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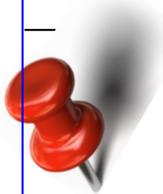
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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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The mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is . . .

. . . the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination...and to hold stated public meeting from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.



2011 MSSA Calendar

Sept 29	Board & Committee Training
Oct 1-8	Sewanee Parents Weekend
Oct 22-29	Sewanee Homecoming Week
Nov 24	Board Meeting
Feb 23	Board Meeting
Apr 12-14	Trails & Trilliums

From the President: Becoming a Quinq

This year I become a Quinq. That odd word refers to a 50-year graduate from Vanderbilt, and I am proud to have attained that milestone. I suspect there are several other Quinqs at Monteagle and several of you who have achieved your 50th graduation anniversary from other institutions. I'm hopeful that any 50-year landmark brings with it some level wisdom and the ability to work gracefully under pressure.

Having become a Quinq and having finished the first year



and starting my second as President of the MSSA Board of Trustees, I believe I appreciate all the more the unique viewpoints, strong emotions and thoughtful opinions and beliefs expressed over the last year at the Assembly.

Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 31 and 32 talks to us about our relationships: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from

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From the General Manager

It was a fabulous summer, and now it is shaping up to be a lovely fall on the mountain. It's always amazing to me how many individuals and committees are already abuzz with plans and ideas for our next season together--truly an indication of your invaluable commitment to this place.

I hope as you do your MSSA duties, you'll take time to visit the mountain off season with family and friends. It's as wonderful and spiritually fulfilling place in the fall and spring as it is in the summer, and after all your hard work, you should enjoy it as much as possible.

Scott Parrish

From the President

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you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

As we begin a new Assembly year, I hope we will all work together for the best of the Assembly and for the generations to whom it will one day belong. As committees convene and work anew begins, I offer just a simple reminder from a



Quinq: Let us build up rather than tear down; let us be encouraging rather than critical and demeaning; let us listen before we talk; and, most important, let us always remember that we are on this team together. Creating a positive

environment takes a village, whether you have five or 50 years of MSSA history. In my book, everyone is appreciated and affirmed, and I hope that is true in your book too.

Pat Wildman



Platform Superintendent Search Begins

For 10 years, our superb platform has been lead under the watchful eye of Lisa Hammett, and the results have been stellar. We've had top-notch entertainment, education and cultural experiences as well as thoughtful spiritual leadership. Our thanks go out to her and her team for another great summer season.

Lisa shared with us that she plans to turn in her Platform badge at the end of next

season, meaning that she will be with us as we find a suitable replacement and train them throughout the 2013 summer. We are grateful that she will be a part of the selection and education of the person who will take on this very important role in our community.

The search committee is meeting this month to plan the activities and outreach that will help us find just the right person. For more information or to apply, please contact Scott Parrish (931) 924-2286 or scott.parrish@mssa1882.org.



Special thanks to Lisa Hammett for her ten years of service as Platform Superintendent.



Dining Hall Dish

Watch your mail for a Dining Hall needs survey. You will receive it either by mail or email (using Survey Monkey), and the deadline for input is September 21. Please think about what you want and need in this community gathering place. With your guidance, we will know how to best move forward with any renovation projects.

July Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting of your new Board of Trustees was held on July 28, and the first order of business was the election of officers.

As always, the Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers, which was unanimously approved. The new officers are as follows: Pat Wildman, President; Kent Ballow, 1st Vice-President; Ann Shayne, 2nd Vice-President; Charles Hornaday, Treasurer; and Mary Susan Kennedy, Secretary.

President Wildman introduced and welcomed new board members David Pilcher (Methodist), Hays Haney (Episcopal), Marty Buffington (Baptist), Greg Maloof, one-year term (Consolidated), Britton Watson, two-year term (Consolidated), Neil Kunkel, second three-year term (Consolidated), Barry Moody (Presbyterian), Kent Ballow (At-large), Ellie Billington (At-large), Andy Spickard (second At-large term) and Bob Monfore, two-year term (At-large). Bill Cox and Norman

Blake, nominees for the Monteagle Assembly Endowment Board, were also unanimously elected.

Scott Parrish requested a motion to adopt a new banking resolution for the upcoming year (this is standard each new year) All checks in an amount greater than \$5,500 require two signatures. To that end Pat Wildman, Charles Hornaday and Scott Parrish were designated the official signatories at the bank. In addition, Frannie Smith and Britton Watson were named the designated signatories for the Women's Association.

It's also typical at this meeting to look ahead and determine the dates for the next three upcoming seasons. If you like to plan ahead, count on these for much-anticipated summer fun:

2013: June 9-August 4
2014: June 8-August 3
2015: June 7-August 2

You may know that the current rules require all board members to attend meeting in

person in order to be counted for attendance and in order to be eligible to vote. The board agreed that in light of new technology and changing board trends, it only makes sense to explore the possibility of limited electronic attendance. As a result, Scott Parrish and Stephanie Smith and conducting some research about the most appropriate systems.

Pat also announced that a "stand still agreement" had been signed by all parties in regard to the pending lawsuit. The hope remains that the matter will be resolved this fall.

Also per your request at the caucus meetings, watch for board updates in each issue of Mountain Voices and contact your caucus representatives if you have questions or concerns.

Any member wishing to see the approved minutes may contact the secretary, Mary Susan Kennedy msbkennedy@gmail.com for a copy.



Bits and Pieces

Prayers

Assembly member Dorothy Shands Martin passed away on Sunday, August 19. She was 93. She is survived by her children Dr. Mary Lu Thompson and J. Marshall Martin, Esq., and her grandchildren Thomas and William Martin. Dorothy wanted anyone wishing to make a contribution to contribute either to Delta State University Foundation, P.O. Box 3141, Cleveland, MS, or to Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

Longtime, Assembly member Roane Waring, Jr. died on August 28. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth Fauntleroy Waring; a son, Roane Waring III (Anne); a daughter, Elise Waring Vincent (Larry); and two grandchildren, Elisabeth Vincent and Roane Waring IV.



Cottages Available for Transfer:

#67	Wayside	\$769,000
#92	The Moorings	\$385,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#136	Endevor	\$625,000
#148	Brookview	\$725,000
#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#165	Once Upon A time	\$850,000



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Security Update

If you need our security guard at night, please call 931-607-8615. Please call for any disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

MSSA Alcohol Policy

The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the board of trustees.