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Calendar
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FIRST CLASS

- December 4, Friday
Sports Committee Meeting
- December 6, Sunday
Children's Christmas Party @ 3:00pm
Majors vs Rising Star 2:00 pm
EPSA Amateur Cup
- December 12, Saturday
Wald-Echo Christmas Party
- December 19, Saturday
Männerchor Christmas Party
- December 20, Sunday
Brunch ~ 10am-2pm
- December 22, Tuesday
Board Dinner – Meeting @ 6:30pm
- December 24 and 25
Club Closed
- December 28, Monday
Last day for New Year's Eve Tickets
- December 31, Thursday
New Year's Eve Party
Ratskeller Closed
Deadline for 2016 Membership dues

COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY 2016

- January 1, Friday
Club Closed
HAPPY NEW YEAR
- January 10, Sunday
Brunch - 10am to 2pm
- January 19, Tuesday
Ladies Auxiliary Casino Trip
- January 22, Friday
Youth Soccer Banquet
- January 27, Wednesday
Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party
- January 31, Sunday
Active Membership Meeting & Elections

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Fröhliche Weihnachten
Merry Christmas*



*Glückliches Gesundes Neues Jahr
Happy, Healthy New Year*

As 2015 comes to an end, we gather together to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. On behalf of my family and the Board of Directors, I send our warmest wishes to all our members.
A special thank you to all the people who helped and supported the Club in so many different ways throughout the past year, especially the Executive Board, Trustees and Directors.
Wishing that everyone has a happy, healthy holiday and may the New Year bring you greater joy and prosperity. For our Club, I wish continued success in the coming year.

Jay Bitterlich, President

"CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY"

All children of Club members are invited to attend our annual Children's Christmas Party on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015, at 3:00pm. All Children planning to participate on stage, please call Peter Hansen at 215-672-3039 by Friday, December 4th.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
CHOICE OF ENTREES:

- SURF & TURF -\$65.00 BROILED FILET MIGNON -\$55.00
- CHICKEN with HAM, SPINACH and GOUDA CHEESE- \$40.00
- JUMBO LUMP CRABCAKES-\$50.00 SHRIMP MEDITERRANEAN over PASTA - \$40.00

Dinners will be served from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and include:
DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA, TAX AND GRATUITY
Hats, Noisemakers and Party Favors provided
and Coffee and Danish will be served after Midnight
DJ Music from 7:00pm to 1:00am CASH BAR
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY – MUST SELECT ENTRÉE AND PAY IN ADVANCE.
To make your reservations, please call Verna at the Club office.
Tickets are available until December 28th

85th ANNIVERSARY

In 2016, our Club will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary. A banquet will be held in October to celebrate this event. As part of our celebration, we will have a commemorative booklet printed. We are looking for old photographs of past Club activities for our booklet. Anyone who has an old photograph to spare, please mail or drop it off at the Club to the attention of Tony Koller. More information on our 85th Anniversary Banquet will be in future Calendars.

Just a reminder: the Club will be closed on **December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.** On December 31st, the Club will only be open for our New Year's Eve Party.

DAMENCHOR WALD-ECHO

Our Herbst Konzert was outstanding. A Thank You to our conductor, Jacqueline Smith, our Wald-Echo Ladies, and guest chorus, Franklinville-Schwarzwald. Wishing our audience, friends, and singers a Frohe Weihnachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr 2016.
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CHEF'S MENU FOR DECEMBER 2015

~ Wednesday Self-Service Hours 5:00 to 7:00pm ~

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| 2 nd - Königsburg Klopse | Chicken Breast w/Bread Stuffing |
| 9 th - Chicken Parmesan | Veal Loaf w/Sautéed Onions |
| 16 th - Hungarian Goulash | Chicken Schnitzel |
| 23 rd - Chopped Sirloin | BBQ Spare Ribs |
| 30 th - Pork Schnitzel | Sirloin Tips w/Mushrooms |
| January 6 th - Fried Grouper | Roast Pork |



Children's Menu (under 10 years of age)

Hot Dog & Fries – \$3.50 or 2 Chicken Fingers & Fries – \$5.00

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Keep in mind that the deadline is December 31, 2015, and late fees will be applied to all dues not received by this date. Please make any corrections or additions to the sheet and return with your money. We would like to remind our members to **please** notify us during the year if you have any change to your address, phone number, e-mail address or marital status. This is the only way we can keep records up to date. Our sincere thanks to our members who were so prompt in returning the paperwork and fee for 2016, and especially to those who have so generously donated to our General fund or other committees. The donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016

Any Active member who is interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors must contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee before the **January Board Meeting which is Tuesday, January 26th**. Contact either, **Helga Bast at 215-886-8355, Klaus Bernhardt at 215-322-1569, Tom Thern at 215-672-0715 or Barb West at 215-322-4791.**

VE LADIES AUXILIARY

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Ladies Auxillary throughout the year and look forward to your continued support in the New Year. The Ladies Auxillary wishes all members, friends and guests a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CASINO TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY and NO CARD AND BINGO PARTY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS.

