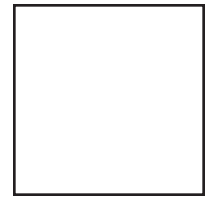




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Highlights

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*Thanks for
a GREAT
Summer!*

Letter from the President

Making the future our responsibility.

That's the new Leadership tagline that was recently adopted, and it's the perfect summation of what we are trying to accomplish.

For the third year in a row we have an outstanding class made up of influential businesspeople and volunteers, who are committed to immersing themselves in community responsibility. They'll be learning about how our government works, what's available in our educational system, the community's environmental concerns, the great need for human services, the transportation challenges we face, and much, much more.

We are fortunate to have another terrific board, who continues to make the future their responsibility by working hard to support the Leadership program. The board is currently working on a new Leadership web site, our booth for the Sandy Springs Festival, the new Leadership image program, getting corporate sponsors to support the program, developing events that keep alumni involved, arranging the annual volunteer day and so much more.

And last but not least, we are so fortunate to have Carolyn Axt continue in her role as executive director. She has worked tirelessly to build the Leadership program, giving so much more than her job description requires her to do. In addition to running Leadership, she handles the volunteer program at North Springs High School, is on the Board of the Sandy Springs Conservancy, and is working to bring a YMCA to our community. Carolyn is someone who has truly taken our tagline to heart and exemplifies it on a daily basis.

If you have any suggestions as to how Leadership can do a better job of "making the future our responsibility," I would love to hear from you. Just email me at lauraj@mindspring.com. In the meantime, I hope that all of the alumni will make an effort to stay involved in this terrific program. We have a number of events planned this year that will allow you to do so, starting with the Sept. 4 Kick-off picnic. I hope to see you there! 🌀

*Laura Jones
president,
Board of Trustees*

The new board of directors will be listed in the next newsletter or you can access the list on our web site www.leadership-sandysprings.org.



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Kick-off Picnic!

***Mark your calendar
for the September
Kick-off Picnic!***

Come get together with old friends and network with other Leadership participants – both new class members and alumni – at the annual Kick-off Picnic. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 in the garden room of the Williams-Payne house. A delicious barbeque dinner will be served at 6:30. Fran Farias, '98, of State Farm Insurance, Charles Green, '93, of Sunrise Bank, Slopes BBQ; and Jax Liquors are generously sponsoring the evening. There's no cost for alumni, except for alcoholic beverages, and the charge for guests is only \$5. Be on the lookout for your invitation and RSVP to Patsy Acuff at 404-851-9111 or information@heritagesandysprings.org. 🌀

Thank You!

Thanks to the outstanding Board of 2003 for bringing Leadership to new heights!

The 2003 board of trustees gave generously of their time to continue to strengthen the momentum that's been occurring in the Leadership program.

Special kudos go to Marci Soran and Katherine Watson who are responsible for the new Leadership look, logo and newsletter. They worked tirelessly to make sure that our image was as professional as possible. Another special thanks goes to Jay Boylan who not only helped arrange the retreats, program days, and study sessions, but also attended them to make sure that everything went smoothly. Jay was also of invaluable assistance to the Executive Director in a number of behind the scenes ways.

Executive Committee & Outgoing 2002-2003 Board

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Class Representatives

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| Foundation Committee | Dr. Ludi Villanueva |
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| 1990 | Rick Warren |
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| 1994 | Reta Frew |
| 1995 | Mary Sue Ahlert |
| 1996 | Wes Reynolds |
| 1997 | Scott Burton |
| 1998 | Fran Farias |
| 1999 | Laura DeLong |
| 2000 | Sandi Stacy |
| 2002 | Cliff Pepper |

Trustees Emeritus

Ellen Stein and Ludi Villanueva 🌸

Calling All Alumni!!

Take advantage of being a member of Leadership Sandy Springs as we continue to grow and expand.

On September 4th, join us for the **Kick-Off Picnic**. We have a great 2004 class whom you will want to meet. There are many other opportunities to connect with new members, re-connect with classmates and make new contacts.

Mark your calendar for our **Discussion Session on Diversity in Sandy Springs**. It will be held on Oct. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Lake Placid Apts community room at the corner of Northwood and Kingsport Drives next to the COPS Police office. This is a great opportunity to hear from experts about the benefits of living and doing business in our diverse community and how to use this diversity advantageously. We will also be addressing some of the challenges and opportunities. Check the calendar for other study sessions which are designed to provide on-going educational opportunities for LSS alumni. If you have suggestions for topics, please let us know.

