



Episcopal Cottage News

Spring 2014



The Cottage and the Amp await your arrival.

Reservation Report is in: It's a Full House

Mary Jane McKnight reports that the reservation process has been smooth overall though more ongoing than expected.

Currently applications are arriving daily, mostly for Week 7 and are being turned down since the wait list is so extensive. The names, however, are being added to the mailing list for future reservations.

Several weeks were filled by October, with waiting lists.

The online application process has worked well, though there were some major problems in October, which the webmaster has remedied.

Emails went out to all past guests of the Cottage to verify that their applications had not gotten lost in cyberspace.

Mary Jane encourages the use of the website for applications as it helps first-time applicants get an idea of the facilities and much more prompt responses than with snail mail or phone calls.

Removing the \$10.00 membership fee with the application has been very helpful. The fee is now paid with the room reservation charges.

Going into this season, the occupancy rate is 100%, a full house!

Building and Grounds Committee Hard at Work

B & G Co-chairman Peter Westphal inspected the basement and observed that the repairs to the water entry and fire valve system appear complete and in good order. There was some small amount of remaining water in the area in front of the washing machines. It was determined that Mr. Klingensmith had begun the turn-on operations.

Additional heat tapes have been installed to cover the lower portions of the water supply system. In addition to the very cold season and the tape disconnect, there seems to be additional exposure from the nearby window.

Peter proposes to fabricate a box from two-inch foam board insulation to encapsulate (see *B & G*, page 3)

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A Message from the President

It's amazing how quickly the months have passed even when winter was such a long, bitter cold stretch in the north, but spring is here and that means opening the Episcopal Cottage for another season.

The Board and other interested Cottage friends recently spent a week-end beginning preparation for the summer. There are so many projects and small details that continue to come up each time we open and close.

One thing you will be pleased to hear is that the Board has made a decision to go ahead with the half bath on the third floor. Those of you who have stayed on the third floor know what a welcome addition that will be. We have finally selected a space that will create the least amount of disruption, so be sure to check it out when you return. An-

other update will be replacing the double entrance doors, which were always being adjusted over and over again, with a single door.

Our hosts, Darlene and Jim Huron, are also preparing for a new season with a year of experience behind them and ready to graciously welcome our guests. We are grateful for their presence.

Enjoy your time at Chautauqua this summer. It is always a wonderful opportunity to take part in a variety of activities happening from early morning to late evening.

Many of you return to renew friendships, to make new friends, and of course to relax and find the Cottage a welcoming place to be.

Blessings, Nancy



House Committee Recommends Functional and Aesthetic Improvements

Chairman Mary Jane McKnight reports that the committee's mission is to improve the Cottage both aesthetically and functionally in the coming year.

To that end the woodwork throughout the Cottage is being painted in Dove white semi-gloss paint in an ongoing process.

John Beckerink has been contracted to paint the fire escape at a cost of \$750.00

Where needed, curtains, mini-blinds or cellular shades will be installed, and several new lamps have been purchased. Mirrors are being replaced in some of the rooms, and glass tops for dressers are being considered.

Dressers in some of the guest rooms were refinished.

Due to a roof leak above the second and third floor bathrooms, there has been water damage to the second floor bathroom, requiring repainting. In addition, a sump pump is needed in the basement.

The redecorated rooms will be photographed to update the website.

Because all of this upkeep is expensive, your contributions are greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

Patio Progress

Victoria Bauer reports that Brad Houghwot, the landscaper who worked on the patio last year, has been contracted to extend the bricks beyond the flagstones to the patio.

Friends and guests of the Cottage will have the opportunity in the future to purchase honorary/memorial bricks for the patio at a cost of \$100.00 per brick.

The bricks will be engraved according to the donors' wishes. This provides a very fitting way to honor or memorialize friends and relatives in a place loved by so many.



Episcopal Chaplains Named for 2014 Season

Week 1: **The Rev. Jerre Feagin**
Bishop's Assistant
Diocese of WNY

Week 2: **The Rev. Ellie Clitheroe**
St. Luke's Anglican Church
Smithville, Ontario, Canada

Week 3: **The Rev. William J. Geisler**
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Brentwood, PA

Week 4: **The Rev. Mary P. Garner**
Chaplain at Heron Point
Chestertown, MD

Week 5: **The Rev. Dr. Carol Jablonski**
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
College Park, MD

Week 6: **The Rev. Paul W. Gennett Jr**
St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
Newark, DE

Week 7: **The Rev. Andrew Buchanan**
Galilee Episcopal Church
Virginia Beach, VA

Week 8: **The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer**
St. John's Episcopal Church
Chicago, IL

Week 9: **The Rev. Mary Ann Hoy**
Diocese of Maine

Closing: **The Rev. Joseph Kozlowski**
Lockport, NY

Policy Reminder



Visitors and guests of the Cottage are reminded that the Cottage is not handicapped accessible and that it is Board policy that children under the age of 18, pets and smoking are not permitted.

