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# VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

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Education

Scholarship

Service

P. O. Box 10252 Blacksburg, Virginia 24062-0252

E-mail: [VTWC65@gmail.com](mailto:VTWC65@gmail.com) Website: <http://www.vtfacultywomensclub.org> Fall 2017

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT (Deb Call)

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Dear VTWC Friends,

I am filled with high hopes for our upcoming 2017-2018 VTWC year. I am shouting out a special thank you to Board Members, Interest Group leaders, and all Event Leaders who have volunteered to serve our club this year! So many exciting things have been lined up for us to enjoy. To stay up-to-date, you may want to join our Facebook Group or check out our Website. If you need any help navigating Facebook, contact me. I will steer you in the right direction! For those who know me well, you know that means that I will help you to contact our guru technology members who will lend you a hand.

We are proud of our new name, VTWC. Along with our revised By Laws and fresh approach to membership, we are on the way to a brand new adventure. We are a young 52 year-old club. For those of us in middle age or just a "little" beyond, we know that this is the time for taking hold of life and gearing up for action!

You will have many opportunities to be involved. In addition to our traditional luncheon programs, we have several new and old interest groups that are itching to get started. At our Welcome Reception on September 27, we will highlight many of our interest groups. Be sure to join in the fun! Our Friday Forums are all planned. Please note the new location next to the campus and come hear our excellent speakers. There are many chances to go places and see new things. Watch for our Travel/Tours announcements and mark your calendars. The year is packed with things to do.

Service to others will be a new focus for us this year. This is still in the formative state but will be given a place of importance in our planning. I encourage you to sign up and help in the development stage of our serving VT and the community at large. What a great way to build friendships!

A new scholarship task force has been created as well. We are proud of our past philanthropic accomplishments, but the sky is the limit. Women helping women is part of our mission. Giving of ourselves in this way is important! I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together.

As your new President, I look forward to serving you. My door is always open.

Best regards,  
Deb Call

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Join the Virginia Tech Women's Club Facebook Group

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## FROM WAYS AND MEANS (Co-Chairs: Diane Hoover and June Stubbs)

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Through your generous support of the Virginia Tech Women’s Club Scholarship Fund last year, we were able to award \$2,000 each to three highly qualified, outstanding Virginia Tech women students.

At its July meeting, the VTWC Board voted to add another level of giving to the scholarship contribution list to honor the first women graduates of VPI in 1925 with the name, “The 1925 Graduates Society.” This new level of giving will contain members’ names who donate \$200 and above to the scholarship fund. The fiscal year for donations runs from May 1 through April 30. The Ways and Means Committee hopes we can count on your continued support of the Scholarship Fund.

The Ways and Means Committee will recognize five levels of giving based on “historical firsts” associated with women at Virginia Tech. The five levels offer different amounts of giving:

The 1925 Graduates Society	\$200+
The 1921 Society	\$150 to \$199
The Turkey Hen Society	\$100 to \$149
The Tin Horn Society	\$50 to \$99
The Hillcrest Society	Up to \$49

Gifts to the VTWC Scholarship Endowment Fund are tax deductible. When you make a donation by check, please make the check payable to:

### **CFNRV**

(Community Foundation of the New River Valley)

To ensure the money goes to the right fund, please put  
**VTWC Scholarship** in the memo line.

Virginia Tech Women’s Club  
Post Office Box 10252  
Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252

Gifts may also be made online at [www.cfnrv.org](http://www.cfnrv.org). At the website, find the “Donate Now” button and follow the links. A direct link to the club’s donation page can be found on our website <http://www.vtfacultywomensclub.org>. Please consider contributing to the financial support of these deserving women at Virginia Tech. It is a worthwhile investment in the future.

### **WHY DO WE GIVE?\***

The reasons are many, but some of them are:

- To make it possible for another woman to obtain a college education.

- To pay it forward. We received a scholarship and now strive to make it possible for another woman to receive a scholarship, too.
- To make it possible for Virginia Tech to educate women who have financial need in the face of ever increasing higher education costs.
- To support the ideals of an organization in which we hold membership.
- To support something important to us whether it be a community service, a profession, an institution, an ideal, or an objective.
- To honor someone or to memorialize someone who was important to us.

\*Borrowed from Penn State's University Women's Club.

