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Campaign for Sunset Rock Update

The generosity of those who love the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly has once again shone brightly. The Assembly family contributed \$2,208,816 to this campaign, shattering our original goal of \$1,600.00 and bringing this campaign to a successful end. All funds raised are restricted to the acquisition costs and the improvements of the Sunset Rock property. MSSA now has the financial ability to carry out plans for opening and maintaining the view, and improving or building new structures to enhance the enjoyment of this land for generations.

Work has already begun on clearing the view. Please visit Sunset Rock the next time you are up and enjoy this generational acquisition.

A list of the donors is below, and they will be recognized by a plaque to

be located on the new property.

All the best,
Scott Parrish
Executive Director

Sunset Rock Society
Frannie & Albert Ambrose
The Carr Family
Susan McIntyre Legacy
Dorothy Neale & Doug Ferris
Laurie & David Peacock
Louise W. & Luther W. Richardson
Charitable Foundation
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Corinne & Robert Adrian Jr
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Toby & Oscar Fitzgerald IV
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Havens & Joel McAlister
The Riley Family
Margaret & Stephen Rixham
Frannie & Larry Smith

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Save the Date to Celebrate Scott & Linda

We can't believe that the time is nearing for Scott's retirement. He has shaped our mountain, our program, and our facilities, and has created countless memories along the way. He and Linda will be sorely missed. Please join us in saying a fond farewell (and "you're welcome to visit anytime")!

"Save the Date"
A Retirement Party to Honor Scott Parrish
Saturday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.
North Gate Inn, MSSA

Invitations will be sent out shortly!



Sunset Rock

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Shirley & James Stansell Jr
The Helene Thompson Family

Stone House Society

The Coleman & Billington Families

In memory of Harry Lee &

Billy Billington

Lori & Bill Davis

The Doffermyre & Green Families

In memory of Julia Brownlow

Pulliam

Ms. Ann M. Ewing

Kathy & Bill Flatley

Cyndy & Bob Hudgins

Anita & Jim Humphreys

Julie & Rick Jansen

Paula & Neil Kunkel

Mr. & Mrs. John Logan

In memory of Helen & Clay Miller

Mary Ellen Lovell

Pam & Greg Maloof

The Monfore-Montgomery Family

Amanda & Barry Moody

The Price Family

Carroll & Hugh Ray

Liz & Steve Reynolds

Delinda & Bart Rollins

Robin & Overton Thompson

North Gate Society

Anonymous (2)

Cathy & Clinton Bailey

Ashley & Brown Baine

Kent & Brent Ballow

Ann & Alex Buchanan

Mary Louise & John Clark

Paige & Jay Cleveland

Frannie & Brooks Corzine

Annis & Bill Cox

Anne Archer Dennington

Bliss & Clayton Dennington

Anne & Lephiew Dennington

Judy & Jack Duncan

Mary & John Earthman

Andrew Ewing III

Carney Farris

Ginny & Gilbert Gordon

Melinda Haines

Meghan & David Hudgins

The Jervis Family

In memory of Jean McKee Jervis

Lyn & Chris Knopf

The Cornelia & Art Malone Family

Katherine & Hilson Merrill

Morgan & Walter Merrill

Leslie & Buck Neely

The Estate of Sara Nelson

The Estate of William Phillips

Sandra Murray Polk

Lee Pratt & Neil Krugman

Evelyn & Dan Raines

Celeste Reed

Jim Reed & Jack Arnold

Margaret & Jay Siegrist

Stephanie Smith & Rick Boeth

Sallie F. Stroud

The Uden Family

Caroline & Andy Wildman

Friends of the Campaign

Barbara & Rodney Baine

Mary Mellon Clark & Zoe Higgins

Nancy & Henry Crais

Celia & Michael De Laney

Susan & Ron Gray

Scott May

Katie & Keith Meador

Linda & Scott Parrish

Ruth Jacobs Patterson

Pinnacle Bank

Julia, Mathis, & Johnny Price

Kathy & Ed Provost

Holly Russell

Sallie & Clay Stevens

Missy & John Voigt

Pat Wildman

Ridley Wills II

QUICK BITES

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.

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.

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



ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director. 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 Executive Director first.

Woman's Association Literary Guild

Attention all Woman's Association members! We have picked the three books for this upcoming Season's Book Club. We like to announce the books early so everyone can start reading. We had great participation last season and hope to have even more people gather on the Winfield Porch for great discussions this season.

Here are the dates of our meetings and the book selections:

June 19 Horse by Geraldine Brooks. This book is historical fiction at its finest. With her meticulous research, Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks immerses the reader in a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. This book is based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, and there is so much to discuss! We promise you will love this one.

July 3 Love and Saffron by Kim Fay. This witty and tender novel follows two women, 27-year-old Joan and 59-year-old Imogen, in 1960s America as they discover that food connects us all, and that friendship and laughter really are the best medicine. As the two women commune through their letters, they build a closeness that

sustains them through the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy and the unexpected in their own lives. This is a gem of a novel that will leave you thinking of Joan and Imogen long after you finish this book. This book is also short, perfect for the busy July 4th week!

July 17 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. This is Shelby Van Pelt's amazing first novel about widow Tova Sullivan's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus named Marcellus, who lives at the aquarium where Tova works the night shift. Tova's 18-year-old son, Erik, vanished on a boat in Puget Sound 30 years earlier. Marcellus knows what happened to Erik and works to unearth the truth for Tova. As strange as this sounds, the story is wonderful. You will absolutely love Marcellus.

