



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

February 2017

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.

## January Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Deutscher Verein met Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. President Steve Schmitt opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests. He invited Board member Dan Wehr up to present the slate of nominees for the next 2 years.

The nominees are  
President—Steve Schmitt  
Vice-President- Mike Brescher  
Secretary- Barb Schmitt  
Treasurer- Laura Grammer

Being there were no other nominations Dan asked for motion to approve the officers as nominated. Linda Wehr made second motion. All approved. Officers were elected as presented.

Dan continued with asking outgoing President, Mike Ackerman and his wife Ann to join him up front. He then presented them with a gift from club members for all their hard work and dedication to the club.

Steve then led in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing God Bless America. Vice President Mike Brescher led the prayer before the meal.

President Steve Schmitt then asked members if they wanted Barb Schmitt, Secretary to read minutes from previous meeting or if they wanted them approved from newsletter and article in paper. Dave Buehler made first motion to approve, Dave Prechtel made second motion. All approved.

Steve then asked for Treasurer report from Treasurer, Laura Grammer. Laura gave report. Informed everyone club is doing well thanks to their hard work and dedication to the club.

President Schmitt then announced the program for the evening which was Donna Spellmeyer Schnell and Carl Wening with Churches Embracing Offenders (CEO) They talked about what the program is, how it originated, and how they are helping offenders that are in work release to work toward living a better life when they return back into society They are continuing to seek out solid partnerships with churches, community organizations, employers and housing contacts along

with forming partnerships with area judges, attorneys, probation and parole officers in order to better help and aid in the successful reentry transition of offenders back into society.

After the presentation, door prizes were drawn. Attendance prizes were won by Rich Weyer and Laura Grammer. Special prizes were won by Art Kapp and Gloria Buecher.

Pie and wine winners were announced.

Phyllis Schuler won in the fruit pie category and Barb Schmitt won the cream pie category.

Wine winners were Dan Wehr for grape category and Maggie Schmitt won the non grape category.

Laura Grammer informed the members that at the March meeting, we will be having a painting and beer drinking party. Anyone who is interested in participating should call Laura and reserve a spot. The cost is \$20 per person, This includes all the paint supplies and all the beer you can drink. Contact Laura at (812)630-7244 by February 16<sup>th</sup>.

President made motion for meeting to be adjourned. Mike Ackerman made first motion, Van Ziegler made second motion, all approved.

The rest of the meeting was spent socializing.

February meeting will be Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6, meeting called to order at 6:30. Program will be Dean Vonderheide talking about his hops farm.

This will also be our beer tasting and bread making competition. Please feel free to bring your best homebrew and bread to enter in the competition.

Menu is smoked sausage and saurkraut.

Members with last name A-G bring dessert, H-N salad O-T vegetable U-Z potato.

Submitted by  
Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

### Message from Laura.....

*Des Teufels liebstes Möbelstück ist die lange Bank*

Went to Google as I was seeking some German wisdom. Came across this German adage which made absolutely no sense to me until I read the explanation:

*Des Teufels liebstes Möbelstück ist die lange Bank*

English Translation - The Devil's favorite piece of furniture is the long bench.

In German, putting something on the "long bench" means putting it off. Seems like Germans knew about procrastination long before the word was on everyone's lips. What are you putting on the "long bench" that you could take care of right now? Don't let the devil win.

Taking this wise German adage to heart, I decided it was time to start on the 2017 German Club Treasurer duties.

So if anyone has been putting "pay my German Club dues" on the long bench, now might be a good time to put that on the short bench.

And thanks to the 33% of the people who have already paid their dues for the year.

*Laura Grammer  
Treasurer*

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### Message from Steve.....

Happy 2017 everyone. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We have gotten off to a great start. We had a great turnout for the December and January meetings. I hope everyone enjoyed the programs. I know that my friends from Celebration Singers really had a great time with everyone in December.

Congratulations to our wine makers and pie bakers. Our pie winners were Phyllis Schuler for her fruit pie and Barb Schmitt for her coconut cream pie. Wine winners were Dan Wehr with his grape wine and Maggie Schmitt with her BlackBerry wine. Also a big thanks goes to Judy Bennett for her great Calligraphy skills on the certificates.

We have some great programs for the next 3 months. Dean Vonderheide is scheduled for the February meeting. He is going to talk about his hops farm. That meeting will be Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Moose. We will also have our homebrew and bread competition.

March meeting will be Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge. Program will be Mayor Terry Seitz giving us an update on all the projects going on in the city.

April meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge. Mark Schlechte (a good German name) will present a program on how to survive living off the land. Bugs and plants included.

As I have said before, Mike has left me with some big shoes to fill. But I think with everyone's help it can be done. If anyone has any concerns or comments please feel free to let me know. Thanks again and let's have a great 2017!!

