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THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

Calendar

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THIS MONTH:

October 2

Sports Committee Meeting

October 3

**2 pm: Majors vs
Philadelphia SC – Lamar
Hunt Cup Round 2
Qualifying Game**

**Live at the Biergarten –
Blue Flame 6**

October 14

Wednesday Night Dinner

October 25

Sunday Brunch

**Quarterly Membership
Meeting**

October 28

**Ladies Auxiliary Card and
Bingo Party**

October 29

VE Blood Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 8

Damenchor Fall Concert

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 – October 2026

Dear Members of VE,

On September 12th, the Club hosted its annual Oktoberfest, and we did not disappoint our members and guests. We believe we welcomed over 5,000 people that day and held the most successful Fest in our long history. Blessed with terrific weather, it was truly an unbelievable day celebrating our German roots and offering our Erzgebirge Gemütlichkeit. Treated to great entertainment and a fun atmosphere, the crowd had a great experience. A huge thank you to our membership who stepped up and volunteered their time to ensure the success of that day. Naturally, the run-up to the event was hectic and stressful, but everyone who lent a hand helped to make this day very memorable. We even got some exposure in Germany by social media influencer Der Hauer! Special thanks to Steve Feuchter and the Oktoberfest Committee for making this happen.

Let's continue with the momentum we have into the Fall and keep supporting our Club as the year continues. The Biergarten still has one last night remaining and hope you can make it before we move indoors. As you can see in the Upcoming Events, we have a lot of activities planned for our members and encourage everyone to enjoy the Club.

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

OKTOBERFEST / SPORTFEST 2026

Oktoberfest 2026 was without a doubt, the Club's most successful event...ever! We set records in attendance (5,000+), food and drink consumed (1,500 Schnitzels and 2,000 Brats sold!), and fun!! Glad to say we were more than prepared this year; we didn't run out of anything, the lines moved, and we expanded our parking spaces to accommodate over 1,100 cars (which was barely enough). With the great weather and the attending members and guests, we hit a home run! The bands were awesome, and the dance floor was packed once the sun went down. We are the premier Oktoberfest venue in Bucks and Montgomery Counties!!

I want to thank everyone who took time away from their lives the past few weeks and put a lot of effort into making the day the success it was. The set up days ran like clockwork, and it was welcome to see the comradery of everyone who worked around the property. The crew of over 250 people kept the lines moving selling tickets, food, and drink, as well as managing the kids' rides, collecting trash, and keeping cars flowing in and out of the Club, not to mention the folks who made the Schnitzels and peeled the potatoes, to the ladies counting tickets the days after the Fest ended.

It is difficult to name everyone who helped out, but here are several key people I want to thank on the Club's behalf; Don Bitterlich and Willi Aust for providing their accordion skills all day; Linda Haywood, Monika Bernhardt, Andrea Feuchter, and Val Toroniewski handling all the behind-the-scenes action in the office before, during, and after the Fest; Chef Ed and his crew for all the delicious food; the Ratskeller staff who did a great job all day long; Debbie Scott who manages the Cake Stand; Sara Roby for managing the volunteer SignUp Genius; and Peter Zimmerman, Jim McCullough, and Markus Bernhardt for keeping the beer flowing. I also want to thank Phil Gabel, Steve Lawson, Andy Harrin, Scott Rieber, Woody Hartmann, Charlie Butz, Scott Logan, Mark Toroniewski, and Ron Brodbeck who went above and beyond setting up and breaking down the grounds. And lastly, Mase who refurbished all the barrels and turned them into attractive pub tables! Our Club is blessed with a lot of great people and that's why VE is such a special place! Let's do it again next year!!

Steve Feuchter, Oktoberfest Director

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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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WHAT'S COOKING IN THE VE KITCHEN?

- **Monthly Wednesday Night Dinners:** We are offering a monthly Wednesday Night dinner in our large dining room. We will be offering different items monthly. Our next date is **October 14th**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **October 14th** Menu is listed below:

- Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf with two sides
- Pork Goulash 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 dinner special every Friday in the Ratskeller. Here's what we're offering in the next few weeks:

- 10/2: Sloppy Joe Sandwich with French Fries
- 10/9: Chicken and Dumplings
- 10/16: Jägerschnitzel with Spätzle and seasoned vegetable
- 10/23: Bavarian Pig Sandwich (smoked ham w/Cooper sharp on a pretzel roll) w/French Fries
- 10/30: Loaded Nachos

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QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active Members. We will have our first Fall Brunch that day so please come early and stay for the meeting.

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VE BLOOD DRIVE

This year's American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, October 29th from 1:00 to 6:00pm** 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 micbeth3@comcast.net.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Our outdoor Biergarten was a terrific success in 2026. We had great music and big crowds every weekend and sadly must conclude the season because it's getting colder. Our last outdoor Biergarten night will be on Saturday October 3rd with local rockers, **Blue Flame 6**, playing a great selection of classic rock. 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.

We plan on holding live music indoors starting in January 2027 like we did last year. Our first indoor show will be on January 23, 2027 – **Country Mile** is the band! Further details to follow!

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Saturday, November 28th, 2025, from 10am to 4pm.

