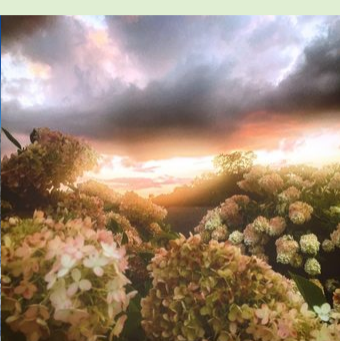
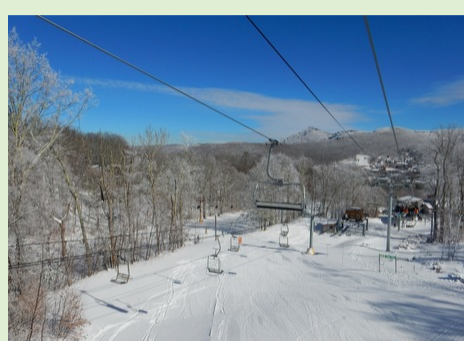




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Highlights

The Board of Directors met at BRCC September 30 and it was a full house. Chair Larry Bolick led the group through a full slate of business items; financial reports, capital improvement projects, and a look into the future.

Two new board members were installed. Chris Faison and Colleen Sampson will begin their service beginning January 2020.

A full copy of the minutes from the meeting can be obtained by contacting [Martha](#).

Vision 2045

Beginning in 2020 the Board of Directors will engage in a visioning exercise to study and plan for the next 25 years at BRCC. Called VISION 45 the process will look forward to the 100th year of BRCC in the year 2045. Changes in social interaction, use of retreat centers and the facilities that might be needed to serve future patrons will be examined.

If you are interested in participating to share your ideas and vision for BRCC contact [Larry Bolick](#) (Board Chair) or [Ted Wilson](#) (Executive Dir.).



Ted's Talk

There is not a day that goes by that I am not thankful to be a steward of these holy grounds.

The month of May and early June are a hectic time here at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Our staff works tirelessly during this time to ensure that the facilities and infrastructure are the best that they can possibly be for our peak season. There is always a sense of nervousness around this time, because we know that once our first summer groups arrive, we will be busy for the foreseeable future. This summer was . . . [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



Retreat participants find support and motivation while celebrating "Gift of Years"

Fifty-four participants, from mid-sixties to mid-nineties -- attended the UCC Retired Servants Retreat this year at Blowing Rock Conference Center. Participants engaged in an age-appropriate theme: "Growing with the Winds of Change," referencing Joan Chittister's book The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully. Retirees of Southeast and Southern Conference welcomed the opportunity to gather in the High Country for this special shared time among colleagues and friends.

A text to a cell phone on Sunday evening heralded a message -- read aloud -- announcing that a grandchild had been born in California, with the good news that the child was well, as documented with photo. Glasses were raised to this good news of great joy. Rev. Clara Benson's smiling face expressed her feelings.

A necrology was read, remembering persons who had died in the past year. Participants heard the preacher's words in Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;...."

The "Winds of Change," at this retreat, brushed participants with impact of technology, a changing church, establishing a legacy, boundary sensitivities / awareness, and (stating the obvious): growing older gracefully.

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