

BAG A BARGAIN is a Big Success!

President's Message

Dear League Members:
D WOW!!! This is all I can say about the success of Bag a Bargain. It is overwhelming to think how this League has come together to pull-off something of this magnitude. ~~The comments from members, sustainers, sponsors and the community have been so very positive.~~ It is so rewarding to see how we helped so many on the day of the sale who would, otherwise been unable to afford the items they purchased. Also, think how we will help again when we distribute the BAB funds in May. ~~We should have a total for you at the April meeting. We are still collecting and counting!~~

A big thank you to the Bag a Bargain committee for their dedication and hard work. It could not have been possible without each hour of your sincere commitment to make something unknown to us become such a successful reality. **THANK YOU!!**

Congratulations to the newly Elected Officers for 2001/2002. Under the leadership of Lisa Mathews, Allison Newton, Dana Lindsey and Penny Westmoreland, the League is sure to continue our momentum throughout the coming new year.

Thank you, Katie Bendall and the Future Policies Committee. The revisions voted on at the March meeting helps to continue refining the League's policies for the next league year and beyond. The changes made will have a positive impact as the admissions committee votes on new members. Make sure you have your completed admission forms to Paige Cates by April 1st. You will find her address in the sustainer list of our League directory. Also, this is the last reminder to those of us going sustaining. Amy Darby must receive change of status letters no later than April 1st.



League Members At Silent Auction

Congratulations!!! We will be voting on the distribution of Apple Annie profits at our April meeting. Thank you Penny Joiner and the Apple Annie Committee for another well-organized and successful Apple Annie Day. Thank you Finance Committee and the leadership of Becky McDaniel. We appreciate your time researching and carefully considering each request from area organizations. This annual fundraiser is a just another great example of how dedicated the league is to helping our community organizations through funds and time.

I hope you had a great Spring Break. And, I hope to see each of you at the April 3rd meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Let's give some money away!

Sincerely,
 Lisa

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April 2001

Medications	\$700	Medicine/supplies	\$450
Dental Supplies	\$750	Medical Records	\$600

16.) Rehabilitation Center		\$500.00	\$500.00
Funds will be used to cover League rehab parties during the year.			
17.) Rolling Riders, Inc.		\$2496.00	\$1,666.00
Funds will be used for maintenance and care for 2 horses for 1 year.			
Feed-Hay-Vitamins	\$608	Shots, Worming, Medicines	\$280
Blacksmith (Shoeing)	\$360		
Total	\$1,248	X 2 horses	
18.) Safeplace, Inc.		\$1,262.00	\$983.00
Funds will be used to buy furniture, equipment and development materials for children that reside in emergency and supportive housing.			
Diaper Genie	\$69.00	Developmental Books	\$183.00
Changing Table	\$210.00	Resource Center (est.)	\$800.00
19.) Sheffield Public Library		\$500.00	\$500.00
Funds will be used to purchase reference books to help children excel in education and serve as a source of material for underprivileged children who would otherwise be unable to fully utilize the library's resources. The average reference book is \$24.95.			
20.) Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Funds will be used for stipends (a sum of money paid to a student under a fellowship) to assist students in the "Start on Success for Students with Disabilities Program".			
21.) Shoals Area Special Athletes, Inc.		\$3,000.00	\$1,200.00
Funds would be used to provide the following for Special Athletes:			
Transportation to Auburn:	Van	\$ 300	
Bus	\$1,500	Shirst for special athletes	\$1,200 (84X\$14)
22.) Shoals Crisis Center, dba Rape Response		\$686.00	\$461.00
Funds would be used to teach a "Personal Safety Program" and a "Respecting Each Other Program" to students in grades 1-6 in the Colbert and Lauderdale County School systems. \$461 would be used for supplies and \$225 would be used for salary of prevention educator.			
23.) Summer Enrichment Program for the Multi-Disabled		\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Funds will be used for tuition for 10 students to attend a six week summer program. The Florence School System provides the teacher, teacher aide and facility for the summer program.			
24.) Tusculmbia City Schools - Special Education Department - Multi-handicapped Class		\$ 901.34	\$900.00
Funds will be used to purchase materials to enhance the social and academic skills of our special needs children.			
Writing with Symbo 2000 CD	\$199.00	Colored Light Doodler	\$55.50
10 Adapted books (Science/Math)	\$199.00	Kleer Ball w/Roller Balls	\$29.95
Teach me to Talk CD	\$99.00	Touch & Change	\$49.99
Physio-Roll Ball (38 inches)	\$98.95	Velcro	\$100.00
Physio-Roll Ball (28 inches)	\$68.95		
25.) United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama		\$1152.26	\$1,152.00
Funds will be used to purchase materials to assess the abilities of children during the evaluation phase of enrollment and software needed to communicate the specific exercises to use to enhance their development.			
BDI Supplemental Material Kit	\$398.19		
HELP Together Software		\$754.07	
26.) West Way Child Development Center, Inc.		\$7,020.00	\$2,340.00
The funds will be used to pay for one year of child care services for 3 low income/ high risk youth (newborn - 5 years). 3 children X 2,340			
27.) YMCA of the Shoals, Inc.		\$5,526.00	\$-0-
Funds will be used for summer camp for special education children. Total program costs are as follows:			
Salaries	\$7,033.00	Transportation	\$1,020.00
Taxes & Benefits	\$760.00	Training	\$334.00
Arts & Crafts	\$270.00	Swimming	\$825.00
Food & Drinks	\$83.00	Occupancy	\$500.00
Activity Supplies & Equipment	\$450.00	Administration(18%)	\$2,079.00
Printing/Promotion	\$278	Total	\$13,631.00
YMCA requests \$5,526 toward these costs from the League			
Grand Total of Request/Recommendations		\$73181.60	\$31,161.00

