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President's Message – October 2024

Dear Members of VE,

A few weeks ago, the Club hosted its 87th annual Oktoberfest/Sportfest and that Saturday did not disappoint. We are still counting tickets and doing a post-Fest review, but we believe we welcomed almost 5,000 people that day and hosted one of the best Fests in recent memory. A huge thank you to our membership who stepped up and volunteered their time to assure the success of that day. Naturally, the runup to the event was hectic and stressful, but everyone who stepped up to help made this day a memorable day. Excellent job all around by everyone. Special thanks to Steve Feuchter and the Oktoberfest Committee for making this happen.

Let's continue with the momentum we have into the Fall and keep supporting our Club as the year continues. As you can see in the Upcoming Events, we have a lot of activities planned for our members and encourage everyone to enjoy what we have to offer the next several months.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, October 27th at 12:00pm. Take note that we moved up the time since we are having Schlachtfest that afternoon. This meeting is open to all Active members. Please attend.

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2024

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, and we welcomed a great number of attendees. All in all, it went off without a hitch and was a fabulous day to show off the best that the Club has to offer. A big thanks to Don Bitterlich and Willi Aust for providing their accordion skills all day with the German tunes. Special thanks to Verna, Linda, Monika, Andrea, Breanna and Val 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!

FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL ANNIVERSARY

On November 9th, 1989, the Berlin Wall came down and ended the divide between East and West Germany. Please join us to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the falling of the Berlin Wall at 2:00pm on November 9th, 2024. We will have a ceremony in front of our piece of the Wall and serving light refreshments following the ceremony with a cash bar. Hope you can attend.

2024 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! Enjoy a delicious meal at the Club! An omelet station and all your breakfast and lunch favorites will be available. Reservations required in advance.

Adult Member \$24.95 / Non-Member Adult \$27.95 / Children (3-11) \$12.95 / Children (under 3) free
Sunday, October 13, 2024; 10am - 2pm • Sunday November 10, 2024; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, December 8, 2024; 10am - 2pm

VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on October 22, 2024, 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! Please plan your donations using the Red Cross app. Any questions, call Beth McCullough at (215) 850-6709 or micbeth3@comcast.net.

THIS MONTH:

- October 13
Sunday Brunch
- October 16
Wednesday Night Dinner
- October 19
Adult Halloween
Costume Party
- October 22
VE Blood Drive
- October 27
Quarterly Membership
Meeting (12:00pm)
- October 27
Schlachtfest (1:00pm)
- October 30
Ladies Auxiliary Card &
Bingo Party

NEXT MONTH:

- November 3
Damenchor Fall Concert
- November 9
Commemoration of
Fall of Berlin Wall
- November 10
Sunday Brunch
- November 13
Wednesday Night Dinner
- November 20
Ladies Auxiliary Card &
Bingo Party
- November 30
Christkindlmarkt

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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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

Das Smokehaus, which was open on Thursday nights is now closed until next summer.

- **Tuesday Night Dinners:** The Ratskeller is offering a limited bar menu on Tuesday nights.
- **Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering a monthly Wednesday Night dinner in our large dining room. We will be offering different items monthly. Our first date is **October 16th**, followed by **November 13th**, and **December 18th**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **October 16th** Menu is listed below. Members \$13 / Non-members \$16

- Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and Sauerkraut
 - Chicken Pot Pie
 - Fried Schrimp with French Fries
 - Chicken Fingers with French Fries
- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday night in the Ratskeller. Price is \$13.00.
 - 10/4 Jägerschnitzel with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and green beans
 - 10/11 Hearty Beef Stew with Crusty bread
 - 10/18 Chicken stuffed with broccoli cheddar rice with side salad
 - 10/25 Chicken Paprikash over egg noodles and broccoli

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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 2025 when it resumes.

Halloween Costume Party

All Members and their Guests are invited to our Halloween Party at the Canteen on Saturday, October 19th from 7:00pm until 11:00pm. All ghouls and goblins are welcome to dress up and come to the Canteen. This is a 21+ event with prizes for the best costumes, music, Fire Pits, Cash Bar with Specialty Bourbons, outdoor Cigar area, snacks and more! \$5 donation at the door. Let's make this a great night!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Halloween may not be a traditional German celebration, but virtually every German youngster knows about it today. For adults as well, over the past couple of decades Halloween has become increasingly popular in Europe, and particularly in Germany. It is now common to see pumpkin (Kürbis) and jack-o'-lantern decorations in Austria and Germany by mid-October. Also popular are regional "pumpkin festivals" running for a few days from September to early November, although they rarely have a direct Halloween connection.

