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## President's Message – May 2021

Dear Members of VE,

**Our club is open!** What a relief after many months of uncertainty.

I certainly hope you have been following our website and Facebook updates, as well as VE Sports and the "Ratskeller" sports blog. The information is frequently updated during the week and will keep all members tuned in to what is happening at Erzgebirge. The monthly calendar newsletter still remains, but there is so much happening and developing each week, it is best to check our sites for updates every week.

Unfortunately, although we are open and had a terrific reopening of the Ratskeller, we cannot staff the traditional Mother's Day dinner or a buffet. The new dishwasher is installed and operating. Again, thanking the Taubenberger sisters and the Ladies Auxiliary for this financial gift. Our issue now is staffing! We have posted our staffing positions and need our membership to help communicate to friends and family.

We are currently staffing positions for the pool. This has been posted as well. One major development this month is that the Board of Directors approved \$57,000 to sandblast, seal and repaint our pool. Frankly, this was discussed for two decades and there was no alternative but to get it done. We are sure that we all will be pleased with the final product!

Our soccer program is back in full gear. The club will be buzzing week nights and weekends with a full schedule of games. If you do not have youth playing, perhaps check the schedules and plan a nice day to walk our grounds, watch the youth teams compete and cheer them on.

The Majors are competing in the US Amateur Cup, the United Soccer League and the Northeast Super League. Their recent contest against Christos {Maryland} drew over 300! Das Smokehaus was serving great food and beverages, followed by a great time of "Erzgebirge" gemütlichkeit in the Ratskeller for hours following the contest.

With the Biergarten season re-opening, we have a nice line up of entertainment scheduled. Check our social media postings and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends at our "Waldesrauschen".

Now, I need to get into the immediate needs. Staffing has been mentioned. Maintenance and Grounds is an ongoing project. Our list of projects needs to be shared with the membership, so we can all understand the order of magnitude for our Club. This cannot simply fall upon the Committee to figure out. Scott Logan,

Jim McCullough and Steve Carey, with key member supporters address more routine projects. These issues are greater than a band of members on a Saturday work detail, such as, the "Arbiet Dienst" {the earlier member only "work detail" every Saturday morning.}

Here is what we have facing us:

- Pool House Roof Repair – \$5,000
- Pool Floor Repair – \$2,500 {woman's side due to roof leak}
- Pool Water Line – \$10,000 {temporary on grade line is back on, this needs and permanent underground repair}
- Pool/ Canteen Sewage Pumps and Manhole Replacements – \$12,000 {Completed 2020}
- Canteen Floor Replacement – \$5,500
- Clubhouse Apartment Roof – \$50,000
- Clubhouse Rooftop HVAC – (3) \$25,000 each, Lobby HVAC – \$7,000
- Clubhouse Bathroom Fixtures – {urinals and dividers} \$7,500 {per Bathroom}
- Garden Roof Flooring – \$8,000 {painting to be done by membership}
- Ratskeller Flooring – \$9,000
- Garage Roof Damage – \$2,500
- Parking Lot Replacement – \$100,000 separate account for donations {ongoing repairs required – \$7,000}
- Grass Cutting – \$1,000/ week {estimated \$30,000/ year}
- Playground Safety Chips/ Painting – \$4,000
- Clubhouse Asphalt Pedestrian Paths – \$12,000
- Bungalow Road Asphalt {milling replacement} – \$12,000

We certainly are blessed with a one-of-a-kind Social Club, which was founded 90 years ago in 1931. The Club was started by a small group of immigrants to continue their German heritage and family oriented activities, many of which we still practice today. It takes many volunteers working to maintain our beautiful 68 acres and its facilities. As we move on from 2020 and redevelop our business operations for increasing income, we can still use donations for these projects.

Any input, time for service and donations are welcomed through contacting our Club Office. {our Committee Chairpersons are posted on the website}

Gruss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

A few functions at the CLUB are reopening and I am interested in starting Card & Bingo up again. It is important to know how many members and friends would be interested in participating. Please contact me at 215-343-2580 so that I can make arrangements with the Club. Thank you! Vi

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### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

#### The Biergarten is back!!

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. Music starts at 6pm.

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

May 29<sup>th</sup> ~ T B A

June 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Philly German Brass

🍷🍷 Ratskeller is OPEN every Friday at 5:30pm 🍷🍷

If you are not getting the weekly update email please let the office know. This is the best way to keep you up-to-date about our last minute changes.

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### POOL NEWS

The pool refurbishment has begun! Once the sandblasting project has been completed, we will be scheduling days for general cleanup and setup, so that we can open on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> as planned.

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

Anyone that is interested should contact the Club office by email: veclub@verizon.net. 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 May 2021

**\$15.00 per meal** – Pick up times: Friday 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 between 10am and 4pm to place your order on

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only — or log on to our website Saturday–Wednesday.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mushroom Bisque, Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini, Squash & Tomatoes, Cheesecake

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken & Spaetzle Soup, Kassler Rippchen (smoked pork chop), Red Cabbage, Scalloped Potatoes, White Chocolate & Walnut Bread Pudding

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Beef & Barley Soup, Chicken Schnitzel, Roasted Potatoes & Carrots, Texas Sheet Cake

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Corn Chowder, Roasted Lemon Thyme Chicken, Dill Bliss Potatoes, Zucchini, Squash & Tomato, Sea Salt Brownies

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Beef Vegetable, Kassler Rippchen (smoked pork chop), Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Lemon Tart

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Sonja Groeber  
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## IN MEMORIAM



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

**Lawrence Burns**, who passed away on April 11, 2021, joined VE in 1997, a 24 year member

**Pierre Rausch**, who passed away on April 21, 2021, joined VE in 1977, a 44 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 April 2021. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at the Club.

**Passive Member:** Christopher Czapor, Richard Eisele, Ashley Huckel, Daniel Kiss,  
Marta Pokora, Jane Senior

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## BUNGALOW NEWS

To All Bungalow Owners:

Your Bungalow area must be cleaned up by May 16<sup>th</sup> before the opening of the Canteen.

Peter Hansen, Bungalow Chairperson

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## PARK and CANTEEN OPENING

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

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## SPORTS KORNER – "KICKS IN THE GRASS"

With the return of nice weather and the resumption of league and cup play, our fields find themselves packed with hard working players everyday of the week. Each weekend sees competitive matches from our U8 teams all the way up to our senior teams. It's an exciting and active time at the club.

All our teams are competing in spring leagues and most entered state and regional cups. We have several teams advancing out of their brackets and preparing for quarterfinal and semifinal cup matches. We wish them well and hope they can continue, reach their championship games, and if possible advance to their regional games. Our Majors are still active in their leagues and have battled with Christos FC on two occasions this spring. Those games bring out the best of our program and the teams appreciate the support they receive from the club's membership.

For updates on game schedules, please check the sports Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

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## Panzer Fest Summer Classic Car Show

Saturday, August 7, 2021 10am-4pm VE Parking Lot • Rain date: August 8<sup>th</sup>

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