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President's Message - September 2021

Dear Members of VE,

Oktoberfest season is rapidly approaching. As a German club which remains committed to our German heritage and culture, our opportunity to model the Vereinigung Erzgebirge to our local and regional community is so important. The VE "BuxMont Oktoberfest" is our platform to demonstrate our Club, for its beautiful grounds, the atmosphere of Gemütlichkeit {good times with friends and family}, the food, the drink, and our Soccer program. We have had meetings since June organizing our Club for this event under the leadership of Phil Gabel, Vice President. The details of every aspect have been addressed and issues always arise and must be addressed. Our great concern remains staffing. The membership is our life line to making it all work. If you have not yet notified the VE office and committed to giving your time and effort, please do so. There are many stations where we need adults, and we can also use responsible teenagers.

With fall approaching, we welcome the return of our soccer teams, and the Mighty Mites programs which missed 2020 due to the covid constraints. The soccer teams, their coaches, the players and families continue to be a tremendous component to our Club. Over the years of my life, growing up at VE, I have seen many soccer friends, who have experienced our Club, without German heritage, adopt the German culture of VE into their lives and become tremendous contributors to VE for

many years. This has been the core of our Club's success over the decades. Simply friends that have experienced what VE has to offer. By being involved is some aspect of the Club, the social life of VE has thrived.

As we mentioned in the prior months, our Membership Drive is still going and continues through 9/1/21. The goal is for 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!

Always keep up with the VE Facebook and website notifications. If you have not signed on to receive our weekly updates, please do so. Also, sign up for the VE Sports updates. When you see how well our soccer program performs, it will certainly make you smile knowing you are a member or friend of VE.

Lastly, please mark the date of 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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OUR SEPTEMBER AGENDA IS A BUSY ONE!

First of all we need your help to peel potatoes for OCTOBERFEST on Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th starting at 9am in the kitchen. Bring your paring knife with you.

All AC Trips to Caesars Casino will be on the second Tuesday of each month, as was mentioned in the last calendar. This month it will be on Tuesday, September 14th. The cost is \$35 per person. Please arrive at 8:45am, the bus will be leaving the VE Parking Lot promptly at 9am and returning around 6:15pm. Upon arrival you will be receiving \$30 in Play Money. At the present time seating is limited. For reservations and additional information, please call Vi Taubenberger at 215-343-2580. All payments must be mailed 2 weeks before departure and made payable to the V.E. Ladies Auxiliary. Please mail to:

Vi Taubenberger, 1565 Stuckert Rd., Warrington, PA 18976 CARD & BINGO PARTY - THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, FOR EXAMPLE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th. The cost is \$5 per person which includes coffee/tea and a Lochel's Pastry. Doors open at 11am. Card & Bingo starts at 12:30pm. All members and friends are invited to attend. Sandwiches are available for purchase at our self-service window.

Please come out and support THE LADIES AUXILARY!

Thank you! Vi

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

The Biergarten will continue to be open every Saturday night from 5pm-10pm (weather permitting). There will be live music, food & drinks. Please come out and enjoy the Club. Music starts at 6pm.

September $4^{th} \sim BIERGARTEN$ CLOSED – ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND! September 11th ~ (OKTOBERFEST) Philly German Brass followed by The Bratwurst Boys Sept 18th ~ Scattertrain Sept 25th ~ Y'all Or Nothin' Oct 2nd ~ Bludogz

VE is celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year!

Please SAVE THE DATE for the Banquet ~ Saturday, October 30th

\$70.00 per ticket ~ Cocktails at 6pm ~ Dinner at 7pm

~ Music provided by Heimatklänge ~

Tickets will be available after September 15th. For reservations and tickets, please call Gwen in the Club office at 215-675-5380.

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: SFeuchter67@vahoo.com 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 September 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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The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who have left us:

Frank Ambrose, who passed away on June 4, 2021, joined VE in 1993, a 28 year member Ingrid Fisher, who passed away on June 17, 2021, joined VE in 1971, a 50 year member Derel Lee Keller, who passed away on August 2, 2021, joined VE in 1965, a 56 year member

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SPORTS KORNER – "KICKS IN THE GRASS"

After a well-deserved summer break, our players returned to the fields and worked hard in their preseason preparations for their upcoming league action. All youth and senior team competition begin in early September and run through the middle of November. Best of luck to all teams, players, and coaches for a successful fall campaign. We encourage all members to come out on a nice afternoon and enjoy some excellent soccer from our teams.

Our Sports Committee remained active all summer long and special recognition needs to go out to Rob Oldfield for running an excellent Summer Soccer Academy, Christine Kehan for directing our hugely successful Summer Splash Youth Soccer Tournament, and Tom and Toni Kehan for organizing another terrific Mighty Mites season. In fact, all three areas have seen tremendous growth and these activities strengthen our program in the local soccer community.

For current soccer news and game schedules, please visit our website or our Facebook page. Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

Panzer Fest Summer Classic Car Show

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Thank you to all members and guests who attended the car show. It was a beautiful day. We had 140 cars participate and a lot of spectators walking around. VE Klinsmann appreciates all your support over the last 5 years that we ran the show! Thank you!

POOL CLOSING PARTY LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

More information will be posted down at the pool. Anyone willing to help out with games that day, please leave your contact information with one of the managers or send an email to the Club office at: veclub@verizon.net.

With the pool season coming to a close, the pool committee hopes you have all been enjoying the pool this summer! Volunteers to help close the pool on Saturday, October 2nd. We will be meeting at the pool at 10am. The VE Pool Committee

Pinochle League

Pinochle will be starting on Thursday, September 16th at 7pm. If you would like to be a sub, please email the club at veclub@verizon.net or call Monika @ 267-304-3217.

The deadline for 2021-2022 dues payment was August 31st. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them in with a \$5.00 late fee.

Thank you to those members that referred new VE member applicants during our membership drive. The winners of the three prizes will be announced via email the first week of September. Please continue to refer friends and family for VE membership. Applications are available on our website, as well as, new payment options online and via Venmo (both have a convenience fee attached).

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

Membership questions? Please email <u>veclubmembership@aol.com</u>

Welcome to Our Club!

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

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Volunteers are needed for: Front Gate, Food/Beverage Ticket Sales, Round Bar, Clubhouse Café, Parking, Golf Cart transport center, Kiddie Rides, Food Stands and Trash collection.

Volunteers also needed for setup on Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th and cleanup on Sunday and Monday, September 12th & 13th from 9am on. It is your club, our club, let's show we care!!!!

Thank you! The Oktoberfest Committee