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FIRST CLASS

## President's Message – September 2024

Dear Members of VE,

Labor Day Weekend is the so called "End of Summer" and marks the beginning of a very busy time at the Club. First and foremost is our Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. It's the Super Bowl of events for us and we get to showcase all the best we have to offer. I am so excited to be part of this long tradition and can't wait to see everyone who comes out that day. It's looking like great weather, and we expect another big crowd of people who will enjoy our Gemütlichkeit! If possible, please try to carpool since parking is always at a premium. Thanks in advance to the many volunteers who make this event happen every year.

But that's not all we offer this month. Please look at the scheduled events and make sure you attend as many as possible. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Club this month!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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### Labor Day Weekend Hours

The Clubhouse shall be closed from Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Labor Day; however, the pool shall be open that weekend. Our pool hours are 12:00 to 7:00pm Saturday, 12:00 to 6:00pm Sunday, and 12:00 to 7:00pm Monday.

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### OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2024

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which shall be held on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in advance for \$7.00 until Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> or at the gate for \$10.00. We need help in organizing and running this important Club event. Our next planning meeting shall be held on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and we plan on setting up for Oktoberfest on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am both days. If you want to volunteer, please contact Steve Feuchter at [SFeuchter67@yahoo.com](mailto:SFeuchter67@yahoo.com) or the Club office.

VE's Oktoberfest is the premier event of our Club. Every year we provide excellent food, drink, and entertainment for our members and their guests. It takes a lot of effort to make this happen and we encourage all members to donate some time setting up and breaking down afterward. Please consider helping! Details will follow in our weekly email blasts regarding tasks and times.

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### 2024 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! Reservations required in advance.

Sunday, October 13, 2024; 10am - 2pm • Sunday November 10, 2024; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, December 8, 2024; 10am - 2pm

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### 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](mailto:micbeth3@comcast.net).

### THIS MONTH:

- September 1/2  
Labor Day Weekend  
(pool open)
- September 5/6  
Oktoberfest Setup Days
- September 7  
VE Oktoberfest
- September 8  
Clubhouse Closed  
(post Fest cleanup)
- September 14  
Sister Merlin  
at the Biergarten
- September 21  
Shameless  
at the Biergarten
- September 25  
Ladies Auxiliary Card  
and Bingo
- September 28  
Music Trivia Night

### NEXT MONTH:

- October 16  
Wednesday Night Dinner
- October 19  
Adult Halloween  
Costume Party
- October 22  
VE Blood Drive
- October 27  
Schlachtfest

### 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 will be offering a bar menu beginning **September 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering a monthly Wednesday Night dinner inside in our large dining room. We will be offering different items monthly. Dates are **October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.
- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday night in the Ratskeller. Look for our weekly specials listed on our weekly emails!

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

### Live Music / Biergarten

Biergarten list of bands for September:

September 7	No concert (Oktoberfest)
September 14	Sister Merlin
September 21	Shameless

Our Biergarten attracts large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. The round bar is open on the above nights and food is always available. This month concludes the Biergarten music schedule until next year.

### Music Trivia Night

**Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 7pm, we are hosting our popular Music Trivia Night in the Ratskeller. Bring your friends and see who can "name that tune" or tell us where the Beatles played in Philadelphia in 1964! Food served from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

### Halloween Costume Party

We are bringing back the VE Halloween Costume Party this year. All ghouls and goblins are welcome to dress up and come to the Canteen on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is a 21+ event with food and drink specials plus a live band. More information to follow in the October calendar.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Germany is a democratic and federal parliamentary republic, where federal legislative power is vested in the *Bundestag* (the parliament of Germany) and the *Bundesrat* (the representative body of the *Länder*, Germany's regional states). The federal system has, since 1949, been dominated by the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). The judiciary of Germany is independent of the executive and the legislature, while it is common for leading members of the executive to be members of the legislature as well. The political system is laid out in the 1949 constitution, the *Grundgesetz* (Basic Law), which remained in effect with minor amendments after German reunification in 1990.

The "Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany" (*Grundgesetz der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*) is the Constitution of Germany. It was formally approved on 8 May 1949, and, with the signature of the Allies of World War II on 12 May, came into effect on 23 May, as the constitution of those states of West Germany that were initially included within the Federal Republic. The 1949 Basic Law is a response to the perceived flaws of the 1919 Weimar Constitution, which failed to prevent the rise of the Nazi party in 1933. Since 1990, in the course of the reunification process after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Basic Law also applies to the eastern states of the former German Democratic Republic.

