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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

- March 1**
Schlachtfest
 - March 7**
Glühwein Party
 - March 8**
Sunday Brunch
 - March 18**
Monthly Wednesday Night Dinner
 - March 21**
Spring Ground Cleanup (morning)
 - March 21**
Live Music in the Clubhouse – Blue Flame Six
 - March 25**
Card and Bingo Party
 - March 28**
Spring Ground Cleanup (rain date)
- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- April 5**
Easter Sunday Buffet

President's Message – March 2026

Dear Members of VE,
 Show of hands! Who's had enough of Winter?!? The snow looks nice, but this is getting ridiculous!! Although it's cold out, the Club is nice and cozy and has a lot to offer. As you can see, March is another month with plenty of activities for our members and their guests. We've been busy so far this year with some well attended events such as our Youth Soccer Banquet, the Indoor Concert Series, the Food Pairing Dinner, and Trivia Night. The Ladies Auxiliary has had great numbers at their monthly Bingo parties too! Please come out to our next affairs!

The turf soccer field project has been slowly moving forward; however, the weather has had an impact on the project. Once we get some prolonged warmer and drier weather things should move much quicker.

Our new and improved website is being launched shortly. The functionality and drop-down menus are much more friendly, and the site is packed with great photos! Be sure to look at it; it's impressive. Lastly, I am asking all members to share a few hours with us for our upcoming Spring Cleanup on Saturday, March 21st. The more help we get, the quicker things get done. Plan is to work the grounds around the Clubhouse and get ready for Easter Sunday. Please make some time for this important day.

Glück Auf!
Philip Gabel / President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you know our Vereinigung Erzgebirge membership has been growing at a fast pace over the past few years. We now have over 1400 Club members! Last year we successfully migrated our membership files from a manual process to an online platform. The online platform runs through a membership management company called Join It. Expect an email in late March to help you begin the renewal process; for those who opted out of the online version, a renewal will be mailed to you like last year.

CLUB CLEAN UP DAY

Calling all Volunteers!! We want to get a jump on Spring cleanup and tidying up the Club grounds. Please plan on spending a few hours helping clean up around the Clubhouse, playground, and grounds. Bring a rake, a weedwhacker, or a leaf blower. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am / Saturday, March 28th (rain date)

DID YOU KNOW?

Fasnacht is a fried doughnut of Pennsylvania Dutch origin served traditionally in the days of Carnival or on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent starts. Fasnachts were made as a way to empty the pantry of lard, sugar, fat, and butter, which were traditionally fasted from during Lent. They are commonly associated with Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine, though they are not exclusive to it. The German version is made from a yeast dough, deep fried, and coated or dusted in powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar; they may be plain or filled with fruit jam. They are found in some other areas of the United States with large German-American populations. The Pennsylvania Dutch in the area surrounding Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Berks and other PA Dutch counties in Pennsylvania, celebrate Fasnacht. Most chain supermarkets in eastern Pennsylvania offer Fasnachts. The term is synonymous with the Carnival season which is called Fasnacht in southern Germany, Switzerland, Alsace and Austria. Although usually written «Fasnacht», there are many local spoken varieties: Fasnacht, Fassenacht, Fasnet, Fauschnaut, etc. The word Fasnacht originates from the German words "fast", which is the shortened version of the verb "fasten", which means "to fast", and "Nacht", meaning night, indicating the eve of the traditional Lenten fasting period observed by many Christian denominations. It is the equivalent celebration to Mardi Gras or Carnival.

WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, you can subscribe to the email by going to 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.

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2026 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

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

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

*** * * This is the last brunch you can use your 2025/2026 Brunch Coupon. * * ***

April is our Easter Buffet dinner and May is Mother's Day Brunch (coupons do not apply).

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SCHLACHTFEST

Sunday, March 1st, 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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EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET

Easter Dinner Buffet is on Sunday, April 5th from noon to 6:00pm. We are taking reservations now. Do not wait since seating is limited. We cannot accept walk-ins.

The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 3:00pm.

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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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BAYERN VV ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Come to the Club on March 15th from 2:00 to 6:00pm for music and dancing! Food and beverages available and Tom Groeber will be our musical guest that day!

