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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

September 1/3
Das Smokehaus Open
September 5/6/7
Labor Day Weekend
September 9
Potato Peeling Party
September 10/11
Oktoberfest Setup Days
September 12
VE OKTOBERFEST
September 13
Oktoberfest Clean Up Day
(Clubhouse closed)
September 19
Live at the Biergarten –
Sunny D
September 23
Wednesday Night Dinner
September 26
Live at the Biergarten –
Zendog
September 30
Card and Bingo Party

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 3
Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame 6
October 14
Wednesday Night Dinner
October 21
VE Blood Drive
October 25
Sunday Brunch and
Membership Meeting

WEEKLY UPDATES

If you are not getting the weekly update email, please let the Club office know. You can also click on our link "subscribe" at the upper corner of our website. 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 – August 2026

Dear Members of VE,

I can't say how many times I've heard "can you believe how fast the summer has flown by?" And it's true. It has. But one thing the end of summer brings is the beginning of a very busy time at the Club. First and foremost is our Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, September 12th. It's the biggest day of our social calendar and we get to showcase all the best we have to offer. I am so excited to be part of this long tradition and can't wait to see everyone who comes out that day enjoying our Erzgebirge Gemütlichkeit! Thanks in advance to the many volunteers who make this event happen every year. If possible, please try to carpool since parking is always at a premium.

The Board of Directors wants to thank our Ladies Auxiliary for their generous gift of ten large tables for our dining room. This gift is much appreciated since these new tables weigh significantly less than our old ones and are much easier to move around.

If you don't have plans for Labor Day, stop by the Canstatter Volksfest Verein in Northeast Philadelphia on Sunday, September 6th. We always have a group from VE there (and we have a keg of ice-cold beer waiting for us). We meet at their large tent at 2pm.

Please look at the scheduled events in this month's calendar and make sure you attend as many as possible. Our kitchen and Ratskeller are always serving the best food and drink, and the soccer season is kicking off so there is always a decent game to watch. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the Club this month!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLUB HOURS

The Clubhouse and Ratskeller shall be closed from Saturday, September 5th through Monday, September 7th due to Labor Day; however, the pool shall be open that weekend (pool hours are 12:00pm to 6:00pm, Saturday through Monday).

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2026

VE's Oktoberfest is THE premier event of our Club. Every year we provide excellent food, drink, and entertainment for our members, guests, and the community at large. It takes a lot of effort to make this happen and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the Club or donate some time setting up and breaking down afterward.

Our Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 12th. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8.00 until Friday, September 4th or at the gate for \$10.00. We need help in organizing and running this important Club event. We plan on setting up for Oktoberfest on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th at 9am both days. Post-Oktoberfest clean-up day is planned for Sunday, September 13th. Please come out for a few hours and lend a hand!

Gates Open at 11:00am • Fest Concludes at 10:00pm

FOR THE KIDS: Moon Bounce... Soccer Kickball... Playground... GaGa Pit
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2026 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday Brunches are back! Reservations required in advance.

Sunday, October 25, 2026; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, November 22, 2026; 10am - 2pm

Sunday, December 13, 2026; 10am - 2pm

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WHATS'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

Feel free to join us on Friday nights in the Ratskeller or Saturday nights at the Biergarten. Please come out and enjoy! Our monthly Wednesday Night Dinners resume this month and Das Smokehaus, which was open all summer, will be open for your enjoyment on Tuesday, September 1st and Thursday, September 3rd, then closing until next year.

• **Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering Wednesday Night dinners once a month again! Please gather your friends and come to the Club on Wednesday, September 23rd, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Self-service in the Large Dining Room.

Roast pork with two sides	\$15.00
Rigatoni Alfredo with Shrimp and Garlic Bread	\$15.00
Fried Shrimp Basket with French Fries	\$13.00
Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$12.00

• **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a special dinner every Friday in the Ratskeller. Here's what we're offering in the next few weeks:

9/4	Salmon with Lobster sauce, rice pilaf and vegetable	\$15.00
9/11	Perogies with bacon, onions and sour cream	\$12.00
9/18	Sauerbraten with Spätzle and red cabbage	\$15.00
9/25	Pork Schnitzel with Spätzle and vegetable	\$15.00

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WE ARE HIRING

Our Club is growing and currently has several job openings. The kitchen is looking for servers, and the Club office is actively seeking an Event Coordinator and a part-time Office Assistant. Please call the office (215) 675-5380, or email at veclubevents@gmail.com. Come join Team VE!

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VE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date for our Blood Drive on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm 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 micbeth3@comcast.net.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Live Music / Biergarten —

Due to overwhelming demand, we have extended our Biergarten into October! Here is the list of bands for the rest of the season:

September 5 th	Closed for Labor Day
September 12 th	Oktoberfest!
September 19 th	Sunny D
September 26 th	Zendog
October 3 rd	Blue Flame 6

Our Biergarten season with live music opened in May and has been attracting large numbers every weekend enjoying the excellent food, drink, music, and our VE Gemütlichkeit. The round bar is open on the above nights, and food is always available. Come on out! We plan on having Indoor live music in 2027!!

