

# Leadership Vestavia Hills

## Leadership Vestavia Hills Alumni Newsletter

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THANK YOU!

The first Leadership Vestavia Hills' Help the Hills Town Hall meeting was a great success and we appreciate the community support. Our special thanks are extended to Suzanne and Rick Norris, Brad Blount, David Howard, Dr. Dale Wisely, Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, and TR Productions.

You can view the presentations by clicking on the links below:

[David Howard and Brad Blount](#)  
[Dr. Dale Wisely](#)

[Rick & Suzanne Norris: Snapshots of a Young Life](#)



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Throughout the month of September, a series of home meetings are taking place. During these home meetings - portions of the information presented in the Help the Hills Town Hall meeting is being shared for the purpose of beginning larger discussions about next steps for our community.

**Mark your calendars:**  
**Help the Hills Town Hall Meeting:**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015**  
**Vestavia United Methodist Church**

## Judge Shanta Owens Member Spotlight



District Court Judge Shanta Owens (Class of 2014) is one of the founding Project Members of "Help the Hills," and works tirelessly combatting the drug problem in Jefferson County, Alabama. "Help the Hills" is a community-wide Parental Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program in Vestavia Hills formed as an extension of a LVH project to open conversation about the increasing drug and alcohol problem among teenagers.

Judge Owens was elected to the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, Criminal Division as District Court Judge in 2008. She presides primarily over felony criminal cases, and is currently seeking re-election this November. She also serves as the Presiding Judge of the Jefferson County Adult Drug Court Program, the largest drug court program in the state of Alabama that strives to rehabilitate nonviolent drug offenders who want to live drug free lives. Prior to taking office as District Judge, she

was a Senior Trial Prosecutor for the Jefferson County, Alabama District Attorney's Office.

Along with her twin sister, Shera Grant, Judge Owens grew up in Birmingham and graduated from Ramsay High School. Judge Owens has strong ties to Vestavia Hills. Her husband, Rahman Owens, is a Vestavia Hills High School graduate. Her daughter, Berkeley (5), currently attends Liberty Park Elementary School and will be joined soon by her brother, August (2). Her father-in-law, James Owens, retired from the Vestavia Hills City School system and was a teacher at Pizitz Middle School. "My husband loved his educational experience in Vestavia Hills. So we knew we would make Vestavia Hills our home," she added.

Judge Owens graduated from Alabama State University in 1999 with a B.S. in Computer Information Systems and received her J.D. and Bachelor of Civil Law from Louisiana State University. She also studied International Law at the Universite' D'Aix-Marseille in Aix-en-Provence, France.

In addition to her position with the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Judge Owens serves on the Drug Awareness Team for the Vestavia Hills City Schools, is a member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Alabama Association of Drug Court Professionals, Alabama District Judges Association, Alabama State Bar Association, Women Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar, Criminal Justice Section and Entertainment Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association and Judicial Council of the Magic City Bar Association. She also serves on the Children's Village Board of Directors, is a 2011 Leadership Birmingham graduate, a Project Corporate Leadership graduate, a former Board Member of the Birmingham Public Library Board and a former Board Member of Redmont School.

This year Judge Owens was recognized by Birmingham Magazine as one of 20 "Women Who Make A Difference" and was honored as B-Metro Magazine's 2014 Fusion Award Recipient for her commitment as a role model and community hero.



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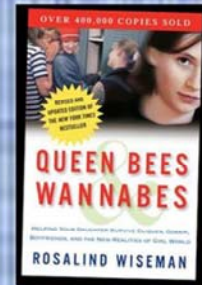
Luncheon to Benefit the Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation



Thursday, October 2, 2014 \* 11:30 am  
Vestavia Country Club

New York Times Best Selling Author and Expert on:

- . Parenting & Families
- . Children and Teens
- . Bullying
- . Drama
- . Schoolyard Power
- . Social Media



For **TICKETS** or **MORE INFORMATION**

[www.vestaviafoundation.org](http://www.vestaviafoundation.org) Or Call: 978-8808

## LVH 2014 - 2015 Class Schedule

Brian Davis and Ann Hamiter, Class Coordinator's

October 7, 2014

Leadership Boot Camp

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

One Vestavia

Leader - Allison Black Cornelius and Shannon Ammons

(Reception with spouses, Location TBD, 4:30 - 7:00 pm)

November 6, 2014

Team Building Day

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

Leaders - Jim Pounds and Tal Prince

December 2, 2014

**Economic Day**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Location TBD

**January 8, 2015**  
**Government Day**  
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Location TBD

**February 3, 2015**  
**Quality of Life Day**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Location TBD

**March 3, 2015**  
**Education Day**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor (Multiple Sites)  
Leader - Pauline Parker

**April 7, 2015**  
**Graduation Day**  
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Vestavia Country Club

## Announcements

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 Calendar

### LVH Board Meetings

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

September 25

October 23

December 4

January 22

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 21

### LVH Alumni Reception

October 7

### Class Project Presentation and Graduation

April 7