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President's Message – March 2025

Dear Members of VE,

I for one have had enough of cold Winter weather. Spring can't get here soon enough, and I can't wait to shake off the Winter blues! Spending time at the Club I will be seeing all kinds of activities taking place – both indoors and outdoors. We have a busy 2025 on tap and encourage all members to enjoy everything we have to offer. We will be asking for help doing outside Spring cleaning on March 22nd and I want to thank those who help in advance. There is always some sort of job to do and the more help we get, the quicker it gets done. We also have a special guest from Germany visiting us later in the month and encourage our members to come to the Club and meet him during our Meet and Greet Event.

Lastly, I want to mention that our Office Manager, Verna McDermott, is retiring later this month. Verna has been an instrumental part of the Club for many years, running our office and keeping me and the past several Presidents in line. On behalf of the Board and our membership, I want to thank her for her dedicated work for the Club and wish her the best in her retirement.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our Membership Committee has been diligently working to create an online membership system to help us more efficiently process applications and streamline payments. We hope to have it operational by the beginning of April based on the information that we currently have. A notice will go out to the members once this happens. We realize that we do still have some members who do not use a computer, and they will still get their membership renewal forms in the mail. As you know, our membership year is June 1st through May 31st, and we require membership renewals completed by May 31st. We appreciate your understanding during this transition and thank you for your continued membership of our beloved Club.

CLUB CLEAN UP DAY

Calling all Volunteers!! We want to get a jump on Spring cleanup and tidying up the Club grounds. Please plan on spending a few hours helping clean up around the clubhouse, playground, and grounds. Bring a rake, a weedwhacker, or a leaf blower. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, March 22 at 10:00am / Saturday, March 29 (rain date)

DID YOU KNOW?

Federal elections were held in Germany on 23 February 2025 to elect the 630 members of the 21st Bundestag. It was the fourth snap election in the history of the post-war Federal Republic of Germany after those in 1972, 1983, and 2005.

The election had been prospectively scheduled for 28 September 2025 but was brought forward due to the collapse of the governing coalition during the 2024 German government crisis.

Exit polls showed the CDU/CSU on top, albeit with its second-worst result. The AfD came out in second place and achieved a historically high result. The SPD fell to third place and below 20% for the first time since 1933, reaching its worst result in vote share terms since the 1887 federal election held in the German Empire. This made it the first post-World War II election in which a party other than the CDU/CSU or the SPD came in second place. The Greens declined in vote share while Die Linke reached fifth place. Neither the FDP nor the BSW exceeded the 5% threshold for parliamentary representation. Voter turnout was 82.5%, the highest since German reunification.

THIS MONTH:

- March 1
ChiliFest
- March 2
Schlachtfest
- March 7
Sports Committee Meeting
- March 9
Sunday Brunch
- March 15
Saint Paddy's Day
- March 19
Wednesday Night Dinner
- March 22
Spring Ground Cleanup
- March 26
Card and Bingo Party
- March 30
Erzgebirge Meet and Greet

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 20
Easter Sunday Buffet
- April 27
Quarterly
Membership Meeting

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, March 9, 2025; 10am - 2pm

This is the last brunch you can use your 2024/2025 Brunch Coupon.

April is our Easter Buffet dinner and May is Mother's Day Brunch (coupons do not apply).

CHEF ED'S 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, March 19th. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

	Member	Non-member
• Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli 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 March dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

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

- 3/07/2025 Salmon with lobster sauce, rice pilaf and a vegetable
- 3/14/2025 Fish and Chip Basket
- 3/21/2025 Shrimp & Crab Pot Pie
- 3/28/2025 Cowboy Burger with Crab Fries or Salmon Burger with Crab Fries

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

SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, from 1:00pm 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.

EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET

Easter Dinner Buffet is on Sunday, April 20th from noon to 6:00pm.

We are taking reservations now. Do not wait since seating is limited. **We cannot accept walk-ins.**

The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 3:00pm. For children of members only.

MEET AND GREET EVENT

VE will be hosting Mr. Jens Karluß from Aue in Sachsen, Germany during the last week in March. Jens has been instrumental in promoting VE in Germany; he connected our soccer teams with the professional Club FC Erzgebirge Aue, invited a delegation to represent VE in the Tag der Sachsen parade in 2023, and has fostered friendship between the US and Germany.

We will be holding a Meet and Greet Event with Jens in the large dining room at 1:00pm on Sunday, March 30th. Please come out to meet Jens and learn about the Erzgebirge!

RATSKELLER WINTER HOURS – 2:00pm to closing

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 March (unless there is a special event and until soccer starts again).

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POOL NEWS

2025 Season Pass Pool Rates (Must be a VE Member)

Season Passes will be issued after 2025/2026 Dues are paid

(Dues are due by May 31, 2025)

Family with Children under 18	\$475
Adult Children 18-24 living in same household	\$95
(can only be added with a family pass)	
Adult Couple	\$350
Adult Single	\$190
Youth Single	\$140
Nanny Pass	\$190
Senior Single	\$140
Senior Couple	\$270
(senior prices are for members that are 65 or older)	

Special Rate for 2025 season pass members only: if you were a season pass holder in 2024 you can purchase a Season pass again this year and receive last year's 2024 prices. **This offer is only available through April 15th, 2025.**

When entering the pool you **MUST** present your current membership card. If you do not have it, you will not be permitted entrance to the pool. We may also ask for photo ID with membership card.

2025 Lifeguards needed! Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer please contact us at veclub@verizon.net. All Lifeguards must be certified by May 2025. If you are interested (and 15 years old or older) and planning on getting certified, please contact us early. If you are not yet certified and interested, we may be holding a class. Thank you!

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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 March, and food is available at each event.

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

St Paddy's Day Celebration Everybody is Irish at VE!! Saturday March 15th in the Ratskeller from 6:00pm. Irish food featuring Shepard's Pie and Corned Beef and Cabbage available plus music!

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active James Rawlings

Passive Scot Mentzer, Michael Donohue, and Chip Scalley

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 family of the following member who left us:

Hans Sumpf who passed away on May 27, 2023, joined VE in 1989 a 34-year member

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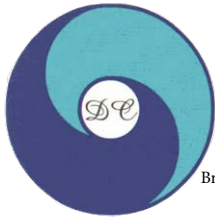
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VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS – APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/01/2025

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

VE hosted another successful Youth Soccer Banquet with all of our U8 through U12 boys and girls teams in attendance. A great time was had by all and one of the highlights was our special guest, Phang (from the Philadelphia Union) there. Special thanks to Gosha Petrov for organizing the event.

We are anxiously waiting for the weather to break, and we can open the fields for practice and games. Spring league and cup game schedules are being finalized and our teams should be playing within the next few weeks.

Lastly, we are preparing for tryouts and the formation of our youngest teams. Details shall be released shortly, and we encourage everyone to get the word out. Please follow all up to date VE soccer news on our website and Facebook page.

Our next Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 7th.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2025. 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 on the last Wednesday of each month for fun and fellowship as we keep this tradition going. Thank you everyone for supporting our Ladies Auxiliary every month. Any questions please 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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