

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2017**

Before the business meeting, President Joyce Tate introduced Carl Zovko and Laura Coleman of PT Plus Physical Therapy & Wellness Center on Rockfish Valley Highway, Afton. Zovko, who is the center's clinic manager, told members what are some of the common problems among physical therapy patients, which include lower back pain, neck pain, muscle weakness, and balance. To stay in good condition, he recommended 30 minutes of daily exercise. He and Coleman, owner of the facility, also discussed the kinds of certification people should look for when working with trainers at gyms and health clubs. They then answered many of our questions and answers.

President Joyce Tate then called the meeting to order. She thanked the host neighborhood of The Springs. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 8
Devils Knob: 4
Laurel Springs: 7
The Springs: 8

There were four new members attending the meeting. They are Kim Gallant, Marjolaine Marianella, and Jane Twitmyer, all from The Springs neighborhood, and Janet Varvel from Devils Knob neighborhood.

There were no minutes for November and December, 2016 because in November members toured the Wayne Theatre followed by lunch at Stella, Bella, and Lucy's, and in December members enjoyed the annual holiday luncheon at Stoney Creek Bar and Grill.

November, December, and January birthdays were as follows:

November 2, Helen Jacobs; November 3, Vesta McKee; November 10, Jean Bertelsen and Kate McIntire; November 12, Sue Solomon; November 15, Suzanne Street; November 17, Kim Juergens; November 19, Carole Lonergan; November 20, Susan Talarico; November 21, Gana Dunlop; November 25, Cheryl Ellsworth and Beverly Holloway; November 28, Prina Armour and Nancy Nevill; November 29, Mary Carlson.

December 5, Sylvia Theriault; December 9, Kathryn Porter; December 11, Mary Ellen Condon-Rall; December 12, Keiko Marsh; December 13, Beth Caister; December 16, Tamra Bramwell; December 17, Carol Fonda Eustise; December 18, Joyce Miller; December 20, Jane Dalldorf; December 21, Betty Kane; December 22, Gloria Daly; December 24, Cindy Shook; December 27, Joy Harris and Julia Manherz; December 28, Sylvia Stafford.

January 2, Anne Marie Goss; January 5, Mary Anne Batchelor; January 6, Mary Burke and Carol Cheatham; January 9, Marjorie ChurchBourne and Jewel Easler; January 12, Sallie Singletary; January 13, Ann Galione; January 15, Sarah McCracken, and Joyce Smith; January 20, Kathy Ely and Phebe Wescott; January 22, Helen Eisenhart; January 23, Margaret Prinstein; January 25, Jill Schildkamp; January 28, Joann McCabe; January 29, Barbara Porter.

Treasurer Terri Brooks began by saying that the most recent Treasurer's Report was presented in October, 2016 and therefore she would report on treasury activity since then. The balance as of October 13 was \$699.51. Dues received at the October meeting totaled \$35. There were no expenses in October. The balance as of November 10, 2016 was \$734.51. No dues were collected in November because the meeting was a tour of the Wayne Theatre. There were no expenses in November. The December meeting was the holiday luncheon held on December 9. No dues are collected in December. Each member attending paid for the cost of her meal which was \$20. Nineteen members signed up to attend and that was the number of attendees guaranteed to Stoney Creek Bar & Grill. With tax and gratuity the bill came to \$490.11. The Mountain Women treasury paid \$60 for the three who did not show up as well as \$110.11 for the tax and gratuity for a total of \$170.11. One check for annual dues of \$30 for 2017 was received. At the end of 2016 the balance was \$594.40 for a gain of \$65.94 since the beginning of the year. The balance as of January 12, 2017 is \$594.40. A balanced budget for 2107 was approved by the Steering Committee.

Reports

Epicurious: Sue Carlson announced that the group would host "An Afternoon at the Pub" featuring a luncheon of chicken pot pie, shepherd's pie with lamb, and steak and ale pie on February 9 at the home of Mary Ellen Condon-Rall beginning at 12:00. This event is limited to the first 14 who sign up, and the anticipated cost is approximately \$10. Contact Sue if you would like to attend by January 27.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Chris Casey said that WPA will hold a dinner on February 18 called "Denim & Diamonds" at the Blue Toad Cidery, 462 Winery Lane, Roseland, beginning at 6:00. Enjoy live music by the Bernie Dodd Band and southwestern food. Cost is \$75/person with proceeds going to WPA.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti Szczur reported that in December the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement. Several groups will respond to this disappointing document and so the fight continues. More information is available on Facebook and the Friends of Wintergreen website.

First Tuesday: Everyone is welcome to gather at the Copper Mine on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 for dinner. No reservations are needed.