The constitution emphasizes the protection of individual liberty in an extensive catalogue of human and civil rights and divides powers both between the federal and state levels and between the legislative, executive and judicial branches. West Germany was a founding member of the European Community in 1958, which became the EU in 1993. Germany is part of the Schengen Area, and has been a member of the eurozone since 1999. It is a member of the United Nations, NATO, the G7, the G20 and the OECD.

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**VE LADIES AUXILIARY**

Welcome back to our monthly card and bingo party!  
Anyone who can help peel potatoes for Oktoberfest, we will meet in the Club kitchen on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Please bring a paring knife with you.  
Our next card and bingo will be **September 25th**. Doors open at 11am with bingo starting at 12:30pm. Bingo is \$7 which includes one bingo card, Danish, coffee or tea. Come early to enjoy a sandwich from our self-service window.  
A new format for bingo will be introduced, we will be using paper bingo cards with ink dabbers. If you have your own dabber, please bring it with you. Dabbers will be available for purchase for \$1.  
Help is always needed to keep our Ladies Auxiliary bingo going every month. We meet 8 months out of the year, if you can volunteer for just one month out of 8, the help would be appreciated. Please contact Janet at (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary



**SOCCER NEWS**

Our soccer program concluded a very busy summer with our Adult Bundesliga, the U23s, State and Regional Cup games, the youth soccer camp, the U18 boys' trip to Germany, and the entire registration process for all our travel teams. The program gets very little rest, and last weekend was brilliant in our hosting of our annual youth soccer tournament. This year saw us with 60 boys and 60 girls' teams – this was a record, and the Club showed the best we have to offer on our fields with good sportsmanship, the beautiful grounds, the cool waters of the pool, and the food and drink we offered. It truly was a tremendous weekend, and it took an army of volunteers to make it happen. A very special thank you to Tournament Director Christine Kehan for assuring that the weekend ran smoothly and was the success that it is.  
Mighty Mites is now being held every Friday night through early November. This is another important facet of the program and is the beginning stage of our future travel players. We look forward to this program every year.  
Lastly, best wishes to all of our high school and college players playing soccer this fall. Please keep in touch and let us know how you're doing!  
Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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**Welcome to Our Club!**

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in August 2024. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.  
**Passive:** Kelly Adams, Shannon Kelly, Rebecca Brennan, Bobbi Bertucci, Susan Lomker, Barry Clancy, Kevin O'Brien Jr., Kristie Creswick, Michael Pape, Shannon Deering, Donna J. Strohm, Thomas DiPaolo, Frances Vela, Ashley Di Pipi, Patricia Walterick, Katie Filipone, Erin Colleen Watson, David Gold, Jack Weiss, Zoltan Harta, Patty Haubert, Anthony Brogno, Matthew Juckniewitz, Jess Bruschini, Ryan Lennox, Carolyn Cieslinski, Abigail McCormick, Jennifer Flagler, and Rebecca Van Dyke.  
We are always looking to increase our VE Club membership. Please refer friends and family to join our Club.



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who left us:  
**Horst "Nick" Schwaiger** who passed away on July 27, 2024, joined VE in 1961, a 63-year member  
**Harry Tillmann** who passed away on August 24, 2024, joined VE in 1988, a 36-year member  
**Adolf Steinmetz** who passed away on August 26, 2024, joined VE in 1974, a 50-year member  
**Elke Hanner** who passed away on August 28, 2024, joined VE in 1974, a 50-year member

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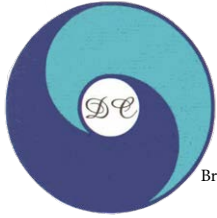
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**POOL NEWS**

As we wrap up another hot summer, we want to thank all our members for spending time with us at the pool. We had a terrific year and are thankful for all the great families that enjoyed their time with us. It's a pleasure watching kids return every year and watch them grow and become better swimmers. Special thanks to all the managers and lifeguards who kept the pool clean, organized, and safe over the summer. Best of luck to these young men and woman who are continuing their studies in high school and college.

A very special thank you to Monika Bernhardt who went above and beyond to oversee the pool's operations this summer. We couldn't have done it without her! The Pool Committee hopes to see everyone returning to the pool next summer!

The VE Pool Committee

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BUNGALOW OWNERS**

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, during Oktoberfest, Bungalow owners must park their vehicles in the parking lot if their arrival to the Club is after 12:00 noon. THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO THE ROAD TO THE CANTEEN BY ANYONE AFTER 12:00 NOON!!!!!!

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**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.

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