

Fall 2013

LSS E-NEWS



## LSS Welcomes Its Class of 2014



At our September Fiesta, we officially welcomed our incoming class of 2014 as it embarks on its annual leadership development program. More than 110 Leadership Sandy Springs members gathered to kickoff the new class year at a dinner provided by Moe's and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

The highlight of the evening was keynote speaker Yvonne Williams, president and CEO, Perimeter Community Improvement District (CID), as she discussed the "The Power of Partnership." Ms. Williams related her experiences in building the Perimeter CID through partnership and collaboration and how much can be done through the "Power of One," the LSS class theme. Ms. Williams, a recent graduate of the elite group Leadership America, brought the crowd to its feet with her insightful comments.

This year's 32-member class comes from diverse business and individual backgrounds. At the recent opening retreat at north Georgia's Amicalola Falls State Park, they participated in team building activities and learned about their individual personality traits and leadership styles.

Additionally, the class will begin work on their Community Connections projects assisting Act3, Sandy Springs Conservancy, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, Child Development Association and VBSS.

We wish our new class well on their journey and urge our alumni to

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## Interests Survey Is Back. Do Not Miss Out!

Here is a great opportunity to expand your networking opportunities, showcase your talents and interests, and strengthen your relationship with other LSS alumni. This new initiative was very successful last year and we are expanding and enhancing it this year. You will not want to be left out of this section of the Directory.

Please take the 3 minute survey to provide this networking tool in the back of the LSS directory. We will only share this information with our alumni.



Click on link below

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## Breakfast Buzz:

**November 7th at 7:45am at Jason's Deli**

Great opportunity to learn about real estate trends, something that is important for all of us in Sandy Springs. We are delighted that Shawn Rawls, a nationally recognized expert and speaker on residential real estate trends, will talk with LSS alumni at this breakfast meeting. He is the owner of six Atlanta market centers for Keller Williams. Also, Nance Donaldson will share her perspective on commercial real estate. Owner of Donaldson Realty, Inc., she focuses on the assisting small to medium sized business owners. She is a Certified Commercial Investment Member.

Please join us for this "update" to our yearly Business Day. Continental breakfast will be served. FREE. RSVP required:  
[memberprograms@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:memberprograms@leadershipsandysprings.org)

## LSS Alumni Strongly Support Sandy Springs Festival

The Sandy Springs Festival is where the community comes together. Fifty five LSS alumni were out in force to volunteer for various civic groups, including one as a vendor and five running for city council seats in the upcoming elections. Listed below are some alumni captured in a photo and many more who were seen working the Festival--hopefully we spotted everyone.



Pictured from left to right: Front row - Patty Voelz, Elizabeth Kelly, Jan Paul, Irene Schweiger, Jennifer Steele, Chris Adams, Catherine Lautenbacher, Sancia Cooper, Kathy Reed, Carolyn Axt, Andrea Settles, Tamara Carrera. Back row - Graham McDonald, Bob Palma, Bob Beard, Jim Anderson, Howard Austin, Will

McArthur, Ken Dishman.

Not pictured: Carol Thompson, Kimberly Brigance, Laura DeLong, David Roskind, Jim Kelley, Lori Evers, Willis Lanier, Linda Bain, Fran Farias, Patty Conway, Tochie Blad, David Evans, Tony Siebert, Tom Jones, George Northrop, Paige Alexander, Kym Hughes, Harriet Rosenberg, Stephen Walker, Eric Carlson, Sonja Tonpea, Cory Jackson, Pam Jones, Jeff Scarborough, Sally Wyeth, Dave Flynn, Terri Potter, Ham Henson, Bob Levinson, Mandy Merkel, Pam Campbell, Dawn Reed, Renee North, Jim McGee, Carol Rubler, Emmett Cloud.

## NEW!! LSS Ambassadors Program

We are launching a new program. LSS Ambassadors will be the faces of Leadership Sandy Springs. We see the most professional and engaging graduates to represent us among alumni and in the community. Nominations are welcome:

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

## Couchman and Noble Foundation: Matching Grant Update



Through the end of our Q1 fiscal year, we are in a good position to meet our matching challenge grant from the **Couchman and Noble Foundation**. Our corporate sponsorships are on target to meet our goal and response to the membership drive is helping us meet the challenge for new donors and those who have not donated in the past three years. We will continue to work hard to maximize this challenge grant opportunity and look forward to reporting a strong finish at the end of the year. Thank you to all who are helping us meet our goals!

