

MOUNTAIN VOICES



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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 Leaking Pipes?

Regardless what the ground hog says, I am ready for spring! The 132nd season is less than four months away, and Trails and Trilliums is upon us. This winter has been exceptionally cold in Monteagle and unfortunately several cottages paid the price with broken pipes. I want to remind everyone of the MSSA policy on water adjustments.

The Assembly is in an unfavorable position regarding our water rates, service and adjustments. We purchase our water supply and our sewerage services from the Town

of Monteagle. Monteagle considers the Assembly to be a single individual customer, not 170+ Individual cottages and public buildings. As such, the Assembly as a whole is allowed only one adjustment per year for a single leak.

MSSA bills each cottage owner for the water used and in turn pays the Town of Monteagle for all of the water and sewer charges. There is (continued on page 2)



2013-14 MSSA Calendar

February 22, 2014
Board Meeting 9AM
April 11-13, 2014
Trails & Trilliums
May 5-12, 2014
Sewanee Graduation
May 24, 2014
Board Meeting 9AM

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Deadline to submit items for next issue is Feb. 25. Send articles to Ann Ewing at aewing62@gmail.com.

From the President WHERE ARE WE NOW?

About this time last year, we began our strategic planning process. We hired consultant Ann Coulter and surveys were distributed to members, family and friends, along with renting guests. After an excellent return from the surveys, open forums were held during the summer, and a task force was convened to examine and refine the collated input.

It was a reassuring process that affirmed we share a common set of

values that define and unify us. Our strategic plan will ensure that what is special about MSSA will endure and that leadership will have a cohesive plan to follow.

Six broad goals were identified and endorsed by the board. At that point, Britton Watson, chair of long range planning, assigned each goal to a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More!) to work on the strategies that will (continued on page 2)

From the General Manager

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no margin for the Assembly to be able to make adjustments for individual cottages; in fact, water is budgeted at a deficit every year. Every cottage owner is financially responsible for all metered water.

While bitterly cold temperatures bring an onslaught of

burst pipes, water leaks are a year-round problem. Recently, two of our largest leaks have been running toilets during the post season. The MSSA facility crew constantly watches for leaks, and every month the meters are read, but it is imperative that when cottage owners are away, they shut off their water or employ a house-keeper or caretaker to watch for leaks year round.

Scott Parrish

Platform Basics Workshop Registration: Here's How It Works

Final plans are being made for **this summer's platform** activities! We have many exciting opportunities for all age groups. Everyone is encouraged to check out the workshops to be posted online March 1 and sign up early. Many workshops have a limited capacity, and popular workshops fill quickly.

Here's how it works: From March 1 to April 15, Assembly residents have priority registration. Assembly residents include cottage owners, renters and their guests residing with them. Non-residents may place their names on the waiting list during this time. On April 16, registration is open to all, at which time those on the waiting list will be confirmed when space is available.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer!

*Becky Nelson,
platform superintendent*

From the President

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support each goal. The six goals and their TEAM leaders are:

Together Everyone Achieves More!

1. Enhance the overall Assembly quality of life. *Susan Acker*
2. Increase participation in all groups in programs, events and activities. *Frannie Smith*
3. Evaluate the governing structure and practices of MSSA. *Paula Kunkle*
4. Increase the financial/fiscal sustainability of MSSA. Define measurable benchmarks. *Bob Monfore*
5. Determine the ideal physical plant and footprint to enhance and expand Assembly grounds. *Joel McAlister*
6. Increase/enhance overall marketing and promotional efforts that support the mission and purpose of the Assembly as stated in the bylaws. *Ann Ewing*

By spring, we hope to have a plan that we can all be proud of—a plan that everyone had a hand in creating. Because we are the MSSA family—a TEAM. And as Britton so aptly

articulated: Together Everyone Achieves More! Thank you all for your input, your patience, and your time as we work together to create a road map to help guide us.

Kent Ballow

Cottages Available for Transfer:

#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000	#146	Boutcher	\$595,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000	#148	Brookview	\$650,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000	#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000	#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000			
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000			
#136	Endevor	\$595,000			



2013-2014 Annual Fund Off to a Strong Start

For those of you who've already submitted your tax-deductible gifts (you know **who you are, but here's a list** anyway), we thank you profusely. For those of you who set the mailing aside, or - yikes - "**recycled**" it (you know who you are too), we offer an additional plea, as the Board hopes to see participation in the Annual Fund effort grow to equal (or **best**) last year's effort.

128 of us have given thus far, **and that's wonderful;** however, we had 150 donors to the cause last year, so some familiar names are missing -- I encourage a jogging of collective memories to ensure that we are all in this together, as we in the Assembly always are! (May those arthritic check-writing hands be on the mend, neighbors!) Thank you in advance.

Annual Fund Committee

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Woman's Association Announces 2014 Book Club Selections



Hello everyone!

The MSSA Woman's Association is already planning great things for us all to share in the 2014 season! Porch parties, arty parties, lectures, Crafty Fridays, luncheons, Cottage Tour activities, gardening opportunities, Book Club, card parties, story time, important meetings of committees and of friends, all ages who would like to use our wireless internet are **there...you name it. It could be happening at the Winfield House!** Please put us down on your calendar to join us any time you can to participate, visit or become a part of our **Woman's Club. Everybody is welcome, all the time!** Stroll by and be sure to check your program everyday to see what we are up to. We really want you to feel that Winfield is your house too, available for all of us to enjoy.

