

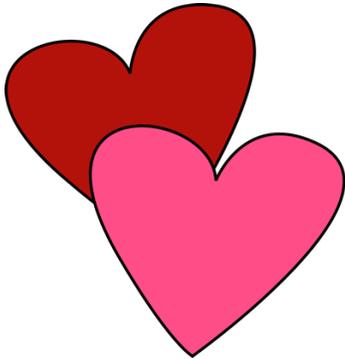


MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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From Our Board President

I hope everyone has recovered from the winter storms that affected so many of us over the past few weeks. The photos and social media posts that I viewed of Nashville and Oxford, Miss., alone were truly humbling and a great reminder of the power of nature! We highly recommend checking on your cottage at some point during the winter months—as I am sure we can all attest, it only takes one broken pipe to ruin your day!

As a reminder, the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to contact any member of the Board—as I often say, we cannot address problems if we don't know they exist! If you are not sure with whom to speak, I am available to find the right contact for you if I cannot answer your question or concern myself. As a preview to my goal of increasing avenues of communication at the Assembly, I plan to continue my President's Hour on the Mall during the season. Please do not be a stranger! I welcome the opportunity to just chat and grow our amazing Monteagle community.

Another goal I have for this upcoming season is to discover talents hiding in plain sight. Our members and friends of the Assembly possess so many skills that are not evident in our daily Assembly life. Are you amazing

with a spreadsheet? Can you discern the fine print of the New York Stock Exchange? Can you design a mural for the Assembly to enjoy for years to come? Do you know what plants and materials thrive on the mountain? We all gain so much knowledge, friendship, and spiritual peace from the Assembly. What gifts can you give back to improve life on the grounds for years to come? I am excited to learn from each of you!

Until we meet again, please stay warm!

See you on the mountain!

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president, MSSA Board of Trustees

Next Board Meeting is
February 21 at 10 am.

The 2026 Membership Directories
are at the printer and will be
headed to your mailboxes soon.

The 144th Season's program is set to go
live on the website April 1.



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From the Executive Director

In late 2015, our long-time neighbors outside the front gates, Richard & Peggy Partin, offered MSSA the opportunity to acquire the Partin Dairy properties through a life estate. The Assembly membership came together and raised the funds for this important acquisition through the successful Gateway Campaign. This special property with seven acres at the entrance to the Assembly on College Street includes the red brick Gooch Beasley building, the Post Cottage, and the Partin House. Its location also brings the Assembly physically closer to the heart of Monteagle, strengthening our connection to the town and community around us. While the life estate was initially set for 17 years, the Partin family asked the Assembly to complete the purchase 7 years earlier than expected. We closed on January 16, 2026.

We are deeply grateful to the Partin family for entrusting us with stewardship of a place their family has called home for over a century. These properties create meaningful opportunities for the Assembly's future. It allows us to expand our presence in the Monteagle community and provides additional space for committees, programs and gatherings that serve our members and friends. We look forward to honoring the history of this property while thoughtfully integrating it into the life of the Assembly.



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. Projects should be submitted by the last day of the month before the next scheduled board meeting:

April 30.

Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director.

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. *Recent ARC submissions may be accessed via the "Members Resources" section of the MSSA website.*

Modified Rules & Regulations approved
by the Board of Trustees on 11/29/25:

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All dogs shall be kept inside cottages or on a leash between the hours of 9 pm-5 am. During the hours of 5 am-9 pm, all dog owners must be physically present with their dogs when outside of the dog owner's leasehold. Additionally, each dog must be under the control of the dog owner or the dog owner's designee at all times when outside of the dog owner's leasehold. Owners may be fined for each violation.

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Any dog that has attacked other domestic animals or humans shall be kept inside the dog owner's cottage, behind fences, or on a leash at all times while on the Assembly grounds. Owners may be fined for each violation. Dogs that become a nuisance or dangerous may be expelled from the Assembly grounds.

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To ensure pickleball remains enjoyable for all Assembly residents and guests while minimizing any disturbance to nearby leaseholds, only pickleball paddles designated as "quiet" or "low noise" will be permitted for pickleball play on the Assembly grounds.

****Quiet paddles will be available at the courts.****

Repeated violations may result in loss of court privileges.

**Have you Ordered Something to be Delivered
to the Assembly on the Weekend?**

We realize that many deliveries need to be made on the weekends when owners can be present. MSSA does not staff for weekend gate openings.

If you must have a delivery over the weekend, please contact the office by 3 p.m. Friday so we can make arrangements to have a gate open.

**LEASEHOLDS
AVAILABLE**



#23 Edgeworth Inn
\$1,923,000

To arrange a tour or for
more information contact:

Steve Williams,
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(931) 924-2286

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.



