

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 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 clai6421@bellsouth.net no later than the second to last Monday of each month.

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Go Green! Adopt-A-Road on 2/9 a Big Success

If you have attended an Adopt-A-Road Service Day, we appreciate your help!

On a cool morning on Saturday, February 9, LF & YLF volunteers had a great time picking up trash on our road. Some of the volunteers included **Jill Ashworth, Mark Kobus, Deanna Armstrong, Barton Kimsey, Nancy Johnson, Trixie Miller, John Heath, Brett Berto, Danny Bowman, George Pirkle, Vicky Clair & the YLF Class of 2008.**

Don't Delay! Candidate Information Forms for LF Class of 2009 Due March 10!



There's still time to nominate 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 Quick Links section for the 2008-09 Candidate Information Form (CIF) and provide this form to anyone you think would make an excellent addition to Leadership Forsyth!

Deadline for accepting CIF Forms is March 10th. Please don't delay and miss out on submitting a candidate for the next class. We will be conducting 3 Informational Sessions: **March 10, March 19 and March 25.**

Director's Spot

On **Tuesday, March 11**, all participating alumni are invited to join the LF Class of 2008 for a presentation by Dr. Beverly Langdon on **conflict resolution**. Please join us at the Board of Education, 1120 Dahlonga Highway, 8:30-11:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please email Vicky Clair at clai6421@bellsouth.net.

Quick Links



This is an ongoing quarterly LF Alumni Service Project and we will keep you notified of each fun day of service. We'll hand out bags, safety vests, and gloves on each service day. Road clean up days are a wonderful way to come together as LF alumni, families and current class members to make an instant impact on our county.

Our road is Highway 9 (Dahlongega Highway) running from the 306 Connector to Elm Street, so join us at the Center Court Office Complex at the intersection of Elm Street and Dahlongega Highway by 9:00 a.m. Our next Adopt-a-Road Day will be **Saturday, April 26, 2008**. If you can help out, please let Mark Kobus know at mark.kobus@scientificgames.com.

2008 LF Alumni Directory

Our **2008 Alumni Directory** is now available online. You will need a password to access the directory. If you have not received your personal password, please contact Vicky Clair at clai6421@bellsouth.net. The directory is quite large so it will take a few minutes to download.

Don't remember what year you graduated or want info as to where your classmates are now? Access the Alumni Roster and then go to the Alumni Directory for their contact information.

To have access to this resource, you will need to be an up-to-date paid member of Leadership Forsyth and listed on the **Alumni Dues Status** page. Contact Vicky Clair now to renew your alumnus status and take advantage of your membership.

Youth Leadership Forsyth Visits Public Safety Complex

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Upcoming Events

- **3/7** LF Board Meeting 7:30 a.m.
- **3/10** LF Candidate Information Form Deadline
- **3/10** LF Candidate Info Session I, 12-1 p.m. at Northside Hospital
- **3/11** LF Public Service II Class Day, 8:00 a.m., Dr. Beverly Langford on "Conflict Resolution"
- **3/19** LF Candidate Info Session II, 9-10 a.m. at Chamber Event Facility
- **3/20** YLF Session VI, Panel Presentations
- **3/25** LF Candidate Info Session III, 4-5 p.m. at Tam's
- **3/25** Alumni Junction Social, 5-7 pm at Tam's Honoring LF Class of 2007
- **4/1** LF Environment Class Day, 8:00 am

LF Alumni News

Nancy Johnson, LF Class of 2008, is in the process of beginning a new Methodist Church, called The River UMC, in south Forsyth County. The new church will hold an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more on Sunday, March 2 at the Sharon Springs Park Community Building at 4 p.m. For more information call 404-550-



YLF students took time on Saturday, February 9 to attend Session IV - Public Safety Complex. The students toured the entire Public Safety Complex which includes the Emergency Management area and the 911 Center. The YLF members also received information on the Fire Department and watched demonstrations by the Forsyth County SWAT Team and the Canine Unit.

The next YLF Class Day will be on Thursday, March 20 when students will be making topic presentations to a distinguished Forsyth County panel.



