

# Leadership *Vestavia Hills*

## Leadership Vestavia Hills Alumni Newsletter

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## **LVH Graduates 2013**

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Leslie Allen  
Carolyn Bedford  
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## 24th Annual Leadership Vestavia Hills Citizens of the Year

March 7, 2013

6:00 PM

Vestavia Hills Country Club

The Leadership Vestavia Hills Citizens of the Year program recognizes individuals and groups who make significant contributions to Vestavia Hills through volunteerism, generosity, fundraising and lifetime service. The 2013 recipients are:

Sharon Lovell - Lifetime Achievement Award  
Betty Bell - Distinguished Citizen Award  
The All-Star Baseball League - Citizens of the Year

This year's banquet will be held on March 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Vestavia Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$35.00 and may be purchased from the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce or online at [www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com](http://www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com). Sponsorships are available and you may contact Carol Buchanan at [cbuch54@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbuch54@bellsouth.net) or by visiting the LVH website. The deadline for recognition of sponsorship in the banquet program was February 15, 2013, but sponsorships are still welcome. Seating is limited, so please purchase tickets and make your sponsorship commitment early.

Sponsorship levels are:

Platinum: \$1,250.00 (includes 10 tickets/reserved table/name on event signage and flyers);

Gold: \$500.00 (includes 4 tickets/name on event signage and flyers);

Bronze: \$100.00 (includes 1 ticket/name on event signage and flyers).

Platinum level sponsors will be recognized individually with their logos projected on a screen throughout the reception. Gold and Silver level sponsors will be recognized as groups with their company or individual names displayed on a screen throughout the reception.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Robin Morgan



In recognition of his continuing leadership in the city of Vestavia Hills, we are pleased to announce Robin Morgan as the Leadership Vestavia Hills (LVH) Member Spotlight for this edition. Robin has served many roles within LVH since his graduation in 1999. From 2005-2006, Robin served as President of LVH and on the Board of Directors from 2000-2010. During his tenure on the Board, Robin helped implement the initial class of Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills with mentors, Kelly Bottcher and Kym Prewitt, revamped the Citizen of the Year event to the committee driven model it is today and organized and moderated numerous LVH Economic Day classes and Government Day classes as co-leader.

Robin graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 1969 and received his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee University in 1973. He currently owns two successful Vestavia Hills businesses in the Rocky Ridge area. He is the President of Southmont Development Co., Inc., which owns and manages the Rocky Ridge Plaza and Rocky Ridge Square, and is the Managing Member of Morgan Properties, LLC, which owns and manages the Morgan Manor Apartments.

In addition to maintaining his businesses in Vestavia Hills, Robin has been extremely active in the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce, serving as President in 2002, Foundation President in 2003, Board Member from 1998 - 2005 and currently serving on the Business Development Committee. He also helped establish the Cahaba Heights Spring Fling and Rocky Ridge Fall Festival. While Chamber President, he hired Karen Odle as Executive Director (now President) of the Chamber, helped negotiate with the City of Vestavia Hills to move the Chamber offices to the Civic Center in exchange for providing marketing services, published the first annual Vestavia Hills Living magazine, doubled the size of Chamber membership and traveled with a delegation of Vestavians to compete in the All-American City competition in Kansas City - where Vestavia Hills was a finalist. As Chamber Foundation President, Robin

helped initiate the first Viva Vestavia, which celebrated its 10 year anniversary this year!

Robin also served on the Long-Range Planning Committee for the City of Vestavia Hills, which, at the time, analyzed the potential annexation of Cahaba Heights and created the current Strategic Plan (later called the Comprehensive Plan) for the city. He also served on the Parks and Recreation Foundation Board during the years that the land for McCallum Park and the Sicard Hollow Sports Complex was purchased. Robin also served as an Advisory Board member of Vestavia Voters with Vision (V3).

He has two (2) children, a son, Rob (27) and a daughter, Alison (24).

Robin has been instrumental in making, not only, LVH a success, but also using his talents for the success of the City of Vestavia Hills. We are so proud to call Robin an alumnus of LVH and thank him for his leadership!

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 22 - February 24, 2013 - Severe Weather Tax Holiday - the state of Alabama and city of Vestavia Hills will waive sales tax on the purchase of certain items needed to prepare for severe weather emergencies.
- February 23, 2013 - Dinner, Diamonds & Destinations - 6:30 PM - Ted's Garage - benefiting the Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and went on sale January 2, 2013 at [www.dinneranddiamonds.org](http://www.dinneranddiamonds.org).
- March 7, 2013 - 14th Annual Citizens of the Year - 7 PM - Vestavia Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$35.00 each and may be purchased from the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce or online at [www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com](http://www.leadershipvestaviiahills.com).

## 7th Annual Dinner, Diamonds & Destinations

**Saturday, February 23, 2013  
Ted's Garage**

Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual Dinner, Diamonds & Destinations benefiting the Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation to be held at Ted's Garage on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Come hear live music from the Undergrounders, enjoy delicious cuisine from Yellow Bicycle Catering, and experience a silent and live auction packed with enviable treasures.

Items available for bid include beautiful jewelry from Paul's Diamond Center, a bicycle from Cahaba Cycle, artwork from local artists, and cosmetic services from a local dermatology group.

Among the dream items up for auction are a Top Gun experience, a Nascar experience, trips to the Kentucky Derby, the NCAA Final Four Tournament, the French Open Tennis Tournament, the Country Music Awards, and the Grammy Awards and many other trip packages.

