

## NRV Alumni Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 5:30 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room of the Holtzman Alumni Center

There will not be a December meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 PM in the 3rd floor conference room of the Holtzman Alumni Center.

### 2015 Hokie Holiday Party – Thursday, December 10, 5:30 PM, Blacksburg Country Club

- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/508286612673515/>
- Cyndy has approved the menu and arranged for holiday harp music.
- Cover charge will include food; drinks for purchase.
- We will have door prizes and other giveaways, including flyers for Pearson Hall tour.

### “Behind the Scenes” at Pearson Hall (new cadet residence hall) – POSTPONED to Thursday, January 14, 5:30 PM

- Patience Larkin has arranged a tour for our alumni of the new cadet residence hall; will include a reception after.
- Postcard mailer request has been submitted and includes holiday party save-the-date).
- Future suggestions include the new dairy barns at Kentland Farm, new Marching Virginians facility (late spring?), campus Master Plan update from Jason Soileau.

### 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.
- May consider selling discounted tickets at Up on the Roof to encourage on-the-spot purchases.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.nrvhokies.com)) and make suggestions for corrections and/or improvements. We will continue posting the chapter meeting minutes on the website.
- Scholarships: Our scholarship fund with Virginia Tech Foundation is paid for the upcoming year’s scholarships. The group discussed several options for the next scholarship season, including changing the qualifications, changing the number of scholarships given, including current and transfer students, and adding interviews. We will discuss again at the January meeting.
- Jacqueline will follow up with David Stanley regarding business cards for the chapter.

- Ginny will check with Jordan on the updated chapter speaker list.

#### New Business

- Happy Thanksgiving!