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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

# Calendar

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## THIS MONTH:

- February 6  
Sports Committee Meeting
- February 8  
Sunday Brunch
- February 12  
Country Line Dancing  
Lesson
- February 14  
Beer and Wine  
Pairing Dinner
- February 18  
Monthly Wednesday Night  
Dinner
- February 21  
Live Music in the Clubhouse  
– Sunny D Band
- February 25  
Ladies Card and Bingo  
Party

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 1  
Schlachtfest
- March 7  
Glühwein Party
- March 8  
Sunday Brunch
- March 18  
Monthly Wednesday Night  
Dinner
- March 21  
Live Music in the Clubhouse  
– Blue Flame Six

## WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, you can subscribe to the email by going to [veclub.org](http://veclub.org) and click on subscribe on the top right-hand corner. 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, Club closings and job opportunities.

## President's Message – February 2026

Dear Members of VE,

2026 is promising to be another memorable year in the history of the Club – our 95<sup>th</sup> year. We have events planned throughout the coming months and encourage all members to support our activities and enjoy what we have to offer.

A sincere thank you to the Active members who braved the freezing weather and attended the recent Membership Meeting; I am looking forward to working with our Board another year. It's important for our membership to know the efforts our Board undertakes to see our Club succeed and thrive. Maintaining the grounds and the Clubhouse is a difficult task, as well as managing the business and social side of things; there are a lot of moving parts and people wear many different hats to see our Club move in a positive direction. I am proud to be working with a strong group of men and woman who volunteer their time and put a lot of love and hard work into the Club, and I am grateful for the support and trust our membership has in us.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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## ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2026

Congratulations to the following members who have been elected to represent the Club as Officers and Directors for 2026:

President ..... Phil Gabel  
Vice President ..... Steve Feuchter  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Linda Haywood  
Recording Secretary ..... Ken Haywood  
Financial Secretary ..... Andrea Feuchter  
Treasurer ..... Peter Hansen

TRUSTEES: Helga Bast Monika Bernhardt Charles Butz, Jr

DIRECTORS: Markus Bernhardt, Steve Carey, Paul Joyce, Dave Jones, Tom Kehan Sr., Bob Koob, Jim McCullough, Rob Oldfield, Scott Rieber, Eric Roby, and Mark Toroniewski

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## DID YOU KNOW?

German athletes have participated in all but two stagings of the Winter Olympic Games, as they were left out in the cold after World Wars in 1924 and 1948. Germany entered the Olympics for the first time in 1928 in St. Moritz. The nation was the host of the 1936 Winter Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and were chosen to be a host again for the canceled 1940 Winter Games.

Although they were a divided country, the Germans sent a joint East-West team between 1952 and 1964. In 1968 East Germany and West Germany officially sent separate teams for the first time and continued to do so up until 1988 until the separate East German state ceased to exist in 1990 (at Albertville in 1992 Germany sent a single team after East and West German reunification in 1990).

The nation is an immovable force in biathlon, luge and bobsleigh and a strong contender in speed skating, alpine skiing, ski jumping, figure skating and cross-country skiing.

The first medal of Germany was earned by its bobsleigh team in 1928. Germany won two gold medals eight years later on its own as turf as a host. Alpine skiers Franz Pfnür and Christl Cranz reigned supreme in the men's combined and women's combined respectively.

Other prominent German athletes include alpine ski racer Katja Seizinger (3 gold and 2 bronze), ski jumper Jens Weißflog (3 gold and 1 bronze), Nordic combined skier Ulrich Wehling (3 gold), alpine skier Rosemarie Mittermaier-Neureuther (2 gold and 1 bronze), and alpine skier Markus Wasmeier (2 gold).

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

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### 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, February 18th. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

	Members	Non-members
• Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Fish and Chips with 1 side	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Fried Shrimp with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$12.00	\$15.00

Please note: The Club has been absorbing PA sales tax in the pricing for Wednesday Night dinners. Unfortunately, with increasing expenses, we are no longer able to absorb the sales tax. Starting in February the pricing for Wednesday Night dinner will be the price plus sales tax. Thank you for your understanding.

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday. Below are the February dinner specials. Food served in the Ratskeller.

All entrees are priced at \$13.00 (dine in only) – Take out priced at \$15.00.

2/06/2026	Chicken Schnitzel with Spätzle and Red Cabbage
2/13/2026	Shepherds Pie
2/20/2026	Salmon w/ Shrimp Scampi sauce, Rice Pilaf and Vegetable
2/27/2026	Seafood Cake Sandwich w/ Lettuce and Tomato with French Fries

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### SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 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.