Thank you

the water supply assembly. This would retain the heat from the tapes and protect the pipes from any wind through the windows.

Also proposed is adding a sub-panel to the electrical service that would supply the alarm-fire system, heat tapes and the outdoor power. With this separation, the year-round services would be less vulnerable to an accidental disconnect.

Two new high function, comfort seat toilets have been delivered and will be installed pre-season.

The Bat Expert will be contracted for an annual clean-up, and the attic fan will be checked and serviced or replaced.

The second bathroom for the third floor is about to become a reality and will be in operation this season, much to the relief of many.



✠ In Memoriam ✠

David Oliver Bellis entered into eternal life on March 1, 2014, at the age of 85 at Hershey's Mills, PA.

David and Eleanor, his wife of more than sixty-one years, were frequent visitors to Chautauqua and were regular guests of the Episcopal Cottage.

After graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, CT, David entered the U.S. Navy, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant J.G.

For thirty-one years he worked as Personnel Director for Bell Telephone and AT&T.

David is survived by his wife Eleanor, five children and eight grandchildren.

His funeral service was held on March 8, 2014, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, PA.

Treasurer's Report

By
Lawrence McKnight

Revenue is running ahead of last year's pace with both Room Rentals and Contributions up. At this point we have no vacancies for the entire summer.

In most areas expenses are in line with expectation; however, we did incur unexpected costs over the winter due to a water valve leak. In addition, insurance costs are up.

These items will make it difficult for us to remain within budget for 2014, and we may need to cover shortfalls from our reserves.

The Balance Sheet remains strong with reserves adequate to cover this year's expected shortfall, and our Facility Replacement Reserve continues to grow and provide funds for future major maintenance or equipment replacement needs.



Tuesday Social Hour Hosts Needed

The Tuesday Social Hours have become a regular event during the Chautauqua Season, with all of the denominational houses participating.

The Tuesday Social Hour at the Episcopal Cottage, in particular, has become a favorite among Chautauquans with its splendid array of refreshments, its musical entertainment and its friendly and cozy cottage atmosphere.

This year there are still two openings for hosts. Anyone knowing of an Episcopal parish within driving distance that might be interested in hosting one of the Tuesday events should contact Victoria Bauer at:

vbauer1@roadrunner.com

The two available weeks are Week 4 and Week 5.

Hosts for the 2014 Season

Week 1: St. Paul's, Mayville, NY

Week 2: St. Mary's, Gowanda, NY

Week 3: Trinity, Warren, PA

Week 4:

Week 5:

Week 6: St. Mathias, East Aurora, NY

Week 7: Trinity, Fredonia, NY

Week 8: St. Peter's, Westfield, NY

Week 9: Grace Church, Randolph, NY



Nominating Committee Announces Slate for 2014-2015



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Board Members
 Victoria Bauer (re-election)
 Richard Schultz (new)
 Peter Westphal (re-election)

The election will be held at the annual meeting on August 24, 2014. Nominations will remain open until then.



Upcoming Board Meetings
 August 24, 2014
 October 17-18, 2014
 April 24-25, 2015



Episcopal Cottage News is a tri-annual newsletter published after the spring, summer, and fall meetings of the Board of Directors. It seeks to keep the members and friends of the Episcopal Cottage of Chautauqua, in the words of Mary Taylor, “apprised of what is transpiring at the Cottage as well as the needs of the Cottage to ensure its future as a vital part of the Chautauqua scene.”

As such, *E C News* welcomes your contributions to this publication. Please **send your news items** to John Tamplin, Editor, 4765 Scott Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148, or email them to: welshman1828@yahoo.com.

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Retreats at the Cottage



Paul Cawein reports that the two groups scheduled for retreats at the Cottage this fall are the WCA Nurse Alumni, October 2—6 and the Retreat of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania, September 13—15.

The Cottage is available for retreats and private rentals during the autumn off-season. To make a reservation, contact Paul Cawein, Retreat Coordinator, at 43 Vincent, P. O. Box 573, Chautauqua, NY 14722 or call 716-357-4185 or visit our website at: www.episcopalcottages.com

An Opportunity to Help the Episcopal Cottage...



Yes, I would like to take this opportunity to support the ongoing mission of the Episcopal Cottage of Chautauqua. I understand that the Cottage is not supported by any organization, parish or diocese and that it needs my help to continue its ministry of hospitality, which it has provided for over ninety years.

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