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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- October 4**
Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame 6
- October 5**
Sunday Brunch
- October 9**
Country Dance Lessons
- October 11**
Majors vs Colonial –
Lamar Hunt Open Cup
- October 15**
Wednesday Night Dinner
- October 18**
Country & Western Night
- October 21**
VE Blood Drive
- October 26**
Quarterly Membership Meeting
- October 29**
Ladies Auxiliary Card
and Bingo Party
- October 31**
Happy Halloween!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 2**
Schlachtfest
- November 9**
Damenchor Fall Concert
- November 16**
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.

President's Message – October 2025

Dear Members of VE,

Our 88th Oktoberfest/Sportfest was held a few weeks ago and this was one of the most memorable in our almost nine-decade history. Despite some rain in the afternoon, we hosted another large crowd looking for an enjoyable day at the Club. The German food, beer, and music kept the Club hopping and a good time was had by both young and old. I want to thank all of those who stepped up and volunteered their time to ensure the success of that day. Kudos to everyone!

One thing I need to mention is the visit of the group from *Thalheim im Erzgebirge* during Oktoberfest weekend. They came over from Germany for a quick one-week American tour and were hosted by twelve VE member families. If you were lucky enough to be at the Club on the night before our Fest, you were treated to an evening of singing and goodwill that two Clubs represented by three fir trees share. One of their members even jumped into a Skat game and showed our guys a trick or two! Their enthusiasm for our Club was infectious, and we were thrilled when they marched in our parade and sang the traditional Erzgebirge miner's song, *Das Steigerleid*. The crowd at the game was one of the largest on record and despite the score, they changed into their Lederhosen and joined in the evening's festivities until the wee hours of the morning! The weekend with Thalheim was an experience I will never forget, and I want to offer Club Vice President Steve Feuchter a heartfelt thanks for organizing the Thalheim visit and keeping the connections alive with the folks in the Erzgebirge. It was nice having a real piece of the German Erzgebirge celebrate with their American cousins!

Moving into the Fall months, let's continue supporting the Club as much as you can. As you can see in the Upcoming Events, we have a lot of activities planned for our members and encourage everyone to enjoy what we have to offer.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active Members. We will have dinner available for purchase after the meeting in the Ratskeller from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2025

The Oktoberfest Committee wants to thank all the volunteers who donated their time before, during, and after this year's event, working on behalf of our Club. The group we had setting up on Thursday and Friday worked like a well-oiled machine, and it went off without a hitch. It literally takes an army of people to make this happen and we did a great job. Despite the dodgy weather, we had a terrific day, and we welcomed several thousand attendees. All in all, it was a fabulous day to show off the best that the Club has to offer. A big thank you to Don Bitterlich and Willi Aust for providing their accordion skills all day. Special thanks to Linda Haywood, Monika Bernhardt, Andrea Feuchter, Breanna Guyer, and Val Toroniewski handling all the behind-the-scenes action, Chef Ed and his crew for all the tasty food, Debbie Scott who managed the Cake Stand, and Peter Zimmerman, Jim McCullough, and Markus Bernhardt for keeping the beer flowing. Oktoberfest without beer isn't Oktoberfest!

Steve Feuchter, Oktoberfest Committee Chairman

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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?

- **Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering monthly Wednesday Night dinners in our large dining room. We will be offering different items each month. Our next date is **October 15th** followed by **November 12th** and **December 17th**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

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

- Rouladen with two sides
- Chicken Marsala with two sides
- Fried Schrimp with two sides
- Chicken Fingers with French Fries

- **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:

10/3 Jägerschnitzel with Spätzle and seasoned vegetable or Plain Flatbread Pizza

10/10 Currywurst with French Fries or Meat lovers Flatbread Pizza

10/17 Chicken Pot Pie or Loaded Pepperoni Flatbread Pizza

10/24 Chicken Parmesan over Penne Pasta or Sausage Flatbread Pizza

10/31 Jersey Burger (topped with Pork Roll & cheese) or Chicken & Broccoli Flatbread Pizza

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten

Due to overwhelming demand, we have extended our Biergarten into October! **Blue Flame 6** will be our featured band on October 4th. Please come out one last night for a great time, tasty food, and a cold beverage! Gates open at 5:00pm and Live Music begins at 5:30pm

Country Line Dancing Lessons

For the next three months, Shot Gun Jenny will be providing Country Line Dance Lessons at the Club. Our first lesson night will be on Thursday, October 9th 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 nights are November 13th and December 11th.

