



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## From the President

### Which Committee for You?

Since the end of the 2024 season, I have traveled through six states by air and car, decorated one dorm room and one apartment, and entered my empty nest (or as Meghan Hudgins taught me “free-birding”) years in a brand new home in Dallas, Texas. I am grateful to now slow down, spend more time on our beloved mountain, and as Ellie Billington so eloquently stated, “find time to listen” and be restored. I can think of nothing more important than listening to the sounds of nature, of our children, and to those around us. By intentionally and thoughtfully listening, we all have the opportunity to learn from each other and, hopefully, about ourselves too!

As I am sure we can all attest, our committees work hard both during and outside of the season. Without these dedicated individuals, we would be completely lost! I am excited to highlight different committees throughout the upcoming year – what they are working on, how you can help, and who to contact to get involved. There is nothing more satisfying and uplifting than supporting the work that translates into our amazing Assembly.

The **Welcome Committee**, chaired by Jamie Green, works tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring our

guests and those that rent during the season experience a warm reception upon arrival and have all the information (and awesome goodies too!) required for a fun and festive stay on the grounds. This group is incredibly kind, outgoing, and inclusive. What a great way to ensure all are indeed welcomed at the Assembly!

**Marketing & Communications** – I hope you are enjoying Mountain Voices! Without the dedication and incredible editing skills of this mighty group chaired by Ann Ewing, we would all be clueless on all that takes place both on and off the grounds. This committee also devotes time each year to the very necessary advertising for the Woman’s Association Cottage Tour and Bazaar and helps make sure that our external branding, marketing and advertising comply with our brand standards and maintain a consistent “look and feel” – absolutely fantastic!

Hope to see you on the Mountain!  
Happy Fall Ya’ll!

*Hays Haney*  
President,  
MSSA Board of Trustees

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Dear Members and families,

As **Sewanee's Family Weekend** nears, we want to mention a few housekeeping items.

1. The dates are September 26-30.
2. There can be no work on the grounds, inside or outside your cottages, on Thursday, September 26, Friday, 27th, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 29th.
3. If you are loaning your cottage and will not be present, there is a \$125 security fee. It is up to you to pay or have your guests pay. Please let the office know who will be there.
4. Car passes are required - \$5 per day or \$15 for the week. Members can use their season sticker or ask for a car pass.

We have 30 cottages rented so far and are looking forward to a special weekend for all.



Anne Byrn Floyd hosted the youth staff for an end-of-season celebration of the successful summer.

*"This staff was incredible, and I loved having them all over for dinner as a way of saying 'thanks for a great summer.'"*



## 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.

Sept. 30     Jan. 13     Feb. 28     June 9     July 31

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.*

## Woman's Association News

The 60<sup>th</sup> Woman's Association's Cottage Tour and Bazaar were both an enormous success in spite of the afternoon rain showers! Margaret Siegrist and Shirley Stansell deserve many thanks for their leadership in chairing the event this year. We appreciate each and every one of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents. It really does take a village!

The total earnings for the day were approximately \$46,000. Each year 10 percent of the earnings are shared with local non-profits. This year the Tracy City Free Clinic received a check for \$5,000 and United for Literacy and Isaiah 117 House each received \$1,250.

The new slate of officers for 2024-2025 was presented and approved at the last meeting on July 29. For

those of you who were unable to attend they are listed below:

President - Lyn Knopf  
Vice President - Kathy Provost  
Recording Secretary - Claudia Haltom  
Assistant Treasurer - Julia Curry  
Literary Guild - Lori Davis and Sallie Stevens  
Corresponding Secretaries - Corinne Adrian and Kay Quinn  
Cottage Tour Chair - Susan Gray  
Bazaar Chair - Celeste Reed  
Bazaar Co-chair - Helen Bird  
Thank you to all for your participation and support of the Woman's Association. I appreciate the lovely, but unexpected, gift of the McCarty pottery piece. I have enjoyed serving as your president and look forward to continuing my involvement in years to come.

Ruth Patterson,  
Past President

## 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.

Laurel Lake Reservoir is more than 7 feet below normal level. A ban on watering lawns, gardens, washing cars, etc. is in effect. Please pray for rain.