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CHEF ED'S 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, March 18th. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

	Members	Non-members
• Jägerschnitzel with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Guinness Stew & Soda Bread with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Fried Shrimp with 2 sides	\$13.00	\$16.00
• Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$12.00	\$15.00

* 6% sales tax will be added to the dinners

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

All entrees are priced at \$13.00

3/06/2026	Fried Shrimp and Clam Basket with French Fries and Cole Slaw
3/13/2026	Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Bisque
3/20/2026	Lemon Crusted Tilapia with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable
3/27/2026	Shrimp Creole over Cajun Rice

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

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POOL NEWS

2026 Season Pass Pool Rates (Must be a VE Member)
Season Passes will be issued after 2026/2027 Dues are paid
(Dues are due by May 31, 2026)

Family with Children under 18	\$495
Adult Children 18-24 living in same household	\$100
(can only be added with a family pass)	
Adult Couple	\$365
Adult Single	\$200
Youth Single	\$145
Nanny Pass	\$200
Senior Single	\$145
Senior Couple	\$280
(senior prices are for members that are 65 or older)	

Special Rate for 2026 season pass members only! if you were a season pass holder in 2025 you can purchase a Season pass again this year and receive last year's 2025 prices. **This offer is only available through April 15th, 2026.**

When entering the pool you **MUST** present your current membership card. If you do not have it, you will not be permitted entrance to the pool. We may also ask for photo ID with membership card.

2026 Lifeguards needed! Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer please contact us at veclub@verizon.net. All Lifeguards must be certified by May 2026. If you are interested (and 15 years old or older) and planning on getting certified, please contact us early. If you are not yet certified and interested, we may be holding a class. Thank you!

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VE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS • APPLICATION DEADLINE 03/01/2026

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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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Bingo will be held Wednesday, March 25th with St. Patrick's as our theme. Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's Bingo in February. We had a great turnout despite the snow. Our price is still just \$7 for 12 games of Bingo, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. We have great raffle baskets planned for this event. Our service window is always open for great sandwiches. Note our new starting time is 12:00 noon with doors opening at 10:30am. Please join us for fun, friendship and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends. If you have any questions, please call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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Welcome to Our Club!

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

Transfer to Active: Bob Werner, Ernie Gehlert, Susanne Mousley, and Bianca Hegedus

Passive: Dennis Ferretti, Fred Gerstenfield, and Daniel Johnson

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

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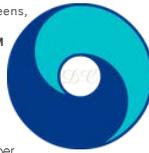
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SOCCER NEWS

If you enter our driveway, you can surely see the heavy earth moving equipment on our fields. The turf project is progressing, although slower than expected due to the extreme winter weather we've had this year. Hopefully things improve and we can make up for the lost time, get the project completed, and have our players out on the fields and getting ready for their spring season and cup games. Once completed we can schedule our tryouts and practices/games for the Spring. We expect a large influx of new soccer talent this year and these fields couldn't come at a better time.

We are making an active push for donations to help cover some of the costs of this work. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor (levels include Jersey sponsor, Scoreboard sponsor, Field Sponsor, Sponsor, or Supporter), please contact the Sports Board member Dan Pfeiffer at dpfeiffer14@gmail.com. Any donation will be gladly appreciated by our players and the entire program.

Our next Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 6th at 7:00pm.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman



BUNGALOW NEWS

The annual Bungalow owner's meeting shall be held at the Club on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00pm. Please attend. Letters to owners will be mailed out in advance.



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

In addition to a lot of Club-wide events, the Entertainment Committee is actively organizing events on a frequent basis. Please stop by the Club and enjoy the company of friends and family and have some fun. These events are set for March, and food is available at each event.

Glühwein Deck 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 7th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Bring your Glühwein Mug if you have one!!

Indoor Music Concert

We moved our concert series to the inside of the Club for one more event in March. There is never a cover charge and food and drink is always available. Our next live band is **BLUE FLAME SIX** on **Saturday, March 21st, 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 MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who left us:

- Joyce Thomas** who passed away on January 27, 2026, joined VE in 1963 a 63-year member
- Alfred Hahn** who passed away on February 10, 2026, joined VE in 1958 a 68-year member
- Eleanor Weirman** who passed away on February 13, 2026, joined VE in 1960 a 66-year member
- Leon Eisenschmid** who passed away on February 15, 2026, joined VE in 1965 a 61-year member

Ruhe in Frieden



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.



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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