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## THIS MONTH:

**January 1**

**Club Closed for  
New Years Day**

**January 13**

**Feuerzangenbowle  
Night**

**January 20**

**Fishermen's  
Flea Market**

**January 21**

**BVV Dance**

**January 28**

**Membership Meeting  
and Election**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**February 3**

**Music Bingo**

## President's Message – January 2024

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 2024! I want to offer a big **DANKE SCHÖN** to our Officers, Trustees, and Directors who made 2023 another successful year in the history of the Club. A special thank you to our members and volunteers for their continued support of our Club and look forward to seeing everyone over the coming weeks. Without your support our Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, and other events cannot take place. Please continue to patronize our Club, whether in the Ratskeller on a Friday night, dining in, or our monthly Brunch. Membership makes our Club the special place it is. Hoping to see all Active members at the upcoming membership meeting and election of officers this month!

Philip Gabel / President

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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS for 2024**

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm Sharp!**

Admittance to meeting only upon presentation of a valid 2024 Active Membership Card

### **NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 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   Dave Jones   Paul Joyce  
Bob Koob   Tom Kehan   Jim McCullough   Rob Oldfield  
Shari Pfrommer   Scott Rieber   Eric Roby   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 prior to the January Board Meeting, which is Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. **NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE BOARD MEETING!** Please contact Mark Toroniewski at [marktoro10@verizon.net](mailto:marktoro10@verizon.net).

Additional nominees, who are not listed above, may 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.

The voting membership meeting is Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 2:00pm. If your membership number starts with an "A", please join us for this meeting. Don't forget to bring your current 2023/2024 membership card which is required for entrance.

## **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.

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### 2023/2024 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

**Sunday – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10am - 2pm**

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! For Brunch on January 14<sup>th</sup>, please get your reservations in by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. We have a maximum number of reservations and cannot take last-minute reservations or walk-ins. There is also a 2-hour time limit for Brunch so we can accommodate all guests interested in joining us. Please call the Club office Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm to make your reservations at (215) 675-5380.

**2024 Brunch Dates:**  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)  
Easter Sunday Buffet – March 31<sup>st</sup>

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### RATSKELLER WINTER HOURS

The winter months are typically a slow time in the Ratskeller, essentially due to the lack of home soccer games. To control costs, while maintaining essential services to our membership, the House Committee has affected the following Saturday Ratskeller hours during January, February, and March (unless there is a special event and until soccer starts up again).

**Saturday Ratskeller Winter Hours: 3:00pm to closing.**

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### KITCHEN OFFERINGS

- **Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering Thursday Night dinners on the third Thursday of the month for the winter season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

**Menu:**

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Pork Schnitzel with two sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
Chicken Francesé with two sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
Vegetable Lasagna with one side	\$12.00	\$15.00
Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$9.00	\$12.00

- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the January dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller. All entrees are priced at \$13.00.

1/05/24	Chicken Schnitzel with mashed potatoes and creamed spinach
1/12/24	Rouladen with Spätzle and red cabbage
1/19/24	Sausage and Pepper Parmesan with rigatoni, side salad and garlic bread
1/26/24	Beef Stroganoff over egg noodles and side salad

- **Wing Night Wednesday's:** Come out and enjoy a Pizza, Wings, and a cold beer or two. Pizza and Wings served in the Ratskeller from 5:30pm - 8:00pm.

Choices are:

- 12" pizza – Plain, Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushroom, Margarita, or White with Crispy Chicken and Broccoli. Prices range from \$10.00-\$15.00.
- 8-piece Jumbo Wings \$9.00. Choose from: Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki or BBQ Dry Rub. Served with celery and blue cheese.

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

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

In addition to a lot of Club-wide events, the Entertainment Committee is actively organizing events on a frequent basis. Please stop by the Club and enjoy the company of friends and family and have some fun. These events are set for January and food is available at each event.

### Feuerzangenbowle ("Fire Tong Punch")

The Entertainment Committee invites you to a German Holiday / Winter Tradition (Feuerzangenbowle) on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Music Bingo (with DJ George Ropers)

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be hosting a Music Bingo Event in the Ratskeller. Kicking off at 7:00pm, this event will allow you to test your music knowledge in a fun setting. Get your Satisfaction at the Club—get your wig on straight, can't be late...

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## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Card and Bingo party will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. (Weather permitting) If schools are closed, we do not have our party. The cost is \$7 per person which includes coffee or tea and a pastry and one bingo card. Doors open at 11:00am. Sandwiches are available for purchase at our self-service window. Come early to enjoy lunch, chat with friends and meet new friends. The fun begins at 12:30pm. Please come out and support the Ladies Auxiliary (men are welcome too!). Any questions call Janet at (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President.

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## VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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](mailto:veclub@verizon.net). The deadline for submitting completed applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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 the name of the person honored when sent to the Club office. Donations will ensure the future of the program for many years.

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## SOCCER NEWS

As our teams are on a well-deserved winter break, we would like to reflect on a terrific 2023. Across all ages from our Mighty Mites to our Majors we saw success at league and state levels, promoted the VE Soccer family in a positive fashion, and grew our program. With the Spring kickoff right around the corner we are looking forward to another successful campaign.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make our program happen. We are one of the last programs around that do not pay their coaches or demand high fees from our players and will continue that tradition. Please support our teams by coming out to games or purchasing VE Soccer items when they are available.

Looking forward to continued success in 2024!

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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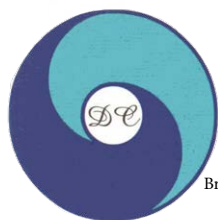


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## HERZLICH WILIKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

**Transfer to Active:** Donald and Debbie Scott, and Harvey and Rosalie Swartz

**Passive:** Michael Dick, Roman Escobar, Katie Glanzmann, Eric Landherr, Christine O'Meara, John Pizzileo, Andy Stackhouse, and Thea Taimanglo

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

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### OPPORTUNITIES

**Volunteer Hours Needed:** 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 [veclubevents@gmail.com](mailto:veclubevents@gmail.com) to be added to our email/phone contact list. Thank you in advance.

**Hiring Staff:** 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.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The most typical New Year's greeting in Germany is the slang phrase *Einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr!* or simply *Guten Rutsch!* These can be translated literally as "A good slide into the New Year!" or "Good slide!". The word *Rutsch* means a downward sliding movement, and the greetings are meant to convey a smooth transition into the New Year, though the origin of the phrase is still uncertain. So, whether you are sliding down a slide, sliding into the New Year, or slipping on a banana peel, understanding this versatile word can help you have a *guten Rutsch ins Deutsch!*

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