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Membership Drive Reaching For Goal of \$400,000 By Annual Meeting, November 4 – 6

The membership drive has reached \$228,000 of the \$400,000. People all over the country are working hard to help us reach our goal by November 4 so that we can celebrate at the annual meeting. Reaching our goal is important to covering our mortgage payments which are about \$80,000 each year.

We invite all of you to consider your first, second, or third life memberships. Benefits of life membership can be obtained for as little as \$16.67 a month! All membership contributions are tax deductible.

If you are willing to continue payments at your current level of giving after your pledge is paid off, please let us know. It helps in our planning to know what to expect. You may wish to designate your second life membership as a community life membership for the position of the Minister or R.E. Director in your church or fellowship. We want you to share in the dream at whatever level you are able.

New Life Members In The Last Few Weeks Include:

Ruth and Russell Ball – Lynchburg, VA
Helen and Matthew Blackwood – Richmond, VA
Day and Chip Boswell – Baltimore, MD
(Given by Ed and Pat Mercer – Atlanta, GA)
Oddy Curtis – Oak Ridge, TN *(2nd Life Membership)*
Kit Deaver – Atlanta, GA
Todd Deaver – Atlanta, GA
Shelley and Ian Denham – Cincinnati, OH
Randy and Luanne Elliott – Atlanta, GA
Angela Forbus – Birmingham, AL
William Gannett – Atlanta, GA
Al and Penny Greenwood – Virginia Beach, VA
Harriette and Bill Hance – Atlanta, GA *(2nd Life Membership)*
Phillip Ives – Columbia, SC
Harold and Margaret Johnson – Asheville, NC
Jim and Margie Kolde – Ft. Meyers, FL
Verda Little – Richmond, VA
Larry and Juana Mae Long – Atlanta, GA
(Additional Life Memberships)
Bob and Martha Markush – Birmingham, AL
William and Cindy Murchison – Odessa, TX
Marceline Remington – DeLand, FL
Clyde and Velma Smith – Orangeburg, SC
Bill Spurgin and Bonnie Sheppard – Charlottesville, VA
Terry and Susan Sweetser – Atlanta, GA
*(Position of Senior Minister, UUCA,
Given by Susan B. Deaver)*
Joe and Joan Watterson – Columbia, SC
Kirsten Wollenhaus – Blacksburg, VA

Directors' Corner

Mo
Larry

The excitement of this summer on THE MOUNTAIN is something which we wish we could share with all of you. More of you are coming to visit us for a week, we have a super staff to serve you, and we're really pleased and grateful for our new office and house.

Particularly exciting are the youth camps which are all full! The regular senior high and senior high adventure and work camps attracted 61 and 25 participants, respectively. This group is staying involved with their denomination in a most important way, and we really enjoy having them with us. We can be proud of these teenagers who clearly represent a bright future for us as a religious organization.

Working and living in our new quarters (even though not finished) is just wonderful. The office area gives us ample space for four of us to work and a sitting area for arriving guests. Of greatest benefit is our private office where we can sit with staff and guests in quiet conversation when needed. The living space enables us to live at THE MOUNTAIN year around when Brian finishes school this coming year.

But, perhaps, best of all is that we will end this fiscal year in a strong financial position. We know this so early in the summer because attendance has been and will continue to be higher this summer. Thank you for your support!

Many marvelous things have happened on THE MOUNTAIN since October of 1979. We still enjoy our jobs and love being a part of this wonderful place. We hope you can feel our excitement! Have a good rest of the summer.

Mo & Larry

New Directors' Home and Office



Caretaker and Cooks Needed

Steve and Evelyn Carter, our Maintenance Manager and Crafts Director, respectively, will take a leave of absence this winter. They'll be visiting Steve's mother in California to assist her in some projects in her home.

With fall and winter bookings guaranteeing busy times on THE MOUNTAIN, we are looking for someone with general maintenance skills to serve as caretaker from November 1, 1983 to April 15, 1984. We also need a cook to start as early as late summer and work until spring. Both of these positions will be salaried with full and partial board, with opportunities for next summer as well. Please contact Mo and Larry for further details.

New "SPIRITS OF THE MOUNTAIN" Named

At the conclusion of Senior High Camp, seven new "SPIRITS OF THE MOUNTAIN" were selected by their counselors and the directors of the camp, Walt and Alicia Hodges.

They are: Paul Allen - Atlanta, GA; Margret Bivins - Tallahassee, FL; Marie Cardinal - Dallas, TX; Heather Elliott - Atlanta, GA; Jennifer McDearman - Memphis, TN; Adam Schwartz - South Bend, IN; and Robert Williams - Tallahassee, FL. They join "SPIRITS" Peter Benedict - Knoxville, TN; Kief Morris - Greenbelt, MD; Karen Parker - Raleigh, NC; Chris Purcell - Lawrence, GA; and Kathleen Smith - Jackson, GA. These twelve were chosen because they best represent the goals of the Youth Program at THE MOUNTAIN by fostering the "SPIRIT" of family and community.

Congratulations to the twelve "SPIRITS" and to the three who have graduated from the program: Lizzie Cook - Atlanta, GA; Joey Grist - Marietta, GA; and Cynthia Ward - Blacksburg, VA.



1983 SPIRITS OF THE MOUNTAIN

Work-Adventure Campers Make Major Contribution

The 24 senior highs who came to work-adventure camp had many adventures canoeing, backpacking and rafting with their super leaders, Elvin and Nancy Hilyer. THE MOUNTAIN, however, will long remember them for their major work projects - re-roofing Cabin 2 and a Staff Cabin and building a 16' x 30' tent platform for our youth camp overnight camp outs. Under the guidance of Steve Carter and his maintenance staff, these teenagers learned many valuable skills and THE MOUNTAIN thanks them for their wonderful contribution. On your next trip to THE MOUNTAIN look for their handiwork.