## Movies By Moonlight Entertains the Community



This fall we celebrated our ninth year of Sandy Springs Movies By Moonlight with crowds approaching 3,000 sitting under the stars and enjoying three family-style movies- *The Croods*, *Oz the Great and Powerful* and *Wreck-It Ralph*.

Many families enjoyed the nostalgia of an outdoor cinema reminiscent of a drive-in



movie and a block party all rolled into one. Also joining us were some of the candidates for the city's upcoming election-two of whom are LSS alumni.

Thank you to our 40 alumni and current class volunteers who provided set up and clean up and worked the concession stands. What a wonderful display of community for Sandy Springs!

Thanks to our sponsors, many of whom provided great activities for kids of all ages.

### Presenting Sponsors

Couchman & Noble Foundation  
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## Calling all Chefs! Food Lovers Save the Date! Taste of the Holidays Event on December 5th

**Food Lovers:** Come enjoy the magnificent Sewell showroom while munching on samples from Sandy Springs top restaurants and LSS amazing chefs. Make sure you save the date our most popular event and meet our wonderful sponsors.



**LSS Top Chefs:** We are looking for alumni with cooking skills to add to our restaurant offerings. Please let us know the name of the dish you will be featuring by emailing: [memberprograms@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:memberprograms@leadershipsandysprings.org)

## Alumni Dues Reminder

Last month, we sent out our annual membership dues letters and many thanks go to all our alumni who responded so quickly with their generous donations.



If you've not done so yet, please help us take advantage of an unparalleled fundraising opportunity offered by the **Couchman and Noble Foundation**. For any new donation, or one from an alumnus who hasn't donated in three years, the Foundation will match it up to \$500-with the potential yield of \$10,000 from the Foundation!

Help us shape the future of our community through your support of LSS. With your assistance, we can strengthen our existing programs and offer additional opportunities. [Click on this link to pay your dues via Paypal.](#)

## Second chance to see the presentation from our Sept. Luncheon Event

**Search Engine Optimization** lunch event was a huge success!

Click on this webpage (<http://www.leadershipsandysprings.org/members/member-events>) for the slide show that Jason Hennessey presented at the Aldo's luncheon on 9/18. Look for the red **HERE** button.

## Strategic Plans Moving Forward with Strategic Task Forces

LSS has formed task forces to research, evaluate and make recommendations to the Board in two key areas: Leadership Program Enhancement and Diversity.



**Leadership Program Enhancement:** to determine if there are opportunities and needs related to our mission for LSS by providing programs/activities to better serve our alumni, our sponsors and the Sandy Springs community at large.

**Diversity:** to work to ensure that our annual class and alumni involvement on committees more closely reflects the demographics and wonderful diverse ethnic groups in Sandy Springs.

If you are interested in providing input to or serving on these task

forces, please contact [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org). The task forces will report to the Board no later than the May board meeting.

## *Save the Date*



**April 26, 2014**  
**8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Join us to help greet participants and coordinate breakfast.  
Mark your calendars and plan to come out in force  
to welcome our 500+ volunteers!

## Youth Leadership Sandy Springs

### **3rd Annual Class of YLSS is off and ... cell phoning**

Planking at MARTA. Tracking down Sandy Springs' three Fortune 500 companies. Finding Gen. Sherman's Atlanta campaign headquarters. Learning how to write a news release at the Neighbor. Being interviewed at The Reporter Newspapers. Shopping at Whole Foods. Trying on fire gear at a fire station.



That's just a few of the stops the 35 members of Youth Leadership Sandy Springs made as they discovered Sandy Springs during a cell phone scavenger hunt this September. The hunt kicks off a year of civic education and leadership training. Divided into seven teams, the high school sophomores and juniors from eight schools had to find more than 25 Sandy Springs landmarks and answer texted trivia questions about their community.