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### BAYERN VALENTINES DAY DANCE

Come by the Club on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and John & Maria will be our musical guests that day!

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### GLÜHWEIN PARTY

The Club is hosting their first Glühwein Party! This casual event will be outside on our patio – dress warm and let the magic of the Glühwein warm you up!

Save the date – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Bring your Glühwein Mug!!

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### RATSKELLER WINTER HOURS

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

**Saturday Ratskeller Winter Hours: 2:00pm to closing.**

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# He was picking his nose!

## BEER AND WINE PAIRING DINNER – LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Join us for four courses paired with a complimentary beer or wine.

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Course Cacio e Pepe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Course Assorted cheese plate  
3<sup>rd</sup> Course Braised Short Rib with Yorkshire Pudding and Roasted Vegetables  
or  
Lobster Tail with Over-the-Top Baked Potato and Candied Asparagus  
4<sup>th</sup> Course Dessert Trio

Reservations and Prepayment are required for this exclusive evening – seating is limited.

Call the Club office by February 6<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place.

\$90.00 per member / \$100.00 per non-member

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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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## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Thank you to everyone for another great day of Bingo in January. We had a wonderful turnout. Our next Bingo will be Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> with a NEW starting time. Doors will open at 10:30am with Bingo starting at 12 NOON. Price is still \$7.00 for a Bingo card for 12 games, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. Great prizes and raffle baskets. Sandwiches are always available at our self-service window. Please join us on the last Wednesday of each month for fun, laughs and meeting new friends. If you have any questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

### Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who joined our Club in January 2026. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

**Passive:** Mark Ferraro and Thomas Parisse

*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 families of the following members who left us:

**Wilson Heath**, who passed away on January 3, 2026, joined VE in 1983, a 42-year member

**James Scandlin**, who passed away January 14, 2026, joined VE in 1958, a 68-year member

**Helga Eisenschmid**, who passed away on January 21, 2026, joined VE in 1965, a 61-year member

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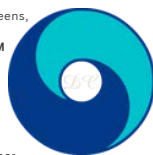
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## SOCCER NEWS

Despite the cold, snow, and ice, our Soccer Program is in constant motion. With teams playing indoors keeping fit and preparing for Spring soccer, we are expecting a big 2026. Our Zone Directors are working with all teams to manage the upcoming age changes in youth soccer to make a transition as smooth as possible. Although challenging, we are in a good position to handle this US Soccer mandate.

The Turf Field project is moving ahead, although we lost some time due to the weather. Blair Construction has moved soil, and several light poles have been moved to enable the width of the lighted field to increase. Within a few weeks the underground basins will be added and crushed stone placed before the addition of the turf itself. We still have a way to go. Updates will be provided in next month's calendar.

Our Annual Youth Soccer Banquet was held last month for our U8 through U12 teams. This event recognizes the players' achievements, and the Club was bursting at the seams with kids and parents hitting the dance floor and having a fun time. Special thanks to former Philadelphia Union player Antoine Hoppenot sharing his soccer experiences with us that night; and congrats to Majors player Aidan Watkins for being this year's Koller Award winner for the MVP of the Majors team.

The VE Sports Board conducted their annual elections in January and are happy to announce that Steve Feuchter, Scott Rieber, Dave Jones, and Dan Pfeiffer will remain on the Sports Board for another year. They have a busy year ahead with all the planned soccer events, the turf field construction, and this summer's FIFA World Cup.

Please follow all up to date VE soccer news on our website and Facebook page.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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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, February 12<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 moved our concert series to the inside of the Club for February and March. There is never a cover charge and food and drink is always available. Our next live band is the **SUNNY D BAND** on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Doors open at 6:30pm, food served from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and the band plays from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come on out and hear some great American and British Classic Rock and Roll!

In addition to a lot of Club-wide events, the Entertainment Committee is actively organizing events on a frequent basis. 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.

The Entertainment Committee hosted a German Winter Tradition (Feuerzangenbowle) recently and we had a terrific crowd attend. Everyone had a great evening, and we want to offer a very special "thank you" to Gregor Helmkamp for his expertise in the fine art of making this exceptional cocktail!

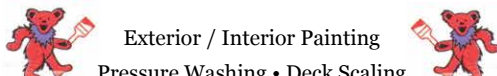
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The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and would appreciate it if the room was cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.

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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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