Codicil Club

The Codicil Club held its first meeting on Memorial Day weekend. About fifteen people attended. The club is for all those who have put THE MOUNTAIN into their wills or have designated THE MOUNTAIN as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. All those who join the club within the next year will be designated as Charter Members of the Codicil Club. For more information, please contact THE MOUNTAIN. This is an excellent way to insure the long range financial stability of THE MOUNTAIN.

New Patron Members

We now have eleven patron members who have collectively pledged \$61,000. We are very pleased that our patron list is growing so quickly. This kind of support is very much needed by THE MOUNTAIN. In addition to the four patrons listed in the last newsletter, (Jake Haun, Dick and Mary Ann Ely, Ed and Anne Heath, Carole Light) we have added: Sally Bellamy, who has increased her pledge to a cumulative pledge of \$5,000; Jo and Bob Birdsall, who have two life memberships and several designated gifts including their latest gift of a wood stove for the new office; Roger and Faith Comstock who have extended their pledge to make a total pledge of \$5,000; Susan B. Deaver who now has two life memberships for her sons Kit and Todd, and has given a membership to the position of senior minister of the UU congregation of Atlanta; Larry and Juana Mae Long who have finished paying off their first pledge and have increased their pledge to \$5,000; Walter R. Pirie who has increased his pledge to a total of \$5,000, designating his daughter Kirsten as a Life Member.

Anyone interested in adding to their gifts to THE MOUNTAIN to make a cumulative total pledge of \$5,000 is encouraged to contact THE MOUNTAIN or the membership drive coordinator in your area. Each patron receives a hand-crafted pendant made by Evelyn Carter. All names will be listed on our beautiful patron plaque.

NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS

Please change your records to reflect the address as now listed. The post office and THE MOUNTAIN appreciate it.

Election Information

A separate mailing list will be sent to all members of THE MOUNTAIN giving background on our candidates for the At-Large Board of Trustees position and for the Nominating Committee. The election will take place at the annual meeting, November 4 - 6.

Nancy Suda - Co-chairman of Fund Drive with Patron Members Sally Bellamy (left) and Carole Light (right).





Youth Campers Tubing Down The River.

Labor Day Weekend Celebration

If you haven't yet made plans to join THE MOUNTAIN family for Labor Day Weekend, now is the time!

Evelyn Carter reports that the Arts and Crafts Fair will be bigger than ever and the Pig Roast and Field Day on Sunday are always hits. Also, our new Interdistrict Representative, Bob Hill, will be presenting the Sunday Worship Service. We've also got limited space on the Nantahala River Raft Trip on Friday.

Come join the fun!

MOUNTAIN CALENDAR

August 21 - 27 — Elderventure Week (*See article*)

September 2 - 5 — Labor Day Weekend (*See article*)

September 30 - October 2 — Second Annual Oktoberfest. Welcome the Fall with German food, dancing, and all the festivities. Register now, the weekend is over half full.

November 4 - 6 — THE MOUNTAIN'S Annual Meeting. Celebrate with other members.

November 23 - 27 — Thanksgiving Life Members' Weekend. Special invitations will be mailed in September to all Life Members.

December 21 - January 1 — Christmas/New Years Holidays at THE MOUNTAIN. Come alone or bring your family. Stay a few days or the whole time.

Elderhostel Returns This Fall

Over 150 individuals attended our initial Elderhostel Weeks this spring. Starting in late August, we will begin a 9 week schedule of Elderhostel programs:

August 28 - September 3 — A Week of Adventures

September 5 - 11 — Natural Environment, Mother/Father Please!, Mountain Folk

September 11 - 17 — Wild Edibles, Joy of Music, Peace Through Understanding

September 17 - 23 — China, Understanding Ourselves and Others, Tai Chi and Me

September 24 - 30 — Leaves of Many Colors

October 2 - 8 — Appalachian Folk Arts

October 23 - 29 — Wild Edibles, Water Critters, Spain

November 6 - 12 — Appalachian Folklore, Wild Edibles, Let's Be Crafty

The Elderhostel Fall/Winter Catalog is already out. To receive one and be placed on the Elderhostel mailing list contact Elderhostel at 100 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. The cost is only \$180 per week.

Seen at General Assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia: Three unrelated children going to the Morning Youth Program, wearing MOUNTAIN T-Shirts. The word is spreading across our continent!

Elderventure!! August 21 - 27

It's a word we coined to represent the great adventure offered to people over 60 to visit THE MOUNTAIN and explore the surrounding area and all it has to offer. Our success with this Elderhostel program has encouraged us to offer it to UUs and others over 60 for the same low price of \$180 for the week.

You can choose from a wide range of adventures to safely challenge your individual level of skill, fitness, and definition of "adventure", including white water rafting and canoeing, lake canoeing, natural water slides, hikes to waterfalls and mountain tops, back packing, tubing, horseback riding, rock climbing, rock hounding, crafts, drama, fiction writing, music, worship, or just enjoying the view. We will send you a survey beforehand and then design the week to meet your particular wishes and definition of adventure.

Just fill out the form below and join us for a week of Elderventure!

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

_____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

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Date You Plan To Arrive _____

Date You Plan To Depart _____

Enclose a \$30 deposit (refundable up to 4 weeks prior to the program) and mail to:

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Staff Member guiding a raft over Nantahala Falls on one of our weekly trips on the Nantahala River.

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