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August 2020 President's Message

To: VE Members and Friends!
Grüss Gott!

After considerable effort, and overcoming repeated setbacks, our beautiful pool is OPEN! We realize that opening day was later than we anticipated, however, we dealt with almost an endless series of setbacks. It appeared we had prepared diligently during April into May, keeping up to date with the anticipated Covid protocols after the shutdown period. Our pool chairman maintained communication with the Bucks County Health Department, and drafted VE Pool protocols for BCHD approval. As soon as it appeared that the VE Pool fell into the “Private Club” category in the Bucks County “yellow” phase, we prepared a schedule for the pool opening preparation. The paper work completed and submitted, the pool was emptied, and the power washing began. Then we had a damaging two hour storm which interrupted the schedule. The storm downed several VE trees, one in particular, damaged the power line to the pool. It also took down the lower soccer goal on the Clubhouse field. We needed the tree removed, then the restoration of the power line feeding the Pool House. As the electrical line work was being completed, we were notified by the Warminster Water Authority of excessive water usage. Certainly, with the Clubhouse closed, we then investigated for an underground leak. With use of the Warminster Water Authority detection device, the leak was located on the water main from the Canteen feeding the Pool House. We have power, but now, no water to power wash the pool, or the pool bathroom facilities. The only option was an above grade emergency bypass, since replacement would be too costly, and the duration for this replacement would cancel the VE Pool season, and Camp Rad. It was done. However, the permanent underground water service still must be performed this fall. With the effort of many dedicated members, the pool was power washed and painted and ready to fill. Once filled, the water treatment process was initiated. The starters on the pumps blew. A special order was made and the starters were shipped UPS. Ian Lawson did the installation. We were in business for one day, only to see a drop in the chlorine levels, requiring closure. After re-chlorination, circulating the water, we achieved approval last Saturday morning and reopened the pool. I cannot express enough the gratitude to Dan Ryan, our Pool Chairman and Manager. This man is a warrior. Dan’s home was severely damaged by the storm a few weeks ago, narrowly missing wife and children during the storm. Not only facing this personnel trial during the storm, only hours later he returns to our pool only

to witness that a tree took out the power to the Pool facility and stopping the pool power washing process underway. The efforts of many are greatly appreciated. We need more membership help surrounding Dan this fall to prepare for 2021.

By the way, this past week included the sanitary sewer pump at the pool house, burning out. Again, another “must do” project to keep the pool operation open. Frankly, if someone would have scripted this as a story for VE, and the covid crisis, in February, I would not have expected that we would survive. God is still good. Through challenges, we need to demonstrate our strength and character. We have.

The Clubhouse reopened with Chef Ed and Bartender, Nina, developing staff, and training for the Covid protocols. We have opened the Biergarten every Saturday with live entertainment. We need the patronage of all members and their friends! Experiencing four months without revenue is very discouraging. We have had many gracious donations, and we hope they can continue. As I mentioned, we have endured several unforeseen costs. Your patronage and attendance to the Biergarten on Saturdays is your opportunity to enjoy the “Waldesrauchen” and keep us looking to the future.

This past week, limited soccer training restarted under the stringent guidelines set by our program’s governing bodies; adult games are being discussed with a hopeful restart in the works. VE has the most admired youth program in the region. Our Sports Program and its leadership and coaches are professional in their approach. Their performance and results demonstrate excellence. There is no program with a resume including a recent National Championship Boys team and several other contenders advancing to State and Regional Finals. Again, the VE Majors lead by Rob Oldfield, advanced to the US Regional bracket of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup while also winning the Open and Amateur Cups at the state level. The Covid outbreak canceled their trip to Pittsburgh in April, however we have high expectations once games resume. We will keep you posted as the soccer program continues through the restart process including our youth soccer camp and youth tournament.

We need to continue to pray for our country and its leadership through these difficult circumstances. Pray for our country’s health. Pray for the respect for the covid protocols we need to observe, while enjoying your life, your family, and your friends.

Alles Gute!
Don Bitterlich, VE President



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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded VE Memorial Scholarships at the July membership meeting.

Anthony Bombas received a scholarship given in memory of Gus Moritz.
Ashley Scott and Emily Branchide received the additional scholarships.

We wish all of our High School Seniors good luck in the future.

SPORTS KORNER - "KICKS IN THE GRASS"

VE Soccer is anxiously awaiting the resumption of play at the youth and adult levels. We recently began summer training in accordance with the guidelines recommended with our governing bodies and hope to begin tournament action this month. We intend on holding our annual summer soccer camp and the Summer Splash Tournament this summer, as well as Mighty Mite registration. Since things are so fluid at the moment, please check our website or our Facebook page for up to the minute news relating to VE Soccer. We hope everyone is staying safe and we hope to see everyone very soon.

Steve Feuchter / VE Sports Chairman

VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Hoping everyone is staying healthy and enjoying the summer.

As of now we are still not scheduling either the Casino Bus Trips or the Card & Bingo Parties. As soon as things settle down and we are able, we will get started again! We are hoping that it won't be for too much longer.

Vi Taubenberger, President

POOL NEWS

The VE pool staff wishes to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we got the pool up and running this season. The safety and health of our members is our utmost priority. Thank you all for your cooperation in adhering to our new guidelines during this unprecedented time. We are looking forward to a great August and a Labor Day weekend at the pool!

We find ourselves in dire need of certified lifeguards from mid-August through Labor Day. If you or someone you know is able to help fill the positions, please email the Club at veclub@verizon.net.

Thank you! VE Pool Staff

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Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in June/July 2020. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at the Club.

Passive Members: Jed Bordner, Nick Bordner, Sean Canty, Jill Gaffney-Majka, Ryan Gallagher, Michelle Hall, Jamie Huber, Michelle Masucci, Mike Maule, Edward Miller, Michelle North, Tara Oldt-Kopp, Marco Perfetti, Kate Sylvester, Jennifer Santaniello, Adrienne Wiegoszinski

VE HISTORY

Can anyone help with our VE history? Names and pictures of our past Miss Vereinigung Erzgebirge are being compiled. If you were a VE representative and have pictures, please consider sending a copy to us. Any members who might also have pictures to share, please send them to the Club at 130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

Also, has someone saved our VE Calendars? Our records are missing the entire year 1971. Please call the office to let us know.

Thank you in advance.

VE BIERGARTEN

(in the picnic grove)

Weather permitting, we will be open every Saturday from 4pm until 10pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please check the website for updates regarding the music entertainment.

Please remember masks must be worn unless sitting at your table.

In order to purchase an alcoholic beverage, a meal must be ordered. Additional beverages can be ordered as long as the meal has not been finished. This is the most recent mandate by Governor Wolf as of July 23, 2020.