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Leading off

Leadership Alabama's 20th anniversary is coming up soon, and as we approach this milestone, we want to be sure that our organization continues to be an energetic and vibrant organization. During the past year, members of the board of directors participated in a strategic planning process that resulted in important changes to the program year and membership activities.

With personal recruitment by members of the board, Class XIX is an outstanding group of 56 leaders from across the state. You will see a roster of the new class in this newsletter. Reacting to responses from focus groups and individual interviews by Tom Thompson who facilitated the strategic process, the board approved a change in the program year to four expanded retreats rather than the six that previously made up the core program. Jan Hume, program coordinator, has led additional planning sessions to reconfigure the various topics and issues that make up the retreat agenda. Many activities and speakers will be open to members of Leadership Alabama who have participated in the past.

Membership activities will continue with two statewide meetings and regional receptions to welcome members of the new class. Some events have already been scheduled and are listed here. Please let me know if you would be willing to host a regional reception in your area. These get-togethers were very popular last year, and I hope you will try to attend the event in your region.

We are fortunate to have Ashley Whatley, who became our administrative assistant when Maxine Goldner retired late last year. With Ashley's outstanding technology skills, we are making exciting changes to our website and on-line communications. This bi-monthly electronic newsletter will include timely announcements about our programs, events and members, and we will soon be able to accommodate on-line payments for dues, contributions and event registrations. Watch for an expanded pictorial directory which will go out to active members in the next few weeks.

We have an exciting year in store, and I hope you will be an engaged and committed member of Leadership Alabama

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Board of Directors Announces New Class

Under the leadership of Chair Mike Goodrich, the board confirmed the final roster for Class XIX which will meet for the Orientation retreat in Montgomery in October. Please welcome those members from your area to Leadership Alabama.

Leadership Alabama Class XIX

Judith Adams

VP Marketing
AL State Port Auth.
Mobile

William Barrick

Executive Director
Bellingrath Gardens & Home
Mobile

Richard Bielen

Vice Chair & CFO
Protective Life Corp.
Birmingham

HB Brantley

President
Brantley Visioneering
Birmingham

Lawson Bryan

Senior Pastor
First United Methodist Church
Montgomery

Kirby Caddell

CEO
Caddell Construction
Montgomery

George Culver

Executive Director
Historic Ritz Theatre
Talladega

Russell Cunningham

President & CEO
Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce
Birmingham

Bill Daniel

President
Dantract, Inc.
Birmingham

Marquita Davis

Director
State of Alabama Office of School Readiness
Montgomery

John Dilworth

Superintendent
Montgomery County Board of Education
Montgomery

Carolyn Doughty

Councilwoman
Mayor Pro-tem
City of Gulf Shores
Gulf Shores

Marshall England

Agent
State Farm Insurance
Huntsville

Jessica Garrison

Attorney
Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler, LLP
Tuscaloosa

Jay Grinney

President & CEO
HealthSouth
Birmingham

Charles Grizzle

VP & General Counsel
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC
Birmingham

