

LF News Flash Newsletter

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The Vision of LF is to educate, develop and inspire diverse individuals to actively participate in the betterment of our community

Welcome to the new LF News Flash!

We hope you enjoy the new format and encourage you to let us know what you think. This newsletter will be coming to you on a monthly basis now. We are trying to keep you informed on alumni events, service days, current LF & YLF class days, and news about alumni members...but we need your help with comments, suggestions, article ideas and your **NEWS**. You can submit information by email to vclair@leadershipforsyth.org no later than the second to last Monday of each month.

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Go Green! Adopt-A-Road: 2/9



If you have attended an Adopt-A-Road Service Day, we appreciate your help! This is an ongoing quarterly LF Alumni Service Day and we will keep you notified of each fun day of service. We'll hand out bags, safety vests, and gloves

**Wanted:
Candidates for
the next LF
Class of 2008-
09!**



It's that time of year again - time to select candidates for next year's Leadership Forsyth class! Each year the quality of our class candidates continues to improve and we want the Class of 2009 to be the best we have seen yet! We need your help in finding outstanding candidates. Please see the below link to the 2008-09 Candidate Information Form (CIF) and provide this form to anyone you think would make an excellent addition to Leadership Forsyth!

Quick Links

[2008-09 Candidate Information Form](#)

[Current Class](#)

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that morning. Road clean up days are a wonderful way to come together as LF alumni and their families along with current class members to make an instant impact on our county. During our our last clean up day, we had nearly 20 participants!

Help us make **Saturday, February 9th** even more successful. Our road is from the 306 Connector to Elm Street so join us at the Center Court Office Complex at the intersection of Elm Street & Dahlonga Highway by 9:00 am. If you can help out, please let Mark Kobus know at mark.kobus@scientificgames.com . Our next Adopt-a-Road Day will be Saturday, April 26, 2008.

LF Takes "First" in 2007 Christmas Parade Float Competition!



The Christmas spirit was alive and well in LF members in 2007! Numerous alumni and members of the current class, along with LF Board members and LF family members helped to design, build, decorate, and fill our float in the 2007 Cumming Christmas Parade. All that hard work paid off when our float won the **"Best Use of the Christmas Theme"** award, the top honor presented! A special thanks goes to David Tibbetts and Matt McClure for their fablous design and construction skills! They were presented with the award trophy during January's Alumni Junction Social. A big thank you to our float sponsors **Signature Bank** and **Waste Management**.



Dave Tibbetts and **Matt McClure** are presented the trophy from Spencer Strickland during January's AJS.

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Upcoming Events

- **2/9** Adopt-A-Road at 9:00 am and YLF Session IV - Public Safety Class Day
- **2/12** LF and YLF State Government Class Day. 7:30 am at BOE
- **2/21** Alumni Junction Social, 5-7 pm at Tams Honoring LF Classes 2005 & 2006
- **3/7** LF Board Meeting 7:30 am
- **3/10** LF Candidate Information Form Deadline
- **3/10** LF Candidate Info Session I, 12-1 pm at Northside Hospital
- **3/11** LF Public Service II Class Day, 8:00 am
- **3/19** LF Candidate Info Session II, 9-10 am at Chamber Event Facility
- **3/20** YLF Session VI, Panel Presentations
- **3/25** LF Candidate Info Session III, 4-5 pm at Tams
- **3/25** Alumni Junction

Youth Leadership Forsyth Enjoys Overnight Lock-In



All 35 **Youth Leadership Forsyth** students had the opportunity to bond in a special way when they were "locked up" together overnight. On November 16th, the YLF students attended our first ever **YLF Lock-In at Creekside United Methodist Church**. While locked away, the students enjoyed sessions on topics such as etiquette, personality training, and team building through some unique games. Also, the students presented entertaining group skits along with watching a movie and some "down time" to get to know students from other schools in Forsyth County.

A big thank you to all the adult volunteers who donated their time and lack of sleep with this event and Creekside United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities!



January 8 - LF Local Government Class Day

The LF Class of 2008 kicked off the day with two group presentations before heading to the Forsyth County Administration Building to learn more about our county government. LF's own Rhonda O'Connor, County Manager, and Commissioners Brian Tam and Linda Ledbetter answered the group's questions on issues ranging from SPLOST to water to roads. The class then journeyed across the street to the Courthouse where they learned about Forsyth County's court system. The group enjoyed lunch at Tam's Backstage after visiting City Hall and hearing from Mayor Ford Gravitt. The class ended the day with a visit to the Forsyth County Juvenile Court System and toured the new Bald Ridge Boys' Lodge. On February 12th, the class along with the YLF students will learn about State Government with a trip to the Capitol.

Social, 5-7 pm at Tams Honoring LF Class of 2007

LF Alumni Updates

Congratulations to **Dennis Brown, LF Class of 2004**. Dennis was recently promoted to Colonel in the Army National Guard. We're Proud of you Colonel Brown!

Congratulations to **Caitlin Waddington, LF Class of 2004**. Caitlin recently adopted a beautiful baby boy named Peter from Guatemala. Congratulations on your "sweet blessing!"

Congratulations to **Marilyn Wedig, LF Class of 2004, Wade Wilcox, LF Class of 2006** and the rest of the team from Keller Williams Atlanta Partners. They have currently raised over \$7,000 towards building a house for Habitat for Humanity. Way to go!

Grant Schmeelk, LF Class of 2003 and Carter Barrett, LF Class of 1996, are pleased to announce the opening of Community Business Bank on January 22, 2008. The bank is located at 407 East Maple Street, Suite 104, Cumming, GA 30040. They can be contacted at 678-679-2580 and invite their fellow alums to stop by for a cup of coffee and some good fellowship.

AJS Corner

Alumni Junction Socials at Tam's are becoming the place to catch up with former classmates and to meet new class members. On January 22, the **LF Classes of 2003 and 2004** were honored along with our guest speaker, Mary Helen McGruder, who discussed the Green Forsyth Bond Referendum.



The LF Class of 2003 members attending were **Zacary Powell, Christopher Thurman, Scott Whelchel, Grant Schmeelk, Jack Conway, Paula Fanelly, Deanna Armstrong, Scott Mason and Jill Potts.**



The LF Class of 2004 members attending were **Brian Tam, Trixie Miller, Jim Lozen, George Pirkle, Scott Hall, Marilyn Wedig, Beth Kieffer, Tommy Heydet, Sandra Campbell, Spencer Strickland, Rae Lynn Benson, Dennis Brown and Barton Kimsey.**

We hope you will continue to enjoy catching up with LF Alumni by attending future socials. Remember it's free to dues paying alumni and \$10 for other alumni and guests.

The next AJS will be on Thursday, February 21st, honoring the LF Classes of 2005 and 2006.