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*Leadership Vestavia Hills
Annual
Christmas Party*

Thursday, December 5th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Morgan Manor
3300 Morgan Drive
Vestavia Hills, Alabama

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Holiday in the Hills

November 14

Holiday in the Hills Kick-Off Party

Vestavia Hills Civic Center-Dogwood Room, 3:30-5:30 pm

Presented by the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. Join the Chamber for children's crafts and light refreshments! The first 100 people who attend will receive an insulated tote bag filled with coupons and flyers from participating merchants. Please only attend one of the kick-off parties.

November 14 - 16

Merchant Open Houses-Highway 31 and Columbiana Rd

Participating merchants will be hosting open houses in their businesses and offering discounts and refreshments for shoppers. Be sure to pick up a Prize Passport and collect the merchant stamps to be entered in a drawing for an iPad2 and other prizes!

November 21

Holiday in the Hills Kick-Off Party

New Merkle House, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Presented by the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. Join the Chamber for children's crafts and light refreshments! The first 100 people who attend will receive an insulated tote bag filled with coupons and flyers from participating merchants. Please only attend one of the kick-off parties.

November 21 - 23

Merchant Open Houses-Rocky Ridge, Cahaba Heights & Liberty Park

Participating merchants will be hosting open houses in their businesses and offering discounts and refreshments for shoppers. Be sure to pick up a Prize Passport and collect the merchant stamps to be entered in a drawing for an iPad2 and other prizes!

December 3

City Tree Lighting

Civic Center - 6:00 pm

Join in the fun for the tree lighting ceremony. There will be performances by the Vestavia Hills East Elementary and the Pizitz Girls' Choirs and the VHHS Rockettes. A Chamber Business Expo will be held in the City Recreation Center. Santa is the headliner and be available for photos.

December 7

Breakfast with Santa

Civic Center - Dogwood Room 7:30 - 10:00 am

Bring the whole family to see Santa and enjoy breakfast.

December 8
Vestavia Hills Christmas Parade
Liberty Park Sports Complex
2:00 - 4:00 pm

The City's official Christmas parade featuring the VHHS Band and Santa.

For additional information and a complete list of events, visit
www.VestaviaHills.org

Pauline Parker Member Spotlight



Pauline Parker (Class of 2010) serves as the Alumni Committee Chair for LVH, and with that responsibility, she has done an excellent job of planning various alumni events, including last month's reception celebrating the kick-off of the 2013 - 2014 class of LVH. Pauline was born and raised in Alexander City alongside her three sisters and one brother. She received an undergraduate degree from Jacksonville State University, a master's degree from Alabama A&M University, Education Specialists degree and Administrative Certification from the University of Alabama. She received her National Board Certification in 2005.

Pauline moved to Vestavia Hills and started teaching at Vestavia Hills High School in 2000. She is currently employed by the Vestavia Hills Board of Education as an Exceptional Education Teacher at VHHS. Pauline's love of children is evident with her wealth of experience working at the elementary and high school levels and working with special needs students including those with behavioral issues. "I do not have children but I am a proud aunt of my nephew, Justin, and I adore the students I teach every day. My educational goal is to help provide a brighter future for all students by making a difference in the life of a student each day by doing whatever it takes to ensure their success."

Outside her work schedule, Pauline finds time to serve on various boards and be involved in other community activities. She is a member of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Alabama Education Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., **Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha - Trustee**, College Prep Instruction/Alabama Department of Rehabilitation, Cultural Education Advancement Foundation of Omicron Omega board member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Registration Chair, Alabama National Board Certified Teachers. She is also a Candidate Support Provider for candidates pursuing National Board Certification and a Jefferson County Stellar Teacher Support Provider Facilitator. Pauline has also served on the Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation Board.

Pauline's hobbies include traveling, dining at fine restaurants, attending Alabama football games and enjoying tailgating, serving others in the community, mentoring undergraduate sorority sisters, shopping with her sisters and decorating/accentuating her home. She also finds time to help her parents answer their Bible study questions, all the while, in full debate of the answer.