Milton Harris

President
Serina Therapeutics
Huntsville

Thomas Harrison

Education Program Director
Wiregrass Foundation
Dothan

Billy Hawkins

President
Talladega College
Talladega

Monique Henley

President
Bay Security
Whistler

Kelvin Hill

Vice President
Georgia Pacific
Pennington

Joseph Johnson

Senior Pastor
Mt. Hebron Church
Mobile

Tom Lamberth

President & COO
Russell Lands
Alexander City

Drew Langloh

President & CEO
United Way of Central Alabama
Birmingham

Lucie Lee Lanoux

Civic Volunteer
Montgomery

David Lewis

Senior Vice President
River Bank & Trust
Prattville

Barnes Lovelace

President
Harris, Caddell & Shanks, PC
Decatur

Eric Mackey

Superintendent
Jacksonville City Schools
Jacksonville

Fred McCallum

President
AT&T Alabama
Birmingham

A.J. McCampbell

Representative
Alabama House of Representatives
Demopolis

James McManus

Chairman & CEO
Energen Corporation
Birmingham

Phillip McWane

Chairman
McWane, Inc.
Birmingham

Carolyn Mitchell-Gosa

Mayor
City of York
York

Dan Montgomery

Corp. Lead Executive
Northrop Grumman
Huntsville

Greg Norris

Judge of Probate
Monroe County
Monroeville

Tim Parker

Chairman
AL State Port Auth.
Tuscaloosa

Ray Perez

General Counsel
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama
Lincoln

Holland Powell

President & CEO
Benefit Development Group
Selma

Steve Raby

President
Direct Communications
Huntsville

Tami Reist

President & CEO
Decatur-Morgan County CVB
Decatur

Daryl Roberts

Plant Manager
Arkema, Inc.
Axis

Martha Roby

Councilwoman
Montgomery City Council
Montgomery

Steven Rumsey

President
Rumsey Environmental
Tuscaloosa

Michael Saxon

SE Division Vice President
Alabama Power Co.
Eufaula

Philip Seay

District Judge
St. Clair County
Pell City

Ken Selvaggi

VP & General Mang.
WSFA-TV
Montgomery

Lee Sentell

Director
AL Tourism Department
Montgomery

Terri Sewell

Shareholder
Maynard, Cooper & Gale, PC
Birmingham

William Sisson

VP Economic Development
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Mobile

Dawn Stanley

Assistant Chief Engineer Ares I-X
NASA/MSFC
Huntsville

Paula Steigerwald

President/CEO
Huntsville Botanical Gardens
Huntsville

Yolanda Sullivan

Manager Corporate Human Resources
Vulcan Materials Co.
Birmingham

Lee Thuston

Managing Partner
Burr & Forman
Birmingham

Christina Wadsworth

Attorney/Partner
Jinks, Crow & Dickson
Union Springs

Cam West

President
Huntingdon College
Montgomery

David Williams

President
University of Alabama
Huntsville
Huntsville

SAVE THE DATE – REGIONAL RECEPTIONS

As we get ready to welcome our new members to Leadership Alabama, we will be hosting regional receptions throughout the state. Please mark your calendars to attend and join us in welcoming those in your area.

- **BIRMINGHAM** - September 11 at Bradley, Arant, Rose & White
1819 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203
- **MONTGOMERY** - September 18 at the home of Nancy and Spud Seale
2033 Myrtlewood Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111

We had a wonderful regional reception in Huntsville a few weeks ago. Other regional events are being scheduled. If you are interested in hosting a regional reception in your area, please contact the Leadership Alabama office at 334-265-2297 or email la@leadershipal.org.

CLASS XVIII Wrap-Up

Class XVIII finished their program year on July 25, 2008, at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Graduation, as always, was such a special evening with wonderful memories and laughter from the year. Among the highlights of the year that were recounted are the trip to the United Launch Alliance where we realized one of the class members really was a rocket scientist; the trip to Hale County and the inspirational stories of those working there; our visit to George Hall Elementary School in Mobile where we saw that leadership can change children's lives; the Orientation retreat where the class members learned about the state and each other; the Governor's question and answer conversation with the class in Montgomery; the class tour of Honda Manufacturing; and the hike at Mt. Cheaha that was cancelled due to snow. The year was filled with memorable speakers and experiences, but most of all, the Leadership Alabama network has grown by 59 exceptional leaders who have been energized and encouraged to continue to make a difference and to look for new ways to plug into their communities and their state.

Welcome New Board Members

We would like to introduce the newest members of the Leadership Alabama Board of Directors. The following people have agreed to serve our organization for the next three years.

Mr. Victor H. Hanson III
President and Publisher
The Birmingham News
Birmingham

Mr. W. Daniel Hughes, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Summit America, LLC
Montgomery

Mr. D. Mark Nix
President
Infirmary Health System
Mobile

Mr. Hugh W. Wheelless, Jr.
President
Wheelless Development, Ltd
Dothan

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Greg Barker (Class XVIII) has been elected to the Birmingham International Center board.

Fournier J. "Boots" Gale (Class II) has been elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.



Ann Florie (Class X) has been awarded the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice of Alabama.

Vicki Hawsey (Class XVI) has been elected to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Macke Mauldin (Class XI) was selected as the Shoals Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Ann Roy Moore (Class V) was selected as Alabama's 2008 Superintendent of the Year.

Jim Dearth (Class IX) has been selected as a 2008 member of the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame.

www.leadershipal.org is getting a whole new look!! Going live on August 25, 2008, our website will have some new features. We'll be posting events, online newsletters, announcements and more! There's also a new feature that will allow you to pay your membership dues and make contributions online. Be sure to check it out!