



Friendship Education Scholarship

Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club

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August 2015

Happy 50th Anniversary of the Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club!

As I start my first fall as President, I am in awe of our Board and will be eternally thankful for their dedication to the VTFWC. From May through today, a week didn't pass without a board member connecting with me or others, working on the coming year events. Our calendar is growing with new interest groups, some returning favorite interest groups and exciting speakers, presentations, travel and tours.

The Fall Welcoming Tea will be held on Thursday, September 3rd from 3:00-4:30PM, at the Grove. This will be the first year that we "go green" and send invitations through email and some through traditional postal service for those without access to email. Please join me in thanking our Directors at Large for planning this time honored annual event!

This year's fall luncheon, on Wednesday, October 7, will be a bigger occasion than any other year, celebrating our 50th anniversary at Mountain Lake! If you only plan to attend one event this year, make it to this one! A local favorite and talented, Catherine Breske will be performing as well as testing our memories from 1965 with a game show style presentation! Win a prize for being the best 60's style outfit worn to the event! An addition to the luncheon, a Special Features "Travel and Tours" overnight trip will take place the day before at the Mountain Lake Lodge. Look for more details on carpooling and reservations inside the newsletter.

I am both fascinated by this club's history and proud to be a part of *inventing the future* with all of you during the generations to come. We are a perfect example of mixing Town with Gown. Recently, I had the opportunity to describe our club to a new member. Without hesitation, I explained that we are the only example I can find of a group of several hundred women who over a fifty year period kept up with the demand of women's needs for current times. We started as a wives club, changed and added working women, then added local townspeople. We have raised and given away over \$80,000 in scholarships to promote female education and performed all of this while changing the leadership team every year and never having a central phone number or office space or staff. As naturally strong multitaskers, the women in this group handled all of the above while living through women's rights for equality through the 1960's, sending loved ones away to war or serving ourselves in war. We balanced family budgets through major recessions, volunteered our time for hundreds of other groups or religious organizations in the region, collectively raised or taught thousands of local children and still cooked and

cleaned and advised the men administrating or teaching or pursuing research at Virginia Tech. I would challenge any corporation to compete with this record of accomplishment and stability and still be open for business! Can we all please give each other a pat on the back the next time we see each other?

Our journey through this 50th year will be one of collecting our story through your letters and recorded interviews of our most senior members. If you are willing, please take a moment to write down your stories of what led you to join this club. Send them to our P.O. Box, or through email at **VTFacultyWomensclub@gmail.com, attention Therese.**

All my best and warmest wishes,
Therese Walters

Ways and Means

Providing Scholarships for women at Virginia Tech is one of the purposes of the Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club (VTFWC). These scholarships are funded through the generous donations given by members of the Club. The Ways and Means Committee will recognize four levels of giving based on "historical firsts" associated with Women at Virginia Tech. These four levels offer different amounts of giving:

1921 Society - \$150+	The year women were admitted to Virginia Tech.
Turkey Hens Society - \$100-\$149	The first women's basketball team – intramural.
Tin Horn Society - \$50-\$99	The women's yearbook. (Men had their own book).
Hillcrest Society – Up to \$49	Hillcrest Hall housed the first women on campus.

Gifts to the VTFWC Scholarship and Endowment Fund are tax deductible. When you make a donation by check, please make the check to **Community Foundation of the NRV**. To ensure that the money goes into the right fund, please put **VTFWC Scholarship Fund** in the memo line. Mail the check to:

Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club
P.O. Box 10252
Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252

Gifts may also be made online <http://cfnrv.givebig.org/c/NRV/a/cfnrv-136>.g
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Bev Fleming, Delores Hendricks and Diane Hoover

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Friday Forum Series

Julie Earthman: 951-2051

Friday Forum events will be held at the **University Club** on the Virginia Tech campus. **Please note NEW location.** All events will begin with coffee and tea at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of October, November, December, February and April. Events are subject to change. Watch your newsletter for announcements and reminders.

October 2, 2015

Richard Rose, Producing Artistic Director, the Barter Theatre, Abingdon.

Topic: Importance of the Arts in Building Vital Communities.

Under the leadership of Richard Rose, Barter Theatre is currently spearheading an initiative to assist the historic downtown theatres of Southwest Virginia to help revitalize their communities. Rose's presentation is sure to help you look at the arts in new ways as an essential part of building a vital community and the role the arts play in the United States as a whole. Rose's personal reflections on his 20 year tenure at Barter will also be revealed!

November 6, 2015

Nikki Giovanni, renowned poet and Virginia Tech University Distinguished Professor

Topic: “As autumn tells us winter approaches, women coming together remind us of warmth and wisdom, sharing and caring. Poetry is our spice; faculty women our stew. We come together to fill ourselves with love and energy.” This is a poetry reading you will not want to miss!

