

Fall 2010

LSS E-NEWS



## A Letter From the President

**Erin McHugh**

Greetings! I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of fall!

We are off to a great start this year, as we recently welcomed the new class into the organization at the Kick-Off Fiesta at Heritage Green. A good time was had by all, and we enjoyed encouraging words from Rusty Paul and a delicious catered dinner by Uncle Julio's! Once again, this year's class is filled with an impressive group of individuals who all contribute to our community in several different capacities.

Despite the rain out on Sunday, the Sandy Springs Festival was a great success once again, and Movies by Moonlight began on September 10 with approximately 1,750 people in attendance! The movies have never been so well attended, and we are happy to report that there was plenty of food and beverages throughout the night despite the record attendance!

The planning is well underway for another great year of activities for all of our members (current class members and alumni alike.) Please continue to watch for announcements on several upcoming events, such as the Anne Frank Exhibit and talk by author Stan Lefco, LSS '03 on November 16.

With the start of fall, it is also time for us to continue our commitment to Leadership Sandy Springs. You should have received your renewal notices in the mail and we encourage you to return your dues and forms as soon as possible in order to keep our wonderful programs moving along. We know that we cannot continue without contributions from our alumni and our many wonderful sponsors and partners.

Have a wonderful fall - we look forward to seeing you around the Springs throughout the holidays!

**Erin**

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## Class Notes

### Updates on your fellow class members

**Linda Bain**, LSS Class of '02 received the 2010 Environmental Advocate Award by the The Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment for her work with the Sandy Springs Conservancy, LSS Environmental Day, as well as her service to Big Trees Forest Preserve and Keep Sandy Springs/North Fulton Beautiful.

**Rick Betts**, LSS Class of '04 has been named interim head of school at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School.

**Elaine Bryan**, LSS Class of '09 was selected for Region VI Secondary School Counselor of the year 2010-11 by the Georgia School Counselor Association. She will be recognized at the Annual Conference GSCA Awards Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia.

**Robert Cahn**, LSS Class of '10 was promoted to Senior Director of Leadership Development, Diversity and Training for Cox Enterprises in August.

**Noelle Fortier Brown**, LSS Class of '06 was married on June 27, 2010 to Stuart Brown - congratulations!

**Ev Howe**, LSS Class of '08 has been named VP for Fulton County for Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment (ABLE). ABLE is a multi racial, interfaith coalition of churches and organizations working together to find common ground and express common values working for the common good of all.

**Lindsay Kling**, LSS Class of '08 and **Sheri Wilburn**, Class of '09 have a new work number at the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce: 678-443-2990.

**April Shavkin**, LSS Class of '06 was promoted to the position of dean of student affairs at The Art Institute of Atlanta. She assumed her responsibilities on April 3, 2010.

**Kris Stanfield**, LSS Class of '07 is currently living in Chattanooga with plans to relocate to Dalton, Ga. soon. She is working as a lifestyle portrait photographer and she and her husband are proud parents of 17-month-old Connor.

**Michael Zehner**, LSS Class of '07 is living in Arlington, Mass. and working as the Assistant Planning Director for the Town of Wellesley, Mass.

Did you recently get married, have a child, change careers, receive a promotion or have any other news? We would love to hear from you! Send us your news to [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

## Don't forget to pay your dues!

Your financial support and active involvement in Leadership Sandy Springs is critical for us to continue the stated mission of our organization: To identify, educate and develop Sandy Springs leaders and encourage their participation in addressing the needs of the community.



Being a member of the LSS Alumni Association is a benefit! It entitles you to participate in a variety of programs and events that are open only to current class members and dues-paying alumni. And most importantly, your alumni support enables LSS to continue the quality leadership development programs that have had a profound impact on our community for over twenty years.

You will be receiving your dues invoice this month. Please choose your contribution level and drop it in the mail.

### 2010 Alumni dues:

.....	\$50
Special Recognition Contribution Levels:	
· Benefactor .....	\$1000 +
· Statesman .....	\$500-\$999
· Ambassador .....	\$300-\$499
· Dignitary .....	\$150-\$299
· Friend.....	\$ 75-\$149

Remember, LSS is a 501(c)3 tax exempt, not-for-profit organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law. In addition, dues may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Many employers provide a matching grant program. This is a great way to multiply your support.

## LSS Member Events

Don't miss the following LSS events - planned especially for alumni and current class members!

