GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fröhliche Weihnachten  
Merry Christmas

Glückliches Gesundes Neues Jahr  
Happy, Healthy New Year

As 2019 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 of our members. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season, and may the New Year bring you greater joy and prosperity.

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

Herbert K. Schulze, President

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020

Any ACTIVE member who is interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, Executive Board, or Trustees must contact the nominating committee chair, George West, via email at gwest48756@verizon.net or via phone at 215-495-3839. Please note that you must be an ACTIVE member as of January 2020 to run for any position.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Ugly Sweater Party
Saturday, December 14th at 7pm in the Ratskeller
Prizes for the Ugliest & Most Creative Sweaters

Ornament Exchange – if you would like to join in the fun, please bring a new wrapped ornament.

Drink Specials & Food available

The Entertainment Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Keep in mind that the deadline is December 31, 2019, and late fees will be applied to all dues not received by this date. Please make any corrections or additions to the form 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 2020, and especially to those who have so generously donated to our General fund or other committees. The donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Just a reminder – if you are looking for a place to hold a meeting or party, please contact the Club Office at either 215-675-5380 or veclub@verizon.net.
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CHEF’S MENU FOR DECEMBER 2019
~ Wednesday Self-Service Hours 5:00 to 7:00pm ~
4th – Rouladen Roasted Chicken & Root Vegetables
11th – Fried Shrimp Bratwurst & Sauerkraut
18th – Pork Schnitzel Spaghetti & Meatballs
25th – CLUB CLOSED – MERRY CHRISTMAS
January 1st – CLUB CLOSED – HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 8th – Chicken Marsala Crab Cakes

Children’s Menu (under 10 years of age) – 2 Chicken Fingers & Fries - $6.50

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN ERZGEBIRGE
In the Erzgebirge region of Germany, the different cities and villages prepare for
their countless Christmas markets and events in November. In Annaberg-Buchholz,
for example, the setting up of the 22 meter tall fir tree usually takes place on
November 11th. It is decorated with 600 lights. The official beginning of Christmas
season is usually the first week of Advent. On these days, many Christmas markets
open up where the large pyramids are brought into motion. The event is called
“Pyramidenanschieben” – push starting the pyramid.

An important part of Christmas time in the Erzgebirge region are the mountain
parades. These parades emphasize the mining heritage of the area. The participants
wear traditional mining uniforms just like their ancestors did centuries ago. The
conclusion of the pre-Christmas season is usually called “Mettenschicht” which is
an old mining custom. It used to be the miner’s last shift before Christmas which
concluded with a feast joined by their families. Today the residents of mining villages
still gather for a night of traditional food and regional songs.

VE LADIES AUXILIARY
I would to thank everyone who supported the LADIES AUXILIARY throughout
the year and I look forward to your continued support in the NEW YEAR, 2020. The
Ladies Auxiliary wishes all members, friends and guests a VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL 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 2020 SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st ~ A.C. TRIP to CAESAR’S CASINO.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd ~ CARD AND BINGO PARTY. Just a reminder that
this is the fourth Wednesday of the month. Details will be in the January Calendar.

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
Männcher. Wishing our audience, friends, and singers a Frohe Weinachten und ein

Betty Boyts
SPORTS KORNER – “KICKS IN THE GRASS”

The VE Sports Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Our teams are wrapping up their fall seasons and are looking forward to training on our new turf field during the winter months. Many thanks to the coaches, parents, and players who make our soccer program the success that it is.

Our next sports meeting is on Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm.

Best regards, Steve Feuchter/VESC President

The Mighty Mites Committee would like to thank all the parents, players and coaches for another successful season. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2020!

POOL NEWS

The Pool Committee would like to thank those who volunteered their time to help close the pool for winter. We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2020!

!! ! 2020 Lifeguards and Managers needed ! ! !!

Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE next summer will need to get certified this Winter/Spring. If you are planning on getting certified, please contact us early at veclub@verizon.net.

Thank you! Dan Ryan, Pool Chairperson

PARADE NEWS

We would like to thank everyone that came out to join us for the Hatboro Parade! Next parade will be the Warminster Memorial Day Parade, so rest up and enjoy the upcoming Holidays!

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.

Vereinigung Erzgebirge Memorial Scholarship

The Club will again be awarding scholarships through the VE Memorial Scholarship Fund which was established last year. Any high school senior whose parent or legal guardian is a current member and will be continuing their education at a college, university or trade school is eligible to apply. Requests for an application should be emailed to veclub@verizon.net. The deadline for returning completed applications is February 28, 2020. Scholarships of at least $1,000 will be awarded in April. Anyone wishing to donate to the Scholarship Fund honoring someone special or in memory of a loved one is asked to note that the donation is for the “VE Scholarship Fund” and for whom it is honoring when sent to the Club office. Donations will help insure the successful future of this program for many years.

secretary, Verna, and the Calendar Committee!
For Booking of Parties or Affairs call the Club – Phone: 215-675-5380

**To everyone celebrating their special day in December**

**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” AND BEST WISHES**

**FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS!**

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**ERZGEBIRGE FAMILY**

Birthday wishes to Leon Eisenschmid who is celebrating his 90th Birthday and Helga Eisenschmid who is celebrating her 85th Birthday this month. The happy couple also just celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of the VE membership, the Board of Directors wishes Leon and Helga a happy and healthy birthday and many more years to come!!

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**IN MEMORIAM**

The Board of Directors expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of the following recently departed member:

Susan Schneider McAdams, who passed away on November 6, 2019, joined VE in 1992, a 27 year member

Ruhe in Frieden

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**HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSERER KLUB**

Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in October 2019. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at the Club.

Active: David Badmann, Shanon Rinker

Passive Member: Fred Radtke, Francis Rafferty, Jennifer Schwenzer

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**--- REMINDER FOR CALENDAR ---**

ANY INFORMATION FOR THE CALENDAR MUST BE IN TO THE OFFICE BY THE 10th OF THE MONTH. Please keep your notices to a minimum. Due to limited space, we cannot include full pages for an announcement. The Calendar Committee reserves the right to edit any proposed announcement in order to fit into the space available.

Thank you!