LVH 2013 - 2014 Class Schedule

November 5, 2013

Team Building Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Leaders - Jim Pounds and Tal Prince

December 3, 2013

Economic Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Leaders - Kevin Jaquess, Hurston Raley and Derek Waltchack

January 9, 2014

Government Day

8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vestavia Hills Library in the Forrest

Leaders - Robin Morgan, Lisa Christopher with team Bob Elliott, Jennifer Chandler and John Henley

February 4, 2014

Quality of Life Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Leader - Brandon Bias and Steve Ammons

March 4, 2014

Education Day

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor (Multiple Sites)

Leader - Pauline Parker

April 1, 2014

Graduation Day

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Vestavia Country Club

Members in the News

Jonathan Nelson (Class of 2011), Birmingham Barons General Manager, was named the Jimmy Bragan Executive of the Year by the Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs. This is the second Executive of the Year honor for Jonathan, having won the award in 2009. He will be officially recognized as the league's Executive of the Year at the Southern League Fall Meetings as well as the Minor League Baseball Winter Meetings in Orlando in December.

William Hocutt (Class of 2007) has joined Bridgeworth, LLC as a financial advisor.

Greg Hulsey (Class of 2009) is preparing for a December mission trip with Forgotten Children Ministries. Forgotten Children Ministries rescues children living unattended on the streets of Tegucigalpa, Honduras and provide them with food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, education, vocational training and love.

Dr. Gary A. Furr (Class of 1997) was honored with a reception at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in August in recognition of his 20th Anniversary as pastor.



Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills (YLVH)

Update by Joanna Gaylard, Vice-President YLVH

Youth Leadership Vestavia Hills is currently doing a lot of great things for Vestavia Hills High School and beyond. The Youth Leadership class is preparing to visit the elementary schools to teach friendship skills to the elementary students. They will be participating in games and craft activities that will foster the character traits of kindness, patience and respect. The students in the class are also preparing for their Bridges program where they share inspirational stories of overcoming bullying situations with every 6th grader in the Vestavia Hills school system.

The New Student Committee is working hard to make sure our new students feel comfortable and adjusted to their new home. We paired two

Youth Leadership students with each new student to help them assimilate more smoothly. Reports from the counselors show that this program is a great success.

It seems far off, but Relay For Life is really just around the corner. The students are already preparing for this worthy cause that affects so many of us. Lots of things to look forward to this year! We will keep you posted!

LVH Calendar

LVH Christmas Party

December 5
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Morgan Manor
3300 Morgan Drive

LVH Board Meetings

(7:45 - 9:00 a.m. VH Chamber Boardroom)

No November meeting

December 5
January 23
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 22

Citizen of the Year Banquet

March 6

Class Project Presentation and Graduation

April 1

Announcements

The **Vestavia Hills Sunrise Rotary** is sponsoring the **7th Annual Run for the Hills** on **December 14, 2013** at Liberty Park Middle School. The event includes a 5K, 10K and a 1-mile fun run. Race day registration is at 6:30 a.m. Race start time is 7:30 a.m. Proceeds will support the Vestavia Hills High School Band as well as the Vestavia Hills High School organization We The People. **Stephen A. Hicks (Class of 2010)** is the race director and contact person for the event. You may register for the event at www.Active.com or call Steve for more information at Shicks106@yahoo.com.

Applications are being accepted by the City of Vestavia Hills to fill a vacancy on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. Applications are accepted now through November 15 at 5:00 pm. Interviews will begin late November or early December. This is a five year position. More information may be located at www.westaviiahills.net/category/public-notices/

Applications are being accepted by the City of Vestavia Hills to fill a vacancy on the **Library Board**. Applications are accepted now through

November 15 at 5:00 pm. Interviews will begin November 25. This is a five year position. More information may be located at www.westaviiahills.net/category/public-notices/

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.

25th Anniversary Citizen of the Year

Vestavia Hills Country Club

March 6, 2014

The Citizen of the Year program recognizes individuals and groups who make significant contributions to Vestavia Hills through volunteerism, generosity, fundraising and lifetime service. The 2014 -25th Anniversary honorees are:

Lifetime Achievement - Dr. Scotty McCallum, former Vestavia Hills Mayor and former President of University of Alabama at Birmingham;

Distinguished Citizen - Dr. Ronald Alvarez, Director of Gynecology Oncology at University of Alabama at Birmingham;

Citizen of the Year - Cooking for Cancer, Inc., a non-profit charitable organization located in Vestavia Hills that provides recipes and education for those struggling with cancer.