

DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Die Zeitung

December 2019

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.

<u>Jasper DeutscherVerein November Meeting</u> <u>with Auction in Review</u>

The Deutscher Verein met on Wednesday November 20 at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. There were 76 members and several exchange students and parents in attendance. President Van Ziegler welcomed everyone by recognizing new members, guests and members who have birthdays in November.

Stan Jochum, Matthias Hilger and Sandy Wehr explained the revising of the 2020 35th Anniversary trip. For info on revision call Jackie at 812-482-7158.

Info on upcoming meetings: December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12th at the Moose Lodge. There will be a buffet consisting of fried chicken, roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn and creamy slaw. Cost will be \$10 per person collected at door. All checks need to be made payable to Jasper DeutscherVerein. Reservations need to be made by December 6th. No late reservations can be accepted. Reserve by emailing Barb at barbschmitt12@gmail.com or call or text 812-309-3992.

January 2020 meeting will be Wednesday January 15th. This will be our 40th Anniversary of DeutscherVerein. We will have our annual pie and wine competitions. Let's see how many entries we can get. Men and women can compete. Get out your cookbooks and get ready to compete!! Susan Baggett will present the program with pairings of wine and food. The menu will be pork chops and German potato salad. Members A-M bring salad, N-Z bring vegetable.

February meeting will be Wednesday February 19th. This will be our beer and bread competition. Everyone join in the fun and enter your favorite bread recipe and homebrew. Menu will be brats, hamburgers and potato wedges. Eli Haggis will do presentation on food and beer pairings. Members A-H bring vegetable, I-Q salad, R-Z dessert.

Drawings were held. Door prizes were won by Todd Fromme and Barb Schmitt. Special prize drawing was won by Ted Bartley and Jim Corn.

Then the bidding began! Thank you Ed Boeglin for being our auctioneer! You did a great job!!

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt Secretary

A message from our president

Greetings to you as we leave 2019, and enter our 40th anniversary as a club! Our anniversary meeting in January will kick off the year, and many of our members are hard at work helping us come up with a variety of great events.

As part of this anniversary, we are asking for any and all pictures you may have of past club events that we can display at our January meeting. This also includes any historical artifacts you think may generate interest from our members. So bring those pictures, outfits, German souvenirs, and family mementos to display for our club! Be sure to include a label with your name, and a brief description of the item, if needed.

We will also want to take a picture of our club members (Last time? No idea when!!) at the beginning of the meeting. So rinse off with a hose and patch those jeans...we want to look our best!

Paul Siegel, your Vice-President, is responsible for the presentations and events that happen for our club. So talk to him if you have fun ideas for our club. Can't find him? Talk to any board member, and it will be relayed back to Paul and myself.

Winter means snow...and ice...and snow...and ice. The saukalt literally translates as "pig-" meaning it's flipping cold. It's the perfect description as we head into the freezing winter. Many of you are probably hoping for some snow this winter. But the main downside of the white stuff is when it starts to melt. Yes, when it turns to slush, snow suddenly loses its magic. The German term Schneematsch (snow mud) describes that mix of white and brown sludge that starts to pile up on street corners and seep through your shoes.

Please be careful out there. In the event the weather conditions make it unsafe for us to hold a meeting, we

will have it announced as early and in as many different ways as possible. Your safety is most important!

Van Ziegler President

A message from our treasurer

Thanks to all members who attended the November Auction meeting. Thank you to our Auctioneer, Ed Boeglin, who kept the bidding fun while moving through the vast array of items. Thanks also to Van Ziegler who helped to organize the donated items for the students to display for the auctioneer. Each of the students introduced themselves and displayed the items for bidding at the auction. We had another strong fundraiser to benefit our students who are working hard to raise money for the 19th exchange in the program. Bids and donations to round up purchases totaled to \$1471.00 raised for the students.

