

Summer 2010

LSS E-NEWS



## A Letter From the President

**Erin McHugh**

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying your summer and getting out to enjoy the weather when it's not 100 degrees!

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate the Class of 2010. It was a great year, and we had a very enjoyable graduation dinner and celebration with many of our distinguished alumni in attendance. A big thank you to everyone who was able to come and spend an evening with a great group of new alumni!

As I'm sure you can imagine, we are well into planning for the Class of 2011, and we have a nice group lined up for the coming year. We are constantly working on improving the class experience and by revamping the project experience this coming year, we hope to make it more meaningful and enjoyable for everyone involved. We are also planning several events this year for the class members and alumni, so we hope you will join your fellow LSS members at many of the upcoming events.

Given the current state of the economy, we are very grateful for the generous alumni contributions and sponsorships that enable us to keep educating and providing our class members and alumni with meaningful programming. Please be sure to notice their support around Sandy Springs and especially at LSS events, and let them know that we appreciate all that they do.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at Movies by Moonlight in the fall!

Erin

## 2010 Graduation & Alumni Recognition

Congratulations to the Leadership Sandy Springs Class of 2010 and the Alumni Recognition Award winners! On Thursday, May 13, 2010 LSS celebrated the graduation of its 23rd class. The graduating class includes members who work in the Sandy Springs area, servicing the corporate world, local government and non-profit community. The commencement ceremony and dinner was held at Sheraton Atlanta, Perimeter North Hotel in Sandy Springs.

To see a complete list of the graduates visit

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Alumni Awards were presented to three very distinguished LSS alumni members: Candace Apple ('05), Julia Bernath ('03), and Stan Lefco ('03.)

Leadership Sandy Springs also recognized the individuals who started Movies by Moonlight and continue to work to produce the event each year: Laura Jones, Laura Donovan, Bruce Piefke, Carroll Myers, Connie Cannon, Carol Lindberg and Jay Boylan.

## Alumni Profile

### Fran Farias

Leadership Sandy Springs is proud to recognize LSS Alumni, Fran Farias, class of '98. Fran was recently named Rotarian of the Year for Rotary District 6900, which covers approximately half of Georgia. It is the service organization's highest honor and has been bestowed to 532 Rotarians. Farias also received the award in 2001 and 2003.

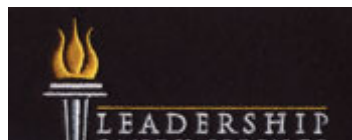
Fran has been active not only in the Rotary Club, but has also recently taken on a leadership role with the Sandy Springs Women's Club. In this position, Fran is responsible for re-activating the group which is best known for donating land for the Library Meditation Garden adjacent to the Sandy Springs Library. She is also spearheading a community cookbook effort.

Over the years, Fran has been involved with Leadership Sandy Springs, helping to organize and support her class project, the "Youth Enrichment Program," a program now housed at Community Action Center. With her devotion to helping youth, she recently secured a grant through State Farm Insurance to support the "After School All Stars" program of Sandy Springs Education Force serving middle school youth. Fran has had her own Sandy Springs-based State Farm agency for many years.

Fran has assisted, staffed and sponsored several LSS kick-off events including the LSS Booth at the Sandy Springs Festival. She is an active member with the LSS Alumni Association and is a great example of an alumna who has taken her LSS experience and multiplied her impact in our community.

## Alumni Council & Activities

In order to keep you better connected with your fellow alumni, LSS recently formed an Alumni Council made up of



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various LSS alumni. Council members include:

Foundation member: David Evans

' 87-' 94: Ellen Stein and Fontaine Kohler

' 95-2000: Laura Jones

2002: Connie Cannon, Eric Ross, Cliff Pepper, Elizabeth Kelly

2003: Elna Sheetz and Stan Lefco

2004: Kittie Abell and Laura Donovan

2005: Kelly Barge and Candace Apple

2006: Will MacArthur and Noelle Fortier

2007: Gail Cohn, Nancy Schisler, Emily Sullivan

2008: Kevin Lubitz and Tisa Moore

2009: Willis Lanier and Elaine Bryant

LSS is still looking for individuals to work with the LSS classes 1996-2000, but of course all Alumni are encouraged and welcome to get involved.

