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President's Message - January 2023

Dear Members of VE,

On behalf of the Executive Board and myself, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2023! I would like to thank the members for their continued support of our Club and look forward to seeing everyone over the coming weeks. Please continue to patronize our Club, whether in the Ratskeller on a Friday night or a Sunday afternoon, Take-out meals, or our monthly Brunch. The membership makes our Club the special place it is. Hoping to see all Active members at the upcoming membership meeting and election of officers!

Glück Auf! Philip Gabel / President

VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy New Year! As we move into 2023, we would like to expand our pool of volunteers. If you are interested in sharing your talents and donating a few hours to the Club, please email: veclubmembership@aol.com. Let us know if there is a particular area of interest and we will add you to the volunteer list. Thank you in advance.

HERZLICH WILIKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

Active: Quentin Dreilich

Passive: Vanessa Brocious, Brian Carey, Brittani Janos, Hugh J. Johnston,

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

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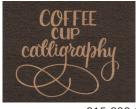
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BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS for 2023

Sunday, January 22nd at 2pm Sharp!

Admittance to meeting only upon presentation of 2023 Active Membership Card

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 ARE:

President Phil Gabel
Vice President ... Steve Feuchter
Corresponding Secretary Linda Haywood
Recording Secretary Ken Haywood
Financial Secretary Andrea Feuchter
Treasurer Peter Hansen

TRUSTEES:

Helga Bast Monika Bernhardt Charles Butz, Jr

DIRECTORS:

Markus Bernhardt Steve Carey Paul Joyce Tom Kehan Jim McCullough Rob Oldfield Scott Rieber Mark Toroniewski

Any Active member who is interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors must contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee before the January Board Meeting, which is Tuesday, January 17th. NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE BOARD MEETING! Please contact Mark Toroniewski at marktoro10@verizon.net.

Additional nominees, who are not listed above, will appear on the ballot slip at the General Membership meeting. To be elected to the Executive Board, the nominee must be an Active Member and present at the meeting the day of the election, unless he/she has been properly excused in writing. His/Her letter must be in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary, Linda Haywood, prior to the General Membership meeting.

Voting membership meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 2:00pm. If your membership number starts with an "A", please join us for this meeting. Don't forget to bring your current 2022/2023 membership card which is required for entrance.



IN MEMORIAM



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

Robert Eppinger who passed away on November 20, 2022, joined VE in 1988, a 34-year member

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back inside and putting on my pajamas!

What's Cooking in the VE Kitchen?

January Dine-In and Take-Out Meals -

Dine-In hours are moving to Thursday starting January 12th, 5-7pm. We want to give you the best service and prepare appropriately. If you plan to dine let us know by calling (215) 675-5380, M-F 10-4pm.

Thursday Take-Out Dinner is coming back as well – starting January 12th, pick up times between 4:30-6:30pm. Reserve ahead by calling (215) 675-5380. Thank you and we look forward to serving you again in 2023.

What's On the Thursday Night Menu?

January 12th - Spinach Stuffed Pork Loin

January 19th - Chicken Parmesan

January 26th - Rouladen

February 2nd- Pork Schnitzel

Sunday Brunch – reservations are being accepted M-F 10-4pm for our next brunch Saturday, January 15th. Cannot wait to have you join us for delicious food among great company. Sunday Brunch hours 10-2pm. Call (215) 675-5380 for reservations.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Feuerzangenbowle ("Fire Tong Punch")

The Entertainment Committee invites you to a German Holiday/Winter Tradition (Feuerzangenbowle) on Saturday, January 28th, starting at 7pm in the Ratskeller. There will be an ala carte food menu and drinks for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chili Fest

Chili Fest is back!! Mark your calendars!!! Saturday, March 4th, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are interested in making Chili for the contest, please contact Jamie @ jamiepfrommer@aol.com. More info to follow in February's calendar.

DID YOU KNOW?

The history of wooden toymaking in the Erzgebirge is closely bound to regional circumstances. For many centuries it was a countryside in which the local population eked out a hard existence from the land and later mining became an important industry. It was not long before the winnings of silver ore fell in many parts of the mountains and numerous mines had to close. This hardship forced its inhabitants to look for other work and, thanks to abundance of timber in the region, the manufacture of wooden toys became an important secondary source of income. Entire families were engaged in wooden toymaking. The majority of these products was taken to the toy markets of Nuremberg and redistributed from there. Production is concentrated today in the toymaking village of Seiffen and its surrounding area in the middle of the so-called "German Christmas Land" as the Erzgebirge is called. A great variety of products have developed, they include many typical wooden Erzgebirge products such as Christmas pyramids, wooden incense smokers, nutcrackers, and candle arches.



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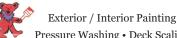
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The Ladies Auxiliary wishes all members and friends a HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR in 2023.

WEATHER PERMITTING OUR JANUARY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: Wednesday, January 25th - CARD & BINGO - All members and friends are invited for an afternoon of warm and friendly atmosphere. Come EARLY for Coffee and Danish. Doors open at 11am. Donation is \$7 per person. Sandwiches are available for purchase at the self-service window. CARD PARTY BEGINS AT 12:30P.M.

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As our teams are on a well-deserved winter break, we would like to reflect on a successful 2022 year. Some highlights include:

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- Red Card to Cancer drive / helps families within our program
- Technology New website / Facebook (over 1600 followers)
- Another successful youth tournament (100 teams)
- Successful summer camp with 200+ campers
- Successful Mighty Mites season with 250+ players / future of our program comes from it
- A boys team traveled to Germany / long tradition / represented well competitively
- Majors at a high level of play / drawing top talent / exciting to watch
- Several league champs and runners up this fall / both boys and girls
- Several high school boys recognized by the PCL and Suburban One League
- U16 boys won EPYSA Challenge Cup in June
- U18 boys won the President's Cup and Regional final

Looking forward to continued success in 2023!

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

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 (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

The Board asks that members and their guests refrain from leaving food for the deer who roam our grounds.

This supplemental feeding is harmful to the animals as well as not permitted by the PA Game Commission.