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## Welcome Class of 2012!

A special thank you to everyone who attended the Class of 2012 Kick-off at the Williams-Payne House. We are thrilled to have a dynamic class of 30 individuals who will come together to strengthen their bond to the community. Special thanks to our alumni who play a key role in planning and leading our program. Many thanks to LSS alums Robert Cahn and Keith Eigel for leading parts of the upcoming opening retreat on October 1-2.

We were also so excited to see so many alumni at the Sandy Springs Festival - thanks to all who worked the LSS Booth and elsewhere in the festival making it such a successful event for all involved!

Please join us in welcoming our 25th Anniversary Class!

**Amy Arno**, Reporter Newspapers - Sandy Springs Reporter  
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**Jessica Camp**, CCE US Bottling Companies  
**Charlie Chung**, UPS  
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**Patrice Dickerson**, City of Sandy Springs  
**Galinda Dimitrova**, The Financial Discovery Group, Inc  
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**Dave Flynn**, Cross Fit Perimeter  
**Salmeh Fodor**, Marchman, Kasraie & Fodor, LLC  
**Marc Goldberg**, Alscan, Inc.  
**Shannon Hassler**, Heidrick & Struggles  
**Elliott Hollander**, Hollander Properties, LLC  
**Elizabeth Jetton**, Financial Advisors  
**Coleen Lou**, The Epstein School  
**Bruce MacEwen**, Moore Stephens Tiller  
**Angela Matthews**, AT&T Advertising Solutions  
**Adrienne Murchison**, Sandy Springs Patch  
**Bob Palma**, Delta Community Credit Union  
**Brooke Perez**, Southern Company Services  
**Pamela Robinson**, Financial Voyages LLC  
**Jeff Scarbrough**, City of Sandy Springs Fire and Rescue  
**Manuel (Tony) Sibert**, Cosmgroup LLC  
**Dick Sorenson**, ITK Solutions Group  
**Chris Starr**, Church of the Atonement  
**Patty Voelz**, Fidelity National Bank

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## Silver Anniversary Sponsorship

To celebrate our past and secure our future, Leadership Sandy Springs has created new sponsorship opportunities for organizations in our community - the Silver Anniversary Presenting Sponsor and the Chairman's Circle. In addition to ongoing support for annual programs and activities, 10% of anniversary sponsorships will be allocated to the LSS Scholarship Fund.



We are proud and honored that several businesses have already become sponsors at these higher levels. Optech Monette RWM has made a commitment at the Presenting Sponsor Level. Our Chairman's Circle sponsors to date are: Sandy Springs Plaza (Jan Saperstein), Kelly Boshell Toole & Ellison, S. R. Walker Designs, and Business Technology Solutions. We continue to secure additional Silver Anniversary Sponsors as well as program, VBSS, YLSS and 25th gala sponsors.

We would appreciate your help in securing the next 25 years of Leadership Sandy Springs. If you know of a business or foundation that would be interested in supporting Leadership, please contact Carolyn Axt at [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

Alumni are one of our best avenues to reach out for new supporters. One of the goals of our anniversary year is to create new long-term partnerships with more organizations.

Scott Foerst

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## Sponsor Spotlight

### Optech RWM

Optech RWM, the organization that provides Public Works Field Services to the City of Sandy Springs, has been working on behalf of the city's citizens since its original incorporation. Optech RWM is part of the Optech Family of Companies, whose professional staff of over 400, provide utility operations services to municipalities and the Federal government in 12 states across the US.



Optech's commitment to the communities they serve is exemplary - they support many community organizations and initiatives and truly go "above and beyond" as a corporate citizen. Optech has supported Leadership for several years in many ways, including direct financial support, sponsoring employees in LSS classes and vital in-kind services such as providing supplies, equipment and manpower for

VBSS Day. Optech employees Kelly Barge, Paige Monette Alexander and Rick Foster are all LSS alums. Last month, Optech RWM became the first Presenting Sponsor for our Silver Anniversary year.

Bob Monette, President and CEO of Optech Family of Companies, says "our company's relationship with Leadership Sandy Springs (LSS) has proven to be beneficial not only to the community as a whole, but also to our employees and the overall organization. In supporting LSS initiatives such as Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs Day (VBSS) our field staff have the opportunity to be more directly involved with the 'hands-on' installation of projects which improve the quality of life for all in the Sandy Springs community. In addition, working closely with civic and community leaders who are actively involved in the volunteer life of Sandy Springs has afforded us the opportunity to get to know everyone on a much more personal level. Leadership Sandy Springs plays a vital role in 'connecting' all sectors of our City for the common good."

Thank you, Optech RWM, for your outstanding commitment to the quality of life in Sandy Springs and for your support of Leadership Sandy Springs!

## "Like" Us on Facebook

LSS is getting very "social" and we want you to LIKE us right away! We have upgraded our Facebook page, which is now open to the public and includes pictures, announcements, alumni news, event reminders and more. [CLICK HERE](#) to LIKE us now!



Not a Facebook user? Additional LSS information can also be found on LinkedIn. This is a closed group, but when you request to join, we will approve you right away.

