

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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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.*

## From the General Manager: Down the Stretch

The most exciting portion of a horse race is when the horses make the last turn and head down the stretch. The same can be said for the time leading up to the opening of our 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly on June 9. As of this printing, we are 113 days from the start of the season. A great deal of preparation has been accomplished, but the real work is beginning.

A new MSSA website was launched on January 28. This new generation of our website allows us to quickly generate

fresh information for our members and the public. If you have not had a chance to browse through it, I encourage you to do so. You will notice an expanded array of options and information in both the public area and the members' only area. There are fresh pictures that can be added in real time as well as links to video (be sure to check out James Acker's youth video from



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## From the President

Last month, I took a few paragraphs to introduce you to some of the outstanding MSSA staff members, and this month I'd like you to meet a couple more. These folks might feel "behind the scenes" to members, because we are not with them on a daily basis, but they are an excellent "face" of MSSA with guests and the community, and they help keep things running smoothly for all of us. I want you all to know how hard they work! Next time you are on the grounds

during office hours, stop by and say "hello" and give them a pat on the back!

### MARK THOMPSON

Mark has been working at the Assembly for eight years, having been hired by Ron Buffington. Initially he was hired to help with reforestation and worked with Aileen O'Brien. He then moved to Security Guard where he has helped us for six and a half years. Prior to working at the Assembly,

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## 2013 MSSA Calendar

- Feb 23 Board Meeting
- Apr 12-14 Trails & Trilliums
- May 6-13 Sewanee Graduation
- May 25 Board Meeting
- June 9 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly Opens



## From General Manager

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last summer under the media tab or view the slide show composed by photographer Jim Rogers.) As always, I welcome your input. Please send me an email with your comments at [scott.parrish@mssa1882.org](mailto:scott.parrish@mssa1882.org). New gate software will be added by May so you will be able to continue to order your tickets online.

We welcome Becky Nelson as our new Platform Superintendent. This spring and into the early season, I will be working with Lisa Hammett and Becky to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. Becky will perform the year-round responsibilities of the Platform Superintendent and will be onsite throughout the season. I cannot express how much help Lisa has been and how much I have enjoyed working with her for the past three years.

The youth staff is coming together nicely. I am delighted to announce that Thomas Van Zandt will return as Youth Coordinator this summer. The staff is shaping up to be another nice mix of seasoned staffers and fresh faces. I am particularly excited about this staff, and I cannot wait for you to meet them in next month's *Mountain Voices*. (Yes, this is a tease for next month's newsletter.)

My personal goal since I arrived has been the

cultural, historical, and financial sustainability of the Assembly. The strategic planning process, which recently began, is central to sustaining the Assembly into the future. Ann Coulter is working on the member surveys--the first step of the process. You may expect to see electronic surveys for our members, our friends, and our extended families in the next couple of weeks. Paper surveys will be available for those who are so inclined.

All of the usual facility work is in process, but we have several significant property projects about to commence. The final phase of our street sign project will be complete by June. The mall tennis courts will be resurfaced and the surrounding fence will undergo much-needed repair. We will perform significant road resurfacing on the major roads, which comprise the "loop."

The Harton Hall renovation has begun! The ceiling, roof decking, and roof are being removed and replaced with completion expected by early April. There will also be some cosmetic interior improvements made as part of the ceiling/roof project. The air-conditioning of the kitchen will follow. In mid April, work will begin on the new front terrace. The terrace will feature a pervious mountain stone surface to be surrounded by a stone pillared fence. The stone sitting wall originally envisioned has been revised because the necessary footing has been deemed a threat to the historic Dawn Redwood trees. The terrace work will

performed by hand and under the supervision of a certified arborist to protect the Redwoods.

Throw in a few weddings and Trails and Trilliums April 12-14, and things get pretty exciting as we head down down the stretch.

*Best regards,  
Scott*

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## From the President

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he worked for the City of Tullahoma. One of his jobs there was to drive a large recycling truck that was the size of a bus.