Cell phone scavenger hunt at CalyRoad Creamery

A month earlier, YLSS students began their year learning to work together on Outward Bound's ropes course during a Saturday retreat. Their next program is at city hall where they will meet with city managers, attend court and then participate in a mock trial. Each student will have a role from attorney to bailiff to juror.

**The 2013-14 YLSS class includes:**

**North Springs:** Juliana Abel, Dionna Green, John David Grider, Bilal Gutu, Rachel Kaufman, Alice Ann Lever, Perla Nunez, Tahrek Sbaity, Lilly Schreiner

**Mt. Vernon:** Anjana Anandkumar, George Gavalas, John Paul Hayes, Haley Todd, Madeline Williamson

**Riverwood:** Chandler Arney, Margaret Beckley, Jan Berland, Kevin Feldman, Brett Feldman, Amelia Holley, Palmer Jones, Elizabeth Lamar, Suleima Millan, Nicole Nichols, Emily Smith, Charlotte Spaeth

**Holy Spirit:** Ciara Doyle, Meredith Jones, Andrew Vincent, Kyle Winkler

**Weber:** Shaina Goldfein, Meredith Galanti

**Holy Innocents:** Grant Knoechel

**Marist:** Nathan Maulding

**Galloway:** Amanda Rosner





## LSS Directory Opportunities

Looking for a way to promote your business to 500 of your closest friends and associates? Why not consider the LSS Directory. We are assembling information for the **2013-2014 LSS Directory** and are happy to offer this highly-directed advertising opportunity to our alumni and sponsors. Please contact Jan Paul at [jan@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:jan@leadershipsandysprings.org) for further information.

## Member Notes

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



**Shawn Monahan (LSS '06)** recently become a partner in the catering company called Five Star BBQ Company.

**Eric Carlson (LSS '09)** is the owner of Tactical Finance, LLC located at 6839 C Glenlake Parkway, and can be reached at 404-395-1593.

**Susan Forsling (LSS '93)** has stepped down from the bench and is now a senior judge. She joined Bay ADR where she does mediation and arbitration. Her email is [susan.forsling@gmail.com](mailto:susan.forsling@gmail.com).

**Sonja Tonpea (LSS '09)** executive produced the film 'Westfield' Struggles to Success. The film premiered during a red carpet event at Morehouse School of Medicine last fall.

**Diane Gray (LSS '07)** is now an Associate Broker with Keller Williams Realty Consultants in Roswell. Her email is [dianecgray@gmail.com](mailto:dianecgray@gmail.com).

**Roxanne Fucci (LSS '07)** is now with Palmer House Properties. Her new email address is [roxanne.fucci@yahoo.com](mailto:roxanne.fucci@yahoo.com) and can be reached at 678-776-4846.

**June Carlson (LSS '13)** is now working with State Bank and Trust on East Paces Ferry Road. She can be reached at 404-239-8663 or [june.carlson@statebt.com](mailto:june.carlson@statebt.com).

**Carol Rubler (LSS '08)** is now a jewelry designer and metal smith with Carol Rubler Designs. She can be reached at [carol.rubler@gmail.com](mailto:carol.rubler@gmail.com) or 404-798-8609.

**Jeff Scarbrough (LSS '12)**, Sandy Springs deputy fire chief and fire marshal, is leaving his current position to become the fire chief in Athens-Clarke County.

**Thomas D. Jones (LSS '92)** has relocated his office to 163 Osner Drive, Sandy Springs and can be contacted at [tdjfin@gmail.com](mailto:tdjfin@gmail.com).

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).

## 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.

## Breaking News: All LSS members invited

### **Policy Makers Briefing: Water Under the Gold Dome**



Join the Civic League for Regional Atlanta and the Regional Business Coalition as we ask legislators and policy advocates:

What's the good news, what's the bad news, and what should we expect from the Georgia General Assembly in 2014?

- \* How are we doing on conservation?
- \* What about water quality?
- \* What's the latest on the Water Wars?
- \* What else is going on around the state and Southeast that could have an impact on metro Atlanta?

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 20: Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM, Program 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Georgia State Capitol. This program takes place in the House Chamber. Seats on the House Floor will be reserved on a

first-come basis.

REGISTRATION: <https://msp-undergolddome.eventbrite.com/>  
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