Your club's financial condition remains healthy and adequate to continue to support our mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage. On December 2, 2019, at your Club's Board meeting, results of 2019 financial performance were reviewed by board members and budgets for 2020 were determined and approved. Funding of opportunities for us to celebrate our club's 40th anniversary in 2020, as well as funding to support activities planned for opening ceremonies at Strassenfest, were included in discussions.

We will begin collecting 2020 dues at the December Christmas Meeting. For those who are unable to pay at the meeting in person, we will appreciate receiving a check mailed to: Jasper Deutscher Verein, P O Box 15, Jasper IN 47547-0015

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Míke Ackerman Treasurer

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Dezember

<u>Dezember 12, 2019-Thursday-Moose Lodge</u> – Annual Christmas Dinner buffet followed by a Christmas Dance featuring Adam Tenbarge of DJ Master Tunes. He will play waltzes, polkas, rock-n-roll, and maybe even a Chicken Dance or two!!! This is a "DO NOT MISS" event. Santa may even make an appearance!!! Buffet meal consisting of fried chicken, roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, creamy slaw, and bread and butter, plus dessert. The price is \$10 per person. Check made payable to the Jasper DeutscherVerein. Doors open at 6pm. Reservations

will be needed by Friday, December 6th. Email Barb at barbschmitt12@gmail.com or call 812-309-3992.

Januar

Januar 15, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge - January 2020 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of our German Club! We're hard at work getting ideas on how to make this meeting special. This is also our annual homemade wine judging and pie tasting events, so there will be nothing to "wine" about at this meeting! And keep your forks from the meal...there's pie-tasting after the judging! Get out your cookbooks and get ready to compete!! Susan Baggett will present the program with pairings of wine and food. The menu will be pork chops and hot German potato salad. Members A-M bring salad, N-Z bring vegetable. We will all enjoy the pies and birthday cake!!!!! Doors open at 6:00pm with wine and pie registration. Festivities begin at 6:30pm.

Februar

Februar 19, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge -. This time it's homemade beer and breads. Many people don't know this, but in ancient times, "Beer and Bread" was a common Egyptian greeting between people. Our evening will include a LOT of greeting! Menu will be brats, hamburgers and potato wedges. Eli Haggis will do presentation on food and beer pairings. Members A-H bring vegetable, I-Q salad, R-Z dessert. Doors open at 6:00pm with homemade beer and bread registration. Festivities begin at 6:30pm.

März

März18, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge – The guest speaker for the March meeting is Mr. Clayton Boyles, Executive Director of the Dubois County Community Foundation. He will be providing a brief history of the organization, the current philanthropic endeavors, the future of the organization, and the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment. The Club will furnish a Spaghetti and Garlic Bread dinner, requesting members A-H bring a side dessert, I-Q a veggie, and R-Z a salad. Doors open at 6:00pm and festivities begin at 6:30pm.

April

April 15, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge – Agenda-TBD – Meal: Pork Steak and German fries.

Mai Mai 20, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge

Juli

<u>Juli 12, 2020-Sunday-Moose Lodge</u> – StrassenVORfest - Noon to 3pm – More details to follow

August

July 30 - August 2, 2020 - Strassenfest

August 30, 2020-Sunday-Jasper Outdoor Recreation-

Family Picnic - More details to follow

Welcome to all our New Members!!!!!!!!!

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website –

www.jaspergermanclub.org or be sure to "like us" on Facebook at Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper

<u>Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for</u> "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 or pmgoepfrich@gmail.com 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.

News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$.50 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Pfaffenweiler, Germany and Jasper, IN will celebrate their 35th Anniversary as Sister Cities in June of 2020 in Pfaffenweiler. Call Jackie at 812-482-7158 for details of the trip.

History of German Nutcrackers- Get a Nutcracker for Your Home!

I love how the History of German Nutcrackers is tied up in a Fairy Tale....how perfectly German!

