Aug/Sept 2006

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE SHOALS

"Kickoff for a Great Year"

Dear Ladies:

What an exciting year we have ahead of us. I can honestly say I am so ready to begin our new league year. This year will be our first year as **Junior League of the Shoals**. This year I foresee the September meeting as our "Kickoff for a Great Year!!"

One thing I learned at the National Junior League Association conference was we are "One Team with One Dream" and this is so true. We are a group of incredible ladies and for the past 72 years have made such an impact here on the Shoals Area. I truly believe if we all work together as a team then this league can achieve anything we set out to do.

I want to say a special thank you to all of the board members for meeting with me this summer and planning our league year.

Our Provisional Directors, Tonya Foote and Missy Logan, have done an incredible job in welcoming all of the new Provisionals. The Provisional Pre-Acceptance Party was a huge success. A special thank you goes to Leigh Ann Franck and the hospitality committee for preparing the food for the party. A very special thank you goes to Patty Klos for once again graciously hosting the party in her beautiful home. I would like to personally welcome all the new Provisionals. You all are truly an incredible group of ladies and we are so excited that you all have decided to join the Junior League of the Shoals. I look forward to getting to know each of you in the year ahead of us.

The first CAB Meeting was held this summer and it was a success thanks to our Public Relation Chairman Kim Parker for overseeing this meeting.

The Junior League of the Shoals web page will be up and running very soon thanks to web page designer Meredith McClanahan.

Suzanne Burleson and the Cookbook committee have done a fantastic job in selling over 600 cookbooks already this summer.

Christy Waters and Allison Weaver have both worked long hours this summer updating and correcting all the needed changes for the new black book. Because of their dedication to the league the new book will be available at the September league meeting.

Melanie Huguley and the Apple Annie committee have met and begun working on another successful year for a great Apple Annie Day. Melanie will have a folder for each member at the September meeting explaining the entire Apple Annie Day process and its requirements.

Amy Letson, Tana Le May and the entire Sugar Plum Market committee have put in long hours this summer. This committee is making sure all final details are finished so that our first Sugar Plum Market will be a sure success.

The Hospitality committee will provide simple snacks for us all at the first league meeting. Please arrive on time so we can all get a snack and be ready to "Kickoff for a Great Year!!"

I truly consider it to be an honor to serve you as President. If you should ever have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime. Once again, let's all work together as a team to make this another successful league year filled with building new friendships while having fun making such an impact here in the Shoals Area. I look forward to seeing you all at the September

Kristi

League Meeting.

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MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2006

The Junior League of The Shoals held its May general meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 at the Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Ashli Smith, President.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes as published in the Hourglass. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

ATTENDANCE: 56 members present and 9 Provisionals

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:** The Board did not receive any leave or resignation requests for the month of April. Several members with excessive absences have been sent letters and the Board will discuss these at the Summer Board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maria Dobbs, Treasurer, reported that she will be finalizing and closing out the books for the fiscal year. If anyone has any receipts for reimbursement, please send them to her ASAP. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Claudia Heimmermann had no report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Apple Annie- Melanie Huguley had no report.

Cookbook-Juli Richey had no report.

Cookbook Treasurer- Beth Trimble had no report.

Finance- Missy Ridgeway announced that the funds from the Spring Celebration

will be sent to several of the agencies whom we were not able to fund with Apple Annie proceeds.

Fundraiser Development- No report.

Hospitality / Future Policies- Thank you to Leigh Ann Franck for all of her hard work towards the May Dinner and the beautiful flowers.

Hourglass- The deadline for the Hourglass is July 30, 2006.

Junior League- Kim Jackson reported that the application process is completed and we should know something soon.

Placement- Kathryn Keith had no report.

Public relations- Lisa Darnell had no report.

Provisional Directors- No report.

Rehabilitation- Marianna Jordan had no report.

Scholarship-Karen McCool had no report.

Transportation/ Attention Homes- Emily Lawler had no report.

Yearbook and Records- The last day to submit changes for the new yearbook

will be June 9th.

**League Development-** Kristi Sockwell thanked everyone for their hard work in helping with the Special Olympics Banquet and the Spring Celebration. Also, she thanked the League members who had community placements for their service and commitment to our community. She thanked the Board members for helping make this a great year. Congratulations to Elizabeth Webb for winning the Birthday prize.

**President's Remarks:** Ashli Smith thanked everyone in the League for a great year. She especially thanked everyone who worked with the Junior League affiliation and expressed her thanks to Kristi Sockwell for all of her help and support.

**Passing of the gavel / New President's remarks** –Kristi Sockwell accepted the gavel and expressed her thanks to Ashli Smith. Kristi stated that she is excited and honored to be representing the League as President 2006-2007.

**Other Business-** The next meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup>. 2006 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen McCool Recording Secretary 2006-2007

#### Sustainer Notes

Hopefully, you all are as excited as we are that our affiliation process with Junior League is complete! Make sure you have sent in your dues to Jennifer Lathram. Call her with questions at 366-1600 (or jenlathram@aol.com).

If any of you are willing to provide refreshments (breakfast or snack items) for the Apple Annie Headquarters located at First Presbyterian Church in Florence on November 3, please call Shawn Nesbitt at 383-7229. Also, if you are willing to fill a post and sell apples on Apple Annie Day, please call Melanie Huguley at 386-0545.

