



DEUTSCHERVEREIN

# Die Zeitung

February 2015

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.

## **Stan Jochum and Karin Horst Co-Hofmarschalls of the 2015 Strassenfest**

Stan Jochum, Jasper, and Karin Horst, Pfaffenweiler, have been chosen by the Strassenfest Committee as Co-Hofmarshalls of the 2015 Strassenfest.

Stan and Karin are active in their respective Partnership Commissions and each work with others on behalf of the Exchange Program between Jasper High School and the Staufen Gymnasium.

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## **Message from Pfaffenweiler Mayor Dieter Hahn**

During the preparation for my annual Christmas letter I discovered the following story:

“Once upon a time two friends were walking through the desert. Along the way an argument ensued. Angrily one of them slapped the other in the face. The beaten friend kneeled down and wrote into the sand: “Today my best friend slapped me in the face.” In silence, they kept on walking. Finally they arrived at an oasis and decided to take a bath.

“Suddenly the friend who had been slapped earlier, got stuck in the mud and was close to drowning. In the last minute his friend saved him. The saved one took a stone and scribed the following words into it: ‘Today my best friend saved my life.’

“Amazed the other one asked him: ‘When I hurt you, you only wrote the sentence into sand, but now you scribe the words on a stone. Why?’

“It’s very simple, ‘the other answered. ‘If anyone displeases or insults us, we should write it into sand so that the wind of forgiveness can erase it again. But if anyone does something good to us, we should engrave it into stone, that no wind can ever erase it.”

I like that story very much, even if it is not a typical Christmas story. But if at Christmas we look back to the sequence of the expired year, if we review our interactions and if we analyse events, we might do this with certain mildness. We should remember the many positive things and not be dominated by the negative ones.

For Pfaffenweiler, 2014 was an unbelievable eventful year especially because of our new housing development called “Schneckenacker” (snail field) and the improved “Batzenberghalle” (town hall) – which will leave positive marks in our town’s history.

There were not many big events but many other smaller occasions which demanded a lot from us as a community and helped us bond more closely.

Inside a community there are – as with two friends – trouble and conflicts. Let us write these into sand in the desert and start renewed and then carve our good actions into Pfaffenweiler stone.

With this in mind I thank you for every single interaction during the past year. I wish you a contemplative Christmas and am looking forward to an exciting year 2015.

Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn  
Pfaffenweiler

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## **Thank You to Bridgette Jarboe Bartley Deutscher Verein President 2013 - 2014**



## **Message from Mike.....**

Thanks to those who came out to support our January meeting on 01-07-2015. We had good attendance and a great program from Mayor Terry Seitz and First Lady Deena on their trip to Germany in 2014. A tip of the hat to Duane Eckerle and the crew at the Moose Lodge for doing an excellent job of accommodating us on short notice. Congratulations to the winners of our wine and pie contest. Our crew of young people selected Dan Wehr's Grape Wine, Dave Buehler's Persimmon Wine, Ann Ackerman's Strawberry Pie, and Barb Schmitt's Chocolate Crème Pie. Winner of the people's choice award for wine was Dave Buehler's Persimmon. Winners received a wine glass or rolling pin that was engraved Jasper Deutscher Verein 2015.

While we are thankful to the local media for helping to spread the word about the change in location, the need for us to be able to quickly communicate underscores the need for us to have email addresses from members to allow us to broadcast last minute changes and reminders. I appeal to all members to provide us with their email address to enable us to update our records. You may send your email address to either: [pmgoepfrich@gmail.com](mailto:pmgoepfrich@gmail.com) or [lagrammer@psci.net](mailto:lagrammer@psci.net).

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday February 4, 2015 at the Moose Lodge. This meeting will feature our Home Brew Beer and Bread judging. We will be serving breads brought in for judging with the meal for the evening, and in the spirit of our German Heritage, we can all enjoy sampling the handiwork of our brewers. Our program will feature a presentation from Andy Hedinger to give us a preview of St. Benedicts Brew Works to be located on the grounds of the convent in Ferdinand. Andy and his group are also operating a new restaurant featuring wines from Monkey Hollow winery in the Wollenmann house in Ferdinand. We will plan to have a meeting to visit these new businesses in the spring of 2015.

