



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

September 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.

## Sommer Picknick

The Deutscher Verein met Saturday, August 26 at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation. There were 90 members and guests present.

President Steve Schmitt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance and lead the prayer before the meal.

After the meal, Mike had Pat Schuler, General Chair Person of the Strassenfest booths along with wife Phyllis, give a report on the outcome of our booths. Pat thanked everyone for their efforts in making this Strassenfest another great success.

Sandy Wehr reminded everyone of the German Heritage Dinner on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The meal will consist of Goulash, kassler rippchen, assorted sausages, German fries, sauerkraut, red cabbage, green beans, turnip kraut, cucumber salad, fried biscuits and apple butter. Doors open at 6:00 pm Programs starts at 6:30, eat at 7:00. The price will be \$15 collected at door. Reservations can be made by calling Barb Schmitt at 812- 309- 3992 by September 28.

The winners of the essay contest will present their essays and the recipient of the German Heritage Award will be announced.

Sandy also reported on the fundraiser for the JHS German Exchange Program which will be held on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 -1:00. It will be drive through only. Price is \$10. To pre-purchase tickets contact Sandy at 812-482-2055 or any member of the JHS German Exchange Program.

The drawing of prizes was held. Winners were Lou Schaeffer, Clif Howard, Linda Wehr, Ted Bartley, Rose Herbig, Elaine Astrike, Sandy Wehr, Ray Lechner, Ann Ackerman, Al Astrike, Betty Kempf, Cheryl Trambaugh. Special prizes were won by Carol King and Pam Howard.

Barb Schmitt thanked Judy Bennett, Nancy Ziegler, Pam and Clif Howard, Suzanne Webb, and Mike Hochesang for help with the food, setting up and making of door prizes.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30. We will be having our auction to benefit the JHS German Exchange Program. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item or two to donate for the auction. Some suggestions are homemade cookies, cakes, pies, candies, Thanksgiving and Christmas items, wine, gift baskets, gift certificate, snack mix, jelly, etc.

Please feel free to bring friends and family members to join in on the fun. A-H bring salad, I-Q bring dessert, R-Z vegetable.

Submitted by

*Barb Schmitt*  
*Secretary*

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## Message from Steve.....

I hope everyone has been having a great summer. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Strassenfest Booth. We also had a great turn-out for the summer picnic. The weather co-operated for both events. We have lost two members since our last meeting, Kent Meyer and Mick Birge. They will be sadly missed.

The next event coming up is the German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank on Thursday, October 5.

Keep the date open. Look for more details in THE HERALD. Our next meeting will be in November with the Exchange Student Auction and then it will be the Christmas Party in December. Stay tuned for more details.

*Steve Schmitt*  
*President*



**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

**Oktober**

**German Heritage Dinner**

**Thursday, Oktober 5th at the Schnitzelbank**

Doors open at 6:00 pm Programs starts at 6:30, eat at 7:00. The price will be \$15 collected at door. Reservations can be made by calling Barb Schmitt at 812- 309- 3992 by September 28.

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Sonntag Mittagessen  
(Sunday Lunch)  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Schnitzelbank Restaurant**

**DRIVE THROUGH ONLY!**

**November**

**Auction to Benefit JHS German Exchange Program**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
The Moose**

Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30

A-H bring salad, I-Q bring dessert, R-Z vegetable.

**Address Changes for Newsletters and Temporary  
Address Change – Travel or Nursing Home**

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.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the Deutscher Verein 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.

**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 for a German Host Family- American Gifts Germans Enjoy Getting**

By: karenanne

### **Gifts for a German Host Family**

This list is in no particular order...and it is not in stone. Some things may be more relevant to your situation than others. (For example, I have an uncle who loves to snack on raisins, so I always bring a bag of Jumbo Raisins for him. But I don't know a single other person who would appreciate this gift). Different parts of the country have different specialties. And obviously, if you know the person you are visiting collects or loves certain things (like Willow Tree Angels), then you may already have something in mind. Take a look, and let this list be a springboard for ideas.

#### **American Gifts for Germans**

##### **Show off Your State or City**

Cutting Boards in the shape of your state, Tea Towels with Maps, or insulated coffee mugs with your city's name. Can't find anything perfect? Why have something something personalized ...