April 17 is LSS big community day... **Volunteering for Sandy Springs**. This is a continuation of a 2003 class project which was adopted by the LSS board as an annual LSS alumni event.

See you at the Study Sessions!

Get into the Sandy Springs Festival at no cost!

Receive a fabulous new Leadership t-shirt for free!

How, might you be asking, can you possibly receive all this and all within the same day?

It's so easy! Just volunteer to help man the Leadership booth at the Sandy Springs Festival on either Sept. 20 or 21. The Festival is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. We'd prefer for volunteers to work three hour shifts, but won't reject anyone who can only volunteer for a shorter period of time.

All that's involved is explaining the Leadership program to those who are interested and encouraging them to participate in our Volunteering for a Better Sandy Springs Day on April 17, 2004.

If you can help, please contact Carroll Myers, 770-587-2735 or carrollmyers@aol.com. 🌸

Save the Date!

The 2004 Volunteering for a Better Sandy Springs Day will be held on April 17. We need your help to make this even bigger and better than last year's successful event and to let the community know what a caring organization Leadership truly is. 🌸

Leadership Sandy Springs Alumni Recognition

The Leadership Sandy Springs program has graduated scores of capable leaders over the past 17 years. The leadership training encourages their participation as volunteers in the community and enhanced their ability to make a difference.

LSS wants to honor the continuing contributions past class members are making as volunteers and to acknowledge the diversity of leadership roles they have taken.

Each year, alumni will be selected from various volunteer roles in Sandy Springs and their achievements will be highlighted. At the same time, we thank each and every Leadership Sandy Springs graduate who, because of his/her time and energy, has made our community a better place in which to live, work and play.

Sally FitzGerald, class of 1993, became actively involved in the parent association of her children's schools. In 1984, she served on a task force to change the Fulton County school board members to be elected and the superintendent to be appointed. Sally then began to focus her efforts through the League of Women Voters to educate citizens and influence legislation that benefits students. She continues to follow

legislation for the League and has expanded into taxation, elections, ethics and reapportionment.

Charles H. Green has lived in Sandy Springs since 1986. He participated in the LSS Class of 1992-1993 and served as a Trustee for three years. He has served on the Board and as Co-Chairman of Keep Sandy Springs/North Fulton Beautiful, as a Trustee of Heritage Sandy Springs, and on the Board of NSHS Music Boosters. Charles has chaired and expanded the Concerts by the Springs which are enjoyed by so many. Presently he is organizing a new bank to be named "Sunrise Bank of Atlanta."

Nancy Leathers began her involvement with Sandy Springs as a planner for Fulton County and then as Director of Environment and Community Development where she worked to preserve the quality of life for communities and helped achieve Overlay Districts for Sandy Springs. She was a member of the LSS class of 1989, served as a Trustee and was president of LSS in 1991. Retiring from Fulton County in 2002, Nancy became the Executive Director of Sandy Springs Revitalization, Inc. (SSRI) in September 2002, where she continues to work for positive changes in Sandy Springs. 🌸

Bylaws Updated to the 21st Century

Since last April's LSS board meeting your Nominations/Bylaws Committee has very busy at work with taking on the additional responsibility of updating and making our bylaws and articles of incorporation current with the 21st century. Since our organization - LSS -has grown so dramatically in the past few years, a concerted effort was made to modify our bylaws to more appropriately meet the standards and functionality of LSS today and moving forward for the next few years to come.

It was determined that the preparation of bylaws or their reconstruction should be a major administrative project with the

appointment of every new board. To this end we have created a new committee chaired by the president elect- Cliff Pepper – to monitor and suggest timely changes to LSS bylaws and articles of incorporation. These management guidelines are important to every board member candidate, every inducted trustee to guide personal service and confidence as rules of operation. Seldom have I seen bylaws which show acceptance by the board. Seldom is acceptance dated. Seldom are bylaws relevant to today's rapid economic and social changes that occur in an organization such as LSS. It has been felt by several LSS board member that the existences of authentic, comprehensive, relevant, official management guidelines as bylaws are as crucial as Roberts Rules of Order in parliamentary procedures. I must thank the following people who have provide significant input and time to making the key relevant changes to the LSS bylaws and articles of incorporation. Doug Kessler, our legal counsel for his legal advice and research. My fellow committee members for there time and welcome edits, Cliff Pepper, Laura Jones, Tamara Carrera, Ellen Stein, plus our Executive Director Carolyn Axt. Finally, we expect LSS board approval of all of these updates at our next LSS board meeting, August 26. Thanks again to all for a great effort for the future vitality of LSS. 🌸

"The only way to predict the future is to have the power to shape the future"
– Eric Hoffer

Alumni Update

Mary Joyce Bacon Class of '03 is planning to volunteer abroad in Costa Rica come the end of August.