December 4, 2015

Roya Gharavi, owner of Gourmet Pantry and Cooking School, downtown Blacksburg.

Topic: Gharavi, author of *Roya’s Recipes, Healthy International Cuisine*, will demonstrate easy party appetizers just in time for your holiday gatherings.

February 5, 2016

Dr. Robert E. Denton, Jr, W. Thomas Rice Chair and Professor in the Department of Communications, Virginia Tech.

Topic: The Role of the Women’s Vote in Presidential Elections: Past and Present. Denton will explain how women vote as well as the influence and impact of the women’s vote. He will also consider some of the implications of the women’s vote in the 2016 presidential election.

April 1, 2016

Dr. Richard Masters, concert pianist and instructor, Virginia Tech Department of Music.

Topic: Continuing an annual tradition, students from Virginia Tech’s Department of Music will be presented in concert. There will be something for everyone, from music for winds to solo piano works. Faculty member Masters will discuss the repertoire and accompany the students at the piano.



SPECIAL FEATURES

VTFWC Travel & Tours

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Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 6, and pack your overnight bag. You are invited to join other members for an overnight at Mountain Lake Resort, the day before our fall luncheon, October 7. Join your interest group for a fun afternoon or evening together hiking, playing bridge, watching

“Dirty Dancing” or having a wine tasting! It might be a good time to try a new activity (if planned) and see if it would be something you would like to join.

Since this overnight stay is optional, dinner will be on your own with friends. Breakfast the next morning is also up to you, after which a tour of the Resort can be arranged before the luncheon. Then, when the luncheon and entertainment are finished, it is home again with memories of great fun at Mountain Lake. Rooms with one queen bed are around \$149 and rooms with two queen beds are \$169 for two (\$84.50 per person). Partners are welcome to stay. **Other arrangements are available as well.** Reservations need to be made by September 5. Please consider joining us for our first overnight adventure!

Later this fall there is a possibility to tour the new football practice facility followed by a lunch locally. Then before the holidays, we hope to arrange a car trip to Staunton to see “The Christmas Carol” and do a little shopping or touring in this charming town with lunch at one of the bistros. Dates and details will be coming later. More will be announced as the year progresses.

For more information, contact Laura Hewitt at lhewitt1@me.com; Phone: 302-354-0781 or Suzi Austin at suziaustin@comcast.net ; Phone: 961-0139.

Please take time to rejoin the VTFWC this year and take advantage of all VTFWC has to offer. If you have a friend who is not currently a member and she would like to join, she needs to complete a blank form. If she is not affiliated with Virginia Tech, VCOM, or the Corporate Research Center, she must have five current members endorse her on the back of the membership form. You can obtain a blank membership form at the September tea, on line at www.civic.bev.net/vtfwc, or contact Susan Meredith at Suzieque833@gmail.com or call 961-5919.

Virginia Tech Faculty Women’s Club

Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 12:00 Noon

Mountain Lake Lodge

Program

Looking Back: VTFWC Celebrates 50 Years with emcee Catherine Breske

Buffet Menu

Starter: *butternut squash soup*

Entrees: *rosemary chicken breast with lemon scented extra virgin olive oil*
vegetable lasagna with marinara sauce

Sides: *freshly steamed broccoli and cauliflower*
oven roasted baby carrots and shallots

Dessert: Chef's Choice

Includes: *freshly baked breads with creamy butter, freshly brewed coffee, iced tea, and water*

\$19.00 (tax and gratuity included)

Luncheon Committee:

Marshall Marchman, Margaret Shuler, Alice Feret, Delores Hendricks, Sara Glessner

Deadline for reservations Wednesday, September 30, 2015

**Make check payable to VTFWC. Mail to: Treasurer VTFWC, P.O. Box 10252
Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252**

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VTFWC Fall Luncheon – October 7, 2015, Noon, Mt. Lake Lodge

Name _____ phone/email _____ buffet
\$19.00

Guest(s) _____ total attending

_____ total amount enclosed

Interested in carpooling? Please indicate: Driver? _____ Rider? _____

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**THURSDAY, THE THIRD OF SEPTEMBER
FROM 3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM
AT THE GROVE
HOME OF DR. TIM SANDS, PRESIDENT OF VT AND DR. LAURA SANDS**

The purpose of the VTFWC is to expand the intellectual and social horizons of its membership, provide scholarships, and promote the interests of Virginia Tech.

Parking will be provided behind Wallace Hall in the parking lot adjacent to The Grove. The area will be identified by balloons and is accessible from Washington Street or Duck Pond Drive. Shuttle service will be provided. The Grove is handicap accessible and handicap parking will be available on-site.

For additional information, contact Cindy Shockley at 951-1713 or Sue Bentley at 651-3170.