



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

May 2015

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.

Membership

It is truly exciting to be involved with a club that is financially self-sustaining.

Dues continue to flow into the treasury and members have a giving spirit and support our special prize fund each month. These two items alone have allowed us to pay all the bills for the monthly meeting, newsletter, website, and supplies.

The only depletion of funds was to support the charitable organizations that our club holds near and dear to our hearts: High School German Scholarship, Sister Cities Student Exchange program, and Sister Cities golf scramble.

If the last 55 member families pay their dues in April and May, we can potentially pay for the April and May monthly meetings with those funds.

To verify if your dues have been paid, please review the label attached to this newsletter. Look for the expiration date. If it doesn't say 2015, please consider sending a check. If you have any questions, please send Laura and email at lagrammer@psci.net.

Thanks again for all your support to the club; both financially and with your time and upbeat spirit in the meetings and events. Look forward to spending some quality time with all of you at Strassenfest Booth this year.

Laura Grammer, 812-634-2138

STRASSENFEST 2015

We are beginning our planning for 2015 Strassenfest Food Booths and would like for you to start thinking about how you can help. We have begun the work schedule sign-ups. As a reminder, Strassenfest will be July 30 through August 2, 2015. We will need workers for both the pastry and brat stands and also help with stand set up on Tuesday prior to the start of Strassenfest and tear down on Sunday. As you know, this is our only fundraiser for the year and we depend on this event to fund our monthly meetings, scholarship awards, etc. Should you have any question, please call Pat or Phyllis Schuler at 812.482.2373. Thank you in advance for your help.

Message from Mike.....

Our March meeting featured a wonderful presentation from Karola Festag and Knuth Schirmmeister, adult chaperones for the exchange students from Poessneck, Germany. This was very informative and helped to provide some insight of the effects of Russian rule over East Germany that many of us know so little about. Great interaction with Deutscher Verein members at the meeting. Thank you Sandy Wehr for arranging for this program.

On Sunday May 3rd, our club will be making a trip to the Azalea Path Arboretum & Botanical Gardens west of Petersburg IN. The Azalea Path has a nominal fee to tour their facility. This should be at the height of bloom, and beauty. If you like nature and flowering plants in general, this promises to be a sight to behold. Following the tour, we will enjoy wine tasting at Azalea Path or Plan B may include an extension of caravan trip to another winery that has music. Meet at Ackerman Oil parking lot for a Noon departure.

Our last regularly scheduled meeting before the summer break will be on Wednesday May 20. The program will feature a tour of the new craft brewery under construction in the basement of Klubhaus 61. Looking forward to some hints of what is to come from Brew Master Wayne Patmore and the Hanselmans. Our meal will feature Bratwurst and German Fries. Watch the paper for assignments for side dishes.

We plan to continue with winery/brewery visits on weekends throughout the summer and fall. As most of the wineries have not yet published their entertainment schedules, we are not able to provide dates at this time. At the May meeting, we will have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to be on a call list or email list to be notified of these events. We will also try to post this information on the Facebook page.

Finally, remember to sign up to work at the Strassenfest. The club needs revenue to support our activities and meetings, and the earnings from working our Strassenfest stands provide a very large portion of our budget. While it is some effort, this is also a time of great fellowship. Invite children and grandchildren to take part in helping at the stand and preserving and celebrating our German Heritage. Thank you to Pat &

Phyllis Schuler for chairing the Strassenfest Stand again this year.

Mike Ackerman

Deutscher Verein April Meeting in Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met on April 15th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Laura and Paul Grammer and Barb Schmitt were at the welcome table, and Phyllis Schuler and Linda Wehr were taking sign ups for workers for the Strassenfest food and pastry booths.

President Mike Ackerman opened the meeting by welcoming the 85 members and guests by leading in the toast Ein Prosit. He also led The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer before the meal.

Laura Ackerman gave the treasurers report. Mike gave details of the upcoming trip to Germany. Participants will leave on August 25th. He also gave details on a trip to the Azalea Path Arboretum and Botanical Gardens west of Petersburg In. on Sunday, May 3rd. They do charge a small fee to tour the facility. Whoever would like to go, we are meeting at Ackerman Oil at 12:00 pm and will caravan from there. He also gave the date and location of the May meeting. It will be at KlubHaus 61 on Wednesday May 20th and will feature a tour of the new craft brewery that is under construction in the basement of KlubHaus 61.

