University Club Board of Directors Report, June 2015

So far this year we have enjoyed the Annual Meeting and Breakfast Social, a romantic St. Valentine’s Dinner, a delightful St. Patrick’s Celebration, the 5th Annual Club Chili Cook-off, a Mexican Extravaganza, and many Happy Hours!

The UClub has accommodated about five private venue rentals, average per month including: Marriage & Family Therapy Graduate Program Interviews, New River Bike Club Social, Christian Scholars Network Meetings, VT Corp of Cadets Leadership Dinner, Academy of GTA Excellence Reception, Human Nutrition, Food and Exercise Retirement Party. The UClub Staff: Leslie Whiting and Pete Hastings have done an outstanding job in coordinating and preparing the Club for these events.

Upcoming Events - Please "Save These Dates" on Your Calendar:

**SUMMER 2015 EVENTS:**

Thursday, June 4...........**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Thursday, June 18 ........**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Friday, June 26........**Patio Party w/Live Music**...6:00 - 10:00pm  Members: $25.00 ea.  Guests: $35.00 ea.

Thursday, July 9...........**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Friday, July 17...........**Patio Party w/Music**..........6:00 - 10:00 pm  Members: No Charge  Guests: $25.00 ea.

Thursday, July 30...........**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Thursday, August 13........**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Wednesday, August 19.......**Happy Hour**..............5:00 - 7:00pm  Members: $5.00 ea.  Guests: $10.00 ea.

Friday, August 28........**Kick Off the Year Party**.....6:00 - 9:00pm Members: $25.00 ea.  Guests: $35.00 ea.

*Your timely RSVPs and payments are appreciated no later than 3 days before any event.*
**Membership, Maintenance and Facilities:**

Our membership has continued to average about 94 social members and 30 resident members giving us about 125 paid members consisting of 24 couples and 77 singles. From a financial point of view, the club is holding its own in terms of meeting its bills, however we could make some improvements to the building if we were to get more members. “This Old House” dates back to 1929!

**Pete Hastings**, the Club’s Facilities Manager, has done a fantastic job in keeping the place running and repaired as well as renovated the residents’ rooms as they turn over. Pete recently offered 5 blues harmonica lessons to a class of about 7 persons and he donated the income to the club and some of the funds were spent replacing the decrepit and worn out original double hung window in the men’s bathroom on the second floor; what a welcome upgrade. Thanks Pete.

**Joyce Latimer** has continued to provide new plants for areas around the club. The latest additions have been over 200 Japanese spurge plants on the mulched front hillside, next to the lower stairs. Joyce was able to get these donated to the UClub by the Riverbend Nursery, in Riner. These were put in under her direction and with the help of **Cecil McBride, Stephen Boyle and two UClub residents: Flora Lado and Oumou Moumouni** (see picture below). We want to thank all of these member volunteers for their hard work, particularly on a very hot day!

![Volunteer Team](image)

**Committees:** The members serving on our committees are important for the success of the club’s efforts. If you are not serving on one, you should consider volunteering as new faces with fresh ideas are always welcome. Please contact any of the current chairs to let them know of your interest in serving. They would be thrilled to hear from you!

- **Audit**: Chair: Jerry Jones
- **Budget**: Chair: Jerry Jones
- **By-Laws**: Chair: Mel Huber
- **Development**: Co-Chairs: **Needed**
- **Facilities**: Chair: Stephen Boyle
- **Long Range Planning**: Chair: Jerry Jones
- **Membership & Marketing**: Co-Chairs: Laurel Schirr & Beth Armstrong
- **Nominating**: Chair: Jerry Jones
- **Social & Decorating**: Co-Chairs: Bonnie Triplett & Corrine Zoecklein
The Board of Directors (BoD) also established a new committee to specifically oversee the UClub’s website (http://www.uclub.vt.edu/). Doug Richmond and Jean Hanigan are in the process of evaluating and implementing changes to make the site more informative and easier to use. Both Jean and Doug would welcome your feedback on the current web site.

We still need to identify one or more persons to head up the Development Committee, so please let a Board member know if you would like to volunteer.

Getting to Know You: In order to help the club membership get to know each other a little better, we decided to try and relay to you a few more interesting facts about some of your fellow members. This should allow you to engage in some interesting conversations next time you meet them at an event.

- Did you know that Bonnie & Tom Triplett just returned from a driving trip to Alaska? They were visiting with their daughter and their new granddaughter. Tom also acted as a hunting guide for someone interested in legally shooting a bear?

- We are excited to announce that a resident member, Augustine Yellu, from Ghana, is engaged to his "sweetheart" from Japan, who is currently finishing up her Ph.D. at Ohio University.

- To celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, Patricia & Stephen Boyle spent time at Atlantic Beach on the Crystal Coast in North Carolina; one of their favorite side trips was a ferry ride from Beaufort to visit Shackleford Island and seeing the wild horses.

- Did you know that our current residents include: two VT Faculty members as well as students and visiting scholars from five states and eight different countries.

- Martha Ann & Charlie Stallings took a cruise taking them to parts of Scandinavia, as well as Scotland.