



LDH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

September 2007

Happy September, how glad I am that it has finally cooled off a little bit! I hope you have all been reading your emails. I know I am hitting them pretty hard lately. Lots of wonderful things are going on in Leadership - so I have lots of great things to share and opportunities to make you aware of!

The **Class of 2008** is so excited - and being the 10th Anniversary Class - they should be! I hope you will all come and support them at the Retreat Cookout at Henry Horton State Park on September 18th. Get together with classmates and carpool - you will have a great time - I promise!

The **Class of 2007** is really socializing - they have had three dinners together. Photos of the Class events will be posted on the website soon - so don't let them have all the fun, get your classmates together and take some photos we'll put them on the web site for you too!

Speaking of the website - please check your information there - if it needs attention, please give me a shout since I am the one who keeps the Alumni Directory updated!

If you did not order a new 10th anniversary Leadership DH shirt and want one, please let me know as soon as you can - I have a few more to order and can include you in that group. They look great!

I look forward to seeing you all on September 29th at ***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*** - it promises to be wonderful again this year! Emailed and snailmailed invites are going out this week. You will have several ways to reply.

Please note the new **10th anniversary Leadership DH logo** at the top of this page. It's now on the website and will be used on other promotional materials and external communications. Many thanks are due Letha Edwards (Class of 2004) and her staff for creating this fantastic new logo. I love the new colors on the website! We're also using a new tagline: "**Developing Leaders for a Lifetime.**"

If you ever have any ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate let us know! And, be sure to send your photos from Leadership DH events to me to use in the newsletter. See you at the next Opportunity!

Deann Bradford
Executive Director

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Kim Williams (Class of 2001) recently celebrated her 50th birthday in England with her husband Reed. Now that's a birthday trip!

Patricia "Patti" Leach (Class of 2006) starts her new job as Director of the Whatcom Museum of Art & History in Bellingham, Washington, on October 1. This museum is located near Vancouver, B.C., and Seattle. Serving as the CEO of The Hermitage for over six years, she helped foster a strong relationship between The Hermitage and Leadership Donelson-Hermitage, sending four staff members through the program. Patricia's new mailing address is 901 Hemlock Loop, Lynden, WA 98264. She will be very much missed here in Nashville.

Dorcas Sheffield (Class of 2005) will start work at a new location on October 1. The Nashville Career Advancement Center at Opry Mills Mall will close September 28, with staff being relocated to offices at MetroCenter and Nolensville Road. Dorcas will be working at the MetroCenter location at 621 Mainstream Drive, Suite 210, Nashville, TN (862-8890). Her email remains Dorcas.Sheffield@nashville.gov. The Opry Mills Mall location has been open since 2000.

Lucy Foutch (Class of 2006) joins Pinnacle Financial Partners as a senior vice president and financial advisor at their Donelson office. Lucy was formerly vice president of business development at Renasant Bank. Lucy's new contact information is

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ALUMNI WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Betsy Talley (Class of 2006) lost her grandmother, Bessie McCasland, of Goodlettsville on August 16. Send cards to Betsy Talley, 5004 John Hagar Road, Hermitage, TN 37076.

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CLASS of 2008

On August 21, we formally heralded members of the new Class of 2008 at a reception and orientation held at the Donelson Senior Center. The new class has 24 diverse and dedicated individuals, including:

Michael Bazydola (Dell); **Stephanie Breiwa** (Hermitage Imaging); **Bob Budesa** (Hermitage Collision); **Randy Coleman** (Artistry in Motion); **Holli Dunbar** (Henry C. Maxwell Elementary); **Julie Festa** (SmartSpace); **Kelly Field** (Opry Mills); **Tinita Haley-Bowers** (Deloitte); **Paula Hankins** (The Hermitage); **Deb Haus** (Montage Music Group); **Kim Johnson** (Scarritt-Bennett Center); **Kirk LaVeck** (Donelson Christian Academy); **Larry Lovelace** (Green Bank); **Linda McClanahan** (YMCA); **Kent McNish** (McKendree Foundation); **Tom Ozburn** (Summit Medical Center); **Alexia Poe** (Gaylord Entertainment); **Robert Ramsey** (Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority); **Susan Sizemore** (Bridgestone America's Holding); **Amanda Stephens** (Healthcare); **Daniel Strobel** (Nashville Shores); **Ashley Stucks** (HCA); **Ken Wood** (International Academy of Design Technology); **Clarissa Wyatt** (Wilson Bank & Trust).