On Saturday February 14, we will have our first winery trip. We will be visiting Indian Creek Winery near Georgetown, IN to partake in their Soup Saturday event. Indian Creek has recently completed construction to close in a large area to shelter guests. Entertainment includes music by the Salty Dawgs, Wedding Soup sold by the bowl, and the opportunity to enjoy tasting their wines. As in the past, we will meet at Ackerman Oil lot to caravan to the winery. We will plan to meet shortly after 1:45 for a 2:00 PM departure.

Our March meeting will be held on Thursday March 19. (Location to be determined and announced later.) Our program will feature Brad Ward from the Dubois County Community Foundation to provide us with an update on our endowment fund, the continued success of the

Foundation, and opportunities for people to support existing funds or start new. Our endowment fund can play an important role in helping our club to preserve, promote and celebrate our German Heritage. There was great foresight by the people responsible for starting the endowment. It is important to use it wisely.

Mike Ackerman,  
President, Deutscher Verein

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## **Deutscher Verein Dezember Meeting in Review**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday, December 18th at the Jasper VFW #673 for their Christmas party with 125 members and guests present. Social time started at 6:00 pm with President Bridgette Bartley opening the meeting at 6:30 by welcoming all present.

Vice President Mike Ackerman led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the prayer before the meal.

A short business meeting was held after dinner. Everyone who had birthdays was asked to stand and members sang Happy Birthday!

Pam Howard, Barb Schmitt, Irene Kapp, Patty Goepfrich, Laura Grammer and Rita Egler were at the welcome table.

Mike Hochgesang discussed upcoming plans for a trip to Germany in 2015. More details at upcoming meetings.

Barb Schmitt with the help of Ari, Bri, and Trey Wiseman had the door prize drawings. Winners were Phyllis Schuler, Ed Beyke, Barb Schmitt, Margie Jeffries, Linda Wehr, Dorothy Schnaus, Donna Humbert, Nancy Ziegler, and Ramona Brosmer.

Winners of the Special Prizes were Laura Grammer and Ramona Brosmer.

We were then entertained by a few members of the Jasper High School Band. Santa then arrived and entertained us with a few jokes and couple of stories and led in the singing of Stille Nacht. He then passed out candy canes.

Mike then announced that we would have to change our meeting place for January and we were also going to change the date. He told members to check the newspaper and listen to the local radio stations for info.

Our January meeting will consist of our wine tasting and home made pie judging competitions. The categories for the wine are grape and non-grape. The categories for the pies are cream and fruit. We will be judging by best flavor and best appearance.

The pies that are entered into the competition will be the dessert for the evening.

We will also be having a People's Choice award for the wine and pies, so be prepared to vote for your favorites.

The program will be a presentation from Mayor Terry Seitz on his and Deena's trip to Germany in 2014.

We will be having Beef Noodle Soup and Merkley's hot dogs. Members with last names beginning A-J, bring salad, K-R bring appetizer, S-Z bring dessert.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Next meeting Wednesday January 7th at the Jasper Moose! Doors open at 6:00 with wine and pie check in. 6:30 Welcome and call meeting to order.

Submitted by Barb Schmitt, Secretary

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### **Deutscher Verein Januar Meeting in Review**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met January 7th at the Moose Lodge in Jasper for the annual wine and pie tasting / judging. Social time and sign in started at 6:00 with outgoing President Bridgette Bartley opening the meeting at 6:30 by welcoming the 70 members and guests. She then introduced the new president, Mike Ackerman and turned the meeting over to him.

Mike led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer before the meal.

The business meeting began with the drawing for door prizes and special prizes. The winners of special prizes were Pat Hochgesang and John King. Door prizes were won by Nancy Prechtel and Jerry Birge. Mike then continued with details of our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday February 4th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. This will be our home brew tasting and bread competition. The club will be providing stew. Members with last name beginning A-J bring appetizer, K-P bring dessert, and Q-Z bring salad.

Mike also talked about another road trip. The club will be going to the Indian Creek Winery near Georgetown on Saturday February 14th. We would meet at Ackerman Oil and caravan to Georgetown. We will update at the next meeting.

Mike then presented the slate of officers for 2015- 2017. They are President Mike Ackerman, Vice-President – to be determined, Treasurer Laura Grammer, and Secretary Barb Schmitt. Mike asked for a motion to approve the officers. Dan Wehr made 1st motion, and Leo Eckerle made 2nd motion. Officers were elected as presented.

