

2014: Keeping 'The Rock' on a Roll!

The buzz about RVCC just got louder and happier this year, as we raised record amounts of money to finish up some lingering physical plant projects, upgrade our outdoor spaces in support of our recreation mission, and so much more! Here are just a few highlights:

- ✓ An awesome Annual Fund campaign, swelling our membership ranks to over 540, and more than tripling our annual budget goal - *in just the first 9 months of 2014*;
- ✓ Completion of our "Stuff Happens" repair projects - leaky steam pipes, insulation, floor joists, the main fuel tank and the supply lines that feed the boiler, thanks to grants from BamaWorks and Community Foundation - Central Blue Ridge;
- ✓ Record *Treasure Chest* sales, in spite of the "snowed-out" first quarter;
- ✓ Coffee House concerts, art exhibits and Winter Markets filling the auditorium and Lounge with the amazing talents and products of local musicians, artists, farmers and crafters;
- ✓ A hugely successful new summer fundraiser called "Celebrate Rockfish" that raised needed unrestricted cash for our coffers;
- ✓ A spectacular and eco-friendly new Wildflower and Native Grasses Meadow, in partnership with Nelson County Master Gardeners, with financial help from the TJ Soil and Water Conservation District office, Keep Virginia Beautiful and private donors;
- ✓ The launch of the RVCC Business Council, a forum, voice and resource for the entrepreneurs of the Valley and the county at large;
- ✓ A restored baseball field, new storage shed, repaired bleachers and a new batting cage, thanks to a generous Nelson County Community Fund grant, CVEC, Building Goodness Foundation, Nielsen Builders, private donors and untold volunteer hours;
- ✓ The launch of the Nelson County Community Orchestra, bringing live music and music education to RVCC and the County, thanks to grants from the VCA and BamaWorks;
- ✓ Exciting new tenants, including Trager Bros. Coffee, Full Circle Salon, ULA Tortilla and New Health Consultant, infusing new energy into the RVCC family;
- ✓ A surprise windfall of cash thanks to the Smith Family of Montebello, who named RVCC beneficiary of their annual "Azurat" music festival;
- ✓ An even bigger surprise from donor John Stewart, who gifted us with an unexpected, unrestricted and unprecedented personal donation;
- ✓ New blinds in three rooms, with funds raised through our "Blind Ambition" campaign;
- ✓ A brand-new roof over our east wing, the result of a freak spring storm; and
- ✓ A major outright grant from the Perry Foundation to help us finish up our "Fields of Dreams" projects - repaving the basketball court, baseball fencing, rehabbed back stop and field lighting, new storage shed for the Treasure Chest, and new trees, shrubs, outdoor seating and picnic tables along the new walking trail!

We are The Rock... This is How We Roll!