## **FROM SCHOLARSHIP (Co-Chairs: Gretchen Flynn and Nancy Warren)**

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### **VTWC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN**

The VTWC was proud to present three \$2000 scholarships to Virginia Tech Women at our April Luncheon. Receiving scholarships were: Amber Bradley from Animal and Poultry Sciences, Taylor Carroll from Creative Technologies, and Danielle Jeffers from Multimedia Journalism. Since the scholarship program began in 1973 \$96,550 has been awarded to 90 qualified young women at Virginia Tech.

**Thank you** for all of your generous donations to the scholarship fund. Helping young women obtain their educational goals makes a difference in their lives and the contributions they make to society.

## **FROM SUNSHINE (Jan McGilliard)**

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### **REACHING OUT**

**We remember and are grateful for the life of  
Carol Dallman, a long time member who passed away in July.**

If you are aware of a VTWC member who has reached a milestone, suffered a loss, is ill or recovering from surgery, has received a reward, or otherwise should be remembered, please contact Jan McGilliard at the above phone or e-mail.

## **FROM FRIDAY FORUMS (Julie Earthman)**

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Friday Forum events will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg. **Please note new meeting place.** All events begin with

coffee and conversation at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of the following months: October, November, December, February, and April. Events, times and dates are subject to change. Watch the newsletter for announcements. **Forums are open to the public. Invite a friend!**

**October 6, 2017**

**Sarah Enloe, Director of Education, American Shakespeare Center, Staunton.**

**Topic: Much ado about Shakespeare!**

The American Shakespeare Center embraces the stage in ways we believe our playwright understood. In this brief examination, Sarah Enloe will look at the importance of understanding the text, the stage, and the conditions in which Shakespeare wrote as a means to uncovering available but hidden understanding of the plays.

**November 3, 2017**

**Dr. Robert Denton, Department Head, Virginia Tech Department of Communication and Political Commentator and Analyst for WBDJ Television**

**Topic: Information about this forum will be made available on the website, in an upcoming newsletter, and through e-mail blasts.**

**December 1, 2017**

**Kelly Erb, The Invisible Chef**

**Topic: Tasty tidbits for the holidays and whenever!**

Join Chef Erb for an outstanding culinary demonstration and sampling of eatable goodies!

**February 2, 2018**

**Robert Kulp, co-owner, Black Dog Salvage, Roanoke**

**Topic: One-man's trash . . .**

Robert Kulp (Building Construction '85), co-owner and *Salvage Dawgs* co-host, will discuss the process of saving architectural salvage from the landfill and the unique opportunity to showcase the work on a national television series. By the way, *Salvage Dawgs* airs nationally on the DIY and Great American Country Network.

**April 6, 2018**

**Dr. Richard Masters, concert pianist and instructor, VT Department of Music**

**Topic: The sound of music fills the air . . .**

Students from the VT music department will present a spring musicale featuring delightful songs and sonatas, accompanied and introduced by Dr. Masters.

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**FROM TRAVEL AND TOURS (Co-Chairs: Suzi Austin and Laura Hewitt)**

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**SAVE THE DATES!  
reservations and  
Blacksburg**



**Please note that some of our trips will again coordinate transportation arrangements through Joy Herbert at the Recreation Center. Contact Joy at: 540-443-1142.** The use of their large vans has been a valuable asset to our ability to offer more travel out of town and to provide more comfort and flexibility with our dates and attendance numbers.