The partial 2017 hosting schedule is as follows:

Black Rock: February
Devils Knob: March
Laurel Springs: April

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. She thanked the host neighborhood of Black Rock and the neighborhood chair Marti Szczur for their refreshments and program. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 8
Devils Knob: 3
Laurel Springs: 3
The Springs: 4

Joyce noted that The Springs does not have a neighborhood chair and asked members who live in that neighborhood to consider volunteering. She also reminded everyone that dues are \$3.00 per meeting or \$30 for the year. Checks for yearly dues should be made out to Terri Brooks.

Mountain Women welcomed a new member, Katie Ryan, who has moved to the mountain full time. Her email address is katibug78@gmail.com.

The minutes of January 13 were approved. Treasurer Terri Brooks then gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of January 12, 2017 was \$594.40, which is also the beginning balance for 2017. Dues received during the January meeting totaled \$234. This includes six members who paid for the entire year. The only expense in January was \$75 rent for the room at the Nature Foundation. The balance as of February 9, 2017 is \$753.40 for a gain of \$159 since the beginning of the year.

Joyce reported that Erin Freeman, Artistic Director of Wintergreen Performing Arts, has written asking whether Mountain Women would again like to have some Academy students perform at our July 14, 2017 meeting. If so, they can offer either string quartets or singers. String quartets can perform at anytime during the morning, but singers are not available until 12:30. Joyce pointed out that we would have to meet indoors at the Nature Foundation to hear string quartets due to concerns about weather and instruments. If we prefer singers we could meet outdoors at Chestnut Springs but we would have to change our meeting time because the singers are not available until after 12:30. Members voted to hear the singers and start the meeting later.

February birthdays are as follows: February 7, Lois Conrad; February 9, Kathy Knowles; February 10, Marcella Whitson; February 12, Sharon Showalter; February 14, Andrea Eggleston; February 15; Wilma Gormley; February 16, Mari Olga Kelley and Tina Kuklenski-Miller; February 17, Nanci Taylor; February 18, Susan Thomas; February 21, Carolyn Woods; February 25, Michelle Clark; February 27, Susan Montgomery.

Reports

Garden Club: Nancy Schwiesow said that on April 21 the Garden Club will tour the James Madison University Arboretum followed by lunch in Harrisonburg.

Epicurious: Sue Carlson reported that on February 9 the group enjoyed a delicious luncheon of pot pies and trifle based on English pub food at the home of Martha Misker. Vera Jones added that a dinner of Greek food is planned for April 13 and Epicurious members may bring a guest.

Handwork Group: Vera Jones said that she will host the next meeting of the Handwork Group at her home (193 Ravens Roost Lane) on February 24. Everyone is welcome to bring a project or simply come and visit. The group meets the fourth Friday of the month.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks announced that on March 11 from 9-11, a breakfast of fresh pancakes with maple syrup boiled down from sap at the Nature Foundation will be served at the Foundation, and on June 9 a fund-raising dinner and auction for the Nature Foundation will be held at Bold Rock Cidery. Donations to the auction would be welcome.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti Szczur said that on February 22, 2017 from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Nelson County High School in Lovingston the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). Those wishing to speak will be given a number at the door. Three-minute comments will be recorded by a stenographer in a private room, not publicly as in the past, and comments will only be taken until 9:00 PM. Comments will then be posted in the ACP docket on the publicly accessible FERC website. Arrive early to increase your chances of speaking and bring a written version of your comments to hand in to insure an accurate public record.

Please continue to support our local post offices.

If the weather is inclement on March 10, the date of our next meeting, check your emails to see if the meeting has been canceled.

First Tuesday: At the meeting, members agreed to change and meet on the first Monday of each month for dinner, if the Coppermine is open on that day. Currently the operating days and hours of the Coppermine are fluctuating. It is best to check with the restaurant one week ahead of time to see when they will be closed.

Following the business meeting, Marti lead us in a discussion entitled Mountain Women: Our Past, Present, and Future!, which began as a review of our history and evolution by several members of the original 2006 Steering Committee or those who joined very early. Later Marti read emails from several original members who had either moved away or could not be present at the meeting.

Going forward Marti suggested two changes to our by-laws. The first would change the cycle for election of officers from the present election in December with terms beginning in January to election in March with terms beginning in April. The second would provide for terms of two years with serving officers eligible for election to a second two-year term.

Everyone then divided into three groups to discuss how to (1) improve Mountain Women, (2) what kind of programs to provide, and (3) any other pertinent issues.

Discussion Group Topic Summaries as provided by Marti :

First Topic: How to improve Mountain Women

1. New members could be provided a "welcome" packet about Mountain Women. [Note: After the meeting, it was determined that WPOA sends out a Welcome Packet to new property owners, and they will include information about Mountain Women. Steering Committee has

an action to create a flyer to be included.]