*Steve Schmitt  
President*



German Club Painting Party  
During German Club Meeting March 3/16/17

Artist	Andrea Fleck Jasper High School Art teacher & Chair of the Art Dept
Picture	German Alps scenery
Skills needed	No painting skills required
Cost	\$20
Deadline	*** February 16
Signup	Email lagrammer@psci.net Or Call 812-634-2138

This painting party will be held DURING the March German Club Meeting.

While the non-painters are in the German club meeting, the painters will be getting step by step instructions on how to paint the picture.

When the paintings are complete, they will be placed in the back of the meeting. The non-painters can be amazed at the artwork.

Men, Women and couples have a great time at these events. And the art you take home to hang on a wall or sit on a shelf will remind you of the fun experience

At the January Meeting we had 18 people sign up.

The canvases need to be purchased in advance. The last day to sign-up for the Painting party is the February German Club meeting. Or contact Laura at 812-634-2138 or lagrammer@psci.

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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 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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**2016 IGHS Essay Contest for High School Students**

This year’s essay contest was particularly fruitful. Over 30 submissions were received from five different high schools throughout the state. We thank all the German teachers who encouraged their students to enter into this year’s competition. You have all gone above and beyond the call of duty and we appreciate you and your students’ efforts. The entries were very interesting and the committee worked hard to select the top five prizes. This year’s topic was “Making Indiana Home.” German immigrants had come to Indiana as early as 1814 that is before the founding of Indiana, settling in places from Dubois County in southern Indiana to Indianapolis in the center of the state and the Fort Wayne area. They were farmers, business people, craftsmen, entrepreneurs, artists, and educators. The essays looked at the contributions of these immigrants to the building of the state, as well as how German heritage is still apparent in Indiana today as it celebrates its Bicentennial.

Submissions were received from the following schools: Batesville High School (teacher Andy Koors), Fishers High School (teacher Robin Geisinger), Jasper High School (teacher Ms. Arthur), Michigan City High School (teacher Dan Ruth), Northview High School, Brazil (teacher Silvia Weir).

The winning entries were:  
1st Place (\$300): Bryce Siegel  
Jasper High School 6.

2nd Place (\$200): Krysten Thompson  
Michigan City High School  
3rd Place (\$100): Jeff Selby  
Northview High School  
4th Place (\$75): Christopher Laymon  
Batesville High School  
5th Place (\$50): Christina Tully  
Fishers High School  
Honorable Mention: Elyssa Barrett  
Northview High School  
Honorable Mention: Jamille St. Hillaire  
Fishers High School

In addition to cash prizes, the high school students and their teachers will receive a one-year complimentary student membership to IGHS. We hope to hear from you again and we hope you will be able to attend one of our events in the future.

**(Taken from the Indiana German Heritage Society Newsletter – Volume 33 Number 1 – Winter 2017)**

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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, 2017. 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, 2017 to:

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

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### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Februar**

**Annual Beer and Bread Judging** – Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge.

Doors open at 6:00pm Activities begin at 6:30pm

Dean Vonderheide will also have a program about his hops farm.

Menu is smoked sausage and saurkraut.

Members with last name A-G bring dessert, H-N salad  
O-T vegetable U-Z potato

#### **Maerz**

**Thursday, Maerz 16<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge**

Doors open at 6:00pm Activities begin at 6:30pm

Mayor Terry Seitz will give an update on the projects going on in the City of Jasper and German Club Painting Party

#### **April**

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge**

Doors open at 6:00pm Activities begin at 6:30pm

Mark Schleckte will present a program on how to survive living off the land. Bugs and plants included!!!!

#### **August**

Strassenfest – August 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017

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### **2017 German Club Dues Are Due**

Please check your mailing label on your newsletter for when your membership expires. Please forward your dues as to keep your membership current.

Membership expires 12-31-2016

TOM AND PATTI GOEPFRICH  
2389 POPLAR AVENUE  
JASPER, IN 47546

If you get your newsletter electronically by email, please call Laura Grammer at 812-634-2138 or send her an email to lagrammer@psci.net to verify when your dues are due!!!!

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#### **“Ein Prosit”**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
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der Gemutlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kindermachen, Kindermachen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Voonderbar!!

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### **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, 2017 by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.

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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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Jasper DeutscherVerein

**In Memory of Brian (Tony) Burton**

Jim and Rita Corn

**In Memory of Monica Knies**

Brad and Cara Ward

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**Fasching Season Germany**

Regardless of when Fasching or Karneval begins, the most of the celebrations take place during the week leading up to Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. (Remember... Lent is the 40 days BEFORE Easter, not counting Sunday.... And the date of Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. In 2017 Easter Falls on April 16)

The Thursday before Ash Wednesday, March 11, 2017, is when things really go crazy! The primary celebration days for Fasching / Karneval are- Elften Elften um Elf Uhr Elf- The official opening of Fasching! In cities like Cologne, the elected "Mock" government and the Prince and Princess begin to rule over the events.