- ❖ **Discovering the arts & heritage in Dayton, VA, October 26, 8:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**  
Bring your shopping bags & credit cards for this one!!
- ❖ **Tour the Virginia Tech College of Engineering, including the Robotics Lab, in Goodwin Hall**  
Lunch at an area restaurant.
- ❖ **Tour of The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, VTTI, including The Smart Road**  
Lunch at an area restaurant.
- ❖ **Candlelight Tour and Tea at Smithfield Plantation, November 30 at 4 p.m.**  
Before the Christmas Tea weekend, our group will be served tea and sweet treats in the lower level of the Plantation at 4 p.m. after which there will be a tour of the house by candlelight led by April Danner, Director of Smithfield.  
**Reservations of \$18 will be for members only due to limited seating.**  
Transportation will be car pools.
- ❖ **Tour of Roanoke Television Station WSLs Channel 10 and Virginia Transportation Museum, January 18, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
Lunch at the Roanoker
- ❖ **Soul Food Feast at the Odd Fellows Hall, February 10 at 12 noon (Snow Date 2/17/18)**  
There will be three samplings of Soul Food dinners complete with dessert introduced by a talk about Soul Food and the Odd Fellows Hall history. There is a limit of 25 people per program but will accommodate all who are interested.  
**The ticket for this feast is \$20.**  
Transportation will be car pools.
- ❖ **A Day in Lexington, VA, April 19 at 8 a.m.**  
Our guided tour will include a carriage ride, the Stonewall Jackson House, a walk through the Campbell/Sloan House Gardens on the campus of Washington and Lee University, a possible Japanese tea ceremony and Asian art gallery tour, and lastly the Lee Chapel and Museum.  
Transportation and tours TBA.  
Lunch on your own.
- ❖ **Mystery Wine Out, May 22, 9 a.m.**  
Be surprised as we go to a winery and lunch location to be announced after boarding our van(s)!  
Transportation and tour TBA.  
Lunch on your own.

**Additional information will be available through e-mail blasts, upcoming newsletters, and on our website.** Get ready for lots of fun sights to see and things to eat, drink, and do with your VTWC this coming year! As always, any suggestions for future Travel and Tours ideas are welcome!

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## FROM VP OF INTEREST GROUPS (Phyllis Eschenmann)

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### OUTDOOR INTEREST GROUPS

**Hiking:** Beth Thomas: (btcanoe@comcast.net 540-552-5902)

Informal hikes are led every Thursday morning during the academic year, enabling participants to enjoy the scenic beauty of this area in the company of friends, old and new. The pace is not rough but the terrain sometimes is. Please meet at 9:00 AM to form carpools in the VT parking lot adjacent to the Huckleberry Trail at 767 Research Center Drive. We usually return about noon. Hikes will begin again September 7, 2017. Come one, come all!

**Canoeing/Whitewater:** Valerie Dymond (vdymond@vt.edu)

The canoe group meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and spends the day on the river, starting the first Wednesday in April and running through to the last Wednesday in October. We canoe during most weather and last minute cancellations are looked upon very unfavorably as it complicates logistics for boats, drivers, etc. Whitewater experience is preferred. Canoes and equipment are not required as we have enough to at least get a new member started. A nominal fee is collected each week to defray the cost of gas for the drivers. In February, the group goes south for a five day trip on the beautiful rivers of FL, GA, and SC. Limited space.

### Walking for Fun

This group is in the formative stage and is scheduled to begin in October. Join for fun, fellowship, and exercise with friends as we walk about our beautiful New River Valley. Easy walking. Times and locations to be determined. Contact VP for Interest Groups for more information.

### Introductory Kayaking

Explore this water sport in easy waters. This group is in the formative stage. You do not need to own a kayak. Will begin with a trained instructor and rentals available. Pending a chairperson. For more information, contact the VP for Interest Groups.

### COOKING & DINING INTEREST GROUPS

**Third Thursday Informal Cooking:** Candi Kelly (candikelly@gmail.com 961-5050)

Patsy McAlister (mcalisterpatsy@hotmail.com 552-1699)

This group meets in each other's homes at 11:30 a.m. the Third Tuesday of each month, September through April (with the exception of December) and serves informal meals. Members are divided into groups of four that plan, prepare, host and serve the meal. The group will be limited to 24 women. Please sign up and join us! The first luncheon is on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Dine Around:** Sue Bentley (suebentley@aol.com 651-3170)

Couple and singles visit local and area restaurants usually on the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. September through May. Monthly notices are sent by e-mail. Please sign up to be part of this friendly group!

**Lunch Around:** Susan Meredith (suzieque833@gmail.com 961-5919)

This group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11:30 a.m. September through April for lunch in area restaurants. The first lunch is September 28, 2017.

### **STUDY INTEREST GROUPS**

**Antiques:** Maggie Pratt (Dulcote.mp@gmail.com 239-3678)

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month in members' homes. First meeting to be held once membership is established in October. Please join our group as we explore history and beautiful creations of art and function.