Provisional Meeting Reminder:



Proposed Budget 2001-2002

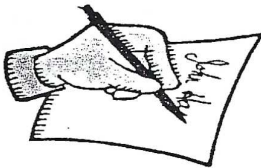
The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 at Riverbend (next to ECM Hospital, Florence). Please bring your black book with you. You are all doing great—and we are about to hit the home stretch. Remember, if you still need hours, you can help with Special Olympics in April.

A big THANK YOU! to the provisionals who helped decorate for the Benefit Ball. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Kenda and Amy Jon

Administrative Fund

Income:	
Dues-Members 148@ \$55	\$8140.00
Dues-Sustainers 30@ \$30	900.00
Interest	97.00
May Dinner 110 @ \$20	2,200.00
Name Tags	150.00
<u>Sustainer Luncheon</u>	<u>410.00</u>
Total Administrative Fund Income:	\$11,897.00
Expenses:	
Cookbook	\$1,750.00
Florence Conference Center Rental	500.00
Hospitality	166.00
HourGlass	\$2,500.00
Insurance	177.00
May Dinner	2,200.00
Miscellaneous (Gifts, Awards, etc.)	500.00
Office Supplies & Postage	300.00
Placement	600.00
Post Office Box Fee	44.00
Professional Fees (Audit)	700.00
Provisional Expenses	600.00
Sustainer Luncheon	460.00
<u>Yearbook</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total Administrative Fund Expense	\$11,897.00
Administrative Fund Balance	-0-



PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

as of 2001/2002 year

Changes are underlined

Proposed By-Laws
pg. 89- Section 3. Admission of members.

b. Proposal of members. A Candidate for membership must be sponsored by an active member in good standing, and co-sponsored by two additional members, at least one of whom must be anticipated to be an active member during the provisional year of the candidate. A member may sponsor no more than two candidates per year, but may co-sponsor an unlimited number of candidates. Change two candidates to five.

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II. Fundraising
Section 2-A. Officers
Omit Office Coordinator and Membership Coordinator

Community Fund

Income:	
Apple Annie	\$45,000.00
Attention Homes	450.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Community Fund Income:	\$45,550.00
Expenses:	
Apple Annie	\$16,500.00
Attention Homes	450.00
Rehab Parties	500.00
<u>Transportation</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total Community Fund Expense:	\$20,150.00
Community Funds to Distribute	\$25,400.00

