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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- September 1/2
Labor Day (Club closed)
- September 3
Potato Peeling Party
- September 4/5
Oktoberfest Setup Days
- September 6
VE OKTOBERFEST
- September 7
Oktoberfest Clean Up Day
(Club closed)
- September 13
Live at the Biergarten –
Shameless
- September 20
Live at the Biergarten –
Bad Influence
- September 24
Card and Bingo Party
- September 27
Live at the Biergarten – TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 4
Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame 6
- October 5
Sunday Brunch
- October 18
Country Line Dancing Night
- October 21
VE Blood Drive

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 – September 2025

Dear Members of VE,

The Vereinigung Erzgebirge has been holding its Oktoberfest/Sportfest celebration since the early 1930s. This is the biggest day on the Club calendar and a day all members should look forward to. It's a day filled with fun and games, terrific food, drink and music, and an all-around good time. I am so excited to be part of this long tradition and can't wait to see everyone who comes out on September 6th. We expect another big crowd of people who will enjoy our Gemütlichkeit and welcome all of our members and their guests to attend. The devotion of our membership and our many volunteers make this event our marquee event and the board of directors and I want to thank everyone in advance for their help.

As I mentioned in last month's calendar, we will be hosting a group of people from Thalhem, Germany. This group of "Erzgebirgers" will be visiting us for the first time, taking part in the fun, and playing our Majors in a soccer game at 3:00pm. We are so thrilled to keep our connections alive with our German roots. If you are a member whose family originated from Thalheim, make a point of introducing yourself with the Erzgebirge greeting "Glück Auf!" and share your family history. Who knows, maybe one of these people could be a relation!

But that's not all we offer this month. We have events planned well into October and have even extended our Saturday Biergarten evenings a few more weeks; youth and adult soccer begins in earnest, and it's a nice time to be outside at the Club. Looking forward to seeing everyone this month!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLUB HOURS

The Clubhouse and Ratskeller shall be closed from Saturday, August 30th through Monday, September 1st due to Labor Day; however, the pool shall be open that weekend.

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2025

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 come out and enjoy the Club or donate some time setting up and breaking down afterward.

The Oktoberfest Committee is actively preparing for this year's event which will be held on Saturday, September 6th. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 until Friday, September 5th or at the gate for \$10.00. We need help in organizing and running this important Club event and we plan on setting up for Oktoberfest on Thursday, September 4th and Friday, September 5th at 9am both days. Post-Oktoberfest clean-up day is planned for Sunday, September 7th. Please come out for a few hours and lend a hand!

This year's Oktoberfest will be a special one for us because we will be having visitors from Thalheim, Germany. Thalheim is the town in the Erzgebirge where our Club's founders originated from. The group of 37 people will be visiting us as special guests of the Club and the Sports Committee. Their group includes the men's soccer team from SV Tanne Thalheim and they will be playing in an international friendly against our Majors team that day at 3:00pm.

Gates Open at 11:00am Fest Concludes at 10:00pm

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2025 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, November 16, 2025; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, December 14, 2025; 10am - 2pm

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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

Feel free to join us on Friday nights in the Ratskeller, or Saturday nights at the Biergarten. Please come out and enjoy! Our monthly Wednesday Night Dinners resume this month and Das Smokehaus, which was open on Thursday nights, is now closed until next summer (except for Friday, September 5th).

• **Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering Wednesday Night dinners on the third Wednesday of the month for the season. Please gather your friends and meet at the Club on Wednesday, September 17th, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a special dinner every Friday night in the Ratskeller. Here's what we're offering in the next few weeks:

- 9/5 **TONIGHT ONLY** — Das Smokehaus is open from 4:30pm to 7:30pm offering burgers, BBQ chicken platter, etc. The regular Ratskeller menu **will not** be available this night.
- 9/12 Fried Shrimp & Clam Basket served with French fries & Cole slaw \$13.00
Loaded Fries with cheese, bacon, sour cream & scallions \$10.00
- 9/19 Cowboy Burger Bacon, cheese & onion ring served with fries. \$13.00
Pepperoni Flatbread Pizza \$11.00
- 9/26 Seafood Newburg served over rice \$13.00
Loaded Beef Nachos with cheese, salsa & sour cream. \$12.00
- 10/4 Pork Schnitzel served with Spätzle and fresh vegetable \$13.00
Fresh Baked Flatbread (plain) \$9.00