2. Work through Realtors and Mountain Homesteaders to get the word out about MW (e.g., regular column (or annual writeup) in MHA quarterly newsletter)
3. Neighborhood chairs could have “welcoming” activities, such as a tea, visit new members, phone follow-up.
4. Use Wintergreen Resort Calendar (“This Week”) to announce monthly meetings and program
5. Review/purge member’s list
6. Host activity that includes valley women
7. Update web site with list of outreach/volunteer opportunities

Second Topic: Ideas for Programs

1. Tour Fenton Inn
2. Attend an event (e.g., Wayne Theater, Blackfriars Playhouse, Zeus movie, play, speaker) and combine with lunch afterwards
3. Sponsor local author fair/festival
4. Speaker from spa, yoga &/or massages (with demos and MW group discount for treatments)
5. Speaker on activities at RVCC
6. Overview of local outreach/volunteer opportunities
7. Archaeology of Wintergreen

Third Topic: Other Pertinent Issues

1. Continue and expand Outreach to community Volunteer Programs

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. She then thanked the host neighborhood of Devils Knob. Joyce noted that there is no neighborhood chair for The Springs and that anyone from The Springs can self-nominate and would be most welcome.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock, 3
Devils Knob, 6
Laurel Springs, none
The Springs, 3

Mountain Women welcomed new member Kathleen Jensen of Black Rock.

The minutes of February 10, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer Terri Brooks gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of February 9, 2017 was \$753.40. Dues received during February totaled \$126.00, which includes two members who paid for the entire year. The only expense for February was \$75.00 rent for use of our meeting room. The balance as of March 9, 2017 is \$804.40 for a gain of \$210.00 since the beginning of the year.

March birthdays are as follows: March 4, Linda Blackburn; March 5, Yvonne Behm and Peggy McFarland; March 7, Louise Cesaro; March 8, Jeanine Bennett and Georgia Orphan; March 9, Betsy Agelasto; March 11, Nancy Schwiesow; March 14, Vera Jones; March 20, Betsy Brown; March 23, Joyce Claman and Bobbie Thomas; March 24, Nancy Spangler

Reports

Garden Club: Cindy Coy said the group will visit the James Madison University arboretum in Harrisonburg on April 21 followed by lunch.

Epicurious: Cindy announced that a guest event featuring Greek food will be held on April 13.

Handwork: Cindy continued saying that Helen Eisenhart will host the group at her home on March 24. Everyone is welcome to attend to work on a project or simply visit.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks reminded everyone that on June 9 the Nature Foundation will hold its annual fundraising dinner at Bold Rock Cidery. This year's theme is a Midsummer's Night.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti Szczur presented an update on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which will cut across WPOA 'green space' and the entrance/exit of Wintergreen. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which ignores Wintergreen's concerns about the route. WPOA and Friends of Wintergreen urge property owners to write to FERC, and WPOA has provided a pre-written comment letter at their website <http://www.wtgpoa.org/ferc-acp-comment-letter/>. Letters need to be sent by March 30th to arrive by the comment deadline of April 6th.

She also said that the MW Steering Committee for the next term (April '17 - March '18) was announced. There is still a vacancy for neighborhood chair for The Springs.

Book Group: Marti, reporting for Jo Ann Armstrong who is away, said that the group is reorganizing and information will be forthcoming.

Reflection Garden: Marti then showed everyone a commemorative rock for Marcia Yanik, who died recently, which will be placed in the Reflection Garden in the spring.

Following the business meeting, Sallie Singletary led off this month's program of book sharing by briefly reviewing books that she liked and others followed. Books that anyone could take were displayed on the back table.

The next meeting will be April 14.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

The books discussed at the meeting were (in no particular order):

Train I Ride by Paul Mosier

Turn Right at Machu Picchu by Mark Adams

A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

Barkskins by Annie Proulx

Beneath the Grid by B. Iver Bertelsen (Bruce)

The Whistler by John Grisham

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Can't and Won't by Lydia Davis

Chess for Children by Murray Chandler

Yellow Crocus by Laila Ibrahim

Extraordinary Grace by Gary Chapman and Chris Fabry (I think this is the right book)

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. Joyce announced that at the Steering Committee meeting earlier this morning the following members were elected to serve as officers and neighborhood chairs: President Joyce Tate, Vice President Barbara Porter, Treasurer Terri Brooks, Recording Secretary Mary Carlson, Communicating Secretary Jo Ann Armstrong, Black Rock Neighborhood Chair Marti Szcurek, Devils Knob Neighborhood Chair Sallie Singletary, Laurel Springs Neighborhood Chair Joyce Claman, and The Springs Neighborhood Chair Maryellen Thompson. These officers and neighborhood chairs make up the Steering Committee and all have agreed to serve through March, 2018 to conform to recent changes to the bylaws regarding the election of officers.