REQUESTS FOR APPLE ANNIE FUNDING

<u>Agency and Request</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
1.) Alabama Cooperative Extension System - Today's Mom Nutrition Education Program Funds will be used to purchase gift incentives to enhance this nutrition education program (pampers, wall outlet covers, receiving blankets, etc.)	\$250.00	\$250.00
2.) Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Funds will be used to purchase items for infant, toddler and preschool stimulation activities (itemized list available)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
3.) The ARC of the Shoals Funds will be used to help the participants of the Proud Promenades Square Dancers attend their convention which occurs every two years. The funds will be used to pay travel expenses and room and board.	\$1,500.00	\$-0-
4.) Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc. Funds will be used to install a wheelchair lift that will make the two upstairs exhibits accessible to handicapped persons.	\$10,000.00	\$-0-
5.) Colbert Caring Center, Inc. Funds will be used to cover expenses associated with helping people in need, such as utility payments, meals, doctor and dental care, prescription drugs, clothing, etc.	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
6.) Colbert - Lauderdale Attention Home, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase the following items for the Home Sweet Home Project: Sectional sofa \$1,500.00 Carpet Installation \$500.00 7 Beds \$ 700.00 (\$100 each) Tables & Chairs \$500.00 10 Mattresses \$ 750.00 (\$75 each)	\$2,950.00	\$1,950.00
7.) Colbert/Lauderdale Transportation Fund Funds are used for children that need to travel to Birmingham or Huntsville for medical attention.	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
8.) Community Action Agency of Northwest AL- Meals on Wheels Program The program provides a hot noon-day meal 5 days/week to low income home bound adults who live alone and have no one to cook for them. The program operates throughout the Shoals.	\$1,827.00	\$1,827.00
9.) Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to purchase assessment/therapy materials for the speech department. Paws Signs Stories CD-Rom & Storybook \$140 The GEO Safari Junior \$160 Reading & Phonics Interactive CD-Rom \$100 Phonics Learning System \$112 Think Spots & Chipper Chat \$100	\$612.00	\$612.00
10.) Freedom House Funds will be used to renovate the children's playground at this treatment facility for females addicted to drugs or alcohol. Pavilion \$630 Construction Labor \$500 Swing Set with Slide \$420	\$1,550.00	\$420.00
11.) Food Bank of NW AL Funds will be used to provide food to the ill, needy children and elderly of the Shoals area.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
12.) Lauderdale County Head Start Program Funds will be used to purchase an AUDX Hearing Screening Instrument. The equipment will be used to provide early detection of hearing loss. AUDXI diagnostic device w/printer \$3,499 AUDX Label Printer \$500 Pediatric foam tips \$ 200 Printer Labels \$150 Adult foam tips \$ 100 Shipping (est.) \$100	\$4,549.00	\$-0-
13.) Mary Beth Pyron Funding will be used toward repair of the motorized wheel chair and work that needs to be done on her special vehicle and adapted equipment. Also, medical bills, medical supplies and prescription bills.	\$3,000.00	\$-0-
14.) Muscle Shoals District Service League Funds will be used to pay off cookbook debt.	\$3,000.00	\$-0-
15.) Northwest AL Community Health Association Funds will be used to provide quality health care to persons who would otherwise be treated in emergency rooms or go without. Medicare, medicaid or disability patients are not eligible.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**MSDSL MEETING MINUTES -MARCH MEETING
MARCH 6, 2001**

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Roll: 109 members present and 22 absent; 17 provisionals present and 9 absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Jackie Darby and a second by Vanessa Morse the minutes from the February meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Stephanie Winborn reported the following balances:

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Savings account balance = 290.96

Correspondence: None

Other Business:

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2001-2002 Executive Committee Slate of Officers was approved in a motion made by Becky McDaniel and a second by Jackie Darby. The membership voted unanimously for the new slate.

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- #1 Motion made by Lisa Keys-Mathews and seconded by Allison Newton to leave as currently written, not accepting the changes proposed was made. The motion passed by a vote of 48 to 36.
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Rehabilitation: Chairperson Sabrina Eddins announced that the spring rehab party will be on May 11, 2001 from 9:30 to 1:30. She will contact her committee members to work. Provisionals who need extra hours may work too.

Scholarship: No report.

Yearbook: No report.

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New Deliveries

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Tonya

"Bradford Jackson Bevis"
born December 21, 2000
to
Jeff and Shylee Bevis

"William Clifford Darby"
born November 16, 2000
to
Cliff and Amy Darby

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Portrait Show

Janice Pride and Lisa Trousdale would like to announce that they will be having a Leon Loard Portrait Show before the April League meeting from 6-7 pm at the Conference Center. They will have information about all of the portraits Leon Loard has to offer as well as portraits to view.

**Remember:
April 3rd
6-7 p.m.
Florence Conference Center**

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