- **November 16, 2010** Meet and Greet at Bishoku; followed by tour of Anne Frank Exhibit and special talk by Stan Lefco, LSS Class '03 and author whose parents were holocaust survivors.
- **January 24, 2011** State of the City Address with Mayor Eva Galambos
- **March 1, 2011** Tour of "EcoLumina", green building showcase home for the 2009 Southern Building Show, home of Laura, LSS '00, and Bert Jones.
- **March, 2011** Picnic and history presentation - Overlook Park at Morgan Falls
- **April 16, 2011** Volunteer for A Better Sandy Springs Day
- **May 11, 2011** Alumni Recognition and Graduation

## Movies By Moonlight

Leadership Sandy Springs has had wonderful movies, sponsors, weather and attendance for the 6th annual Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight event. The final movie, "The Karate Kid" closed the series on October 8. Prior to the dusk start time, entertainment was provided by local sponsors, businesses, county firefighters, and local talents.



None of these nights 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 (Architects+Remodelers), Dorsey Alston Realtors, State Farm - Jori Kasher, CH2M-Hill, RBC Centura Bank, S R Walker Designs, Sandy Springs Reporter, Sandy Springs Neighbor, Campbell-Stone North, Optech Monette, LLC, Sandy Springs Toyota, Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism, Boardwalk Burger, Coca-Cola, Children's Dentistry of Sandy Springs, Rotary of Sandy Springs, Sandy Springs Bar Association, Proud Smiles Dentistry, Heritage Sandy Springs, Allegra Printing & Imaging, Signature Bank of Georgia, Taylor Construction, Active Community Chiropractic and Fast Signs.

We look forward to seeing you in 2011!

## 2011 Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs

How many corn muffins can you fit on a butter plate? Well, it depends on the size of the muffins, the size of the plate, who's piling the muffins on, and how many muffins you have!



When big events - like Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs Day (VBSS) - are heading our way, especially in a volunteer group like LSS, it's easy to get overwhelmed during the last weeks or days trying to fit all the muffins on the right plate. Oh yeah, and it can be hard to find the muffins, or the plate, or the right hands to pile the muffins high. All the ingredients are around some place, but how to get them identified, and organized?

So, with warm corn muffins in mind, we're getting an early start on planning the **April 16, 2011** VBSS Day. It's just 6 months away! With your help, we'll have lots of muffins, lots of plates, and satisfied appetites for great service accomplished, when the day is done.

Christine Young, Carolyn Axt, Irene Schweiger and Kelly Barge have mapped out a planning calendar for the April 16, 2011 VBSS Day. The creative work is about to begin: assembling the ingredients, the workforce, and stirring the batter. We'd like to enjoy your talents and energy on this team. If you'd like to join us, please let us know by emailing Kelly ([kellybarga@optechmonettellc.com](mailto:kellybarga@optechmonettellc.com)). Our "challenging

entry fee" is your willingness and commitment to make this the best VBSS ever!

## LSS Thanks Our Class of 2011 Sponsors

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Ison Springs - Education Day  
Bishoku - Member Event - Ann Frank Exhibit  
Campbell-Stone Apts/Sandy Springs - Human Services Day  
Honey Baked Ham - Human Services Day  
City of Sandy Springs, ChatComm and Ippolito's - Public Safety Night  
Brooklyn Café - Business Day  
Starbucks - Business Day  
Whole Foods - Environmental Day  
Caribou Coffee - Environmental Day

As LSS continues to grow and expand there are increased opportunities to involve our business community and leverage business resources. Opportunities range from \$250 through \$5,000 and include in-kind donations as well. In return, businesses get extensive marketing exposure at our community-wide events (VBSS Day and Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight) and face-to-face contact at our class and alumni events and year-long print exposure in our newsletter, directory and on our Web site depending upon the sponsorship. If you have any thoughts of businesses or individuals who

would be good contacts, please e-mail Pam Jenkins at [pam.jenkins@wendysarbys.com](mailto:pam.jenkins@wendysarbys.com). Together we can continue to grow LSS and benefit the entire Sandy Springs area.

## Special LSS Directory Opportunities

Don't miss the chance to market your business to fellow alumni in the upcoming LSS Winter Directory. Special, reduced rates have been created for members of the LSS Alumni Association. They are as follows:

Full page (black/white) \$200

½ page (black/white) \$125

¼ page (black/white) \$50

If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please e-mail Carolyn Axt at [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!

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