



LDH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Leadership Donelson-Hermitage announces a new format for the alumni newsletter! With this issue, we're switching to a monthly newsletter that will be posted electronically on the LDH website. An email will be sent to you with a link to the website where you can download the newsletter as a PDF. This will allow us to be more flexible and creative with the newsletter. More importantly, it will be more efficient and allow more alumni as well as non-alumni to access the newsletter.

Former newsletter editor **Linda McCullough** (Class of 2000) is retiring due to time demands of her job. We want to send out an enormous **THANK YOU** to Linda for all her hard work doing this job for the last two years. Cheers for Linda!

Robbie D. Jones (Class of 2005) has agreed to fill in as the new editor on an interim basis. Continue to send your news and announcements to Linda or LDH Executive Director **Deann Bradford** (Class of 1999) or Robbie. The monthly E-News will be distributed at the first of each month, so be sure to send your news no later than the **25th of each month**. In the meantime, Deann will continue to send out emails to alumni with information that is time-sensitive. Also, feel free to share local community and business news that may be of particular interest to LDH alumni.

This new external communications procedure is a work-in-progress so we ask that you bear with us as we work out the kinks. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Deann. Thanks for allowing me to be of service to LDH!

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **International Academy of Design and Technology** (IADT) in Donelson will begin marketing a new program in Digital Audio Production (Music recording and sound design) in April 2007. This is an 18-month program, where students can earn an Associate of Applied Science degree. IADT has campuses in Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, Nashville, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Antonio, Schaumburg, Seattle, Tampa, and Toronto. Visit www.iadtnashville.com for more information.

In October, the Executive Director of the **Tennessee Historical Commission**, located in the Clover Bottom Mansion in Donelson, retired. Herbert Harper, 78, of Franklin had served the THC for more than 31 years and had been the deputy State Historic Preservation Officer since 1972. The THC recently selected Patrick McIntyre of Nashville as the new Executive Director. Patrick has been the Executive Director of the nonprofit Tennessee Preservation Trust, based in Nashville, since 2002.

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SAVE THE DATE!

March 8: The 17th annual **Star Spangled Salute** is honoring the Service to Humanity of **Laura Smith Tidwell** (Class of 2003) and **Jeff Whitehorn** (Class of 2006) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel – Governor’s Ballroom. This important community event serves as a fundraiser for the Donelson Senior Center; this year’s goal is to raise \$25,000 for the center’s operating budget. There will be a Silent Auction during the cash bar reception, dinner, and a terrific program! It all starts at 6:00pm. The event annually recognizes honorees selected on contributions to the community and support of the Donelson Senior Center. Also being honored at the Salute are **Bill LaFollette** (Class of 1999), who will receive the Community Spirit Award, and Glenn Rogers, who will receive the Senior Spirit Award. The Community Spirit Award will be renamed in honor of the late John M. Stone and his family will be in attendance.

Please consider purchasing tickets and/or tables for this significant community fundraising event, which is honoring three Leadership alumni! Tickets are \$75 per person. People wishing to donate items for the Silent Auction are welcome to do so. For more information call 883-8375 or 231-1231.

March 10: The **International Academy of Design and Technology** will have a fashion show at the Gibson Showcase at Opry Mills Mall at 7:00pm.

March 15: The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, will celebrate **Andrew Jackson’s birthday** with a program starting at 11:00am. Enjoy a fun-filled, kid-friendly birthday celebration as President Andrew Jackson turns 240. The “President” will be on the grounds to greet visitors and receive birthday wishes. Special activities for kids and complimentary birthday cake. This is an official "**Celebrate Nashville**" event with **Half-Price** admission for everyone all day long! Visit www.thehermitage.com for more info.



April 17: The “**Young Jacksonians**” will hold a “History with a Twist” social event at Past Perfect, a hip new restaurant and bar located at 122 3rd Avenue South in downtown Nashville. This growing group of young leaders has the mission of raising awareness of The Hermitage within Nashville’s business community and, well, having fun! Hermitage board members Amy Bell and Brent Young are the co-chairs. Watch your email for event registration information.

May 9: Annual LDH Alumni Meeting (11:30am-1:00pm) - Donelson Senior Center.

June 7: LDH Graduation, Class of 2007 (6:00pm, reception: 7:00pm, dinner) – Gaylord Springs Clubhouse near Opryland off McGavock Pike.

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June 8: Relay for Life at Summit Medical Center – Anyone interested in being a team member representing LDH, please contact Linda McCullough (Class of 2000).

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Laura Tidwell (Class of 2003) is receiving the Shining Star Award for community leadership from Senior Citizens, Inc. on April 21 at The Crown Affair, a major fundraiser for Senior Citizens, Inc. Visit www.scitn.org for more information.



Last August, **Caroline Carlisle** (Class of 2006) joined the staff at The Hermitage as their new part-time Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. Caroline also owns a new art gallery called Twist in the downtown Arcade. Visit www.twistartgallery.com.

