan helped us to learn more about.

Through an organization called Sister Cities International, the Jasper residents approached the people of Pfaffenweiler.

The Germans responded with enthusiasm, and the trip to Pfaffenweiler was planned. (The trip also included several other cities in Germany and Austria. A highlight of the Austrian excursion was touring the Kimball

International plant in Vienna where Bosendorfer pianos are made.)

When the 39 visitors from Jasper arrived in Pfaffenweiler, “It was a real blowout,” Buehler says. They were welcomed with marching bands and wine and open arms. Mayor Fritz Gutgsell greeted them in a little ceremony, and the local newspaper wrote about the event:

“...About 400 citizens greeted the visitors from Jasper in the State of Indiana with enthusiastic applause as their bus pulled into the square in front of the Vinters’ Cooperative on Monday evening. It was a day to remember in Pfaffenweiler, because this was the first time in history that an official delegation from an American city came to the village on the Batzenberg...

“...Three young people in folk costume read a poem, in which the close bonds to the early emigrants were recalled. The archivist, Gerhard Auer, read a paper on the topic, ‘Emigration in the 19th Century’...In remembrance of the encounter Gutgsell presented the friends from Jasper with an aerial photograph of Pfaffenweiler. Representatives of the German Club in Jasper expressed thanks for the friendly reception and gave the community four pictures with views from their hometown...”

Also as part of the welcome, there were performances by the Batzenberg Vinters’ Band, the orchestra of the “Hand-Harmonica Club,” the Men’s Glee Club, the mixed choir and the folk-costume dance group of Pfaffenweiler.

While in Pfaffenweiler, the German Club members stayed with local families. This enabled many of them to learn even more about Jasper’s sister city.

Pfaffenweiler is a small town that lies within the shadow of the Black Forest. Now, because of its residents’ tenacity and the benefits of living within just 20 miles of the fairly large town of Freiburg, Pfaffenweiler is doing well. But that wasn’t always the case.

For a large part of the 19th Century, Pfaffenweiler was in dire straits. Much of the economy depended on the grape farmers and vintners, and they were plagued with years of misfortune.

Eventually, many citizens realized they’d have to leave to survive. Some moved to other parts of Germany, others to Africa and Algeria.

Some moved here.

(To be continued.....)

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