GOT LEADERSHIP DH PHOTOS?

As part of the 10th 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 (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. 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!

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SAVE THE DATE!

September 17: Orientation for members of the Class of 2008 of Youth Leadership Donelson-Hermitage. Orientation will take place at the Wilson Bank & Trust cottage.

September 18: Retreat Cookout at top-secret location. Come visit with the Class of 2008. The cost will be \$12.00. Reservation notices to be sent out after Orientation.

September 19: You still have time to sign up and participate in the **Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce's Golf Tournament** on Wednesday, September 19. We still have a few playing spots available, as well as opportunities for Tee and/or Green Sponsorships. Contact the DH Chamber office ASAP by email director@d-hchamber.com or 883-7896 or fax 391-4880.

September 21: The DH Chamber's "**Women in Business**" Luncheon meeting is 11:45am-1:00pm on Friday, September 21 at the Donelson Senior Center. Prepaid reservations required by Tuesday, September 18, at \$10 pp for Chamber members and \$15 pp for non-members. Forms available on the website www.d-hchamber.com or contact the Chamber office at 883-7896.

September 29: The 2nd annual "**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**" fundraiser. Give Deann or Alumni Chair Jane Schnelle (Class of 1999) a call if you would like to host this year. This was a great event last year and promises to be even better this year!

October 20 & October 27: 7th annual **Hauntings at The Hermitage**. Children of all ages will enjoy this spooky and fun night at Andrew Jackson's farm. As darkness falls around the imposing old mansion, the door opens to "ghosts" of the past who will entertain you with true haunting tales of strange bumps in the night. Take a walk through the candlelit garden to the Jackson family cemetery where spirits abound. Also enjoy a hayride through the dark and creepy woods, pumpkin decorating, music, and Tennessee ghost tales. Enjoy treats from the Garden Gate Café. Children in costume are encouraged. Adult admission is \$13; members receive a \$2 discount. Admission is \$10 for students (13-18) and \$6 for children (6-12). Gates open at 6pm. Contact Paula Hankins (Class of 2008) at 889-2941 x223 or phankins@thehermitage.com.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since early August, vandals have wreaked havoc in Hermitage. Striking under the cover of night, they have vandalized and damaged at least three locations, including Nashville Shores on several occasions; the Rotary Ballpark at The Hermitage, where they caused thousands of dollars in damage; and the White Oaks apartment complex on Old Hickory Blvd. (across from Summit) where they bashed in the windows of a half-dozen cars. If you have any information, contact Hermitage Police at **880-1776**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that **Walt Disney's Davy Crockett** was filmed in Hermitage? In November 1954, Walt Disney Picture Corporation® filmed scenes for two episodes of its brand new television show *Disneyland* in Nashville, with exterior scenes at **The Hermitage** and interior scenes at Brentwood Hall (now Ellington Agricultural Center), a 1920s mansion modeled after Jackson's Hermitage. "Davy Crockett, Indian Fighter" debuted to 40 million viewers on December 15, 1954, and "Davy Crockett goes to Congress" aired on January 26, 1955.

Walt Disney had selected 29-year old actor Fess Parker over Ronald Reagan to play David Crockett, a Tennessee frontier hero positioned as a "rustic rival" to General Andrew Jackson, played by 66-year old Basil Ruysdael. The director was Norman Foster, who later directed *Zorro* (1957) and *Batman* (1966) and the producer was Bill Walsh, also known for *Herbie the Love Bug* (1968-1982).



The Disneyland "Davy Crockett" mini-series quickly became one of the biggest overnight success stories in TV history. One of the first produced on location, and in full color, the ABC show ended in 1956 but led to the release of blockbuster Davy Crockett movies. In 1955, Bill Hayes' version of *Ballad of Davy Crockett* reached #1 on the Billboard charts for 13 weeks and was translated into 16 languages worldwide.

A Davy Crockett mania swept the U.S. and the U.K. with more than \$300 million in 3,000 different types of memorabilia sold, including 10 million coonskin caps (still being sold at The Hermitage Museum Store in fact). In 1955, Walt Disney translated the phenomenal success of Davy Crockett into the creation of his new "Disneyland" theme park at Anaheim, California.

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