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November 2020 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

As we are nearing the end of our Biergarten schedule, I want to thank the commitment of the VE Board of Directors, Trustees, Verna, and staff for their relentless effort to make things work during the adversity of the year. It really takes a special personality to block out the negatives and "make things happen". At an early time in my career, I was told by a senior colleague, "when your situation gives you a pile of lemons, make lemonade!" This principle has been something instilled into me through my life. It is this type of character we have with our Board and staff. This also is a character trait we teach when coaching our young soccer players. It is a baseline for achievement and success in everything we face.

As you have previously read, the many set backs we encountered in getting our pool open, a predicate for mobilizing Camp Rad, and our pool season, we have faced the "lemons", and made something happen. This was so critical to pay expenses through this past summer. More importantly, we paid our June real estate taxes and have earmarked these monies for the October school tax bill of \$45,000. Normally, our Octoberfest income covers our tax burden, since it did not happen, the pool opening and Camp Rad were crucial!

We need our membership to remain informed and share in the adversity we still face. The incoming membership renewals for 2021 have produced a financial safety net for our operations for 2020. However, we have several immediate capital project costs which must happen. Here are the immediate projects:

- (2) Sewage Pumps at Pool House, {\$8,900} which

serve the Canteen and Pool House. This work was done October 20th.

*This also required the replacement of the top section of the **manhole structure**. {estimated \$3500}

- **Pool Water Line**, the underground water feed to the Pool House broke. A temporary tube above ground was installed to get us through the season. This must be buried prior to cold weather, and fed into the building. {Cost estimated to be \$4,000}

- **Kitchen Hot Water Heater**, this failed in September. Replacement {\$5,000}

- **Kitchen Dishwasher**, The existing unit will not serve us for larger parties and must be replaced {\$11,761} immediately to maintain health standards.

- **Ratskeller Game Room Floor Replacement**, we had an equipment leak, and the carpet must be replaced. The deep cleaning has been provided by members with professional experience. {New flooring estimated \$5,000}

- **Pool House Roof leak**, has been tolerated through the summer, however, it cannot be postponed. {Estimate pending}

We also have a leak in the Clubhouse to be addressed and the Garage Roof tree damage as well. This represents that we are not out of the "woods" and need continued financial support, by membership dues, gifts and supporting club events.

Please continue to enjoy in the Gemütlichkeit with one another, at our Club, and remain safe!

Gruss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



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The Executive Board and Board of Directors as well as the membership would like to recognize and thank the following members for their longtime dedication and support of the Vereinigung Erzgebirge.

60 Year Members: Norma Cole
Ralph and Erica Hofelich
Irene Kozub
Janice Struempfler
Robert & Eleanor Weirman

65 Year Members: Russell Brown
Elizabeth Knaus
Alfred and Carol Mueller
Manfred Schurer

70 Year Members: Eleanor Roscher
Doris Washofsky

Special recognition to our longest members:
Magdalene Bauer - 77 years
Marianne Salmon - 75 years

LADIES AUXILIARY

First of all, I was so surprised to receive so many Get Well Wishes, Cards, Telephone Calls, Flowers and Baked Goods – it all helps to make healing quicker. The Ladies Auxiliary wishes all members and friends a Happy Thanksgiving Day. Hopefully in the new year we will be back to normal.

Vi Taubenberger, President

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Saturday, November 7th – Dinner & Trivia Night

Large Dining room

Doors open at 6pm • Trivia starts 7pm

Food and beverages available for purchase beginning at 6.

Masks required except when seated at your table. Thank you!

Saturday, November 21st

Music and Dinner!

More information to be posted on the website and through e-mails.

Masks required except when seated at your table. Thank you!

CIGAR/BOURBON/SCOTCH NIGHT

Will be held in the Canteen on a Friday night, sometime mid-November. The details will be posted on social media as soon as available

POOL NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the cleanup and winterization on October 24th. As they say, "Many hands make light work" – and they did!

Wishing everyone Happy and Healthy Holidays!

The VE Pool Committee

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KICKS IN THE GRASS

All of our teams are deep into their seasons and there is always a game going on at the club. Please stop by to watch and support our teams.

On a different note, our Majors began their NESL season at home on October 3rd hosting Christos FC of Baltimore. Here is the game report by Coach Rob Oldfield:

It was Unity Day at the club and the VE family showed up in huge numbers to support the Majors in the Northeast Elite Super League opener. A capacity crowd got to watch two of the nation's top amateur teams, Christos won the match 1-0 but stayed to support the Club down in the Biergarten and sportsmanship won the day.

The NESL is a champion's league of sorts, so it was fitting to open with the PA State Champions hosting the Maryland State Champions for their first trip to VE. Sports Committee Chairman, Steve Feuchter welcomed Christos to the club and handed things off to Nora Baker who gave us a beautiful National Anthem. The grills were on and the taps were flowing under clear blue skies, just a perfect fall day for soccer.

The teams felt each other out for the first fifteen exchanging a few half chances. VE looked very dangerous on set pieces and a series of Max Kroschwitz throw-ins had to be dealt with by the Christos back line. In the thirty-first minute VE left a free kick short and it started a Christos counter. VE had a few chances to slow the danger but the Christos forward gained the end line and turned the corner delivering a ball that his strike partner got to first and tapped home from close range, 1-0 Christos FC. VE kept up a repeated attack during the second half, but getting a first goal is tough against a strong back line. At the final whistle it was Christos 1 – VE 0.

VE as a club put their best foot forward on the day. There were a lot of people watching this match to see how we would handle an event like this during Covid. The Club did an excellent job and we want to thank everyone who helped out behind the scenes to put on this match.

We also want to thank Christos, they were all class. The game was switched and we asked them to switch it back to help us out. When we told them that Covid had essentially shut us down and the only real revenue we had coming in was from the Saturday Biergarten and that we could build a great event around this opening game they jumped at the chance to help out. They brought all their guys down, they drank and ate and enjoyed the club grounds. They were truly impressed with the Club; our fields, our overall set up and most of all the support from our members. They really enjoyed the Biergarten. Christos participated in our Hofbrau Stein holding contest and helped us make it a great day of soccer at the Club. The only thing they did wrong all day was beat us. We look forward to a return match and having them back at the Club again.



IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who have left us:

Catherine Krauss, who passed away on November 23, 2018,
joined VE in 1950, a 68 year member

Ralph G. Krauss, who passed away on October 12, 2020,
joined VE in 1950, a 70 year member

Elsie Schurer Kogel, who passed away on August 9, 2020,
joined VE in 1953, a 67 year member

Joan Fanelli, who passed away on October 3, 2020,
joined VE in 1981, a 39 year member

Mary Louise Schlachta, who passed away on October 6, 2020,
joined VE in 2000, a 20 year member