Joyce then thanked the host neighborhood of Laurel Springs for the refreshments and program. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock, 2
Devils Knob, 2
Laurel Springs, 3
The Springs, 5

The minutes of March 10, 2017 were approved.

Birthdays for April are as follows: April 1, Sandi Nettina; April 2, Janie Kirkeby; April 5, Ellen Hampton and JoAnn Zuercher; April 6, Phyllis Coulter; April 7, Susie Patton and Pat Thompson; April 8, Jo Ann Armstrong; April 11, Lois Armel and Dawn Perusse; April 15, Jill Toop; April 16, Bev Bates and Barbara-Lyn Belcher; April 19, Lisa Garber; April 27, Maria Spence; and April 28, Eva Blum.

Treasurer Terri Brooks gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of March 9, 2017 was \$804.40. Dues received during March totaled \$75. Terri then noted that back in December three members, who had reserved a place at the holiday luncheon at Stoney Creek Bar & Grill, failed to attend. Since Mountain Women had guaranteed the restaurant 19 attendees, we were obligated to pay for them. The good news is that one of those women recently contacted Terri, apologized, and sent in her \$20 luncheon cost. Therefore, income for this month was \$95. The only expense for March was \$75 for rent of the meeting room. The balance as of April 13, 2017 is \$824.40 for a gain of \$230 since the beginning of the year.

Reports

Gardeners: Bev Holloway reminded members of the April 21 tour of the James Madison University Arboretum followed by a visit to the annual arboretum plant sale. Before coming back, members will have lunch at Taste of Thai. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the mailboxes at 9:00 AM. She added it's not too late to sign-up by contacting her. Upcoming events include a May 4 container planting session at the Village Garden Center in Fishersville and a June tour of the Quarry Gardens.

Handwork Group: Members will meet on April 27 from 10:00-12:00 at the home of Tamara Bramwell. To receive information about meetings, contact Donna Foege.

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: Terri Brooks reminded everyone that the annual Wildflower Symposium will be held May 19-21. Bev Holloway added that the Nature Foundation Annual Auction will be held June 9 at Bold Rock Cidery. Donations to the auction are still being accepted. Cost is \$100 per person.

Mountain Homesteaders Association: Mary Carlson reported that MHA will host an Italian Night at the Nature Foundation on April 29. Then on May 12, Mountain Homesteaders will join Wintergreen Valley Association members at the Wayne Theater in Waynesboro for dinner catered by Country Cupboard followed by a performance of Xanadu. Cost is \$50 per person. Note: The Italian Night social sold out shortly after the meeting and there is a waiting list.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Maryellen Thompson reported that the Forest Service has found significant problems with the pipeline environmental impact statement. For more information visit the Forest Service website.

Book Club: Jo Ann Armstrong said that the Mountain Women book club is in the process of reorganizing. The club meets the Monday following Mountain Women. Contact her for more information.

Reflection Garden: On May 1, friends of Marcia Yanick will gather at 12:00 noon to place a memory stone with her name in the Reflection Garden. A potluck luncheon celebrating Marcia's life will be held immediately afterwards in the Chestnut Springs Pavilion, weather permitting. The Nature Foundation is the backup location. If you wish to attend, please bring a dish to share and your drink. Plates, utensils, cups and napkins will be provided.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

Hosting schedule for the remainder of 2017 is as follows:

May: The Springs
June: Black Rock
July: Devils Knob
August: Laurel Springs
September: The Springs
October: Black Rock
November: Holiday Luncheon
December: Devils Knob

Following the meeting, Janelle Carroll helped members learn how to better use their handheld mobile devices such as cell phones and iPads. She answered questions on such topics as how to set up Touch ID on mobile phones with that option, how to turn on and off location services, and how to set up popular apps such as Medical ID.

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2017**

Members present: Jo Ann Armstrong, Terri Brooks, Mary Carlson, Bev Holloway, Sallie Singletary, and Joyce Tate

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. The Steering Committee elected the following officers and neighborhood chairs: President Joyce Tate, Vice President Barbara Porter, Treasurer Terri Brooks, Recording Secretary Mary Carlson, Communicating Secretary Jo Ann Armstrong, Black Rock Neighborhood Chair Marti Szczur, Devils Knob Neighborhood Chair Sallie Singletary, Laurel Springs Neighborhood Chair Joyce Claman, and The Spring Neighborhood Chair Maryellen Thompson. All officers will serve through March, 2018.