Once upon a time, a farmer offered a reward for anyone who could help him easily open the Walnuts from his tree. A Carpenter said he should saw them open. A Soldier told him he should SHOOT the nuts (I can't imagine what he thought would be left of the nut...). Finally, a puppet maker brought him a brightly painted wooden doll with a strong jaw designed to crack the nuts. The Farmer was delighted! And rewarded the puppet maker with his own workshop.

And a cottage industry was born.

History of German Nutcrackers

German Nutcrackers in the shape of Soldiers or Kings have been in use since the 15th century! The unsmiling figures are thought to be lucky, and provide protection for the household as they stand sentry on the mantle. The most famous Nutcrackers come out of Sonneberg in Thuringia, and from the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains). The Erzgebirge originally made money from mining... but as the mines played out, miners used their woodworking skills to create toys and Christmas figurines that were sold at Christmas Markets around Germany. A "good" Nutcracker could be made from up to 130 carefully assembled pieces! Originally, the jaws were strong enough to crack walnuts. Today's Nutcrackers are more decorative, only good for peanuts. (And if the Nutcracker belongs to my mother... you better not DARE put any nuts in its mouth!)

Nutcrackers in America

Today, Nutcrackers are a common Christmas decoration here in the US, but how did that happen? In the 1950s Soldiers stationed in Germany started visiting the Christmas Markets. They were captivated by these brightly painted wood "Soldier" Nutcrackers, and brought them home. Right around then Tchaikovsky's ballet, The Nutcracker Suite was becoming a popular Christmas Event, and so demand for Nutcrackers skyrocketed! Sadly, the increased demand means the market is flooded with cheap knock-offs from China... and the Steinbach family company, after over 250 years of creating hand-crafted works of art, declared bankruptcy and shut its doors for good in 2016. They have since reopened!

Today Nutcrackers come in a wide range of styles... from the classic Red Soldier to a Camophlage Soldier... from King Ludwig II to Green Bay Football Nutcrackers. Whatever you choose, you can be sure that this little work of art will give you much enjoyment as it watches over your family during the holidays.

(taken from: https://germangirlinamerica.com/history-of-german-nutcrackers/)

German Conversation Group at Jasper High School

Dr. Ross Halvorsen has decided to have the German Conversation Group meet every two weeks, 3-4PM at the High School; Enter via the front door. Next conversation session is December 18th.

Any proficiency level is welcome. To be included on the Reminder App via text, send the code @8fb43b to the telephone number 81010, you answer a couple questions, and you'll be signed up to receive reminders about the conversation group. A great way to help your proficiency in German and make a few new friends!!!!

Also, German 102 will be offered at VUJC in the spring. The course is free to students over 60! More info to follow!!!!!

Current Image of German Exchange Showcase and call out for more display items.

If you have anything you would be willing to have something displayed in the showcase, please contract Ross at 812-482-6050.



MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerin are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings. Dues can be mailed to DeutscherVerein, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015.

Epiphany and the Sternsinger

Christmas Traditions: Star Singers, January 6 and C+M+B

In Austria and parts of Germany and Switzerland, Christmas does not officially end until January 6. That date commemorates the religious feast day known as Epiphany or das Dreikönigsfest ("three kings festival") in German. Today in many parts of German-speaking Europe the day is known for the fundraising Christmas custom of "Star Singers."

January 6 (Epiphany) is a legal holiday in Austria, in three states of Germany, and in three Swiss cantons, as well as in parts of the canton of Graubünden (Grisons). In Spain and many parts of Latin America, January 6 is the most important day for exchanging Christmas gifts. Children eagerly await the day, when they awake to find gifts left by the Three Wise Men (or Three Kings, Los Tres Reyes Magos). For children in many Spanish-speaking lands, this day is more important than Christmas Day itself, when they might receive only a token gift or two. January 6 in Spain roughly

corresponds to December 6 in Austria and Germany, when Nikolaus leaves gifts for children there.