Pat Schuler gave details of Strassenfest which will be July 30 through August 2. We will need workers for both the pastry and brat stands, and also help with setting up on Tuesday evening prior to the start off Strassenfest and tear down on Sunday. The brat stand will be open for lunch on Friday. We will be adding fried bologna on a bun and tavern cheese with horseradish. We will be taking sign ups at the May meeting or you can call Phyllis or Pat Schuler at 482-2373.

Sandy Wehr discussed fundraising for the German Exchange Program. The students will be selling BR Bucks from April 20th to May 10th. Sister Cities will be having a golf scramble on May 16 at Buffalo Trace Golf Course- Shotgun start at 1:00 pm, \$50 a person- \$200 per team. You can also sponsor a hole.

Sandy then introduced the program for the evening. The JHS Student Exchange Program hosted a group of students from Poessneck Germany and they provided us with information about their schools and activities in Poessneck.

After the program, the drawings were held with the help of Xavier Rasche. Door prizes were won by John Luebbehusen and Linda Burk. Special prizes were won by Sandy Wehr and Edward Wening.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 20th at Klubhaus 61 . Members should bring dessert or salad. Entree will be Brats and German fries.

The meeting was adjourned. The rest of the evening was spent socializing

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Mai Meeting

At KlubHaus 61

Mittwoch (Wednesday) Mai 20, 2015

Will feature a tour of the new craft brewery under construction in the basement of Klubhaus 61. This is an opportunity to get 'einen kurzen Einblick' a sneak peek on the "ground floor" of activities.

Time: 6:00pm Doors Open with
6:30pm - Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Members should bring a salad or dessert. Watch the paper for assignments on side dishes.

The main entrée will be Bratwurst and German Fries.

JHS German Exchange Students will be selling BR Bucks April 20 – May 10

Sister Cities Golf Scramble – May 16th at Buffalo Trace Golf Course – Shotgun start at 1:00pm \$50 per person - \$200 for a team

Jasper Strassenfest – July 30th – August 2nd

August, 2015 - 30th Anniversary of Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister City Partnership - Celebration in Jasper. The Partnership Commission has been meeting to make plans for the event. The guests from Germany will arrive on July 29th and depart on August 9th.

Family and Worker Appreciation Picnic

August 15th at the Jasper Outdoor and Recreation Club

German American Day Dinner Oktober 6th at KlubHaus 61

Dudenhofen, Germany Update

The St. Gangolf Choir gave wonderful concerts at St. Ferdinand Church and at the Monastery Immaculate Conception on March 28 and March 29. Thank you to all who attended to give support to the groups and also to the Ferdinand Tourism Group who planned such a wonderful visit for the guests from Dudenhofen.

On March 29th, Dave and Sandy Wehr, Matthias and Kathy Hilger, and Patti Goepfrich attended the group's celebration dinner at the Schnitzelbank. Each gave a short presentation wishing the group from Ferdinand and Mariah Hill and the group from Dudenhofen, Germany luck and good wishes as they travel down the path of forming a Sister Cities Partnership.

Annual Sister Cities of Jasper Golf Scramble

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. is sponsoring a golf scramble on May 16th at the Buffalo Trace Golf Course. Entry fee is \$200 per team, \$50 per person. This includes green fees, golf cart, and lunch prior to the start of the event. There will be a shotgun start at 1:00pm. There will be prizes and food. To sign up your foursome, please call Sandy Wehr at [812-482-2055](tel:812-482-2055) or email at senora@twc.com.

Rachel Louviere
Cultural History Paper
English 201
October 30, 2014

(Rachel was part of the Exchange Group in 2013)

Cultural Partnerships

President Eisenhower once said, "To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time". The partnership created between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler is a bond based on cultural, educational, and informational exchanges, creating lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace (Conference). This is exactly what President Eisenhower wanted. For Jasper, Indiana this happened in 1847 when residents of Pfaffenweiler, Germany headed to America aboard the "Tallahassee" (Sister City History). 167 years after the voyage, you can still trace the German names of the ones who originated from Pfaffenweiler. These original residents that settled in Jasper can receive credit for the partnership created in 1985, by the signing of the Certificate of Partnership between Jasper, Indiana and Pfaffenweiler, Germany. Not only did this partnership create a cultural bond dating back from 1847 but also helped emphasize the Strassenfest Festival, Deutscherverein (German Club), Jasper Sister Cities, and German Exchange.