WEATHER PERMITTING OUR JANUARY 2016 SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
Tuesday, January 19th **AC Trip to Caesar's Casino** and Wednesday, January 27th **CARD AND BINGO PARTY.** Details will be in the January Calendar.

Thank you! Vi Taubenberger, President

A **HUGE** thank you to all who showed up to help with the November Fall Cleanup of the playground and picnic grove areas.

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SECRETARY, VERNA, AND THE CALENDAR COMMITTEE

SPORTS KORNER - "KICKS IN THE GRASS"

I wish all of you a joyous, wonderful and Merry Christmas. The Fall season is nearly over for most of our youth teams. Thanks to all the coaches, players, and parents who continue to make our soccer program a great success. Our Majors play Rising Star in the semi-finals of the EPSA Amateur Cup on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00pm. Come out and support their quest for a fourth EPSA Amateur Championship in a row.

Congratulations to our Over 40 Men's Soccer team for winning the Inter County League Championship for their fifth year in a row (2011-12-13-14-15).

The next Sports Committee meeting will be on **Friday**, December 4th at 7:00pm. Join us for a Christmas Celebration. **PLEASE ATTEND.**

John Kruse, Chairman

The Mighty Mites Committee would like to thank all the parents, players and coaches for another successful season. We look forward to seeing many of you again next year! Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2016!

The Pool Committee wishes all our supporters and Pool members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Anyone who wishes to join the Pool Committee please call or email Verna in the Club office. We are always open to new faces and ideas.

AI SL - A BIG thank you to all who made donations for the BIG Basket of Cheer. The AISL Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Happy New Year!

Rich Thieme & Lori Yannuzzi

ENTERTAINMENT

The Entertainment Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The January issue of our Calendar will list some of the upcoming events for 2016.

Please come out and join us watching the Eagles games. Drink and food specials will be available.

We are looking for new people with fresh ideas to join our committee. If you are interested, please call Barb West at 215-322-4791.

CHILI FEST - SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016 Too spicy? Not enough beans? Well, start tweaking your Chili recipe and hold the date for VE's next Chili Fest. More information in future Calendars.

A SPECIAL THANKS to our VE "ELVES" who did such a fantastic job decorating the inside and outside of our Clubhouse. Everything looks so festive and is putting us all into the holiday spirit.

Looking for a gift idea for Christmas? Why not consider giving a gift certificate for the Dining Room or maybe 2016 Pool Season or VE membership dues? VE Gift Certificates are available in any denomination. You may also purchase VE pint glasses or a memorial brick. Two sizes of bricks available - 4x8 bricks for \$100.00 or 8x8 bricks for \$200.00. If you have any questions about a brick, please call Pat Hill at 215-357-2669. Please call the Club to purchase a gift certificate for more information.

Next Pool Casino Bus Trip will be on Sunday, February 28th!! Details will be in the January and February Calendars as well as on the website.

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To everyone celebrating their special day in December
“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” AND BEST WISHES
FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS!

ERZGEBIRGE FAMILY

Get well wishes to Bob Ruch for a speedy recovery.

 **IN MEMORIAM** 

The Board of Directors expresses our deepest sympathy to the families of the following recently departed members:

- Margaret Kochersperger died 10/24/2015; joined the Club 7/15/1950 and was a 65 year member
- Emil Scheck died 11/2/2015; joined the Club 3/27/2007 and was an 8 year member
- Walter Mueller died 11/3/2015; joined the Club 6/20/1959 and was a 56 year member
- Elsie Graupner died 11/14/2015; joined the Club 4/19/1969 and was a 46 year member

We just recently learned of the passing of:
 Paul L. Krapf died 7/24/2015; joined the Club 3/25/2008 and was a 7 year member

Ruhe in Frieden

SVK OCTOBER 2015 SICK LIST
 Rudy Roscher and Erwin Brodbeck ~ Get well soon.

MEN'S CHOIR

Every Tuesday evening, the Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor rehearses at VE under the tutelage of Frau Jacqueline Smith. So if you are interested in joining our Men's Chorus, contact Rick at 215-439-1443. Wir wünschen Euch alle Frohe Weihnachten!

THE ORIGIN AND TRADITION OF SANTA CLAUS

The Christian legend of **Santa Claus** is derived from **St. Nicholas**, a 4th century bishop known for his generous gifts to the poor. Hence, he was known as the gift giver and became the earliest Christian symbol of Santa Claus. Even today in the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Germany, Santa Claus is portrayed as a bearded bishop dressed in canonical robes.

The practice of Santa Claus coming down the chimney is based on early Germanic pagan customs. In early Germanic times, children would place their boots filled with carrots, straw or sugar near the chimney for the God Odin's flying horse to eat. Odin would then reward the children with gifts or candy. This tradition survives today in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands by the hanging of stockings at the chimney in some homes, even in the USA.

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