



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

March 2020

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.

Christmas 2019

Dear Friends of Jasper and Citizens of Pfaffenweiler,

In these coming days, the second decade of this new millennium is going to end. During conversations with citizens I experience over and over, that the time just flies. Is that really true?

The Roman Philosopher and Politician Seneca stated, "We all sorely complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to do with."

I am not sure if even today, Seneca - at the threshold of 2020 - with the changed rhythm of the digitalized world - would have made the same statement.

Am also not sure, if he is really right with the insinuation, that we are not utilizing our time. In the end, I am exactly like all of you, always under time pressure because I have to get this and that done. Especially around the Christmas time and the end of the year.

I am getting thoughtful, when I ask myself the question, if I really utilize the time for meaningful things. We should think to keep a Not-To-Do list beside the To-Do List.

So things and activities, which we don't enjoy and which don't do anything for us and rob us of valuable time.

In that direction, I think immediately about negative conversations, negative thoughts, long broodings and long annoyances about the past and much more.

When we all can reduce these negativities in half during 2020, we will all have more time for the wonderful things in life.

With these thoughts, I wish you and your families a blessed and enjoyable Christmas celebration and a very Happy New Year. I thank you all for the many encounters of this past year and I am looking forward to the new 2020.

Yours Bürgermeister

Dieter Hahn

Jasper Deutscher Verein December Meeting In Review

The Deutscher Verein met Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Moose Lodge. President Van Ziegler welcomed the 130 members and guests. Vice President Paul Siegel led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by singing God Bless America and Ein Prosit.

Treasurer Mike Ackerman gave an overview of our finances and reminded club members that dues for 2020 are due. Jackie Braunecker updated the club on the revised trip to Germany for 2020, and handed out flyers with updated information.

President Van Ziegler gave an overview of 2020, our 40th anniversary year as a club, and a peek at some exciting upcoming events for the coming year. There was much enthusiasm and celebrating among the members for our club.

Our special "Santa Boeglin" appeared, told a few corny jokes, and distributed candy canes. He also led Stille Nacht.

After the special Christmas dinner and awarding of special giveaways and attendance prizes, the rest of the evening was spent socializing and dancing to the music of DJ Master Tunes.

Our 2020 kick off meeting for our 40th anniversary year will be Wednesday, January 15th. Doors open at 6 pm, with the meeting starting at 6:30. The event will be our annual wine and pie tasting contests, including a special presentation on wine pairings from Susan Baggett.

The club will furnish smoked pork chops and hot German Potato Salad. Members A-M bring salads, N-Z bring vegetables. The club will provide a special anniversary cake for everyone to enjoy.

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Jasper DeutscherVerein January Meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at the Moose Lodge in Jasper with 92 members and 4 guests. As club members arrived, they were greeted by Board of Directors members Dan Wehr and Pat Schuler. A display of the new logo designed by Tracy Lorey for the Sisters City Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler Germany was on display at the entrance. Members were then directed to a table manned by Lacey Apple and Mary Leah Siegel, where they were given our new club pin and pen. Everyone was very excited at seeing and wearing our new pins!

President Van Ziegler opened the meeting by welcoming the 92 members and 4 guests to our first meeting in 2020 celebrating our 40th year of existence as a club, with a round of applause by all our members. Paul Siegel, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance and singing God Bless America, along with Ein Prosit.

Paul announced the wine and pie contests that were being held during the meeting. There were 15 pie entries and 16 homemade wine entries – what a great turnout!

A moment of silence was held for those club members who passed on in 2019. Happy Birthday (Liebe Freunde) was then sung to celebrate those members with January birthdays.

After a photo of our entire club, Van gave an overview of the events we have for 2020, including StrassenVORfest in July, a family-oriented event in June, and a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. We will also be having a special anniversary issue of our newsletter coming out shortly, with an overview of the history of our club. Many thanks to Dan Wehr for contributing to the history, and Patti Goepfrich for being our primary “communicator” for our club with the newsletter, history of the club, and internet communications. Well done!

Paul then read a proclamation from the City of Jasper in honor of our 40th anniversary, signed by our Mayor, Dean Vonderheide. The proclamation will be posted on our club website for all to see. Van also read a congratulatory letter he received from Dieter Hahn, the Mayor of Pfaffenweiler, Germany, our sister city, congratulating our club on our 40th anniversary.

After Treasurer Mike Ackerman presented a financial overview of our club, Van asked for questions, then requested approval of the 2020 budget by club members. The budget was unanimously approved.

The next item was the potential addition of three new members to our current Board of Directors. The three candidates were Lacey Apple, Brandon Ferguson, and Landon Weidenbenner. These three candidates were endorsed by the current Board, and all three have become very involved in our German Club and Strassenfest to help maintain the cultures and traditions of our heritage, as well as create new traditions for our club and community. All three candidates were unanimously voted to our Board. Congratulations, Lacy, Brandon and Landon!

Dan Wehr gave an update to our club on the sale of the building where our wall mural and maypole are located off the city square. The new owners not only have a strong German heritage but want to actively support our club’s efforts to grow our German heritage awareness within the community. Good news!

After a prayer was given for dinner by Paul, the club dined on smoked pork chops, hot German potato salad, and a wide variety of side dishes, wrapped up by an Anniversary cake provided by the club. As the club dined, Ross Halvorsen gave a presentation on the new logo created for the Sister Cities program. This was a joint effort between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler.

After the meal, Susan Baggett gave a presentation on wines and helpful information on how they are made and can best be paired with meals. The presentation was full of information, and the handout for the club was very much appreciated.

The attendance prize drawing winners were Sandy Wehr and Donna Humbert. Special prizes were won by Fred Hollinden and Ardella Keusch.

