

Winter 2011

LSS E-NEWS



State of the City Address

Over 100 alumni, sponsors, city officials, council members, and current LSS class members attended the annual State of the City event held at City Hall on January 24, 2011.

John McDonough, City Manager, gave an overview of accomplishments during 2010 and the priorities for 2011. He reported on results of the National Citizen Survey that was conducted in Sandy Springs this past fall. The survey provides both a local frame of reference, (how well citizens feel the City is doing in the various areas) as well as a benchmark ranking based on how the City compares to similar size cities (70,000-150,000 population.)



Allen Wu, Owner of Blue Grotto, and Randy Young, LSS Class of '96.

A preliminary review shows very high ratings in many of the City's priority service areas including public safety, public cleanliness, quality of life, economic sustainability and "public trust" of city government. Ambulance, fire and police services were ranked #1, #2, and #3, respectively, out of 50 comparable cities in the survey.

In the survey, Sandy Springs citizens also expressed a desire for improvement in the areas of transportation and parks and recreation. Mr. McDonough gave an update on several initiatives underway in these areas.

Mr. McDonough also reported that the City is fiscally sound, with cash reserves of approximately \$21 million, which exceeds the target reserve for the "rainy day fund" at approximately \$13 million for the current fiscal year 2011.

Blue Grotto Sushi, Tapas & Bar, located on Sandy Springs Circle and owned by Allen and Jenny Wu, provided sumptuous appetizers for the group during the reception preceding the address. We are most appreciative for restaurants who sponsor these events - when you get the opportunity to patronize these locations, please do so, and please thank them for their support of Leadership Sandy Springs.

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Important LSS Dates

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

- **March 1, 2011** Tour of "EcoLumina", green building showcase home for the 2009 Southern Building Show, home of Laura (class of '00) and Bert Jones.
- **April 14, 2011** (New date) Environmental Day
- **April 16, 2011** Volunteer for A Better Sandy Springs Day
- **May 5, 2011** Class of 2011 Closing Retreat
- **May 11, 2011** Alumni Recognition and Graduation

Please note that the **2011 Alumni Recognition and Graduation** will be held on a **Wednesday** this year.

Look for details on these events in your inbox. If your e-mail has changed, please let us know!

Youth Leadership Sandy Springs

Do you know a rising high school sophomore or junior who is leadership material? Applications for the charter class of Youth Leadership Sandy Springs will be available March 1 at www.leadershipsandysprings.org. **The deadline to apply is April 15.**



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"It's going to take a community to get the word out about our first class," says YLSS Director Polly Warren. "We are relying on LSS alumni to help us identify and recruit good students."

The program is open to high school students who will be sophomores and juniors in the 2011-12 school year. To be eligible, students should either attend a high school within the Sandy Springs city limits, live in Sandy Springs and attend a high school outside city limits, or be in a home-school program.

The cost to participate is \$500 per student.

During the 2011-12 school year, students will begin exploring Sandy Springs through six, interactive half-day programs. They will meet at City hall to get a close-up look at how city government works. On environmental program days, they'll be out on the river or in City parks. They'll speak with business leaders and work at social service agencies. YLSS will conclude with a class-chosen service project. Also, each student will be matched, based on career interest, with an alumnus of Leadership Sandy Springs for a job shadowing day.

For more information on the program, call YLSS Director, Polly Warren, at 404-252-2787 or e-mail at YLSSDirector@leadershipsandysprings.org.

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Kelly Barge
Christine Young

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Ellen Stein
Ludi Villanueva

Class of 2012 Nominations

It's that time again - the nomination and selection process for the 25th LSS Class of 2012 is underway. As always, we need and value your input as we work to create another class of community leaders for our 25th Anniversary Year.

As graduates of LSS, you are well aware of the quality of our program and the benefits of participation that continue to accrue to our alumni.

In order to create a diverse and well-rounded class, we rely on multiple sources for nominations - and you, our alumni, are especially important to this process. We rely on you to help us identify strong candidates for the program.

This year, we are streamlining the nomination and application process by going green! You have received an e-mail that includes a nomination form - forms will also be available online at www.leadershipsandysprings.org. You may also e-mail information about a potential nominee(s) to nomination@leadershipsandysprings.org.

25th Anniversary Celebration

The LSS Alumni Council met on January 28 to discuss upcoming alumni events and preliminary plans for the LSS 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2012. The 25th Anniversary Committee has been evaluating ideas for the celebration, as well as possible venues. The council would like alumni input on the celebration year - stay tuned for a brief survey so you can share your thoughts with the committee. It's coming soon - please take a minute to respond. Thank you!