## Upcoming Events

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

**September 23:** Movies by Moonlight: "Soul Surfer"

**October 6: NEW!** Breakfast Buzz, "Social Media for Effective Leadership", 7:30 - 9:00 AM, Breadwinner; \$5

**October 14:** Movies by Moonlight: "Secretariat"

**October 20:** An evening for LSS at Act 3 Productions - wine, appetizers, theater and gift card drawings! 5:30 PM

**November 15:** Breakfast Buzz, "Safe and Secure on the Internet," 7:30 AM; \$5

**December 6:** Holiday Social, 6:30 - 8:30, Details TBA

## Movies by Moonlight

On Friday, September 9 LSS kicked off Movies by Moonlight with RIO and we are looking forward to seeing you at our next movie this Friday, **September 23!** This Friday will feature Soul Surfer and on Friday, **October 14** we will close the series with Secretariat.



Festivities begin at 6 p.m.; movies start at dusk. Admission and parking are FREE. Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight are held on the terraced lawn at Sandy Springs United Methodist Church's Hitson Activity Center, located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Highway and Sandy Springs Circle, 86 Mt. Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, 30328. Pets and alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Many thanks to our Movies by Moonlight Committee for their tireless efforts to make this season the best ever and secure more sponsors than ever before!

Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight sponsors for 2011 include Georgia Natural Gas, Xfinity, City of Sandy Springs, Campbell-Stone North, First Montessori School of Atlanta, Mosaic Group, Publix, Sandy Springs Toyota, State Farm, Fast Signs, Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism, Sandy Springs Neighbor Newspapers, Sandy Springs Reporter, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church, Delta Community Credit Union, RBC Centura Bank, Taylor Construction, Coca-Cola Enterprises, SR Walker Designs, The Goddard School, DW Campbell Goodyear Tire, Sandy Springs Design Center, Sewell Appliances, Signature Bank, Specialized Title Services, Inc., Bruster's Ice Cream, Specialized Title Services, Perimeter Town Center, Heritage Sandy Springs & Optech RWM.

## Youth Leadership Sandy Springs

Blindfolded and being guided by a partner; memorizing the names of 30 people you will spend the next year with; examining your community; building connections and improving leadership skills - this all sounds familiar to Leadership Sandy Springs alumni, but this year for the first time, 30 high schoolers were put through the ropes in LSS's newest venture, Youth Leadership Sandy Springs.

Youth Leadership Sandy Springs' opening retreat at the Ashford-Dunwoody YMCA on Saturday, August 27 brought

30 high school sophomores and juniors together from nine different high schools: Riverwood, North Springs, Holy Innocents, Holy Spirit, Galloway, Marist, Weber, Mount Vernon and The Atlanta International School.

Jeff Lovejoy of Action Coach conducted DISC assessments on each student and a guided discussion on different personality styles, providing insight on how to work effectively with styles different than their own. Then the students hit the ropes for a series of team-building exercises led by Michelle Sissine.



YLSS opening retreat at the Ashford-Dunwoody YMCA.

Before the retreat, the students were inducted into Youth Leadership Sandy Springs by LSS Executive Director Carolyn Axt, LSS Board Chair Mark Rosenthal and the YLSS advisory committee in a ceremony at The Art Institute of Atlanta sponsored by Costco.

The group's next adventure was a cell phone scavenger hunt to gain a more comprehensive view of their community. Students, divided into teams, raced to Sandy Springs landmarks. In addition to sending back cell phone pictures of their team at each of the landmarks, the teams had to answer texted trivia questions about Sandy Springs. Slope's BBQ generously offered to be the lunch stop for the day and Trader Joe's provided snacks as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the grocery business.

## Class Notes

Updates on your fellow class members

LSS is sad to report that **Paul Gamber (2006)** recently passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

**Judy Hiles (2000)** is beginning her third year as President of North Springs Homeowners Association, which includes 463 homes.

**Elna Sheetz (2003)** is settling into her new position as Director of Outreach Ministries for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) at Sager-Brown Depot. Her new contact info is: P.O. Box 603, Baldwin, LA 70514; [josheetz@gmail.com](mailto:josheetz@gmail.com); cell: 404-218-1606.

**Jeff Hayes (2007)** is now living on the Ardennes American Cemetery outside Liege, Belgium and is Assistant Superintendent at this cemetery working for the ABMC (American Battle Monuments Commission.)

**Roz Cohen (2009)** is officially retired. Her new personal e-mail address is [rozcohen23@gmail.com](mailto:rozcohen23@gmail.com).

**Dawn Stark (2011)** was named Director of Development for CURE Childhood Cancer. Her new contact info is: 1117 Perimeter Center West, Suite N402, Atlanta, GA 30338; work: (770) 986-0035 ext. 25; cell: 770-598-6070; [dawn@curechildhoodcancer.org](mailto:dawn@curechildhoodcancer.org).

**Kathy Powell (2010)** has recently left her job at Ignatius House in favor of full-time contract and freelance work. She is doing consistent freelance writing for Sandy Springs Patch & Dunwoody Patch, which she is thoroughly enjoying.

**Elizabeth Kelly (2002)** is now semi-retired. She continues working with the YMCA of Metro Atlanta. She has moved and has new contact information: 100 Riversedge Drive, #112 Atlanta, GA 30339; home: 678-324-6891; cell: 404-259-4131; [elizabethkelly100@comcast.net](mailto:elizabethkelly100@comcast.net).

**Andrea Mickelson (2008)** will be leaving Heritage Sandy Springs and joining the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association assuming the role of Metro Development Manager/Relationship Events. She can be reached at [andie0618@yahoo.com](mailto:andie0618@yahoo.com).

**David Guy (1994)** New address: 63 Vanessa Drive, Smyrna GA 30082. Previously retired, he is now back in law enforcement working for Sandy Springs P.D. on a part-time basis, primarily dealing with court room security, prisoner transport and working the city council and mayor meetings.

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).

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