



LSC Alumni News Journal

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2010–2011

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Leslie Greenwood

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Meet the New Class and Reconnect on August 17

On August 17, 2011 the LSC Alumni will host a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Jefferson State's Shelby-Hoover Campus on Valleydale Road. This will be your opportunity to meet the new class of 2011-2012.

Probate Judge Jim Fuhrmeister will speak during the breakfast and this is a great opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and members of Leadership Shelby County. A special program is also planned to provide up-dates about our county. Of course, there will be networking... networking... and more networking.

In addition, the Alumni Board will present the new officers at this breakfast. Please come to show your support!

Cost? There is no additional cost. It is included in your dues for 2011-2012. Please RSVP to Carol Bruser at bruserca@montevallo.edu by August 10, 2011 so we can make adequate preparations for your attendance. Dues for 2011-2012 may be paid at this event, however please contact Carol and let her know that you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

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Welcome Members of the 2012 Class

New Leadership 2011-2012

LSC Officers for 2011-12

David Bobo - President

Kevin Morris - Vice President

Bridgette Jordan Smith - Secretary

Cynthia Jarrett - Treasurer

Congratulations to our new officers!

Thank you for your commitment to serve.

LSC Alumni Board Officers for 2011-12

Joey Ritchey - President

Phyllis Koon - Vice-President

Michael Sznajderman - Secretary

LSC Graduation

The Leadership Class of 2011 graduated at the Pelham Civic Complex on May 11th, accompanied by family, friends, dignitaries, state and regional legislators, company leaders, Leadership alumni and Leadership Board members. This year's class of 30 attended day-long session from September through May, during which time class members learned about various aspects of the county. During the year, time is devoted to team building, the history and future of Shelby County, a look at business and industry in the area, the inner workings of the county and state government, and exposure to some historical sights.

At the annual graduation ceremony, three groups presented projects in a first-ever, combined luncheon, speaker-and-class-project-presentation session. Leadership Shelby classmates Jeris Burns and Chris Price described their group's effort to unite the county's hungry with food bank resources. Known as group #1, this group produced a new booklet "**FootConnect**" a resource developed for the residents of Shelby County, Alabama dedicated to feeding the hungry and supporting area organizations through service and giving. It is now available at local libraries, schools and churches. It updates current services, and details where county residents can volunteer.

Class of 2011 Donna Dickson, Todd Higey and Lauren Mott collaborated to reveal group #2's project, which utilizes social media to increase awareness of the county's tourism and events. The group created a Facebook page (facebook.com/shelbycountytourism). All alumni are encouraged to "Like" the page.

Group #3 was represented by Tom Sanders, who described how county services could help the disadvantaged and assist programs like the Shelby County Resource Center.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Youth Leadership Shelby County Class of 2010-11



Calera High School

Justin Brickler
Aeryn Kauffman
Cole Pevey
Meghan Ryan

Chelsea High School

Eli Bashour
Robin King
Emily Mealins
Nathan Roddy
Nicole Roddy

Cornerstone Christian School

Loey Peete

Indian Springs School

Sydney Lash
Haley Payton

Montevallo High School

Trey Colley
Brett Gray
Kathryn Ray

Oak Mountain High School

Caroline Beauchaine
Cameron Bice
Jeb Blackwood
Bradley Bostick
Chase Easterling
Eunyoung Jo
Matthew Moore
Frank Wu

Pelham High School

Hayley Barber
Shelby Bradford
Alexandria Cochran
Madison German
Ty Pierce
J.T. Ross
Bria Burns
Sarah Phillips

Shelby County High School

Rachel Cole
Matt Gibson
JP Gravit
Andrew Miller
Jessica Rasco
Jared Seale

Thompson High School

Ashleigh Hamm

Vincent High School

Bria Burns
Sarah Phillips

CONGRATULATIONS!

A New Class is Preparing!

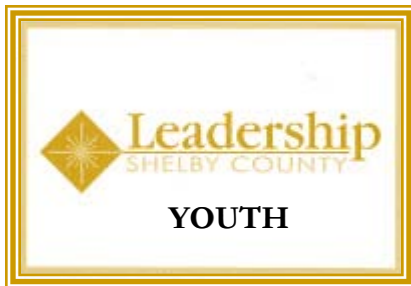
ADULT CLASS DAY SCHEDULE

**2011 - 2012
CLASS DAY
SCHEDULE**

- Opening Retreat - September 13-14, 2011**
- Shelby County Day - October 12, 2011**
- Education Day - November 9, 2011**
- Justice System Day - December 14, 2011**
- Economic & Industrial Dev. - January 11, 2012**
- Healthcare Day - February 8, 2012**
- Government Day - March 13, 2012 TUESDAY**
- Quality of Life - April 11, 2012**
- Graduation - May 16, 2012**



YOUTH CLASS DAY SCHEDULE



- Opening Retreat - November 6-7, 2011**
- Healthcare - December 6, 2011**
- Justice Day - February 7, 2012**
- Government Day - March 13, 2012**
- Education/Environment Day - April 3, 2012**
- Graduation - April 26, 2012**



Help us stay in contact with You

Have you changed jobs or moved? Do you have updated contact information? Please send it to Carol Bruser at bruserca@montevallo.edu. We will include the changes in our next newsletter.

