



## LDH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

October 2007

**H**appy Fall...well it is supposed to be Fall! Those few days of 70s were sure nice! **Retreat** was really great this year (as usual)! Retreat Chairs John Taylor (2006) and Jan Maddox (2007) along with Committee members Phyllis Williams (2000) and Teresa Driver (2007) worked hard to make sure everything was in order. Others who took their time to spend at retreat making sure the Class of 2008 had a great experience included: Wayne Tucker (2004), Kelly Milam (2003), John Doerge (2005), and everyone who attended the Cookout - it is always great to see so many Alumni support the new Class!

Special thanks goes to our friend Jim Kramer from the Davidson County Sheriff's Office for his expertise in facilitating the classroom during the retreat. Jim comes on loan from the Sheriff every year and we really appreciate the support. Floyd Shechter (2000) spoke to the group about development issues in our area "The Heart of the Matter." Floyd's comments always make us reflect on our community as well as raising issues for future discussion!

If you missed **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?** you really missed a great time. More photos will be on the website soon. Our six hosts were: Sandy (2002) & Pat McClarty, Sharon (2002) & David Kipp, Mary (2007) & Ken Smith, Paula Milton (2000) & Jim Ditenhafer, Larry Keeton (2003) & Alice Bishop, and the team of Jane (1999) & Jeff Schnelle along with Teresa Driver (2007) & Ashely Stucks (2008). The Silent Auction was successful and the 54 guests had a blast!

The door prize was two nights at Fall Creek Falls in the Inn and was won by Phil Ponder (1999). We can never thank The Hermitage enough for their support - allowing us to hold our fundraiser in their Visitor Center lobby makes it very special. Our LDH Alumni who are employees worked the event as well as a current class member; this includes Robbie Jones (2005), who also took photos for the LDH website, Tonoa Foster Freeman (2007), and Paula Hankins (2008). Andy would be proud! Thank You to everyone who made this event successful.

The State Leadership Conference **TACL** (Tennessee Association of Community Leadership) was held at Pickwick State Park last week and in attendance on your behalf were the following Board Members: President Wayne Tucker (2004), Betsy Talley (2006), Liz Martin (2001); and Deann Bradford (1999). We had a great time and learned so much. Pickwick State Park is absolutely gorgeous and there is so much history in their communities it is amazing! We toured the Battle of Shiloh battleground and



downtown Savannah and had dinner at Cherry Mansion. We gathered many new ideas from other programs and the icing on the cake - we made many new friends through networking. This organization is also celebrating 10 years this year!

The committee work should be off and running for this year - if you have any questions about what committee you are serving on, or when they are meeting, give me a call. This year will be a BANNER year for LDH - Celebrating our 10th Anniversary and working with Alumni from nine great years along with a richly diverse Class of 2008!

Look for information from the Finance Committee soon regarding corporate and individual challenges for fundraising. This committee is working hard to assure we move forward! There will also be a Class Challenge involved and I know how much you all love those Class Challenges!

**Deann Bradford** (1999)  
Executive Director

## **LDH ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to **Phyllis Williams** (2000). Her first grandbaby was born on October 15 at 12:30am. Lucas Wainscott Williams weighed 9lbs 8oz and was 22 inches long. Mother and father and baby boy are doing fine. Cards can be mailed to Phyllis at 633 Sweetwater Circle, Old Hickory, TN 37138.

Recently, *AutoWeek* magazine published a bumper sticker created by **Bob Budesa** (Class of 2008), which promotes his business. It reads:

*Support Your Local Collision Repair Shop – Use Your Cell Phone©*  
615.889.8818      Hermitage Collision Group      615.885.0042

**Gail Forsythe** (2002) is moving to Pascagoula, Mississippi, next month. Her husband has already relocated there to rehab homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Her new address is 1721 Cherokee Drive, Pascagoula, MS, 39581.

**Mary Wooten** (2004) was promoted to Branch Manager of the Glen Echo Green Hills Branch. Mary started her career with GreenBank in 2005 and served as Bank Officer and PBR at the Donelson Branch until August of this year. "We asked Mary to move to the Green Hills branch as acting Manager to see if she could get HPC back on track and within 90 days she's done it," stated Larry Lovelace (Class of 2008), Regional President. "She has done an excellent job in getting our name out in the community and the numbers speak for themselves." Congratulations!



**Jim Gotto** (2004) was elected Chair of Planning, Zoning & Historical Committee of the Metro Council. He will serve a 2-year term.

