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December 2020 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

What a year this has been! I feel safe to say that we all have "covid fatigue". I do not mean some sort of symptom or after effect of the covid virus, but simply the mental and emotional impact we feel in our daily lives. I think I speak for everyone when saying that "I want this over". Perhaps a vaccine is near and we are a few more months away from some normalcy.

Our hopes for the year when the pandemic changed our lives was one of financial survival. This prayer was answered. The Club membership has demonstrated it's love for VE through donations and hard work on our grounds. We also want to thank the Bayern Volksfest-Verein for their gracious gift to VE as well as the members of the Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor.

We are also thankful for the members and friends for their support at our Biergarten events and Friday Takeout Dinners. With the recent spike in covid cases and further tightening of the covid protocols, it does not appear that we can manage any traditional Christmas events. Our catering business did have many downsized parties, and we have received many letters of thanks for the hospitality of our staff and great food.

We have been developing plans for 2021, and we need prayers for a return to normalcy for our lives and certainly VE. Though we managed a good fall season for the soccer programs, they were unable to enjoy the clubhouse before and after games while hosting our visiting teams. As many

of you know, our third and final membership meeting to change the VE Fiscal Year is on Sunday, December 6th at 2pm. This change in 2021 will require added management of the membership dues, and the payments. Our membership dues are our primary source for revenue, and we hope everyone can remain faithful in their membership renewal. The Fiscal Year change in 2021 begins in May, 2021. Yes, we will require membership for the new June 2021 – May 2022 year. This change will greatly strengthen the financial management of the VE operations and expenses. We sincerely need your support and patience in this process.

I want to thank everyone for their support through this year. I did not plan on being elected as your President in January 2020, and I was concerned that I could manage the VE oversight and business along with my full time job and music commitments. With the unexpected pandemic, the year seemed daunting. Through the faithfulness of the Board, Trustees, staff, previous Presidents, Herb Schulze, Jay Bitterlich and Klaus

Bernhardt, all of the challenges were addressed. I have decided to serve/run again for President in 2021, so we may continue to thrive in our Club's 90th year!

May you all remain in good health, and enjoy the love of your family and friends during the blessing of the Christmas season!

Gruss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Keep in mind that the deadline for 2021 dues is December 31, 2020, and late fees will be applied to all dues not received by this date. Please make any corrections or additions to the sheet and return with your payment.

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 2021, and especially to those who have so generously donated to our General fund or other committees. The donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!





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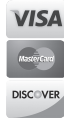
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December Menu:

4th: Chicken & Rice Soup, Sauerbraten, Mashed Potatoes,
Roasted Root Vegetables, Coconut Buttermilk Pound Cake

11th: Cheddar Broccoli Soup, Pork Goulash, Buttered Noodles, Pumpkin Cake

18th: Cream of Chicken Soup, Pork Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Red Cabbage,
German Chocolate Pound Cake

December 25th and January 1st – there will be NO Takeout
as we celebrate the holidays. Dinners will resume on January 8th.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary wishes all members and friends a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR. Hopefully in the year 2021, we can start up with our activities. Year 2020 has been a disaster for the Ladies Auxiliary.

Vi Taubenberger, President

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

The Entertainment Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hoping that things get better in 2021, and we can resume our events.

KICKS IN THE GRASS

KICKS IN THE GRASS/SPORTS NEWS

Things have been winding down the end of November and early December with league and tournament play concluding. 2020 was not the year Sports was expecting due to the current pandemic, however we made the most of it and saw all of our teams compete in various levels of play. The promising start of the year for the Majors has been put on hold, however they did get a few games in the new NESL format and saw action against the Philadelphia II squad recently.

VE Sports wishes a healthy and happy holiday season to everyone and we look forward to a better 2021.

Steve Feuchter / VE Sports Chairman

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I'm counting the days until Christmas,
I'm watching the skies fall down
With snowflakes that come so gently
To cover the earth of brown.

I'm wrapping the gifts of Christmas
With love and joy in my heart,
And I'm ending the year with magic
To give the New Year a start.

The trees that are tall and stately
In their winter coats of green
Will soon wear the colors of Christmas,
Become part of the Christmas scene.

Lights will be blinking;
Bells will be ringing;
Voices will echo with song.
Oh, for the magic of Christmas
To last the whole year long!

DAMENCHOR WALD-ECHO

Wishing our friends and singers a Frohe Weinachten und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr 2021.

Betty Boyts



IN MEMORIAM



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

Norma Cole, who passed away on November 2, 2020,
joined VE in 1960, a 60 year member

Ruhe in Frieden

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