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## June 2020 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

First and foremost, I wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their dedication to our Club and their fundraising and financial support. I was remiss in noting the Ladies Auxiliary in the President's message in the May 2020 Calendar. Yes, this was an unintentional oversight, but nevertheless, a mistake. In 2019, they donated \$9,000 which were used to fund the Air Conditioner replacement for the Garden Room and Pool Heater replacement. The remainder of these funds was scheduled to add Decorative Driveway Lighting for the Clubhouse entry loop. The Ladies Auxiliary also have donated another \$9,000. These funds were earmarked to replace the Dining Room window treatments. Due to the financial emergency we are experiencing resulting from the State Mandated Covid Shutdown, The Ladies Auxiliary has authorized the reallocation of their funds for our Club's ongoing costs. We all express our gratitude to their dedication, work and relentless passion for our VE.

I wish to reiterate to our membership that the dedication of the VE Executive Board continues to meet the demands of leadership for our VE. The Board has had several virtual meetings, as matters and decisions were required. This is foremost in the Board's handling of the grounds, the facilities, and the operational costs. We have added a Financial Team, including Board members, prior Board members and past President's, who have the professional qualifications to monitor VE's business costs, the contracts, both financially and the legal aspects. Specifically, the purpose of this Team is to monitor all costs, to suspend services, renegotiate contracts, long term loans, and application for Government Stimulus funding.

As I stated in the May 2020 Calendar, our greatest asset is—and always will be—YOU, our members and their families. In this period which there is no income, more than a dozen members have already made generous donations to address the ongoing

monthly costs for taxes, utilities, insurance, etc. To provide the order of magnitude, these minimum costs still exceed \$10,500 / month! If you can afford a onetime donation, or can manage a monthly donation, it would certainly be the financial "plasma" that our VE must have to survive the shutdown.

The Board and House Committee are constantly keeping apprised of the Governor's Re-Opening protocols and the dates. Last week, "Social Organizations" could re-open May 18th. However, bars and restaurants in Bucks County were required to postpone re-opening 7 weeks later. This projected a potential re-opening for VE in mid-July. Last Friday, Governor Wolf moved that base line date to June 4, 2020. Disappointing.

The House Committee and Executive Board are still looking to a re-opening this summer, and filling each weekend with terrific events, foremost having the grilled food, and the beverages we love, with social distancing protocols utilizing our beautiful Bier Garten and Canteen. Then re-opening the Clubhouse under Covid protocols following our experiences operating the biergarten events.

The founders of our VE called their biergarten, "the Waldesrauschen". Meaning "whispering woods", which captures the sounds of the tree tops and leaves waving in the breeze. Add the smell of grilled bratwurst and your cool beverage served up at the "Round Bar", surrounded by your friends and family... you have experienced our VE, as our founders intended!

Please stay tuned with posts regarding your help on the maintenance of the grounds, and the pool this month. We will get through this time.

Looking forward to sharing the Gemütlichkeit with one another at our VE soon!

Grüss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge

Dear VE Members!

After a period of over 12 weeks with Covid related constraints, we have just been informed by the PA Liquor Control Board that Outdoor Dining begins June 5th!

Also, the Yellow Phase includes opening our Pool! Our goal is to open around June 22nd.

We shall advise you further on details and our plans for the Opening of the Biergarten.

The immediate need is for this Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, to get help to clean the Pool. Please notify the Club Office and Verna will relay the helper names to Dan Ryan, Pool Chairman.

Likewise, the following Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to paint the Pool.

Alles Gute! Don Bitterlich, President

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VE Soccer anticipates a resumption of activity within the next few months. Our Sports Board has been in contact with the state and federal soccer bodies and will announce our upcoming plans once we have a better idea of opening dates. Furthermore, we have been actively maintaining our fields during this downtime and can't wait to show off the pristine condition they are in. Please visit our website and Facebook page for news. Stay safe and we are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon.

Steve Feuchter / Chairperson

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### VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our agenda is still in limbo and we cannot wait until we are back together again. In the meantime, please stay healthy as we beat this virus.

Vi Taubenberger, President

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### POOL NEWS

VE Pool Update,

We continue to actively monitor developments regarding COVID19, but we wanted to take a moment to update you on the Club's plans for opening the pool this season.

With Governor Wolf's "Stay at Home" order remaining in place until June 4th we will be unable to open the pool on Memorial Day Weekend as originally scheduled.

The BCHD has released guidance addressing recreational swimming pools and COVID-19. This guidance suggests that once the Stay at Home order is lifted and we move into a Yellow designation of the Governor's Order, we will be able to open the pool with very stringent social distancing guidelines in place. We will determine opening day plans, safety measures, new rules, and regulations in compliance with federal, state, and local government guidelines, as well as how to handle processing membership fees. All information and updates for members will be provided through email and on our website at VE.org as soon as it is available.

Over the next few weeks, the club will be making the correct preparations to have the pool ready to go as soon as we know it is OK to open. We are going to need some help and we will be letting everyone know a timetable so you can all help for a couple hours.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these unforeseen circumstances. We hope everyone is staying safe & healthy and we look forward to seeing you as soon as possible!

VE Pool Staff

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### HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSERER KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Passive Members: Kathleen Volz, Melissa Williams

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The Board of Directors extend their deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who have left us:

**Helen Boyd**, who passed away on February 16, 2020, joined VE in 1953, a 67 year member

**Gerhard Carl**, who passed away on May 8, 2020, joined VE in 1969, a 51 year member

**L. Dale Rieber, Sr.**, who passed away on May 29, 2020, joined VE in 1971, a 49 year member

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Can anyone help with our VE history? Names and pictures of our past Miss Vereinigung Erzgebirge is 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. Let the office staff know.

Thank you in advance.

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