So let's rewind back to the 1800's when the Pfaffenweiler area was experiencing difficulties. These economic difficulties were a result of poor weather conditions that made for poor-quality of grapes, which would not sell. The rapid population increase at the time and the potato famine also resulted in food shortage. The Pfaffenweiler Riverine Kleiser reported: "on June 10, 1842, Joseph Kundek, missionary priest in Jasper in the state of Indiana in North America, arrived and lived in our parish house until June 11th in the morning... This gentleman had the kindness to stop in Pfaffenweiler during a recruiting trip to find a priest for America since most of his parishioners are emigrants from Pfaffenweiler. He brought their relatives news about their family members and gave audiences to all who wished to receive news or information about them. It was touching to see the eagerness with which people sought information about their relatives in that foreign part of the world." (Viz. Archive of the Parish Pfaffenweiler, Document XVII, church visitation and statistics.) (Historic Jasper, Inc.). Father Joseph Kundek established St. Joseph's parish in Jasper, Indiana. (Eckert)

Father Kundek was a generous man who used his love for the people to see what he could do. On March 24, 1847 more than 100 residents of Pfaffenweiler, Germany left their homes in hopes of better life in America. These people called America, "Das Land Der Unbegrenzten Moglichkeiten", which translates in English as "the Land of the Unlimited Opportunities". Among these people were the family names of Beck, Daschle, Eckerle, Eckert, Erb, Kiefer, Lange, Schmidt, Schuble, and Stenftenagel (Historic Jasper, Inc.). They arrived June 15, 1847 after sailing to New Orleans, up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Troy, Indiana and from there on foot to Ferdinand and Jasper, Indiana.

Just think... these people left their homes and families to find new life in America. Could you just get up and leave with barely anything and sail across the sea to a land you have never seen but only heard of? Most of us would say no because the thought of the unknown is frightening. These people wanted to be part of the American dream, the land of the free and brave, and the thought of staying was more frightening. After the original residents of Pfaffenweiler settled in Ferdinand and Jasper, Indiana, their families and more came to this land. This was a timely process, but throughout the years families coming from Pfaffenweiler grew a bond or connection between Jasper, Indiana and Pfaffenweiler, Germany. This bond helped lead to the growth of German heritage and creation of many organizations and events in Jasper.

The first major event that Jasper celebrated was in 1895, called First German Day Celebration. In 1979, this celebration led to the first Strassenfest held in Jasper, Indiana. Members of local businesses of Jasper organized this event. The first weekend in August,

Thursday through Sunday, was chosen for the Strassenfest celebration. During the Strassenfest, individuals may attend a Queen Contest, go to the Beer Garden, enjoy carnival rides, or run in the "Wettlauf" race. The weekend culminates with a parade. In Figure 2 is a photo taken outside the Beer Garden, where individuals can eat and socialize with friends and family (Flick). The Strassenfest is a street festival where booths line the streets with food and games that people of all ages can enjoy. One event that I have wanted to be a part of is the Queen Contest. Being crowned Strassenfest Queen became a goal of mine after I came back from my trip to Germany. The culture was so fascinating and I hope to participate in the contest this coming year. The queen not only attends many of events during the fest, but most importantly represents Jasper and the importance of our German Heritage. The queen has a court that also plays a huge role in representing Jasper. Another event is the "Wettlauf" which is a 5k walk/run that individuals can participate in. Depending on an individual's finish, participants might receive a plaque or medal for their efforts. The Beer Garden is the most popular place for individuals over the age of 21 to visit. At the Beer Garden you can, of course, find beer, but many bands come to perform for entertainment. Ending the Strassenfest is a parade. Kids line the streets to see the fire trucks and bands play music to celebrate our German heritage. This was a perfect event for different clubs, businesses, and organizations to advertise themselves (Flick). The Strassenfest still is a part of our German celebration today. People come from Germany and all over the United States to be part of this celebration. This event is a constant reminder of how important our German heritage is to our town and a way we can celebrate all the great accomplishments.

In 1980, the Jasper Deutscherverein was established. The Jasper Deutscherverein, or German Club, was established to further an interest in our German heritage and study our history. This club started with 78 members and has now grown to 450 members. The Deutscherverein assists with the Strassenfest festivities, give financial aid to the Jasper High School-Pfaffenweiler, West Germany student exchange program, and is responsible for the May Pole near the town square. Also important is the Remembrance Stone. This major monument, which is located outside the Jasper City Hall, is a carved stone remembrance of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler's partnership, which became official with the signing of the Certificate of Partnership on May 23, 1985. Throughout the past 34 years the Deutscherverein has not only helped the community but also Jasper High School German students. In the summer of 2013, I was able to spend a month in Germany thanks in part to the Jasper Deutscherverein.

