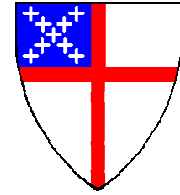


# Episcopal Cottage News

Spring 2019



## The Episcopal Cottage, Us, and the Future

As frequenters of Chautauqua who love the Episcopal Cottage, it is important to remind ourselves during its 100th anniversary that the Cottage needs our financial help all of the time. The Episcopal Cottage is not funded or underwritten by any organization, parish or diocese and depends on all of us for its funding. Its main source of income, the rent paid by the summer visitors, is not sufficient to sustain it through the coming years.

Houses, as we all know, require maintenance and upkeep, which is costly, especially for an older building. To help meet these needs, the Board of Directors makes three options available to members and friends. Using the tear-off sheet on page four of this newsletter, we can contribute directly to the Cottage's Operating Fund or to the Cottage's Endowment Fund. In addition, there is in the planning stage a Legacy Gifts program with the hope of generating long-term financial support for the Cottage in conjunction with highlighting its 100th anniversary.

*Happy  
Anniversary*

### Reservation Report

By Mary Jane McKnight

The occupancy rate going into the season is currently 97%. There are still three rooms available as of this writing.

Of the 107 applications received for the 81 spots, fifteen have cancelled because of health-related issues or changes of plans.

There are 23 new applicants this summer. Thirteen viable applicants are on the wait list compared to six on the wait list last year at this time.

Thirty seven applicants from last year did not re-

### Room Reservations

Priority Applications  
are accepted  
October 1–15.  
The application can  
be found at  
[episcopalcottage.com](http://episcopalcottage.com)

apply this year, primarily due to poor health or "fishing."

This irregularity may also be due, in part, to a problem with Chautauqua's programming.

Failure to have big names as well as the overall cost of attending Chautauqua is not drawing people.

Twenty-eight applications were mailed in, so 74% of applications were done online as opposed to 75% last year.

### Board of Directors 2018-2019

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### INTERESTED WORKERS

Paul Cawein

Virginia Cox

Nancy Graham

George Ginther

Jim Groninger

Isabel Hodgkin

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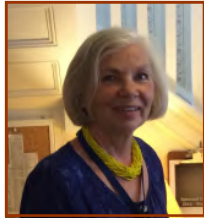
Sandra Redmond

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## A Message from the President



**Victoria Bauer**



Dear Friends,

Spring is the season of hope, promise and anticipation. As winter jerkily takes its leave, we look forward to the awakening of gardens and trees. We shed our winter coats, boots, gloves and hats much like the trees dropping their leaves in the fall. As we clean up the mess left behind—leaves that didn't get raked up, branches brought down in heavy winds—we anticipate the "lazy, hazy, days of summer" and time being reinvigorated and nourished at Chautauqua.

The Board and friends have just completed a productive weekend opening up the Cottage. Gardens were raked while decisions were made regarding some updates to the first floor. You will see a fresh look with laminate flooring on the porch and in the north end of the living room, which will provide expanded eating space. The rest of the living room will have fresh carpet.

During our weekend the old boiler died, so we are replacing it. We will also be replacing the aging window air conditioners in the living room with a Mitsubishi unit that will handle Room one as well.

At the Board meeting it was decided that the room rates for 2020 should be increased by \$25.00 per person. Life Memberships, which offer members an advantage in reserving their room of choice, will also be increased to \$200.00.

This winter Larry and Mary Jane McKnight announced that they are retiring from Treasurer (Larry) and Registrar (Mary Jane). I certainly understand that after the many years they have devoted to the Cottage, they would like more time for family and travels. Fortunately we have capable Board members to assume their responsibilities. Hostess Judie Borden will be taking over the reservations while Sue Chichester and Rick Schultz will carry on the Treasurer duties. We will miss their talent and collective memory of Cottage history.

Sincerely, *Victoria Bauer*

## Building and Grounds Schedules Improvements

By Glenn Chichester

On inspection of the Cottage and grounds this spring, there appeared to be no winter damage. Driveway stakes and tying up some of the vulnerable bushes seemed to work.

Mayshark was unable to install the chimney cover last fall due to weather conditions. The chimney cover, however, will be installed this spring when the gutters are cleaned.

The shower controls in room 3 will be replaced after chaplains mentioned to the host that the handle was hard to turn and the temperature was inconsistent. The shower sweep on the third floor will also be replaced. Hostess Judie Borden has requested that water resistant mattress covers be placed on all beds.

Many of the window sashes do not have handles. Adding handles this spring will make installing the AC units much easier. Since the wood windows continue to be an ongoing issue, Earl Riggle will be consulted about the two main bathroom windows.



Last fall there was a discussion about augmenting the kitchen's dining area by using the living room alcove for additional seating. If that is done, the fifteen-year old window AC units would have to be removed, which would also necessitate the replacement of the sashes. The original sashes were cut in half to make a more visually neat installation of the AC units. Even if no changes in dining are made, it would be wise to replace them with another AC/heating wall unit such as we installed in the hot apartment.

Hostess Judie Borden has made some suggestions to improve kitchen function and storage. I will work with her when she arrives on June 1.

No final decisions were made last fall about flooring changes. We will continue that discussion and view more flooring samples at the spring Board meeting.



## Treasurer's Report

By Susan Chichester

As of April, 2019, the Cottage is in sound financial condition. Year to date income and expenses are on track and consistent with our budget for the year. Cottage occupancy is currently at 97% for the 2019 season.