**Bible Study:** Beverly Kingston (bhkingston@yahoo.com 951-1761)

The Bible Study Interest Group meetings are held on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship, Rm. 100, 2300 N. Main Street. Our first meeting will be on September 14, 2017. We will be using a "LifeGuide Bible Study" entitled "Jesus the Reason" to structure our discussions of selections from the Gospels of Mark and Luke.

**Book Club:** Marge Davis (margebt62@gmail.com 951-4037)

Nancy Warren (cnwarren@aol.com 951-1660)

Meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at various locations, beginning in September and ending in April. There is a combined November/December meeting the second Tuesday of December at 2:00 p.m. September's book is "Hillbilly Elegy" and the meeting will be at Marge Davis' home.

**Genealogy:** Therese Walters (theresekwalters@gmail.com 200-8561)

The question "Where did I come from?" can be answered in many different ways! This group is in the formative stage. We will meet once monthly as a whole group and will occasionally have speakers and special outings. Locations will be both virtual and in person!

**Writers' Workshop:** Shirley Lendway (shirlelendway@gmail.com 540-797-7278)

Monthly workshop exploring the ins and outs of writing fiction. Find your creativity! Limited to twelve members. Time and location to be determined.

### **GAMES INTEREST GROUP**

**Ladies Morning Bridge:** Nancy O'Brien (nanbrks@hotmail.com 552-2844)

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month year-round. New members are WELCOME!!

**Ladies Afternoon Bridge:** Edie Ebel (edieebel@gmail.com 951-3358)

Terryee Chisholm (terryee-tic@comcast.net 961-2510)

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at the Blacksburg Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

**Canasta:** Winnie Myers (winniemyers@msn.com 953-1138)

Marian Kelso (marian.kelso@gmail.com 808-7080)

This group meets on the Second Thursday of each month from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Warm Hearth meeting room. Come join in the fun!

**Mah Jongg:** Janet Sawyers (sawyers@vt.edu 951-3190)

Meets every Wednesday year-round from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center. If any new ladies want to join, please contact Janet about lessons! We play at the Recreation Center and are able to accommodate as many members as are interested!

## **CRAFTS INTEREST GROUPS**

**Needlework:** Barbara Bauer (babauer36@gmail.com 951-2107)

This group meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in members' homes. Bring your own needlework. Informal instruction in all kinds of needlework is provided. Very informal, but very social. The hostess provides refreshments. We start in the fall after the reception and meet through the school year with a luncheon in May.

**Quilting:** Lauraine Broadwater (sissybva@comcast.net 552-3027)

Meets monthly in members' home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All are welcome!

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY & UNIVERSITY:** Pending a chair; contact Deb Call

(debracalldvm@gmail.com 230-5448) or Phyllis Eschenmann (eschp@vt.edu 951-2880).

This service group is in the formative stage. We plan to help with university service projects and community service projects. Come help us brainstorm as we strive to serve! We will contact all interested members with time and place for our first meeting.

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## **VTWC 2017-2018 OFFICERS**

President:	Deb Call (debracalldvm@gmail.com)
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First Vice President:	Terry Arthur (arthurt@vt.edu)
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## **VTWC CHAIRS**

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Scholarship:	Gretchen Flynn (FlynVT@gmail.com)
	Nancy Warren (cnwarren@aol.com)
Travel and Tours:	Suzi Austin (suziaustin@comcast.net)
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Historian:	Open (Please volunteer to take pictures.)
Directors at Large:	Terri Lynn Howard (howardtl@comcast.net)
	Beldon Langford (beldon_langford@hotmail.com)
	Debra Leon (debraleon92223@gmail.com)
Special Appointments:	
Chaplain	Sue Bentley (SueBentley@aol.com)
Sunshine	Jan McGilliard (janmcgilliard@gmail.com)

**THE VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN'S CLUB**

**Dr. Laura Sands, Honorary President**

**and**

**Dr. Debra Call, President**

**Cordially invite you to a**



**WELCOME RECEPTION  
AT THE GROVE**

**Wednesday, September 27  
3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Bring a friend. All women are welcome.**

**Handicap Accessible\*/Parking  
Questions? [VTWC65@gmail.com](mailto:VTWC65@gmail.com)**

**PARKING:** Space has been reserved in the Litton-Reaves Extension Lot. Shuttle service will be provided. Limited parking is available at The Grove.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Southgate Drive – Turn onto Duck Pond Drive. Follow Duck Pond Drive past Washington Street and take the next right into the Litton-Reaves Extension parking lot. From Main Street – Turn onto Prices Fork Road. Proceed to second traffic light and turn left onto West Campus Drive. Follow West Campus Drive past the Holtzman Alumni Center and turn right onto Duck Pond Drive. Take the second left past The Grove driveway into the Litton-Reaves Extension Parking Lot.