For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, go to [www.dinneranddiamonds.org](http://www.dinneranddiamonds.org). Tickets are \$75 per person and went on sale January 2, 2013. Last year's event was a sell-out! Get your tickets early and don't miss out!

## LVH 2013 Class Projects

The class projects and project teams for the LVH Class of 2013 are:

### **Public Education: Fire and Life Safety Education for Our Citizens**

Team: Jeffrey Tenner, Robert Elliott, Leslie Allen, Ted Strong, Steve Manown

Synopsis: The team will review the Fire and Life Safety Education courses (CPR, First Aid, Automatic External Defibrillator training, Child Safety Seat checks/installation and Fire Extinguisher training) taught by the VH Fire Department and develop a marketing plan to increase community involvement.

### **Establishing Collaboration between Vestavia Hills Schools / Students and the Library in the Forest**

Team: Joe Holcolombe, Beth Sasser, Derek Waltchack, Mark Feild, Bryan Poole

Synopsis: The team will explore and develop a plan to accomplish a more substantive and consistent collaboration between the Vestavia Hills schools and the public library.

### **Enhanced Communications for LVH**

Team: Lanier Millsap, Carolyn Bedford, Brandon Bias, Doug Ferguson, Katherine Taylor

Synopsis: The team will evaluate the current LVH website and recommend modifications to enhance its use as a communication tool and to showcase the pool of talent and leadership within the LVH alumni.

### **Improving Unification of the Three Vestavia Hills Communities**

Team: Clinton Johnston, Jennifer Chandler, Daniel Martin, Mark Hamilton, Charles Black

Synopsis: The team will explore, analyze and develop ways to better unify the three (3) distinct areas that comprise Vestavia Hills.



## Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH)

Update by Joan Leslie McGill

### Relay for Life Vestavia Hills

Vestavia Hills High School and Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills kicked off its annual Relay For Life season in early January. The school's goal for this year is to raise \$200,000 benefiting the American Cancer Society.

To achieve this goal, student leaders are hoping to recruit 90 teams and 1000 participants. Anyone who is interested in fighting cancer and raising money for the American Cancer Society is welcome to start a Relay team. Teams usually consist of 8 to 20 people, and all team members are encouraged to raise \$100. Teams are invited to set up campsites at the Relay For Life event as well. If you are interested in signing up as a Relay team or participant, please visit our website [www.relayforlife.org/vestaviaal](http://www.relayforlife.org/vestaviaal).

As part of an effort to involve the entire community, a new event will be held this year called the Purple People 5K Run/Walk. This event will take place at Vestavia Hills High School on March 30 and will include a kid's one-mile fun run. Participants of all ages are welcome to join the event. Everyone is welcome to come out dressed in their best purple attire for a fun morning run and the chance to fight cancer. Another family-FUNdraising event we have planned is on March 5. Come support VHHS baseball & help knock cancer out of the ballpark.

In addition to teams and participants, the Relay For Life of Vestavia Hills wants to honor all cancer survivors in the community. If you or someone you know has battled cancer, please make plans to attend Relay For Life! All cancer patients and survivors are invited to attend a free Survivor's dinner and participate in the Survivor Lap. If you'd like more information

about how to get involved as a Survivor, please contact Kristin Berney at [Kristin.Berney@cancer.org](mailto:Kristin.Berney@cancer.org).

The Relay For Life of Vestavia Hills will take place on April 20, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Vestavia Hills High School. Everyone is invited to come by for a fun afternoon to enjoy great food, music, games, and entertainment. . . . all to eliminate cancer. This year, Relay hopes to expand throughout the community so that all might be involved and join in the fight. For up-to-date information, you can check our website [www.relayforlife.org/VestaviaAL](http://www.relayforlife.org/VestaviaAL), or follow us on twitter @VHHSRelay4Life and instagram @VHHSRELAYFORLIFE. You can also email Angie Richardson at [richardsonaa@vestavia.k12.al.us](mailto:richardsonaa@vestavia.k12.al.us) if you have questions.

We hope to see you this spring!  
Joan Leslie McGill and Walker Hays  
Relay For Life 2013 Event Chairs

## Announcements

Leadership Vestavia Hills will be accepting **Applications for the 2013-2014 Class** from March 1 through March 31. Nominations of potential class members may be made through the "How to Join LVH" tab on the Leadership Vestavia Hills website, [www.leadershipvestaviahills.com](http://www.leadershipvestaviahills.com). Nominated candidates should submit a completed application online between March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013. For more information, please visit [www.leadershipvestaviahills.com](http://www.leadershipvestaviahills.com).

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](mailto:bswearingen@bellsouth.net).

## LVH Class Schedule

**March 5, 2013 Education Day**  
Board of Education Bldg, 2nd Floor (multiple sites)  
8 AM - 4 PM

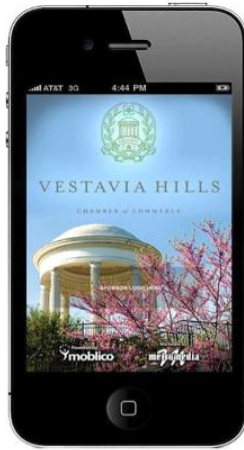
**April 2, 2013 Graduation Day**  
Vestavia Country Club

8 AM - 1:30 PM

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