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MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

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

60 Year Members — Joined in 1965 Peter and Eleanor Hansen

Our apologies for missing this important milestone in last month's *Waldesrauschen*.

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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 michbeth3@comcast.net

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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

Tickets at Door \$20 / Advance Ticket Sales \$15 Food and Drink Available for Purchase

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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!

Please email or call the office to coordinate helping with this event veclubvendors@gmail.com, (215) 675-5380. Volunteers also needed 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.

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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! Enjoy a nice afternoon with us and please consider attending this event.

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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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Indoor Sports (AISL)

We are putting together our VE Fall/Winter Indoor Sports Leagues with kickoff dates of mid to late October. 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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IN MEMORIAM



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

Patricia Fischer, who passed away on August 28, 2025, joined VE in 2013, a 12-year 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 September 2025. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

Passive: Thomas Anderosky, Stephen Brannigan, Ralph Cirino, Alyssa DePerro, Erika DiGregorio, Scott Fisher, Richard Gleich, Danielle Hendrickson, Tetyana Hykava, Megan Langdon, Charles Layton, Adam Lease, Michael Lepouski, Shane Madden, Bohdan Maliuk, Rosemary McAnany, Stacie McShane, Tom Morris, Chris O'Neill, Angela Oruska, Nancy Peglow, Kelly Rider, Jenn Savage-Renshall, Julie Thomas, and Jackie Wolff

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



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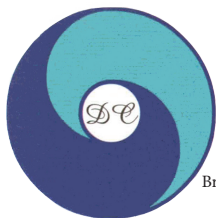


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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Bingo Party will be on Wednesday, October 29th. Doors open at 11am with Bingo starting at 12:30pm. Halloween shirts or costumes are optional. 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 great prizes and raffles. All members and friends are welcome. We had a wonderful turnout for our September Bingo. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary in keeping this tradition going. For questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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SOCCER NEWS

Our youth and adult programs are in full swing with our teams competing every weekend in their respective leagues. The weekends are packed at the Club with games on all our fields. Currently both our Majors and Reserve teams are undefeated in their leagues with a notable 5-3 Majors victory over our local rival West Chester United (who is also the reigning USASA Amateur Cup national champion). Our Majors resume Lamar Hunt US Open Cup competition with a home match on October 11th versus Colonial SC. Kickoff is at 2:30pm.

The Might Mites program is active every Friday night and this year we are hosting over 250 4-7 year old future soccer stars; this year we see another large group of kids playing. This is a great facet of our soccer program and is the home of our future soccer stars (FYI: There will be no Mighty Mites on Friday, October 31st knowing many of our little ones will be out Trick or Treating).

Our next coaches meeting is on Friday, October 3rd at 8:00pm.

Best of luck to all teams and we wish you continued success.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page or Instagram.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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BUNGALOW COMMITTEE

Bungalows will close for the Season on November 1st! Please plan accordingly.

Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairperson

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DID YOU KNOW?

Münchner Kindl, or the "Munich child", is the name of the symbol on the coat of arms of the city of Munich. This symbol has been the coat-of-arms of Munich since the 13th century. The figure portrayed was originally a monk (or friar) holding a Bible, but by the 16th century it evolved in different portrayals into the figure of a small child wearing a pointed hood, often shown holding a beer stein and a radish. It has been theorized that the name for the city of Munich (*München* in German) comes from the term *Kloster von München* or "Cloister for Monks" due to the Imperial Abbey of Tegernsee – a Benedictine Monastery near which the original town of Munich was built.

The image in its different configurations has appeared on countless different objects, from atop the city hall in Munich to manhole covers and even beer steins. The gender of the figure has also changed over the years: from clearly male to a small girl. Nowadays when the Kindl is portrayed by a person – for instance, as a mascot for Oktoberfest – it is usually enacted by a young woman.

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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.

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