The hosting schedule for the rest of 2017 is as follows:

May, The Springs

June, Black Rock

July, Devils Knob

August, Laurel Springs

September, The Springs

October, Black Rock

November, Holiday Luncheon

December Devils Knob

The meeting was adjourned.

For the Steering Committee,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. She began by thanking the host neighborhood of The Springs and their neighborhood chair Maryellen Thompson. Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 3
Devils Knob: 1
Laurel Springs: 2
The Springs: 4

The minutes of April 14, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer Terri Brooks could not be present for the meeting, so Mary Carlson read the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of April 13, 2017 was \$824.40. Dues received during April totaled \$18.00. Please recall that in January I reported that three members failed to come to the holiday luncheon. Since we had guaranteed 19 attendees we were obliged to pay for that many, but there is good news. In early April one of them contacted me with an apology and sent me \$20.00. She was unaware that we were obliged to pay for her meal and expressed gratitude that I told her. Prepayment will be required to reserve a place for the 2017 luncheon. Therefore, income for the month was \$38.00. The only expense for April was \$75.00 for rent of the Nature Foundation Dunlop Room. The balance as of May 13, 2017 is \$787.40 for a gain of \$193.00 since the beginning of the year.

May birthdays are as follows: May 1, Sally Boykin; May 4, Karen Ondayho and Tam Smith; May 5, Claudia Chaten; May 6, Gloria Barrett; May 7, Cathy Cooper; May 13, Ann Greenberg and Barbara Rios; May 15, Margaret Adams; May 18, Nancy Sundin; May 26, Lee Klousia; May 27, Michele Riedel; May 30, Donna Foege, Mary Klein, and Mimi Scott.

Subcommittee Reports:

Garden Club: Joyce Tate reported that a small group met at the Village Garden Center in Fishersville to plant summer containers.

Handwork: Cindy Coy is the contact for information on the Handwork group.

Book Group: Jo Ann Armstrong said that the newly reorganized group met recently to share titles of books and articles that members found interesting and thought others would too. The group meets the Monday after Mountain Women and will meet again on May 17 at the home of Sallie Singletary, 1046 Devils Knob Loop, at 12:30. Jo Ann will send out monthly announcements of the next meeting.

Wintergreen Performing Arts: At the July Mountain Women meeting at Chestnut Springs Pavilion, students from the Summer Music Festival Academy will perform. To accommodate their rehearsal schedules, Mountain Women will meet at 12:00. Refreshments will include a buffet lunch.

Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Marti Szczur announced that Friends of Wintergreen will host a meeting on Memorial Day, May 29, from 10:00-12:00 at the Skyline Pavilion. Everyone is welcome to join them to hear an update and next steps on the pipeline. Speakers include Friends of Wintergreen; Jay Roberts, WPOA Executive Director; and attorneys from Waldo and Lyle, a highly respected law firm specializing in eminent domain law. There will also be time for questions from the audience. Coffee, tea, and beverages will be available beginning at 9:30. To register go to the Friends of Wintergreen website (friendsofwintergreen.com) and click on "Events."

Special Announcements:

Basket Making: Maryellen Thompson showed members a large basket she made and volunteered to teach anyone who is interested how to make one themselves. Materials will cost approximately \$20.00. Contact her at 540-525-0456 or maryelens@me.com for more information.

Community Announcements:

An urgent request is being to the community to donate personal items to Nelson County middle/high school students in low-income families for use this summer. These personal items are not provide by any funding program but are needed by the students throughout the summer. Listed below are the items greatly needed by these young people:

- 1) Shampoo
- 2) Body wash
- 3) Tampons (regular)
- 4) Pads (Thin)
- 5) Single Rolls of Toilet Paper
- 6) Body Lotion
- 7) Deodorant—(men's and women's)
- 8) Soap
- 9) Healthy Snack
- 10) Back Packs

Contributions may be dropped off at Stoney Creek Auto to Mattie Colbert. The summer goal is to fill 60 back packs before school ends. School staff will determine who receives them.

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

May Program: Due to inclement weather, our annual maintenance work in the Reflection Garden was postponed and was rescheduled a few days later. Instead Marti Szczur gave a brief history of the garden. Please contact Marti if you would like information on placing memorial stones for loved ones and/or pets there. Stones for people cost \$50.00 and stones for pets cost \$25.00.

