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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.



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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From the President Season 2014 - Here We Come!

Yes, I know it is only January and the opening day of the season is roughly 140 days away, but the truth is, there are a lot of people very busily preparing for June 9.

The grounds and facilities crew, under the direction of Rick Duncan, is still removing and mulching leaves (when there is no snow), repairing our common buildings, and working to have the Assembly pristine by spring. Their goal is not June, but April, in order to showcase our beautiful grounds for Trails and Trilliums (April 11-13), spring weddings, and Sewanee graduation.



Ruth Patterson and Deborah Brown in the Housing Office have the delightful job of preparing our year-end tax forms and collecting owner contract renewals, all while booking an increasing number of spring and in-season rentals.

The office has some time now to clean out old files and reorganize their tight space. Diane and

Arlene have routine monthly jobs, the member directory is being finished, and the ordering of supplies for the summer has begun. Diane will soon begin interviewing for qualified gatekeepers and

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Food Drive Thank You

It was a brisk day for our Thanksgiving Friday potluck get-together, but hearts were warm with food, fellowship and giving. About 100 items were donated to the Grundy County Food Bank! Many thanks for your generosity.

*Ginny Gordon
reporting for Outreach Committee*



**Feeding the
Community**

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working on plans for their orientation and training.

Becky Nelson is putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a wonderful and varied summer program. More will come on the exciting platform in future *Mountain Voices*.

Always busy and always looking ahead, Scott Parrish

is looking for ways to continue to carefully manage our resources, plan new initiatives, and evaluate existing programs and procedures. He and Jenny Jervis are hiring the summer youth staff and looking for ways to enhance their training and orientation. As Scott says, **every week is busy, "things pop up every day."**

Of course, there is an army of volunteers, including board members, committee chairs and committee members who

are working behind the scenes, giving hours of their time, conferencing with their constituents, all to ensure that each season comes to fruition and is enjoyable for all.

It may be cold outside, but when you turn that calendar over, can season 2014 be far behind? Happy New Year!

Cheers and here's to seeing you on June 9 on the mountain!

Kent Ballow

Where Have All the (Wood) Screen Doors Gone?

An aluminum screen door salesman must have come through the grounds back in the 1960s and '70s, because a recent survey turned up more than 30 of them scattered throughout **the Assembly. This technology wasn't even** invented when most of our cottages were built. They were durable and cheap (and look it) but do you really want a rattley, pitted and corroded aluminum door as the first thing your friends see when they enter your **cottage. It's an easy fix to unscrew the metal** frame and replace it with a more visually appealing and compatible wooden door. Some of your neighbors have already done it.

Greeter's (800-616-7709) stocks several choices of screen doors for under a hundred dollars. Kevin Sweeton Home Restorations (931-924-2444) in Monteagle will make you a nice custom designed one for a couple of hundred more, or if you want a really fancy replacement, Heirloom Millworks (615-995-6495) in Murfreesboro will come out and install one that will last another hundred years. If you are a true purist and want a period example it is worth a trip to Chattanooga to the Architectural Exchange (423-697-1243). They stock a large selection of screen doors **salvaged from some of Chattanooga's finest** Victorian houses. Whatever you do -- think

wood. It goes with your cottage and the trees too.

*Oscar Fitzgerald
ARC member*

ARC Quiz #2: How Much Do You Know?

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...find the answers at end of article on next page.

1. Additions to existing cottages may not increase the mass greater than 1/3 of the existing structures mass
True
False

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ARC Quiz #2

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- 2. Plan approval is good for a period of 3 years. Construction must be completed within this 3 year period
 - True
 - False

- 3. Construction may begin as soon as The ARC and PC vote approval of the project.
 - True
 - False

- 4. Halting the construction of a project may take place when
 - A. The Board of Trustees approves such action
 - B. The General Manager decides such action is necessary
 - C. The ARC and or PC vote to stop construction

- 5. The Job Description for the ARC Includes which of the following options:
 - A. Preserve the integrity of the various forms of architecture within the MSSA grounds
 - B. Provide advice and service concerning the maintenance and extension of the MSSA grounds
 - C. Suggest to the Platform committee ways to educate the MSSA members on various areas of the ARC
 - D. Suggest updates and changes to the ARC guidelines

DS = Design Standards; 1. True; DS additions to existing buildings (1) p13; 2. True; Code 1-5 (c); 3. False Code 1-3 and 1-5 (b); 4. B; Code 1-7 and 1-5(d)

Answers:



Day After Thanksgiving Celebration

Lots of good food and good friends!





News & Notes

Correction

Correction to Annual Report of Philanthropy:

Mary Ellen Lovell should be listed as a member of Bridges to the Future campaign.

Tickle the Ivories for MSSA

Can you lend a musical hand to MSSA? The Assembly is looking for a pianist to play for twilight prayers, Sunday service, and ringers and singers. This is a paid position but also at the heart of what who we are. If you're willing and able, contact Scott Parrish for details.

Congratulations

Morgan Merrill sent us notice that her daughter, Mary Knox Miller, and her husband Matthew, had twin girls Saturday, December 28 – Adeline Marie Miller and Evelyn Knox Miller. They made it home just before the blizzard hit Boston! Brother Oliver (age 2) is adjusting!



Cottages Available for Transfer:



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

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Remember Security Number

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.