**Susan Sizemore** (2008) serves on the CABLE board for 2007-2008 as vice president of Communications & Marketing.

**Duane McGray** (2005) was nominated in May of this year by former Mayor Bill Purcell to serve on the Metro Transportation Licensing Commission. Last month the commission elected him as their Vice Chairman.

**Neil Heatherly** (2000), the CEO of StoneCrest Medical Center, was appointed chair of Leadership Health Care.

**Letha Edwards** (2004) was elected president of NAWBO (Nashville Association of Women Business Owners), Nashville chapter board of directors.

**Pat Baugus** (2003) was elected attendance and arrangements of NAWBO.

**John C. Hobbs** (1999) was elected to serve on the Industrial Development Board.

**Scott Ridgway** (1999) was appointed to the Metro Human Relations Commission.

**Joseph Proctor** (2007) was appointed secretary of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, based in Brentwood.

**John Taylor** (2006) was appointed to the board of directors for SCI and the Exchange Club Family Center.

**Dorcas Sheffield** (2005) and her 9-year old daughter Lenita performed with the Nashville Choir on October 14 for two shows at the Schermerhorn Symphony Hall.

N2Motion – a business owned by **Randy Coleman** (2008) - was highlighted in the *Tennessean* on September 26.

**Robbie Jones** (2005) gave a presentation recently on the First Hermitage Restoration at the National Preservation Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. And, two of Robbie's photos taken during a vacation to Destin, Florida, were winners of Honorable Mentions in the *Tennessean's* Vacation Photo Contest.



## ALUMNI WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

**Christy Kipp** (2006) had surgery recently (appendix). Cards can be sent to her at home at 1204 Riverside Road, Old Hickory, TN 37138.

The father of **Kim Williams** (2001) passed away recently. He was 94. Cards can be sent to her home at 150 Jacksonian Avenue, Hermitage, TN 37076.

The brother-in-law of **Joseph Proctor** (2007) was killed in a car accident on September 21. He was only 25 years old. Cards can be sent to Joseph and Michelle Proctor at home at 2120 Lebanon Pike #14, Nashville, TN 37210.

**Charlene Lawrence** (2004) is recovering from recent surgery. Cards can be sent to her home at 5940 Port Yakima, Hermitage, TN 37076.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**October 5 - October 19:** *The Foreigner* - Starring Richard Moll - Opens October 5 at **The Nashville Dinner Theater** (formerly Senior Center for the Arts Dinner Theater).

TV/Film veteran Richard Moll most remembered from TV's *Nightcourt* stars in Larry Shue's hilarious southern comedy takes us to a fishing lodge in rural Georgia where two English men, Froggy and Charlie, arrive as guests. After pleadings from his sick wife, the shy Charlie agreed to accompany Froggy on the trip. When people at the lodge try to talk to Charlie, he cannot find words due to his terrible shyness.

Froggy then claims that Charlie cannot talk because he is from an exotic country and does not understand English. Due to his supposed lack of ability to understand English, Charlie soon discovers scandals amongst some of the residents of the lodge.



Shows are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm with dinner seating at 6pm. On Sundays, shows are at 2pm with lunch seating at 1pm.

Complimentary Starbucks Coffee.  
Dinner & Show - ONLY \$20.

Visit [www.NashvilleDinnerTheater.com](http://www.NashvilleDinnerTheater.com).



**October 5-20:** The *Last Night of Ballyhoo* opens Oct. 5 at Lakewood Theater, which is located at 221 Old Hickory Boulevard in Lakewood. Director is John Carpenter. *Gone With the Wind* is having a world premiere and Hitler is invading Poland. Meanwhile, a segment of Atlanta's Jewish elite is more concerned with who will be attending "Ballyhoo," the social event of the season.

The arrival of a handsome stranger from New York forces the Freitag family to deal with who they really are as they are pulled apart and mended again with plenty of gentle comedy, sweet romance, and unexpected turns. Friday & Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees are at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. To make reservations, leave a message at 847-0934 with the number of tickets needed and the date of the performance you wish to attend.

**October 20 & October 27: 7th annual Hauntings at The Hermitage.** This hauntingly fun experience has become a fall tradition for thousands of local families. This year, enjoy a haunted hayride, pumpkin decorating, bluegrass music, Tennessee ghost tales, a classic Halloween film, and a walk through the candlelit garden and cemetery as well as a tour of the mansion. You may even catch a glimpse of the mad cleaning lady or perhaps a ghost of Andrew Jackson!