She will be resigning from her current position at Northside Hospital in the next few weeks and taking off shortly thereafter to teach English to 6-11 year olds in a rural community school as well as working on two conservation projects in different National Parks. LSS wishes her well. 🌸

LSS Class of 2004

Opening Party and Retreat:

Sept. 4, 2003 Kick-off Picnic for LSS Class of 2004 and LSS Alumni. Williams-Payne House
6-8 p.m.

Sept. 12-13 Opening Retreat
Timber Ridge Conference Center
11:30 a.m. Fri - 4:30 p.m. Sat

Program Days and Study Sessions:

Oct. 2 **Cultural Diversity in Sandy Springs Study Session**
– With a panel of knowledgeable community representatives, we will explore issues and perspectives of living in a diverse community. **

Oct. 16 **Sandy Springs Community Day** – Learn in-depth about Sandy Springs, its' history, heritage, physical features and treasures. With on-site tours and through the eyes of those who know, we will gain a new appreciation for Sandy Springs.

Nov. 6 **Arts and More Study Session** – Join in for a cultural opportunity and learn about the arts scene in Sandy Springs and explore the arts and cultural challenges we face. **

Nov. 20 **Sandy Springs Business Day** – What's it like doing business in Sandy Springs? Learn about the challenges and opportunities from "Pill Hill" to the heart of the business district and in between.

Dec. 11 **Human Services Day** – Experience the resources in Sandy Springs. Learn about the agencies that provide services and the challenges our citizens face. This highly interactive day will long be remembered.

Jan. 15 **Education Day** – Become a student for a day. See educational facilities and special programs first-hand, meet students and learn of the challenges facing educators and those who work with youth in our community. How do the Governor's reform; funding Issues, educational Initiatives and more impact our schools and our community?

Jan. 29 **Public Safety Study Session** – With a panel of experts, we will learn about crime and how it impacts each of us here in Sandy Springs. Question the panelists and learn what we as citizens need to do to make Sandy Springs safe.**

Feb. 19 **Government Day – Visit The Capitol** – see legislation being made! Meet with State and County Legislators who will discuss current legislation impacting us. Be thinking of questions you want answered...we will make time for them! Then on to the Courts for a firsthand look at our Justice System.

March 4 **Class of 04 Project Planning Session** – A working session. All members to meet and work with their team on their class project.

March 18 **Infra-Structure Day** – This day focuses on transportation and planning issues. Meet with representatives from GRTA, MARTA, DOT, ARC and learn what they are doing to solve the challenges facing Sandy Springs and what we should do.

April 15 **Environmental Day** – Wear your walking shoes for firsthand look at some of Sandy Springs' green-space treasures. Hear what is being done to expand and improve much needed parkland and help improve our environment.

April 29 **Class of '04 Project Planning Session** – A working session designed to help teams finalize their project ideas. A chance to invite community representatives to provide needed input and expertise.

Closing Retreat and Graduation

May 8 **Closing Retreat** – A one day culminating activity to cap off our class events.

May 20 **Graduation and Alumni Recognition Dinner** – Spouses invited

Note: Class days run from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. except Government Day which ends at 5:00 pm.

Study Sessions are 6-8 p.m. 🌀

**Alumni are welcome at all events. Please contact Carolyn Axt.*

***Specially designed continuing education opportunities for LSS alumni to join 2004 class members*

Missing In Action...

Thanks to many of you who have helped us locate the "addresses unknown" class mates in our files.

We still don't know how to reach the following as their mail has been returned... any leads would be appreciated. If you know that they have moved out of state, let us know so we can indicate that in the directory.

