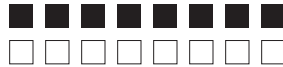


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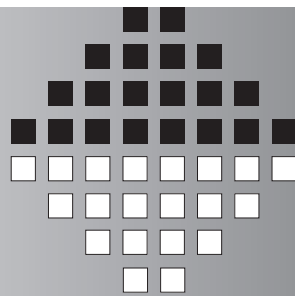
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Share what is going on in your business, civic, and personal life with other Leadership Birmingham members or your ideas for programs and general suggestions for the Members Association by mailing (2100 First Avenue North, Suite 710/35203), E-mailing (joegale@bellsouth.net) or faxing (252-4497). We want to hear from you.

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JUNE 2006

Members Council Annual Review
Bob Corley (1986), President

I appreciate the opportunity to share a few thoughts about the past year for the Members' Council. One of our goals was to provide informative, compelling programs that would raise important and challenging issues. Owing to the hard work of Chair Dennis Leonard, and the Program Committee, we were able to have outstanding speakers and explore some critical concerns facing Birmingham.

In partnership with Leadership Alabama and PARCA, we co-sponsored the "Get SMART" luncheon on October 26, 2005. Featured speakers included Governor Bob Riley and the state government editor from Governing Magazine, who praised Alabama's SMART Governing Initiative, designed to make state agencies more accountable and transparent.

Another fruitful partnership was forged with Birmingham-Southern College in sponsoring a November 8 public lecture by David K. Shipler, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author. Shipler's insightful lecture was followed by a special luncheon dialogue with Leadership Birmingham Members on issues ranging from race and class to systemic poverty, education and the working poor. This wide ranging discussion was ably facilitated by Odessa Woolfolk.

Perhaps the most challenging program of the year, and the one that Dennis worked hardest to put together, was an April 3, 2006 forum on research and technology headlined by Michael Cassidy, President and CEO of the Georgia Research Alliance. The Alliance has been extremely successful in driving that state's strategy for capitalizing on university-led research and development to build a vibrant, technology-rich economy. Cassidy made a candid report to a full auditorium at the Museum of Art on the many advantages of this alliance of universities, businesses, and governments in harnessing innovation for economic development. His talk was followed by a lively panel discussion featuring top Birmingham CEOs Charles McCrary of Alabama Power and Johnny Johns of Protective Life Insurance Corporation, along with County Commission President Larry Langford and Dr. Malcolm Portera, Chancellor of the University of Alabama System. This excellent program generated in-depth discussions that have reportedly continued in offices, boardrooms and civic gatherings since April. (con't Page 2)



LB Program Year 2006-2007

**Friday and Saturday
Aug. 25-26, 2006
Opening Retreat**

Thursdays:

Sept. 14	Education
Oct. 12	Human Services
Nov. 9	Economic Development
Jan. 11, 2007	One Community
Feb. 8	Government
March 8	Healthy Community
April 12	Justice
May 10	Quality of Life

**Friday and Saturday
June 1-2, 2007
Closing Retreat**

FROM THE OFFICE

Please remember that if you make a reservation for a members program or event and do not attend you will be invoiced. You may cancel a reservation by the cancellation date on your invitation (usually two days before the event)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bob Blalock ('01), Robin DeMonia ('05), Joey Kennedy ('95), Eddie Lard ('02) – awarded a National Headline Award (2nd place) for its editorial page series, “Choosing Life in a Death Penalty State” published in Nov. 2005

William J. Bryant ('96) – awarded the American Heart Association's Gold Heart Award in Washington D.C. on April 10. The award is the highest honor the association gives to volunteers who have provided continued distinguished service

Patti Eggers ('03) – was awarded the “Sarah Patterson Distinguished Alumni Award” for the University of Alabama

Ann Florie ('97), Odessa Woolfolk ('84) – recognized by the Birmingham Times “Women Who Make a Difference”. Ann and Odessa were recognized on March 24 for their significant leadership roles in the community

Joan Perry ('01), Bunny Stokes ('98) – recognized by Birmingham Urban League at the Friends Embracing and Transcending Differences dinner.

Caro Shanahan ('02) – Presented with the Birmingham Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award.

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MEMBERS UPDATES

Maj. Mark Brown ('03) – is leaving Birmingham and will become the Area Commander of The Salvation Army of the Dallas-Fort Worth Command in Texas. Mark will head the 500 employee area command and wife Maj. Susan Brown will lead the women's ministries

Fran Godchaux ('03) – appointed by Mayor Kincaid to serve as Co-Chair of the Disparity Study Task Force.

George Jenkins ('85) – is working part-time in development for the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

MEMBERS UPDATES CON'T

Joey Kennedy ('95) – is serving on the Communications Studies Advisory Board at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Bridges Foundation.

Carolyn King ('98), Guin Robinson ('05) – elected to the Board of Directors of ChildCare Resources.

Deak Rushton ('97) – elected Chair of the ChildCare Resources.

Sandra Storm ('85) – is working as a mediator in family related and civil matters and as a program development and management consultant (See Dir. Updates).

Ron Talley ('03) – Disability Specialist Consultant with the City of Birmingham's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) office.

Please make sure the Leadership Birmingham office has your current e-mail address. Since we are corresponding more and more by e-mail we don't want you to be left out!