##### **Food Gifts are Always Popular**

Is there a special food from your region? Is your city famous for its Peanut Brittle or Taffy? Do people flock to your area for the Spice Rubs? Maybe there's a special local Honey that you love? Take some with you! If you like it, chances are, your hosts will like it too! Give people a taste of your world.

##### **Go Nuts**

Many people suggested Almonds or other nuts. (If you are from Hawaii... grab up some of those Macadamia Nuts!) Smoked Almonds or Almond gift packs aren't too expensive (or heavy). Also, a nice package of assorted nuts can be tied with a ribbon, and makes a nice gift.

##### **Jerky**

Beef Jerky, Turkey Jerky, even Salmon Jerky... all have a unique and tasty America flavor. Plus it travels well.... Try a variety pack. Again, it's lightweight, and doesn't

##### **Sports Team Merchandise**

T Shirts, hats or mugs from your favorite home sports team can be fun... I don't know that your Oma would want a T-shirt, but the 20 somethings would...

Hopefully this list was a good starting point for you. When in doubt, think local... what does your town have that can't be found anywhere else.

take up much luggage space, and people do enjoy a savory treat.

##### **Maple Syrup**

All you New Englanders and Canadians, here's your chance to show off! Real Maple Syrup is a great and very welcome gift. Throw in some pancake mix, and promise to cook them an American breakfast.

##### **Peanut Butter**

I'm not completely sold on this idea... but apparently, a lot of people get requests for jars of peanut butter from their American visitors.

##### **Oreos**

You can always tell if there was an exchange student who went to America at some point, they will ask for Oreos. Go nuts, get the Double Stuffed.

##### **Chocolate Chip Cookie Supplies**

My cousin spent a year in the US, and developed a liking for fresh baked Chocolate Chip cookies. Every time I head over, I pick up a big bag of chocolate chips, a bag of brown sugar, and some vanilla extract for her.

##### **Bar B Que!**

A few people told me they get requests for American Bar B Que Sauce. Since every corner of the US loves different styles, maybe there is a special flavor from your region. Also, some people love A 1 Sauce. Don't want to mess with bottles? Why not bring a special local spice rub for meats?

##### **Also for the Grill- S'mores Fixings**

I know, S'mores aren't for everyone... but Kids (and I) love them. So if you are bringing BBQ sauce for dad, why not throw in Marshmallows, Hershey bars and Graham Crackers for the kids? It will be a messy and memorable dessert.

##### **National Park Merchandise**

I think it might be fair to say the Germans really like American National Parks (don't believe me... go to one during the summer and just LISTEN... you'll hear them). Luckily, the National Park Service has LOADS of great merchandise that makes a great gift to take along. Calendars, Coasters (Germans also love coasters), Tea Towels, Shopping bags and even Cutting Boards

(And remember, any gift you take over will make room in your suitcase to bring something back!)

If you are still stuck, don't panic. Bring flowers, and maybe ask your host family out for a meal. This will be appreciated.

Taken from:

<http://germangirlinamerica.com/gifts-for-a-german-host-family/>

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## **Grilled Cheese Quesadillas**

### **Ingredients**

1 - (11-oz.) pkg. (8 Flour Tortillas) for Burritos  
¾ cup spicy black bean dip (from 16-oz. jar)  
8 oz. (2 cups) shredded Mexican cheese blend or Monterey Jack cheese  
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
3 to 4 pickled jalapeño chiles, sliced  
1 (16-oz.) jar Thick 'n Chunky Salsa  
1 (12-oz.) container guacamole

### **Steps**

1. For each quesadilla, spread tortilla with 3 tablespoons bean dip. Top with 1/2 cup cheese, 1 tablespoon cilantro and another tortilla.
2. Heat large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Place 1 quesadilla in skillet; cook 2 to 4 minutes or until bottom of tortilla is golden brown. Turn quesadilla; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated and cheese is melted. Remove from skillet; place on cutting board.
3. Repeat with remaining quesadillas. Cut each into 8 wedges. Garnish each with 1 jalapeño chile slice. Serve with salsa and guacamole.

(Taken from:

<https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/grilled-cheese-quesadillas/>)

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