

NRV Alumni Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 5:30 pm, 3rd floor conference room of the Holtzman Alumni Center

Pre-Game Tailgate for VT vs. Pitt Game – **Saturday, October 3**, time TBD

- The Roanoke Valley Chapter is hosting this event in front of the Career Services building (near Cassell Coliseum lot) on game day.
- Our chapter will support the event as volunteers.
- We are considering partnering with the chapter for other events in the future (i.e. hockey game).

“Behind the Scenes” at Pearson Hall (new cadet residence hall) – **Friday, November 13**, 5:30 PM

- Patience Larkin has arranged a tour for our alumni of the new cadet residence hall; will include a reception before or after.
- We need to submit a postcard mailer request by mid-September if we'd like to use one for this event (can include other upcoming events – tailgate, holiday party, wine festival save-the-date).
- Future suggestions include the new dairy barns at Kentland Farm (Ginny will find the appropriate contact) and the library. Cyndy checked into touring the new football practice facility and was told that it's basically just an open barn-style building – nothing of interest to “tour.”

2015 Hokie Holiday Party – date TBD (first week of December)

- We will host our annual party at the Blacksburg Country Club again this year
- Be on the lookout for a date announcement!

2016 Wine Festival at Virginia Tech – **Saturday, June 4, 2016**, noon to 5 PM

- We will move forward with the same format as this year.
- Ann Sandbrook will act as the Wineries Chair; she suggested hosting a “Wine Information Table” with info on what wines are available at the festival that day.
- Ann will host a wine talk again; we will pass out info cards 20 minutes before the start of the program to encourage participants.
- VIP area: Assign a volunteer specifically to this area to enforce “VIP” guests; change table signs to “Reserved for”
- May consider adding a silent auction area – will need a volunteer to coordinate donations of auction items.
- May consider selling discounted tickets at Up on the Roof to encourage on-the-spot purchases.

Young Alumni Happy Hours

- April Baker has moved away from the area; Mel Jones has offered to be the interim chair and would like additional help.
- Cyndy is contacting Justin Yalung for his help/input on YA events.
- Mel will email the Young Alumni list-serv to introduce herself and ask for suggestions and additional volunteers.

Chapter Financial Report

- Jacqueline has renewed the Blacksburg post office box for the chapter.
- We have \$3,565.22 in our checking account after transferring funds from the Beer Festival to VTAA and making the \$50 gift to Tom Tillar.

Old Business

- Website: Tonya Pruitt met with David Stanley and has access to make changes to the website as needed. Volunteers are encouraged to check out the site (www.nrvhokies.com) and make suggestions for corrections and/or improvements. We will begin posting the chapter meeting minutes on the website.
- Scholarships: Our scholarship fund with Virginia Tech Foundation is paid for the upcoming year's scholarships. Freshman scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Chapter Officers Forum luncheon.

New Business

- Jacqueline is ordering business cards for the chapter.
- There's still time to register for Chapter Officers Forum! <http://www.alumni.vt.edu/events/cof/index.html>