



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

March 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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!!!!

Message from Mike.....

Thanks to all participants in our bread and beer judging. Congratulations to the winners. Each received an engraved bread knife or medallion. The list of winners appears in Barb's minutes.

Thanks to Darren Patterson on his presentation on this trip to Germany to reciprocate the Rotarians who visited Indiana in 2013. I personally enjoyed his presentation on German Beers.

As a reminder, Darren volunteered to lead a group of members to brew our own version of Kolsch beer to be served at our picnic in September. Anyone wishing to join the group is welcome. We will assemble on multiple days to complete the brewing. We are planning on the first day being Saturday afternoon, May 10 then again 8 days later on Sunday May 18 for the next step in the process. We will meet another time on June 22 to keg our brew. If you would like to join us, save the dates. More information will follow at our March and April meetings.

For our March meeting, our featured program will be presented by Art Nordhoff with a presentation on history from our area. The topic is at the discretion of our presenter.

Our April meeting will feature Kathy Mott discussing genealogy. Kathy's presentation will include a review of the many tools available through our libraries. Whether you are deeply entwined in the process or just thinking about how to get started, Kathy's program promises to provide you with the tools to aid your success.

Mike Ackerman,
VP, Deutscher Verein

Deutscher Verein Januar Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met on Thursday, January 16th at VFW #673. President Bridgette Bartley opened the meeting by welcoming the 80 members and guests present.

Vice President Mike Ackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer before the meal. He welcomed the guest judges for the wine and pie competitions. Judging the wine were Pat Norris, Heath Kluemper, Kevin Mullen, and Kent Meyer. Pie judges were Yvonne Mullen, Ruth Meyer and Starr Birge.

He then led in the toast Ein Prosit in honor of the judges.

After the meal the meeting continued. Bridgette asked for the minutes to be approved from the previous meeting. Dave Buehler made first motion to approve, Bonnie Winger made second, all approved. Rita Egler then gave the treasurer's report.

The drawing of door prizes was held. Winners were Dave Buehler and Jim Corn. Special prizes went to Rita Corn and Elmer Brames.

The winners of the Pie contest were then announced. Fruit pie winner was Phyllis Schuler with her Apple Cranberry, and Cream pie winner was Allen Brenner with his Coconut Macadamia cream pie. People's Choice Winners which were chosen by members voting on their favorite pie choice was Linda Wehr and Eileen Scherle. Contest winners were presented with a pie server with the Deutscher Verein emblem.

Winners of the wine contest were then announced. Non grape winners were 1st place Dave Buehler and 2nd place Linda Wehr. Grape winners were Kenny Schnell 1st place and 2nd place was Kathy Wanninger. Wine contest winners were presented with a wine glass with the Deutscher Verein emblem.

During the business meeting, President Bartley explained that board member Birnie Jeffries term has expired. Earlier this evening at a special meeting, the Deutscher Verein board made a nomination to approve Mike Hochgesang to fill this position. Dave Buehler made first motion, Al Bennett made second motion.

Board approval was unanimous. The recommendation of the board to approve Mike Hochgesang was offered for vote to members present and approved.

Mike Ackerman then introduced the first program for the evening. Joe Rohleder gave a presentation on ROJAC and the Schaeffer Barn area at the Riverwalk. Joe is leading efforts to continually add features and make improvements in this area. Joe talked of the upcoming Schaeffer Barn Garden Sculpture being created by Zach Dawkins to be located in the garden of the Schaeffer Barn. Joe distributed flyers requesting donations toward making this project a reality.

Mike Ackerman then introduced Terri Suddarth and her husband Mike, owners of the Southern Sweets Bakery. They are the suppliers of the pretzel bun, crème puffs, and apple strudel for the food and pastry booths at the Strassenfest. Terri provided a history of her business, data bout the volume of products that Southern Sweets provides for our club, and announced that they will be moving their Jasper retail store to a new place on the square.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

The next meeting will be February 20th. We will be having a Home Brew Contest along with a Home Made Bread Contest. Doors will open at 6:00 with the home brew and bread check in. Meeting will begin at 6:30. Soup will be provided by the club. The bread entered in the competition will be served with the soup. Members with last names beginning A-I bring a dessert, J-R bring appetizers, and S- Z bring salads.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Deutscher Verein Februar Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday February 20th at the VFW #673. President Bridgette Bartley welcomed the 51 members and guests. Vice President Mike Ackerman welcomed and introduced the judges for the home brew and homemade bread competitions.