**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



To arrange a tour or for more information contact:

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Executive Director

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## Board of Trustees Information

### MSSA Board 2024-25 Officers

President, Hays Haney  
 First V.P., Andy Wildman  
 Second V.P., Walter Merrill  
 Secretary, Lori Davis  
 Treasurer, Chris Knopf  
 Executive Director, Steve Williams

### Board Members

Luther Richardson  
 Steve Rixham  
 Tom Montgomery  
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 Amanda Moody  
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 Paige Cleveland  
 Joel McAlister  
 Anne Archer Dennington  
 Clinton Bailey  
 Will Reynolds  
 Laurie Peacock  
 Ann Bryne Floyd  
 Neil Kunkel  
 Rick Boeth  
 Ruth Patterson

### Dates for 2024/2025 Board Meetings

September 7, 2024  
 10 a.m.  
 November 30, 2024  
 10 a.m.  
 February 8, 2025  
 10 a.m.  
 March 22, 2025  
 10 a.m.  
 April 26, 2025  
 10 a.m.  
 June 14, 2025  
 9 a.m.  
 June 28, 2025  
 9 a.m.  
 July 12, 2025  
 9 a.m.  
 July 25, 2025  
 4:30 p.m.  
 July 26, 2025  
 1 p.m.

## MSSA Woman's Association Supports Local Organizations



#1



#2



#3



This deer seems to be enjoying the peace and quiet of the MSSA cemetery in August.

Photo by Kent Ballow



#1 Ruth Patterson, president, presents a check for \$1250 to Katie Trahan, president of United for Literacy

#2 Kent Ballow, Woman's Association member, presented checks to Isaiah House--\$1250 to fund its work with children entering the child welfare system, and also to ...

#3 Tracy City Free Medical Clinic--\$1250 to help fund a major facilities expansion.

"Each year, the MSSA Woman's Association hosts its Cottage Tour & Bazaar specifically to raise funds for the community we call home. It's an honor to share part of the proceeds from our 60th event with community-based organizations that are changing the lives of children and families," Patterson said.

**2024-2025  
Committee Chairs**



**2024-2025  
Important Dates**

*Committees are the lifeblood of Assembly life, and we are grateful too all who lend their time and talents to MSSA throughout the year!*

*For a listing of committee members, please go to the "Members Resources" section of the MSSA website.*

**Committee Chair / Committee**

Neil Kunkel*	ARC
Morgan Merrill	Archives
Paula Walker	Bylaws
David Hudgins	Cemetery
Susan Acker	Development
Dawn Logan	Education
Chris Knopf*	Finance
Mary Louise Clark	Landscape
Bill Davis	Legal Counsel
Hays Haney	Legal Counsel
Anne Byrn Floyd*	LRP
Ann Ewing	Marketing / Communications
Anne Byrn Floyd*	Membership
Will Reynolds*	MAEFC
Mary Balfour Dunlap	Outreach
David Malone, co-chair	Pickleball
Mary Anna Malone, co-chair	Pickleball
Amanda Moody*	Platform
Albert Ambrose*	Property, Security, Safety
Jennifer Smith, co-chair	Reforestation
John Clark, co-chair	Reforestation
Jane Jackson, co-chair	Tennis
Betsy Peebles, co-chair	Tennis
David Peacock	Trails
Frannie Smith, co-chair	Warren Chapel
Virginia Curry, co-chair	Warren Chapel
Jamie Green	Welcome
Jamie Green, co-chair	Youth
Jen Reynolds, co-chair	Youth
Lyn Knopf, President	

Women's Association

\* denotes Board of Trustees member

**Season Dates**

June 8-August 2, 2025

**Sewanee Family Week**

September 22-28, 2024

**Sewanee Homecoming Week**

October 28-November 3, 2024

**Sewanee Graduation Week**

May 5 -11, 2025

**Annual Membership Meeting**

July 26, 2025

**Upcoming  
Events**

September 19-22  
Wellborn/Ditto Wedding  
Harton Hall, Chapel,  
Auditorium  
many cottages rented



September 23-30  
Sewanee's Family Weekend many  
cottages are rented

