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Thursday, July 25, 2013

7:45 AM - 11:30 AM

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Kendra Thomley Member Spotlight



Kendra Thomley, Class of 2003, made Vestavia Hills her home approximately 15 years ago. Kendra had lived in the Birmingham area in the late 1980's while working as a news reporter and morning news anchor for WBRC - Channel 6 and decided Vestavia Hills would be where she wanted to raise her family upon her return.

Her community involvement in Vestavia Hills began when her daughter, Natalie, injured herself at Wald Park in 2001. Kendra decided the playground was in serious need of updating. Thus began the Vestavia Hills Community Playground project. In seven months, Kendra, co-chair Kathy Denton and a core committee raised more than \$175,000.00 for the project. For one week in April 2002, more than 2,000 volunteers renovated the Wald Park playground, including the LVH Class of 2002, that chose the Vestavia Hills Community Playground as its class project. The playground renovation concept struck a nerve and other playground projects followed at Vestavia Hills Elementary East, Vestavia Hills Elementary Central and throughout the Birmingham metro area.

After Kendra's work on the playground project, Mayor Scotty McCallum appointed her to head a city-wide welcome committee. Kendra has also served as Vestavia Hills Elementary Central PTA President. She has also served on the Vestavia Hills Christmas committee, Beautification Board and has emceed the Dogwood Luncheon for several years.

Kendra's greatest passion is traveling with her children (as evidenced in the photo above of her family on a trip to Ireland last summer): two girls, Natalie and Meredith, both graduates of Vestavia Hills High School (VHHS), and two boys, Jackson and Patrick, both students this Fall at VHHS. She recently traveled to Stafford, England with her two sons and Shades Mountain Baptist Church for a mission trip.

2nd Annual Vestavia Hills Wing Ding Challenge Huge Success

The 2nd Annual Hot Wing Challenge & Festival presented by Leadership Vestavia Hills on Saturday, June 15, 2013 was a huge success. Local chefs impressed and tested their wing making skills at the Vestavia Hills City Center and raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Thanks again to all the teams that came out to cook and support the 2013 Wing Ding.

The winners in the judging were:

1st Place - Principal Mortgage

2nd Place - Gordon, Dana, Knight and Gilmore

3rd Place - Richard Dixon

The winner of the People's Choice was Holy Smoke from Mountaintop Church.

Members in the News



Kym Prewitt (Class of 2005) was featured in the June 2013 issue of *Family Circle* magazine for her work founding and serving as the unpaid executive director of the nonprofit Children's Literacy Guild of Alabama (CLG). The CLG works in coordination with Better Basics by delivering books to schools. In 2010 CLG created an endowment for Better Basics to ensure a source of income for its reading enrichment programs.

Kym also serves as a board member for Better Basics. In addition to her other civic activities, Kym also serves as co-chair of Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills.

Announcements

RECEPTION FOR CITY MANAGER: A reception for the new Vestavia Hills City Manager, Jeff Downes, will be held on **July 15, 2013 at 5:00 PM**

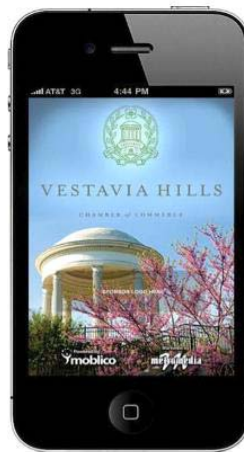
in the Community Room at the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest. The reception is presented by Leadership Vestavia Hills, the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Vestavia Hills Beautification Board.

Visit the LVH website to see recent upgrades to the LVH webpage making it easier to access profiles and personal information. Logon to the webpage by using either your work email or home email address. If you want to change your logon, update your profile and create a user name. If you have forgotten your password or wish to change it, this can be done from the LVH website. If you have any questions or need assistance contact Burke Swearingen at bswearingen@bellsouth.net.

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