VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

“How do you all do everything you do?” A camp director of a 1,500 acre facility was visiting Massanetta and was impressed by how beautiful the campus was and how smoothly the facility operated. We shared with him that we have a fantastic and dedicated staff whose hearts are committed to serving our guests. And we have a core of remarkable volunteers whose willingness to share their skills and gifts is inspiring. The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12:4-6: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”

An accessible ramp at the Hodge Lodge has just been completed by Wesley Eichlin for his Eagle Scout project. Three young men from the Central Virginia Governor’s School for Science and Technology have prepared and painted the Hodge Lodge, cleaned and removed debris and fallen trees from the Chapel at Camp, built a stage for Bell Auditorium, and plan to repair the stone walls at the Camp bridge. Guilford Park Presbyterian Church volunteers from Greensboro, NC painted Virginia Cottage, refreshed many of the flower beds, and even got poison ivy from pulling undergrowth. James Madison University’s Big Event cleaned the bed in front of the Lodge and painted rails on the balconies of the Richardson Building. The Massanetta Springs Staff Alumni cleaned near the Spring House, cut trees, and planted geraniums with Sam Hayter that were donated by Harry and Beverley Crosby of the Cros-B-Crest Farm.

The Enabler Reunion (young adults who were past high school leaders of the Middle School Conferences) planted a garden with tomatoes, cucumbers, and even an eggplant! Delicious produce will be enjoyed by our guests in the Dining Room. Eastern Mennonite High School students raked leaves at the Camp with their leader, Wendell Shank (son-in-law of our own Loretta Hawkins). Sharon Privett (granddaughter of Dr. Hudson, Massanetta’s founder) and Peggy Bryan came up from Norfolk to work the flower beds in front of the Historic Hotel. SPYCE (Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire) got in the 55.6 degree Springs and removed moss, ferns, and algae that had grown through the years. Though it was a beautiful spring day, hot chocolate abounded! Add these volunteers to the dedicated Friends of Massanetta who serve the Front Desk, the volunteers who help with our mailings, Rich and Pat Armstrong who volunteer everywhere, and the Sunnyside volunteers who direct the archives and assist wherever needed—Massanetta is blessed!

Praise God for our many volunteers! With their help, we are able to do wonders!
Letter from Executive Director

“Can I take you to lunch?” I asked Duane Bontrager, Facilities and Construction Manager for Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. We had never met but Mission@Massanetta is growing and more service opportunities are needed. Duane was a delight as we envisioned together our teams of “missionaries” assisting those in need.

HRHA’s mission is “to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and a suitable living environment free from discrimination; and to foster redevelopment of blighted areas to ensure the economic, social, and housing vitality of our community.” One of the projects is the J.R. “Polly” Lineweaver Apartments which includes sixty-one units providing housing for elderly and disadvantaged persons. Our teams will paint hallways and stairwells to brighten up the living conditions of the tenants. Middle school and high school participants are coming to Mission@Massanetta from Missouri, Ohio, New York, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey! This program that began in 2009 is blossoming into a tremendous service opportunity that is touching the lives of the poor as well as enriching the hearts of those who come to serve.

In addition to HRHA, we have teams that will rebuild homes through Rebuilding Together Greater Augusta and Harrisonburg-Rockingham, work the Volunteer Farm at Woodstock, package supplies for the mission field through Equipping the Saints, work with children at the Roberta Webb Child Care Center, assist mentally challenged adults at the ARC Op Shop, and sort clothing at the Mercy House Thrift Store.

There is a children’s song that says, “If you wanna be great in God’s kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.” Mission@Massanetta is one of the many ways that Massanetta takes that to heart. And our donors help to make this program possible.

In Christ’s Service,

Nicole the Swan

“I’m gonna be a grandpa again! Nicole just laid her first egg!” Larry Simmons, our Director of Buildings and Grounds, announced. She now has three eggs and we await the baby “cygnets” being hatched in her nest built by the steps off the north porch of the Historic Hotel. Past Executive Director, Dave Hubler, and his wife, Tam, gave a male swan this year. They had taken wonderful care of Nicole when her mate was killed years ago and Nicole’s right wing was damaged by a dog attack.

