

THIS MONTH:

Brunch 10am to 2pm

Quarterly Membership

Meeting 2pm

3pm to 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Damenchor Concert

Bourbon Night

Brunch 10am to 2pm

Schlachtfest

Fall Family Festival

October 8

October 22

October 28

October 29

November 1 **Blood Drive**

November 5

November 10

November 12

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FIRST CLASS

President's Message – October 2023

Dear Members of VE,

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated another very successful Oktoberfest at the Club. We dodged some iffy weather that day and were rewarded with an excellent crowd of members and friends who enjoyed their time with us. It's our marguee Club event and I am thankful for everyone who stepped up to help make this day a memorable one. Thanks to the Oktoberfest Committee for making this happen – they worked hard before, during, and after the event. Excellent job all around and I couldn't be prouder of you guys!

Our summer went by too quick, and the Club is ramping up for a Fall full of events. During the week you can see our soccer fields filled with our players working on their skills and every weekend we're packed with games. But it's not just soccer activity keeping us busy. As you will see in this Calander, we have a very full schedule the next few months and weekends are booking up fast with even more events into next year.

Let's keep the momentum going and come to the Club and enjoy it. It really is a special place.

Glück Auf! Philip Gabel / President

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2023

The Oktoberfest Committee wants to thank all the volunteers who spent many, many hours before, during, and after this year's event working on behalf of our Club. It literally takes an army of people to make this happen and we did a great job. We had a terrific day, despite the chance of rain, and we welcomed a great number of attendees. All in all, it went off without a hitch and it was a fabulous day to show off the best that the Club has to offer. Special thanks to Verna, Linda, Monika, Andrea, and Jess handling all the behind-the-scenes action, Chef Ed and his crew for all the tasty food, and Peter Zimmerman, Jim McCullough, and Markus Bernhardt for keeping the beer flowing. Oktoberfest without beer isn't Oktoberfest!

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active members.

Please attend.

"TAG DER SACHSEN" IN AUE

Recently three board members and their spouses were lucky enough to travel to Germany and represent VE at the "Tag der Sachsen" in Aue. Aue is a town in the Erzgebirge that was selected for this celebration due to Aue celebrating their 850th anniversary. The group spent four nights there and were kept very busy with a BBQ with Aue's French sister city; meeting with the coaching staff of FC Erzgebirge Aue at their academy; Gala celebration in Aue's Kulturhaus and recognition by Aue's Mayor; driving tour of the Erzgebirge with shopping; an evening at their Fest; an interview with the local newspaper and live radio interview on MDR; the participation in their parade with 150,000 attendees (we proudly carried the VE flag and the American flag the whole route and even ended up live on German television!); and ended up at a typical Erzgebirge evening in a real bungalow. It was an excellent time, and we are thrilled that we can maintain our roots in the Erzgebirge. A very special Danke Schon to our friend Jens Karluss for making all the arrangements. Jens ist Wunderbar!

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WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the Club office know. This is the best way to keep you up to date about any last-minute updates to VE including Club news, events, soccer games, dinner specials, and job opportunities.

2023 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! Reservations required in advance. The following are the correct dates...

Sundays – 10am - 2pm

October 8 • November 12 • December 17

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Sunday, October 29th, 2023, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm • Advanced Reservations Required!

Our traditional Schlachtfest is back! Chef Ed is offering a typical German Schlachtplatte with all the fine Wursts and Roast Pork, as well as Roast Beef. Make sure to reserve your Pigs Knuckles early this year! Enjoy a nice afternoon with us and please consider attending this event.

KITCHEN OFFERINGS

Thursday Night Dinners: Due to limited staffing, we are offering Thursday Night dinners on the third Thursday of the month for the Fall season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Thursday, October 19th. 5:00 - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room. Menu:

| Pork Schnitzel and 2 sides |
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| Prime Rib with 2 sides |
| Pasta Entree with 1 side |
| Chicken Fingers and Fries |

| Member Price | Non-Member Price |
|--------------|------------------|
| \$13.00 | \$16.00 |
| \$21.00 | \$25.00 |
| \$12.00 | \$15.00 |
| \$ 9.00 | \$12.00 |

• Friday Night Dinners: Menu will be updated starting October 6, 2023. In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the October dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

| 10/06 | Pork Schnitzel w/spaetzle & sauerkraut | \$13.00 |
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| 10/13 | Rouladen w/red cabbage & potato dumpling | \$13.00 |
| 10/20 | Bacon wrapped meatloaf w/mashed potatoes & broccoli | \$13.00 |
| 10/27 | Chicken Cordon Bleu w/rice pilaf & Brussel sprouts | \$13.00 |

Wing Night Wednesday's: Starting in November. Pizza and wings served in the Ratskeller. Stay tuned for more details...

Parties and events are booked out into 2024 already. Please consider holding your events with us!

CHRISTKINDLMARKT / A TRADIONAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday, November 25th, 2023, from 10am to 4pm

Our Club welcomes everyone to attend this one-day event. Large selection of vendors offering interesting items. The Club will be serving food as well as the traditional German Glühwein! Volunteers needed to help with Christkindlmarkt. Wednesday November 22nd starting at 2pm or after, whenever available, to help move tables and chairs for Christkindlmarkt vendor event. Please email or call Jess to coordinate helping with this event: veclubevents@gmail.com, 215-675-5380. Volunteers also needed Friday, November 24th, 5-7pm, to help vendors bring their items to their location and Volunteers needed for event day, November 25th starting at 7:30am. We appreciate you and thank you in advance for helping us make this event a huge success.



