



# LDH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## May 2007

### LDH ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Laura Smith Tidwell** (Class of 2003) has been promoted to Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Strategic Initiatives at NES.

**Robbie D. Jones** (Class of 2005) was chosen as one of three judges for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nashville Preservation Awards, hosted by the Metro Historical Commission. These awards honor historic preservation projects throughout Davidson County that improve our community. The 2007 Preservation Award ceremony is open to the public and will be held at the downtown Nashville Public Library on May 17 at 4:30pm. Honorees include the Temple Cemetery Committee, Nashville historian John Connelly, and Mayor Bill Purcell. A reception will follow. Call 862-7970 for information.



**Shain Dennison** (Class of 2005) was featured on April 12 in a front-page photograph in the Living Section of the *Tennessean* with Mayor Bill Purcell (far left). She was leading a walk along the Richland Creek Greenway with the mayor (center) during Nashville's "Get on your Greenways Day."

*Photo by Dipti Vaidya.*

**Phyllis Williams** (Class of 2000) has a new job with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office located at 506 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North in downtown Nashville. Starting May 21, she will be the Community Coordinator for S.A.A.F.E. (Sheriff's Alcohol Awareness For Everyone). Look for her new work email and phone number to be added to the Leadership website soon.

***Please check the Leadership website to make sure your contact information is correct and up-to-date!***

### ALUMNI WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

**Kathy Hatter** (Class of 2000) is at home with a broken leg. Her address is 3400 Harborwood Circle, Nashville, TN 37214.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**May 9: Annual LDH Alumni Meeting** (11:30am-1:00pm) - Donelson Senior Center. Silent Auction and Door Prizes! Free for LDH members in good standing. Remember the Class with the most attendance wins a free class luncheon at the Palm Tree Café!

**May 10: Plant Swap & Sale** (10:00am-Noon) – Donelson Senior Center. The DSC is looking for donated plants. Contact Liz Martin at 883-8375 or [lmartin@scitn.org](mailto:lmartin@scitn.org) for more information.

**May 10: Sunset at Stone Hall** (5:30pm-7:30pm) – Stone Hall at 1014 Stones River Road, Hermitage. This benefit celebrates the acquisition and preservation of the historic Stone Hall, built in 1918 (right), and the contributions of those who helped make it possible.

Take a first glimpse of Stone Hall and Eversong, the log cabin guesthouse on the bluff overlooking Stones River, as well as the English gardens on the beautiful 11-acre site. The event also includes a wine reception and special presentations. \$60 per person. For more information contact Jane Laub at Greenways for Nashville at 862-8400.



*Stone Hall is poised to become a centerpiece for Nashville parks and greenways and a historic jewel for all of Nashville.*

**May 17: Annual BBQ Kick-Off Meeting** (11:30am) – Donelson Senior Center. Volunteers are needed to serve on all committees for this event. Free lunch will be provided. RSVP with Liz Martin at 883-8375 or [lmartin@scitn.org](mailto:lmartin@scitn.org).

**May 18: Carwash** (8:00am-Noon) – Donelson Senior Center. Benefits Relay for Life.

**May 19: Nashville Comedy Cavalcade** (6:00pm, dinner; 7:00pm show) – Donelson Senior Center. \$18 for dinner and show, \$12 for show only. Call 883-8375 or reserve online at [www.seniorarts.org](http://www.seniorarts.org).

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**May 19: Donelson “Slip-Up” Family Fun Day** (10:00am-3:00pm) – Wilson Bank & Trust, Donelson Branch at 217 Donelson Pike. A dog show, a historical display, live music, food, and children’s activities will be part of Slip-Up Day, a free family event organized by Wilson Bank & Trust to honor Donelson’s rich heritage. Area residents are invited to enter their pets in the dog show, a new addition to the festivities this year, by submitting a registration form to the bank by **May 17**. The categories include “Prettiest Small Dog” (under 25lbs), “Prettiest Large Dog (over 25lbs), and “Dog that Most Resembles its Owner.” (Deann Bradford is one of the dog show judges.)

The event will also feature live music by *Southbound* and the *WB&T Blues Brokers*, as well as concessions, children’s games, and a photograph and artifact display depicting Donelson’s history. Residents who have historical items they’d like to have displayed may contact Wilson Bank & Trust at 232-5925.

“Slip-Up” was a term travelers used during the days of Andrew Jackson to describe the Donelson area, a popular meeting place as people journeyed to Nashville from smaller towns like Lebanon and Carthage. Wilson Bank & Trust hosted the first Slip-Up Day last May.



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**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). LDH is recruiting members to join its virtual team with the goal of raising \$3,000. We will not be able to have an overnight campsite this year, but we are encouraging everyone to participate and support Leadership Donelson-Hermitage in this important community event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. Linda also wants to encourage everyone to come out and walk the Relay with our team! Follow the link to the Relay for Life website at [www.leadershipdh.com](http://www.leadershipdh.com) to learn more or make a donation. We need your support!



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**June 14: Red Cross Disaster Training** (6:00pm-8:00pm) – Donelson Senior Center. Come and get prepared to help our community in the event of a disaster. RSVP at 883-8375.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “Salute to Freedom” at Nashville Shores

May 26 – May 28

“Salute to Freedom” acknowledges military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and provides a time and space for all members of the armed forces and their families to come together to share experiences and spend time with family and friends.

New for 2007 is the “All Veterans Reunion Dinner.” This is a special summer buffet that will be held on Sunday May 27 from 5:00-6:00pm for just \$5 for veterans and members of the Armed Forces and their families. The water park will also be free to the public after 5:00pm on Sunday May 27. Visit [www.nashvilleshores.com](http://www.nashvilleshores.com).

The event also features a moving flag raising ceremony, a beach concert, hot air balloon rides, and fireworks. All veterans and members of the Armed Forces and their families (as well as individuals who work with the Department of Defense and its contractors) receive half-price tickets to Nashville Shores all weekend – \$10.95 plus tax. Also, a special 2-day pass can be purchased for \$19.95 plus tax.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

May is **National Preservation Month**, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Did you know that historic preservation efforts at The Hermitage actually began in the 1850s? As early as 1854 - only nine years after Andrew Jackson's death - Tennessee leaders initiated discussions of purchasing The Hermitage in an effort to ensure its future as a patriotic American landmark. The State completed the purchase in 1856 with the intention of turning it over to the U.S. government for use as a southern branch of West Point Military Academy. Congress considered the idea, but ultimately refused. Other proposals included using the home as the governor's mansion or a state agricultural institute. However, these plans never materialized.

Instead, in 1889 the Ladies' Hermitage Association convinced the State to allow them to operate the home as a nonprofit public museum. Since then, some 15 million visitors from around the world have toured The Hermitage, making it one of the most popular historic homes in the United States.

Today, thanks to thousands of visitors, important community support, and the donations of generous supporters, The Hermitage is recognized as one of the best-preserved historic sites in the country.



*Andrew Jackson's original 1830s Garden Necessary, a privy, will be restored in May 2007.*

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