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## From the President

### OLD FRIENDS!

My sister, Mary Susan, and I along with our three brothers, Dewees, Douglas and Will, grew up on a farm in a house built in 1825 in Franklin, Tenn.

Our mother used to always say, "This house is more like a person, a dear, old friend, rather than just a house," and she was right.

That is how I feel about our cottage and really all of the cottages in the Assembly.

When we leave for any extended period of time, we have been known to bid our cottage "goodbye" and say, "sleep tight" with a promise to be back soon.

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## New Chef to Head MSSA Dining Services for 2023

I am delighted to announce that Rick Wright will be the next Harton Hall chef. Rick brings many years of food service experience, having served as executive chef at Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, executive chef, and director of dining at the University of the South, and executive chef at a country club.

Rick is excited about this opportunity to build on the solid tradition of Harton Hall dining by listening to your ideas for new food options. I know you all will enjoy his offerings.

*All the best,  
Scott*

### ***Hello and Greetings from the Kitchen***



My name is Rick Wright, and I am so looking forward to cooking for you this coming season in Harton Dining Hall. I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself.

I am a chef and the father of two wonderful daughters Hannah and Chloe and the husband of Gina B Wright.

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## OLD FRIENDS!

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I know that many of you share this same sentiment. We all leave and assume that our cottages are all fast asleep until we return.

On a recent midweek trip to the Assembly, I was surprised to find that our cottages were hardly asleep but rather wide awake! You could hear the hammering of nails and the buzzing of saws, and there were trucks and workers everywhere!

So many cottages are being painted, worked on or given a facelift without the need for Botox or filler! It is wonderful that when there is so much going on in the “real” world, families are investing in the Assembly and their own family legacy in such a unique place that we all hold so dear.

Whether you and your family have been here for generations or for just a few months, we all have a common goal: to love and take care of the Assembly as we would an old friend. This recent visit was proof that members are doing just that!

Jack Ingle, certainly an old friend to the Assembly and to many of us, often would drive through the Assembly when he knew that his health was failing. One cool, spring day he stopped by to say hello. I asked him if he was working on anything that day, and his response was simply, “No, I just want to come check on my houses.”

Jack died just a few months after that....a true, dear, old friend indeed.

Amanda Moody  
President

## 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.

## Congratulations Are in Order

Last summer, not everyone was on vacation. Anne Power was ensconced at the Dalrymple cottage with her head in the books, studying for the Bar exam. She managed to take a few breaks and make some friends. We received this note from her recently:



*“Hope this note finds you well! I’m writing because I passed the New York Bar Exam (with flying colors!). The process was a painful one but made much less so by all the encouragement given to me by the MSSA community this past season. The kind words and well wishes from Assembly members were not wasted (and my fledgling Mah Jongg addiction did not derail my legal career, yet!)”* Best, Anne Power



Congratulations, Ann! We’re looking forward to your real vacation next summer!

## 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.

January 15      February 28      June 10      July 31      September 30

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.



## Plan now to come!

### Everyone is Invited to the Day After Thanksgiving Potluck

Join your summer friends for a Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration in Harton Hall. Get away from the shopping and crowds at home! The food is always wonderful and plentiful! Bring a dish to share...the fun starts at noon. The dessert table is unbelievable!

## New Chef for MSSA

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I retired in 2022 after 40 years in the hospitality industry, working in many roles; primarily as a chef and most of those years as an executive chef in large dining programs.

Most recently I was the director of dining for The University of the South, prior to that I was the executive chef. Even though retired, I couldn't stop cooking and currently I operate a small, on-location catering concept called JackRabbit Kitchen and live and work on a small farm in downtown Tracy City. I was raised on southern-Appalachian food and comforted by her hospitality, and this has directly

impacted my cooking style. I prefer to source locally and responsibly and create meals that are healthy, delicious and comforting.

As I work on menus for the 2023 season I would love to hear your ideas and thoughts regarding food and dining. Please feel free to email me at [chefaugogo@gmail.com](mailto:chefaugogo@gmail.com).

I believe that food creates and sustains community, I look forward to being part of yours.

*Eat well Be Well*  
*Chef Rick*



## Will your cottage be used all season?

Will your cottage be vacant any weeks between June 11 and August 2023? If so, we would love to talk with you! The Housing Office has received a higher-than-expected number of rental requests for the 2023 Season; more requests than we can currently fulfill. If you are interested in learning more about the Rental Program, please contact Rhonda at 931-924-9000.

P.S. If you rent two weeks or less, your rental income may be tax deductible.

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.

## Prayers



Prayers of healing for Ann Tharp who is recovering from a broken hip.

There will be a graveside burial ceremony for Hugh Hunter Byrd on Wednesday, November 9 at 11:00 AM in the Assembly Cemetery.

There will be a graveside inurnment ceremony for Bucky Webster on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in the Assembly Cemetery followed by a reception at Wayside Cottage (#67).

## Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program? Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction? Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

**Contact Rhonda to  
discuss options or concerns,  
931-924-9000.**



## 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!



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