MOUNTAIN WOMEN MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2017

The Mountain Women business meeting was preceded by an informative talk by Jay Roberts, the WPOA Executive Director, who was introduced by Black Rock Neighborhood Chair Marti Szczur. While many of us know Jay from his experience as the manager of Resort Operations, this was the first time he spoke to us in his new position. Over the course of more than an hour, he explained some of the many aspects and consequences of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline for Wintergreen. Some of these were the importance of easements of enjoyment, the roles of WPOA and the Resort in state and federal legal proceedings, and why returning the proxy papers that were recently mailed to all residents before the July 4 WPOA meeting is so important. A question and answer session followed.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Joyce Tate, who thanked Black Rock neighborhood for hosting the meeting. There were 21 members in attendance. Mountain Women welcomed two new members Janet Varrel and Marina Muccio. The minutes of May 12, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer Terri Brooks gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of May 11, 2017 was \$787.40. Dues received during April totaled \$45.00. The only expense for May was \$75.00 for the rent of the Nature Foundation Dunlop Room. The balance as of June 8, 2017 was \$757.40 for a gain of \$183.00 since the beginning of the year.

June birthdays, read by Helen Eisenhart, are as follows: June 1, Judy DeWitt and Susan McIver; June 5, Joy Leman and Eloise Strand; June 9, Jan Jones; June 18, Christine White; June 20, Sue Carlson; June 23, Joanne White; June 25, Sandi Meyer; June 26, Becky Bostick; June 27, Arleen Stone; June 28, Lynn Luessen; June 29, Barbara Norton; June 30, Camille Kurtz.

Reports

Wintergreen Performing Arts: Nanci Taylor said the July 6 concert by the US Army Chorus, which is part of preview days for the summer music festival, is free and open to the public, but those wishing to attend must reserve their tickets in advance of the performance.

Epicurious: This group of cooking enthusiasts will meet again in October. For more information about the group contact Cindy Coy.

Community Announcements

Sue Carlson said that she has put out a collection box for paper products for personal needs which will be distributed to needy area students as part of the Kid Care program. Paper products are not covered by food stamps. She will regularly bring the box to our meetings.

In July Wintergreen Performing Arts Academy voice students will perform at the Mountain Women meeting at Chestnut Springs Pavilion. Following their performance, we will all have a buffet lunch together. Because the students have morning classes, the meeting will start later than usual. Watch for the details in the flyer announcing the meeting. Because attendance should be higher and the students and their coach will be our guests, the Steering Committee

decided to ask all the neighborhoods to contribute food to the luncheon. Your neighborhood chair will be contacting you.

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM JULY 14, 2017**

On July 14, about 25 Mountain Women gathered at the Chestnut Springs Pavilion for a performance by some of the vocal students attending the Wintergreen Performing Arts Academy. After their impressive performance, they joined us for a buffet luncheon. There was no business meeting and there are no minutes, but the following brief announcements were made.

Sue Solomon reported that back-to-school supplies were recently purchased for Tye River Elementary School students and they will be delivered to the school soon. Cold weather clothing is needed and will be purchased with other contributions.

Kathy Gunner will collect donations of personal and feminine hygiene products for needy area students until the end of July. Please contact Kathy to make a donation or if you need further information.

Carol Fonda will be happy to offer help with improving movement and balance to members. Contact her at <http://bodibalance.net>.

Gardeners will not meet in July.

Submitted by Mary Carlson, Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. Jo Ann Armstrong, Mary Carlson, Joyce Claman, Joyce Tate, and Maryellen Thompson were present.

Barbara Porter was present briefly to leave a copy of a proposed Mountain Women brochure written by Marti Szczur to which she had made some changes. The Committee reviewed her suggested changes and will discuss the brochure again at a future meeting.

The Committee approved the hosting schedule for 2018, which takes into account that in July and November no one neighborhood is in charge. In July students from the Wintergreen Performing Arts Academy perform and then join Mountain Women for a buffet luncheon which will be prepared by all four neighborhoods, and in November members will gather for the annual holiday luncheon. The new hosting schedule is as follows:

January: Laurel Springs
February: The Springs
March: Black Rock
April: Devils Knob
May: Laurel Springs
June: The Springs
July: Musicians and buffet lunch
August: Black Rock
September: Devils Knob
October: Laurel Springs
November: Holiday luncheon
December: The Springs

This schedule will appear frequently in the minutes of the business meeting.

Members then discussed the annual holiday luncheon which will be held the second week of November. The Luncheon Committee consists of Jo Ann Armstrong, Mary Carlson, Bev Holloway, and Sallie Singletary. Mary reported that Devils Backbone will open The Summit for our exclusive use on either Tuesday, November 7, or Wednesday, November 8, when that restaurant is normally closed. Changing from our regular Friday meeting date to earlier that week was discussed and no conclusion was reached. A limited brunch menu would be served. The Luncheon Committee will also contact the Devils Grill staff and a caterer. The Steering Committee unanimously agreed that no reservation can be accepted unless it is accompanied by a check to Treasurer Terri Brooks. All checks must also be submitted one week prior to the luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned.

