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## January 2021 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

This has been a year like no other, in our lives, and for VE. With the Governor's Covid mandates increased once again, we are closed for all activities, **EXCEPT**, Friday Takeout Dinners. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> was the last Friday Takeout for 2020, and we will resume again Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Given this year's pandemic challenges, we have survived 2020 financially through the help of membership dues, many membership donations as well as donations from our Bayern Volksfest Verein friends and from members of the Franklinville Schwarzwald Männerchor.

In addition to these financial donations, we thank the many members who have given time and energy to maintain our grounds and facilities that are required to keep our club operating. These contributions are done with a love for the Club. We all appreciate your continued passion for VE. Only last weekend, we had a soccer clean up day where over 50 coaches and parents came to winterize the soccer fields, equipment, and clean up of the grounds. Many thanks to you all for your efforts!

At this time, the Club facilities are **closed**. **This includes the club grounds**. Only club services, operational staff, Officers and Directors are allowed. {however, Friday Take Out Dinner is the exception} Sports facilities are closed. We do this for the safety of our membership and for the security and liability of the Club. We will surely notify everyone through email and social media when this changes.

The VE Election and Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 2pm, in the Main Dining Room. This is predicated upon the relaxation of the State Covid restrictions. Changes to the State covid mandates have been frequent, however, if these restrictions remain, the Executive Board will convene on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to determine an alternative method for the Election and Meeting.

The VE Sports program had a good Fall Season with all teams competing. The Mighty Mites program deferred until Spring 2021, depending upon the pandemic restrictions. The Majors opened their first season competing in the Northeast Super League, as well as the United League, and

Cup matches. The development of the VE soccer program continues to draw attention locally, but regionally with the Majors and several youth teams. The Clubhouse field now has an in-ground sprinkler system. With the steady attention from Scott Rieber, VE's grounds keeper, this field has become a terrific natural grass pitch.

On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we held the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final meeting for the revision of the By-laws Fiscal Year. The revision to change the VE Fiscal Year from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> was approved by a vote of 50-0. This tremendously improves the management of VE Finances and planning. VE membership dues for 2021 are still due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Dues for the new Fiscal Year June 1, 2021, through May 2022, will be due June/July 2021. Your paid dues for 2021 will be reduced by 50%, extending your membership through the new Fiscal Year.

The Executive Board is preparing to overhaul the VE website. The new system will allow for improved presentation of the Club in various ways, further details upcoming. We look forward to expanding the VE Calendar {monthly news} to include Committee updates, Sports news, and news from our House Verein's. This transition is expected to occur later this Winter into Spring of 2021.

With all of the challenges of this past year, it is with a smile to think back to seeing our pool opened, surrounded by the trees, the many events at the Biergartens, that steamy hot evening with the Alex Meixner band, the energy of the kids and coaches at the VE Majors Soccer Camp, teams competing on the various fields and families surrounding the games and the Friday evening car line for amazing take out dinners!

On behalf of the VE Executive Board, we wish you all a Fröhliche Weihnachten und frohes neues Jahr! May you and your family remain healthy and safe!

**Gruss Gott!** 

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and **ELECTION of OFFICERS and DIRECTORS for 2021**

Sunday, January 24th at 2pm Sharp!

Admittance to meeting only upon presentation of 2021 Active Membership Card

### **NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 ARE:**

| President               | Don Bitterlich  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Vice President          | Phil Gabel      |
| Corresponding Secretary | . Wenzel Pisch  |
|                         | Linda Haywood   |
| Recording Secretary     | Peter Hansen    |
| Financial Secretary     | Andrea Feuchter |
| Treasurer               | George West     |

### **TRUSTEES:**

Helga Bast Monika Bernhardt Charles Butz, Jr

### **DIRECTORS:**

Steve Carev Markus Bernhardt Steve Feuchter Paul Joyce Ken Havwood Scott Logan Jim McCullough Rob Oldfield Jamie Pfrommer Shari Pfrommer Scott Rieber Mark Toroniewski

Any Active member who is interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors must contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee before the January Board Meeting which is Tuesday, January 19th. NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE BOARD MEETING! Please contact: Monika Bernhardt at monikab301@aol.com, Diane Moritz Gerace at dianegerace@yahoo.com, Jim McCullough at micbeth3@yahoo.com or Mark Toroniewski at marktoro10@

Additional nominees, who are not listed above, will appear on the ballot slip at the General Membership meeting. In order to be elected to the Executive Board, the nominee must be present at the meeting the day of the election, unless he/she has been properly excused in writing. His Her letter must be in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary, Wenzel Pisch, prior to the General Membership meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

If you did not renew your 2021 membership, this will be the LAST issue of the "Waldesrauschen" calendar that you will receive and your name will be removed from our membership list. Dues will be accepted only if a \$10.00 late fee payment is included with your membership payment.

## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

At the present time we have no plans for our Monthly Atlantic City Casino Trips and there isn't any Card & Bingo for the month of January. Looking forward to getting back to normal to see all our friends. Vi Taubenberger, President

The Entertainment Committee wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Hoping that things settle down and we can schedule some events at the Club! Stay Safe!

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**POOL NEWS** 

# !!!! 2021 Lifeguards and Managers needed !!!!

Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer needs to get certified this Winter/Spring. If you are planning on getting certified, please contact us early at veclub@verizon.net. Thank you!

# Friday Night Takeout - \$15.00 per meal

Pick up times between 4:30 and 6:30pm. All orders must be placed in advance and prepaid with Credit Card. To place your order, please call the club at 215-675-5380 on Mon., Tues. or Wed. between 10am and 4pm.

January 8th - White Bean & Bacon Soup, Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean and Sea Salt Brownies

January 15th - Chicken Noodle Soup, Pork Schnitzel, Sauerkraut, Spaetzle, Butter Cake

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Spinach & Sausage Soup, Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti, Italian Cream Cake

January 29th - Corn Chowder, Kassler Rippchen, Red Cabbage, Buttered Roasted Smashed Potatoes and Cheesecake



# IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathies to the family of the following member who has left us:

> Nina Hoehn, who passed away on December 2, 2020, joined VE in 1994, a 26 year member

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### Welcome to Our Club!

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

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Kerry Lynn Walther, Beth Zawisza