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## Creating Connections

Jan Paul, Executive Director

Greetings,

We're off to a strong start and an exciting year lies ahead! I wish more of you could have been at the Kickoff Fiesta! It was a high-energy occasion with alumni reconnecting, speakers trading jokes, and the Class of 2016 claiming, with great certainty, that it is the "Best Class Ever!"

Looking forward, we have a busy fall season with two alumni events in October and November. I'm thrilled that Don Doran, principal, Drew Charter School, will share his insights on transforming community through quality education. Also, we've moved our Legislative Review from the spring to November to preview issues in the upcoming General Assembly.

Finally, December will be a time of celebration. Our holiday party is always our largest event, so please join us on Dec. 3. Also, on Dec. 4, the City of Sandy Springs will celebrate its 10th birthday with a party at Sherwood Event Hall. Councilman John Paulson, Class of 2015, asked LSS to co-present this celebration. Many of our alumni were integral in the formation of our city, so let's come out in full LSS force to celebrate! We look forward to seeing you soon!

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# Luncheon Speaker Series - Don Doran

## Thursday October 8, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM



When Ken Burns makes a documentary, he tells an extraordinary story. In late October, Burns will begin work on his latest interest - the revolutionary Drew Charter School in East Lake, the principal of which will be our fall speaker. Don Doran is responsible for much of the

school's stunning success. Join us on October 8 as Leadership Sandy Springs has the remarkable opportunity to hear from Doran as he shares his vision for transformational leadership in education. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for this event. The member cost for the luncheon is \$15 and is payable at the door. As a member, you are allowed to bring one guest. The charge for non-members is \$25. Seating is limited so register early.

## Kickoff Fiesta and Opening Retreat



The Class of 2016 is launched! With a great charge from Atlanta Regional Commission's CEO Doug Hooker at Fiesta, the class went north to Unicoi State Park for team-building (see photos at the top). Special thanks to Metrotainment Bakery and Chipotle Mexican Grill at Parkside Shopping Center for the delicious food!

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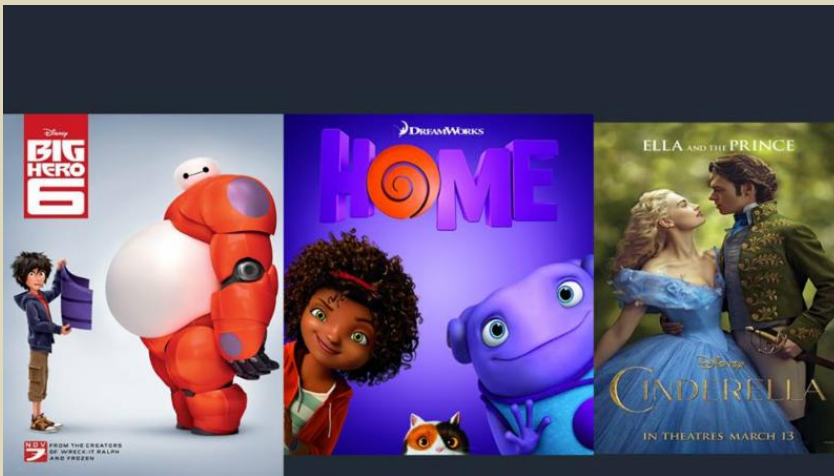
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## Movies by Moonlight Update



We've had two great movies so far with "Big Hero 6" and "Home", and though weather has prevented the "Cinderella" event on its original date, the MBM committee is working on rescheduling. Stay tuned!

Thank you to our new and returning sponsors for the 2015-2016 year!

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## We Got Framed at the Sandy Springs Festival



The 30th anniversary of the Sandy Springs Festival was great fun for Leadership Sandy Springs alumni, staff, board members and volunteers who interacted with festival attendees to "Get Framed". Visitors came to the LSS tent just to get their picture taken behind a portrait frame in front of our backdrop! Be sure to check out your friends on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

## Youth Leadership Sandy Springs Induction and Opening Retreat



Youth Leadership Sandy Springs' largest class ever has students from 11 schools. The 40 high school sophomores and juniors started their YLSS year with an induction ceremony hearing from YLSS alumni, practiced team-building skills with Outward Bound during a Saturday retreat, and most recently explored Sandy Springs during a cell phone scavenger hunt.

Next stop is City Hall and a mock trial.



## Membership Drive

While we are all alumni, it is members who make us financially able to run our programs throughout the year. Please consider joining as a member when the dues notice comes to you later this month.

## Save the Date! Mix 'N Jingle

Formerly the Taste of the Holidays, this free member event will take place on Thursday, December 3rd at Sewell Appliance from 6-8pm. You won't want to miss tastings from our fine local restaurants so mark your calendars!

## Member Notes

Let us know when LSS Alumni are promoted or receive recognition so we can share with everyone.



**Shreve Gould (LSS Class of 2007)** has taken a leadership Role in the organization VETATLANTA which convenes "affinity groups" or other contacts at major businesses in the area to focus on hiring and support returning Veterans. He has returned from being overseas. His new contact info is: Senior

Business Analyst, Six Sigma Yellowbelt, McKesson -  
Amendment Team; 5995 Windward Parkway, Alpharetta GA  
30005. 404.338.4646. Shreve.Gould@McKesson.com

The Sandy Springs Police Department recently reorganized some of its leadership team, moving **Captain John Mullen (LSS Class of 2014)** to command the North District and **Captain Rob Stevens (LSS Class of 2013)** to command the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Congratulations gentlemen!

**Mike Rabalais (LSS Class of 2007)** New address: Executive Director, Glenridge Family Office, PO Box 1724, Decatur, GA 30031 (404) 323-2306 mwrabalais@earthlink.net

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[communications@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:communications@leadershipsandysprings.org)

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## LSS: Our Vision and Our Mission

### **Vision:**

Foster a vibrant Sandy Springs by serving as the nexus for community leadership development.



### **Mission:**

We develop, educate and connect individuals to lead and bring value to our diverse community. Our role is to inspire, excite and equip people who will shape a thriving Sandy Springs.

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