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FIRST CLASS

October 2020 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

Gruss Gott!

We had our first "Friday Take-Out Dinner" on September 11th. With the organizational work of our Financial Secretary, Andrea Feuchter and Trustee, Monika Bernhardt, the take-out was a terrific success. Chef Ed prepared a sensational dinner, from soup to dessert. The \$15.00 cost for so much good food is hard to believe. Please be sure to check the website for the "Friday Take-Out Dinner" menu and call the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am & 4pm to place you order.

September 12th would have been the VE "BuxMont" Oktoberfest, our Oktoberfest/Sportfest weekend, and the club grounds would have been packed with people from the Bucks and Montgomery County area, loyal members, and their friends. Recently, we moved this event from Sunday to Saturday, and we expanded our event and marketing to include surrounding Montgomery and Bucks County communities. This proved to be a tremendous success, and our revenues increased dramatically as a result. Back in August we decided to cancel Oktoberfest due to the covid restriction's limitation of 250 people for an event. We have relied upon our membership, their friends, neighbors, and families for patronage and support for the Biergarten. The reason we were conservative was to control the covid protocols. The risk of having groups of non-members, although friends of VE, not respecting the covid protocols, and a potential violation from the State Inspectors, was too threatening. Although the numbers for the Saturday Biergarten were not the same, we did reach a capacity crowd under the covid guidelines, and for that, we are

appreciative. Again, we must rely upon our members to patronize and enjoy our club, its ambiance, the food and beverages, the entertainment, and Gemütlichkeit. Our major real estate tax bill is due this month and Oktoberfest typically covered this cost. Since there was no Oktoberfest financial gain this year, we appeal to you to support the remaining Saturdays in the Biergarten, the Friday Night Take-Out Dinners and to pay your dues and extend your giving if you have the income or financial resources.

We will continue our Biergarten every Saturday from 4-9 pm through October 24th, weather permitting. Bring your family and friends—come and enjoy the atmosphere, food, beverages and live music. As the fall evenings become cooler, pack that sweater and blanket for the ladies.

On September 15th, I met with select Board Members which comprise of our Finance Team. We reviewed the entire VE expenditures for the past several months, the current billings, expenses and projected operating costs for 2020.

Continue to pray for an end to the covid virus, and returning to normal social routines. We are very pleased at the early membership renewal responses for 2021 and the donations accompanying the dues. We really need your devoted membership, patronage, and financial gifts.

Alles Gute! Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



Stay Safe and Healthy!



To all members:

If you have already paid your 2021 membership dues and have not received your new membership cards look for them in the upcoming November, December or January Calendar mailings.

Thank you for your patience.

LADIES AUXILIARY

At this date, there no plans for remainder of the year. We are looking forward to resuming our AC Trips, Card & Bingo Party, Spaghetti Night and Lichtel Abend in the new year 2021.

Vi Taubenberger, President

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Saturday Nights — 4-9 — in the Biergarten (picnic grove) Weather permitting. UPCOMING BIERGARTEN ENTERTAINMENT:

- Oct 3 TFSquared Rock, Country, Blues, and Today's Current Hits
- **Oct 10 Blu Dogz –** Rock, Classic Rock, Jazz, Top 40, Blues, Dance/Party Music
- Oct 17 Slick Rhodes Band Classic Rock & Roll
- **Oct 24 Smoky Timbers –** Classic Folk Songs, Modern Pop Songs with a Folk Twist and some Original Numbers

Come out and join us for some great food, beverages and terrific music! The Entertainment Committee would also like to thank Laurie Gallagher for her generous donation of a tent to the VE Club.

KICKS IN THE GRASS

VE Soccer is in full swing and all of our youth and adult teams are currently active in their respective leagues. Games take place every Saturday and Sunday on all our fields. We encourage all members to come out a cheer our teams on. We have another talented group of players representing our club as they pursue winning championships during their fall season. Of special note are our Majors who compete in the USL of PA as well as joining the elite NESL of the Mid-Atlantic States. This weekend, Saturday, October 3rd, they host regional powerhouse Christos FC of Maryland. Kickoff is at 2:30 pm on our newly refurbished clubhouse field. All NESL games will also be live streamed. Please check VE Soccer's Facebook page for more information. Good luck to all teams this Fall.

Steve Feuchter / VE Sports Chairman



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

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