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## President's Message – April 2021

Dear Members of VE,

Willkommen zum Erzgebirge!

Yes, the month ahead and those to follow are filled with great expectations of the reopening of our Club. We already have the "sounds of shoes to leather" coming from our soccer fields. The echo of shouting from training sessions at the VE Turf "Stadium field" can be heard in the early Spring night air. The sounds of music, friends raising their beer steins and the aroma of Chef Ed's Schnitzel and brats soon will emanate from the Biergarten and Das Smokehaus. The Ratskeller reopens Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Biergarten on Saturdays starting April 24<sup>th</sup> with bands booked every Saturday through May. Barring unexpected changes to the State and local health department mandates, the pleasant life of being a VE member will return to enjoy soccer, food, drink and gemütlichkeit.

The Friday Night Take Out and eat-In dinners will continue. Chef Ed is planning the Biergarten menus and when our VE Majors host a Sunday match on the Clubhouse turf, Das Smokehaus will also be available. Unfortunately, we cannot make Easter happen in 2021, so we look forward to Mother's Day. We will update everyone as we get closer to assure all systems are "go".

We also are preparing to reopen with a schedule for the VE Indoor Sports program, which would expand our Ratskeller schedule into the week nights. Keep your eye out for emails and Facebook posts as this develops.

More good news surrounds our VE Majors who won their Open Cup championship last weekend, followed by a terrific after party in the Clubhouse small dining

room. The VE Men's Over 40 team is playing their Cup Final this Sunday. Please keep tabs on the entire Soccer program on our Sports website and Facebook.

Other noteworthy events are planned. The second Bourbon and Cigar Night is scheduled for Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This event has limited ticket sales, so watch for the presale notice. Also, Scott Rieber has led the effort for a VE Golf Outing on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Bucks County Golf Club in Jamison, PA with the after party at VE. Watch for this notice for registration. Since no youth team will be making a trip to Germany this year, proceeds from the Golf Outing will go to VE Club for funding further improvements in the Clubhouse.

The Bungalows will be reopening on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our greatest need from our membership is helping with the Spring cleanup of our Grounds, the staffing of our Clubhouse kitchen staff and servers, and more critically, staffing for the Pool. Notices for positions have been posted. These are paid positions, and essential to the Club. Please consider filling these positions with family, friends and neighbors!

Please keep checking your email and our website for updates. Stay safe and healthy!

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Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



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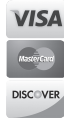
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## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

First we would like to thank all the ladies and men who have joined us at our many events through the years! Your support enabled us to donate \$3,000.00 to the Club towards the new dishwashing system.

Spring is FINALLY here and hopefully we will be able to start up again with our monthly Card & Bingo!

Thank you again and we are looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

### The Biergarten is back!!

Starting Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the Biergarten will be open every Saturday night from 5pm-10pm. There will be entertainment, food & drinks. Come out and start enjoying the Club again.

April 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Smokey Timbers

May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Bludogz

May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ TF Squared

May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ River Dawgs

May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Slick Rhodes Band

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## POOL NEWS

We have scheduled cleanup/work days in April on the following Saturdays: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

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

Anyone that is interested should contact the Club office by email: veclub@verizon.net or call 215-675-5380 between 10:00am and 3:30pm. Please leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted for an interview. Lifeguards must have current Certificates **before the start of the season.**

Managers must be at least 21 years old, able to efficiently direct pool staff for proper completion of daily tasks and professionally interact with our pool patrons. Thank you!

The VE Pool Committee

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## Friday Takeout Menu for April 2021

**\$15.00 per meal – Pick up times: between 4:30 and 6:30pm.**

All orders must be placed in advance and pre-paid with a credit card. Please call 215-675-5380 to place your order Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am and 4pm or order on our website Monday-Wednesday.

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hearty Vegetable Soup, Crabcake, Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, Chocolate Pots de Crème with a Peanut Butter Mousse

### April 9<sup>th</sup>

Split Pea Soup, Rouladen, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Walnuts & Craisins, Italian Cream Cake

### April 16<sup>th</sup>

Cream of Broccoli Soup, Pork Schnitzel, Cheese Spaetzle, Red Cabbage, Buttercake

### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Chicken Noodle Soup, Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Charred Broccoli, Rice Pudding

### April 30<sup>th</sup>

Spinach & Sausage Soup, BBQ Beef Brisket, Baked Beans, Collard Greens, Banana Pudding

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Joanne Drechsel  
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Mark Eisold  
Bryan Emilius  
Walter Fettingier  
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Deanna Burke  
Erik Burns  
Marina Chunitska  
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Robert Collison  
Kevin Crawford  
Richard J. Deiss  
Lance DiRenzi  
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The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who has left us:

**Steve Malcolm**, who passed away on March 11, 2021, joined VE in 1992, a 29 year member

**Ruhe in Frieden**

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## VE MEMBERSHIP

If you have any questions regarding VE membership, please use our new email address BELOW specifically dedicated to correspondence for membership. Thank you!!

