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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:

- January 1
Club Closed for
New Years Day
- January 12 – Brunch
(reservations required)
- January 18
Feuerzangenbowle Night
- January 26
Membership Meeting and
Election

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 1
Country Western Night
and Dance
- February 7
Youth Soccer Banquet
- February 9 – Brunch
(reservations required)

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.

President's Message – January 2025

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 2025! I want to offer a big **DANKE SCHÖN** to our Officers, Trustees, and Directors who made 2024 another successful year. A special thank you to our Sports Committee, and all members and volunteers for their continued support of our Club and I look forward to seeing everyone over the coming weeks. Without your support our Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, and other events cannot take place. I am especially proud of our continued commitment to maintaining our German roots, whether sending soccer teams to Germany to play or celebrating our connections with Sachsen. The 35th anniversary remembrance of the Fall of the Berlin Wall was one of the highlights of the year.

Please continue to patronize our Club, whether in the Ratskeller on a Friday night, our monthly Brunch, or one of our many events. 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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BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2025

*GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and
ELECTION of OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS for 2025*

Sunday, January 26th at 2:00pm sharp!

Admittance to meeting only upon presentation of a valid 2024/2025 Active Membership Card

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 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
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 21st. **NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE BOARD MEETING!** Please contact Mark Toroniewski at 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. The 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 26, 2025, at 2:00pm. If your membership number starts with an "A", please join us for this meeting. Don't forget to bring your current 2024/2025 membership card which is required for entrance.

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2025 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday brunches are back! Enjoy a delicious meal at the Club! An omelet station and a carving station, plus 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, January 12, 2025; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, February 9, 2025; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, March 9, 2025; 10am - 2pm

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KITCHEN OFFERINGS

• **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 next date is **January 15th**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **January 15th** Menu is listed below. Members \$13 / Non-members \$16

- Pork Schnitzel Platter with two sides
- Chicken Francese with two sides
- Fried Shrimp with two sides
- Chicken fingers and French fries (\$10 member / \$13 non-members)

• **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. (\$15 on 12/13)

- 1/3 Bacon wrapped meatloaf with mashed potatoes & broccoli
- 1/10 Rouladen with Spätzle and red cabbage
- 1/17 Jumbo Pick & Peel Shrimp with Crab fries and Cole slaw
- 1/24 Roasted Salmon served with tomatoes and shallots over Rice Pilaf & Vegetable
- 1/31 Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and German Green Beans

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

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BUNGALOW COMMITTEE

Bungalows are closed for the Season and shall reopen on April 1, 2025. Have a great winter!

Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairperson

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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 again).

Saturday Ratskeller Winter Hours: 2:00pm to closing.

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our first Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo party of 2025 will be held on Wednesday, January 29th. Doors open at 11am and bingo begins at 12:30pm. The cost is \$7.00 for 15 games of bingo, Danish, and tea or coffee. Sandwiches are available for purchase from Chef Ed. Please come join us for fun, laughter and great prizes. Everyone is welcome. For more information or if you are interested in helping, please call Janet at 267-408-4439. Thank you.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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DID YOU KNOW?

Feuerzangenbowle is a traditional German alcoholic drink for which a rum-soaked sugarloaf is set on fire and drips into mulled wine. It is often part of a Christmas or New Year's Eve tradition. The name translates literally as *fire-tongs punch*, "Bowl" meaning "punch" being borrowed from English.

The popularity of the drink was boosted in Germany by the 1944 comedy film *Die Feuerzangenbowle*. It is a traditional drink of some German fraternities, who also call it *Krambambuli*, as the red color is reminiscent of a cherry liqueur of that name which was manufactured by the distillery Der Lachs zu Danzig.

Feuerzangenbowle is prepared in a bowl which usually is suspended over a small burner. The bowl is filled with heated dry red wine spiced with cinnamon sticks, cloves, star anise and orange peel, similar to mulled wine. The *Feuerzange* was originally a pair of tongs, but nowadays it is common for a purpose-designed metal grate mounted on top of the bowl to hold the *Zuckerhut*, a lump of sugar. The sugar is soaked with rum and set alight, melting and caramelizing. The rum should have at least 54% alcohol by volume and be at room temperature in order to burn properly. More rum is poured with a ladle until all the sugar has melted and mixed with the wine. The resulting punch is served in mugs while the burner keeps the bowl warm. For some the ceremony is more important than the drink itself, celebrating the gathering of friends and conveying a notion of *Gemütlichkeit*.

The Entertainment Committee invites you to our Feuerzangenbowle Night on Saturday January 18th starting at 7pm in the Ratskeller.

There will be an ala carte food menu and drinks for purchase along with this special drink. We look forward to seeing you there!

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COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

Saturday February 1st, 2025 6:00-11:00 / doors open at 5:30

Line Dancing Lessons with Shotgun Jenny at 6:30
Live Music by Country Mile 7:00-10:30

Advance Tickets \$15 can be purchased in the Ratskeller
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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Scott Dengler

Passive: Linda Lyons, Thomas J. Saunders Jr., Abdelkhalek Nouini, Robert Marino, Jacob Wright, John D. Greener, Steve Kealey, Robert Mauer, Yosi Shiloni, Jerry Hill, Joe Hill, Tom Hill, Matt Silenzi, Steve Kassman, John Fleming, Mark Wible, Matt Murphy, Rich Maley, Vasa Joe Caran, Adam Schneck, Joel Goldstein, Shane Seliga, Devan Seliga, Terry Brady, Tim McCabe, and Bill Troy

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:

Wilfred Martin, who passed away on June 19, 2023, joined VE in 1951, a 72-year member.
Eric Reichel, who passed away on December 26, 2024, joined VE in 2024, a 1-year member.

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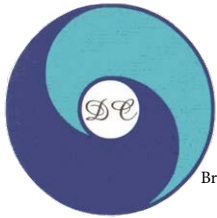
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VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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. The deadline for submitting completed applications is March 1, 2025. 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.



SOCCKER NEWS

As our teams are on a well-deserved winter break, we would like to reflect on a terrific 2024. 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 and look forward to cup competition.

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.

Special thanks to Rob Oldfield for hosting another terrific Christmas Shopping Night and starting a new tradition called Boxing Day! A great time was had by all.

Looking forward to continued success in 2025!

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



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 to be added to our email/phone contact list. Thank you in advance.



The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in 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.



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.