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FIRST CLASS

President's Message – February 2025

Dear Members of VE,

A sincere thank you to the Active members who attended the Election meeting on January 26th. I am looking forward to working with our Board another year. It's important for our membership to know the efforts our Board undertakes to see our Club succeed and thrive. Maintaining the grounds and the clubhouse is a difficult task, as well as managing the business and social side of things. I am proud to be working with a strong group of men and woman who volunteer their time and put a lot of love and hard work into the Club. We have a lot of exciting things planned throughout the year and encourage all members to support our activities.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2025

Congratulations to the following members who have been elected to represent the Club as Officers and Directors for 2025:

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
Tom Kehan, Sr. Bob Koob Jim McCullough Rob Oldfield
Scott Rieber Eric Roby Mark Toroniewski

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

\$20 Venmo @ VECLUB (include name and number of tickets)

\$20 at the Door • Food and Drinks available for purchase

SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, from 1:00 to 5:00pm

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.

BAYERN VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Come by the Club on February 16th from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and John & Maria will be our musical guests that day!

THIS MONTH:

- February 1
Country Western Night and Dance
- February 7
Youth Soccer Banquet
- February 9 – Brunch
- February 12
Sports Committee Meeting
- February 15
Beer and Wine Pairing Dinner
- February 16
Bayern Valentine's Dance
- February 19
Monthly Wednesday Night Dinner
- February 26
Ladies Card and Bingo Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1
ChiliFest
- March 2
Schlachtfest
- March 9
Sunday Brunch

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

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KITCHEN OFFERINGS

• **Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering Wednesday Night dinners on the third Wednesday of the month for the Winter season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Wednesday, February 19th. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

Member Non-member

- Sauerbraten with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- Chicken Pot Pie with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- Fried Shrimp with 2 sides \$13.00 \$16.00
- Chicken Fingers and Fries \$10.00 \$13.00

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the February dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

Friday Night dinner entrees served in the Ratskeller. All entrees are priced at \$13.00.

- 2/07/2025 NO FOOD SERVED due to the VE Youth Soccer Banquet
- 2/14/2025 Chicken Schnitzel with mashed potatoes and vegetable
- 2/21/2025 Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing and cranberry sauce
- 2/28/2025 Shrimp Carbonara with rigatoni and garlic bread

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

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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 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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BEER AND WINE PAIRING DINNER – LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Join us for four courses paired with a complimentary beer or wine. February 15th at 6:00pm.

- Course 1 Caramelized onion tart with baby greens
- Course 2 Assorted cheese plate
- Course 3 Roasted garlic stuffed Filet of Beef with heavenly mashed potatoes and rainbow Swiss chard
or
Crispy skin Striped Bass with heavenly mashed potatoes and citrus & fennel salad
- Course 4 Caramelized White Chocolate Blondie with Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Reservations and Prepayment are required for this exclusive evening. Call the Club office by February 9th to reserve your place. \$75.00 per member / \$85.00 per non-member

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MEET AND GREET EVENT

In late March we will be holding a Meet and Greet Event with Mr. Jens Karluß from Aue in Sachsen, Germany. Jens is our German VE Club Ambassador who has been helping us promote VE in Germany and will be visiting us to answer questions about the Erzgebirge and meet our members. The date of this event will be released in the March calendar. More information will follow next month.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Trabant is a series of small cars produced from 1957 until 1991 by former East German car manufacturer VEB Sachsenring Automobilwerke Zwickau. Four models were made; the first model, the 500, was a relatively modern car when it was introduced. It featured detachable Duroplast body panels on a galvanized steel unibody chassis, front-wheel drive, a transverse two-stroke engine, and independent suspension. Because this 1950s design remained largely unchanged until the introduction of the last model in 1990, the Trabant became symbolic of the former East Germany's stagnant economy and the collapse of the Eastern Bloc in general. Called 'a spark plug with a roof', 3,096,999 Trabants were produced. Older models have been sought by collectors in the United States due to their low cost and fewer restrictions on the importation of antique cars. The Trabant also gained a following among car tuning and rallying enthusiasts.

The German word *Trabant*, derived from Middle High German *Drabant*, means 'satellite' or 'companion'. The car's name was inspired by the Soviet Sputnik satellite. The cars are often referred to as "Trabi". Produced without major changes for over 30 years, the Trabant became the most common automobile in East Germany. It came to symbolize the country during the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, as images of East Germans crossing the border into West Germany were broadcast around the globe.

Manufactured by a state monopoly, a Trabant took about ten years to acquire. East German buyers were placed on a waiting-list of up to thirteen years. The waiting time depended on their proximity to Berlin, the capital. Official state price was 7,450 GDR marks. The free market price for a second-hand one was more than twice the price of a new one, and the average worker had to wait ten to thirteen years on a waiting list, or, if available, pay more than double for a second hand model.

The Trabant had a steel frame, with the roof, boot lid, bonnet, wings and doors made of Duroplast, a hard plastic made from recycled cotton waste from the Soviet Union and phenol resins from the East German dye industry. The material was durable, and the average lifespan of a Trabant was 28 years.

The Trabant's quality was poor, and it was loud, slow, and poorly designed.



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 February and food is available at each event.

ChiliFest

ChiliFest is back!! Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 1st from 4:00 to 8:00pm.

If you think you make a great Chili, prove it!! Enter the Chili Contest – Prizes for the Best! If interested, please contact Jamie @ jamiiepfrommer@aol.com by February 21st.

The Entertainment Committee hosted a German Winter Tradition (Feuerzangenbowle) recently and we had a terrific crowd attend. Everyone had a great evening, and we want to offer a very special "thank you" to Gregor Helmkamp for his expertise in the fine art of making this exceptional cocktail!



HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in January 2025. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Active Roland Hoelscher

Passive Kenneth Denski and Meryl-Leigh Simons

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



IN MEMORIAM



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

Cynthia Clapper who passed away on September 22, 2024, joined VE in 1984 a 40-year member

Eleanor Ehrenfechter who passed away on November 5, 2024, joined VE in 1963, a 61-year member

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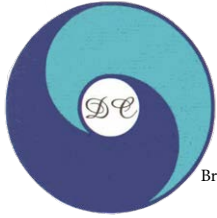
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VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS – APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/01/2025

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.



SOCCER NEWS

The Sports Committee is hosting our Annual Youth Soccer Banquet – this year promises to be another huge event with all our U8 through U12s in attendance. The big event shall be held on Friday, February 7th. Reservations are required and can be obtained through any U8 through U12 coach.

Our Sports Board conducted their annual elections and are happy to announce that Steve Feuchter, Scott Rieber, and Dave Jones remain on the Board. Long-time Sports Board officer Tom Compton is stepping down after many years of service, with Dan Pfeiffer taking over Tom’s duties. A huge ton of thanks for the hard work and dedication Tom provided our program for many years. Our meetings won’t be the same without him!

A huge shout out to Rob Oldfield for starting a new VE tradition – Boxing Day! A fun time was had by all and we can’t wait to host it once again next December. Brilliant Robbie!

Please follow all up to date VE soccer news on our website and Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Remember, if it snows or there’s ice, we follow the closing of schools so that we will not have our Bingo. Doors open at 11am, cost is \$7 for 12 games of Bingo, Danish, and coffee or tea. Sandwiches are always available at our self-service window. Bingo starts at 12:30pm with great prizes, gift cards and raffle. Please join us for fun and fellowship as we keep this tradition going. Thank you everyone for supporting our Ladies Auxiliary every month. Any questions, call 267-408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary



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.

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