

# MINUTES

EvolvingConnections Task Force  
Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, 10:30am - 12 noon  
Rondo Community Library  
461 Dale St N, rooms A & B  
St Paul MN 55103

## **NEXT EVOLVING CONNECTIONS TASK FORCE MEETING:**

March 19, 2015, 10:30 - 12 noon, Rondo Community Library, rooms A & B

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### **Vision**

The personal connections and community leadership skills formed during Evolve classes will be maintained and further supported after graduation for the benefit of the individuals and the community.

### **Mission**

EvolvingConnections, a task force of Vital Aging Network, is an organization of Evolve alumni and friends. The task force facilitates the ongoing leadership journeys of our members through social or networking events, exploration of mutual interests, and educational opportunities. Our activities will support each other in completing existing and future leadership projects as well as enhance the vitality and sustainability of the Evolve program and future classes.

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Recorder: Judy

Present were Mark, Julie, Judy Harvey, Merry, Brad, and Georgia.

Julie Roles gave a VAN update.

The upcoming Bloomington Evolve Class has very few people signed up for it. They are looking for new ways to recruit people. Merry will check the AARP Roster and may send information to members who live and work in Bloomington.

JCC might be a good option for future Evolve Classes.

The Board of Directors are talking about the focus for 2015.

Judy Harvey attended the VAN Board of Directors meeting as a representative from ECTF.

She gave us a report on the meeting.

Merry and Brad have planned the next ECTF Happy Hour.  
It will be held at the Town Hall Lanes in Minneapolis on March 10.

Evolve Class -

ECTF will have a representative at the last day of the class. Judy and Merry will work on an information card to be given to the class members about ECTF.

May Day Event-

The VAN May Day Event Fund Raiser date and location are still undetermined. The May Day Event Committee is working very hard to get that done.

The question of how to get more people to attend is a problem.

Julie Roles suggested that ECTF organize a Call-A-Thon. We need someone to be the lead on it. It could be at Julie's house and we could have pizza/beverage and call Evolve graduates for Silent Auctions and May Day Attendance. There were no volunteers from those in attendance. Brad said he would contact Lisa Cook.

Big Question to think about for next meeting!!

Julie Roles asked the task force about what we wanted to do with the ECTF. We are lacking a clear vision.

Julie mentioned the database of Evolve graduates and said someone from our group could help organize it.

Georgia volunteered to look at the Excel Database and talk with Julie and see how it could be made more accessible

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**(SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015)**

## EvolvingConnections Events Calendar

Month	Date / Title / Description / Location	Lead
January 2015	<b>Jan 15, Thurs. EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>	
February	<p>Feb. 13, Fri: EvolvingConnections Happy Hour, Axel's in Roseville, 4-6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Feb 19, Thurs. EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b></p> <hr/> <p>Feb 19, Thurs: Book &amp; Brew, repeat session of <u>Second Wind</u>, by Bill Thomas. Roseville Library, 6:30-8:30.</p>	<p>Kathy Ramundt</p> <hr/> <p>Joann Ellis</p>
March	<p>March 10, Tues: EvolvingConnections Happy Hour, Town Hall Lanes, 4-6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>March 19, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b></p> <hr/> <p>March 19, Thurs: Book &amp; Brew, discussing <u>Live Long, Die Short - A Guide to Authentic Healthy and Successful Aging</u>, by Roger Landry.</p> <p>Byerlys community room, 3777 Park Center Blvd, St. Louis Park 55416</p>	<p>Merry Roth</p> <hr/> <p>Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis</p>
April	<p><b>April 16, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b></p> <hr/> <p>??April 30 (or May 1) Annual May Day event???</p>	<p>All</p>

May	(Thurs April 30 or Fri May 1) Annual May Day event  _____ <b>May 21, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>  _____ May 21, Thurs: Book & Brew	"full team" - including expressed interest by Joann  _____  _____  Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis
June	(tentative) EvolvingConnections social gathering  _____ <b>July 18, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>	Merry and Brad  _____
July	<b>July 16, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>	
August	2nd Annual Evolving Connections Picnic Hidden Falls Park, St. Paul August 13, 2015  _____ <b>Aug 20, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>	
September	<b>Sept 17, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>  _____ Sept 17 or 24, Thurs, 6:30-8:30pm: Book & Brew	_____  Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis
October	(tentative) EvolvingConnections social gathering  _____ <b>Oct 15, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>  _____ Oct 22, Thurs, 1-3:00pm: Book & Brew	Merry and Brad  _____  Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis
November	<b>Nov 19, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</b>	

December	<b><i>Dec 17, Thurs: EC Task Force meeting, 10:30-12 noon</i></b>	
<b><i>Pending Ideas</i></b>	St. Croix Festival Theater event	Georgia & Judy
	Fulton Brewery tour (eg as VAN fund-raiser?)	Mark
	Tea tasting at Verdant Tea; board books for toddlers; chocolate tasting event; river cruise; Northern Clay center "clay play" event	