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December 11 Sunday Brunch – 10am -2pm

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VE Majors
Christmas Party

December 24/25 Club closed

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President's Message - December 2022

Dear Members of VE,

As 2022 ends, I look back at all the achievements of the year and take pride in those accomplishments. We had an outstanding year, with ongoing events, an outstanding Oktoberfest, a successful soccer program, and strong membership participation. A special thank you to all of our members who volunteer their time and effort, to ensure that our Club remains the premier German American club in our area. I also want to thank the Executive Board, Trustees, and Directors who continue to lead the club and manage our finances and govern the Society. In this current economy it takes a strong team to lead, and we have that group in place.

I wish to extend my thanks to all our members, friends, and employees, for your continued support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein Guten Rutsch ins Neuen Jahr!

Philip Gabel, President

HERZLICH WILIKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in November 2022. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Transferred to Active: Christina Collison

Passive Members:

Cynthia Abell, Marie Hirschbuhl, Colleen Panepresso, Matt Sulock, and Keith Wagner

We are always looking to increase our VE Club membership. Please refer friends and family to join our Club.

Any Active member in good standing willing to run for a Board position should contact our Nominating Chairman Mark Toroniewski at marktoro10@verizon.net. Willing candidates must be nominated no later than the January 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

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

Dorothy (Dot) Woldecke who passed away on September 7, 2022, joined VE in 1988, a 34-year member Margot Hoffmann who passed away on October 19, 2022, joined VE in 1952, a 70-year member Dietmar (Dietz) Woldecke who passed away on October 26, 2022, joined VE in 1988, a 34-year member

Ruhe in Frieden

What's Cooking in the VE Kitchen?

Wednesday Night Dinners and Thursday Night Takeout Meals - Our kitchen staff is facing a staffing shortage and is diligently seeking help. Due to a full month of scheduled events we need to temporarily curtail our Wednesday and Thursday night meals. We will be serving In House meals on Wednesday, November 30th and Take Out meals on Thursday, December 1st only. The Club intends on resuming those meals in January. Thank you for your understanding.

Friday Night at the Ratskeller - enjoy several reasonably priced choices from our menu every Friday in the Ratskeller starting at 5pm.

Sunday Brunch – Sunday brunch has returned! Our next brunch shall be on December 11th. Reservations are recommended. There will be a special photo opportunity that day for children and families. Get your photo taken with the Grinch and Santa Jack. Check it out at https://fearmarvelous.com/booking.

WE ARE HIRING – Great opportunity for experienced staff or those willing to learn! The VE kitchen needs kitchen cooks, barbacks, servers, and bussers. Please call the office Wednesday and Friday 9-5pm at 215-675-5380, and ask for Jess or email at <u>veclubevents@gmail.com</u> any time. Looking forward to working with you soon.

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 any last-minute updates to VE.

VE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The VE Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer scholarships this year to high school seniors who will continue their education at a college, university or technical school. Parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be current members. Requests for the scholarship application should be emailed to veclub@ verizon.net.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is February 24, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded at the April quarterly membership meeting. Anyone wishing to donate to the Scholarship Fund honoring someone special, a special occasion or in memory of a loved one is asked to note that the donation is for the "VE Scholarship Fund" and for whom it is honoring when sent to the Club office. Donations will ensure the future of the program for many years.

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DANKE SCHÖN

The Board of Directors want to thank everyone who visited the club and enjoyed November's Bourbon and Cigar Night, Schlachtfest, and Christkindlmarkt, as well as the many other events we hosted. An extra special thank you to our staff and many volunteers who made these affairs happen.

Our Christmas elves were back at work in decorating the clubhouse and grounds for the Holidays. Thanks for the nice work and we will make sure that those people are on Santa's Nice List!

Lastly, we also want to thank the Sports Committee who generously donated the four new 50" high-definition TVs in the Ratskeller.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Please join us in the Ratskeller on Friday, December 9, 2022, from 7:00pm. Food and beverages available for purchase. Prizes awarded for: Ugliest Sweater and Most Creative Sweaters!

Be on the lookout for a collection box in the Ratskeller for non-perishable food for local food banks. It's a great way of helping our community during the Holiday season.

Did You Know?

Christmas Traditions in the Erzgebirge. In the Erzgebirge, a former mining region, Christmas is a festival of lights. For miners working in danger and darkness, lights pointed the way and were a sign of hope.

The traditional Erzgebirge Christmas season lasts six weeks, from St. Andrew's Day on November 30th until Twelfth Night or Epiphany on January 6th. The season features scores of Nativity displays and other decorations, some of them miningthemed. One of the highlights is the Schneeberg "Lichtelfest", or festival of lights, with its night-time miners' parade and final concert. Other small towns well worth a visit are Annaberg-Buchholz and Seiffen, which is renowned for its traditional wooden toys. And Schwarzenberg has one of Saxony's loveliest Christmas markets with five centuries of tradition behind it.

VE LADIES' AUXILIARY

I want to thank everyone who supported the LADIES AUXILIARY throughout the year and I look forward to your continued support in the NEW YEAR, 2023. The Ladies Auxiliary wishes all members and friends A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CARD AND BINGO PARTY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS.

Weather permitting our January 2023 schedule is as follows: Card & Bingo Party will be on Wednesday, January 25th. Doors open at 11am. Come early for coffee and danish. Entrance fee is \$7 per person. All members and friends are invited for an afternoon of warm and friendly atmosphere. Sandwiches are available for purchase at the self-service window. Card & Bingo begins at 12:30pm. Vi Taubenberger



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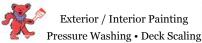
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Congratulations to all our teams that have completed their fall seasons. Several teams won their fall leagues, and we welcome more trophies in our trophy cabinet! Wishing all our players, coaches, families, and fans a great holiday season. Our annual adult Christmas party for VE soccer alumni and friends will be held Friday, December 16th at the Club @ 7:00PM. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to a sports committee member before December 7th. More up to date information can be found by following us on our Facebook page.

We have VE green/white scarves for sale. Contact Scott Rieber if interested. Makes a great Christmas gift!

The Mighty Mites Committee would like to thank all the parents, players, and coaches for another successful season. We hope to see many of you again during the next year when we start to form our newest boys and girls travel teams.

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

WALDECHO DAMENCHOR

Thank you for attending our autumn concert on November 20th. It is great to be back after three years. A special thank you to all the people who made this possible. Look forward to many more. Janice Murset / President

BUNGALOW COMMITTEE

Bungalows are closed for the Season and shall reopen on April 1, 2023. Have a great winter! Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairperson

> MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

There are many maintenance items that are required year-round that can be handled without any supervision. We can always use help with yard work (weeding the gardens, weed whacking, leaf blowing, snow blowing and collecting sticks/trash) as well as assorted maintenance. If you would like to help with one of these projects, please email us at veclub@verizon,net or just stop by and get started. We will NEVER turn away volunteers!!!

Thank you for helping us keep our Club beautiful!!!

- The Maintenance & Grounds Committee

2022 FIFA WORLD CUP

For the first time in World Cup history, the games shall be played in the winter (from November 20th until December 18th). This year's event is being held in Qatar with 32 teams competing. Of special interest are the United States men's team and the German Mannschaft. VE will be televising games with special focus on the US and German teams. Why watch at home? Come to a soccer club and cheer your team(s) on!

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