C+M+B

In Austria and in Catholic regions of Germany and Switzerland, Epiphany is also the date when people (including Sternsinger) finish carrying out the traditional "C+M+B" house-blessing ceremony, with an inscription on or above the door. The inscription shown below (for 2008 in Bavaria) is in the standard format used in Germany, although there are regional variations.



A typical "C+M+B blessing" inscription over a house entry door in Bavaria.

PHOTO: Wikimedia Commons

Traditionally, the three letters in the inscription stand for the names of the three Wise Men (Magi): Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (German spelling). Another possible explanation is that "C+M+B" stands for the Latin phrase: Christus mansionem benedicat, which translates into "Christ bless this house." The inscription is usually made with chalk that has been blessed by a local Catholic priest.

The inscription format for 2015 would be: 20*C+M+B+15, in which the star (*) represents the star of Bethlehem and the three crosses (+) represent the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The names of the Magi (Wise Men, die Weisen) from the East are never mentioned in the Bible, but come from sixth century Roman Church (Latin) tradition. The number three is taken from the gifts mentioned: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Gold, Weihrauch, Myrrhe); the Bible never really mentions how many Magi came to Bethlehem.

Sternsinger

Although the Sternsinger custom dates back to the 16th century, in modern times (since 1959) the custom in German-speaking Europe has become a charitable, fundraising event. Officially known as Dreikönigssingen ("Operation Three Kings Singing") in Germany, the annual event is sponsored by the Catholic church and Catholic youth organizations. Most of the participants are young people (boys and girls) who dress in costumes resembling what the Magi supposedly wore when they visited the baby Jesus. With the leader carrying a star, the costumed Star Singers walk from house to house and sing special traditional Star Singer carols. At each stop they also solicit donations for various childrens' charities in Germany and abroad, as well as programs to end hunger in parts of the world. In Catholic regions, especially in rural areas or in smaller

towns, the Star Singers may also inscribe the C+M+B house-blessing inscriptions mentioned above.

. https://www.german-way.com/history-andculture/holidays-and-celebrations/christmas/epiphanysternsinger/

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Thank you to all of these individuals who have generously contributed their time and talents to the Jasper DeutscherVerein. Also, thanks to their families for sharing them with us!!!!!!!!

Milestones of the Jasper DeutscherVerein

(Information taken from Board Meeting Minutes, Club Meeting Minutes, and Press Releases. For reference-in the day, the Gamble Building was where the present City Office Building stands and the present City Office parking lot was gravel and that is where the Strassenfest beer garden was along with the dancing area and stage)

1980

Founded in January, 1980, in Jasper, Indiana, USA, for the purpose of promoting interest in the community of our German heritage, history of the community, Bavarian architecture, etc. This is to be a purely social club.

First official event, The Faschnacht, at the Jasper Holiday Inn on February 9, 1980.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors and officers of the DeutscherVerein was February 21, 1980 at the Schnitzelbank.

Mrs. Sabine Jordan arrived in Dubois County to conduct a one-year study of the German-American heritage in the county. Her study, funded by grants from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the German American Bank Foundation, was pioneered by Stephen

Harroff, a specialist in German-Americans in Indiana who spent three weeks in 1978 studying the feasibility of the larger study of the county's heritage. The Jasper Community Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts are administering the study.

1981

39 individuals departed Jasper on June 21st and visited Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Sabine Jordon's job as "Humanist in Residence" ends in June of 1981.

The DeutscherVerein made a contribution to Kim Hulsman and Clare Wagner who will study in Germany. The DeutscherVerein also donated books on German heritage to the Jasper Public Library.

In October, the Jasper Kinderlein performed for the DeutscherVerein. This group consisted of children from the five schools in the Greater jasper Consolidated School System who sang and danced in their native German costumes.

1982

The DeutscherVerein provided financial support for four Jasper High School students who studied in Germany for six weeks.