Judith Bramblett, Vickie Garrett, Richard Ingram, Stan Levy, Manina Thompson, Melody Wickliffe, Mike Scott, Steve Bram, Celia Mason, Bill Crowley, Kris (Narey) Michels, Bill DeVane, John Moore, Curt Martin, Dale Becker, Deborah Greenshields, Gayle Rishak Bremer, Gary Pernice, Glenda Dukes, Carol Williams Hindman, H.C. Alexander and Rachael Alexander, Nancy Lundstrom, Rachel Swinford, Gillian Horsley, Patrick Leonard, John McDowell, Buddy Spencer, Melissa Meadows, Jenny Harty, Clay Johnson, Marla Prince, Jeff Wansley, Andrew McNeill, Eugene MacIntyre, Faye Hallford, Bill Stafford

Thank you for helping all the LSS graduates keep in touch and network. 🌀

Help Wanted!

We have a number of talented Board members who are chairing different committees for the Leadership program. Now all we need are alumni who can help them out! Please contact Laura Jones at 404-255-5235 or lauraj@mindspring.com if you can assist with the following:

- 🌀 **Alumni & Volunteer Day Committee** – Help plan events that keep alumni involved in the Leadership program, such as the annual volunteer day, Sandy Springs Festival, class graduation, kick-off party, and class socials.
- 🌀 **Membership Committee** – Help recruit members for next year's class.
- 🌀 **Sponsor Committee** – Help obtain financial sponsorships for Leadership functions, primarily program day and study session meals and expenses related to the kick-off party, graduation and retreats. Also help secure funds for printing and scholarships.
- 🌀 **Finance Committee** – Assist treasurer in budget and tax preparation and help develop fundraising plans.
- 🌀 **Public Relations** – Help develop an annual Leadership marketing plan and assist in the development of PR-related materials such as newsletters, press releases, specialty items, direct mail pieces, brochures, information packages and stationery.
- 🌀 **Technology Committee** – Help oversee the evaluation and purchase of Leadership's hardware and software and assist with the maintenance of the Leadership web site.
- 🌀 **Directory Committee** – Assist the Leadership director in putting together the annual directory of alumni.

SPONSORS!! a key to growing Leadership Sandy Springs.

Are you looking for a way to get your business' name out in the community? Are you looking for a cost effective way to tell your story to prospective clients? LSS has the answer!

LSS is looking for sponsors for the class days and events. Sponsors provide food or funds which make the LSS activities possible.

LSS sponsors are welcome to speak briefly and hand out literature at the event sharing their business with those in attendance. LSS sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter, on our new web site and at the end of the year graduation event. This is a cost effective way to get your message out in the community while helping LSS grow. Our membership is over 400 key prospects for you and many others are contacting us through the web site.

Please contact Linda Bain (mblbs@mindspring.com) or Elna Sheetz (ElnaS@bellsouth.net) or Carolyn Axt (leadsandsprings@earthlink.net) for more information.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

We encourage you to support our sponsors as we all work to make Sandy Springs a better place to live, work and play!

For the picnic we wish to thank:

- Slope's BBQ, located on Sandy Springs Circle
A great place for lunch, dinner or to pick up food for a picnic.
- Charles Green with Sunrise Bank.
Contact Charles for all your banking needs.
- Fran Farias with State Farm Insurance
*8613 Roswell Road - 770-668-0222
(fran.farias.ctjm@statefarm.com)*

LeadershipSandySprings.org – A New Web Site Launch in Sept.

We are proud to announce that by the end of September that Leadership Sandy Springs will be launching a brand new web site – Leadershipsandysprings.org. Thanks to Barbara Giamonico – VP of Programs for taking the initiative to secure the services of the Atlanta Institute of Art, (AIA), with the "Web Raising" project. Our technology committee consist of – Jay Boylan- chair, Carolyn Axt, Jim Buckler, Barbara Giamonico, Laura Jones, Don Roundtree, Guy Taylor – webmaster. We have been assigned a team of Media arts students from AIA to develop and launch this new site. The committee's mission is to provide a site that is visually appealing, easy to navigate and comprehensive with critical

LSS information for alumni and new classmates in LSS. The first phase of the web site is on SohoLaunch software that is hosted at Worldsites with our own LSS domain registration. The second phase of the launch will than be administered by our technology committee with the assistance of Jim Buckler at SohoLaunch. We will certainly welcome all future submissions of information and particularly pictures in digital format (so start snapping those pics) to make our site top class with piazzas in the Sandy Springs community. I challenge all LSS alumni to keep you submissions coming to the technology committee in the future. Stay tuned for our successful launch in September. 🌀