Concessions available on site and in the Cafe. Adults \$12, Seniors \$11, students \$10, children (6-12) \$6, children under 6, free. \$2 discount for members. Please call (615) 889-2941 x212 for group rates. Visit [www.thehermitage.com](http://www.thehermitage.com) for more information. Food, fun, and family festivities await!

**October 20:** The 18<sup>th</sup> annual **Old Hickory Area Chamber of Commerce Car Show** will be held at Hayes Ballpark in Old Hickory from 8am-4pm. Last year, over 160 vehicles registered and 1,500 people attended. Judging begins at noon and the awards presentation is at 3pm.



FREE admission. Refreshments available. Old Hickory Masonic Lodge will hold a breakfast from 6-11am.

**October 23: Walk Our Children to School Day** in Metro Nashville. LDH's Pencil Partner, Hermitage Elementary School, requests our help. If you are able to participate, please contact Barbara Frazier at Hermitage Elementary School at 885-8838.



**LEADERSHIP DONELSON-HERMITAGE WANTS YOU!  
RECRUITING FOR NEW LAYER OF LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Nashville, TN (September 24, 2007) - In the midst of celebrating a devoted decade of leadership development, Leadership Donelson-Hermitage (LDH) is joining forces with the Donelson Senior Center (DSC), venturing into uncharted organizational territory, as they embark on the launch of a full-scale Senior Leadership Program (SLP), while avidly seeking the following recruits: *Scintillating Seniors, those Fifty-Forward & Fabulous, the Semi-retired and Retired*. In other words, if you fall between the ages of 50 and beyond, reside in the Donelson-Hermitage area or adjacent communities, and typify an active and agile altruist, you could be *DRAFTED* to join the LDH SLP!

Modeled after the highly successful LDH youth and urban professional programs, the SLP is designed to educate and enrich the lives of energetic, mature adults while providing a myriad of learning and leadership opportunities. SLP participants will be selected via a detailed application process and personal interviews by the SLP Committee, with 16 well-rounded class members ultimately chosen to ensure a healthy, diverse and vibrant group dynamic.

No stranger to those who frequent the DSC, Liz Martin, DSC Associate Director and graduate of the LDH Class of 2001, is chairing the SLP Committee. Tracey Turner, LDH Class of 2006, serves as co-chair. Understanding that leadership is a vital component in the success and economic future of the burgeoning Donelson-Hermitage area, the SLP Committee has developed a diverse array of monthly program days that will focus on impactful topics such as wellness, government, education, diversity, transportation and the arts. In turn, the SLP class will discover personal leadership abilities, identify community needs, explore new career and volunteer opportunities, forge friendships and rejuvenate their lives.

**Applications for the 2008 flagship class may be picked up at the DSC and will be accepted through October 15<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for a November 6<sup>th</sup> kick-off retreat. Those interested in participating are asked to commit to attending the mandatory opening retreat and no less than six (6) of the seven (7) monthly programs, which will culminate in a formal spring graduation.**



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**THE FUTURE of DONELSON-HERMITAGE is BRIGHT**  
**20 ASPIRING YOUNG LEADERS PREPARE TO EXCEL WITH “YELL”**

Nashville, TN (September 25, 2007) – On the heels of heralding not only the Class of 2008, but also the kick-off commemoration of a dynamic decade of dedication and devotion to the Donelson-Hermitage community, Leadership Donelson-Hermitage (LDH) recently extended yet another altruistic arm. At an official retreat held on Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> at Donelson’s Wilson Bank & Trust Cottage, LDH announced 20 promising teen leaders recently selected to participate in the LDH 2008 Youth Leadership Program aka Youth Excelling in Learning Leadership or “YELL.”

Originating in 2001, YELL mirrors the LDH program aimed at urban professionals, but focuses on the development of outstanding rising Juniors from the two High Schools that fall within the McGavock Cluster: Donelson Christian Academy (DCA) and McGavock High School. YELL participants are nominated, evaluated and selected by their respective teachers. Selectees are chosen based on their emerging leadership qualities, diversity, and potential to positively impact the community.

