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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

- May 3 Pool Clean Up Day (Friday 10am)
- May 5 Quarterly Membership Meeting (1:00pm)
- May 5 FRANKLINVILLE-SCHWARZWALD MÄNNERCHOR CONCERT (2:00pm)
- May 10 VE Golf Outing
- May 11 Pool Clean Up Day (Saturday 10am)
- May 12 Mother's Day Brunch (reservations only)
- May 17 Live Music on the Patio
- May 19 Pflingsten (Canteen Opening – members only)
- May 19 Bayern Dance
- May 25 Pool Opens
- May 25 Memorial Day Weekend – (Pool Open / Clubhouse Closed)
- May 29 Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party

NEXT MONTH:

- June 1 Biergarten Opening

President's Message – May 2024

Dear Members of VE,

Nowadays there is a commemorative month for many different things, and I discovered that last month was designated as 'National Volunteer Month' and it got me thinking. VE's foundation is based on volunteers; I'm a volunteer, the board are volunteers, in fact all the help we get from our members are volunteers without whom we would struggle to maintain our grounds, building, membership, and operations. A lot of things go on behind the scenes to make things work, and for that, I want to thank all of you who spent time helping to keep the Club as a thriving organization.

While other organizations struggle to maintain membership and financial health, we are thriving. Our bookings are up, the summer months look busy, every weekend sees events, and our soccer program has recorded unprecedented growth. We've come through Covid and are stronger than ever. The future is looking very bright indeed.

However, things do not get done by themselves and with growth we have some gaps and need help filling positions. This is apparent to the Board and my team is looking to hire more serving staff and office help. If anyone is looking for a job or can send someone our way for an interview, we would be very appreciative.

Lastly, I want to wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy your day!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in April 2024. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Transfer to Active: Kevin Quinn Jr.

Passive: Michael Amoratis, John Minges, Brian Carey, Amy Morrison, Wayne Clendaniel, Mark Murset, Frank Diehl, Katelyn Petraitis, Crystal Dunn, Tom Paolini, Joseph El-Magussi, Steven Prendergast, Wolf Gottbrecht, Danielle Rahn, Mark Rilling, Brian Hall, Lauren Rooney, Rob Kelly, Susan Ruoff, Rob Johnson, Tracey Bowen-Tobin, Carl A Kreig III, Angeles Velazquez, Bruce Lane, Jason Virirov, Christopher Larmer, Michael Volz, Angela Lazaro, Michael Wambold, Kathleen Mahon, Maritzabel Weber, William Meier, Robert Young, and Tiffany McKeaney

On May 5th we will recognize the following 50- and 25-year members at our Pin Ceremony:

50-year Active: Ken & Karen Carter

25-year Active: Brad & Dee Adams, Tom & Ann Compton, Glenn & Pamela Koehler, Herb & Cheryl Schulze, and Ed & Charlene Steck

25-year Passive: Sandra Doubek, Sandra Durin, John & Barbara Gehan, Suzanne Konschak, John D. McAnany, and Erica & Mark McKee

Furthermore, the Executive Board and the Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank the following members for their lifetime dedication and support of the Club:

60-year members: Jay & Edie Bitterlich, Jim & Andrea Fischer, Karl Heck, Jutta Hellwig, and Herbert Schmidt

65-year members: Jim Birney, Irene Mueller, Bob & Judi Neukirchner, and Heinz Roscher

70-year members: June Martin, Werner & Selva Jean Uhlrich, and Otto Saffri

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

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2024 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH Sunday – May 12th, 2024 – 10am - 2pm

For Mother's Day on May 12th, please get your reservations in by Friday, May 3rd. We have a maximum number of reservations and cannot take last-minute reservations or walk-ins. To make your reservations—please call the Club office Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm at (215) 675-5380.



WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

• **Thursday Night Dinners:** We are offering Thursday Night dinners on the third Thursday of the month. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Thursday, May 16th, 5:00 - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Pork Schnitzel with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$10.00	\$13.00
Fried Shrimp with sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
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 April dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller. Friday night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller for the month of May:

- 5/03/24 Three (3) Loaded Chicken Tacos with Mexican Rice – \$13.00
Or Sloppy Joe with French Fries – \$10.00
- 5/10/24 *No Food Available*
- 5/17/24 Cowboy Burger (Bacon, Cheese, and Onion Ring) with French Fries – \$13.00
- 5/24/24 Warm Pick and Peel Shrimp with French Fries and Cole Slaw – \$13.00

• **Pizza & Wings – Wednesday Nights Only:** 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.
 - 7-piece Jumbo Wings \$10.00. Choose from: Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki or BBQ Dry Rub. Served with celery and blue cheese.