Nicole has remained an “institution” at Massanetta and we look forward to her family growing in the next few weeks! How exciting!
Welcome to our Summer Intern ~ Amanda Hayes

Amanda Hayes joins us from Louisville Seminary where she has completed her second year of studies. Amanda graduated with a B.A. in Religious Studies with Minors in Hispanic Studies and Jewish Studies from the University of NC at Chapel Hill. Since 2007, she has served with the Latin America Youth Center in Washington, DC, within the Campus Ministry at UNC, on the Montreat Summer Staff, and with the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship. One of Amanda’s most distinctive high school roles was that of a Middle School Conference Enabler! How joyous to have one of our former leaders return to lead again in our midst.

In Amanda’s words, “I have a deep interest in camp and conference ministry because of the impact such ministries had on my own faith development as a youth. I believe that these ministries are vital for helping youth to connect to their faith and to recognize their place in the church.” As we welcome Amanda this summer, we rejoice in the gifts she will bring to Massanetta and beyond her time with us.

A Tribute of Gratitude

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:13

Massanetta Springs has been blessed throughout the generations by faithful servants, many of whom are resting in heaven following their labor for Christ on earth. Among them is John Boulton Earl who died on April 8 at 98 years of age! His wife, Evelyn, and John served in many capacities at Massanetta including host and hostess for Elderhostels for ten years. John loved keeping the trails open for guests, managing as many as ten trails annually. We lovingly called him the “Trail Master.”

In a 2008 interview, John shared that the first time they came to Massanetta Springs was for the Bible Conference. As a pastor, he found the speakers and Bible studies invaluable in his work in the local church. They tent camped beside the duck-pin bowling alley that was located in the flat area of the Cottage Community just south of the Nook. As the years passed, they came and stayed in a travel trailer parked by the swimming pool.

John shared a wonderful story. One day he was taking fifteen hikers out on one of the trails. An A.M.E. Zion Church youth group was on campus and asked if some of them could enjoy the hike. John was happy to have this African American group come along. He thought there would be “just a few.” Two hundred youth joined in, singing as they hiked! What a beautiful and inspiring moment that must have been.

We are so thankful for John and his dedication to Massanetta. We continue to be blessed by his stewardship of God’s majestic and awesome creation. And the Earl family members remain a gift—paying tribute to this servant who from his labors of 98 years now rests.
Massanetta Springs Programs ~ for all seasons.
For all registration information go to www.massanettasprings.org

Middle School Conferences **do.love.walk.**
June 20-23, June 25-28, July 4-7 & July 9-12

Jesus knew Micah 6:8. It lived deeply in his heart and soul. This passage flowed into the words Jesus spoke commanding us to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbor as our self. This summer, the middlers and their adult leaders will hide this text deeply in their hearts as they **do** the theme, **love** the text, **walk** the road with Jesus and engage in the stellar hallmarks of our MSC—creative recreation, worship, music, and leadership.

Church Music and Bible Conferences July 28-August 2

**“A World of Praise”**

Join the Music Conference for an abundance of music experiences with stellar clinicians. The Bible Conference, most accurately entitled “a retreat of preaching, teaching, and praise,” is not to be missed! Both conferences are blended together and offer a dynamic daily camp program for children of all ages and college students. With a creative focus on global music this year, worship will be uplifting as well as resourceful for worship leaders.

Family Conference October 11-13 & Columbus Day Special October 14

**“Sabbath at the Springs”**

“If you call the Sabbath a delight... then you shall take delight in the Lord.” Isaiah 58:13-14

MaryAnn McKibben Dana will help us reflect on Sabbath. God invites us to rest from our work and to be renewed in the gift of holy time. But Sabbath often seems impossible given the demands of modern life. Join us for a weekend of Sabbath at Massanetta Springs as we learn more about this ancient gift and how it can transform our lives in powerful ways.

SALT November 8-10 **“Still in the Chaos”**

Building the formational and informational components of a vibrant youth ministry.

Inviting all Adult, College, and High School Leaders

Keyshops built on Psalm 46 will explore ways to know “stillness” in an age of rampant busyness—even as youth leaders! Workshops will explore multiple facets of youth ministry with skilled leaders.

