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Social Connections
Marsha Wilcox (chair), Dana Cullison, Faye Graves, Sahra Grube, Mary Johnston, Katie Newkirk, Leslie Tucker, Francis Riley, Derek Young

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NC bound! Andre Curry, Lisa Smith—New Bern, Maria Bryan—Beach, Nancy Pratt & Ashley Stopera—OBX, Kathy Cheek—Oak Island
Kriatlas Plates—GA to visit Dad, Massanutten Resort in VA, & then a cruise to the Bahamas in Nov
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Cheryl Krumke—visit Frank Lloyd’s Houses in PA
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SUSAN Susan Sullivan—I am wishing Disneyland
Ross Conover—Canada!
Mindy Moran—enjoying my pool and keeping all the old (old) grandchildren while my daughter travels to Paris.
Amanda Stanfield—getting married July 3; going to Jamaica for honeymoon;
Cordell Carter—staying home & going to Six Flags!
Anna Yates—staying home!
Alun Oliver—Babylon
Brenda Griswold—SC
Alan Lutton—back in town on a Renaissance camping trip
Renee Boyle—Disney
Leila Tucker—Disney, PI Myths, cruise to Mexico & NY/C
Stephanie Somerville—Hopefully Ocean City
Mary Grube—Camp trips!
Have a safe & fun time!

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The winner of the award for 2014 is Sahra Grube, general support/mail. Congratulations, Sahra!

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