Our Club welcomes everyone to attend this one-day event with a 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 are needed Friday, November 27th 5-7pm to help vendors bring their items to their location, and volunteers also are needed for event day, November 28th 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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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

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Party will be on Wednesday, October 28th. We will be returning to our original time of doors opening at 11am with Bingo starting at 12:30pm. For just \$7 you will receive 12 games of Bingo, Danish, coffee, tea or soda. Sandwiches are available from our self-service window. Great prizes and raffles are planned. We had a great turnout in September returning from our summer break. Thank you everyone for your support each month as we continue the tradition of our Ladies Auxiliary.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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DID YOU KNOW?

The 2026 drought in Germany has evolved into a severe climate and economic crisis following months of record-breaking summer heat and minimal rainfall. Agriculture Minister Alois Rainer declared a "crisis of national proportions" as national yields for vital crops like winter wheat and rapeseed plummeted by up to 12%, with southern regions suffering near-total harvest failures. This prolonged dry spell caused crucial industrial waterways—including the Rhine, Danube, and Elbe—to drop to historic lows, with the Rhine reaching a record 68 centimeters in Cologne.

These low water levels halted cargo shipping, forcing heavy freight onto highways and severely disrupting the energy, steel, and chemical sectors. Consequently, the German Economic Institute predicted the drought would slash 0.4% off the national GDP, entirely erasing the country's projected economic growth for 2026. To combat the severe water scarcity, municipalities nationwide, including Munich and Potsdam, have enforced strict water conservation bans on residents, prohibiting activities like lawn watering and pool filling with fines of up to €50,000!

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SPECIAL GUEST FROM GERMANY

VE has been sending teams to play soccer in Europe since 1969. Literally hundreds of boys and girls have traveled to play overseas representing the Club. For the past dozen years, we have been working with a gentleman in Germany named Willi Bolte who makes all our travel arrangements for us while in Europe. Willi hasn't been in the States for almost 10 years, and he is making a special visit to us on Wednesday, October 14th. For all former players, coaches, and fellow travelers who were on any of Willi's trips, please stop by the Ratskeller on the 14th after 7:30pm to say "hello" and catch up with him. Hope you can make it!

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HERZLICH WILKOMMEN ZU UNSEREM KLUB

Welcome to Our Club!

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

Passive: Kevin Babyak, Roy Bakeoven, Debby Bakeoven, David Boytim, Jordan Brogan, Douglas Csaszar, Joseph Dinan, Julia Falendysh, Melissa Galm, Timothy Greer, Elizabeth Kauermann, Joe Knecht, Margarita Lorenz, Christopher Lux, Amanda Morrison, Michael Murphy, Nicole Pagano, Todd Rohn, Kathleen Sparks, Marissa Sweeney, Rebecca Thomson, and LeeAnne Vito.

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 family of the following member who left us: Marie Hirschbuhl, who passed away on September 21, 2026, joined VE in 2022, a 4-year member

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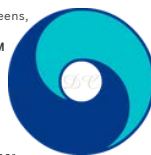
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SOCCER NEWS

Our youth and adult programs kicked off their fall campaigns in early September and have busy schedules through November. The weekends are packed at the Club with games on our fields, and we are utilizing our new fields to the utmost. Our Majors and Reserve teams began playing on Oktoberfest Saturday; the Majors are now competing in the extremely competitive APSL with teams in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, while the Reserves are fighting their way in the CASA league. Our Majors resume Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup competition on October 3rd with a home match at 2:00pm vs Philadelphia SC.

The Might Mites program is active every Friday night and this year we are hosting almost 300 4-7-year-old future soccer stars; this year we see another large group of kids playing, in fact it's by far the most ever. This is a great facet of our soccer program, and is the home of our future soccer stars

Our next coaches meeting is on Friday, October 2nd at 7:30pm.

Best of luck to all teams this fall!

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

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

ADULT INDOOR SPORTS LEAGUES

Congrats to our Summer 2026 winners! Cornhole League: Brian, Brian & Andy. Horseshoe League: Dan & Dennis. Fall leagues are organizing now. Darts: John Rafa, john.vedarts@gmail.com. Shuffleboard: Jim McCullough, veindoor@yahoo.com.

DAMENCHOR CONCERT

The Damenchor Wald-Echo invites you to their Autumn concert on Sunday, November 8th at 2:00pm. The Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor will be joining us in performing women's, men's and mixed voice repertoire of folk, popular and classical music, all under the direction of Jacqueline Smith.

Following the concert, Don Bitterlich will be providing accordion music, and the kitchen will be open for food purchases. The bar is open for beverage purchases during the entire event. 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.

The Damenchor is happy to welcome new singers at any time! Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, September to May, with a several week break after our concert until after New Year's.

Finally, 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.

BUNGALOWS

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

Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairman

The Club takes great pride in maintaining its grounds and works diligently to do so. It's sad to report that recently the Club has been a victim of thoughtless vandalism, including dumping of debris and damage to our property fencing. We request that our members recognize that we border a residential neighborhood and want to be good neighbors. Please park cars within our property grounds. And lastly please be aware that the Club does not allow Outside Alcohol, Dogs, Bicycles, or E-Bikes on our property.

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.