Don't miss the following opportunities to network and reconnect with other LSS Alumni!

July, 14, 2010: [Wind Down Wednesdays](#) at Heritage Green

September 16, 2010 Kick-off Fiesta at Heritage Green

October 19, 2010 Beer Fest at [5 Seasons Brewing Company](#)

November 16, LSS Cultural Night, Location TBA

Spring 2011: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Glenridge Hall, details coming soon!

## LSS Class of 2011

The Selection Committee is in the final stages of balancing the class and notifying those that have been chosen to participate this year. Others will be moved to consideration for next year's class, or offered a place if any cancellations arise prior to September.

In response to LSS Alumni feedback and to continue improving the class program, a special team was formed to strategize new ideas for the upcoming year. The team putting together the general arrangement for the upcoming class includes Roz Cohen, Debora Wilson, Robert Cahn, Mike Lynch, Jennifer Steele, Will MacArthur, and Erin McHugh. The team identified three themes for the new class program: leadership development, getting to know Sandy Springs and building relationships.

The old familiar class project will be undergoing some changes as recently approved by the Board. The new segment, "Class Community Connection," will allow class members to work in teams in a non-hierarchical, community environment and gain hands-on experience in volunteerism, while enabling LSS classes to have an impact on the community. We believe that the new structure will reduce the time commitment and frustration that have plagued some class members in the past.

A selection of volunteer opportunities with established community organizations will be presented to the class, and each class member will be asked to select their top three preferences. Class members will be assigned to teams based on their preferences with a goal of achieving a balanced mix of personalities, professional connections and backgrounds. The teams will work closely with the organization's assigned staff to complete the desired project, program, activity or deliverable.

We are excited about these changes and the new class members who will be implementing them!

Please visit [www.leadershipsandysprings.org](http://www.leadershipsandysprings.org) for a complete schedule of program days - and remember that all alumni are welcome to attend, but you must notify Carolyn Axt so we can assure your space.

Feel free to send your comments to [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org) as we always welcome your feedback.

## Movies By Moonlight

Leadership Sandy Springs is pleased to continue the 6th annual Sandy Springs Movies by Moonlight, a Friday evening outdoor movie series shown on the Sandy Springs United Methodist Church lawn. The event is presented by Leadership Sandy Springs with support from the City of Sandy Springs. 2010 movie dates are: **September 10, October 1, and October 8**. The movie titles and start times will be released in early Fall. Entertainment will be provided by local sponsors, businesses, county firefighters, and local talents.



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. Out of respect to our host site no pets will be allowed.

Leadership Sandy Springs current class and esteemed alumni, we need your sponsorship, lead connections, and strength as volunteers for this upcoming event. To contact us for more information regarding volunteering or sponsorship, call 404-256-9091 or e-mail [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org).

Special thanks to our current sponsors: Campbell Stone North, Mosaic Group (Architect and Remodelers), Sandy Springs Toyota, Jori Kasher State Farm Agency, Optech Monette, LLC, CH2M Hill, Sandy Springs Bar Association, Children's Dentistry of Sandy Springs, Taylor Construction, proudsmiles ("A Health-Centered Dental Practice"), Neighbor Newspapers, Reporters Newspapers, Fast Signs, S.R. Walker Designs, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church and Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism.

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Leadership Sandy Springs is pleased to have Kelley Boshell Toole & Ellison as a Chairman level sponsor for many consecutive years. Kelley Boshell Toole & Ellison is a medium-sized Atlanta firm of Certified Public Accounting and business consulting professionals specializing in taxation, accounting, and business profitability consulting. In addition to providing accounting and tax services for LSS, the firm also works with other local non-profits.

Partner Jim Kelley is currently serving on the Leadership Sandy Springs Board as Past President, and is also a member of the Sponsorship and Selection Committees.

Many thanks to Kelley Boshell Toole & Ellison for their continued support of our program and this great city!

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