Happy reading to everyone. Please join us as we discuss these three amazing books. All are welcome!

*Lori Davis and Sallie Stevens,
Literary Guild Chairs*

Correction to Annual Philanthropy Report

Gifts made by Mrs. and Mrs. Robert N. Adrian, Jr were incorrectly reported as Mrs. and Mrs. Robert N. Adrian, III. We regret the error.



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!

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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LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE



#23 Edgeworth Inn
\$1,675,000

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In Our Prayers

Longtime security officer, **Jim Chasteen**, died December 18. Jim served the Assembly as a security officer for the past seven years. He was devoted to his job, working the Sunday night shift, and filling in for the other security officers on vacation.

Everette Lassiter “Bubba”

Doffermyre Jr. died peacefully in his sleep on January 27, 2024, in Atlanta. Born on November 17, 1948, in Dunn, North Carolina, he was one of three children raised by Everette Lassiter Doffermyre, Sr. and Mary Lide (Johnson) Doffermyre. He attended Staunton Military Academy (“SMA”), a boarding school in Staunton, Virginia, where he ranked number one in his class in every academic and military category. As valedictorian, recipient of the Legion of Honor Medal, and serving as First Captain and Brigade General of the academy, Bubba was—by many accounts—the most highly decorated cadet in Staunton Military Academy history. Following graduation, Everette attended the University of Virginia where he was a ROTC cadet, a football cheerleader, and a member of UVa’s snow-skiing team.

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa with high honors from the college in 1970 and received a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1973. Following law school, Everette moved to Atlanta, where he joined the Kilpatrick law firm as a corporate litigator and met the love of his life, Mary Brownlow Dorminy, whom he married in Columbia, Tennessee, on April 26, 1975. He spent a decade and a half as a litigator at the Kilpatrick firm, and then founded his own law firm in 1987. Everette served for over 30 years as the Managing Partner of the firm he founded, Doffermyre, Shields, Canfield & Knowles, which

was widely regarded as one of the preeminent litigation boutiques in the country. Everette was repeatedly selected for legal honors such as “100 Best Lawyers in Georgia,” “Best Lawyers in America,” “Georgia Super-lawyer,” and one of Atlanta’s “Litigation Stars.” In 2009, Chambers USA noted that “Mr. Doffermyre is held in extremely high regard for his determined manner and his strong advocacy work.”

Outside of his legal practice, Everette served in leadership roles for numerous charitable causes, serving as a trustee of various charities—including the National Childhood Cancer Foundation, Episcopal Media Center, Crossroad Community Ministries, and Georgia State Golf Foundation. He was a proud member of Leadership Atlanta and loved serving on the Junior Championship Committee of the United States Golf Association. Everette and Mary were active members of numerous social and golf clubs over the years, including the Piedmont Driving Club, Capital City Club, Farmington Country Club, Pablo Creek Golf Club, Gulfstream Club, Everglades Club, Bath & Tennis Club, and the Nine O’Clocks. Everette’s greatest charitable passion was supporting the University of Virginia. He served the University in virtually every way possible throughout his life, including as the President of the University’s Alumni Association, the Chairman of the Board of Managers, the Chairman of the National Committee on University Resources, a trustee of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, and a member of the College Foundation Board of Trustees. In 2004, Everette was tapped to serve as Campaign Executive Committee member and Co-Chairman of the University’s \$3 billion capital campaign, which at the time was the largest and most ambitious University capital campaign in the history of the country. In 2014, in recognition of his lifetime dedication to the University, Everette was the recipient of the esteemed Raven Award from the Raven Society, the oldest and most prestigious honorary society at the University of Virginia.

Everette’s love and support for the University of Virginia was only surpassed by his love and support of his family. Everette was a loyal husband to Mary and very proud father of their three children: Julia Doffermyre Green of Atlanta, William Lassiter Doffermyre of Dallas, and Everette Randolph Doffermyre of Jackson Hole. Perhaps not surprisingly, all three of Everette’s children attended the University of Virginia, and it was a privilege of a lifetime for them to watch their father speak at Julia’s college graduation ceremony in May 2000. Everette absolutely adored his son- and-daughters-in-law: Eli Green, Bessie Liedtke Doffermyre and Kathleen Belk Doffermyre. Until the day he died, he loved each of them like they were his own children and could not have been more proud to call them members of his family. One of the greatest joys of Everette’s life was becoming a grandfather to eight precious grandchildren—William and Mary Parrish Green; William, Perry, Wynne and Hodges Doffermyre; and James and Kate Doffermyre. Everyone who knew Everette L. Doffermyre Jr. knew him to be a gentleman with a sharp intellect, a huge heart and a deep faith. He was a leader. He was a man of principal. He was a loyal husband, father and grandfather. He was a loving friend and humble mentor to many. He was an avid golfer, skier and fly fisherman. He was a Wahoo. He was a Hallie. He was a man of great integrity. He was a class act. Above all else, those who knew Everette L. Doffermyre Jr. knew what really made him tick: Everette absolutely loved helping others. He will be missed dearly. For those wishing to do so, contributions in memory of Everette may be made to the University of Virginia; or to any charity the donor chooses.