Join us Friday Nights in the Ratskeller. Every Friday from 5-8:30pm, food and drinks for purchase. See our website or weekly newsletter for the most up to date menu options. Bar is open from 5pm-close.

Parties and events are booked out into 2025 already. Please consider holding your events with us!

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

Live Music on the Patio
Friday May 17th, 6:00-9:00 Featuring Rhett Tierney

Park and Canteen Opening
Continuing with an old club tradition, we invite all our members to join us for "Frühschoppen" on Sunday, May 19th for a free beer and a sandwich from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

Live Music / Biergarten
Our Biergarten Season with live music will be opening on Saturday, June 1st running through the summer. The Philly German Brass Band will be up opening our concert season, the event runs from 5:00 to 10:00pm; music starting at 6:00pm. Please look for our band schedule on the VE website or our Facebook page.



FRANKLINVILLE-SCHWARZWALD MÄNNERCHOR SPRING CONCERT Sunday, May 5th, 2:00pm

Our annual spring concert, with guest chorus Damenchor Wald-Echo. The best in Männerchor and Damenchor music, classical and popular works (some in English!), with lively introductions and translations, including a special tribute for *The Student Prince* 100th Anniversary! Directed by Jacqueline Smith, with pianist Barron Lacy. Dinner and refreshments available for purchase. Dancing afterward, music by Don Bitterlich, accordion. Our last two concerts have been full houses! Tickets, \$12, reserve by calling Rudi Trickel, (215) 514-2483.

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Card and Bingo Party on Wednesday, May 29th. Our monthly Card and Bingo is always the last Wednesday of the month. The cost is \$7 per person which includes coffee, tea, Danish, and one bingo card. Doors open at 11am and bingo and cards start at 12:30pm. Sandwiches are always available for purchase from our self-service window. Remember to bring any books you have already read and would like to share at our free book table. This month is our last card and bingo party until September 25th. Everyone please have a safe and enjoyable summer and we will 'See You In September'.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary



CORNER KICK SOCCER NEWS

Our spring season is going full tilt at the moment with dozens of games scheduled every Saturday and Sunday, plus many mid-week make up games. Most teams are still active in State Cup competition advancing through group play and entering the knockout rounds. Wishing all those teams the best of luck; hoping we can add some more trophies to our trophy cabinet.

The senior men's teams (Majors and Reserves) continue to battle for league dominance. With a few games remaining, both teams are in the hunt for USL titles. Meanwhile, our Majors and Over 30s men's teams went deep in USASA Amateur Cup action but lost out in regional play. Both teams had great cup runs and we are eager to watch them play their remaining schedules. Please make sure you attend the important home matches and cheer our guys on.

Lastly, congratulations to VE Sports Committee Secretary Dave Jones for his induction into the 2024 Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Hall of Fame. Dave's been involved in VE Soccer as an adult player, coach, and administrator for a very long time. Anyone interested in attending the May 11th banquet, please contact the Club office for tickets (sepasoccerhall.com).

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



ANNUAL VE GOLF OUTING - BENEFITS U18 BOYS TRIP TO GERMANY

The annual VE Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 10th at Bucks Club in Jamison. Sponsors are needed and there is a wait list for golfers. Tickets are also available to attend the fundraiser at VE after the outing. Further information and forms for golfers and sponsors can be requested by contacting John Lavelle (john_lavelle3@yahoo.com). Proceeds from this event help offset the cost of our U18 boys trip to Germany this summer. Please consider making a donation to this group!



DID YOU KNOW?

East Germany, officially known as the German Democratic Republic (*Deutsche Demokratische Republik*, DDR), was a country in Central Europe from its formation on 7 October 1949 until its reunification with West Germany on 3 October 1990. Until 1989, it was generally viewed as a communist state and described itself as a socialist «workers and peasants» state». The economy of this country was centrally planned and state-owned.^[6] Although the GDR had to pay substantial war reparations to the Soviets, it became the most successful economy in the Eastern Bloc.

