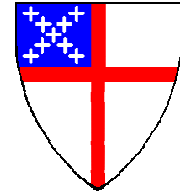


Episcopal Cottage News

Spring 2018



Cottage Board Loses Valued Member



William J. Bauer
Oct. 1, 1945 — Dec. 26, 2017

Bill Bauer, a member of the Episcopal Cottage Board of Directors, entered into eternal life on December 26, 2017. Bill was the loving husband of Board President, Victoria Bauer.

As summer residents of Chautauqua, Bill and Victoria worked together tirelessly at the Cottage. Both were avid gardeners and spent countless hours maintaining the Cottage grounds and looking after the flowers. In 2015, Bill and Victoria created award-winning flower urns in front of the Cottage that were recognized by the Chautauqua Bird, Tree and Garden Club.

Bill was an educator in the Cleveland schools, dedicating much of his time to working with underprivileged children. He was passionate about literacy and spent countless hours and money helping children learn to read and seeing to it that they had reading material. He was a great supporter of Third World Books in Cleveland.

Bill will be greatly missed, not only by his wife, children and grandchildren, and his fellow Board members, but by the Episcopal Cottage community at large. His contributions to the operation of the Cottage will have lasting value.

Reservation Report By Mary Jane McKnight

Going into the 2018 season, the occupancy rate is currently 100%. Of the 104 applications received for the 81 spots, thirteen have cancelled due to health-related issues, costs or change of plans.

There are 18 new applicants this summer, most of whom came through word of mouth from a relative or friend.

Forty applicants from last year did not reapply this year. Contributing factors may be problems in Chautauqua's programming as well as the over-

Room Reservations

Priority Applications are accepted October 1—15. The application can be found at episcopalcottages.com

all cost of attending Chautauqua, but numbers have been declining.

Twenty-seven applications were mailed in with 75% of applications done online, as opposed to 77% last year.

We are looking for ideas for recruiting new guests. We definitely need growth in our application pool.



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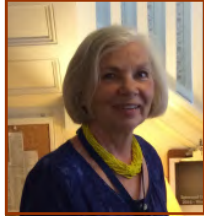
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A Message from the President



Victoria Bauer



Dear Friends,

As the never ending winter gives way to a reluctant spring, thoughts of summer at Chautauqua are enticing. Stimulating speakers who are coming include John Irving, John Shelby Spong, James and Deborah Fallows, David Brooks and Ken Burns. Musical offerings range from Alison Krause, the Avett Brothers, Joshua Bell and Yo Yo Ma with the Silk Road Ensemble. As in past years, there will be opera, *Don Giovanni*, and theatre both new and classic with *As You Like It*.

The Episcopal Cottage on the brick walk is in an ideal location to enjoy all the lectures, classes and performances. It's cozy, hospitable environment provides a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle with opportunities for engaging conversations and Bible study.

We welcome a new host, Ted Wilson, who lives in Cleveland. He is a retired hospital social worker who still teaches at Cleveland State University. Ted has been coming to the Institution for over twenty years and has stayed at the Cottage the last two. So he understands the hospitality the Cottage is known for.

As you can see in this newsletter, the Cottage is well cared for by the dedicated Board. You can help the Board in its mission by making a contribution to either the general fund or to the new endowment fund with a gift as modest as \$100.00.

For those of you returning this year, I'm sure your visit will be enlightening and maybe even exhausting trying to take it all in. I hope most of all that it is restorative.

Sincerely,

Victoria Bauer



Building and Grounds Committee Plans Improvements

By Glenn Chichester

The winter in Chautauqua proved to be quite memorable with over 220 inches of snow. The Cottage, unfortunately, suffered winter damage when a car, searching for the road in the snow, struck the lower front entrance railings. They were destroyed but are currently being replaced.

The second floor porch curtains were replaced in November. The current curtains were so old that they were starting to tear in the wind.

Three more window panes have broken and are scheduled to be replaced this spring.



Jim Porter and Glenn Chichester are reviewing ways to repair the host apartment kitchen floor. In current discussions, it appears that ceramic tile will be the best and least expensive solution.

The guest comments/complaints log which we placed on the desk in the foyer proved to be a great success. It was very easy for the guests to write down their thoughts. The email process was never that successful. Using the log, there have been over twenty repairs or changes.

Over all, I feel that the Cottage is stable, but in the near future the roof will need to be evaluated.

Tuesday Socials Scheduled for 2018



Week 1

St. Paul's, Mayville

Week 2

St. Luke's, Jamestown

Week 3

Trinity, Warren, PA

Week 4

Trinity, Fredonia

Week 5

St. John's, Dunkirk

Week 6

St. Mathias, E. Aurora

Week 7

St. Mary's, Gowanda

Week 8

St. Peter's, Westfield

Week 9

Grace Church, Randolph



Treasurer's Report

By Susan Chichester

As of April 2018, the Cottage is in sound financial condition. Year to date income and expenses are on track and consistent with this year's budget.

Capital improvements in the future include restoration and/or replacement of the windows and replacement of the roof.