As a correction to the 2019 Budget, Life Membership Transfer (Account #81000) was originally budgeted at \$600 and should be \$400 in keeping with the projected budget of \$400 Life Membership Income (Account #45500). As such, the Capital Improvement Transfer is changed from \$790.00 to \$990.00.

A minor change to the Balance Sheet has been the transfer of the Endowment Fund Equity from the Unrestricted Net Assets Account (#32000) and reported as a separate line item (#30300).

I am recommending that the room rates be increased \$10.00 per person as well as a possible raise to the Annual Membership and the Life Time Membership.

After polling the Cottage Board electronically and with their authorization, the assets of the T. Rowe Price account were transferred from the all stock holdings to T. Rowe Price Personal Strategy Fund with investment in both stocks and bonds.

I would like to thank the current finance committee, Larry McKnight, Rick Schultz, John Sampelle and Jim Smith, who have been helpful and productive.

Lastly, no words can express my thanks and gratitude to Larry McKnight. He and Mary Jane have given so much love, time and energy to the Cottage.

## Shop the Episcopal Cottage

When you arrive for your stay at the Cottage this season, be sure to check out the Cottage merchandise available. You will find notepaper, bookmarks and postcards featuring the Cottage by local artists as well as Episcopal Cottage lanyards to hold your gate pass. New this season are pins with pictures of the Cottage.

## Tuesday Socials Scheduled for 2019



### Week 1

St. Paul's, Mayville, NY

### Week 2

Emmanuel, Cory, PA

### Week 3

Trinity, Warren, PA

### Week 4

Trinity, Fredonia, NY

### Week 5

St. John's, Dunkirk, NY

### Week 6

St. Mathias, E. Aurora, NY

### Week 7

St. Mary's, Gowanda, NY

### Week 8

St. Peter's, Westfield, NY

### Week 9

Grace Church, Randolph,  
NY

## Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2019-20

**President** Glenn Chichester  
**Vice President** Jim Porter  
**Secretary** Barb Bumsted  
**Treasurer** Sue Chichester

### Nominees to the Board:

Joyce Brasted  
Barb Bumsted  
Sue Chichester  
Sallie Holder



## You can make a wish come true for the Cottage

1. White dining table with 4 chairs for the porch
2. New carpet for the living room
3. Vinyl plank flooring for the porch
4. Mitsubishi AC units for the Chaplain's room, the living room, and Room One.

Email Glenn Chichester at  
[gpchichester@yahoo.com](mailto:gpchichester@yahoo.com)  
for details.

## Bricks Keep Coming

Victoria Bauer reports that two more memorial bricks were ordered for installation this year. One was from the ladies of St. Paul's, Mayville, who host the first tea. The other was in honor of Bill Bauer. They will be installed by Mark Gulinski this spring.

Victoria will be back in early June to plant the three urns and tidy up the gardens.

## Development and Long-Range Planning Underway

By Coleen H. Smith

In the Fall of 2018, the Annual Fund Raising letter was reintroduced and distributed using the Cottage's mailing list.

The dollar amount received since the mailing of the letter is \$4,921.00 in donations to the Operating Fund and an additional \$1,100.00 to the Endowment Fund.

The Committee also recommends an increase to \$20.00 for non-lifetime membership from the current \$10.00 and \$200.00 for lifetime membership per person from the current \$100.00

## 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*

## Episcopal Chaplains Named for 2019 Season

### Week One

The Rev. Georgene Conner  
St. Alban's Church  
St. Petersburg Beach, FL

### Week Two

The Rev. Tim Johnson  
St. Andrew's Church  
College Park, MD

### Week Three

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe  
Bishop of North Western PA  
and Western NY

### Week Four

The Rev. Paulette Magnuson  
Retired Supply Priest  
Diocese of Texas

### Week Five

The Rev. David Cobb  
School of Theology, Sewanee.  
Interim at Christ Church  
Chattanooga, TN

### Week Six

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton  
Bishop of the Diocese of MD.

### Week Seven

The Rev. William Wells, Jr.  
EFM Leader  
Diocese of Virginia

### Week Eight

The Rev. Jay Geisler  
St. Peter's Church  
Brentwood, PA

### Week Nine

The Rev. Joanne Epply-  
Schmidt  
Trinity Church  
Princeton, NJ

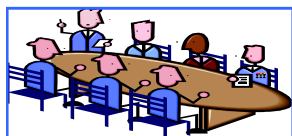


### Change of Address?

If you have a change of address, **PLEASE** notify us so that you don't miss a single issue of *Episcopal Cottage News*. Due to the rising cost of postage, we will not re-send newsletters that are returned for incorrect addresses. Fourteen newsletters were returned in the Fall.



Simply notify us of the change at [welshman1828@yahoo.com](mailto:welshman1828@yahoo.com) or at 4765 Scott Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148



**Upcoming Board Meetings**  
August 25, 2019  
October 18-19, 2019  
April 17-18, 2020



*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](mailto:welshman1828@yahoo.com).



### Retreats at the Cottage



The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania will gather at the Cottage September 19-21, 2020, for their annual retreat.

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](mailto:joyce@brastedhouse.com) or visit our website: [www.episcopalcottage.com](http://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 Operating Fund  For the Endowment Fund

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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.")

