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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 Assembly Leadership Team in Place

Leadership is central to an effective and well run organization. It has long been my vision to create an effective leadership team among the staff at the Assembly. With the September additions of Ruth Jacobs Patterson (housing program manager) and Rick Duncan (facility superintendent), a top-notch team is complete!

Ruth and Rick will join Diane Cruise (business manager), Becky Nelson (platform superintendent),

and me to form what I believe is an outstanding senior leadership team. Each person manages a different component of the **Monteagle Assembly's operation**. Our goal is to work together to share ideas on how each can more effectively support the other.

For the past three plus years, I have endeavored, with success, to break down the walls between the departments within our staff. Bringing the leaders together to

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2013 MSSA
Calendar

October 19

Board Meeting 9AM

October 21-28

Sewanee

Homecoming

November 23

Board Meeting 9AM

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

From the President Fall in Love with the Mountain



At the risk of making those of you **jealous who don't live close** enough for a weekend jaunt to the mountains, let me say, fall on the

plateau is spectacular! I am not just referring to the foliage, which is indeed impressive, but to the vibe on the grounds and out in the larger community. Yes, I miss the bikes, the bell tolling to let me know I need to be somewhere, the chicken potpie at the dining hall. I even miss the golf carts whizzing around my corner at speeds in excess of 14mph!

But it is a wonderful feeling to walk across the bridges, crunching through the leaves while wrapped *(continued on page 2)*

From the General Manager

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work collaboratively will result in more efficiency within the organization and allow us to be better stewards of the **Assembly's physical, natural, and financial resources.** Each member of the leadership team brings different talents,

skills, and perspectives to help us support the vision and direction of the membership and the Board of Trustees.

I am excited about the work this group will accomplish, and I hope you are too!

*Best regards,
Scott Parrish*



Beware of Falling Trees

Photographer and prankster Bill Phillips snapped this photo this summer in Beverly Douglas's yard. As he noted, no one was injured in the staging of this funny shot!

From the President

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in your warmest sweater. It is a rare pleasure to walk the perimeter of the grounds without encountering a soul except for a few dogs who now think they own the place. (Ha! As if **they didn't already!**)

A fall weekend at MSSA is a quiet get-away...or not! **There** are so many things to do! This fall, we have enjoyed the Beersheba Arts and Crafts Fair, the Polly Crockett Tennessee History Festival in Cowan, shopping for antiques at the Harvest Moon Market in Sewanee, and eating well in Monteagle at the Fire on the Mountain Chile Cook-off and wandering around the Car Show where lots of antique restored cars were displayed! **We've listened to homegrown** band The Culprits at Angel Park; Grammy award-winning gospel singers The Alabama Blind Boys at Guerry Auditorium; and the incredible trio A Boy Named Banjo at Crossroads Café. A person can get exhausted trying to relax around here!

Contrary to what you may assume, there are a lot of

folks on the grounds every weekend, and we are having fun without you! If a fall getaway is just not in the cards, aim for spring! You will not want to miss Trails and Trilliums on April 12-14 or the 17th annual National Cornbread Festival on April 27-28 in South Pittsburg. Both events bring folks from far and wide and are perfect opportunities for you to bring friends to sample local passions such as art, plants, hiking, and cornbread!

MSSA has always been, and will always be, a summer place. There is nothing like summer in Monteagle. But **don't wait until June to enjoy** this mountain. It has lots to offer. Sure it can be a little foggy (okay, a lot foggy), but there is no place like it! See **you on the mountain...soon,** I hope! To find out what is happening when you come, visit themountainnow.com and thesewaneemessenger.com.

Kent Ballow



Cottages Available for Transfer:



#7	Corner Cottage	\$619,000
#30	Balconies	\$900,000
#35	Peavine	\$425,000
#49	Tranquil Eyster	\$450,000
#67	Wayside	\$689,000
#92	The Moorings	\$280,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000
#136	Endevor	\$625,000
#146	Boutcher	\$719,000
#148	Brookview	\$650,000
#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000

Why the ARC?

As my retirement from the Platform staff position drew near, I had visions of relaxing on our cottage porch, taking in summer workshops, spending more time with Assembly friends, and re-visiting old hiking haunts on the South Cumberland Plateau. I still look forward to these activities, but an additional opportunity has also presented itself.

MSSA Board President Kent Ballow and Architectural Review Committee Chair John Sisson both asked if I would be willing to serve as a member of the ARC, and I have accepted the invitation. There are many involved with the Assembly who might put membership on the Architectural Review Committee dead last on their list of desirable give-back duties for MSSA, and some may even view the committee with disdain, but I think they have mistaken notions of the real purpose and scope of the ARC.

First and foremost, the ARC exists to encourage and facilitate the preservation of the Assembly's unique architectural heritage as outlined in the 1982 nomination of our grounds for designation as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our Historic District designation puts the Assembly in rare company nationwide, the requirements for district status being far more stringent than those for individual properties. In turn, our National Register status gives the Assembly the added responsibility of stewardship of the historic treasure that is our built environment - public structures and private leaseholds alike. All Assembly members share in this responsibility. The ARC, whose volunteer membership changes from year to year, is simply a representative body, like other standing committees, which exists to educate and assist Assembly members in their efforts to be good stewards of the leaseholds that are theirs for the time being--ensuring that those leaseholds will continue to contribute to the Assembly's National Register Historic District status in the future.

I am happy to do my part for the Assembly by serving on the Architectural Review Committee. I expect to learn a lot from my term in this job, and I hope all Assembly members will assist the ARC in fulfilling our duties to the Assembly we all cherish. The unique physical environment of the Monteagle Assembly is a treasure we must safeguard for future generations to enjoy.

Lisa Reynolds Hammett



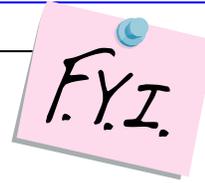
ARC Reminder

If you are planning any exterior alterations or additions to your cottage, take note that the ARC will review conceptual projects on the afternoon of October 19. This is a great first step to your cottage project before you engage an architect or builder. You should make an appointment with the office so the committee can give each project enough time. ARC committee members will go to each cottage for onsite review with the owner. This process has proven very effective in moving projects forward, saving both time and money.



*John Sisson,
ARC chair*

News & Notes



Happy 100!

Longtime Assembly member Walter Pulliam will turn 100 on November 5. Feel free to send him a card to mark this momentous occasion. His address is: 801 Vanosdale Road Apt.# 131, Knoxville, TN 37909

Golf Cart Storage

We still have a few spots left for golf cart storage for the winter. The cost is \$75. Contact the office if you want to give your cart some coverage!

Membership Statements

Want to receive your statements and Mountain Voices via email? The office is happy to set that up for you. Just give Diane Cruise a call at 931-924-2286.

Thank you from Housing Program Manager

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome! As the new housing manager, I appreciate so much the many phone calls and welcoming emails that have been sent my way. I look forward to working

with each of you in the future, and I'm always just a phone call (or visit to the office) away. I hope you'll come by and say hello next time you are on the mountain.

Watch for updates, requests, deadlines and other housing-related information in upcoming editions of Mountain Voices!

Ruth Patterson,
Housing Program Manager

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M SSA 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.