In November of 1982, Mary Jo Meuser, German Language Teacher at Jasper High School, presented information to the DeutscherVerein on a four week German exchange program. The German students would arrive here in April of 1982 and the Jasper students would go to Germany in June of 1984.

The DeutscherVerein purchased a tape "Jasper's German Heritage" and donated it to the Jasper Public Library.

1983

The Jasper Action Team is in search of a Sister City in the Baden area.

Ruth Reichmann of Sister Cities International gave a presentation to the club on the potential of a Sister City for Jasper.

The Deutscher Verein has their first German Food Stand during the Strassenfest.

1984

Plans for a club trip to Germany and Austria are in full swing.

Two Sister Cities are being considered – Pfaffenweiler, Germany and Lofer, Austria. A final decision will be made after the upcoming trip.

In November, Pfaffenweiler, Germany was chosen to be the Sister City of Jasper. Claude Eckert consented to

chair the program. A group from Pfaffenweiler will visit Jasper in April.

1985

Elaine Astrike was appointed as Newsletter Editor.

Harold Burton and Jim Corn were chosen to work on the placement of a May Pole near the Square. A \$1,000 was budgeted for this project.

\$1,000 was also budgeted to build a permanent dance floor in the Strassenfest Beer Garden.

An organizational meeting of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. was held on January 15th. Some of the familiar family names of the Pfaffenweiler area are: Bauman, Bauer, Berger, Birk, Brinkman, B\Daschle, Egloff, Fink, Gutgsell, Dischinger, Eckerle, Eckert, Haas, Huber, Kaiser, Klein, Kunkel, Kunkler, Lechner, Gramelspacher, Metzger, Meurer, Neumann, Schafer, Schmidt, Schneider, Schnell, Schuler, Stenftenagel, Scherle, Troxler, Wagner, Weber, Winkler, and Zeller.

A joint meeting of the Historical Society, Strassenfest Committee, Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and the DeutscherVerein was held in March. Sabine Jordan spoke on the "One Thousand Year History of Pfaffenweiler".

Forty-one guests from Pfaffenweiler visited Jasper in May and the Sister City Proclamation was signed. Guests from Germany included Gerhard Auer, Hermann and Waltraude Baumann, Rita and Calba Edy Bledau, Martha Bosch, Peter Bosch, Rudolph Bosch, Walter Bosch, Rolf W. Brednich, Stefan and Theresia Eckerle, Louisa Eichhorn, Herman Elmlinger, Robert Fehrenbach, Fritz and Brigitte Gutgsell, Kurt and Irma Hanser, Heinrich Haury, Henry Heddick, Gustav and Luise Kiefer, Stephan and Agath Kiefer, Manfred Lais, Johann and Marianne Luhr, Arnald Pfaff, Paul Schuble, Eberhard and Irmagard Schuler, Joseph and Hilda Schweizer, Roswitha Seelin, Herman Seelinger, Annaliese Steinhart, Axel Steinhart, Hugo Steinhart, and Anneliese Vogel.

Dedication of the Maypole took place on October 10, 1985. Special guest was Lt. Gov. John Mutz.

1986

Conversational German classes continue.

Three students from Pfaffenweiler arrived for three weeks in Jasper.

Six students from Jasper High School students traveled to Pfaffenweiler during the summer.

The Volkstanzgruppe Marienfeld, a German fold dance troupe, visited Jasper and performed during the

Strassenfest. Members of the DeutscherVerein hosted the dancers in their homes.

This is the first year Apple Strudel was sold in the Food Stand during Strassenfest.

A new event at this year's Strassenfest is a Polka Contest.

Stones from Pfaffenweiler are on display at the Jasper Public Library.

Discussions took place on erecting signs at various city limits signifying the Sister City Partnership with Pfaffenweiler.

The DeutscherVerein subsidized a convocation for the Jasper High School and the Jasper Middle School.