For the Steering Committee,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. She thanked the host neighborhood of Laurel Springs and their neighborhood chair, Joyce Claman for providing the refreshments and planning the program.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 1
Devils Knob: 1
Laurel Springs: 5
The Springs: 4

Mountain Women welcomed two new members who are Gail McDonald, who has been a part-time resident since 1979, and Amanda Barnes, who has been a part-time resident for one and one half years.

Joyce Tate reported that the Mountain Women Steering Committee met recently to discuss both the hosting schedule for 2018 and some ideas for the holiday luncheon which will be in November this year. It was agreed that reservations for the luncheon must be paid in advance. Minutes from that meeting were sent out to keep everyone informed.

There was no August Treasurer's Report. The July Treasurer's Report, prepared by Treasurer Terri Brooks, indicated a balance as of June 8, 2017 of \$757.40. Dues received during June totaled \$59.00. There were no expenses in June. The balance as of July 13, 2017 is \$816.40 for a gain of \$242 since the beginning of the year. A Treasurer's Report for August will be presented at a future meeting.

July birthdays are as follows: July 7, Glenda Cox; July 13, Cindy Todd; July 15, Ellen English and Kathy Gunner; July 23, Lucy Rose; July 24, Sue Tiller; July 25, Jeanne White; July 26, Ginny Budd.

August birthdays are as follows: August 2, Cyndy Morris; August 5, Polly Williams; August 6, Cynthia Kelly; August 12, Dotty Rice; August 14, Pat Harvey; August 15, Anna Maria Mizell; August 16, Marti Szczur; August 17, Diann Woolridge; August 20, Cindy Cobb; August 21 Lynnda Gilliam and Kathy Tardy; August 29, Joanne Street; August 30, Jane Glover and Martha Misker; August 31, Dianne Foster and Millie Steele.

Reports and Community Announcements

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation: The Nature Foundation will host a community block party August 19, from 5:00-7:00. Contact the Foundation for more information and to sign-up. Joyce Claman announced that the Sarah Ott Golf Tournament will be held September 8.

Donations from Mountain Women to Fill the Closet have been very generous. Contact Sue Carlson for more information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Bette Graham from Almost Home animal shelter presented a program during which she explained the purpose and needs of the shelter. Mountain Women had been asked to bring donations of canned dog food and/or Friskies brand cat food, which they generously supplied.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson

Recording Secretary from notes kindly taken by Sue Carlson. Thank you, Sue.

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Barbara Porter. She began by thanking the host neighborhood of Black Rock and their neighborhood chair Marti Szczur for the refreshments.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 5
Devils Knob: 3
Laurel Springs: 5
The Springs: 5

Treasurer Terri Brooks gave the Treasurer's Report for October beginning in July, which was the last time she reported. The balance as of July 13, 2017 was \$816.40. Dues received at the July meeting were \$73.00 and at the August meeting were \$54.00. On August 30, 2017, the treasury reimbursed Jo Ann Armstrong for the expenses for the July luncheon which were \$149.26. The September meeting was cancelled due to the many Mountain Women members involved as players and volunteers in the Sara Ott Memorial Golf Tournament held on the same day as our scheduled meeting. The balance as of October 12, 2017 is \$794.14 for a gain of \$199.74 since the beginning of the year.

Because the September meeting was cancelled and there will be no business meeting in November when we gather for the annual holiday luncheon, birthdays for September, October, and November follow.

September birthdays: September 2, Maryellen Thompson; September 16, Maria Puente-Duany; September 19, Christine Casey; September 20, Gwynn Litchfield; September 21, Sue Moore; September 24, Sara Dassance and Cynthia DeLuca; September 25, Diane Crannis and Joan Hines; September 27, Marybeth Matthews and Hilary Partridge.

October birthdays: October 1, Jane Twitmyer; October 7, Cindy Coy; October 16, Terri Brooks; October 18, Joyce Tate; October 19, Mike Williams; October 20, Patty Roupe; October 22, Shirley Brauning; October 24, Kim Michele Gallant; October 25, Reday Cook; October 29, Phyllis Workman; October 30, Glenna Martin; October 31, Shirley Huff.

November birthdays: November 2, Helen Jacobs; November 3, Vesta McKee; November 10, Jean Bertelsen and Kate McIntire; November 12, Sue Solomon; November 15, Suzanne Street; November 17, Kim Juergens; November 19, Carole Lonergan; November 20, Susan Talarico; November 21, Gana Dunlop; November 25, Cheryl Ellsworth and Beverly Holloway; November 28, Pnina Armour and Nancy Nevill; November 29, Mary Carlson.