As a result of the long post-war presence of Americans in Germany, and Halloween depictions in Hollywood movies and on television, Halloween has long been known in Germany. But it was not until the 1990s that the holiday became a popular "German" celebration. It's an American holiday imported from Ireland and now exported back to Europe. The Mardi Gras / Fasching / Karneval aspects of Halloween also have a special appeal to Europeans.

Only in certain regions or neighborhoods do German youngsters actually go trick-or-treating ("Süßes oder Saures!"). But while trick-or-treating may be rare, Halloween has become a very "cool" party theme for young and old. A web search in German turns up many German-language Halloween sites – many of them for party outfitters. More and more German department stores carry Halloween-related items in October. Hamburg's House of Horror specialty store, which opened for business in 1996, does a brisk business around Halloween. Not everyone in Germany is happy about the rise of Halloween, which happens to fall on the same date as the Reformation Day holiday. October 31 also commemorates Martin Luther's Protestant Reformation, when the Roman Catholic Church was split asunder. It is an official religious holiday in Protestant regions, creating a conflict between the Lutheran holiday and Halloween, which some view as a pagan observance.

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Card and Bingo Party will be Wednesday, October 30th. We had a great turnout for our September Card and Bingo where we introduced our new bingo format with great prizes and more. Please consider joining us each month to keep this tradition going and bring your friends. For just \$7 you receive a bingo card, Danish and tea or coffee. Sandwiches are available at our self-service window. Doors open at 11am with bingo starting at 12:30pm. Since this is the day before Halloween, costumes are optional with a prize for the best costume. If you wish to help with our monthly bingo or have questions, please call Janet at (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

Our youth and adult programs are in full swing with all our teams competing every weekend in their respective leagues. Currently both our Majors and Reserve teams are undefeated after three competitive matches with a notable 3-0 Majors victory over our local nemesis West Chester United.

The Might Mites are active every Friday night and this year we are hosting almost 250 4-7 year old future soccer stars; this year is another large group of kids playing. This is a great facet of our soccer program and is the home of our future soccer stars.

Best of luck all teams and we wish you continued success.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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Indoor Sports (AISL)

We are putting together our VE Fall / Winter Indoor Sports Leagues with kickoff dates of mid to late October. If interested in entering a team or signing up individually, for more info please contact:

Darts: John Rafa - john.vedarts@gmail.com - Cell: 267-374-1502

Shuffleboard: this email - veindoor@yahoo.com

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB
Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Robert Werner

Active: Sean Peckham

Passive: Robert Ams, Christopher Hipp, Jamie Benscoter, Kevin O'Donnell, Brian Cassel, Steven Paul, Bogdan Dlugi, Frank Romeo, Bridget Dolan, Lauren Toomey, Catherine Duffy, Kristin Scollon, Rachel Fineberg, Brian Stoudt, Dawn Fleming, and Samantha Griffis.

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

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IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who left us:
Todd Pewterbaugh who passed away on April 14, 2024, joined VE in 2006 an 18-year member
Kenneth Motzny who passed away on July 22, 2024, joined VE in 1965, a 59-year member

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CHRISTKINDLMARKT
A Traditional German Christmas Market
Saturday, November 30th, 2024, 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! Please email or call the office to coordinate helping with this event—veclubvendors@gmail.com, 215-675-5380. Volunteers also needed Friday, November 29th 5-7pm to help vendors bring their items to their location and Volunteers needed for event day November 30th starting at 7:30am. We appreciate you and thank you in advance for helping us make this event a huge success.



SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, October 27th, 2024, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
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.



DAMENCHOR CONCERT

The VE Damenchor invites you to their Autumn concert on Sunday, November 3rd 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.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping to set up the Garden Room before our Tuesday practices, please come to the Club and give us a hand moving tables and chairs. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Janice Murset, President



KEEP VE BEAUTIFUL

You may have noticed all the improvements taking place on the grounds; it's a big undertaking, however, the Club has not looked this good in years. The front walkway area has been revamped thanks to the many donations specified for the landscaping project. The Board wants to thank all the individuals who donated to this project and the many individuals that helped with our cleanup efforts throughout our grounds. If you notice anything that might need to be addressed, please contact the Club office and we can investigate.

MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR SALE

4x8 \$100.00 or 8x8 \$200.00

If interested in ordering a brick, please contact the Club office by phone or email.



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. Our membership year runs from June 1st to May 31st.