February 21-23, 2014

Join us for a resourceful and renewing weekend of ringing with Kath Wissinger!
**Bible Conference Bible Study**  
**The Gospel of Luke**

The Rev. Dr. John T. Carroll will lead the daily Bible study at the Bible Conference, July 28—August 2. His topic will be the *Gospel of Luke*. Dr. Carroll is the Harriet Robertson Fitts Memorial Professor of New Testament and Director of the Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

You are cordially invited to five sessions exploring some of the highlights of the Book of Luke. Please visit our website (www.massanettasprings.org) and click on “Conferences” to view the daily themes and scripture texts.

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**Bible Conference Schedule—July 28-August 2**

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**The Friends Corner**

Greetings to you all from the front porch of the Historic Hotel in one of our new rockers. As I gaze out over our beloved Massanetta, I see the trees are all filled with bright green leaves, the wide variety of flowers are gracing our campus, the summer dates are filling up rapidly with attendees, the new rockers on the porches are being put to great use, **AND** the 2013 Friends of Massanetta projects are soon to be finished. Thanks to your generous donations, the stone walkway around Hudson has been smoothed out making it easier to walk on. This work is paid in full.

The new paving in the parking lots has been paid for by the means of Massanetta making an “advance” to the Friends to have the work completed before the PW ladies arrive in June and our summer guests are in attendance. The Friends would like to pay Massanetta back as soon as possible.

**SO**, if you haven’t yet made a donation to the 2013 project, now is the perfect opportunity to do so. The Friends will be receiving donations throughout the year to enable these projects to happen. Come on out, enjoy our rockers, and participate in many of our exciting ministry opportunities for you and all ages here at Massanetta.

Blessings to one and all!  
Rev. Skip Hastings  
President, Friends Of Massanetta
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New Website

Launch used to apply primarily to rockets! Now it applies to websites. We have “launched” our new updated website and invite you to visit it today (www.massanettasprings.org). It offers tremendous flexibility as we change pictures and content. Unlimited numbers of videos will be able to “stream” on the site via YouTube. New videos for the Living Waters Campaign, the Centennial interviews, marketing, and programs are being produced by Philip Holbrook of Los Angeles, CA. As you visit the site, if you have suggestions to make of “best practices” in the world of websites, please pass them along to our staff. Contact information is now available under “About Us” and “Staff.” Beth Tembo, Laura Holbrook, and Loretta Hawkins are administrators who can edit the site easily. Thanks for passing along the news to your friends so that they, too, can find the information they need and join you in celebrating and supporting Massanetta’s vibrant ministry.
Giving Through the Societies:

A special thanks to all Massanetta Springs donors! If you are able, please join the Heritage Society ($1,000-$2,499), the Campbell Society ($2,500-$4,999), or the Hudson Society ($5,000 and above). Due to the periodic giving of our Society donors, names of Society members will be listed once per year in the fall newsletter.

Massanetta Springs Staff Alumni Association

On April 27-28, 2013, the Massanetta Springs Staff Alumni Association held the annual Alumni Reunion and Work Day at Massanetta. Work consisted of planting flowers, mulching beds, and clearing the area around the Spring House of small trees and weeds. Tours involved the hotel renovation and archives, bringing back many memories.

Mark Chittum, who worked at Massanetta and served as an officer of the Alumni Association, was recognized with the Alumni Award, given by Sam Hayter. After Vespers, alumni who stayed overnight slept in the Lodge and attended church on Sunday in the Spring House, recently renovated by the Drinkard family in memory of Margaret Drinkard.

Since 1977, the Alumni Association has contributed over $25,000 to support Massanetta. In 2012 the Alumni Association contributed $3,000 to upgrade audio visual equipment and to offset some repairs to the Camp bridge and paint for the boathouse. These funds come solely from the $15 annual alumni dues and gifts.

A copy of the Annual Membership form is on the Alumni tab of the Massanetta web site. Please send dues and updated addresses to Mimi Stout, 6006 River Drive, Lorton, VA 22079.

Join Alumni at Massanetta for the Bible Conference lunch on July 31 and the fall workday on October 19. We need you!