Photo Credit: Mark Floyd

Office Notes

The office manager responsibilities have fully transitioned to Jen Reynolds. Any questions or needs you may have, please contact her at jen.reynolds@mssa1882.org. Julia is still helping out with some behind-the-scenes office needs, but by the 144th season's opening, she'll no longer be part of the office staff. We appreciate the time she gave the Assembly once she made the mountain her full-time home.

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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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



In Our Prayers

Thomas Malone Trabue Jr died January 20, 2026 at the age of 86 in Nashville, TN. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Evelyn Klaus Trabue; his daughter Julia Trabue Owen (Will) of Tunica, Mississippi and his grandchildren Virginia Malone Owen and Will Whitten Owen III. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas Malone Trabue III, parents Martha Billington and Thomas Trabue, and sister Polly Ann Trabue Halliday. Born November 21, 1939 in Nashville, TN, Tommy graduated from Peabody High School. He spent two years traveling in Europe where he studied at the Sorbonne and Alliance-Francais in Paris. He graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, TN where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. After graduation he moved to New Orleans where he worked at Whitney National Bank. After marrying Evelyn they moved back to Nashville where Tommy followed his entrepreneurial spirit and bought a boat manufacturing company, Ebbtide Corporation. He grew the company and his designs won multiple performance, innovation and manufacturing awards. He also owned Marine Concepts in Cape Coral, FL and Bainbridge Festive Foods in Nashville, TN. Tommy was a founding member of the American Boat Builders Association. He was a board member and twice president of his beloved Monteagle Sunday School Assembly on the Cumberland Plateau where he and Evelyn spent summers with their family. Tommy was a member of the Belle Meade Country Club, the Cumberland Club, The Buffalo River Hunting Club, Useppa Island Club, Ebbtide Racing Team and Tennessee Tubs Porsche 356 Enthusiasts Club. He was a member of St George's Episcopal Church. Tommy was a member of The Richland Creek Commerce Association (RCCA), a group of contemporaries who "grew up along the banks of Richland Creek." Most were

grammar school classmates who became lifelong friends who gathered monthly to discuss current events and remember times past. Tommy was passionate about hunting, fishing in southwest Florida, boating, tennis and especially vintage cars. He raced vintage cars and won many awards at Daytona, Sebring, Road Atlanta, and the Monterey Historic at Pebble Beach. He was an avid car collector selling an RSK Porsche to Jerry Seinfeld and a Cunningham to Jay Leno. His Porsche 550, the Carrera Panamerica is now in the Porsche Museum in Germany. As a Motorsport enthusiast he always said if it has an engine and goes fast, odds are he'd be interested. The family wants to thank Brent Aulidge for his faithful friendship during this difficult time as well as Lady Walls and her caregiving team. A memorial service will be held in Monteagle on Sunday, July 5th. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, P.O. Box 307, Monteagle, TN 37356 to be directed to the Malone Trabue Youth Fund; or the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, P.O. Box 224, Tunica, MS 38676.

William "Billy" Dougherty Walters, 42, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2026.

Born on April 15, 1983, in Richmond, Virginia, Billy was the beloved son of Bill and Anne Marie Walters and son-in-law of former member, Rita Howard. He grew up with a love for adventure, music, football, and fishing—interests that remained close to his heart throughout his life.

Billy graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, in 2005, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He later built a career in freight logistics and sales.

Above all else, Billy was a devoted family man. His three boys—William, Wyatt,



and Reed—were the greatest pride and joy of his life. He loved being their dad. Billy also shared a deep and enduring love with his wife, Katherine; the two were together for 21 years, building a life filled with memories, laughter, and the family they cherished. His legacy lives on most powerfully in his boys, who will carry his love with them always.

Billy is survived by his loving wife, Katherine; his sons, William, Wyatt, and Reed; his father, Bill (Janet); his sister, Kimberly (Brian) Caldwell; his step-sisters, Ashley (Ryan) Slone and Lindsey (Tyler) Reisinger; his mother-in-law, Rita Howard; his sisters-in-law, Ashley Howard and Emily (Mike) Principato; his brothers-in-law, Chad, Lane, and Heath Howard; many nieces and nephews; and countless aunts, uncles, and dear friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 19, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Fuller Funeral Home 1625 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples 34109. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 12:00PM at the Moorings Presbyterian Church 791 Harbour Dr. Naples 34103.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the children's college savings (529) accounts.

Electronic contributions, Visit <https://www.ugift529.com> Enter code Z9C-D9T and follow the prompts.

Checks by mail: Make payable to Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, noting "Walters Family" in the memo. Mail to: Sequoia Financial Group 3500 Embassy Parkway Akron, OH 44333