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Calendar

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FIRST CLASS

- December 2, Friday**
Sports Committee Meeting
- December 4, Sunday**
Children's Christmas Party @ 3:00pm
- December 10, Saturday**
Bayerischer Volkfest-Verein
Christmas Party 2 pm to 6 pm
- December 17, Saturday**
Christkindlmarkt /
Christmas Bazaar
- December 18, Sunday
Brunch ~ 10am-2pm
- December 20, Tuesday
Board Dinner-Meeting @ 6:30pm
- December 24 and 25
Club Closed
- December 28, Wednesday
Last day for New Year's Eve Tickets
- December 31, Saturday**
New Year's Eve Party
Deadline for 2017 Membership dues

COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY 2017

- January 1, Sunday
Club Closed
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- January 15, Sunday
Brunch - 10am to 2pm
- January 17, Tuesday
Ladies Auxiliary Casino Trip
- January 20, Friday
Youth Soccer Banquet
- January 25, Wednesday
Ladies Auxiliary Card & Bingo Party
- January 27, Friday
Micro Blues Fest
- January 29, 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

On behalf of my family and the Board of Directors, I send our warmest wishes to all of our members. Have a happy, healthy holiday and may the New Year bring you greater joy and prosperity, and to our Club, continued success in the coming year.

I wish to extend my thanks to all of our members for your continued support of the Club, whether through physical labor or financial help. A special thanks to the Executive Board, Trustees and Directors for working so diligently with me.

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 4, 2016, at 3:00 pm. All Children planning to participate on stage, please call Peter Hansen at 215-672-3039 by Friday, December 2nd.

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

- SURF & TURF – \$65.00 BROILED FILET MIGNON – \$60.00
- CHICKEN with HAM, SPINACH and GOUDA CHEESE – \$45.00
- JUMBO LUMP CRABCAKES – \$50.00 SHRIMP MEDITERRANEAN over PASTA – \$45.00

Dinners will be served from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and include:

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Hats, Noisemakers and Party Favors provided and Coffee and Danish will be served after Midnight

Music from 7:00pm to 1:00am will be provided by the **JOE WEBER BAND ... 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.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT/CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th AT VE

Come and spend Saturday, December 17 at VE's first Christmas Bazaar which will include:

9:00am Soccer Frühschoppen (Breakfast) – a German/Austrian tradition which is a social gathering of friends sitting together over a morning meal, enjoy a glass of wine, beer, or schnapps and a brunch of various German foods, wursts, mustard and pretzels, cakes and more.

Bundesliga/English Premier Soccer games will be on our Ratskeller TVs.

11:00 am to 5:00 pm - Vendors will be on site selling Christmas items. The vendors will include VE Strudl Haus for sweets, treats & more including Glühwein—a German drink specialty prepared by our Chef, Jack Scheffey, a must try! Fehrenbach Black Forest Clocks and Gifts, Lisa Jewelry, Uggs & Bags, Quilts, Jewelry, Wreaths, Candles, Luminaries, VE merchandise and much, much more!

Kids Crafts.

3:00pm – Christmas caroling by the fire.



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CHEF'S MENU FOR DECEMBER 2016

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

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| 7 th - Roast Pork | Fried Grouper |
| 14 th - Swiss Steak | ½ Roasted Chicken |
| 21 st - Seafood Newburg | Chopped Sirloin |
| 28 th - Pork Schnitzel | Deviled Crab |
| January 4 th - Meat Loaf | Chicken Parmesan |



Children's Menu – (under 10 years of age)

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

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Keep in mind that the deadline is December 31, 2016, 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 2017, 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 2017

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 24th**. Please contact the Club Office.

VE LADIES AUXILIARY

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Ladies Auxiliary throughout the year and I look forward to your continued support in the New Year, 2017. The Ladies Auxiliary 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 2017 SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, January 17th – **AC Trip to Caesar's Casino** and Wednesday, January 25th – **CARD AND BINGO PARTY**. Details will be in the January Calendar.

Thank you!

Vi Taubenberger, President

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

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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.

The next Sports Committee meeting will be on **Friday, December 2nd** at 7:00 pm. Join us for a Christmas Celebration. **PLEASE ATTEND.**

Steve Feuchter, 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 2017!

Thank you for the wonderful support the VE Blitz team received for our 5K run/walk fundraiser for our 2019 Germany trip. We had a fabulous fall day and we appreciate all our runners/walkers and spectators! Special shout to the coaches who shared our flyers, and their team members who joined us. It is much appreciated. Hope to see everyone again next year.

Cheryl and The VE Blitz team members

The Pool Committee would like to thank those who volunteered their time to help close the pool for winter. Also, a big thank you to all who went with us on our Casino trip on Sunday, October 30th.

We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2017!

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 2017.

Friday, January 27, 2017, from 7:00-11:00pm we will be having a Micro Blues Fest with the Crooked Eye Band playing. Details will be in the January Calendar, on the website and on flyers around the Club.

Remember to keep Saturday, March 4, 2017, open for our annual Chilifest!

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.

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 2017.

Betty Boyts

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

ERZGEBIRGE FAMILY

 **IN MEMORIAM** 

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

Elfriede Boehm, who passed away on October 13, 2016, joined VE in 1989, a 27 year member
 Harold McNeil, who passed away on October 17, 2016, joined VE in 1978, a 38 year member
 Gertrude Maier, who passed away on October 22, 2016, joined VE in 1967, a 49 year member

Ruhe in Frieden

SVK SICK LIST — October 2016

Karl Heinz Kiefer
Get well soon!

Looking for a gift idea for Christmas? Why not consider giving a gift certificate for the Dining Room or maybe 2017 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. To purchase a gift certificate or for more information, please call the Club Office at 215-675-5380.

I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm sure everyone has heard the song "White Christmas" sung by their favorite singer. But do you know anything else about the song? "White Christmas" was written by Irving Berlin, as the story goes, in 1940, in warm sunny La Quinta, California. He stayed up one night and told his secretary to grab a pen and take down this song. After he was finished, he said "I just wrote the best song I've ever written. Heck, I just wrote the best song that anybody's ever written".

According to the Guinness Book of Records, Bing Crosby's version is the best selling single of all time, with estimated sales in excess of 100 million copies worldwide. Other versions of the song have sold over 50 million copies. The first public performance of the song was by Bing Crosby on Christmas Day, 1941, on his radio show "The Kraft Music Hall". "White Christmas" is the most recorded Christmas song. There have been more than 500 recorded versions of the song, in several different languages. The German lyrics to the song, Weisse Weihnacht, were written by Bruno Balz. A particularly beautiful German version can be found on *you tube* sung by the boys choir, Toelzen Knabenchor.