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## THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

# Calendar

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### THIS MONTH:

December 5

Sports Meeting

December 8

Toy Drive Dropoff Deadline

December 11

County Line Dancing Lesson

December 14

Sunday Brunch

December 19

VE Soccer

Christmas Get-Together

December 22/26

Club Closed for Christmas

December 27

Boxing Day in the Ratskeller

December 28/31

Club Closed for New Years Eve

### NEXT MONTH:

January 1

Club Closed for New Years Day

January 2

Club Open

January 9

Sports Meeting

January 10

Live Music in the Clubhouse

– Side Hustle Band

January 25

Membership Meeting

and Elections

January 30

Youth Soccer Banquet

January 31

Feuerzangenbowle Night

### 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 – December 2025

Dear Members of VE,

2025 marked a banner year for our Club, and I am amazed at all the great achievements of the past twelve months. Of special note are the continued improvements to our Clubhouse, grounds, and pool, the busy Biergarten every weekend in the summer, and a strong and growing soccer program; plus, another successful Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarket. I am especially proud of the bonds we continue to share with our friends in Thalheim; their visit to us in September was one of the highlights of the year and made for an unforgettable Oktoberfest weekend.

Our Club was recently made an official Ambassador of the Erzgebirge by a committee in the Erzgebirge, in Saxony, and several members of our Board will be there to achieve this prestigious honor. Keeping alive these connections with Germany is a commitment we want to further develop.

Another big news item is that our Soccer Program has been granted permission to convert two of our overused grass fields into synthetic turf fields. This is a major development for our program, allowing for year-round use, and raising the visibility of our Club to a totally different level. Work commences this month and should be in operation by the Spring.

Lastly, a special thank you to all our members who volunteer their time and effort, to ensure that our Club remains the premier German American Club in our area. I also want to thank the Executive Board, Trustees, and Directors who continue to lead the Club and manage our finances and govern the Society. Without everyone's hard work and dedication our Club would not be thriving today as it does.

I wish to extend my thanks to all our members, friends, and employees, for your continued support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein Guten Rutsch ins Neuen Jahr!

Philip Gabel / President

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### DANKE SCHÖN

The Board of Directors wants to thank everyone who visited the Club and enjoyed November's events, as well as supporting the Club each week. An extra special thank you to our staff and many volunteers who made these events happen; 2025 was a very memorable year.

Our Christmas elves were back at work decorating the Clubhouse and grounds for the Holidays. Thanks for the nice work and we will make sure that those people are on Santa's Nice List!

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### 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active members. Please attend and bring your membership card.

### CLUB AND RATSKELLER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- CLOSED MONDAY DEC. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru FRIDAY DEC. 26<sup>th</sup> •  
(OPEN FOR BOXING DAY SATURDAY DEC. 27<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30AM)
- CLOSED SUNDAY DEC. 28<sup>th</sup> thru THURSDAY JAN. 1<sup>st</sup> •  
RATSKELLER SHALL RE-OPEN ON FRIDAY JAN. 2<sup>nd</sup>



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### 2025/2026 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday Brunches continue! 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, December 14, 2025; 10am - 2pm • Sunday, January 11, 2026; 10am - 2pm

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

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### KITCHEN OFFERINGS

• **Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering a monthly Wednesday Night dinner in our large dining room with different items monthly. Our next date is **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **December 12<sup>th</sup>** Menu is listed below. Members \$13 / Non-members \$16

- Pork Goulash with two sides
- Crabmeat stuffed Tilapia 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. Price is \$13.00.

- 12/5 Salmon with Lobster Sauce served with rice pilaf and vegetable
- 12/12 Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf served with mashed potatoes and vegetable
- 12/19 Chicken Pot Pie
- 12/26 **Ratskeller Closed**
- 1/2 Roast Pork Loin served with Spätzle and red cabbage

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

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### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

#### Country Line Dancing Lessons

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, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30pm. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Ratskeller or online. Hee Haw!!

#### Indoor Music Concert

We are moving our concert series to the inside of the club in January, February, and March. There is no cover charge and food and drink is always available. Our first live band is **SIDE HUSTLE** on **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Come on out and hear some great American and British Classic Rock and Roll!

#### Soccer Related Club Events (Open to Everyone)

**December 19** VE Majors Christmas Party in the Ratskeller! 7:00 to 11:00pm with food and drink packages! Open to everyone (over 21 years old)!!

**December 27** **Boxing Day** in the Ratskeller! Catch an EPL game after Christmas from 7:30am!

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 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.

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### DAMENCHOR CONCERT

Thank you for attending our Autumn concert last month. It is always a thrill to entertain and sing such wonderful songs. A special thank you to all the people who made this possible. Looking forward to many more.

