



Dr. Jim Johnson, Keynote Speaker  
Live, Learn, Lead Sandy Springs 2016

## Letter from our Executive Director Jan Paul

Greetings everyone,

What a great start to the New Year-thanks to your support, we exceeded our membership goal by raising a record \$24,193 from 190 members! We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support, which allows us to enhance our member programs! And, just as importantly, we appreciate your participation in our programs and events.

On Feb. 25, we have Live, Learn, Lead Sandy Springs, featuring nationally recognized Dr. Jim Johnson. We're excited to bring this event to you-Dr. Johnson is very engaging as he delivers important information on how significant trends will affect our community.

And, there's more! On March 29, we'll present a transportation summit with local and state leaders, discussing the transit topic and the effects on the Sandy Springs and Perimeter area. Please join us for an inside view of all that is happening around us.

There are many ways to get involved and learn about the issues we face as a community. Our program days tackle these challenges and we welcome you to help plan and attend the program days. The best part - we're learning among our LSS family and friends! Join us...connect once again with your



### In This Issue

[Letter from our Executive Director](#)

[Live, Learn, Lead...Sandy Springs](#)

[Membership Drive](#)

[Evening with the Mayor](#)

[Recruiting](#)

[Sponsors](#)

[Class of 2016 Update](#)

[YLSS](#)

[VBSS Day 2016](#)

[Transportation Summit](#)

[LSS & YLSS Member Notes](#)

[Vision and Mission](#)

### Board of Trustees

Executive Committee:

President:  
Pam Rosenthal

President Elect:  
Chip Sweamgan

Treasurer:  
Patty Voelz

Secretary:  
Andrea Settles

Primary area of responsibility:

classmates. Let's enjoy one another as we build a better Sandy Springs.

## Live, Learn, Lead...Sandy Springs 2016



LSS is excited to present the second annual Live, Learn, Lead Sandy Springs on **Thursday, February 25**, featuring Dr. Jim Johnson of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, University of North Carolina. A diversity and demographics expert, Dr. Johnson will share insights from his research in trends and major impacts on our community and the region. He will touch on economic development, diversity integration, impact on workforce development, disadvantage youth, education and business, and more.

Don't miss this engaging speaker at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 805 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Sandy Springs, GA 30327. Networking and appetizers start at 6 pm, program begins at 7 pm. [Click here to register.](#)

## Membership Drive Is Still ON!

We reached and surpassed our goal in December, thanks to our faithful members! Thank you everyone. We've raised over \$24,000. Your dues help us develop community leaders and further civic engagement in our great city. We accept dues all year long and it is never too late to join as a member, so please click this [link](#) and look for the Dues and Donation button top left.

**Membership  
Matters!**

Ambassadors:  
Patty Conway  
Clare Stefan

Civic Roundtable:  
Carolyn Axt  
Graham McDonald

Class 2016 Programs:  
Elizabeth Kelly  
Sean O'Toole

Communications:  
Dawn Reed  
Chip Swearngan  
Sally Wyeth

Development:  
Andrea Settles  
Clare Stefan  
Brenda Rothschild

Diversity:  
Trinita Patton  
Jan Paul

Finance:  
Augustus Brown  
Paula Owens  
Patty Voelz

Human Resources:  
Robert Cahn  
Mark Rosenthal

Live, Learn, Lead:  
Teri Cloud  
Pam Rosenthal  
Vicki Willard

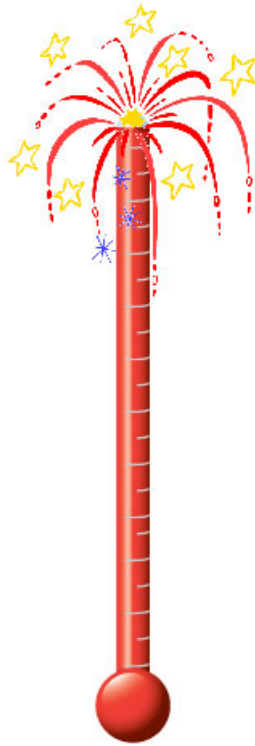
Member Programs:  
Gene Jordan  
Karen Trylovich

MBM:  
Ernestine Morgan  
June Carlson

Selection/Recruitment:  
Villard Bastien  
Bob Levinson

Strategic Planning:  
Jason Lina  
Trinita Patton

VBSS:  
Steve Soteres  
Jason Lina  
Sally Wyeth



YLSS:  
Howard Austin  
Chip Houston

Trustees Emeritus:  
Ellen Stein  
Ludi Villanueva

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

## Evening with the Mayor



Sandy Springs Mayor Rusty Paul informed over 80 LSS alumni and city residents in his usual entertaining and engaging style on January 7 for the annual Evening with the Mayor, held at Holy Spirit Preparatory School. Paul touched on City Springs progress, transportation issues going forward, road closures and openings, the promising and productive working

relationship with the Fulton County Commission, "NextTen", and commercial development issues.

Thanks to Holy Spirit for hosting and the brand new Under The Cork Tree restaurant at the Prado for catering (owned by the husband of an LSS Class of 2016 member!)

## Leadership Sandy Springs is Recruiting!

And we need your help to nominate qualified candidates.

Interested individuals may also self-nominate. Applications for the 2016-17 class are now available on the website and can be completed electronically. The deadline to apply is March 15. Click

[here](#) for the nomination form or email selection@leadershipsandysprings.org with contact information. We expect this to be a highly competitive process, so your personal endorsement will be helpful to prospective candidates. Application forms are available on the website.

