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Nashville Home Plans

It was great to have so many people come through the Nashville Home over Thanksgiving! As you know, the Nashville Home is the recipient of this year's annual fund, and plans are underway for much needed work, such as:

- repairing buckled floors
- painting the interior
- updating the den with washable slip-covered furniture
- purchasing new mattresses for all rooms
- ensuring staff have a place to store their clothes
- adding bathroom doors
- putting window blinds in bedrooms
- freshening and updating the Youth Coordinator apartment potentially allowing it to be

revenue generating in the off-season

Early support has allowed us to start some of this work, but there is so much to do. We hope you'll consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Nashville Home rehab via the annual fund and become an honorary member of the Youth Staff! Sponsorship opportunities are also available; if interested, please reach out to Scott.

We are planning a house blessing and ribbon cutting at the beginning of the season and hope everyone can attend! We are so excited about this project and can't wait to welcome this summer's Youth Staff!

Lyn Knopf & Paige Cleveland, youth chairs

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Thanksgiving Blessings

This holiday season, our generous members and guests truly came together to support our collaborative ministry with God's Children are a Blessing Ministries. A total of \$2000 was collected both at the annual Thanksgiving potluck and through your online giving! Your generous donations provided Christmas gifts for children on the plateau.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I truly appreciate your expression of generosity and willingness to help to give these children a merry Christmas.

With gratitude,
Ruth Patterson, Outreach chair



Campus

Master Planning Update

First, we want to thank everyone who participated during the season by providing input into the master planning process. The task force presented at two town halls, the annual meeting, and an open house, and task force members were present in the dining hall for a week during the season to meet with Assembly members.

The information requested during these events aligned with the Chautauqua pillars and some of our own unique needs--recreation, education/platform, future initiatives, youth and religion. The suggestions and feedback fell into several main topic areas:

Recreation

Facility/pavilion to accommodate growth in current recreation options along with new recreational opportunities (comments included references to pickleball/tennis courts, bocce ball, indoor options; fitness facilities)

Use of green space/expanded trail system/camping option with opportunity for community use

Education/Platform

Community-centric service project
Housing for speakers

Future Initiatives

Multi-use facility for gathering and entertaining – notably at the bluff area
Housing options – ranging from retirement, single-level, smaller, more affordable options both inside and outside the current gates, and a boarding/inn type lodging that provides daily housing options which are a part of the MSSA heritage

Youth

Youth meeting facility/outing center

Religion

Facility for possible year round minister

In discussing these topics, the task force considered the layout of the main MSSA campus and the activity hub stretching from the pool/pickleball courts to the Mall area. This highlighted the “magic” or synergy created by activities in a central area/hub. It was likened to everyone at a party congregating in the kitchen!

We met with Judson Newbern in November to review the work to date. Judson led campus planning at Vanderbilt University for 30 years and affirmed the hub concept as a key part of successful master planning. He also noted that the Assembly should continue to look at steps to remediate noise at the current pickleball location while the Campus Master Planning Task Force explores the need for/timing of any new facilities.

We then translated the hub concept by looking at the larger campus and acquired properties in three main geographic areas with a focus on creation of hubs and activities/use for each hub. The goal being to create groupings of activities that make the “hub” a place for community across multiple activities/ages:

North Gate Hub

This includes the area from North Gate to the currently owned property near the bluff. The North Gate would serve as a starting point for the hub – think linear park -- which could have activity/facilities including options:

Rec Facility/Pavilion that can be multi-use, possible sports courts (pickleball, bocce, other), playground, splash pad, arts area, with restrooms/grilling facilities.

Multi-use facility at bluff. Use options include chapel, arts, gathering, weddings, concerts. A good example of this is the example Jasper Highland’s pavilion.

QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered or re-registered every year. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

Dogs must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

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.

Safety first! Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.



Expanded trails/perimeter trail. Use of Chambers property for camping pavilion, capitalizing on current water/electric on-site; art trail.
 Preserve bluff front for common use.
 Housing Hub
 Create small “village” of leaseholds for smaller single level cottages with consideration of options that create affordable leaseholds given the cash purchase requirement.

Front/Main Street Hub
 Possible hub options:
 Community field/space (sport field; trail (e.g. part of a perimeter trail); space for community farmers market)
 Housing/lodging space
 MSSA office activity

VFW/Highway 41 Hub
 Physical distance make it more difficult to make this an activity based hub. Possible use options include golf cart storage facility; workshop space

We continue to refine these topics; specifically, looking at factors that impact the ideas discussed above, such as topography and zoning. We are very excited about the opportunities presented and will continue to share our work as we move ahead.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Garbage pick up returned to twice a week beginning January 3, 2022.

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.

February 28	June 10	July 31
September 30	January 15	

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.

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: “... 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.”

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.

HOUSING QUESTIONS? ASK RHONDA!

Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact the housing office to discuss your options. If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, negotiate or prorate rentals, or if you have questions about your rentals, call Rhonda.

The housing office can also help if you want to rent a golf cart during the season!

The housing number is (931) 924-9000.



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SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency --medical or otherwise-- call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!