Janice Murset, President Damenchor Wald-Echo

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### IN MEMORIAM



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

**Frank Dick**, who passed away on October 27, 2025, joined VE in 2017, an 8-year member.

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### \*\*\* Glück Auf, Botschafter des Erzgebirges \*\*\*

The VE Board of Directors is glad to announce that our Club has been chosen as an official Ambassador of the Erzgebirge by the Regional Management of the Erzgebirge in Germany! This prestigious award is being awarded to us because of our commitment to maintaining bonds with the area where the Club originated from. From their press release:

**The Regional Management Erzgebirge, in which the 12 largest cities in the Erzgebirge and the Erzgebirgskreis have come together for joint regional and location marketing, have been promoting the Erzgebirge as an attractive business location and region worth living in for 25 years. Since 2010, there has been the initiative of the "Ambassadors of the Ore Mountains" as part of the location campaign, in which personalities from business, politics, education, culture, sports and public life are honored with the award of the title for their work for the Erzgebirge region. At the same time, ambassadors with their personal success stories ensure a nationwide positive perception of our region. Through their activities and thus into the region, the ambassadors have an effect on the one hand to improve the identification and pride of the people of the Erzgebirge and on the other hand invite and convince our region to the outside world.**

Club Vice President Steve Feuchter and several Board Members shall be in Schneeberg on December 7<sup>th</sup> to receive this award on behalf of the Club. It is something we should all be proud of.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

**Lebkuchen** are traditional German Christmas cookies, often compared to gingerbread, that are soft, spiced, and honey sweetened. They originated in medieval Germany, likely first made by monks, and are made with a dough that includes honey, nuts, candied fruit, and warming spices like cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. They are popular during the Christmas season and can be sold with or without a glaze or chocolate coating.

**Stollen** is a traditional German, enriched, yeasted fruit bread that is popular during the Christmas season. It is a dense, cake-like loaf filled with nuts, spices, and dried or candied fruits, and is characteristically coated with a generous layer of powdered sugar.

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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](mailto: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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## HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB Welcome to Our Club!

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

**Transfer to Active:** Debbie Schafer, Gwendolyn D. Deal, Joyce Moriarty, Jack Getty, and Carol Bombas  
**Passive:** Debbie Gass, Edward Irwin Jr., Patricia Ann Schena, Colleen Tuttle, Michael Viscounto, Jeff Vogt, and Mattias Zierke

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



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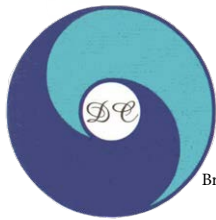


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## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies Auxiliary Bingo has had a very good year with many members and friends attending. Thank you to everyone who participates every month. We would not be able to continue this long tradition without your support. We will take a break for December and resume on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

We wish all members and friends a safe and Happy Holiday season and a Happy and Healthy 2026!

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## SOCCER NEWS

This is very exciting news! After many years of hard work and planning, VE Soccer has received approval to build two new turf soccer fields at its home in Warminster. This totally self-funded sports project will give players reliable, high-quality fields that can be used throughout the year. The project represents an exciting new chapter for the Club and its members. The addition of turf fields will make it possible for players of all ages to train and compete throughout the year, no matter the weather. It will also open the door for VE to host larger tournaments and community events, helping to grow the love of soccer across Bucks County and the surrounding area. "This approval means a lot to our Club and our members," said Steve Feuchter, Sports Chairman. "The new turf fields will support our teams and help us continue to serve local players for many years. They also will give our players the consistency and quality they deserve, while also creating more opportunities for families and friends to come together and enjoy the game". Construction is planned to begin by the end of the year, with completion expected by March 2026. Once finished, the fields will include modern drainage and lighting systems to ensure safe and dependable play.

The Mighty Mites Committee would like to thank all the parents, players, and coaches for another successful season. We hope to see many of you again during the next year when we start to form our newest boys and girls travel teams.

Congratulations to all our teams that have completed their fall seasons. Several teams won their fall leagues, and we welcome more trophies in our trophy cabinet! Wishing all our players, coaches, families, and fans a great holiday season. Our annual adult Christmas party for VE soccer alumni and friends will be held Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Club. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to a sports committee member before December 5<sup>th</sup>. More up to date information can be found by following us on our Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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## VE TOY DRIVE

VE Club and its members have partnered with Bethanna this holiday season to purchase age-appropriate gifts for local children to help bring joy to their holiday. Bethanna, based in Southampton, will distribute these gifts to local foster children for Christmas. We have targeted 25 children from ages 3 to 13 — both boys and girls. If you would like to purchase a gift for around \$30.00, pick the age of either a boy or girl and indicate who you are buying for. Place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag and drop it off at the Ratskeller in the evening or the office during the day by December 8<sup>th</sup> and our Santa elves will deliver them in time for Christmas. Thank you to those who can help support our special cause.

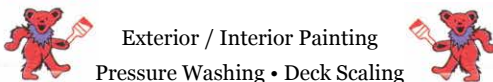
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The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and the Garden Room and would appreciate it if the rooms were cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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