These and other capital improvements are funded through the generosity of our members and friends of the Cottage. Please see the donation form at the end of the newsletter.

The Board voted to raise room rates for the 2019 season by \$10.00 per person per week.

✠ **In Memoriam** ✠

William J. Bauer
1945 — 2017

Anne G. Cassidy
1933 — 2018

Jess N. Thompson
1926 — 2017

Lois M. Tamplin
1933 — 2018

Paul R. Callaway
1940 — 2018

Episcopal Chaplains Named for 2018 Season

- Week 1: The Rev. Scott Brown**, Headmaster
Episcopal School of Texas
San Antonio, TX
- Week 2: The Rev. Dan Gunn**
St. Andrew's Church and School
New Providence, NJ
- Week 3: The Rev. Canon Dr. William Geisler, Rector**
St. Peter's Church, Brentwood, PA
Canon for Formation for the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Week 4: The Rev. Professor Mark Lindsay**,
Professor of Historical Theology
And Deputy Dean, Trinity College
Theological School, University of Divinity,
Melbourne, Australia
- Week 5: The Rev. Carol Jablonski**,
Priest-in-charge, St. George's Church
Asheville, NC
- Week 6: The Rev. Joyce, Bearden McGirr**
House of Prayer Episcopal Church
Newark, NJ
- Week 7: The Rev. Robert Duerr**
St. Stephen's Church
Niagara Falls, NY
- Week 8: The Rev. Nancy Hagner**
Trinity Church
Concord, MA
- Week 9: The Rev. Joseph Kazlowski**
Supply Priest
Diocese of Western New York

House Decorating Report

By Susan Chichester

The following issues are to be addressed in the near future:

The kitchen floor in the host apartment will be replaced and the apartment painted.

Carpet in the living room, foyer and first floor porch needs to be replaced. Carpet squares are under consideration because of ease of installation and replacement. Samples and costs are being investigated.

The walls in the stairwell from the 2nd and 3rd floor will be painted, and an improvement plan for the kitchen will be developed.

Patio and Grounds Report

By Victoria Bauer



The orders for memorial/commemorative bricks last year were down to only seven. Those bricks are scheduled to arrive in early May so they can be installed in front of the Cottage before the season.



Joyce and Scott Brasted have just recently received access information to the Cottage website and are beginning to review and revise the verbiage.

They plan to have the website update completed by the end of May.

Endowment Fund

By Bob Matson

We have about \$27,000 in the fund with a gain last year of 14.3%. HSBC is leaving Western New York, so we will talk to another bank to manage the fund. Gifts as little as \$100 are welcome for the fund. Information about the fund will be provided on the website and differentiated from the general fund.

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

2018 Amphitheater Lecture Series Themes

Week One

June 23-30

**The Life of the Written
Word**

Week Two

June 30-July 7

American Identity

Week Three

July 7-14

The Art of Play

Week Four

July 14-21

Russia and the West

Week Five

July 21-28

The Ethics of Dissent

Week Six

July 28—August 4

**The Changing Nature of
Work**

Week Seven

August 4-11

**The Arts and Global
Understanding**

Week Eight

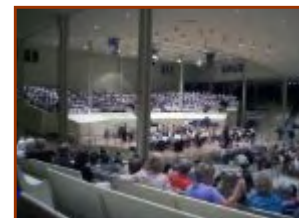
August 11-18

**The Forgotten: History and
Memory in the 21st Century**

Week Nine

August 18-26

**Documentary Film as
Facilitator**



Nominating Committee Proposes 2018 — 2019 Slate

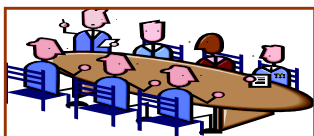
Nominating Committee Chairman Rick Schultz presented the following slate at the April Board meeting:

President	Victoria Bauer
Vice President	Glenn Chichester
Secretary	Barb Bumstead
Treasurer	Sue Chichester

Nominee to the Board Robert G. Seaman

Departing Board Member Robert Matson

With the passing of Bill Bauer, Barb Bumstead has agreed to serve the remainder of Bill's term.



Upcoming Board Meetings
August 26, 2018
October 19-20, 2018
April 19-20, 2019



Episcopal Cottage News is a biannual newsletter published after the spring 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.



Retreats at the Cottage



The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania gathered at the Cottage this past September for their annual retreat. The women enjoyed their weekend of fellowship together.

Another retreat is tentatively scheduled for May 10-12.

The Cottage is now available for **retreats** and **private rentals** during **both the spring and fall seasons**. To make a reservation, contact Joyce Brasted, Coordinator, at

P. O. Box 313, Chautauqua, NY 14722
or joyce@brastedhouse.com or visit our website:
www.episcopalcottage.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 nearly one hundred years.

I am pleased to enclose my tax-deductible gift in the amount of \$ _____

Check one: For the Cottage For the Endowment Fund

Name _____

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Please clip and return this form to Mr. Lawrence McKnight, Treasurer
2970 St. Johns Ave., 6-C, Jacksonville, FL 32205, U.S.A.
(Checks payable to "The Episcopal Cottage of Chautauqua, Inc.")