Mike then asked for Bridgette Bartley to come up to

front. He thanked her for her service to the club for the last 4 years. 2 years as vice president and 2 years as president. He then presented her with gifts from the Deutscher Verein. They were a cross, a ceramic plate, gift certificate, and ornaments. The club then toasted her with Ein Prosit!

He then asked Secretary Barb Schmitt to come up. He presented her with a gift card and thanked her for her 6 years of service to the club.

He then asked for our outgoing treasurer, Rita Egler to come forward. He thanked Rita for her dedication to the Deutscher Verein. She has been our treasurer since 1988. He presented her with a ceramic plate and gift cards! The members then toasted her with Ein Prosit!!

Mike Hochgesang then talked about a trip to Germany that he, his wife Pat and Jackie's Travel is planning for fall of 2015.

President Mike Ackerman then presented the program for the evening which was Mayor Terry Seitz and his wife Deena on their trip to Germany in 2014.

After the program the winners of the wine and pie competition were announced by Paul Grammer. There were 2 categories of wine. Grape and Non Grape. Dan Wehr won the grape and Dave Buehler won the nongrape for his persimmon wine. There was also a People's Choice Award. That was won by Dave Buehler for his persimmon wine. They were awarded with wine goblets engraved with the Jasper Deutscher Verein emblem.

Next Paul announced the winners of the pie competition. The categories were fruit and cream pies. The winner of fruit pie was Ann Ackerman and the cream pie was Barb Schmitt. They were awarded with rolling pins engraved with the Jasper Deutscher Verein emblem.

The meeting was then ended. Mike made the announcement again that the next meeting will be at the Jasper Moose Lodge on Wednesday February 4th. Doors open at 6:00 pm, meeting call to order at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by  
Barb Schmitt, Secretary

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### Februar Meeting

At the Jasper Moose Lodge  
Homebrew Beer Tasting/Judging and Home  
Made Bread Competition  
With Program by Andy Hedinger – St.  
Benedict's Brew Workers  
Mittwoch (Wednesday) , Februar 4, 2015

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open with

Beer and Bread Check In

The beer categories are light, dark, and specialty.

The homemade bread categories are white/ wheat/rye,  
and fruit/specialty.

6:30pm - Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

The Club will provide stew and refreshments.

Members with last names A – J to bring appetizer,  
members with last names K – P to dessert, and  
members with last names Q – Z bring salad.

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### Maerz Meeting

Location to be determined  
With Program by Brad Ward of the Dubois  
County Community Foundation with an update  
of the Jasper Deutscher Verein ( German Club)  
German Heritage Endowment  
Donnerstag (Thursday), Maerz 19, 2015

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### Jasper Strassenfest – July 30th – August 2nd

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. The  
guests from Germany will arrive on July 29<sup>th</sup> and depart  
on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Family and Worker Appreciation Picnic

August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jasper Outdoor and Recreation Club

### German American Day Dinner

Oktober 6<sup>th</sup> at KlubHaus 61

## MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerin are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to German Club for postage and meetings. Dues are to be by March 31, 2015 by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.

All members who are going to be gone for any period of time (this would include a "snowbird" or if you are entering a nursing facility), I would appreciate if you would let me know when you are leaving and give me your new address so I 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.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if you have any questions regarding membership or if you know of someone interested in the German Club.

Thanks again,  
Laura Grammer, 812-634-2138

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### Looking for Host Families for 2015 Strassenfest!!!!!!

Joining us for the Strassenfest will be 44 residents of Pfaffenweiler, Germany. The Jasper Partnership Commission is looking for a few additional host families.

Particularly looking for host families for a young lady in her mid 20s who speaks English, for two sisters in their mid 60s with limited English, for a couple in their early 30s with some English.

If you are interested in hosting or learning more, please contact Lois at [lkuntz@ci.jasper.in.us](mailto:lkuntz@ci.jasper.in.us) or call City Hall at 812-482-4255.

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**Happy Valentine's Day To All!!**



## Living in Pfaffenweiler and Working in Freiburg!!!!



L to R – Franz Hilger, Alexander Hilger, Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn, and Tyler Conley

Alexander Hilger (Jasper, IN) and Tyler Conley (Fayetteville, NC), classmates at the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH), studying Automotive and High Performance Engines are on a three month internship journey in Germany, working for Mercedes, BMW and Audi in Freiburg, touring the BMW factory in Munich in depth as well as Porsche and Mercedes in Stuttgart. Their training trip is supported by UNOH. The journey began January 5<sup>th</sup> and will end March 24<sup>th</sup>. Alexander and Tyler are staying with Franz and Baerbel Hilger, Alexander's Grandparents.

