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## THE "WALDESRAUSCHEN"

# Calendar

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### THIS MONTH:

**November 1**

**VE Majors vs Colonial –  
Lamar Hunt Open Cup**

**November 6**

**Sports Committee Meeting**

**November 8**

**Damenchor Concert**

**November 11**

**Wednesday Night  
Club Dinner**

**November 18**

**Ladies Auxiliary Card and  
Bingo Party**

**November 20**

**Deadline for Thanksgiving  
Take Out Ordering**

**November 21**

**Decorating for Christmas**

**November 22**

**Brunch**

**November 22**

**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**November 24**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

**November 25**

**Thanksgiving Dinner Order  
Pick Up  
Ratskeller Closed**

**November 26**

**Thanksgiving Day (Club Closed)**

**November 28**

**Christkindmarkt**

## President's Message – November 2026

Dear Members of VE,

This part of the year is extremely enjoyable with mild weather and the turning of the leaves. It's also a busy time at the Club with the final few weeks of soccer games and plenty of activities at the Club.

One important event is our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We invite all members to come to the Clubhouse that day and share this special event. We are also very excited to be hosting several people from the Erzgebirge who will be presenting our membership with a fantastic gift. Please mark your calendar and make a point of joining us that day.

With Thanksgiving at the end of the month, I want to reflect on all the hard work and dedication that our Board of Directors and membership has given to our Club. Allowing the Club to maintain its large property and building is a huge task that falls on the shoulders of the people who want the Club to thrive and grow. A sincere thank you for your help.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Glück Auf!

Philip Gabel / President

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### 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2026 marks the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Vereinigung Erzgebirge. In honor of this fantastic milestone, we will be holding an anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm to 5pm in the small dining room. This event is open to all our members, and we ask you to RSVP by contacting the Club office so that we can get a head count to prepare for the festivities. The Club will be offering complimentary light fare with a cash bar. Additionally, we have special guests visiting us from Schneeberg in the Erzgebirge and they will be giving a special presentation to our membership. This is truly an event you do not want to miss! Looking forward to seeing you on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### CHRISTKINDLMARKT / A TRADITIONAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10am to 4pm.**

Our Club welcomes everyone to attend this one-day event. Large selection of vendors offering interesting items. The Club will be serving food as well as the traditional German Glühwein!

Accordion music and our wonderful choir.

Please email or call the office to coordinate helping with this event, [veclubvendors@gmail.com](mailto:veclubvendors@gmail.com), (215) 675-5380. Volunteers also needed Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm or any time after to move tables and chairs for the vendor set up, Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm, to help vendors bring their items to their location and Volunteers needed for event day, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 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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### BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2027

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 2027 Board of Directors meeting.

Our next scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting shall be on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027, at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all Active members. Please attend and bring your membership card.

### 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.

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### 2026/2027 BRUNCH SCHEDULE

Our fabulous Sunday Brunches are back! Enjoy a delicious meal at the Club! An omelet station and all your breakfast and lunch favorites will be available. Adult Member prices are \$25.95 pp and \$28.95 pp for nonmembers. Brunch served from 10am until 2pm.

- Sunday November 22, 2026
- Sunday, December 13, 2026
- Sunday, January 10, 2027
- Sunday, February 14, 2027
- Easter Buffet - Sunday, March 28, 2027
- Sunday, April 18, 2027
- Mother's Day - Sunday, May 9, 2027

\*\*\* Reservations required in advance. \*\*\*

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### THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT FOOD AVAILABLE

If you don't feel like cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year, we are offering a full meal package for take-out. Orders need to be placed in advance by calling the Club office; our deadline for ordering is Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Chef Ed is offering several options, including desserts. Please check the weekly emails for food offerings and prices. All orders need to be prepaid, and pickup is on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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### BUNGALOW COMMITTEE

Bungalows are closed for the Season and shall reopen on April 1, 2027. Have a great winter!

Peter Hansen / Bungalow Chairperson

**RATSKELLER CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

### KITCHEN OFFERINGS

- **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 **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please come out to the Club with your family and friends.

Our **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Menu is listed below:

|                                         |                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| • Rouladen with 2 sides                 | \$15.00 members | \$18.00 non-members |
| • Chicken Schnitzel with 2 sides        | \$15.00 members | \$18.00 non-members |
| • Fried Shrimp Basket with French Fries | \$13.00 members | \$16.00 non-members |
| • Chicken Fingers and Fries             | \$12.00 members | \$15.00 non-members |

- **Friday Night Dinners:** In addition to traditional bar food, we will be offering a dinner special every Friday in the Ratskeller.

|                                                                   |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| • 11/6 Smoked Chicken Quesadilla with sour cream and guacamole    | \$13.00 |
| • 11/13 Guinness Beef Stew over Mashed Potatoes                   | \$15.00 |
| • 11/20 Pork Schnitzel ala Holstein (Lemon, capers and fried egg) | \$15.00 |
| • 11/27 Currywurst with French Fries                              | \$13.00 |

Parties and events are booked out into 2027 already. Please consider holding your events with us!

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### DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the Holidays right around the corner, we are looking for some added hands to do some decorating inside the Club and in the front of the Clubhouse. We ask that you come to the Clubhouse at 10am on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to help. Please spread the word! All help is much appreciated.

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### CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Club is forming a committee to look at the replacement of our children's playground. If anyone is interested, please contact the Club office and we will get in touch with the committee organizer.