Mark was born in Tullahoma and raised there and in Lynchburg and Hillsboro, Tennessee, and he still has family in all three cities. He has two stepsons, ages 13 and 15, is single and lives between Monteagle and Tracy City.

Mark knows the Assembly inside and out and has an insightful warning for those who drive to Warren's Point at night without lights. When you get out of your car, he warns, "Watch out for the big snakes."

### LARRY DYKES

Larry has worked for the Assembly for 15 ½ years. He worked here for one mystery year while we were getting our books straightened out, and

no one knew he was here!  
When he first started,



there was no general manager, but Oliver was president of the Board.

Larry then worked under Budde van

Dyke, general manager, and with Lex Orr, property chairman.

Before MSSA, Larry was putting in trails at Clifftops and the Assembly recruited him to help create the Waldrop Woods trail. Then, because Blue Hamby was retiring, he was asked to become superintendent of grounds, the title he continues to hold.

Larry comes to the Assembly from Midway near Sewanee. His son Kevin also works for the Assembly. Larry has two sons and five grandsons.

*Get to know these great folks!*  
Pat



## Music Notes from the Mountain

This summer's music offerings are shaping up beautifully...Please mark these dates on your calendar and be mindful of them as you plan your Season:

June 11, Tuesday - Ringers & Singers begin practice at 9:00 a.m. T, W, Th in the Chapel

June 25, Wednesday - Assembly Chorus rehearsal at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel

June 30, Sunday - Assembly Chorus sings at 11:00 a.m. Worship during the Offertory

*June 30, Sunday - Family Hymn Sing 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel*

July 7, Sunday - Ringer & Singers participate in 11:00 Worship during the Offertory

July 14, Sunday - Ringers & Singers participate in 11:00 Worship during the Offertory

*July 14, Sunday - Family Hymn Sing 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel*

July 24, Wednesday 4:30 p.m. rehearsal in the Chapel

July 27, Saturday - All Assembly Talent Show

July 28, Sunday - Assembly Chorus sings at 11:00 a.m. Worship during the Offertory

*July 28, Sunday - Family Hymn Sing 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel*

Ringers & Singers will be learning a secular number to sing in the Talent Show. I welcome any suggestions, particularly from the children.

The Assembly Chorus is also encouraged to participate in the Talent Show. Please let me know how many of you are interested. We might need to have an extra rehearsal or take a few more minutes at the July 24<sup>th</sup> rehearsal.



*More news in March!  
Have fun singing,*

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Diane Cruise and Arlene Bean from Jan. issue

### Cottages Available for Transfer:

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| #67  | Wayside          | \$769,000 |
| #92  | The Moorings     | \$385,000 |
| #98  | Idlehour         | \$390,000 |
| #129 | Hallelujah       | \$450,000 |
| #136 | Endevor          | \$625,000 |
| #156 | Robin Hill       | \$295,000 |
| #165 | Once Upon A Time | \$785,000 |




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## Bits and Pieces

Congratulations to **Bricke and Sarah Murfree** who welcomed Ellen Tomlinson Murfree on January 16, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

The most recent edition of The University of Tennessee Alumni Magazine, *Tennessee Alumnus*, contains a feature article on **Walter Pulliam**. The link to the article is below. <http://alumnus.tennessee.edu/2013/01/on-the-record-world-war-ii-to-watergate/>

Congratulations to **Bill and Kathy Flatley** who have a new grandchild. Katharine Grace Burns (Gracie). She was born on December 11, 2012, to

parents Kate Flatley Burns and Billy Burns who live in Antigua, Guatemala. Gracie will make her first visit to Monteagle this summer.

**Anselm Hollo**, husband of Jane Dalrymple-Hollo, died on January 29. Please keep Jane in your prayers.

### We ARE Making A Difference!

Ever wonder about the effects of your contribution of time and talent? Take a look at Crystal . . . she is wearing one of the pillow case dresses made by Assembly volunteers in the summer of 2011. I think she looks adorable, and I know from talking with her that she is very appreciative. Thanks to everyone who helped on this project . . . please know that you have made a difference.

*Mary Balfour Van Zandt*



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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.