In 1956, Sister Cities International was created at a conference President Eisenhower held at the White

House (Conference). The creation of Sister Cities International eventually led to the partnership between Jasper, Indiana and Pfaffenweiler, Germany. Not only did the Strassenfest and the Jasper Deutscherverein lead to this signing but also the early German settlers that embarked on a mission to find a new life. This Certificate of Partnership was signed on May 23, 1985 in Jasper, Indiana (Sister City History). Forty-one citizens of Pfaffenweiler visited Jasper to be part of this signing. This was the highlight to their week long trip in Jasper. During the signing, the mayor of Jasper, Jerome Alles, and mayor of Pfaffenweiler, Fritz Gutsell, signed the official Certificate of Partnership (Dilger, Eckert and Patti). The ability to have this partnership first started when President Eisenhower established Sister Cities International in 1956. He wanted America to create global relationships, based on friendship and peace. I believe that the signing of Pfaffenweiler and Jasper's certificate of Partnership created just that, a peaceful relationship between two towns. (Sister City History).

Lastly, one of the most important things to me was the German Exchange program at Jasper High School. The reason I find it so important is that not only did I participate in this program in the summer of 2013, but this educational and cultural exchange will keep the partnership going for future generations. The German Exchange first started April of 1986 when three students from Pfaffenweiler attended Jasper High School for a month. Then in June of 1986, five students from Jasper attended Staufen Gymnasium for one month in Pfaffenweiler. One student from Pfaffenweiler named Jutta Eisenring came to Jasper High School for a whole year. Then in April of 1987, 23 students from Pfaffenweiler came to JHS for one month and in June of 1987, 19 students from JHS went school at Staufen Gymnasium. This exchange continues to this day, with the next group from Jasper going to Germany in June 2015. (Dilger, Eckert and Patti).

The students come from Pfaffenweiler and stay with a host family for about a month in Jasper. They attend school with their Jasper partner and also attend outside activities with them such as football games, shopping, concerts, and hanging out with friends. This is the same when the students from Jasper go to Pfaffenweiler for a month. The American students attend school and do daily activities same as German teens do. The month that both students are in a foreign land they experience a complete cultural twist. From past experiences I can say that this is completely true. When I went to Germany, I found that everyday life is completely different from what it is in America. This is something that the students can take back home and share with their families. The memories formed through the German exchange program are ones that I personally will never forget. My two exchange students will be considered my

exchange “sisters” forever (Pfaffenweiler Families in Jasper, Indiana).

Let me explain how the partnership benefited me through my time involved in German Exchange. My exchange student, Lisa, came in October of 2012 and stayed for 2 weeks. During the time Lisa was here, she attended high school with me, went to a football game, and hung out with friends. She was here during my fall break, so she was able to go to Florida with my family and me. That is not something all exchange students get to do, but she got her parents’ permission and got to enjoy an American beach. Lisa’s time in America was the best and our friendship is on going. After she went back to Germany we stayed in touch because I would be coming to visit her that summer.

Summer of 2013, I was able to embark on a once in a life time opportunity. Eighteen students, including me, were able to spend a month in Germany. This adventure would not have ever been possible without the help of the community, our school, and countless supporters. The relationships I made with the students of Pfaffenweiler will last forever and I am so thankful for being part of the history of Jasper Sister Cities. Being able to live in a place where the language is different, the food is different, and the way of life is different was extremely eye opening. Being part of German exchange helped me form many lasting personal relationships, make many great memories, and experience a culture and people that have impacted my life in a positive way.

The past 167 years of German heritage, in Jasper, Indiana, many things were developed. Throughout the past decades, the cultural relationship formed between Jasper, Indiana and Pfaffenweiler, Germany led to the growth and renewal of many organizations within the area. Without this cultural relationship, there would be no Jasper Strassenfest, no Jasper Deutscherveiren, no German Exchange, and most importantly no Certificate of Partnership (Dilger, Eckert and Patti). This renewal was just that, to renew the partnership that was created years before, a new more up to date version of the Partnership. I hope the partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler will last for years to come and more individuals get to experience and learn more about our cultural history and maybe even be part of it (Pfaffenweiler Families in Jasper, Indiana).

Jasper Deutscherveiren, Jasper Strassenfest, German Exchange, and the signing of the Certificate of Partnership have all played a huge role in the history of Jasper, Indiana and Pfaffenweiler, Germany’s Sister Cities cultural relationship. President Eisenhower not only wanted relationships, but also peace. I think that is what happened with Pfaffenweiler, our sister city. We are joined together as family if we have descendants from Pfaffenweiler or not; we all have played a role. My hopes and dreams for this relationship is that it is never broken

and that the connections stay strong so that more students might be able to have the same experience that I had. Through being part of such a huge part of Jasper’s history I feel that it is my responsibility to emphasize the importance of one’s cultural roots and background in my paper. Never forget where you came from and never forget the mark you can make in history.