A SUMMER'S WAVE GOODBYE.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We would like to thank Vi, Irene, and Carol Taubenberger for their 25+ years of leading the Ladies Auxiliary since they have decided to step down. They will be greatly missed in this position. We are seeking volunteers to carry on the Ladies Auxiliary which holds the Card and Bingo party. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Club office at 215-675-5380. Keep a look out for Card and Bingo news for the remainder of 2023.

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on November 1st, 2023, from 2:00 to 7:00pm in the large dining room. The Club is sponsoring this event and is asking our members to Donate a Pint! More detailed information shall follow in the November calendar.

Join us at the VE Canteen for an Evening of Bourbon Tasting and Cigars
Friday, November 10th, 2023, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm / Limited space available
\$55 per person (VE member) / \$60 per person (non-member). Paid Admission includes a Tasting of Four Exquisite Bourbons, Two Complimentary Premium Cigars, and Light Fare.
Additional drinks, premium beer, and cigars can be purchased separately. Call the Club at 215-675-5380 or email Jessica at veclubevents@gmail.com to reserve your ticket today!

<u>Skat Club</u>

SKAT ABTEILUNG

Do you play Skat? Ever play, want to learn, or want to play again? Come on Fridays to the VE Club Ratskeller to learn or join the Skat Club. The Skat Club is looking for new players. No experience necessary. Come and see the two guys both named Klaus. Friday nights from 7:00 – 10:00pm.

INDOOR SPORTS

We would like to inform you that the in-house dart league at the VE is looking for anyone who may be interested in participating. All are welcome. You do not have to be an experienced player to join. We play our matches on Tuesday evenings, with the first matches starting at 7:00pm in the Ratskeller bar area. If you have interest, please contact John Rafa at email: <u>john.vedarts@gmail.com</u>, or cell: 267-374-1502

SOCCER NEWS

Our teams are out in full force and scoring lots of goals and competing in their age groups. Youth teams are deep in league competition and doing great. Our Majors and Reserves are also doing well with both teams challenging for league titles. We are also pleased to announce the return of our Senior Women's team coached by Bill O'Neill. Glad to have the ladies back and seeing more great soccer.

Might Mites are active every Friday night and this year we are hosting a record 270 4-7 year old future soccer stars; this year is an all-time record for kids playing. This is a great facet of our soccer program and is the home of our future soccer stars.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page and come out and support our teams.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while visiting the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and would appreciate it if the room was cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.



Everyone is talking about Camp RAD at the VE CLUB.

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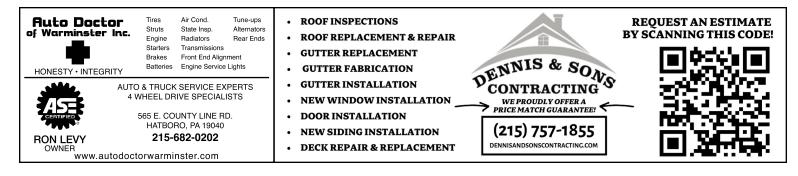
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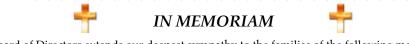
Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in September 2023. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Active: Kathleen McHugh

Passive: Ashley Baron, James Costello, Bill Heimer, Danielle Heller, Tim Hughes, Kristin Knipe, Brigham Lynn, Diane B. Neary, Roselee Neumeister, Steve Nye, Lewis R. Phillips, Steven Prendergast, and Caitlyn Townes

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

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

Nikolaus Kampf who passed away on August 25, 2023, joined VE in 2012, an 11-year member; Ronald Durr who passed away on September 13, 2023, joined VE in 1963, a 60-year member; James Lynch, Jr. who passed away on September 14, 2023, joined VE in 1975, a 48-year member;

Erich Resch who passed away on September 21, 2023, joined VE in 1975, a 48-year member; David Clapper who passed away on September 23, 2023, joined VE in 1984, a 39-year member.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Our Biergarten season with fantastic live music opened in May and just concluded. We had an excellent season with large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. A huge thank you to everyone who attended these live events, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2024 when it resumes.

Here's something new for our young members. On Saturday October 28th, from 3pm to 7pm, we shall be holding our first Halloween themed Fall Family Festival. This is for families and kids and will be held in our Garden Room and outside on the playground/patio area.

DAMENCHOR CONCERT

The VE Damenchor invites you to their Autumn concert on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00pm. The Mannerchor joins us in performing women's, men's and mixed voice repertoire of folk, popular and classical music. Also, the kitchen and the bar will be open for food and beverage purchases. The tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased from members of the choirs or by calling Christine Groeber at 215-697-8087. We look forward to seeing you.

Janice Murset, Presidentv

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Volunteer Hours Needed</u>: The Club is run mostly by member volunteers and every hour counts. If you are interested in being added to our contact list for volunteer opportunities the Volunteer Committee is looking to know what you can help with and when. Please email <u>veclubevents@gmail.com</u> to be added to our email/phone contact list. Thank you in advance.

<u>Hiring Staff</u>: The VE Club is looking for a full-time office worker who has Quickbooks experience as well as an event shift leader. We also need a daytime dishwasher and daytime availability server with experience.