1987

Twenty-three students from Staufen Gymnasium, the high school near Pfaffenweiler attend Jasper High School for one month. Three are from Pfaffenweiler.

Nineteen students from Jasper High School attended Staufen Gymnasium for one month. Three stay in Pfaffenweiler.

Indiana's Gov. Robert Orr visited Pfaffenweiler.

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City of Jasper adopted a city flag. A Jasper City Flag was sent to Pfaffenweiler.

The German Club of Jasper High School is selling a book of German proverbs, prayers, etc.

Food stand got a "face lift".

Lights for the murals on the east side of the Gamble building were completed in time for the Strassenfest.

The DeutscherVerein also financed a portion of the bronze plaques which identified the four panel murals on the Gamble building.

Pfaffenweiler's brass band, Batzenberger Winzerkapelle, visited Jasper and performed during the Strassenfest. Sixty-five people from Germany made the trip to Jasper. Fritz and Brigitte Gutgsell and residents from Pfaffenweiler were the special guests at the Strassenfest.

The Log Sawing Contest was introduced at the Strassenfest. Joe Eckerle was chairman.

German American Day was celebrated on October 6th at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Mayor Jerome Alles signed the Proclamation.

1988

The DeutscherVerein held an "Authentic Old Fashion Day of Butchering" on the Leonard and Viola Wehr Farm.

Members of the DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper visited Pfaffenweiler and other areas of Germany.

Ambassador to West Germany visited Jasper.

1989

DeutscherVerein club dues are raised. Effective January 1st, family membership is \$10 and single membership is \$5.

A curio cabinet was placed in the Schnitzelbank to display items of the DeutscherVerein.

Clemens Huppe of Pfaffenweiler spent time in Jasper working at Kimball Electronics and is staying with Al and Rosina Schuler.

Claude Eckert received the Maurice Endwright Award from the Indiana Federation of Older Hoosiers for his work in establishing and maintaining Jasper and Pfaffenweiler as Sister Cities.

New stand for Strassenfest constructed. Committee members were Joe and Irene Eckerle, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, Leonard and Dennis Wehr, Bob Fleck, Jerry Jahn, Joe Niehaus, and Dave Prechtel.

(to be continued in February newsletter)

"Ein Prosit"

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit
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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!!

At this time of Christmas, let us remember the less fortunate of our communities. This would be a great time to make a donation to any organization helping those in need in our communities!!!! Your generosity will be appreciated!

Note: There will not be a newsletter in January, 2020. Watch for news releases and emails concerning club activities. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Patti

Grilled Cheese Dippers

Prep 15 min Total 35 min Ingredients 7 Servings 6

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

1/3 cup panko crispy bread crumbs (from 8-oz box)

1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dough sheet

3 slices (0.8 oz each) deli sliced American cheese, cut in half

3 Cheddar cheese sticks (0.75 oz each), unwrapped and cut in half crosswise

Your favorite tomato soup, if desired

Steps

Heat oven to 375°F. Line large cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper. In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter and garlic powder uncovered on High 20 to 30 seconds or until butter is melted. Stir in bread crumbs; transfer to pie plate or shallow dish.

Unroll dough sheet on work surface; reshape into 12x8-inch rectangle. With pizza cutter or sharp knife, cut dough sheet into 6 squares, 4x4 inches each.

Place 1 cheese slice half and 1 cheese stick half onto 1 end of each square near center. For each roll-up, roll side with cheese, rolling to opposite side, and pinching seam to secure. Continue for remaining roll-ups.

Roll dough sticks into bread crumbs; place seam side down on cookie sheet. With sharp knife, pierce top of each dough stick 3 times. Bake 15 to 19 minutes or until dough is golden brown and baked through. Serve warm with tomato soup.

(taken from:

https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/grilled-cheese-dippers)



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 DeutscherVerein (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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It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2020 by completing and sending in the following form by January 31, 2020. Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 – Attn: Mike Ackerman
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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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