

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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

*. . . to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.*

## From the President A Gift from the Heart

Margaret and Steve Rixham recently committed \$100,000 to the MAEFC to create the **“Program Enhancement Fund,”** which will provide funding for programs and speakers during the summer season. I sat down with Margaret and Steve to thank them and to ask them how they decided to make this generous gift.

Kent: You have committed \$100,000 over the next five years to help fund lectures and programs. What made you decide to do this now?

Margaret and Steve: It seems that the culture here is to support the Assembly through planned giving, and Monteagle is definitely in our will. But not long ago, we were talking about causes that we would consider supporting in a more significant way. Monteagle

immediately came to mind, because it meets our primary criteria: the organization needs to mean a great deal to us personally, and it has to truly need the support. A gift now means that we can enjoy the benefits of enhanced programming during our lifetime.

Kent: You named it the Program Enhancement Fund. Why did you decide to call it that instead of the Rixham Fund?

Margaret and Steve: We don't want this to be about us. We want this **to be the Assembly's fund and one** that others will be excited about supporting. Hopefully, down the road, our initial gift will be a very small part of the overall fund.

Kent: You made a matching provision in your gift. Tell us about that.

Margaret and Steve: In hopes that others will join us *(continued on page 2)*



2015  
MSSA  
Calendar

February 21

Board Meeting 9AM

April 11-12 Trails & Trilliums

May 9-10 Sewanee

Graduation Weekend

May 23 Board Meeting 9AM

June 7 Board Meeting 9AM

### **Mountain Voices**

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Deadline to submit items for the next issue is Dec. 25th. Send articles to [aewimg62@gmail.com](mailto:aewimg62@gmail.com)

## From the President

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in building this fund, we will match all gifts made to the Program Enhancement Fund during 2015 up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Kent: What is your vision for the future of MSSA programming?

Margaret and Steve: We would love to see a well-funded, flourishing Platform **program that isn't** constricted by a thin budget. The more funds we have available, the better the ability to bring in quality speakers and programs.

Kent: What would you say to people who may be considering a gift to the Assembly or MAEFC?

Margaret and Steve: In our view, Monteagle is more than just a vacation place. **It's a very unique and special community** that needs our support, **especially if it's to be here** for another hundred years. We hope that people will put the Assembly on their radar screens for philanthropic giving, just as they support their churches, alma maters, or other causes back home.

*Kent Ballow*

## Welcome New Members

The Membership Committee and the Board of Trustees ask that you all welcome the following new members.

Mel Barnes --- #7 Corner Cottage --- Unitarian (Consolidated Caucus)

James Cleveland --- #35 Peavine --- Methodist Caucus

Linda Elder --- #5 Elderberry Patch --- Non-denominational (Consolidated Caucus)

Shirley Stansell --- #165 Once Upon A Time --- Presbyterian Caucus

Philip Krebs --- # 74 Missionary Home --- Presbyterian Caucus

We look forward to being together next June!

*Anne Dennington,  
Membership Committee*



Thanks to everyone who landscapes their spaces by planting flowers and other attractive plants.

## Cottages Available for Transfer:

#6	Windcrest	\$550,000
#98	Idlehour	\$275,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$375,000
#136	Endevor	\$595,000
#146	Boutcher	\$595,000



## ARC Project Submission Deadlines

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15

May 1

July 15

September 30

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.



*Merry Christmas*

May your **Home** be warm,  
your **Holidays** grand,  
& may your **Heart** be  
held gently in the Lord's hands.



## News and Notes

Jen and Thad Thompson welcomed Luther Carter Thompson on November 8. Helene Thompson is the giddy grandmother.

## Prayers

Dr. Clay Rozear Miller, 96, retired Columbia physician and former long-time resident of Hillcrest Avenue, died Friday, November 21, 2014, at Maury Regional Medical Center. He married the former Bennetta Helen Loggins on June 20, 1943, who survives. He is also survived by their daughters, Lynne Loggins Miller Haas of Chattanooga, June Dickson Miller (Robert Wilson) Edmonds of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Dawn

Rozear Miller (John Samuel) Logan of Arlington, Virginia; grandchildren, Andrea Lynne Nichols, Clay Mason Haas, Jonathan David Haas, Jason Clay Edmonds, Dr. Shannon Edmonds Ardoin, Laura Edmonds Kryzanowsky, Dr. Holly Dickson Edmonds-Barassi, David Hall Logan, Dr. Carol Rozear Logan, Paul Russell Logan, and Andrew Dickson Logan; ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Ewing Miller, Jr. The family suggests memorials to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. Notes of condolence may be extended at [www.oakesandnichols.com](http://www.oakesandnichols.com).



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[Always call 911 for Emergencies.](#)

## 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.