For the next 3 months, there are Karneval parties, but things are a bit more low key until..... the TOLLE TAGE Weiberfastnacht- (The Thursday BEFORE Ash Wednesday). This is Ladies Karneval day, and in some communities it begins with Women taking over City Hall (not a bad idea). Any man caught wearing a tie (a symbol of manhood) may have it cut off.... YIKES! Or he may get a kiss. The day ends with costumes and parties. Saturday and Sunday during this week are prime time for Karneval Balls and Fasching Parties!

Rosenmontag- (Rose Monday)- This is the big Parade day. All over the Rhineland massive parades are held in celebration of Karneval.

Fastnachtdiesntag- (Shrove Tuesday) – The party can only go until midnight, because then it's Ash Wednesday, and time for austerity. There may be some parties or parades, but the day ends with the burning of the Nubbel, a life sized straw doll, that holds all of the sins committed during Karneval Season. (Sort of a scape goat).

While Carnival in Rio may be bigger, and Mardi Gras in New Orleans may be better known in the United States,

Fasching or Karneval Celebrations across Germany, Austria and Switzerland are just as wild and exciting.... And just as fun a Party!!

### Where did Easter Bunny Originate?

February 17, 2016 By: karenanne

Have you ever wondered "where did Easter Bunny originate?" The whole story of rabbits bringing eggs overnight doesn't really make sense on the face of it... Rabbits don't lay eggs after all... so it's not exactly logical. It turns out that there is a very sweet story, almost a Fairy Tale, associated with the origins of the Easter bunny and it all starts in Germany, with a Duchess and a gift.

#### **Origins of Easter Bunny Tradition**

According to legend, a few hundred years ago the Duchess Rosilinda von Lindenberg had to flee from her home with her children and a servant, to hide from war on her land. They were able to find shelter in a small mining village in the mountains. The poor villagers didn't have much, but they shared what they had. Because the village was so isolated, they had never even heard of chickens that would produce eggs!

The Duchess wanted to do something to help the kind villagers who sheltered them, so when she sent her servant to get news from her husband about the war, she also instructed him to bring back chickens. Within a week he was back with a whole cage full of live, egg producing chickens.

The Duchess gathered the eggs and saved them until she had enough, then she prepared a feast for the housewives in the village, serving the eggs in a number of different ways... to teach them what to do with this new food. Then she gave the chickens to the villagers. When Easter came, she wanted to give something special to the children, but she didn't have any treats. Eggs would be the gift, since she reasoned "an egg is the first gift of the reviving Spring". To make them special, she boiled the eggs in with mosses and roots to give them color. On Easter Sunday, she had the small children build nests in the woods from sticks and moss... each had their own. Then they went in the house for a feast. After the feast, the children went to the woods to look at their nest; in each one they found five beautiful colored eggs, one with a rhyme written on it.

The children were so excited, and wondered how the hens could lay such lovely eggs! Then one little girl said, *"oh no! it wasn't the hens, it must have been the little hare that sprang out of the juniper bush when I wanted*

*to build my nest there"*. All the kids laughed, and agreed, and believed that it must have been the hare.

When the Duchess was finally able to return to her home, she kept the tradition of giving the village children a feast of eggs on Easter Sunday.

The tradition spread throughout Germany. Children would prepare nests to see what the little hare would bring. Over time, candy and sugar eggs were found, as well as colored hens eggs.

When Germans began emigrating to America, and especially Pennsylvania, in the 1700s, they brought the tradition of the Osterhase (Easter Rabbit) with them. And much like the Christmas Tree... the tradition spread across the country, until it the Easter Bunny became a part of American Cultural Traditions.

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

### Mini Soft Pretzels and Dip

#### Ingredients

1 can (11 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated breadsticks  
1 egg, beaten  
Kosher (coarse) salt, if desired  
1 jar (5 oz) pasteurized process cheese spread with bacon  
2 tablespoons milk

#### Steps

Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll dough; separate into 12 breadsticks. Cut each in half lengthwise. Roll each breadstick lightly to form 10-inch-long rope.

To shape each pretzel, shape rope into a circle, overlapping dough about 2 inches from each end, leaving ends free. Take 1 end in each hand; twist once at point where dough overlaps. Lift ends over opposite side of circle. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush each with beaten egg; sprinkle with salt.

Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, in small microwavable bowl, mix cheese spread and milk. Microwave on High 1 minute, stirring once halfway through cooking, until melted and hot.

Remove pretzels from cookie sheet. Serve warm pretzels with warm cheese dip.

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

**Kathy Hilger and the late Linus Lechner**



**Heinz Hueppe, the late Bob Steffe, and Mayor William Schmitt**

**Membership Dues**

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2017 by March 31, 2017 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, ATTN: Laura Grammer, P.O. Box 15,  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

[circle one]

Single Membership (\$10.00) or Couple Membership (\$20.00)

[circle one]

New Membership or Membership Renewal

Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: \_\_\_\_\_

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