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LSS E-NEWS



## A Letter From the President

**Bridget Lawlor**

Happy New Year! The Leadership Sandy Springs 2009-2010 program year is halfway over and it has been a great year of alumni activities, class program days, Movies by Moonlight, and planning for Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs Day. I hope you enjoy our first LSS e-newsletter. Like other organizations, we are trying electronic communications for a variety of reasons. We are reducing paper usage as well as decreasing the costs associated with printing and mailing. By sending the newsletters electronically, you won't miss any events that may occur between the time to publish the newsletter and when you receive it in the mail. Also, the cost savings enable us to send quarterly e-newsletters instead of just two a year, keeping you more informed!

Check out all the great articles that our contributors have written. And if you have any ideas for future articles or would like to see something in the newsletter, let us know.

Also, please join me in congratulating our LSS Executive Director, Carolyn Axt, on being awarded the 2010 Sandy Springs Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. We are very fortunate to have her committed to LSS and the Sandy Springs community.

Look for us on Facebook and Linked In. We hope to see you at upcoming LSS events!

Bridget

## Alumni News & Events

The LSS Alumni Association continues to sponsor activities which allow alumni to stay connected and informed. Turnout was great for the annual LSS State of the City event with Mayor Galambos. It was a very interesting evening - you do not want to miss it next year.

The alumni association is forming an Alumni Council with representatives from each class to assist in keeping their classes connected and involved in LSS and alumni functions - if you're interested, e-mail [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

Directories were mailed to all dues-paying members of the alumni

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association with a letter explaining how to access the online directory. If you have questions e-mail [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

### Upcoming events:

February 25: (Thursday) Alumni social - Join fellow LSS alumni at a casual Dutch-treat happy hour at 5 Seasons at the Prado on Thursday, February 25 from 5:30 until 7:30. Consider staying for a decadent dinner afterwards. 5 Seasons is passionate about serving local produce, all-natural meats and artisanal cheeses.

March 27: (Saturday) Community Action Center's "Spring Sprint" fun run/walk. Get ready to shake off cabin fever and stretch your legs with an LSS team at the CAC's "Spring Sprint." If you're interested in participating in this 5k/2k run/walk with other LSS alumni, contact Carol Lindberg at [cpacarol@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpacarol@bellsouth.net). All levels encouraged to participate.

April 2010: Watch for the re-opening of the Alumni Store which offers high-quality LSS merchandise. If you missed out in the fall, now is your chance. Those who ordered items are really pleased with the quality and utility of these items.

April 17: (Saturday) Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs Day - Consider working at one of the twelve sites at this community-wide event. If you have questions about registration or are interested in helping out, e-mail Irene Schweiger at [irschweiger@aol.com](mailto:irschweiger@aol.com).

May 13: (Thursday) LSS Alumni Award and 2010 Class Graduation Ceremony. Mark your calendars for this annual celebration and opportunity to visit with other alumni and congratulate the LSS Class of 2010 and the Alumni Award winners. Details to follow.

If you have suggestions for future activities - e-mail Mark Rosenthal at [mark.rosenthal@northside.com](mailto:mark.rosenthal@northside.com) or Carol Lindberg at [cpacarol@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpacarol@bellsouth.net).

## Alumni Profile

### Irene Schweiger

Irene Schweiger is a long-time resident and activist for the youth of Sandy Springs. Irene graduated from the 2006 Class of Leadership Sandy Springs. She is currently the co-chair for Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs Day, which is an annual community volunteer day that brings hundreds out to beautify and improve Sandy Springs.



She's currently the Executive Director of Sandy Springs Education Force, an organization that provides support to public schools in Sandy Springs by cultivating collaborative partnerships with various groups in the community.

One positive collaborative effort of SSEF has been joining North Springs High School, Junior Achievement and local business

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volunteers from the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce together to provide financial literacy and success skills to 9th and 10th graders. SSEF has also facilitated the After School All Stars program at Sandy Springs Middle Charter School that provides both academic and enrichment programs to students through a comprehensive after-school program. Thus far, Sandy Springs Education Force has impacted over 1,000 students in Sandy Springs.

## 2010 Alumni Recognition Awards

Do you know LSS alumni who deserve recognition? Now is your chance to bring their names forward. LSS annually recognizes the contributions that individual alumni have made to the community, as well as the diversity of the leadership roles taken by LSS alumni. LSS is proud to recognize the personal commitments that the alumni have made; their dedicated involvement in the community is an important affirmation of the LSS experience. **In order to qualify for this award, nominees must have graduated from LSS at least five years ago.**

To nominate deserving alumni, please send their name, phone and e-mail numbers and a list of their involvement along with a brief description of the impact they have had on our community to [ellen.k.stein@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.k.stein@gmail.com) with a copy to [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

The deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**.

To see a list of past recipients [click here](#).

## Class Notes

### Updates on your fellow class members

Shreve Gould ('07) has just returned from an assignment in Afghanistan; please join us in welcoming him home.

Sheri Wilburn ('09), President of the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce, joined Mayor Galambos, City Manager John McDonough, Council Member Tibby DeJulio and business representatives on an economic development trip to Taicang, China.

Cheryl Sykes and Pam Jones ('10) recently led other volunteers for the most successful Vintage Affair event ever, raising approximately \$105,000 for Community Action Center.

Kym Hughes LSS ('08), Executive Director of Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism and Harriet Rosenberg ('00), Welcome Center Manager, have recently moved to a new building located in the Parkside Shopping Center. The welcome center is located below the new Anne Frank Exhibit.

Lucy Hall-Gainer ('08) was recently named an Allstate "Give Back Day Hero" and attended the King Center's "Salute to Greatness" dinner. Thanks Lucy for the great work you do in Sandy Springs.