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## VE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Bingo event will be on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, which is one week earlier than our usual last Wednesday of each month due to Thanksgiving. Last month we had a wonderful turnout for our Halloween Bingo, thank you to everyone who attended. For just \$7 you will play 12 games of bingo with Danish, coffee, tea or soda. Sandwiches are always available at our self-service window. Doors open at 11am with bingo starting at 12:30pm. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, friendship and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call (267) 408-4439.

Janet Welsch Lynch, President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Schnaps is a type of alcoholic beverage that takes several forms, including distilled fruit brandies, herbal liqueurs, infusions, and flavored liqueurs. The word Schnaps comes from the German term "schnappen", meaning "snap", which refers to the spirit usually being consumed in a quick slug from a small glass!

An Obstler is a traditional type of Schnaps made by fermenting fruit and distilling to produce a clear, unsweetened fruit brandy. Obstler is traditionally produced in Austria, Switzerland, Southern Germany, and the culturally German regions of Alsace and Lorraine in France. The main kinds of fruit used for Obstbrände are apples, apricots, cherries, and pears. Apples together with pears produce Obstwasser; pears are used to produce Birnenbrand. Several types of plums make Zwetschgenschwager; cherries make Kirschwasser; and apricots are used to make Marillenschnaps.

A Geist (meaning "spirit" in German) is a type of Schnaps that is created by infusing fresh berries in neutral spirits and steeping for some time before distillation. The most common Geist is Himbeergeist, made from raspberries. Other common fruits are blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, currants, apricots, and peaches. Other flavorings are also possible, such as nuts, herbs, or rose petals. Many liqueurs are referred to as Schnaps, but distinct from fruit brandies, are created by the addition of herbal or fruit flavors to a neutral spirit by various methods. The neutral spirit used can vary by location and tradition. Kräuterlikör (herbal liqueur) includes well-known brands include Jägermeister, Underberg, Kuemmerling, Killepitsch, and Wurzelpeter.

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## FALL CONCERT — AN AFTERNOON OF GERMAN MUSIC AND SONG

The VE Damenchor Wald-Echo warmly invites you to our annual Fall Concert on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm. Joining us will be the Franklinville-Schwarzwald Männerchor for an entertaining afternoon of men's, women's, and mixed-voice choral music. The program will feature works by Brahms, Schubert, and Handel, along with a delightful selection of traditional German folk songs and popular favorites. Following the concert, the festivities continue with dancing to the lively accordion music of Don Bitterlich! The kitchen window and bar will be open for food and beverage purchases.

Concert tickets are just \$12 per person. To purchase tickets, please call Christine Groeber at (215) 697-8087. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music, dancing, and *Gemütlichkeit* with your friends at the VE Club! We look forward to seeing you!

Margaret Fairchild

President, VE Damenchor Wald-Echo

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Our Biergarten season was a great hit with our members and their guests in 2026. All the top bands we booked brought a lot of enthusiasm and every Saturday night was hopping! The Club will continue with live music during the beginning of 2027 by going indoors with bands playing in the large dining room. As usual, there is no cover charge and great food and beverages will be available. Please mark your calendars for these planned events!

|                           |              |                        |                |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Country Mile | March 20 <sup>th</sup> | Blue Flame Six |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | Sunny D      | April 10 <sup>th</sup> | The Road Dogs  |

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## IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathy to the family of the following member who left us:  
Martha Weggel, who passed away on October 28, 2026, joined VE in 1984, a 42-year-old member.

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## SOCCER NEWS

Our youth teams are wrapping up Fall play in November with several teams gunning for league championships, while our older high school aged players start their late fall play in November and hope to squeeze in as many games as possible before things start to freeze up.

Mighty Mites will conclude another successful season this month. This season has been exceptional, and we hope all the players and their parents enjoyed their first experience playing organized soccer. We will be following up with the older kids interested in forming next season's travel teams. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this program a huge success.

The Majors are having a great Fall campaign sitting in first place in their APSL conference and are also playing in three cups. They have advanced to the next round of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup. They will face Colonial SC at VE at 2:00pm on November 1st. The Lamar Hunt Open Cup is the most prestigious competition in American soccer and includes amateur as well as professional teams vying for a National title. The following weekend sees the Majors playing in the EPSA Amateur Cup Semi-Final. The EPSA Open Cup games are scheduled for a later date in early 2027. Good luck guys!

Our next Sports Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

Please follow all soccer action on our Facebook page and come out and support our teams.

Steve Feuchter / VE Soccer Chairman

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## INDOOR SPORTS

We are putting together our VE Fall/Winter Indoor Sports Leagues with kickoff dates of early November. If interested in entering a team or signing up individually, please contact me for more info:

Darts: John Rafa - [john.vedarts@gmail.com](mailto:john.vedarts@gmail.com) - Cell: 267-374-1502

Shuffleboard: this email - [veindoor@yahoo.com](mailto:veindoor@yahoo.com)

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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, 2027. 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 October 2026. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at VE.

**Passive:** Nicole DeCecco, Victoria Duffy, Helen Duffy, Michael Farabaugh, Julia Hamnett, Jennifer Matczak, Hugh McBride, John O'Driscoll, James Perry, Patty Porter, Andrew Porter, Kayla Rieco, Mike Russell, John Schlack and Jacquelyn Schlack

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

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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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