The LDH YELL Committee, Chaired and Co-Chaired by LDH Class of 2006 graduates, Betsey Talley and Dennis Mitchell, has developed an all-encompassing agenda designed to enhance leadership skills, develop community awareness and inspire potential proponents of vital community issues via pivotal opportunities not normally experienced by teens. Throughout the year, YELL participants will partake in a variety of program days, with this year’s program agenda including the following: Community Service Day, Wellness & Social Services Day, Diversity Day, Life Skills Day, Government Day, and Arts & Entertainment Day, culminating in a formal graduation. Additionally, YELL will partner with the LDH Class of 2008 for three program days and both schools will host a respective program day, with YELL program highlights to feature attending a Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce meeting and lunch in McGavock’s renowned “Raider Bakery.”

YELL’s 2008 Class is comprised of the following students. From DCA: Nick White, Tony Lemonis, Jon Wiggins, Lauren Terrell, Alex Renshaw, Macy Forrest, Sunny Allen, Hannah Sullivan, Peyton White, and Kendall Hooper. From McGavock: Mauris Pointer, Sofia Yosuf, Carlos Johnson, Tonieka Barbour, Abbie Alexander, Isaac Wilson, Amy Stickel, Heather Finchum, Summer Cumming, and Chelsea Coker.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 15-26:** The Metro Health Department will operate its annual **Fast Lane Flu Shot Clinic** at the Lentz Public Health Center, located at 311 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in Nashville. The Health Department will offer the flu shot for \$20 to anyone seeking the best protection against influenza. Flu shots will be offered Monday through Friday from 8a.m.–3p.m. The Health Department accepts Medicare Part B and TennCare.

Flu shots will also be offered at the Health Department's East Health Center, 1015 East Trinity Lane, and Woodbine Health Center, 224 Oriel Avenue. Flu shots at the East and Woodbine Health Centers will be included in the regular operations and appointments of the clinic. For expedited service please visit the Lentz Health Center for the flu shot.

Health officials recommend those at high risk for complications from the flu should get a flu shot. Those include children from 6months to 5years old; pregnant women; people 60years and older; people with certain chronic medical conditions; people living in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. For more information about flu shots, please call 340-2100, or visit [healthweb.nashville.gov](http://healthweb.nashville.gov) (no www).

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**The Hermitage** is seeking neighborhood volunteers for its **7<sup>th</sup> annual Hauntings**. Contact Paula Hankins (2008) at 889-2941 x223 to find out more. Opportunities include:

- handing out programs
- pre-event setup/decorating
- posing for moving portraits
- garden ghosts
- mansion ghosts
- roaming spirits
- forest ghouls
- hot dog cart
- light paths
- crowd control at Mansion
- assist with hayride
- marching soldiers
- ghost story telling
- pumpkin decorating

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Do you know of a group that could benefit from some extra cash? Waiting tables at the Nashville Dinner Theater is a great way for your group to earn extra income. Some groups that are currently participating include church youth groups, dance groups, scout troops, etc. Contact Jane Schnelle (1999) at 231-1231 or [jschnelle@scitn.org](mailto:jschnelle@scitn.org) for the list of available dates in 2007 and more information.



## [GOT LEADERSHIP DH PHOTOS?](#)

As part of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leadership Donelson-Hermitage, **Bob Benson** (Class of 2007) is putting together a comprehensive collection of any and all photographs that may have been taken since LDH began in 1998. If anyone has any photos from Leadership functions and would be willing to loan them to Bob, he'll be glad to arrange to pick them up. His work number is 862-8400. He also promises a safe return of these photos to the original owner.

Also, if anyone has any digital photos, Bob would be glad take those via email; send to [bob.benson@nashville.gov](mailto:bob.benson@nashville.gov) (but please no more than 2 or 3 photos in one email). Bob only ask that each photograph is identified by the year in which it was taken.

In addition, if you have digital photos from recent LDH events, please email them to our newsletter editor Robbie Jones at [rjones@thehermitage.com](mailto:rjones@thehermitage.com). Be sure to identify the date, event, location, and persons in the photo. Robbie will use these in the newsletter to help us document the history of Leadership DH. Thanks!



*Pictured are members of the Class of 2008 at the Retreat. Row One: Stephanie Breiwa, Holli Dunbar, Amanda Stephens, Ashley Stucks, Kelly Field, Alexia Poe; Row Two: Daniel Strobel, Robert Ramsey, Tinitia Haley-Bowers, Clarissa Wyatt, Susan Sizemore, Deb Haus, Kim Johnson, Julie Festa, Paula Hankins, Linda McClanahan; Row Three: Kirk LaVeck, Tom Ozburn, Randy Coleman, Kent McNish, Mike Bazydola, Ken Wood, Bob Budesca, Larry Lovelace. The Hermitage Ledger, October 17, 2007.*