Sara Glynn ('10) was recently married and is now Sara E. White. She

and her fiance were a part of the 1st annual Atlanta Wed-a-Thon which raised funds for the Atlanta Children's Shelter.

Jeffrey Hays ('07) retired from the Fulton County Fire Department at the end of 2008 and is now working for the City of Atlanta Fire Department.

Jim Langlais ('09) is opening a new law firm in Sandy Springs, Rosner & Langlais, handling a wide range of litigation and consultive services. We wish him much success.

Elna Sheetz ('03) is working in a new role as Education Coordinator for the Community Action Center.

Kevin Lubitz ('08) is now working as V.P. of Commerical Lending for Fidelity Bank in Buckhead.

Christopher Russ ('09) recently formed Real Time Cleaning Solutions, a company specializing in professional office cleaning, carpet care, window cleaning and other services.

Current class members David Roskind with the Sandy Springs Police Department, Lisa Stueve, Principal of North Springs High School and Sara White, Principal of Ison Springs Elementary School created and organized a very special event called "Shop with a Spartan." The high school students raised \$2,437.77 through the sale of Christmas trees and other activities. The high school students took elementary students whose families were in extreme financial situations shopping so they could purchase holiday gifts for their family members.

#### Directory Corrections

Melissa Helms-Buckner ('02): Work phone is 678-324-5555.

Jori Kasher ('08): Work phone is 770-817-2223; E-mail is [jori.kasher.ptar@statefarm.com](mailto:jori.kasher.ptar@statefarm.com).

## 2010 Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs

Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs will be held on **Saturday, April 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Like past years, volunteers will be working on a variety of projects, such as landscaping, painting and clean-up at



various sites throughout the city. Currently, sites include Sandy Springs parks, various schools, Heritage Green, the Community Action Center, Ronald McDonald House, the Sandy Springs Library and other sites to be announced.

LSS will partner with Hands on Atlanta again this year for use of their web site to register volunteers for the event. Thus far, VBSS sponsors include Arby's/Wendy's, UPS, Northside Hospital, Optech-Monette LLC, Coca-Cola Enterprises, CH2M-Hill, and Holy Spirit Preparatory School. Sponsorship opportunities are still available at the following levels:

**Presenting Sponsor** - includes logo on t-shirt, speak at lunch, logo on publicity - \$1500

**Location Sponsor** - includes logo on t-shirt, site publicity, recognition at lunch and in publicity - \$500

**Community Partner** - includes name listed on t-shirt, recognition in publicity - \$250.

T-shirts and lunch at Hammond Park will be provided to all registered participants. We hope to see you there!

## Movies by Moonlight



Leadership Sandy Springs had wonderful movies, sponsors, weather and attendance for the 5th annual Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight event held in the fall. With entertainment provided by local Boy Scouts troops, firefighters, and new local singing and vocal talents, all three movie nights were memorable.

None of these events would have come to fruition if it had not been for the great work of many volunteers, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church for the location/setup, Bruce Piefke and Special Events Network, and the following dedicated sponsors:

City of Sandy Springs, Publix Supermarkets, Mosaic Group, CH2M-Hill, RBC Centura Bank, S. R. Walker Designs, Sandy Springs Reporter, Neighbor Newspapers, Foot Solutions, Campbell-Stone North, Opetch-Monette, LLC, Sandy Springs Toyota, Signature Bank of Georgia, Specialized Title Services, Inc., Fast Signs and Massage Heights.

Leadership Sandy Springs is excited to announce the following tentative **2010 Movies by Moonlight** dates with movie titles forthcoming:

**September 10, October 1, and October 8.**

Once again, movie goers are encouraged to arrive early and picnic with family and friends. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed. Pizza, popcorn, snacks and drinks will be for sale onsite. More details to come.

For more information regarding volunteering or sponsorship, call 404-256-9091 or e-mail [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

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The Art Institute of Atlanta - Cultural Arts Night  
Whole Foods - Environmental Day  
Holy Innocents Episcopal School - Sandy Springs Community Day  
Joli Kobe Bakery & Cafe - State of the City Night

## Sponsor Profile

### **Bank of North Georgia**

We are pleased to have Bank of North Georgia as a sponsor of the 2009-2010 Leadership Sandy Springs program. The bank has a branch in Sandy Springs and is headquartered in Alpharetta with a total of 43 branches in the state. The bank takes pride in operating like a community bank, but having a parent company, Synovus, allows them to serve larger clients as well. Paula Owens, Senior Vice President and Community Executive, is also a Leadership Sandy Springs alumni. Owens said the bank supports LSS efforts because they believe it's a valuable program that provides a big picture of the Sandy Springs community.



**Bank of North Georgia**

"I think because our bank is interested in the community we serve, a program like LSS gives us ideas of how we can get involved in the community," Owens said.

Many of the employees from their Sandy Springs branch volunteer at the Community Action Center and other charitable organizations. The bank is very involved with the Sandy Springs/Perimeter and Dunwoody Chambers of Commerce.

"We are very involved with the community because small business is very much our focus," Owens said.

## 2011 Class Nominations

It's already time to start thinking about the LSS Class of 2011. If you'd like to nominate someone, please submit their information to LSS as soon as possible as there has been a waiting list for the past few years. Send their name, address, work or volunteer affiliation, phone and e-mail to [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org). Remember, nominees must have a record of demonstrated leadership and live and/or work in Sandy Springs. The selection committee will be sending out nomination packets at the beginning of March to all those who have been nominated.

Your involvement as an LSS alumni, including recommending future class members is key to the growth and success of Leadership Sandy Springs. We count on you. Thank you for your nominations.

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