

NRV Alumni Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 5:30 pm, 3rd floor conference room on the Holtzman Alumni Center
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 5:30 PM in the 3rd floor conference room of the Holtzman Alumni Center. **Meetings are held every Third Tuesday of the month**

Color Me Cameron 5K Color Run (April 2nd) or The Big Event (April 9th)

- Color Me Cameron has been our “Big Event” project for the past two years. We have been told that we won’t be able to consider it a “Big Event” project if it doesn’t happen on the same day this year.
- Taylor is following up with the Big Event organizers to see if we can come to an agreement to continue to support the Color Me Cameron run.

Up on the Roof – Thursday, May 26, 2016, 5 PM

- We will host a tent as a non-profit vendor to promote the 2016 Wine Festival at Virginia Tech.
- Jacqueline will register us for the event with Krisha Chachra.
- We will need 4-5 volunteers to staff the booth and pass out promotional material.
- We will offer free polka dot wine glasses with tickets purchased at UOTR.

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 (two food trucks, two bands)
- 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.
- We have confirmed two craft vendors: New River Nature and Simply Stones
- We have confirmed two winery vendors: Bright Meadows Farm and Old Hill Cider

“Behind the Scenes” Speaker Event for this Spring

- Possible tour of new Marching Virginians facility with small band performance and comments from Dave McKee (Taylor to follow-up)
- Tour of dairy barns at Kentland Farm (Cyndy advised that spring was the best time for a visit)

Young Alumni Events

- Mel Jones is serving as interim Young Alumni Chair, with Justin Yalung committed to be involved as well.
- Mel sent out a survey to the Young Alumni list and is compiling the results to share with us.
- YA Happy Hour has been advertised on Next Three Days and Taylor will add to the Facebook page.
- Gwen Harrington is working on an Alumni Association hosted YA event for the NRV. Taylor suggested hosting the event at New City Media. The chapter will not have any responsibilities for organizing this event, but will be asked to provide volunteer support.

2016 Freshmen Scholarships

- We will send applications to local guidance counselors this year to encourage more applications.
- We will also consider including transfer students (Ginny can get this data from Undergraduate Admissions).
- Add to application: "Interviews may be requested to make a final decision."

Old Business

- 2015 Hokie Holiday Party – another success! Everyone agreed that the venue is perfect for this event and the music was a nice addition. We need to be sure to include directions next year and signage to help people find the right building.
- Tour of Pearson Hall – this event was at maximum capacity and was enjoyed by all attendees. Doug Anderson provided welcome comments and an introduction. Thank you notes were signed for Major General Fullhart and Colonel Larkin.
- 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 continue posting the chapter meeting minutes on the website.
- Jacqueline will follow up with David Stanley regarding business cards for the chapter.

New Business

- Hokie Day at the General Assembly: Hokie Day will be hosted in Richmond on Thursday, February 4th. The Alumni Association asks for alumni volunteers to attend a legislative breakfast and then provides talking points for alumni to meet with representatives.