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From the President Fall is in the Air!

Another month has flown by, and there is finally a little chill in the air (that is, below 90 degrees in Dallas)! Footballs flying, pumpkins everywhere, color in the trees – fall has definitely arrived! I always feel invigorated and ready to take on a new challenge each autumn. This year, and I hope you will all join me, I will be focusing on taking time to join that group that always seemed a little intimidating, to write (not email!) that person I know could use a word of encouragement, and to try that new gym class even though I know it will be awkward at first.

Fall can be a time of renewal and inspiration! What can you do to improve yourself and the world around you? Maybe you finally clean out that closet - I actually found my fourth-grade roller skates tucked away in Lampton Lodge not so long ago...ugh!

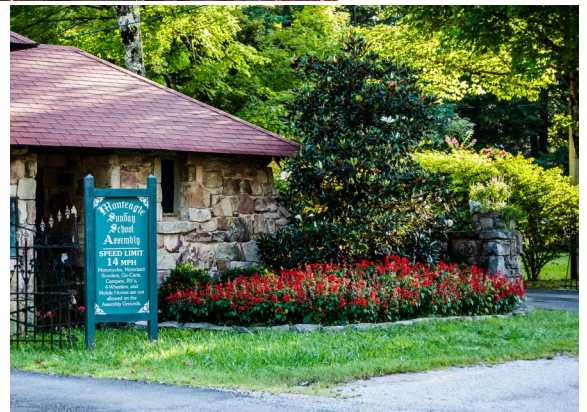
As the seasons change and “real life” starts to monopolize your calendar, please don’t forget our hard-working committees whose members put in the effort and time so that we will all have a wonderful 2025 season and remain excellent stewards of our grounds and facilities. This month, let’s celebrate the following committees and the powerhouse chairs who are keeping it all running



smoothly: Landscape, chaired by Mary Louise Clark. Have you ever really noticed how beautiful the planters look around the grounds or appreciated the detail around the Front Gate? Did you realize the Assembly is also an Arboretum? Thank you, landscape committee! If you have a green thumb and don’t mind a little dirt (and are not where plants go to die like my house), this is the committee for you!

Reforestation, co-chaired by John Clark and Jennifer Smith. An excellent example of ongoing and long-term planning for our beloved grounds and now adjacent land holdings – this committee walks our extended property, regularly taking stock of what vegetation is working, what is not,

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Attention!
The outreach committee needs your help.
See page 2 for details!



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From the President

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and how we best protect these tremendous assets. If forestry is in your blood and you need a little exercise, please consider the reforestation committee!

In other news, I hope you all received the email blast circulated on September 27 regarding the status of determining the location and potential approval of additional pickleball courts. Many, many thanks go out to the property committee for such hard work and due diligence to provide much detailed information. Now it's your turn! Please submit any thoughts, concerns or additional information you may have to pickleball@mssa1882.org. Your feedback must be received by November 17 so that all responses may be consolidated and then distributed to the board with enough time to review prior to the meeting on November 30.

See you on the Mountain!
Hays Haney
President,
MSSA Board of Trustees

News from the Outreach Committee! Y'all Come!

One of my favorite traditions of our Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is the annual potluck the day after Thanksgiving. It is so much fun to see our summer friends in the fall! We laugh, we eat, and we enjoy fellowship. As we celebrate our many blessings this Thanksgiving, we should be mindful of the words from Isaiah, "Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."

I am asking you to live these words this year by donating to the Morton Memorial Food Pantry. Morton Memorial does so much for the people on this mountain; the lines are deep every Saturday for those who need food. The volunteers at the pantry work hard and take the words from Isaiah seriously; I hope we will too! Please bring a check or cash to the day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner to help those in need and support the good work of the Morton Memorial Food Pantry.

God's Blessings,
Mary Balfour Dunlap+
Chair, Outreach Committee

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.

Jan. 13 Feb. 28 June 9 July 31 Sept. 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 executive director first.

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

Prayers



Melville Maslin

Barnes, Jr., age 80, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2024, in Monteagle, Tennessee. Mel was born in Nashville where he attended Parmer School and Julia Green Elementary, Battle Ground Academy, and Vanderbilt University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in 1966. Mel was a member of the Vanderbilt ROTC and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1967-1968.

As a First Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in 1968 for "meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces." In his role as Battalion Liaison Officer, "his expert knowledge of artillery procedures and ability to establish a fine rapport with his counterparts gained him the respect and admiration of all those with whom he served." Lieutenant Barnes's "personal conduct and conspicuous performance of duty" were said to be "in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service" and reflected "great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Upon returning to Nashville, he began working with his father, Mel, Sr., as an investment banker at J.C. Bradford & Co. (later UBS), where he would remain for 49 years until his retirement in 2017. Mel served as the president of the Sierra Club – Tennessee Chapter. In 1972, alongside his mother Katherine, Mel organized and led the Bicentennial

Reenactment of the Founding of Nashville, a nine-week flatboat trip on the Holston, Tennessee, Ohio, and Cumberland rivers into Fort Nashborough in downtown Nashville. Later, Mel was an avid tennis player, an active member of the Woodmont Kiwanis Club, and a lover of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melville M. Barnes, Sr. and Katherine Rolston Barnes, as well as his brother, Stevenson Fletcher Barnes (all of Nashville), and his brother-in-law, Art Malone, of Birmingham, Alabama. Mel is survived by his sister, Cornelia Barnes Malone, of Birmingham. He is also survived by his children, Katherine (Hilson) and Christopher (Phuong), and by his two grandchildren, Louise and Rolston, who were with him in Monteagle every summer of their lives and whose presence he adored above all others. A celebration of life will be held at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery on October 26th at 3 p.m. with a reception to follow at Edgeworth Inn. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, PO Box 307, Monteagle, TN 37356.

Clifton Greer III died on October 1, 2024. He was the brother of Assembly member John Greer. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

**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't 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.



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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

Ralph Kelley who served the Assembly as a security officer since November 2023 died on September 18, 2024. He was devoted to his family, his country and his job. Please keep Ralph's family in your prayers.



Around the Grounds

October 19 & 20
Wildstream Retreat
Harton Hall

October 31-November 3
Sewanee's
Homecoming
many cottages
rented



We are pleased to welcome to our staff
Marty Sampley as our new security officer.

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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HAVE YOU MOVED?

CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

The form to update your information for next year's directory is available in the Members' Resources section of the website.

Or send any updates to
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