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President's Message – July 2021

Dear Members of VE,

It is my first duty this month to thank every one of you that has already returned their Fiscal Member dues for 2022. I mentioned last month that this was a complex administrative undertaking which was necessary. Thank you for everyone's support to pass this change in the VE By-Laws in December 2020.

While membership is my topic, you will see information regarding the "VE Membership Drive" starting 7/1/21 through 9/1/21. The goal is to get 100 new members! As an incentive to our membership, we have three prizes! I will mention that First Prize is a "VE Oktoberfest at your home"! This includes Classic Oktoberfest food by Chef Ed and beer for 20, and 2 hours of live accordion music by yours truly, Don Bitterlich! A prize value of \$750!

If you have not previously attended the Southampton Independence Day parade, it will be held on Monday, July 5th, starting at 9:30am along 2nd Street Pike from the Jaymor Road industrial park to Klinger Jr. High School. I encourage members to celebrate with our VE float lead by Erica and Scott Logan. It is a terrific way to celebrate our Country, our Club and our German American Heritage. Please contact the office for details or if you would like to join us by riding the float or marching along.

Please join me in welcoming Gwendolyn {Gwen} Etzl as VE's Event Coordinator. Gwen is the daughter of Julius and Susan Etzl, VE members. Gwen earned her BS degree from Temple University's School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management. Thankfully, the VE events calendar is developing for the summer and fall, and the timing could not have been better for VE to welcome her to our staff.

Camp RAD is back at VE and in full swing for the summer! We welcome back Kelly Degorski and her staff. Thanks go to our membership's hard working senior workers, James

Herman, Adolf Steimetz and Klaus Bernhardt for their dedication to our Club and taking on many of the VE projects to prepare our facilities for VE members, guests and Camp RAD.

Although the VE soccer schedules have ended, the "VE Budesliga" summer soccer league is underway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Das Smoke Haus is cooking and the Ratskeller is pouring. Stop by during the week and have some food and drink while relaxing on the patio or watching some soccer or the Thursday Horseshoe league. You may also choose to play some Corn Hole with family and friends on the VE Corn Hole boards customized by members Eileen and Pete Shay. They look awesome! Call the office to reserve the use of the Corn Hole equipment.

VE is planning to host our Bux Mont Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 11th. Foremost, please participate in staffing for a portion of the day. Vice President, Phil Gabel is the chairperson. Simply call/email the office and he will be in contact. This year will include the Philly German Brass Band during the afternoon, then Biergarten favorite, Slick Rhodes during the evening. Willi Aust and I will be performing throughout the day as well.

VE soccer continues to shine and show excellence in regional and national championship cups. Please check our Soccer website for the latest results and stories for the teams and players highlights.

Lastly, please mark the date Saturday, October 30th, 2021, for the *VE* 90th *Anniversary Banquet*. Details for the event will be forthcoming.

We hope to see you at the Club and enjoying yourself with your family and friends! Be safe!

Gruss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge

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~ Goal: 100 new VE Club members ~

For each paid new membership application that you refer, you will get 1 entry for prizes. The more people you refer who join, the more chances to win!

First prize: Oktoberfest for 20 people; includes food, beer, nonalcoholic

beverages, and 2 hours of accordion playing by Don Bitterlich,

President, VE.

(Date to be determined by you and The Club) \$750.00 value

Second prize: \$100.00 VE gift certificate

Third prize: 4 tickets to VE Oktoberfest on September 11, 2021. Each ticket is

valid for entry, 1 food and 1 drink. \$75.00 value

(VE Board of Directors are ineligible; drawing will be September 3, 2021)

New Members can join online here: http://veclub.org/join-ve/ *******

REMINDERS:

- VE Clubhouse is closed from Saturday, July 3rd and will reopen on Saturday, July 10th with music by Bludogz at the Biergarten. The Pool will be open as usual during that week.
- After the July 2nd menu, Friday Night Takeout Meals are being paused until the Fall. Thank you for your continued patronage!
- The Ratskeller Bar is open on Friday nights with food available for purchase from 5:30-8:30pm.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary is hoping to start our MONTHLY CARD AND BINGO PARTY in September. We are looking for members and non-members to attend. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE TAUBENBERGERS at 215-343-2580. The entrance fee is \$5 per person which includes Coffee, Tea and a Lochel's Pastry. Doors open at 11am and Card Party starts at 12:30pm. Thank you!

******* **ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

The Biergarten is open every Saturday night from 5pm-10pm (weather permitting). There will be entertainment, food & drinks. Come out and enjoy the Club. Music starts at 6pm.

July 3rd ~ CLOSED for the Holiday

July 10th ~ Bludogz

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July 24th ~ George Sinkler Band July 31st ~ Alex Deems

POOL NEWS

Pool season passes are still available! Discount books can be purchased at the pool booth ONLY, please do not send money to the Club for these.

A couple reminders:

No glass or alcohol in pool area.

Parking at the pool is handicap only with a VE Handicap Parking Pass.

The pool committee hopes to see you enjoying the pool this summer!

The VE Pool Committee

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Thomas Vogt, who passed away on May 6, 2021, joined VE in 1988, a 33 year member William Seiberlich, who passed away on May 17, 2021, joined VE in 1985, a 36 year member Richard Weggel, who passed away on June 8, 2021, joined VE in 1984, a 37 year member Ingrid Craig, who passed away on June 17, 2021, joined VE in 1971, a 50 year member

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ERZGEBIRGE FAMILY

We would like to thank everyone for your Mass cards, sympathy and prayers on the loss of our son and brother Brian.

Joan & Wenzel Pisch • Cheryl Lastowka & Family • Eric Pisch & Family

VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have any questions regarding VE membership, please use our new email address: <u>VEclubmembership@aol.com</u>, which is specifically dedicated to membership correspondence. For your convenience, we are now accepting membership dues payments via VENMO: @ **VEĆlub**. We continue to accept cash, check or credit card payments. Credit card and Venmo payments will be accepted with a \$10.00 convenience fee. Thank you!!

VE is celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year! Please SAVE THE DATE for the Banquet ~ Saturday, October 30th

We are assembling old photographs of the Club for our 90th anniversary banquet and are seeking help from our members. Please email scanned photographs to Steve Feuchter at: <u>SFeuchter67@yahoo.com</u> or drop them off at the Club office for help in scanning them. Names, dates, and any information available would be a great help.

We are also looking for "memories" of fun and interesting times spent at the Club. If you have something you would like to share, please either email it to: veclub@verizon.net or drop it off to the office by August 18th.

The banquet book will be asking for boosters and contributors. Please consider helping the Club out for this important project. We will be sending emails out with the information to all members shortly and also mailing to local businesses.

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