



LDH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

April/May 2008

Greetings All,

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April showers bring May flowers - or so they say. If that is true we will certainly have a beautiful May!

We are nearing the close of another class year - 10 years - how did that happen? It seems like just last year I was in that class and wondering what was in store for us the next month and how it could possibly be better than the last.

That being said, I hope you all plan to attend the 10th Anniversary Family Picnic at Nashville Shores on Sunday, June 29. This will take the place of the annual Alumni meeting that is usually in May. More details to follow on that from the 10th Anniversary Committee.

Please mark your calendars for Graduation of the 10th Anniversary Class of 2008 - Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Gaylord Springs Golf Clubhouse. This was a great class and you don't want to miss Graduation - it promises to be fun. Invitations will follow via email.

There are lots of wonderful things going on in our community - check out the Gateway Project on Briley Parkway - if you recognize the "Welcome to Donelson" sign, it is the one that our Class of 2003 raised funds for and had placed. It had been moved due to construction and we were looking for a home for it - WOW it looks great there!

I hope your Spring is wonderful! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Deann Bradford (1999)
Executive Director



LDH ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dennis Mitchell (2006) and his wife Amy welcomed their 3rd child into the world on April 3 at Summit Medical Center. Casen Wilson Mitchell weighed in at 8lbs/8oz. and was 21¼" long. All are doing great. Cards can be sent to 1701 Kendall Cove Land, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

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Liz Martin (2001) and her husband Bryon are expecting their 2nd child on December 9. Cards can be sent to 2629 Western Hills Drive, Nashville, TN 37214.

Wayne Tucker (2004) was appointed by Mayor Karl Dean to serve on the Emergency Communications District Board for Metro Public School District 4.

Kaine Riggan (2006) was appointed by Mayor Karl Dean to serve a 3-year board term with the Metropolitan Education Access Corporation. This commission has oversight of Nashville's public access television stations including Government (Channel 3), Arts (Channel 9), Education (Channel 10), and Public Access (Channel 19).

Amy Downey (2006) was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System. She is principal at Dupont-Hadley.



Robbie D. Jones (2005) accepted a position with Parsons Brinckerhoff, a planning and consulting firm based in New York City (www.pbworld.com). He will work as a Senior Architectural Historian in their Nashville office, starting May 27. Robbie is also moving to a new home in the Inglewood section of East Nashville. His last day at The Hermitage is May 9.

Genma Stringer Holmes (2004) was the subject of a feature article in the *Tennessean* on April 9. The article focused on her work with the Oasis Center, a nonprofit organization that helps teens in crisis and homeless youth.

Phil Ponder (1999) was featured in the *Tennessean* on April 6 in an article on Nashville's senior leaders. Phil is 75 years young if you can believe it!



LDH CLASS OF 2008 NEWS



Mayor Karl Dean

Team Interdependence hosted “Town Hall 2008: Donelson-Hermitage-Old Hickory” at the Donelson Senior Center on May 1 at 6:00pm.

Mayor Karl Dean spoke at the forum on his priorities and their impact for the Donelson, Hermitage, and Old Hickory communities.

Team Interdependence worked several months coordinating Dean's appearance.

Members of Team Interdependence are:

- Randy Coleman, Artistry in Motion
- Holli Dunbar, Henry C. Maxwell Elementary
- Kim Johnson, Scarritt-Bennett Center
- Larry Lovelace, Green Bank
- Linda McClanahan, YMCA
- Alexia Poe, Gaylord Entertainment
- Amanda Stephens, Healthcare
- Daniel Strobel, Nashville Shores

The *Tennessean* published an article about Team DECA's project on April 2. Their project is to raise awareness of the “In Case of Emergency” or ICE initiative, which began several years ago as the idea of British paramedic Bob Brotchie.

Individuals are asked to store contact information and a contact list in the phone, labeling the file ICE. In an emergency, when minutes count, a responder can access the information quickly either by seeing the file or typing in the letters, ICE.

“My wife and I thought it was a good idea, and we found that a lot of people didn't know about this,” said project team leader Mike Bazydola. “It still continues to be mostly a grassroots effort.” Team DECA is partnering with fire department and paramedic personnel to create a local promotion campaign. They will carry the campaign to community events, local schools and churches as well as cell phone providers.



Members of Team DECA are:

- Mike Bazydola
- Stephanie Breiwa, Hermitage Imaging
- Julie Festa, SmartSpace
- Kelly Field, Opry Mills
- Kirk LaVeck, Donelson Christian Academy
- Kent McNish, McKendree Foundation
- Ken Wood, International Academy of Design & Technology
- Clarissa Wyatt, Wilson Bank & Trust

ALUMNI WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Howard (2004) was involved in an accident in April and suffered a broken leg. She is still recuperating from surgery and going through intensive rehab. Cards may be sent to 2824 Windemere Drive, Nashville TN 37214.

Leighton Bush (2005) is still recuperating from his recent illness. Cards can be sent to Leighton at: 4535 Baton Rouge Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076.

Nancy Hall (2004) was involved in a serious accident about ten weeks ago and suffered several injuries. She is currently recuperating. Cards can be sent to 7277 Charlotte Pike #245, Nashville 37209.

Ken Wood (2008) lost his father-in-law William "Bill" Brackman on April 9. Cards can be sent to Ken and Britt Wood, 799 Saussy Place, Nashville, TN 37205.

Betsy Talley (2006) lost her aunt Cindy McCasland, 54, on April 27. Cards can be sent to 5004 John Hager Road, Hermitage, TN 37076.

Larry Keeton (2003) lost his nephew Michael Todd "Weezie" Keeton, 24, on April 27. Cards can be sent to 2002 Hickory Hill Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076.



SAVE THE DATE!

May 8 - Chamber DH Membership Luncheon - Education Day - honoring Students and Teachers of the Year. Gaylord Springs Clubhouse 11:30am - 1:00pm.

May 16 - Women In Business - Donelson Senior Center 11:30am - 1:00pm.

May 30-31 - Relay for Life at Summit Medical Center. Contact Kelly Milam for more information.

June 3 - Graduation for the LDH Class of 2008 will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at Gaylord Springs Clubhouse - 6:00pm. Please plan to attend to support LDH's 10th Anniversary Class. Reservations can be made online with your credit card - just go to **Make a Payment** on the Website and click on Graduation Reservations. We hope to see everyone there!

June 4 - Chamber DH New Member Breakfast - 7:30am at The River of Life Church.

June 12 - Chamber DH Membership Luncheon - 11:30am - 1:00pm Gaylord Springs.

June 13 - Taste of Donelson Hermitage - 5:00 - 7:00pm at American Legion Post 88 in the Pavilion.

June 20 - Women in Business - Donelson Senior Center 11:30am - 1:00pm.

June 29 - The LDH's 10th **Anniversary Family Picnic** will be held on Sunday, June 29 at Nashville Shores 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Lunch and activities are being planned by the 10th Anniversary Committee. This will be free to LDH Alumni - \$15 for family members or guests of Alumni. Tickets will be available on the Website soon. Watch for more information to be distributed soon. (Nashville Shores is offering discounted tickets to the Water Park to all attendees that day.)

