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Leadership Vestavia Hills Newsletter

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Leadership Vestavia Hills 2016 Community Leadership Awards March 3, 2016

Leadership Vestavia Hills will honor outstanding local citizens at the upcoming 26th annual Community Leadership Award Banquet (formerly Citizen of the Year).

Anne Boston will be recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her longtime dedication to Vestavia Hills. A past president of the Vestavia Hills Historical Society, Boston has chaired the Vestavia Hills Beautification Board for six years and has given untold hours to the community through volunteer work with senior transportation and the Vestavia

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Hills Library in the Forest, as well as numerous ad hoc committees.



Anne Boston

Husband and wife team Drs. Julian Maha and Michele Kong, founders of the nonprofit organization KultureCity, will be honored with the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award. KultureCity is a national 501c3 organization founded in Vestavia Hills in 2013 with the mission to create a world where all individuals with autism and their families are accepted and treated equally. To date, KultureCity has helped more than 15,000 people with its programs.



Drs. Michele Kong and Julian Maha

Leadership Vestavia Hills Community Leadership Awards Event recognizes and celebrates exceptional members of our community who have invested substantial efforts to improve the quality of life for those throughout our community and beyond.

The banquet is open to the public and will take place March 3 at 6 p.m. at the Vestavia Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at <http://leadershipvestaviiahills.com/> or at the the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. For information on sponsoring the event, please contact Carolyn Bedford at carolynbedford@completepropertygrouppllc.com.

LVH Calendar

March 3

Leadership Vestavia Hills

Education Day

Board of Education - 1st Floor

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

March 3

Community Leadership Award Banquet

Vestavia Country Club

6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$50.00

March 21

Help The Hills

Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.

March 24

Leadership Vestavia Hills Graduation

Vestavia Hills City Hall

2:00 p.m. Projects Presentation

5:30 p.m. Graduation Cocktail Reception

6:30 p.m. Graduation Ceremony

Brooks Harris

Member Spotlight



Brooks Harris (Class of 2015) is CEO of Harris Doyle Homes, Inc. and is engaged in residential real estate development, homebuilding and real estate brokerage. Brooks earned a bachelor of science in marketing from the University of Alabama and masters in business administration focusing on finance from Vanderbilt University.

Growing up in Birmingham, Brooks was a competitive water skier and still enjoys both water and snow skiing to this day. While in high school and college, he sold high-end cutlery and was a Top 20 Salesperson for Cutco knives in the summer of 1994. This was quite an accomplishment since there were approximately 20,000 salespeople nationwide. Similar to last quarter's Member Spotlight featuring Rebecca Olsen, Brooks also worked in the music industry. After college, he was a booking agent and band member for a couple of years. Upon completion of his graduate degree, he had the opportunity to travel throughout Southeast Asia, visiting places like Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia. Before beginning his career in real estate, Brooks worked at Lehman Brothers for a period of time.

Harris Doyle Homes, Inc. is currently making significant investments in Vestavia Hills and was recently featured in the February 2016

edition of the Community News of Vestavia Hills. Steelemont is a 27-lot community located on Jacobs Road and is currently under development with home construction starting around May 2016. Altadena Ridge is a 62-lot community located on the site of the former Altadena Valley Country Club. Site development will start soon with home construction commencing in Fall 2016. Both basement and slab homes will be available at these communities with prices starting in the \$400s. To learn more about these communities, please visit the website - www.harrisdoyle.com.

Brooks is affiliated with many business, professional and civic organizations. These include:

- Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Birmingham Association of Homebuilders
- Birmingham Association of Realtors
- UAB Athletics Campaign Committee
- Phoenix Club of Birmingham
- Swim Safety in the Hills
- Vistage

Brooks earned the 2010 GBAHB Builder of the Year Award and was named one of the Top 40 Under 40 in 2014 by the Birmingham Business Journal.

Brooks and his wife, Anna, have resided in Vestavia Hills for the last 5 years. They have two children, John Brooks (age 7) and Carson (age 6), who attend Vestavia Hills Elementary East. They attend Church of the Highlands and are members of Vestavia Country Club.

LVH 2015 - 2016 Class Schedule

Ann Hamiter and John Henley, Class Coordinators

Brian Davis and Shannon Stewart, Class Facilitators

August 25, 2015

Welcome Reception - Mix and Mingle with Class

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pinnacle Bank

Sponsor: Contri Brothers

September 3, 2015

Introduction to LVH and History Day

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

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Sponsor: Judge Shanta Owens / Attorney Shera Grant

October 1, 2015

Leadership Boot Camp

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

One Vestavia

Sponsor: Pinnacle Bank

November 5, 2015

Team Building Day

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

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Sponsor: Asend Web Development

December 3, 2015

Economic Day

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

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Sponsor: Alagasco

January 7, 2016

Government Day

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

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Sponsor: Bomar Law Firm, LLC

February 4, 2016

Quality of Life Day

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

Board of Education Bldg. 2nd Floor

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation Foundation

March 3, 2016

Education Day

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

Board of Education Bldg. 1st Floor

Sponsor: Morgan Stanley

March 24, 2016

Graduation Day

Vestavia Hills City Hall

Sponsor: Corporate Realty / The Elliott Firm, LLC

Project Presentation 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Project Schedule:

2:00 PM Signature Events in Vestavia Hills Retail Districts

2:45 PM Wald Park Recycling Program

3:30 PM Vestavia Hills Bike Race

4:15 PM Community Garden at Pizitz Middle School

Reception and Ceremony:

5:30 PM Graduation Cocktail Reception

6:30 PM Graduation Ceremony



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LVH Nominations for 2017 Class Now Being Accepted

Leadership Vestavia Hills is presently accepting nominations for the Class of 2017. Nominations can be submitted under the "Join" tab on the LVH website at <http://leadershipvestaviiahills.com>.

The Application for next year's class will be available for interested candidates to complete and submit between March 1-31, 2016. The Application for the Class of 2017 is located on the LVH website under the tab Join.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca Olsen, President of LVH at rebeccachris@gmail.com or Pauline Parker, Recruitment/Selection Committee at paulineparker@bellsouth.net.

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Alumni in the News



Shera Grant (Class of 2014) joins her twin sister, **Shanta Owens (Class of 2014)** on the bench as a district judge in Jefferson County, Alabama. They are the first twins to hold judicial office in Jefferson County at the same time. Judge Grant was appointed to the Jefferson County District Civil Court on January 8, 2015 by Governor Robert Bentley to fill the seat of retiring judge Jack Lowther. Judge Owens has been a district court judge since her election in 2008 and won a second term in 2014.

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 Donna Byrd at dbyrd@waldinglaw.com.