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95th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year marks the 95th Anniversary of the founding of the Club. We will be holding an anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 22nd from 2pm to 5pm for our members. Details are still being worked on, with more information coming out later. However, please mark your calendar for this special event. And we have a special Erzgebirge surprise in store!

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VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Welcome Back to our Monthly Ladies Auxiliary Bingo held the last Wednesday of each month. Our Oktoberfest at the Club is on Saturday, September 12th and our ladies always help with peeling potatoes for the potato salad. We will be meeting at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, September 9th at 9:30am. Anyone that can help us is welcome. Please bring a paring knife.

Our next Bingo is Wednesday, September 30th with doors opening at 10:30am and Bingo starting at 12 noon. For just \$7 you will receive 12 games of Bingo, Danish, coffee, or soda. Our service window is always open for sandwiches. Many great prizes and raffles will be available. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. Any questions call 267-408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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DID YOU KNOW?

The exclamation "O'zapft is!" (Bavarian for "It is tapped", standard German: "Es ist angezapft") is a tradition during the tapping of the first beer barrel by the mayor of Munich in the Schottenhamel tent at the opening of the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany since 1950. The exclamation is followed by a signal of twelve gunshots, signaling that beer may now be sold in all twelve of the major tents. The opening ceremony takes place every year at noon on the first Saturday after September 15th. The traditional exclamation "O'zapft is!" is always followed by the wish "Auf eine friedliche Wiesen" ("for a peaceful Oktoberfest").

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MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

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

70 Year Member - Joined in 1956

Henry Yaure

65 Year Members - Joined in 1961

Magdalene Krafczyk

Walter Schletter

Joanne Seidel

Ronald Oedemann

60 Year Members - Joined in 1966

Ronald Rice, Sr.

Helen and Nile Linn

Gesa Kiefer

Sonja Groeber

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Passive: Jeffrey Bibus, Michele Carrelli, Thomas Donahue III, Paul Dudley, Jenna Fell, Livia Greenbacker, Rhian Huhn, Irene Kalogrias, Jackie Kelly, Margo Langlotz, Matthew Ludwig, Mai Mach, Gina Mignoni, Jeffrey Morgan, Brian Noel, Nona Parker, Stephen Paul, Thomas Pendergast, Michael Roken, Daniel Snyder, Kimberly Spaeter, Annemarie Tomczak, and Sandy Waterman.

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



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SOCCER NEWS

The summer of '26 was a tremendous time for our soccer program. The grand opening of the turf fields has led to a lot of activity including hosting the largest (by far) youth soccer tournament in our history with 142 teams who played over a weekend, including the introduction of Friday night games. We were never so busy and the feedback we received is overwhelmingly positive. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who made the tournament the success it was, and a very special thank you to Tournament Director Christine Kehan for assuring that the weekend ran smoothly and was the success that it was. We couldn't have done it without her!

Another thing of note is the large soccer ball sitting next to the Snack Stand. This item was one of a handful of official FIFA 2026 World Cup Fanfest balls in North America. We were lucky enough to be given this by our friends at EPYSA (and even luckier to transport it to the Club in one piece!). It is a great reminder of the games held in Philadelphia and will be a nice addition to that area of the grounds.

Mighty Mites begins on Friday, September 11th, running through the middle of November. This is another important facet of the program and is the beginning stage of our future travel players. We look forward to this program every year and hope all the kids have a lot of fun. We have exceeded our registration goals this year; please note that registration is closed, and walk-ons will not be accepted this year.

Lastly, best wishes to all our high school and college players playing soccer this fall. Please keep in touch and let us know how you're doing!

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Oktoberfest!!

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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POOL NEWS

As we wrap up another hot summer, we want to thank all our members for spending time with us at the pool. We had a terrific year and are thankful for all the great families that enjoyed their time with us. It's a pleasure seeing kids return every year and watching them grow and become better swimmers. Special thanks to all the managers and lifeguards who kept the pool clean, organized, and safe over the summer. Best of luck to these young men and woman who are continuing their studies in high school and college. The Pool Committee hopes to see everyone returning to the pool next summer!

A very special thank you to Monika Bernhardt who once again went above and beyond to oversee the pool's operations this summer. Monika has managed the pool for the past several years and has decided to step down from that role. If anyone is interested in managing the pool next summer, please contact the Club office. Thanks again, Monika aus Chalfont!

The VE Pool Committee

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BUNGALOWS

Bungalow owners are asked to arrive at their Bungalows before 10:30am on Oktoberfest to access their Bungalow and use their parking privileges. After that time, the access road will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the Fest. We ask that all paths around the bungalows are left clear for access in case of emergency. Also, all owners must have an Oktoberfest ticket to enter the grounds, and the Club office requests names of all owners who are parking at their Bungalow in advance.

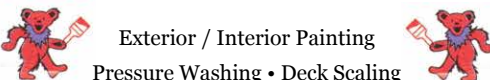
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The House Committee asks that parents monitor their children while in the kid's playroom in the Ratskeller and would appreciate it if the room was cleaned up and free of trash after being used. Thank you.

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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 1st to May 31st.

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