Women in Numbers nominated **Laura Tidwell** for the 2007 Athena Award, sponsored by CABLE. The National Association of Women Business Owners nominated **Genma Holmes** (Class of 2004) for the Athena Award, which is considered Nashville's highest recognition promoting the achievements of professional women. The ceremony will be held March 29 at The Parthenon's Athena statue.

Sharon Kipp (Class of 2002) was elected to a 3-year term on the board of directors for the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, which has nearly 4,000 members.

Last year, **Robbie D. Jones** (Class of 2005) joined the board of directors for the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association's Nashville Chapter and is chairing the annual Spring Meeting program. The meeting will be held April 5 at 5:30pm at the downtown Nashville Civic Design Center and will focus on how UT is helping reshape the architecture of Nashville through the Civic Design Center and prominent alumni. UT Professor T.K. Davis and local architect Kem Hinton will speak and there will be an exhibit of student projects from UT-Knoxville's School of Architecture. Everyone's welcome to attend! Watch your email for registration information.

Phil Ponder (Class of 1999) was recently elected to the board of directors for the Nashville Zoo.

New work contact info for **Lucy Foutch** (Class of '06):

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LDH YOUTH LEADERSHIP NEWS

LDH Youth Leadership will join the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for the General Membership Meeting on **March 8** as sponsored guests. Youth Leadership does not have a program in March due to Spring Break. Thanks to the generosity of several members of the Chamber board and LDH alumni, all the students were sponsored! Thank you very much for your support of this wonderful opportunity for the LDH Youth Leadership Class of 2007! Please attend the Chamber meeting so you can get to know the youth leaders in our community.



PENCIL PARTNER NEWS FROM HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mickie Agee, a schoolteacher at Hermitage Elementary School, has been named one of six finalists for the annual Metro Nashville Teacher of the Year award. Three Metro public schoolteachers will be selected and advance to statewide competition and the winners at the state level will then move on to the national competition. Mickie is a reading specialist with 32 years experience and is this year's Teacher of the Year at Hermitage Elementary. Congrats Mickie!

LDH CLASS OF 2007 PROJECTS

The LDH Class of 2007 has selected its three community projects. This year, LDH wanted to limit fundraising aspects for the new class projects. "What I'm delighted in is that these projects are really hands on," said Deann Bradford in a *Tennessean* article. "We wanted to get away from fundraising. We're delighted at the direction we're taking. (Teams) are not allowed to raise more than \$1,000. They have to do something where they aren't the fundraising arm." The projects include:

- **"Friends of the Jets"** is focusing on getting a new sign for Donelson Middle School and other improvements to this school as well as Hickman Elementary School, both located on Stewart's Ferry Pike in Donelson.
- **"The A Team @ 4"** is developing a plan of community awareness for Progress, Inc., which was founded in 1971 to help the developmentally disabled.
- **"Greening the Greenway"** is making aesthetic improvements to areas in need along the Stones River Greenway.

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SPECIAL REQUEST: BIRTHDAYS

Deann would like for anyone in the Classes of 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to send the date of their birthday to her via email. During these years someone in their infinite wisdom asked applicants their age (we changed it to birthday with the Class of 2003). In order to complete our database (and maybe send a few birthday cards) we need you to help us fill in the blanks. Thanks for your cooperation!

LDH HISTORY PROJECT

If you were involved in the original planning for LDH, you may receive a phone call from LDH Historian **Courtney Eller** (Class of 2006). Courtney is working on a written history and timeline of LDH to publish on our website.

ALUMNI WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Robbie D. Jones (Class of 2005) lost his grandfather, Rev. Harold C. Jones, 87, of Morgan County in East Tennessee on February 19. Rev. Jones was a highly decorated World War II military hero with a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and other medals for service in England, Italy, and France; he was badly injured during the Normandy invasion. Rev. Jones was also a popular “country preacher” who helped establish Southern Baptist churches throughout East Tennessee. He leaves behind a large family in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia.

DID YOU KNOW?

How does our community compare with other suburban Nashville neighborhoods?

Place	Population	Median Age	Household Income	Median Home Cost	% White	% Non-white
Hermitage	29,688	35.1	\$49,942	\$132,000	85	15
Donelson	26,594	37.9	\$46,407	\$116,200	87	13
Old Hickory	22,103	36.7	\$55,429	\$127,400	94	6
Mt. Juliet	35,923	34.4	\$64,434	\$189,700	95	5
Hendersonville	52,663	36.3	\$56,874	\$186,600	94	6
Antioch	51,886	31.9	\$49,458	\$133,300	68	32
Bellevue	35,091	36.6	\$61,538	\$168,800	91	9
Green Hills	22,418	40.9	\$74,564	\$286,100	97	3
Belle Meade	21,372	42.5	\$73,220	\$290,000	97	3
Brentwood	41,078	37.1	\$103,623	\$364,900	94	6
Nashville	544,857*	35.5	\$44,980	\$157,300	63	37

Based on 2000 U.S. Census data by community zip code.

*Recently revised to 607,413; the 13-county Nashville metro area had nearly 1.5 million people in 2005.

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