[VEclubmembership@aol.com](mailto:VEclubmembership@aol.com)

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## HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSERER KLUB

*Welcome to Our Club!*

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in February and March 2021. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at the Club.

**Transfer to Active:** John Lavelle, Kathé Boehemke Sobczak

**Active:** Bridgetta Lynch

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## BUNGALOW NEWS

With the warmer weather comes the opening of the bungalows! Bungalow owners may begin using their bungalow Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## PARK and CANTEEN OPENING

Continuing with our old tradition, we invite all our members to join us for "Frühshoppen" on **SUNDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>** for free beer and a sandwich from 11am until 1pm. Musical entertainment will also be provided. The highlight of the day will be the crowning of "MISS ERZGEBIRGE".

**Membership meeting for ACTIVE AND PASSIVE MEMBERS WITH GOLD AND SILVER PIN PRESENTATION will take place on SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.**

**Please come out on this day to find out what is going on in your Club and give your input.  
We would like to have a good turnout at this meeting.**

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***2021 Pin Recipient Ceremony***

The Pin ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> during the Quarterly Membership Meeting. This meeting is open to all Active and Passive members. Below is the list of Members who will be receiving pins. **Please call the Club Office at 215-675-5380 to let us know if you will attend.**

**50 Year Members**

**Active:** Mr. and Mrs. Craig W. Fisher, Mr. Wilfried Gabel and Mrs. Mandy Gabel,  
Mrs. Christine Rieber, Mrs. Hannelore Vollrath, Mr. and Mrs. James Ware

**Passive:** Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thieroff

**25 Year Members**

**Active:** Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bitterlich, Mr. Joseph Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lees,  
Mr. George West and Mrs. Barbara West

**Passive:** Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gehlert, Ms. Helen Thome

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**SPORTS KORNER – “KICKS IN THE GRASS”**

Sports is gearing up for a full return this spring. Cups and leagues are underway with the first championship being earned by our Majors by defeating West Chester Reserves 1-0 in the Frank Giancroce Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association Open Cup final on 3/14. Our youth teams plan on doing the same in their cup brackets in April and May. Follow us on Facebook for current league and cup action.

Our Sports Committee met and has a return to action plan in place for our youth soccer banquet, youth soccer camp, Mighty Mites, and our Summer Splash youth soccer tournament. All dates will be confirmed in May's calendar, with links to registration for the camp and Mighty Mites.

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

**ANNUAL VE GOLF OUTING**

The annual VE Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Golfers and sponsors are needed. Further information and Forms for golfers and sponsors can be found on the VE Club and VE Soccer websites or contact Scott Rieber ([rieber13@msn.com](mailto:rieber13@msn.com)). The VE Club thanks you in advance for your support!!!!

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**“MISS ERZGEBIRGE”**

We are looking for single ladies between the age of 20 and 26 to compete for this title. If you speak the German language to some degree and are interested, please call the Club office at 215-675-5380.

Our Park opening is Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will present our 2021 “Miss Erzgebirge”. Miss Erzgebirge will also compete for “Miss German America”. Competition for this crown is typically held during **Sommerfest — German Day**. Miss German America receives many honors, including scholarship money.

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**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be hosting a Spring clean-up event at our beloved club. We will start at 9AM and typically wrap up by 1PM. Some of the projects we plan to tackle include the following:

- Cut up any fallen trees/branches and drag them into the woods
- Blow/rake leaves around the property
- Clear all storm drains/swales
- Trim hedges
- Paint railings @ stage
- Clean up trash along the main driveway and throughout the club
- Clear leaves off the clubhouse and garage roof

While the club has many of the tools and supplies needed to complete these tasks, feel free to bring your own leaf blower, chainsaw, rake, etc. At a minimum, you may want to bring some gloves. This is not limited to membership – feel free to bring a friend or two!! Lunch and beverages will be provided to all who come out to help. If you have any questions, please call or text Scott at 267-473-2234.