Thank you to our Live, Learn, Lead sponsors!



- and -

**Bank of Sandy Springs**  
**Babush, Neiman, Kornman & Johnson**  
**BB & T**  
**Fidelity Bank**  
**Henssler Financial**  
**Lokey, Mobley & Doyle**

**PCID  
Proscenium Capital  
Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce  
Weinberg & Associates  
Wendall Willard**

## Class of 2016 Update - Business Day



The Class of 2016 enjoyed a full day learning from the business leaders in the community including Northside Hospital, PCIDs, developers, tech startups, Georgia Department of Economic Development as well as the city's economic development. As alumni, you are most welcome to join us for a program day. Contact [catherine@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:catherine@leadershipsandysprings.org).



**Youth Leadership Sandy Springs  
Improv Day**



### **"Pitch me a movie about jellybeans!"**

That's just one of the hilarious situations Youth Leadership Sandy Springs classmates and alumni found themselves in recently during an afternoon of improv comedy. Improv troupe BANSHEE led the exercise in fast thinking and active listening at Atlanta Workshop Players. Next up on the YLSS calendar is a look at the community's non-profits and a Sunday afternoon diversity workshop with the current LSS class.

### **Recruiting YLSS Members**

Applications are now available for the sixth class of Youth Leadership Sandy Springs. Rising sophomores and juniors who live or go to school in Sandy Springs can apply by finding an application on [www.leadershipsandysprings.org/ylss](http://www.leadershipsandysprings.org/ylss). The deadline is March 18. In YLSS, students get leadership training and teamwork experience while exploring their community's government, environment, economy, public safety and social services. They conduct a mock trial, go to jail, explore Sandy Springs in a cell phone scavenger hunt, sample water quality with national park rangers, travel behind-the-scenes at city hall, navigate a low ropes course and take the stage with improv comedians. Questions? Contact Polly Warren at [YLSSDirector@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:YLSSDirector@leadershipsandysprings.org).



## Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs 2016

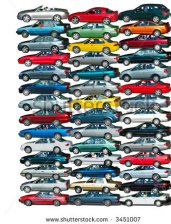
**Save the Date:**

Saturday, April 16, 2016, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Kick Off Breakfast at North Springs Charter High School with Mayor Rusty Paul followed by work 22 sites around Sandy Springs. Interested volunteers may register [here](#) for your site choice and T-shirt size. For more information, contact [vbss@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:vbss@leadershipsandysprings.org)

## Transportation Summit 2016

### Save the Date:

March 29th, 4 - 7 pm at Wyndham Atlanta Galleria.  
Cost, drinks and appetizers still TBD.



## Member Notes

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



**Michael Lynch (2009)** is now working for Equifax. His new business address is:

Equifax  
1100 Abernathy Road NE  
Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA. 30328  
E-mail: [Michael.Lynch@Equifax.com](mailto:Michael.Lynch@Equifax.com)  
Work Phone: (678) 795-7311  
Mobile: (404) 904-6341

**Galina Dimitrova Courson (2012)** from The Financial Discovery Group, was honored with AICPA 'Standing Ovation' Honor as a Top Young CPA in Personal Financial Planning.

**Chris Starr (2012)** is no longer serving as rector of Church of the Atonement. His home address, listed in the directory is permanent.

**Chip Swearngan (2013)** has been appointed by the Mayor to the City of Sandy Springs' to a diverse, 11-person zoning advisory committee that will work with the consultants who are preparing a revised unified code for the city.

**Brian Lunsford (2015)** was made a principal at his firm Pond & Company.

**Ed Steele** and **Cheryl Lietz** (both 2015) have been inducted into the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs. Cheryl is also serving on the Friends of Benson board of directors for the Dorothy Benson Senior Multicomplex Center.

**Dr. Margaret Ehrlich (2015)** served as Co-Principal Investigator

of Georgia Perimeter College's largest grant award in GPC's history to help fund a five-year program to raise retention and graduation rates.

**Harriet Rosenberg (2000)** is now retired. Congratulations Harriet!

We are sad to announce that **Judy Hiles (2000)** recently passed away.

## YLSS Notes (new addition!)

**Haley Todd** of Mt. Vernon Presbyterian School and **Natalie Peek** of Riverwood International Charter School were featured in the Sandy Springs Reporter's "20 Under 20" piece for their contributions to the community. Natalie is also working on her Girl Scout Gold Award by raising funds to purchase books for Riverwood.

## Where They Are Now - YLSS Alumni

**Regan Durkin**, Class of 2012, is now program coordinator of The Shrimp Tank at Kennesaw State University Entrepreneurship Center giving young entrepreneurs the chance to learn the dos and don'ts of starting and running a successful business.

---

Please continue to keep us regularly informed of promotions, job changes, professional initiatives, volunteer projects, and life/family updates so we can share it with other members through our newsletter. Send your information to:  
[communications@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:communications@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.

Like us on **Facebook**; Follow us on **Twitter** and **Instagram**; Join us on **LinkedIn**





Leadership Sandy Springs  
P.O. Box 28007  
Sandy Springs, GA 30358  
[director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org)  
[www.leadershipsandysprings.org](http://www.leadershipsandysprings.org)

**[Forward email](#)**



This email was sent to [director@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:director@leadershipsandysprings.org) by [communications@leadershipsandysprings.org](mailto:communications@leadershipsandysprings.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [About our service provider](#).



Leadership Sandy Springs | P.O. Box 28007 | Sandy Springs | GA | 30358