



# MOUNTAIN MATTERS

THE MOUNTAIN -- HIGHLANDS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

A Quarterly Newsletter for Members of The Mountain  Spring 1990

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Amy Karon  
Sarah Karon  
Nancy Shaw  
Terry Hale-Hicks  
Bob & Diane Baum  
Daniel King  
Eden King  
Ben King  
Pam Wilkie  
Mark Evans  
Georgeanne Hoegerman  
Sally & Chris  
Macmillan  
Lee Knight  
Sally Gaines Tidyman  
Helen Ranney

## NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

There have been more than 100 new annual members in the past year. Our space here is too small to list them, but our appreciation is big! Thanks for your support. We hope you will come to The Mountain soon and let us show you how much we care about our members.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCES NEW MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP



Tom and Jane Warth with their sons Todd, left, and David, right.

## COME WELCOME THE WARTHS MEMORIAL DAY/ANNUAL MEETING MAY 25-28

The Mountain board of trustees announces the appointment of Tom Warth as director. Tom, a life member from Birmingham, Michigan, will be present during the members' Memorial Day/Annual Meeting Weekend to meet everyone and share his goals for The Mountain.

Tom is present at The Mountain on most weekends and will be here full time in late July. He is an action-oriented, friendly person who loves to sing, hike, talk with people and ask questions. He has a strong business background and has been in leadership roles in his home congregation for many years.

His wife Jane and son Todd, 17, will join him, and another son, David, is in college in Michigan. You will get a complete biography and personal message from Tom in the next issue of *Mountain Matters*.





## *Best Wishes to Sally and Brooks*

Sally Bellamy and Brooks Wigginton were married in Tallahassee on March 17. Sally, the first guest at The Mountain and patron member, has worked as hostess and storekeeper for many years. She will continue to work at The Mountain, although she and Brooks will take a two week Adriatic cruise in May.

We welcome Brooks to The Mountain family. They have been invited to be the first guests in the new Lodge when it is completed.

## *P.C. Remodeled for Ascenders*

Thanks to lots of hard work by the maintenance staff and volunteers **Hank Reichle, Dave King and George Vila**, the program center has been remodeled. Now it has four bedrooms, three baths and a living room, and will provide comfortable housing for Ascenders and guests year-round.

## *Be an Angel... Help Send A Child To Camp*

"Many children have applied for camperships so they can attend Mountain Camp, but there is not much money in the Campership Fund," says Brian Wheeler, who is handling the distribution of camperships.

There are several ways you can help. If you know of a young person whom you would like to sponsor you can contact them directly or through your local church. Or, you can send a check made out to The Mountain and designated for the campership fund and it will be distributed evenly to those in need.

## *Mountain Explorer Tours Costa Rica Trip*

Explore the "Wildlife Sanctuary of the Americas" with a congenial group put together by The Mountain.

Costa Rica is a showplace for conservation in the tropics. Its protected rain forests support a diversity of wildlife including over 820 species of birds. You'll visit lowland jungle of Tortuguero National Park where the Green Turtles nest; high altitude Monteverde cloud forests, home for the colorful Golden Toad, Resplendent Quetzal and the most vocal jungle bird, the Three-wattled Bellbird. You'll see black sand and white coral beaches, unique volcano Paramos at 12,600 feet and the rich growing area of the

central region.

For more information about this 10-day nature expedition with a 3-day pre-trip to Manuel Antonio National Park, call or write Carol Graves, c/o The Mountain, 841 Highway 106, Highlands, NC 28741 or call Nancy Hilyer in Atlanta (404)493-6209.

## *Lodge Construction Has Begun!!*

Just as the mud settled on the waste water treatment system, heavy equipment arrived for construction of the new Lodge. Architect Gene Burr's plans were approved and Western Builders of Sylva, NC was awarded the contract.

"If you come for Labor Day Weekend festivities you may take part in the dedication of the building," says Tom Warth, director. "We intend to do everything we can to make sure construction proceeds on schedule. We probably won't have occupancy on Labor Day, but we'll be able to celebrate at its near-completion state."

"Our fundraising goal for the building is \$382,000. That will give us one level of lodging (six private rooms with bath), and a completed meeting room and lobby, including furnishings. The lower level will be roughed-in and we can complete it with our own staff and volunteers as money is available," says Tom.

"Fundraising efforts and insurance has brought in about \$175,000, well short of our goal," he continues. "We need your help. You'll be hearing from us very soon."







**STEVE CARTER  
VOLUNTEER OF  
THE YEAR**

A very big thank you goes to Steve Carter from the staff and board of trustees. Steve has volunteered hundreds of hours this winter with The Mountain's computer system (and other projects.) His skill, perseverance and "can do" attitude with antique computers are amazing. Thank you, Steve!

**SUMMER  
PROGRAMS  
DESCRIBED IN  
PROGRAM  
GUIDE**

If you haven't received your spring/summer program guide please give us a call. It has descriptions of all the MountainCamp and adult programming. It gives a listing of Ministers-of-the-Week, and all our summer leaders. Please pass it along to someone who would enjoy The Mountain, too. We'll look for you this summer at The Mountain!

## HELP US DEDICATE THE NEW LODGE AND CELEBRATE "REACHING NEW HEIGHTS" LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Count on a celebration beyond your greatest expectations on Labor Day Weekend. There will be famous UUs to inspire you, extraordinary music to lift your spirit, games, picnics, outdoor activities and a dedication ceremony for the new Lodge that will bring tears to your eyes.

Come by yourself, come with a friend, bring your entire family, but come to The Mountain to help us reach new heights. Register early because space will fill up fast.

*There are still a few spaces in the MountainCamp sessions. Send a youth to camp at The Mountain!*

### MOUNTAIN REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_  
Program \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35/weekend; \$100/week)

Arrival day and date \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure day and date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_  
First meal: B L D date \_\_\_\_\_ Last meal: B L D date \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want to rent sheets and towels @4 per person? ☐ rent ☐ bringing own  
☐ Check enclosed ☐ VISA/MC # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a ☐ life member ☐ annual member ☐ non member?

Lodging choices are on a first come, first served basis.  
**High Season (Mar. 16-Nov. 30)** **Low Season (Dec. 1-Mar. 15)**  
\$17 member, \$23 non member \$15 member, \$21 non-member  
(cabin rental is \$120 per night in high season, \$100 per night in low season)

Meals are \$16 per day for adults (\$3.50 breakfast, \$5 lunch and \$7.50 dinner).  
Youth 10-17 pay 50% of adult lodging and meal prices; age 4-9 pay 25%; age 0-3 are free.

Planned programs involve a fee, the amount depends upon the program.

Names of adults in party	Names of youth	youth age	sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Dietary Needs (vegetarian?) \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 of your \$35 deposit may be refunded with three weeks or more notice.  
A \$15 service charge is added to all returned checks. Child care is available during program weeks and weekends for children four and older with prior notice.





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## HELP !

The Mountain needs the following items. All donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

- small reading lamps
- small bedside tables
- good firm mattresses
- sturdy cribs
- games
- wading pool
- playhouse and furniture
- Lego blocks and wooden blocks
- balls of all sizes
- hats, scarves and "dress-up" clothes for play

Thanks!!

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## ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF THE NEW LODGE



This is a rendering of the new Lodge designed by Gene Burr of Knoxville. When fully completed it will include 12 private rooms with baths, two large meeting rooms, A lobby/exhibit area and utility/laundry space. Steve Carter of Highlands, former maintenance director at The Mountain, will assist Gene in monitoring the project to ensure quality control and timeliness.

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