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2011 – 2012 PAID ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP as of 7/28/2011

Aldrich, Marla
 Allison, Lindsey
 Anderson, Sharon
 Bean, Sandy
 Bibb, Bill
 Bobo, David
 Bowen, Tim
 Brasher, Edwin
 Brocato, Frank
 Brown, Keith
 Burchfield, Ken
 Burns, Jeris
 Butterworth, Debbie
 Byars, Gina
 Cason, Al
 Cloud, Holt
 Cook, Lynn
 Corbell, Chris
 Corbett, Tricia
 Corsini, Mark
 Curry, Chris
 Daugherty, Ryan
 Day, Jim
 Day, Rene
 Dedes, James
 Dickson, Donna
 Dillard, Scott
 Doughty, Kristi
 Dudchock, Alex
 Easterling, Rick
 Ellis, Corley
 Ewoldsen, Lori
 Fenderson, Tyrone
 Fields, Randall
 Forrest, Barbara
 Francavilla, Donna
 Fuhrmeister, Jim
 Gallet, Alain

Garrett, Rachel
 George, Chris
 Goddard, Noralyn
 Goldstein, Debra
 Graham, Denise
 Greenwood, Leslie
 Grimes, Tom
 Gualano, Terri
 Gunn, Calvin
 Hampton, Jane
 Hartline, Anne
 Hatcher, Gwen
 Hawkins, Cindy
 Higey, Todd
 Hill, Carol
 Hill, Peg
 Holloway Reggie
 Jackson, Ken
 Jackson, Mallory
 Jarrett, Cynthia
 Johnson, Aimee
 Johnson, Jerry
 Johnson, Yolanda
 Kimbrough, Julie
 Kinard, Mary
 Koon, Phyllis
 Lowe, Leah Anne
 Maercker, Greg
 Major, Fred
 Major, Linda
 May, Randy
 McAllister, Ray
 McBrayer, Brett
 McCrory, Ben
 McMahan, Lisa
 Mellon, David
 Minor, Jeanette
 Moran, Bill
 Morgan, Annah G.

Nicholson, Cindy
 Parrott, Debra
 Parsons, Grady
 Pate, Allen
 Payne, Linda
 Popwell, Darren
 Powell, Bill
 Price, Sally
 Ralph, Danny
 Ray, Dana
 Ray, Jennifer
 Ritchey, Joey
 Roberts, Barbara
 Roberts, Kim
 Rogers, Jeanette
 Samaniego, John
 Sanders, Tom
 Schmidt, Chris
 Seale, Tom
 Seales, Bobby Joe
 Seales, Joshua
 Shirley, Wayne
 Skinner, Frank
 Slaughter, John
 Smiley, Terry
 Smith, Ben
 Solomon, Gloria
 Sorensen, Craig
 Staley, Michael
 Stansell, Garland
 Stone, April
 Sripling, Heather
 Sullivan, Terri
 Sumners, Cody
 Sumners, Sylvia
 Sweet, Doug
 Sweet, Jacqui
 Sznajderman, Michael
 Tanner, Dorann

Thomas, Ralph
 Toler, Rhonda
 Tramble, Judy
 Trammell, Jennifer
 Turner, Kevin
 Vines, Lane
 Ward, Cam
 Weyandt, Greg
 Wheeler, Clovia
 White, Robin
 White, Susan
 Wilder
 Williams, Barbara
 Williams, Wallace
 Wilson, Bill
 Wingate, Chuck
 Wolfe, Tim
 Wright, John



There is room for
 your name on this
 list! Contact Carol
 Bruser to pay your
 dues

Class Project Update—CASA

(Reprint by permission from Shelby County Reporter)

Juvenile Judge Jim Kramer recently swore in eight new Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. The graduating class is comprised of the following new CASA volunteers: Kim Do, Karen Stamps, Karen Sewell, Linda Hill, John Driver, Belinda Anderson, Laura Littlefield and Helen Dean.

The Shelby County CASA Program started 14 years ago through the efforts of local child advocates who wanted to provide additional advocacy and support for children involved in the court process.

They wanted to provide assistance to an overcrowded population — the juvenile court system and abused and neglected children in it. CASA provides additional advocacy by recruiting and training volunteers to go through the court process with abused and neglected children.

Volunteers are required to pass a thorough background check and a 40-hour training program. Their training consists of classes that are taught by Judge Kramer, representatives from the legal community and the Department of Human Resources in Shelby County who are involved in the court system.