They were Chris Hollinden, Denise Luegers, Nancy Littiken, Laura Grammer, Ed Hollinden, Greg Luegers, Al Littiken, Paul Grammer, and Chad Hurm. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer before the meal.

A short business meeting was held after dinner.

Bridgette asked the members if they approved the minutes from the previous meeting which were published

in The Herald. Steve Schmitt made 1st motion, Cliff Howard made 2nd motion. All approved.

Sandy Wehr, President of Sister Cities presented the officers and Board of Directors for Sister Cities for 2014-2015. Officers are Sandy Wehr, President, Nancy Eckerle, Vice-President, Tom Kiefer, Secretary, and Dave Kieffner, Treasurer. Board members are Matthias Hilger who will replace Jim Gutsell who resigned in January, Alan Hanselman, Stan Jochum, Kevin Manley, Sheri Reeves and Marlene Seger. It was asked if members approved the slate of Officers and Board. All approved. Officers and Board were elected as presented.

Sandy Wehr then announced that Sister Cities is selling BR Bucks for a fund raiser for the German Exchange Program. Each Buck costs \$5 and is worth \$5. They can be used at Denny's, Wendy's, Long John Silver's or Grandy's in Jasper, Wendy's and Grandy's in Huntingburg, Wendys and Denny's in Dale, and Wendy's in Ferdinand. If anyone is interested in buying some they can call Sandy at 482-2055 or 630-2621. Deadline is March 9th.

They will also be having a golf scramble in May.

At Treasurer's Rita Eglers request, Patti Goepfrich gave the financial report. Ms. Goepfrich then reminded all present of Ms. Egler's roll as Treasurer of the Jasper Deutscher Verein for many years. Ms. Egler takes care of all financial figures of the Deutscher Verein and spends many hours working on the receipts and expenses of the Strassenfest booths. She works tirelessly to keep all records accurate and current. Ms Goepfrich asked members of the Deutscher Verein to thank Ms. Egler for her dedication to the Deutscher Verein. Vice President Mike Ackerman then asked the group to do the toast "Ein Prosit" in honor of Rita.

The drawing for door prizes was then held. Winners were Chad Hurm and Bob Bleemel. Special prizes were won by Barb Schmitt and Phyllis Boeglin.

Sister Cities of Jasper held a raffle for a gift basket which was won by Phyllis Boeglin.

Winners of the Bread Competition were White Bread - Norma Schnell, Fruit Bread - Ann Ackerman, Pumpkin, and Misc. Bread - Judy Bennett, Cottage Loaf.

Winners of the Home Brew Competition was then announced.

Light Colored Beer 1st place winner was Darren Patterson, Kolsch and 2nd place Wayne Patmore, American Pale Ale.

Dark Beer winners were 1st place Wayne Patmore with Vanilla Bach, and second place Pat Norris/Craig Gore Creme Brulee Stout.

Mike then introduced the program for the evening which was Darren Patterson who gave a presentation the on Rotary Club. Darren led a contingency from Indiana to tour Germany. He also discussed home brew and the potential for a club project to brew some of our own beer for enjoyment at the Fall Picnic.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Next meeting will be March 20th at the VFW#673. Doors open at 6pm. Meeting will begin at 6:30. Art Nordhoff will present the program for the evening. Irish Stew will be on the menu.

Members with last names beginning A-I bring a Salad, J-R dessert, and S-Z bread (garlic, Italian, etc)

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt

Lunch at noon

Cost is \$50 per person - \$200 per team of 4

Cost includes lunch, cart, and green fees

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100

If anyone would like to register to participate, donate a prize, or sponsor a hole, please contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055.

Strassenfest – July 31 – August 3, 2014

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, 2014 by mail to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.

We are trying to build our membership and need many people to work at the Strassenfest and help with our meetings during the year. The Strassenfest is our **only** fund raiser of the year. We need everyone and I am asking all members to try to get new people interested in the German Club.