We are so proud of our Library and all of the wonderful hours we spend tending our books and reading, talking about them, sharing their

stories with young and old. This year we will have several authors reading to us from their books! Cool. We have selected our three book club books and dates for the club to meet. Please go ahead and buy your books. They will not be available at the snack shop, but they are easy to get at Amazon.

Wednesday, July 2- The Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean

Monday, July 21- Life After Life by Jill McCorkle Jill will actually be with us at Assembly that day.

Thursday, July 31- Small Island by Andrea Levy

Thanks to Jean Jervis who is chairman of our book club and has guided our selections. Great Job! Happy New Year everyone and as my family says as we begin the month of January ... **"We are half way to Monteaagle."**

Frannie Smith,
Woman's Association president

Mountain Voices Reminders

As we turn the corner to spring, the content for *Mountain Voices* gets fatter and fatter (a wonderful thing)...it's delightful to have so much news to share as we look toward another season. That said, your MV editors need your cooperation. Please remember the following when submitting articles:

1. Please do not format your articles--this includes bold face, italics, indents, centering. Just make the whole thing flush left and put one line space between paragraphs. We get copy in all sorts of ways, and we have to undo what you've tried to make look so pretty before we can do the layout. It's time consuming as you can imagine.

2. Please do not send PDFs...even if we save them as text, the formatting is wonky, and we often have to retype them. We also get an occasional handwritten note that is photographed and emailed--please avoid this also. That said, work docs are fabulous.

3. Be sure to sign it with your name and committee so we know who it's coming from and so do MV readers.

4. Send photos or graphics if you have them. We only have so many resources for these, so anything you send is very helpful. Please send those in .jpg format or we can't use them.

5. It's your article so please take a crack at the title and the copy (even if you don't consider yourself a writer). We'll always offer helpful (we hope) suggestions and send you any rewrites for approval.

6. Have fun with it. Fortunately most articles are good news so it's OK to be funny and light. That said, check yourself...not every sentence deserves an exclamation point.

7. The deadline for articles is the 25th of each month. If you get in a jam, just email; we might be able to accommodate an entry that is a couple of days late.

*Ann Ewing and
Martha Ann Pilcher,*
Mountain Voices editors

ARC Quiz #3: How Much Do You Know?

It's back--the ARC quiz. Take a few minutes to test your knowledge of ARC guidelines. It's a fun way to learn the basics of Assembly rules regarding our historic structures. Note: there may be more than one correct answer.

1. Buildings are considered to be architecturally historic when they are over
 - A. 35 years
 - B. 50 years
 - C. 100 years

2. The following are distinguishing features of a building and should be maintained
 - A. Dormers
 - B. Chimneys
 - C. Porches
 - D. Roof material
 - E. Color of the siding

3. Out Structures have no relevance to the historic significance of the main house and thus may be removed

- True
False

4. Front porches are not significant thus they may be enclosed to create more indoor living space (screening is not included here)

- True
False

Answers:

1. B DS - Stand. For New Construction-Moving Buildings p13
 2. A, B and C DS - Distinguishing Characteristics of Buildings p4
 3. False, DS - Standards for Demolition p4 & Stand for Alterations to Exist Bldgs -Out Structures p6
 4. False, DS - Stand for Alterations to Exist Bldg-Porches p6 & add to Exist Bldgs(10) Porches p10

Care and Repair of Siding

Just like your skin the skin of your cottage requires tender loving care. Most cottages are covered with lap siding--either smooth or with a groove--which is called German siding. Some cottages have board and



Lap siding

narrow battens covering the joints between the boards. If painted regularly, the siding should last a lifetime. Should a few boards show rot, it is relatively easy to replace them with

batten siding, which consists of vertical boards with



Board and batten siding

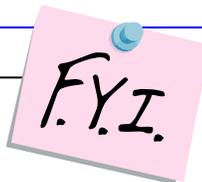
siding to match the existing.

Don't even think about using synthetic materials like



vinyl or aluminum, which are material of choice mostly for trailers and cheap subdivisions. The supposed advantage of low maintenance is refuted by the row upon row of vinyl house paints filling most hardware store shelves. And the synthetic material will trap moisture that can silently rot the original wood framing underneath. Look at *Porches* (cottage #4) or *At Long Last* (cottage #33) to see how much better they look with the vinyl removed.

*Oscar Fitzgerald,
ARC member*



News & Notes

Prayers

Edward Arthur Fish of Nashville passed away on January 23 after a short illness. Although he had great achievements as an Eagle Scout, an athlete, a member of the Army and a businessman, his family brought him the greatest joy.

He married his high school sweetheart, Marguerite Boswell Early, on July 12, 1947. They were married 66 "glorious" years. They had four children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way. Mr. Fish loved and was loved by his large extended family, and his favorite times were spent with them during summers at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. We will all miss Ed's robust laughter and playful sense of humor.

He is survived by Marguerite and his sisters, Tallu Fish Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Betty Fish Smith of Cynthiana, Ky.; his four children, Margie Fish Martin and her husband Kirke of Nashville, Edward A. Fish III and his wife Toni of Atlanta, Ga., John B. Fish and his wife Denice of Nashville, and Walter L. Fish of Atlanta, Ga.

The family requests that donations be made to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

Friendly Reminder from Housing

As we gear up for 2014 season rentals, it's time to get all our paperwork in order.

Please remember to send the housing office your completed rental agreement and the cottage availability form. I'm excited to say that rental inquiries for the summer season are already coming in, and we must have these documents to rent your cottage.

In addition, we cannot disburse rental proceeds until the new forms have been turned into the housing office, so I know you want to take care of that detail. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

*Ruth Patterson,
Housing*



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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.