Reports and Announcements

Mountain Women Holiday Luncheon: Jo Ann Armstrong reported that the luncheon will be held on November 10, our regular meeting day, at the Devils Grill at 11:00. The menu, which is nearly determined, will be a poached pear salad, chicken with cream sauce on the side, rice, vegetables, bread, dessert, coffee or tea. This will be a plated meal and will cost \$22.00 per person all inclusive. Bar service will be available but is not included in the price. Make your

checks payable to Terri Brooks and mail them to Jo Ann Armstrong, Route 1 Box 783, Roseland, VA 22967. All reservations must be accompanied by a check and checks are due by November 3, 2017. Watch for the flyer.

Epicurious: Barbara Porter said that the group will meet December 7 at 12:30 at the home of Marti Szczur, 366 Blackrock Circle, to plan the 2018 schedule.

Hand Work: Cindy Coy said that the group will meet October 27 at her house, 59 Ash Lane, at 10:00. Bring whatever project you would like, but it is not necessary to bring anything either. Please let her know if you will attend.

Gardeners: Members will meet October 20 at the home of Bev Holloway, 380 Cedar Drive, at 10:00 for a flower arranging project.

The meeting was adjourned.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary

Immediately following the meeting, members carpoled to the Fenton Inn close to the entrance of Wintergreen. The owners, Lilia and Will Fenton meet us and took us on a tour of the bed and breakfast, showing us the foyer, some of the bedrooms, the breakfast room, a function room for up to 50 guests, the court yard and patio, and gift shop. The Inn is beautifully decorated with much of the furniture having been made by Will Fenton. The doors, also made by Will, were especially impressive. Thank you to Barbara Porter for arranging this program.

**MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Tate. She thanked the host neighborhood of Devils Knob and their neighborhood chair, Sallie Singletary, for organizing the program.

Attendance by neighborhood was as follows:

Black Rock: 5
Devils Knob: 2
Laurel Springs: 0
The Springs: 3

Mountain Women welcomed a new member, Carolyn Felling.

Joyce also thanked Jo Ann Armstrong for all the work she did organizing the lovely November holiday luncheon at the Devils Grill. Our lunch was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. At the luncheon, Joyce announced that Mountain Women was honoring Helen Eisenhart for faithfully preparing the list of monthly birthdays for so many years. These lists are read out at our meeting and then appear in our minutes. As a small token of appreciation for her long-standing commitment to Mountain Women, Betsy Brown treated Helen to the holiday luncheon.

Treasurer Terri Brooks gave the treasurer's report. The balance as of October 13, 2017, the last time she reported was \$794.14. Dues received at the October meeting totaled \$37.00. The only expense was \$75 rent for use of our meeting room at the Nature Foundation. The twenty-four members attending the holiday luncheon each paid \$22.00 (meal, tax, gratuity) for a total of \$528.00. Devils Grill charged us the pre-arranged amount of \$571.58, leaving a balance of \$43.58 which the Treasury paid. The balance as of December 8, 2017 is \$712.56 for a gain of \$118.76 since the beginning of the year. Terri added that some of this year-end balance could be put toward buying a projector, a purchase we had previously discussed and supported, as well as make charitable donations as we have in the past.

December birthdays, read by Joyce Tate, are as follows: December 5, Sylvia Theriault; December 9, Kathryn Porter; December 11, Mary Ellen Condon-Rall; December 12, Keiko Marsh; December 13, Beth Caister; December 16, Tamra Bramwell; December 17, Carol Eustise Fonda; December 18, Joyce Miller; December 20, Jane Dalldorf; December 21, Betty Kane; December 22, Gloria Daly; December 24, Cindy Shook; December 27, Joy Harris and Julia Manherz; December 28, Sylvia Stafford.

Reports and Announcements

Gardeners: Mary Carlson reported that the group met November 17 at the Village Garden Center in Fishersville to make holiday centerpieces. After the workshop, some members had lunch at nearby Take Out 250.

Handwork Group: The group will resume meeting on the fourth Friday of the month in January. For more information, contact Cindy Coy.

Mountain Women Steering Committee: Joyce Tate said that four members will retire from the Steering Committee in the spring and asked everyone to consider serving on this leadership committee.

Fill the Closet: Sue Carlson thanked members for their very generous contributions of hygiene products and other needs in response to previous announcements at Mountain Women. Both the teachers and the students at the high school very much appreciate these donations. Over the winter, the following items are greatly needed: 45 sets of towels of different sizes and washcloths; 45 fleece blankets; deodorant which is always in short supply; socks, gloves, and hats for winter. Items can be left at Sue's house, 115 Tyro Lane or Stoney Creek Auto Center in Nellysford. Cash contributions, no checks please, can also be left at the auto center. Ask for Donna or Robin in the office.

After the business meeting, Devils Knob neighborhood, led by Sallie Singletary, hosted a holiday/Christmas cookie and recipe exchange program.

For Mountain Women,
Mary Carlson
Recording Secretary