

37th Reunion, 225 Years Jarek, 25 Years Sponsorship Beuren-Jarek

On September 15, 2012 we Jarekers were able to again hold our reunion in the wine-press house in our sponsor community Beuren. It was to be a special reunion. We wanted to recall the founding of Jarek 225 years ago and also the sponsorship with the community Beuren, now existing for 25 years.

When we arrived in the morning, there was a drenching rain. We feared the worst, but after the noon meal, which the families Rapp and Philipps had again served in their established way, the sun came out and we could go to church in radiant sunshine.

Pastor Andreas Stiehler had received the program of the 150th anniversary celebration and selected the hymns which had been sung in the festival worship service of 1937. In his address, he especially detailed the 25 years of the sponsorship between Beuren and Jarek, and in his very insightful sermon about the kindness and faithfulness of the Lord from Psalm 25 he affected the hearts of the Jarekers. Following the divine service the honoring of the dead took place at the Jarek-Platz (Jarek Square). The First Chairman of the OA Jarek, Michael Rettinger, in his address, thanked Burgomaster Erich Hartmann and the community Beuren that for 25 years we have a site with a memorial stone at the Jarek-Platz where we can commemorate our dead. Theresia Helbig then read the names of the Jarekers who died during this year.

In the autumnally decorated wine-press house Michael Rettinger welcomed Burgomaster Erich Hartmann and his wife as well as several councilmen. Also the Federal Chairman of the Landsmannschaft (Territorial Association) of Danube Swabians, Hans Supritz, with his spouse and the Bezirksvorsitzende (District Chairman) of North Wurttemberg, Lorenz Baron, had accepted our invitation. Michael Rettinger stressed that it is of great concern for him to interest the younger generation of Jarekers in the future of the reunions, for only thus is it ensured that the Heimatortsgemeinschaft (HOG) Jarek can continue to exist. The Jarek website is an important communication link for that.

The next speaker, Hans Supritz, expressed his thanks for the invitation and remarked that he always enjoys very much coming to the Jarek reunions. He also had very appreciative words about the Jarek activities of the past years. He then opined that it is not very often that a Danube Swabian community can realize a 225th anniversary at all. In very many communities there are no reunions possible any more due to a lack of participants or the HOG is already dissolved.

Michael Schmidt introduced then the Festschrift (commemorative publication) which had been composed by Inge Morgenthaler, Reinhard Rieß, Michael Rettinger and Michael Schmidt for the celebration of 25 years of sponsorship. It contains over 50 pages of reports and pictures of the activities of the Jarekers of the

past 25 years. Also the bicentennial and the 220th anniversary as well as the unveiling of the two memorial plaques in Jarek and Ulm are to be especially mentioned. Due to the advanced time the two next items on the program turned out to be shorter than planned. Inge Morgenthaler showed pictures of past reunions and Reinhard Rieß gave an introduction to the newly designed website: www.hog-jarek.de.

The reunion ended after the traditional supper with “Brodworscht” (bratwurst) and coleslaw and the approximately 60 Jarekers, who had arrived this time, went again on their homeward journey. The farthest distance doubtlessly had Herbert Morgenthaler from California and Gerald Nunnenmacher from Vienna.

Inge Morgenthaler, OA (Ortsausschuss) Jarek



Burgomaster Erich Hartmann presents Michael Schmidt with the Beuren billy goat as recognition of his commitment to the success of the sponsorship during the past 25 years.

New Publication and Release for the 225 Anniversary of Jarek

For the 225th anniversary and for the 25th anniversary of the sponsorship with Beuren on September 15, 2012, the OA (Ortsausschuss) (Village Committee) Jarek has produced a new publication and a new release. They are:

1. **The Festschrift** (commemorative publication) with over 50 pages and over 60 pictures, mainly in *color*. It contains reports of the activities of the Heimatortsgemeinschaft Jarek in the last 25 years since the existence of the sponsorship with the communities Beuren (for example, the bicentennial and the erection of the commemorative stone at the Jarek Platz of 1987, 220th anniversary, erection of the commemorative plaques in Jarek and Ulm, Jarek trip in 2010, and much more). It costs US \$10 (shipping approximately US \$5).
2. **The CD of the Jarek Heimatbuch of 1937** with the supplement of 1958 and a village map of 1944 (by Franz Fuderer). This book was the Festschrift of the 150th anniversary of 1937, written by Dr. Johann Schmidt, Pastor Franz Morgenthaler, Teacher Wilhelm Heinz and Dr. Franz Wallrabenstein. It has been out of print for a long time and also very interesting for genealogical research of other towns, since it contains the lists of the early migrants (from about 1820) to the neighboring towns of Jarek. The CD can be read on any PC and then be printed. It costs only US \$12 plus shipping. When ordering both, you pay only a single shipping charge.

You may order from: Hans Wallrabenstein, Ziegelhütte 25, 67256 Weisenheim am Sand, or under hans@wallrabenstein.de.

Festschrift zur 225-Jahr-Feier der Gemeinde Jarek

1787 – 2012

und 25 Jahre Patenschaft

Beuren – Jarek

1987 – 2012



Gedenksteine der Jareker

in Jarek (1937) und in Beuren (1987)



am 15. September 2012

in der Kelter in Beuren