**\*Contact Deb Call at [debracalldvm@gmail.com](mailto:debracalldvm@gmail.com) or 540-552-5768 if the handicap lift is needed.**

# VTWC FALL LUNCHEON



**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Warm Hearth Activity Center**

**Door Prizes**

**Program: Tricia Ball will tell Tall Tales and Fables**

**Village Gourmet Presents an Appalachian Theme Luncheon Menu:**

(Vegetarian and Gluten Friendly)

Salad – Pickled Green Bean with Vegetables

Entrée – Appalachia Vegetable Stew (Fresh Garden Vegetables Simmered in a Tomato Based Stock) Served with Sides of Diced Grilled Chicken and Sliced Sausage

Vegetable – Roasted Patty Pan Squash

Dessert – Apple Brown Betty

(sweet potato biscuits, honey butter, coffee, iced tea, and water)

\$22.00 per person (tax and gratuity included)

For Reservations, return the form below with payment.

Deadline: Friday, September 22, 2017

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**VTWC Fall Luncheon October 3 11:30 a.m. Warm Hearth Activity Center**

Make check payable to VTWC and mail to:

Treasurer VTWC

P. O. Box 10252

Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

BRING A FRIEND! Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If a special diet is required, name of person and type of food \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending @ \$22 per person\* \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If paying by PayPal, the cost is \$23 per person.**

# VTWC MEMBERSHIP FORM



## to the Virginia Tech Women’s Club

Organized in 1965, the Virginia Tech Women’s Club (VTWC) works diligently to achieve its purpose of expanding the intellectual and social horizons of its membership, providing scholarships for women at Virginia Tech, and promoting the interests of Virginia Tech. Enhancing campus life through service is an integral part of the vision of VTWC.

All women who share the VTWC mission are welcome to join!

Annual dues are \$20 payable to VTWC and mailed to the VTWC Treasurer, P.O. Box 10252, Blacksburg, Virginia 24062-0252. Payment to the Virginia Tech Women’s Club may also be made through a PayPal account. Dues must be paid by October 10 for information to be included in the VTWC Annual Directory.

Donations to the VTWC Scholarship Fund for women at Virginia Tech are tax deductible. Checks for the Scholarship Fund should be made payable to CFNRV (Community Foundation of the New River Valley) with VTWC in the “memo” line to ensure the money goes directly to the VTWC Scholarship Fund. Mail checks to the VTWC Treasurer, P.O. Box 10252, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0252.

For more information, please contact: [VTWC65@gmail.com](mailto:VTWC65@gmail.com).

### VTWC Member Contact/Interest Information

Directory information is shared in the VTWC Annual Directory with members only and photos taken at VTWC events may be shared in the Annual VTWC Photobook and VTWC Social Media. Members are asked to use the VTWC Directory for club purposes only and solicitation is strictly forbidden.

\*Required

1. First Name\*

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2. Last Name\*

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3. Spouse’s Name (If desired in Directory)

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4. Street Address\*

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5. City\*

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6. State\*

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7. Zip Code\*

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8. Email

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9. Preferred Phone Number\*

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10. Additional Phone Number

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11. Interest Group Checklist (For more information about membership and interest groups, contact [VTWC65@gmail.com](mailto:VTWC65@gmail.com).) Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge – Ladies Morning                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Around                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge – Ladies Afternoon                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mah Jongg                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canasta                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needlework                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Mediterranean                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Whitewater                      | <input type="checkbox"/> VT & Community Service Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Informal | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Fun                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Around                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Writers' Workshop               |

12. Are you interested in joining a Committee, working as a Committee Chair, or playing a leadership role? Check all that apply.

- Yes, I'd like to learn more about it.
- I have a special skill I'd like to share.