Alumni Spotlight

Laura Jones

Leadership Sandy Springs is proud to spotlight LSS Alumnus, Laura Jones, class of 2000. Laura played a role in helping start the popular community event, Movies by Moonlight, as well as helping in the design of the Sandy Springs road sign toppers as a part of her class project. Laura has served on the LSS board, and will be hosting an Alumni Event at her private residence on March 1. "Ecolumina" will showcase her newly built eco-friendly home in Sandy

Springs, which has served as a showcase for green building technology.

In addition to her involvement with LSS, she has also served on the boards of Arts Sandy Springs, Community Action Center, St. John UMC, and the Sandy Springs Society (SSS).

With Arts Sandy Springs (ArtSS), Laura spearheaded the development of the Reading Garden next to the Sandy Springs Library and is currently organizing the first Author Series at the Sandy Springs Library for the ArtSS ArtsSpring Festival 4/25-5/15.



Laura Jones and family.

As a member of the philanthropy committee for the Sandy Springs Society, Laura is working on Tossed Out Treasures, and the first Elegant Elf Breakfast with Santa.

In addition to her volunteer work, Laura is taking a UGA Master Naturalist course and using these skills to start an afterschool program for area students.

Many thanks to Laura for all that you do for this community and for opening your home to us on March 1.

Class Notes

Updates on your fellow class members

LSS class of '02 classmates and opening retreat roommates **Linda Bain** and **Laurie Sedicino** recently connected after crossing paths at the Troup County Archives. Looking for a location to house a friends' family grist stone, Linda was put in touch with Laurie, who is currently working as curator for the organization's museum. After leaving Heritage Sandy Springs, Laurie received a masters degree in Curatorship from Georgia State University and then went to work for the Archives.

Marlene MacLeish, (class of '10) a renowned expert in space exploration and education received an honorary degree at the 296th Convocation hosted by The University of Western Ontario.

Patty Durand, Leadership Sandy Springs's first Executive Director, has a new job as Executive Director for The Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative, a nonprofit whose mission is to create a consumer-safe, consumer-friendly smart grid.

Eleanor Smith (class of '08) announces that what was The Wellness Community - Atlanta is now the Cancer Support Community - Atlanta. Location has not changed. Web site is now www.cscatlanta.org. Smith is the Director of Outreach.

Ludi Villanueva (LSS Emeritus) remains in the Philippines. He attended his 45th medical school reunion at the University of the Philippines in Manila. As a class, they made a side trip to the former American base in Subic Bay.

Jay Boylan (class of '02) announces a job promotion as National Sales Manager for VCG Software, LLC, a Bond International Company in Roswell, GA. He is responsible for sales and business development, leading staffing and recruiting software services.

Neva Rountree, (LSS Foundation) founder of Rountree Group, announces its 25th Anniversary. Her son, **Don Rountree** (class of '03) is now President of Rountree Group.

Jessica Graves (class of '11) has accepted a new job with Interpoint Partners. Her new e-mail is jgraves6105@gmail.com.

Carol Rubler (class of '08) has a new position with Glen Lake Apartments as Marketing and Leasing Consultant. Her new contact info is: 6901 Glenlake Parkway, Sandy Springs; 404-252-0525; carol@glenlakeapts.com.

Jennifer Ross (class of '10) is now the Chief Financial Officer at Weeks Robinson Properties. New contact info: 3350 Riverwood Parkway, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30339; (404) 815-2007 direct; (404) 384-5295 cell; jross@weeksrobinson.com.

Leticia Leinard Weidenhamer (class of '11) and her husband were blessed February 4 with the birth of their baby boy, Cole Matthew!

Nancy Leathers (class of '90) has new contact info: 1301 Meriweather Drive, Bogart, GA 30622; 706-613-8268 home; 404-558-9851 cell; njleathers@aol.com.

Kittie Abell (class of '04) has new contact info: Home: 311 Villa Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630; kabell2@comcast.net. Work: Vice President of Development, Randolph-Macon Academy; 200 Academy Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630; (800)272-1172; kabell@rma.edu.

Alice Adams (class of '89) is now the Legal Nurse Consultant for Medical Case Consultants, LLC. New e-mail: TheLegalNurse@gmail.com.

Shreve Gould (class of '07) has taken a new position with McKesson. New address: 5995 Windward Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005

Randy Young (class of '96) fax number: 404-705-3005.

John Sours (class of '87) new e-mail address: jsours@charter.net.

Marianne Broadbear (class of '92) new phone number: 404-705-0820

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.

New Members



Thank you to these alumni who have joined the Alumni Association since the directory was printed:

Candace Apple
James Buckler
Brian Smiley

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