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Stan Jochum Awarded the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award



Stan Jochum of Jasper was presented with the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award during the 2022 Jasper Strassenfest on Saturday, August 6, 2022. The presentation was made by Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger of the Federal Republic of Germany based in Chicago.

This award is given by the German Ambassador to recognize outstanding Americans who in their respective fields of academia, politics, media, culture and other areas, have had an impact in fostering positive German-American relations.

The award has been in existence since 1981 and is given every year by the German Ambassador to thank extraordinary citizens for their outstanding commitment in promoting excellent relations between the two countries.

This is the highest award that the Ambassador can award to an individual.

Mr. Jochum was employed by the Greater Jasper Consolidated School System from 1974 to June, 2004.

In 1986, Mary Jo Meuser had planned to take the first group of JHS students to Pfaffenweiler/Staufen, Germany. Mrs. Meuser became sick and Stan stepped in to take the group over and since then has led multiple groups of students for a month at a time, hosted many of the teachers during the counter visits from the Faust Gymnasium Staufen and the Am Weissen Turm Gymnasium in Poesneck. He has helped manage the bi-annual exchange program since then in the background during the planning process, arranging travel details with airlines and more. And he is still engaged in it many years later and he and others chaperoned the students in June of this year.

He serves on the Jasper Partnership Commission, the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and is a member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein.

Mr. Jochum led the Stone Carver project and Arts and Craft Program Exchange between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler through Sister Cities.

Stan and his wife, Gayle Ann, have a son, Sean, and two grandchildren as reside in Jasper.

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