WE ARE HIRING – Great opportunity for experienced staff or those willing to learn! The VE kitchen needs dishwashers, servers, and bussers; and experienced bartenders. Please call the office (215) 675-5380, or email at VEclubevents@gmail.com. Looking forward to working with you soon.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Due to overwhelming demand, we have extended our Biergarten another two weeks! Here is the list of bands for the rest of the season:

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| September 6 th | Oktoberfest! | September 27 th | TBA |
| September 13 th | Shameless | October 4 th | Blue Flame 6 |
| September 20 th | Bad Influence | | |

Our Biergarten season with live music opened in May and has been attracting 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.

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COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

Saturday October 18th, 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

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BUNGALOWS

Bungalow owners are asked to arrive at their Bungalows before 10:30am on Oktoberfest to access their Bungalow and use their parking privileges. After that time, the access road will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the Fest. Also, all owners must have an Oktoberfest ticket to enter the grounds, and the Club office requests names of all owners who are parking at their Bungalow in advance.

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MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

The following members achieved amazing milestones this year. Thank you for your long-term support of the Club.

75 Year Members — Joined in 1950

Ralph Krauss
Doris Washofsky

70 Year Members — Joined in 1955

Carol Mueller
Manfred Schurer
Russell Brown
Elizabeth Knaus

65 Year Members — Joined in 1960

Ralph & Erika Hofelich
Raymond Hofnagel
Irene Kozub

60 Year Members — Joined in 1965

Bill & Jean Aust
Klaus & Gisela Bernhardt
Ulrike Drechsel
Leon & Helge Eisenschmid
Elsie Harpf
Janet Nedwick
Wolfgang & Rita Puls
Wenzel & Joan Pisch
Wolf & Renate Stenger
Herbert Scherzer
Gretchen Keller

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VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on October 21, 2025, 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

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Debbie Schafer

Passive: Katie Arden, Shannon Batchelor, Corinne Beall, Lawrence Bergen, Robert Delgado, Christina Diamantas, Elizabeth Dooley, Nicholas Durso, Kristin Gallagher, Richard Gleich, Mark Glover, Karen Gormley, Matthew Hladchuk, Christine Hochwind, Bridget Hoffman, Kimberly Kelly, Kim Lapteff, Alexandra Marino, Ivan Martinez, Chris Papakonstantinou, Karen Pellegrino, William Peters, Galina Perevonznikova, David Rink, Natalia Shokaliuk, Ana Tabares, Micheala Walsh, Andrew Wenrich, Jessica Winters, Edward Woltemate, Tara Vancer, Kim Young, Bob Jordan, and David Dickson

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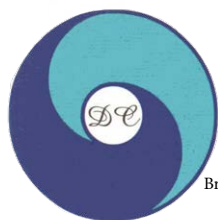


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Welcome Back! Our next Ladies Auxiliary Card and Bingo Party will be on Wednesday, September 24th. Doors open at 11am with Bingo starting at 12:30pm. For \$7 you receive a bingo card with 12 games, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. Sandwiches are available from our self-service window. We have many great prizes and raffles. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship as we keep this tradition going. All members and friends are welcome.

Remember our Potato Peeling Party on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30am in preparation of Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 6th. Thank you everyone for supporting our Ladies Auxiliary every month. If you have any questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

Our soccer program concluded a very busy summer; however, our program gets very little rest, and last weekend was brilliant in hosting our annual youth soccer tournament. This year saw us host over 120 boys' and girls' teams. It truly was a tremendous weekend, and we received nothing but positive feedback from everyone; it took an army of volunteers to make it happen, which we are grateful for. A very special thank you to Tournament Director Christine Kehan for assuring that the weekend ran smoothly and was the success that it was.

Mighty Mites begins on Friday, September 12th running through the middle of 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 and hope all the kids have a lot of fun.

Lastly, best wishes to all 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 or Instagram.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Oktoberfest and watching the Majors take on Thalheim!

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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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 seeing kids return every year and watching 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 women 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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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.