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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- November 2
Schlachtfest
- November 7
Sports Committee Meeting
- November 8
Trivia Night
- November 9
Damenchor Concert
- November 12
Wednesday Night
Club Dinner
- November 13
Country Line Dancing
Lessons
- November 16
Sunday Brunch
- November 16
BVV Fall Dance
- November 19
Ladies Auxiliary Card and
Bingo Party
- November 21
Deadline for Thanksgiving
Take Out Ordering
- November 25
Monthly Board Meeting
- November 26
Thanksgiving Dinner
Take Out
Ratskeller Closed
- November 27
Thanksgiving Day
(club closed)
- November 29
Christkindlmarkt

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 – November 2025

Dear Members of VE,

With Thanksgiving coming up this month, I want to reflect on all the hard work and dedication that our Board of Directors and membership has given to our Club. We are open year-round and there is always something going on. Allowing the Club to maintain its large property and building is a huge task that falls on the shoulders of key people who want the Club to thrive and grow. We had a great Sportfest and are gearing up for our Christkindlmarkt. Both events project the uniqueness of our Club and help assure our financial well-being.

We ask that all members continue to frequent our Club whether it's during an event, watching a soccer game, or sitting in the Ratskeller on a Friday night enjoying a nice meal and a cold beer. Our members are the heartbeat of the Club, and your patronage is important to us.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

A TRADITIONAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November 29th, 2025, from 10am to 4pm.

Our Club welcomes everyone to attend this one-day event. Large selection of vendors offering interesting items. The Club will be serving food as well as the traditional German Glühwein! Accordion music and our wonderful choir.

Please email or call the office to coordinate helping with this event, veclubvendors@gmail.com, (215) 675-5380. Volunteers also needed Wednesday, November 26th, starting at 2pm or any time after to move tables & chairs for the vendor set up; Friday, November 28th 5-7pm to help vendors bring their items to their location and Volunteers needed for event day, November 29th starting at 7:30am. We appreciate you and thank you in advance for helping us make this event a huge success.

BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2026

Any Active member in good standing willing to run for a Board position should contact our Nominating Chairman Mark Toroniewski at marktoro10@verizon.net. Willing candidates must be nominated no later than the January 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, January 25th, 2026, at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active members. Please attend and bring your membership card.

RATSKELLER CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm

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 Knuckle early this year! Our own Don Bitterlich will be playing his accordion during dinner. Enjoy a nice afternoon with us and please consider attending this event.

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2025/2026 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday Brunches are back! Enjoy a delicious meal at the Club! An omelet station and all your breakfast and lunch favorites will be available. Reservations required in advance.

Sunday November 16, 2025; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, December 14, 2025; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, January 11, 2026; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, February 8, 2026; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, March 8, 2026; 10am - 2pm

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 each month. Our next date is **November 12th** followed by **December 17th**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **November 12th** Menu is listed below. Members \$13 / Non-members \$16

- Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with two sides
- Roast Pork Loin with two sides
- Fried Shrimp with two sides
- Chicken fingers and French fries (\$12 member / \$15 non-members)

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday night in the Ratskeller.

11/7 Brisket platter with French Fries and Cole Slaw Or Pepperoni Flatbread

11/14 Cowboy Burger with French Fries Or Plain Flatbread

11/21 Rouladen with Spätzle and Red Cabbage Or Fried Shrimp Basket with French Fries

11/28 Seafood Cakes with French Fries and Cole Slaw Or Meatlovers Flatbread

Parties and events are booked out into 2026 already. Please consider holding your events with us!

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Our Biergarten season with fantastic live music opened in May and just concluded an extended run. We had an excellent season with large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. A huge thank you to everyone who attended these live events, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2026 when it resumes.

Trivia Night

Come to the Club on Saturday, November 8th at 7:00pm and test your trivia knowledge. This event is open to all Club members and their guests. Food available from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Prizes for top teams!

Country Line Dancing Lessons

For the next few months, Shot Gun Jenny will be providing Country Line Dance Lessons in the Club's large dining room.

Our next lesson night will be on Thursday, November 13th from 6:30-9:30pm. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Ratskeller or online. Future nights Dance Lesson night is planned for December 11th. Hee Haw!!

In addition to a lot of Club-wide events, the Entertainment Committee is actively organizing events on a frequent basis. We are also planning to hold live indoor music concerts in January, February, and March. More information will be forthcoming in the coming Calendars. Please stop by the Club and enjoy the company of friends and family and have some fun.

BUNGALOW COMMITTEE

Bungalows are closed for the Season and shall reopen on April 1, 2026. Have a great winter!

Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairperson

THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT FOOD AVAILABLE

If you don't feel like cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year, we are offering a full meal package for take-out. Orders need to be placed in advance by calling the Club office; our deadline is Friday, November 21st. Chef Ed is offering several options, please check the weekly emails for food offerings and prices. All orders need to be pre-paid, and pickup is on Wednesday, November 26th.

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DAMENCHOR CONCERT

The Damenchor Wald-Echo invites you to their Autumn concert on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00pm. The Franklin-Schwarzwald Männerchor will be joining us in performing women's, men's and mixed voice repertoire of folk, popular and classical music; Don Bitterlich will be providing the music. Also, the kitchen and the bar will be open for food and beverage purchases after the concert. The tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased from members of the choir or by calling Christine Groeber at (215) 697-8087. We look forward to seeing you.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping to set up the Garden Room before our Tuesday practices, please come to the Club and give us a hand moving tables and chairs. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Janice Murset, President Damenchor Wald-Echo

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SKAT ABTEILUNGEN

Skat Club

Do you play Skat? Ever play, want to learn, or want to play again? Come on Fridays to the VE Club Ratskeller to learn or join the Skat Club. The Skat Club is looking for new players. No experience necessary. Come and see the two guys, both named Klaus. Friday nights from 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

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Indoor Sports (AISL)

We are putting together our VE Fall/Winter Indoor Sports Leagues with kickoff dates of mid to early November. If interested in joining a team or signing up individually, please contact for more info:

Darts: John Rafa - john.vedarts@gmail.com - Cell: 267-374-1502

Shuffleboard: this email - veindoor@yahoo.com

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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, 2026. 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.

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IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us:

Lisel Trustorff, who passed away on October 25, 2025, joined VE in 1967, a 58-year-old member.

Ruhe in Frieden

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

Passive: Brian Blades, Brian Colonna, Janet Gross, Amber Hauguel, Jeffrey Kaplan, Jessica Lawless, Joesph Mullin, Edward Roussel, Russel Sacco, Catherine Sullivan, Matthew Ward, Lauren Whittington, Amanda Williams, and Matt Wilt

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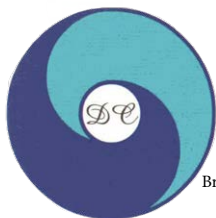


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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Bingo Party will be on Wednesday, November 19th, this is one week earlier because of Thanksgiving. We will be celebrating Christmas at this event due to no Bingo Party in December. Doors open at 11am with Bingo starting at 12:30pm.

For just \$7 you receive a Bingo card for 12 games, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. Sandwiches are always available at our self-service window. We have many great prizes and raffles. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship as we keep the tradition of the VE Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our bingo every month. If you have any questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

SOCCER NEWS

Our younger youth teams are wrapping up Fall play this month with several teams gunning for league championships, while our older high school aged players start their late fall play this month and hope to squeeze in as many games as possible before things start to freeze up.

Might Mites will conclude another successful season on November 14th. This season has been exceptional, and we hope all the players and their parents enjoyed their first experience playing soccer. We will be following up with the older kids interested in forming next season's travel teams. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this program a huge success. Well done gang!

The Majors are playing in three cups at present and have advanced to the next round of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup. The Lamar Hunt Open Cup is the most prestigious competition in American soccer and includes amateur as well as professional teams vying for a national title. Good luck guys!

Our next Sports Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 7th at 8:00pm.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page and come out and support our teams.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

DID YOU KNOW?

The Saxon-Bohemian Silver Mines Route (*Silberstraße*) is described as Europe's largest open-air museum. More than 30 visitor mines, museums, and sites showcasing current customs and traditions, splendid hall churches and historical mountain towns can be admired along the way. 800 years of mining heritage is alive in the Erzgebirge, where traditions and customs have continued into the present day. There are lots of events along the route offering insights into the miners' parades, Christmas traditions and folklore in the local area.

When it comes to arts and crafts, carving, lace making and pewter casting are highly impressive as is the production of the world-famous Christmas pyramids, nativity scenes, nutcrackers, incense burners, candle holders, miners, illuminated angels, toys and other wooden delights from the Erzgebirge. Visitors can even watch the masters at work at over 1,600 workshops. During the summer months, the Silver Mines Route is a picturesque image of beauty, which transforms into a festive winter wonderland that fairytales are made of later in the year.

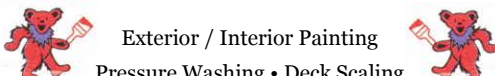
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If interested in ordering a brick, please contact the Club office by phone or email.

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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