The 1st place winner in the wine contest for the grape category was Linda Wehr, and Maggie Schmitt won 1st place in the non-grape category.

The 1st place winner in the pie contest with a caramel apple pie in the fruit category was Phyllis Schuler and Shelly Whalen won 1st place with a dark chocolate bourbon pecan pie in the “other” category.

A special thanks went out to the judges and participants in the wine and pie contests. Everyone enjoyed tasting the wines and pie entries after the judging and announcement of winners.

Our next German Club meeting of our 40th anniversary year is Wednesday, February 19th, featuring our annual homemade beer and bread contests. We will also have a presentation and group activity by Eli Haddix on

understanding the characteristics of beers and their compatibility with food.

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt
Secretary

A message from our treasurer

Thanks to all who have paid their annual dues of \$10.00 per person (\$20.00 per couple) for 2020.

If you still need to pay, dues may be mailed to: Jasper German Club, P O Box 15, Jasper IN 47547-0015.

Mike Ackerman
Treasurer

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

März

März 18, 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. requesting members A-H bring a salad, I-Q a dessert, and R-Z a veggie. Doors open at 6:00pm and festivities begin at 6:30pm.

Mai

Mai 20, 2020-Wednesday-Moose Lodge

Juli

Juli 12, 2020-Sunday-Moose Lodge – 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

Oktober

Oktober 9-10, 2020 – Trip to Oktoberfest in Nashville, TN. Call Jackie at 812-482-7158 for more information.

New Partnership Logo

Since 1985 the small American city of Jasper, Indiana, and the little German wine growing village of Pfaffenweiler in the Markgräflerland are connected by a strong and tight partnership with a planned 35th anniversary celebration this coming summer.

During the biannual student exchange last summer, the Partnership Commissions of both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler decided to link the two towns even more by developing a common Partnership Logo.

A competition was announced for community members of both towns to submit designs between August 1 and September 30, 2019.

Over 60 submissions were received, created by 20 artists, and the winning logo, created by Tracy L. Lorey of Running Design Studio, was announced November 1, 2019. The Partnership Logo, in its final version, was announced on January 6.

Labels of this logo have already been made for bottles of Pfaffenweiler wine sold in Jasper and will soon appear on a variety of media associated with Sister Cities of Jasper and the Partnership Commissions on both sides of the Atlantic.

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News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Sister Cities info...get ready for the golf scramble! If you can't play in the scramble, could you help recruit a team? If you would like to donate a prize, we will GLADLY accept it! ALL proceeds go to the exchange program! Danke!



Pfaffenweiler, December 13th, 2019

40th Anniversary

Dear Members of the Jasper Deutscher Verein,
Very Honored President Ziegler,

Forty years ago, in January of 1980, a few idealists founded the Jasper Deutscher Verein. Thus the club is older than the partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, which followed in 1985.

The Deutscher Verein is not only older, but the initiator of the partnership, because with the beginning of the club the desire began on the American side to research the ancestry of each family.

This desire found the results by hiring Dr. Sabine Jordan, who through her research 'found' Pfaffenweiler.

The Jasper DeutscherVerein thus does not only resemble the pride of Americans for their German Heritage, but it also embodies a deep connection to the official partnership of both communities, Jasper and Pfaffenweiler.

The list of projects over the past forty years is long, thus I will mention only some as an example.

German Strassenfest in Jasper

The German Beer tent as part of the Strassenfest

Support of the Jasper High School Exchange Program

Support of the Stone Carver Project in Jasper

The large wall Mural about the settlers along with the May Pole

Financing the Water wheel of the re-built Eckert Mill

Representing the community of Pfaffenweiler, from all their citizens, we congratulate your very heartfelt to your 40th anniversary. I want to thank you very much for all your great work and cooperation we have enjoyed together of the past decades.

I wish you a wonderful anniversary celebration, and hope to welcome some members of the Jasper DeutscherVerein in Pfaffenweiler during our 35th anniversary celebration in June of 2020.

With friendly Greetings

Bürgermeister

Dieter Hahn

StrassenVORfest – A “Prep for the Fest” Event

The Jasper DeutscherVerein (Jasper German Club) will again have a community, family friendly event, StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 12th, from noon to 3pm at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. This will be a “Prep for the Fest” event.

StrassenVORfest will help usher in the 2020 Strassenfest which will be held in Jasper on July 30 – August 2.

There will be German dancing, singing, and German themed coloring for kids.

Local businesses have donated items for three gift baskets to be given away at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm for those who register.

The Strassenfest wood cut-out will be available for those who wish to take pictures.

There will be 2020 Strassenfest buttons and mugs for sale as well as various sizes of Strassenfest bunting, slightly used and new traditional German clothing items.

Also available will be a variety of vintage Strassenfest souvenirs for sale.

Come for lunch. And enjoy the afternoon with us!!!!

Bridgette Bartley will again have a clothing booth to sell vintage dirndls, lederhosen, wool socks, men's and women's DeutscherVerein vests, children's German clothing, or any other German clothing items from members. Now is the time to begin going through your closets and chest of drawers.

Bridgette will accept these items at the February, March, April, and May meetings. Please have all items given to her by May 20th. Please have all items tagged with your name, telephone number, size of item, and how much you want to sell your item for.

We would like to have all vintage items given to Bridgette by May 20th so she has time to document all items for the clothing booth. Bringing items the day of StrassenVORfest makes getting items properly displayed very difficult.

More details to come later!!!!!!

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, 2020. 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, 2020 to: Jasper Deutscher Verein Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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:

(Note: There were no gifts to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment 10-1-2019 to 12-31-2019)

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