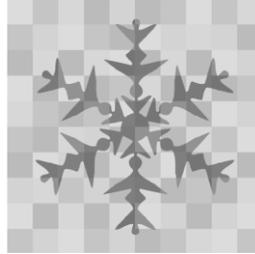




Friendship Education Scholarship

# Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club

Post Office Box 10252 Blacksburg, Virginia 24062-0252



January 2016

Happy New Year!

Winter seems to have finally arrived. I hope that everyone had a pleasant holiday.

Our group remains very active with numerous and varied interest groups, Friday Forums, and trips. I am sure that this second half of our club year will be as interesting as the past fall.

We can now look forward to our February 10 luncheon at Warm Hearth. Our speaker will be John Eustis, Director of the New River Land Trust. He will tell us how the Land Trust is working to protect farmland, forests, open spaces and historic places in the New River region.

Our next Friday Forum will be held at the University Club at Virginia Tech on Friday, February 5, featuring Dr. Robert E. Denton, Jr. He will speak on the role of the women's vote in Presidential elections, past and present.

Special Features: Trips and Tours has planned a Barn Quilt Tour of Giles and Craig counties for April 7. More information appears in this newsletter. Also, Suzi Austin and Laura Hewitt are planning a bus trip in the spring to Winston-Salem, NC to the Reynolda House & Museum of American Art. More complete information on these trips will appear in the March newsletter.

Members have been generous in donating to the scholarship fund, but there is still time to make a donation for this year. Donations can be made through April 30, 2016.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon in February.

Therese Walters  
President



## Friday Forum Reminder

### February 5, 2016

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

**Topic:** The Role of the Women's Vote in Presidential Elections: Past and Present. Dr. 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, VT 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.

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### Preserving the Beauty of the New River Valley

Be sure to sign up for the February Luncheon! John Eustis, Executive Director of the New River Land Trust will explain to us how the Land Trust is saving the wild and wonderful land along the banks of the New River for future generations to enjoy.

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### VTFWC Treasurer's Mid-Year Report

December 2015 balance in checking account	\$ 10,961.24
2015 Beginning Balance in Scholarship Fund	\$225,039.26
2015-2016 Year-to-date scholarship donations	\$ 7,150.00



### 50/50 Raffle

The Ways and Means Committee will hold a 50/50 Raffle at the luncheon on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Half of the money collected will be split between two winners and half will be donated to the VTFWC Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be sold only at the luncheon, before the luncheon begins. You may purchase one ticket for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00 or more! The drawing will be held at the end of the luncheon.

Why not come a bit early with your \$\$\$! You'll be helping our scholarship fund grow, and you might just be one of the two lucky winners.

## Ways and Means 2015-16

Providing scholarships for rising junior or senior women at Virginia Tech is one of the purposes of the Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club (VTFWC). These scholarships are funded through generous donations given by members of the VTFWC. Since the initiation of the VTFWC scholarship program in 1973, scholarships have been awarded to 85 women for a total of \$85,400.

The Ways and Means Committee will recognize four levels of giving based on "historical firsts" associated with women at Virginia Tech. These four levels of giving 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 on line <http://cfnrv.givebig.org/c/NRV/a/cfnrv-136>. The donation year is May 1 to April 30.

**Please consider contributing to the financial support of outstanding women at Virginia Tech. It is a worthwhile investment for the future.**

Diane Hoover, Deloris Hendricks, Beverly Fleming

### VTFWC SCHOLARSHIP

The VTFWC Scholarship deadline is February 12, 2016 at 5 PM with the Community Foundation of the NRV. The application process and all supporting documentation can be completed on the Community Foundation Website (<https://cfnrv.org>) under scholarship.

Please help in spreading the word to rising junior and senior women at Virginia Tech. Spread the information at church, with family and friends, and other organizations. We look forward to an outstanding pool of applicants this year and would appreciate your help in recommending qualified Virginia Tech Women. If you have any questions give me a call. Gretchen Flynn, 540-818-9405

**Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club**

*Winter Luncheon*

February 10, 2016 at Noon  
Warm Hearth Village Center

**Program Topic**

*The New River Land Trust*

Director John Eustis - speaker

**Buffet Menu**

- Starter: deconstructed garden salad
- Entrees: turkey cutlets with lemon caper sauce  
spinach lasagna
- Side: Chef's roasted root vegetables
- Dessert: Black Forest cake
- Includes: warm rolls and butter  
coffee, iced tea, water

\$19.00 (tax and gratuity included)

Luncheon Committee: Marshall Marchman, Margaret Shuler, Alice Feret,  
Eva Hicks, Kieran Hilu, Candi Kelly

**Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**Make checks payable to VTFWC and mail to:**

**Treasurer, VTFWC  
P.O. Box 10252  
Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252**

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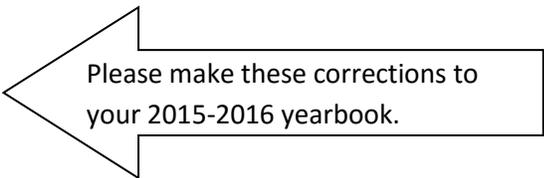
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Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ total attending \_\_\_\_\_

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## Directory Addendum

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Steeves, Elissa ..... 540-230-7018



Please make these corrections to  
your 2015-2016 yearbook.

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### News of Interest: Great Decisions to Begin February 10<sup>th</sup>

Great Decisions is scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 10, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will continue for 8 consecutive Wednesdays. Sessions will be held at the German Club Manor on Southgate Drive in Blacksburg. Discussion topics for the 2016 program include: Middle East Alliances; Islamic State; The Kurds; Migration; The Koreas; United Nations; Climate Change; and Cuba and the U.S.

Great Decisions is one of 16 courses offered by the Lifelong Learning Institute during Spring 2016. Course participants will be required to become an LLI member (\$20), but there is no course fee for Great Decisions, in recognition of the on-going partnership with the League of Women Voters. The Great Decisions briefing book may be purchased for \$25; however, a copy will be on reserve in the Blacksburg library for in-library use.

Registration for Great Decisions and all other Lifelong Learning Institute programs begins January 6, 2016. For more information, please check the LLI website: [www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning). If you need registration assistance, please email or call Tammy Stevers, LLI Registrar, [tames@vt.edu](mailto:tames@vt.edu), 540-231-5182 or 540-231-1779.

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### Save the Date!

## THE VTFWC BARN QUILT TOUR

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Join us on a fun drive through Giles and Craig Counties, viewing the Barn quilts on barns and other buildings. The tour will begin 10 a.m. in Newport where we will meet Martha Dillard, a former member of the VTFWC, who will lead our tour. In addition to the barn quilt tour, Martha will show us her studio, and if there is time, some interesting places in New Castle.

When we are finished, we will drive on to Paint Bank and have lunch at Swinging Bridge Restaurant. There will be a reservation for the group at the restaurant with you paying for your own lunch. We will start home around 3:00 p.m. arriving at 4:00 p.m. (50 miles).

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 7. Reservations, carpooling arrangements, and details of the tour will be in the March newsletter.

Hope to see you then!