(Note: In June, 2015, Sandy Wehr and Josh Dodd will accompany a group of students from Jasper High School to Germany. We send our best wishes for a safe trip.)

Facts about Germany

Germany boasts some of world’s most famous inventions – you can thank the Germans for the light bulb, the automated calculator, and the automobile. That’s not all – the Germans are also credited for the discovery of insulin, the invention of the clarinet, the pocket watch, television (partly), paraffin, petrol/gasoline & Diesel engines, the automobile engine, differential gear and other important devices, the motorcycle, the jet engine, the LCD screen and the Walkman.

Germany has the largest population in the EU – the population of Germany is around 80.2 million, with 3.4 million people living in the capital Berlin. Yet two out of five households are single-person households.

Just over 8 percent of the population were foreigners at the end of 2012 – most are from Europe, with the top three foreign nationalities being Turkish, Polish and Italian.

On average, German women give birth to their first child at 29 years old – they also have (statistically) 1.4 children, and about a third of them are single mothers. In 2012 the most popular children’s names were Sophie/Sofie for a girl and Maximilian for a boy.

Germany is rated highly as a place to grow old – life expectancy in Germany is almost 81 years (one year higher than the OECD average) – 83 for women and 78 for men – and just over 26 percent of the population is currently over 60. Germany is a good place to retire: it ranks third (out of 91 countries) in the Global AgeWatch Index 2013 for wellbeing amongst the elderly.

About two-thirds of the population are Christian – split evenly between Protestant and Catholic, but you’ll find more Protestants in the north and more Catholics in the south. There are around 4 million Muslims and 100,000 Jews.

Berlin’s Zoologischer Garten is the largest zoo in the world – Germany also boasts more than 400 registered zoos. Including zoological gardens, wildlife parks, aquariums, bird parks, animal reserves, or safari parkstotal, Germany has nearly 700 facilities.

Germany’s education system produces top performers – students score higher than average on the OECD’s PISA scale, and 86 percent of adults aged 25–64 have completed at least upper secondary education (equivalent of a high school diploma). That’s well above the EU average of 74.2 percent.

Germany has high levels of employment – in 2013, almost three quarters of people aged 15–64 had a paid job (77 percent of men and 68 percent of women). Men are primarily in full-time work, while women, especially those with pre-school children, often work part-time. However, Germany only adopted a minimum wage in 2014 for the first time, to start in 2015.

Women have not achieved full equality workwise – full-time female workers earn around 77 percent of the salaries of their male colleagues. A recent OECD study showed that only 4 percent of board members in DAX-listed companies are women – DAX is the German share index.

Childcare facilities are in short supply, and Germany has one of Europe's lowest birth rates – in 2012, only a quarter of children under three were in day care. However, a law implemented in 2013 aims to ensure a daycare slot for all children over 12 months old in order to combat the low birth rate.

Germany is the EU's largest economy – with a gross domestic product (GDP) of EUR 2,574 billion, and lies fourth place in the world behind the US, China and Japan.

German small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) account for around 52 percent of Germany's entire economic output – these *mittelstand* (SMEs) employ some 14 million workers. Ninety-nine percent of German companies are SMEs and four out of every five trainees go on to work for them.

(taken from www.expatica.com)

Check out the Jasper German Club website at www.jaspergermanclub.org and see a very nice video of the opening ceremonies of the 2014 Strassenfest.

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

October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

In Memory of
Frank and Crystal Colvin
Richard Colvin
Gene Edwards
Maurice and Hallie Corn

James and Rita Corn

In Memory of Ann Sturm

Rita and Gary Egler

Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)

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 \$ _____

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Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2015 by completing and sending in the following form. 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 Thanks!

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

Name(s): _____

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[circle one]
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New Membership or Membership Renewal

Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: _____

Reminders.....

Check with Laura Grammer on your 2015 Deutscher Verein dues – lagrammer@psci.net or 812-634-2138

Call Pat or Phyllis Schuler at 812-482-2373 and sign up for a shift or two in the Food Booth or Pastry Booth at the Strassenfest or attend the May meeting. Signups will be taking there also!!!!

Buy BR Bucks from the Exchange Students to support their trip in June, 2015. Call Sandy Wehr at 812-482-2055 or email to her at senora@twc.com

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