All members who are going to be gone for any period of time, 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,
Rita Egler, 634-9068

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Maerz Meeting

At the Jasper VFW

With Program by Art Nordhoff on history of our area

Donnerstag (Thursday) , Maerz 20, 2014

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm - Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

The Club will provide Irish Stew and refreshments.

Members with last names beginning

A - I – Bring a Salad

J - R – Bring a Dessert

S - Z – Bread – (Garlic, Italian, etc)

Golf Scramble Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the JHS German Exchange Program

Saturday, May 17th, at Buffalo Trace Golf Course (formerly known as Muni)

News from the Dubois County Suds Club

The Dubois County Suds Club is a group of local homebrewers who get together once a month to share beer and stories. We meet most months at the Schnitzelbank, Mill House or Snaps in Jasper, where we are allowed to bring bottles of homebrew and homemade wine to share. Other months we get together to brew, tour area breweries and hold an annual contest. If you are a homebrewer, or want to learn, come join us at any of the events listed below.

Justin Rumbach — President
justinrumbach@gmail.com
630-8433

2014 Schedule

March 29 - Evansville trip
April 1 - 7pm - Snaps
April 12 - Huntingburg beer fest
May 4 - Big Brew Day @ Patoka
June 3 - 7pm - Snaps
July 1 - 7pm - Snaps
August 2 - Strassenfest Contest
Sept 2 - 7pm - Mill House
Sept 27 - Tasters Fest @ River
Oct 5 - Homebrew Day @ Ferdinand
Nov 4 - 7pm - The Schnitz
Dec 6 - Holiday Party

Justin Rumbach

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, 2014. If any questions, please contact Linda Wehr at 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, 2014 to:

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

St. Patrick's Day History

Why is drinking popular on St. Patrick's Day? The whiskey connection explained.

By [Peggy Trowbridge Filippone](#)

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, although he was born in Britain. Many miracles have been attributed to the bishop, including the driving of the snakes from Ireland. His sainthood derives from his conversion of the Irish celtic pagans to Christianity. He used the native shamrock as a symbol of the holy trinity when preaching and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland. March 17 is the feast day of St. Patrick, of course.

The custom of imbibing alcohol on St. Patrick's Day comes from an old Irish legend. As the story goes, St. Patrick was served a measure of whiskey that was considerably less than full. St. Patrick took this as an opportunity to teach a lesson of generosity to the innkeeper. He told the innkeeper that in his cellar resided a monstrous devil who fed on the dishonesty of the innkeeper. In order to banish the devil, the man must

change his ways. When St. Patrick returned to the hostelry some time later, he found the owner generously filling the patrons' glasses to overflowing. He returned to the cellar with the innkeeper and found the devil emaciated from the landlord's generosity, and promptly banished the demon, proclaiming thereafter everyone should have a drop of the "hard stuff" on his feast day.

This custom is known as *Pota Phadraig* or *Patrick's Pot*. The custom is known as "drowning the shamrock" because it is customary to float a leaf of the plant in the whiskey before downing the shot.

St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737, and is now celebrated nationwide as an opportunity to wear green and consume green libations. The celebration in Ireland is more of a religious matter, whereas in the U.S., it is a festive occasion. The wearing o' the green is a symbol of Ireland's lush green farmlands.

(Information taken from About.com – German Language)

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

July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

Jasper Deutscher Verein

In Memory of Robert Bachman
Jim and Rita Corn

In Memory of Francis and Crystal Colvin
Jim and Rita Corn

In Memory of Richard Colvin
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In Memory of Maurice and Hallie Corn
Jim and Rita Corn

In Memory of Lora Lou Eckerle
Raphael and Phyllis Ackerman
Al and Judy Bennett
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Chuck and Linda Burk
Jim and Rita Corn
Gary and Rita Egler
Ken and Rosemary Heim
David and Janet Kluemper
Tom and Betty Lechner
Danny and Linda Wehr

In Memory of Gene Edwards
Jim and Rita Corn

**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:
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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2014 by March 31, 2014 by completing and sending in the following form. Thanks!

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____

Please note if you would like to receive your newsletter via E-mail. 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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