CASA trainees have to attend court, make observations of actual cases, go on fact-finding missions and learn how to write court reports. The court reports are critical

to the information Judge Kramer gathers in making his decisions.

CASA volunteers are the eyes and ears of the judge, and they go where he cannot go — into the homes of the children they serve. They can also confidentially interview family members, teachers and counselors in an effort to provide information that will help address the best needs of the child or children they serve.

CASA volunteers, once trained and sworn in by Judge Kramer in his courtroom, become official officers of the court. They have full access to all the information deemed important in the case to which they are assigned.

CASA of Shelby County holds two training sessions a year. The most recent graduating class of CASA volunteers is now being appointed to individual cases to research and work on and children for which to advocate.

While Shelby County is always named the best place to raise a family, it is not without child abuse and neglect. Fortunately, it is not without people who are willing to be trained to work in their best interests. That is what CASA is all about.

Alumni and Family Attend the Barons Game

The baseball bat cracked in two as the Barons charged to a decisive victory over the Tennessee Smokies before a gathering of Shelby County leaders recently. Members of Leadership Shelby County Alumni and the Leadership Shelby County Board of Directors, joined the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce for a free night of Barons baseball.

Members exchanged business cards, networked, handed out flyers, discount coupons and brochures, shook hands, manned booths, all while indulging in a buffet of sandwiches, fresh fruit, egg rolls and drinks at The Business After Hours networking gathering. The social event was sponsored by *Business Electronics and the Tourism Initiative of The Partnership*.

Many brought their families to enjoy the evening. Some viewed the game with an unobstructed view from the table-clothed, rounded tables located on balconies at the Piper Davis Porch close to third base, at Regions Park. Others migrated to other sections of the park to seek seating. Various members were spotted downing hot dogs and french fries, licking ice cream, and enjoying "Thirsty Thursday." "The turnout of more than 150 business leaders for a Greater Shelby Chamber Business After Hours was tremendous," said Jennifer Trammell, President of the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and The Partnership.

"We appreciate the support from Business Electronics and the Birmingham Barons, and **Leadership Shelby County alumni**. It's important for organizations to work together on events to further the networking reach among our communities." Some in attendance were dressed in 1980's garb, the theme of the evening. Those in attendance were treated to 1980's songs and sights, a warm summer evening, and America's favorite pastime, courtesy of Shelby County sponsors.

The Barons defeated the Tennessee Smokies, 7-0.



Alumni Class Representatives

1995 Doug Sweet
 1996 **Vacant**
 1997 Calvin Gunn
 1998 Barbara Roberts
 1999 Janice Gill Brown
 2000 Donna Francavilla
 2001 Tricia Corbett
 2002 David Bobo
 2003 Bill Moran
 Jeanette Rodgers
 2004 Leslie Greenwood
 Bobby Joe Seales
 Michael Sznajderman

2005 **Vacant**
 2006 Tom Ferguson
 Barbara Forrest
 2007 Clovia Wheeler
 2008 Will Davenport
 Phyllis Koon
 Joey Ritchey
 2009 Jim Day
 Jacqui Sweet
 2010 Tim Bowen
 Annah Grace Morgan
 2011 Jeris Burns
 Chris Price

Alumni Committees

Just a reminder—one way to stay involved is to join a committee.

Current Committees chairs are:

Events—David Bobo
 dbobo@jeffstateonline.com

Health—Bill Moran
 bill.moran@stvhs.com

Historian—Bobby Joe Seales
 bjseales@bellsouth.net

LSC Youth—Jim Day
 dayjs@montevallo.edu

Newsletter—Clovia Wheeler
 clovia08@aol.com

Social Media—Annah Grace Morgan
 amorgan@diabetes.org

Contact the chair to volunteer for a committee!



We still need Alumni Board Members to serve. Can you help? We meet quarterly. Contact Carol Bruser for additional information or to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

17th - Yearly Breakfast Kickoff—Jeff State 8:30 am

SEPTEMBER

13th– 14th - Opening Retreat LSC Class of 2012

OCTOBER

19th — Alumni Board Meeting - Jeff State 11 - 12:30

DECEMBER -

6th - Holiday Social Hour

JANUARY, 2012

18th—Alumni Board Meeting - Jeff State 11 - 12:30
 TBA—Tailgate Party

APRIL, 2012

18th—Alumni Board Meeting - Jeff State 11 - 12:30

Class Day Sponsors Needed

Sponsors are needed for the 2011 - 2012 Leadership Shelby County Class. Sponsorships are \$500 for lunch and \$250 for breakfast. Sponsors logos will be on the itinerary for the day. They can set up a booth or table, will be given the opportunity to speak for a few minutes during the meal, pass out marketing info, etc. Additionally their business name will appear in the Alumni Newsletter for the entire class Year. We also accept any dollar amount as a donation. Contact Carol Bruser if you or someone you know can sponsor a meal.

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