Our new website will be up and running in July. We will inform you as to how to access your information and update your profile online. Until then, please contact the office at leadbham@bellsouth.net with any changes.

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On May 18, 2006, Kathy Yarbrough, Director of The Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham, and her staff presented a program at WorkPlay on “The heART of Birmingham” highlighting eleven arts organizations. Members enjoyed networking with classmates after the program.

All of these programs are fine examples of what the Members Council and Members Association can do to continue making our Leadership Birmingham experience relevant and meaningful for ourselves and the larger community. And we should and will do more. We are updating the Leadership Birmingham website to engage the Members in a deeper exploration and discussion of pressing community issues. And we are seriously exploring appropriate ways that Members can become more directly involved in task forces or other organized efforts to seek out information and possible solutions for the concerns that are vital to the future of the Birmingham region. So I urge you to stay involved. The Leadership Birmingham Members' Association needs you, your ideas, and your creative energy. And so does this community.

Samuetta Nesbitt
Bill Bryant
Closing Retreat Co-Chairs
2005 – 2006 Program Co-Chairperson
CLOSING RETREAT
Friday, June 9- Saturday, June 10, 2006
4-H Conference Center - Columbiana, Alabama (669-4241)

DIRECTIONS: First Commercial Bank is located across the street from Brookwood Mall and the ramps to enter Hwy 280 from Shades Creek Parkway. If you are coming from Hwy 280W (from Shelby county), you will exit at AL-149 toward Samford University. At the bottom of the ramp, you will proceed straight through the light into First Commercial. If you are coming from Hwy 280E, you will take AL-149 toward Homewood/Mountain Brook. At the bottom of the ramp, you will turn right, go back under Hwy 280 and at the first light you will turn left. As you approach the bank, take the second left and enter the parking deck. We are going to park at the top of the deck (Level 5).

To get to the dining room from the parking deck, take the elevator or steps to Level 2 of the deck. There will be a crosswalk to the bank building. Once in the building, go to the elevator lobby and go to the 2nd floor. The dining room is near the elevators.

We will be able to leave cars at First Commercial Bank on Level 5 of the parking deck, and we encourage you to arrange carpools to ride to the 4-H Conference Center in Columbiana. Those of you not driving may leave your car at the top level of the parking deck for First Commercial until we return on Saturday.

The Conference Center is on Lay Lake near Columbiana; maps will be distributed at breakfast. NOTE ON AGENDA THAT YOU HAVE "FREE TIME" FOR BASKETBALL, JOGGING/WALKING, TENNIS AND EVEN FISHING. So bring the proper attire and equipment!

GOALS: To provide a forum for Study Groups to share their perspectives on general topics of community concern; to look at ways in which you, individually and in concert with other Leadership Birmingham participants, can become more directly involved in addressing the problems and opportunities facing our community; to introduce graduates to the Members Association and to assure informal interaction and good comradeship of one of the most interesting groups ever brought together in Birmingham.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:00-8:30 BREAKFAST AT FIRST COMMERCIAL BANK
800 Shades Creek Parkway, Homewood, 868-4997
- WELCOME **Forest Whatley, Jr. ('05)**, Executive Vice President, First Commercial Bank
- 8:30 – 9:00 THE NEED FOR LEADERSHIP IN BIRMINGHAM **Wm. Michael Warren, Jr. ('86)**, President & CEO, Energen Corp.
- 9:00 – 9:15 RETREAT OVERVIEW **Bill Bryant ('96)**, Partner, Feld, Hyde, Wertheimer, Bryant, & Stone P.C.
Samuetta Nesbitt ('92), Senior Vice President, United Way of Central Alabama
- 9:15 – 10:15 Pick up maps - Load Cars, TRAVEL TO 4H CONFERENCE CENTER , Check In
- 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK (dining room; move to auditorium – 2nd level)
- 10:30 – 11:15 Group I (The Dream Team)
- 11:15 – 12:00 Group 2 (BTU)
- 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 1:45 Group 3 (Balm of Gilead)
- 1:45 - 2:30 Group 4 (N-Squared)
- 2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:30 Group 5 (Lighting the Leadership Flame)
- 3:30 - 4:15 CAUCUS
- 4:15 – 5:45 FREE TIME (Basketball, tennis, fishing, walking/jogging, fishing, etc.)
- 5:45 - 6:45 COCKTAILS
- 6:45 - 7:30 DINNER
- 7:30-until NIGHTCAP

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- 7:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:00 - 8:30 LIFE AFTER LEADERSHIP BHAM- MEMBER COUNCIL **Bob Corley ("86)**, Dir.- UAB Ctr. For Urban Affairs; Chair, Member Council. MEMBER COUNCIL ELECTIONS (Ballots provided) (In the theatre)
Phillippe Lathrop ('03), Financial Consultant, A.G. Edwards
- 8:30 – 9:30 WHAT'S CHANGED? WHERE DO YOU/WE GO FROM HERE? Ann Florie/Bob Corley
- 9:30 – 10:00 BREAK (Check Out of Rooms)
LEADERSHIP BIRMINGHAM GRADUATION (In the theatre)
- 10:00-10:30 A CALL TO SERVE, Hon. Artur Davis, U.S. Representative, U.S House of Representatives
- 10:30-11:15 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Ann Florie, Samuetta Nesbitt & Bill Bryant
- ADJOURN