Before its establishment, the country's territory was administered and occupied by Soviet forces with the autonomy of the native communists following the Berlin Declaration abolishing German sovereignty in World War II. The Potsdam Agreement established the Soviet-occupied zone, bounded on the east by the Oder-Neisse line. It was a satellite state of the Soviet Union. The GDR was dominated by the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED), a communist party, from 1949 to 1989, before being democratized and liberalized under the impact of the Revolutions of 1989 against the communist states, facilitating East Germany's unification with the West. The SED-ruled GDR was often described as a Soviet satellite state; historians described it as an authoritarian regime.

Geographically, the GDR bordered the Baltic Sea to the north, Poland to the east, Czechoslovakia to the southeast, and West Germany to the southwest and west. Internally, the GDR also bordered the Soviet sector of Allied-occupied Berlin, known as East Berlin, which was also administered as the country's *de facto* capital. It also bordered the three sectors occupied by the United States, United Kingdom, and France known collectively as West Berlin. Emigration to the West was a significant problem as many emigrants were well-educated young people; such emigration weakened the state economically. In response, the GDR government fortified its inner German border and later built the Berlin Wall in 1961. Many people attempting to flee were killed by border guards or booby traps such as landmines.

In 1989, numerous social, economic, and political forces in the GDR and abroad, one of the most notable being peaceful protests starting in the city of Leipzig, led to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the establishment of a government committed to liberalization. The following year, a free and fair election was held in the country, and international negotiations between four occupation Allied countries and two German countries led to the signing of the Final Settlement treaty to replace the Potsdam Agreement on the status and border of future-reunited Germany. The GDR ceased to exist when its five states joined the Federal Republic of Germany under Article 23 of the Basic Law, and its East Berlin was also united with West Berlin into a single city of the FRG, on 3 October 1990.



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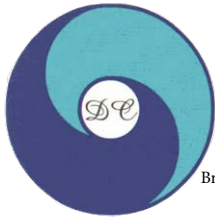
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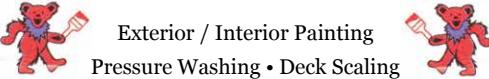
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IN MEMORIAM



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

- **Irmgard Gravel**, who passed away on April 19, 2024, joined VE in 1962, a 62-year member.
- **Ernestine Heinrich**, who passed away on April 29, 2024, joined VE in 2020, a 4-year member.

Ruhe in Frieden

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POOL NEWS

The VE Board is looking for members to join the Pool Committee to help with the scheduling of lifeguards & managers, and various tasks that need to be performed. The time commitment is flexible, and we are willing to accept any help that can be given. Anyone interested please contact Monika @ monikab301@aol.com. We are now hiring **Lifeguards & Managers** for the 2024 Pool Season. If interested, please contact Monika @ monikab301@aol.com.

2024 POOL SEASON PASS PRICING

	2024 Pricing
Family with children under 18	\$425.00
Adult children 18-24 living in same household	\$ 85.00
Adult Couple	\$330.00
Adult Single	\$185.00
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Senior Single	\$140.00
Senior Couple	\$270.00

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped clean up and get the pool ready for opening. We have two more clean up days scheduled – Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 11th (10am both days). Our opening weekend is right around the corner. Pool opens Saturday/Sunday/Monday Memorial Day weekend from 12:00-6:00pm and opens only on Saturday & Sunday June 1, 2, 8, and 9 (12:00-6:00pm). Starting Saturday, June 15th, we will start our summer hours and be open everyday.

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VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It's that time of year again! As you know, our fiscal year runs from June 1st through May 31st. Membership renewals were mailed at the end of March/early April. Please take the time to review the form, make any changes necessary and return it to the office with your renewal payment before May 31st to avoid the late fee.

If you are sending in membership and pool payments, please send separate checks. We appreciate all our members and thank you for your continued membership of our beloved Club.

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As a reminder, we are a Membership Club, and it is your responsibility to validate your membership when ordering/purchasing alcoholic beverages—even if you have been a long-time member. This practice is not to be an annoyance to you but is a requirement of the PA Liquor Control Board who governs our private Club status. If you are bringing guests in, you may purchase the alcohol for them (anyone 21 and over) after you show your membership card. Non-members are not permitted to purchase any alcohol from our bartenders unless they are attending a contracted event. Food purchase is open to members and non-members. All our bartenders will be asking to see your Membership cards.