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### Jasper Deutscher Verein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper Deutscher Verein 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, 2015. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 812-482-4432.

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, 2015 to:

Jasper Deutscher Verein Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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**The Following is an email from Taylor Reutman to Sandy Wehr. Taylor is staying with the Schwörer family in Pfaffenweiler and participated in the JHS Exchange Program in 2011. Taylor is studying at the University of Freiburg this school year**

Hello!

It's crazy to believe I've been here in Pfaffenweiler for over four months. I've found some fun ways to help integrate myself into the community here.

For example, I'm playing in the community band here, with my oboe. It's allowed me to meet several people from here and I've created some contact with them. What's cool is just a few days after I return, several people in this band will be in Jasper for the Strassenfest and will be playing there. (It'll be weird being around them for a whole year, and then just a few days later back in Jasper with them, speaking English.) I also got to play with the church choir for the Christmas mass on Christmas Eve.

Also, I've been able to see a few of the exchange students who went to JHS for a year while I was in high school. It was an interesting adjustment having an all

English-speaking friendship with them in the states, to switching the roles and using only German. It was nice recognizing a few faces immediately after arriving.

Just a week after arriving here (I got here at the very end of August), I was pleasantly surprised to go to the Schneckenfest. It was a great way to start off my year here, and forced me to jump right into German culture. I even ate snails for the first time...

Overall, my studies at the university in Freiburg have been rather enjoyable. It's a relatively light load in comparison to what I normally experience at IU. (Most of my classes are intended for international students.) I'm taking a variety of courses this semester, covering various aspects of foreign language, culture, and history. For instance, I'm taking a politics course, where we learn about how the government here functions, it's relations to other countries, etc. I'm also taking a literature class, where I'm hoping to vastly expand my vocabulary and reading comprehension (and it's working!) In just these four months, I've definitely noticed a significant improvement in my German skills, which has been one of my main goals for living here a year.

The only aspect I regret up until this point has been my ability to make friends with the native Germans. Most of the people I spend time with are Americans (or from other various English speaking countries), and naturally we speak English with each other. I also play in a student orchestra in Freiburg, hoping it'd help me meet Germans to spend time with outside of rehearsals, but sometimes (as in, always) I just clam up and don't converse with them. It can still be really intimidating to walk up to a group of people speaking a foreign language and trying to integrate myself into the conversation. Especially when most of my energy goes to just trying to understand their speed, and sometimes dialect.

I'll be sure to keep you updated on how the rest of my year goes! I still have seven more months.

Taylor Reutman

**Sister Cities of Jasper**

The JHS German Exchange students accompanied Sandy Wehr and Josh Dodd will be leaving for Germany in less than five months for their next adventure.

Thank you to all for supporting this Exchange Program.

The students will be selling pizzas February 1<sup>st</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup> for delivery on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact any Exchange student or Sandy Wehr at 812-482-2055 for details.

**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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Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please acknowledge my gift to:

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

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

**Membership Dues**

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2015 by March 31, 2015 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

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| <p>SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, ATTN: Laura Grammer, P.O. Box 15,<br/>Jasper, IN 47547-0015<br/>*****</p>  |
| Name(s): _____  |
| Address: _____  |
| City, State, ZIP: _____   |
| Home Phone (    ) _____ - _____   |
| Please note your email address: _____   |
| <p>[circle one]<br/>Single Membership (\$10.00)    or    Couple Membership (\$20.00)</p> <p>[circle one]<br/>New Membership    or    Membership Renewal</p> |
| Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: _____  |

**A German Custom**

In Germany, the Lent season is preceded by a carnival called 'Fasching'. In Fasching parades in the city of Cologne, people wear masks and giant-sized papier-mache heads, sometimes twice the size of their bodies. In some villages of the country, people hold an Easter walk or ride in memory of the walk Jesus took to His death. Another unique custom associated with the celebration of Easter in Germany is the "Easter fire". For the fire, all Christmas trees are collected and burned in a special place, making a huge bonfire, clearing away the last signs of the winter and preparing for the spring. The bonfire welcomes the bountiful spring and bids goodbye to the chilly winter.

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