In Our Prayers

Lorraine Dennison Jones passed away peacefully on December 19th, 2021 in Nashville. Lorraine was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She deeply loved Jesus, her family, and cute clothes. Lorraine was a true beauty with jet black hair and wise blue-gray eyes, who loved wearing her many fashionable black and white dresses. She even modeled for Life Magazine. Lorraine's outer beauty was surpassed only by the depth of her generosity, devotion to her family, and her inspiring, unwavering walk in the Christian faith. A spiritual encounter with Jesus over 40 years ago changed her life forever. She was a devout follower of Christ who studied the Bible day and night. She trusted and followed His leadings in her own life, leading by example and teaching her children and grandchildren along the way. The deep, close relationship she had with the Holy Spirit was apparent to all who knew her. Influenced by her faith, Lorraine had an incredibly generous spirit. She poured her time, love and resources into her family and delighted in giving freely, never expecting anything in return. She worked for many years as a caregiver and loved each of the women for whom she worked over the years. She was a truly special woman who will be deeply missed by her beloved family. It is a comfort to know that she is united with the "One whom my soul loves in the new heaven and new Earth." She is survived by her children John Gregory Jones (Tricia) of Nashville, Tn, Robin Jones Thompson (Overton) of Nashville, Tn, Jill Jones Reynolds (Lyman) of Shelbyville, Ky, grandchildren Joe Jones, Kelly Wagers, Christina O'Brien, Cory Jones, Jillian Eischeid, Emily Lippincott, Overton Thompson IV, Rachel Westerwelle, Rebecca Welborn and great grandchildren Seth Jones, Ethan Jones, Baleigh Jones, Jake Jones, Stella Jones, Eleanor Eischeid, Caroline Eischeid, Moses Lippincott, and Peregrine Welborn. She is also survived by her sister Jewell Calmes of Dayton, Ohio and many nieces and nephews. Gifts in memory of Lorraine may be made to Alive Hospice of Nashville and First Presbyterian Church.

A funeral service will be held in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville on January 15th, 2022 at 11:00 am with a private family burial to follow. There will be a visitation with the family at 10:00 am prior to the service.



Jean McKee Jervis died peacefully at Woodlawn, her MSSA home on Wed. Dec. 29, 2021. Born on Sept. 18, 1937, in Des Moines, Iowa, she was the fifth child of Wallace F. and Ruth Pohlman McKee. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Robert,

Jean grew up on a dairy farm in Scotch Ridge, Iowa where her father developed a herd of registered milking shorthorn cattle; Jean became accomplished in the art of preparing the cattle for the show ring and in exhibiting them. She attended Iowa State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Experimental Foods. She was vice president of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and tapped into Mortar Board. Upon graduation she took a position with Victor Chemical Company in Chicago Heights, Ill., where she directed its bake laboratory. She co-authored the patent for chemical leavening BL-60 that is used in cake mixes.

After marriage to Oliver Wheeler Jervis and three children, Oliver Wheeler, Jr., Bruce Scott, and Jennifer Jean, she returned to her food science professional career as Director of New Products at Sokol and Company, a food manufacturer in Countryside, Ill. She held membership in Institute of Food Technologists and American Association of University Women. She retired in 1998 and moved to Monteagle. After a year she took a position as Head Resident at The University of the South.

While living in Naperville Jean was secretary and a director of Naperville Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago and served as secretary and as a director of Naperville Heritage Society. Jean was active in the educational and extracurricular activities of her children during their primary and secondary education periods. She was president of the Elmwood Home and School Association in Naperville. She and her husband served on the principal's advisory council for Naperville Central High School. She was a Den Mother for a Cub Scout troop. She promoted and assisted in an active sports program for her children. Among other things, she was her children's traveling companion to figure skating competitions, ice hockey tournaments, and tennis tournaments throughout the United States and Canada. Jean loved being "Nana" to her granddaughters, Kelsey and Alexa Jervis, who relished their visits to Woodlawn. She delighted in their adoration, devotion and development into poised young women.

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She and her husband were members of Knox Presbyterian Church of Naperville where she served as an Elder and CoChairperson of its Social Concerns Committee. She was active in Knox Youth Club, an after school weekly program of arts, crafts, recreation, fellowship and bible study. Jean taught the arts and crafts program. Jean was member of PEO Sisterhood where she served in its Naperville chapter as Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and President. She later was active in its Winchester-Tullahoma Tennessee chapter. She was member of Sewanee Women's Club and Sewanee Garden Club where she was president 2002-2003. She was a member of the State of Tennessee South Cumberland Recreation Area Friends Board of Directors for several years. At MSSA, she served on the Reforestation and Beautification, Landscaping, Program, Long Range Planning, and Dining Hall committees. She was President of Monteagle Assembly Woman's Association 2001 and 2002. During her presidency she directed renovation of the Association's Winfield House and created "miss ella de's coffee house" in its basement.

Since moving to Monteagle, Jean was a member of Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Donations in lieu of flowers should be made to Wayne and Virginia Jervis Bible Week Fund of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Endowment or to Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

Jean is survived by her husband, Oliver Wheeler, J.D.; children Oliver Wheeler, Jr. M.D. (Lisa, M.D.) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Bruce Scott (Jim Kowalski) of San Francisco, California, and Jennifer Jean of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren Kelsey of Boston, Massachusetts and Alexa of Atlanta, Georgia. Siblings Margaret McKee Hickman of Madison, Wisconsin, Beverly McKee Newell of Prineville, Oregon, and Miriam McKee Cerveny of Madison.

Services and interment will be at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 14, 2022 or alternatively, in the event of inclement weather, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle. Reception will follow interment at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation at Cumberland Funeral Home in Monteagle will be from 4:00 P.M. to 8: P.M. on Thursday, January 13, 2022.