February 12 - LF & YLF State Government Class Day

0260 or e-mail theriverumc@bellsouth.net

Beth Fasnacht, LF Class of 1991, recently located to a larger office which has several meeting spaces available for rent on a two-hour basis. The rooms are equipped with DSL internet access for \$5 per session. The meeting spaces are located at Georgia 400, Exit 14 on Amost Drive. For more information or to reserve a meeting space, contact Beth at 770-781-1516 or 770-490-2100.

Missy Bushong, LF Class of 2008, is working with Bridal Tyme Events to host a bridal show on April 20 at Peach Brandy Cottage in Dawsonville. Exhibitors and brides are needed. Exhibitor spaces are \$100 for a small table and \$175 for a large table. After March 1, costs rise to \$125 for a small table and \$200 for a large table. Contact Missy at mbushong@mountainstatebank.com, 678-350-8303 or 678-513-1001 or visit weddingtymeevents.com for more information.

Grant Schmeelk, LF Class of 2003, in partnership with the L.E.A.D.E.R. driver education program, will present the 2nd Annual Brittany Schmeelk Foundation Shamrock Classic on March 17. The 4 man scramble style golf tournament will raise funds for the Foundation, which provides scholarships to deserving Forsyth County students in memory of Brittany Schmeelk who tragically passed away in an automobile accident. For more information or to register for the Shamrock Classic, contact Grant at gschmeelk@cbbga.com or 770-887-8488.

Congratulations to the following LF graduates featured in this year's Men of Forsyth: **Marcus Rosin, Class of 2006; Brian Dill, Class of 2007; Dr. Gary Orris, Class of 2007; and Mark Kobus, Class of 2006.**

Congratulations to **Tammy Bramblett, LF Class of 2006**, on the birth of her son, Fysher Linton Bramblett, on February 15. Fysher was born at North Fulton Regional

time together.

LF Public Service II Class Day will be on Tuesday, March 11. Dr. Beverly Langford will also be presenting a seminar on conflict resolution.

Class of 2008 Project... "Kick It Up!"



The LF Class of 2008 has partnered with Forsyth County Schools and the Forsyth County Community Connection for their class project, **"Kick It Up!" Student Empowerment Conferences on April 22 & 29**. The events are geared toward middle and high school students who face challenges which might prevent them from graduating on time. Through "Kick It Up!", the Class of 2008 hopes to encourage these students to stay in school and make other positive life decisions. The conferences will feature guest speakers and community representative-lead break out sessions.

In order to make these sessions successful, the Class of 2008 needs your help! Members are currently fund raising to help cover costs associated with the events such as transportation, food and guest speaker fees, as well as t-shirts and portfolios which will be given to the students to help them remember to always "Kick It Up!" Various sponsorship opportunities are available and all donations are appreciated.

For more information about the project, contact any LF Class of 2008 member. Tax-deductible donations can be sent (payable to Leadership Forsyth) to **Mountain State Bank, c/o Missy Bushong, 6080 Bethelview Road, Cumming, GA 30040**.

AJS Corner

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The LF Class of 2005 members attending were Shawn Lovejoy, Robert Funk, Trish Kellog, Drew Walker, Phil Faulkner, Carolyn Mixon, John Heath and Glenda Snyder.



The LF Class of 2006 members attending were Fire Chief Danny Bowman, Burton Blackmar, Jim Sharp, Charlotte Roth, Shawn Scott, Robert Landreth, Marcus Rosin, Sandy Spera, Jeanne Marie Cowdrey, Carol Tunstall, Kevin McDonough, Mark Kobus and not pictured Michael Kaine.



Our Alumni Challenge is heating up! Last year our winner was the LF Class of 2006 and they are in the running to win AGAIN! As of the last AJS, we have a tie with LF Class of 2004 and LF Class of 2006 with 13 members from each class attending their respective AJS. We have one more AJS Challenge on March 25 so the LF Class of 2007 has the opportunity to win the 2008 Alumni Junction Social Challenge.

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 Tuesday, March 25, honoring the LF Class of 2007. DOT Chairman Mike Evans will be our speaker. See you there!

Wade Wilcox

(LF 2006)

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March Class Day
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