Feel free to send any news or announcements to be included in the Sustainer Notes to

missyridgeway@comcast.net. We're so glad to have your support and we certainly need it. Thanks so much for your help!

Missy Ridgeway

# WHere To Sit At Our Next Two Meetings

At the September and October meetings, please sit at a table with your committee (i.e. Finance, Hospitality, Future Policies, Public Relations, Rehabilitation Center, Cookbook). Tables will be designated for each committee. If you do not know your committee placement, call Kathryn Keith (168-1248), Kristi Sockwell (381-8434) or Missy Ridgeway (164-9445). We will also have a list of committee members on the tables. We think this will be convenient for quick committee meetings afterwards AND will help us all meet a few new people. Since povisionals have not yet been assigned to committees, tables will be designated for them in the middle of the room.

Thanks, Missy Ridgeway

# Apple Annie Information

Polishing Party-Sunday, October 29<sup>th @ 1:00pm</sup> Gattman Recreation Center, Muscle Shoals

Provisional Sales-Thursday, November 2nd

Apple Annie Day- Friday, November 3rd

Welcome back ladies-

This is an exciting year for us! This will be our first Apple Annie as Junior League of the Shoals. I feel like Muscle Shoals District Service League has written the book on making Apple Annie Day a successful fundraiser for our community. Let's go over and beyond our expectations this year.

We hope to provide all the information you need about Apple Annie at the September meeting. Apple Annie notebooks will be available for each member and provisional. Hopefully, this will answer any question you may have about Polishing Party, Provisional Sales, or Apple Annie Day. We will also be taking orders for new Apple Annie tee shirts with the Junior League logo. The price of these shirts will be \$12.00.

Our crate chairmen will be calling all businesses. If you would like to check to see if a business is on our call list or if you would like to add a business to our list, please go to the Apple Annie table that will be set up at the September meeting. The crate delivery system will work the same this year with the crate chairman assigning deliveries. If you have a business you would like to deliver to, please contact the appropriate chairman and put in your request. Or go the table at the September meeting.

Crate Chairman-		
Lauderdale CoMissy Collier		764-1300
	Lisa Arnett	760-1278
Colbert Co	Geri Hamm	381-5522
	Teresa Rogers	386-0893

If you have any questions or conflicts with Apple Annie, please don't hesitate to call me. The quicker we can resolve these questions or conflicts the better!!

Thanks, Melanie Huguley 386-0545 hm 394-9940 cell



#### Provisional News:

Welcome 2006 Provisional Class!! Our first meeting is August 15 at 6:30p.m. at the Tennessee Valley Art Center, Tuscumbia. We are looking forward to a great year of community service. Tonya and Missy

Julie Allen Lorraine Aylward Laura Baker Shelley Bates Deidra Brewer Whitney Brink Mawonia Brown Anna Burnley Terry Clark Chenequa Clayton Tana Cooper Amy Davis Betsy Davis-Hayes Cara Dawson Jennifer Demorse Mindy Duncan Laura Dutton Marcia Edwards Caroline Flowers Katherine Fowler Amy Freiermuth Heather Garner Sarah Gilliland Andrea Goodson Julie Grennhaw Isabella Herston Catherine Hewson Jenny Hill Emily Hurst

Sara Jeffery Kimberly Jefferys Tiffany Kantor Amy Lambright Allison Lawson Erin Letson Joy Mallard Elizabeth Marmann Carie McCrary Cathy McCravy Amanda McWilliams Eugenia Miller Sonia Montgomery Tammi Montgomery Deirdre Nelson Jennifer Olive Rebecca Pillow Jeanie Powell Christa Raney **Evelyn** Roberson Lisa Rogers Laura Smith Anna Stanford Dawn Stembridge Audra Towry Debbie Welch Paula Wilkes Mary Wilson

#### Special Thanks Column:

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The 2006 Helen Keller Festival was another success thanks to our league members:

• Cecily Smith and Kylie Basinger for handling all the details of the Exhibitors Party;

Myranda Barrett and Jo Lynn

McClure for making sure the Children's Activity Center was a sure success for all of the children at the festival and;

Lisa Darnell and Juli Richey for

overseeing all the details at the Festival of Arts Information Booth. Sincerely,

Amanda Landers and Stacy Wilson -Assistants to the Festival of Arts Show Coordinator

A very special thank you to Pet Works for the incredible basket they donated for the Spring Celebration. I truly apologize for the omission of their donation in the program that evening. Finally, thank you to Meredith and John McClanahan for an outstanding job on the web page. Sincerely, Kristi Sockwell

Special Reminders:

Junior League Dues are \$90.00. Dues must be paid by September 5. A \$15.00 late fee will added September 6. Members will be removed from Junior League if not paid by October 1.

New nametags may be ordered at the first league meeting. The cost is \$9.00 and everyone is required to order one by the October League meeting to have one in time for Apple Annie Day and Sugar Plum Market. If you have already ordered your new nametag it will be available for you to pick up at the October meeting.

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### What's Cooking With Our Cookbook???

The Cookbook committee is working very hard this year to sell our cookbooks so one day in the future there can be a new cookbook with our new name on it. So far this past summer with the help of Karen McCool we sold over 300 cookbooks at the Helen Keller Festival. A special thank you to David and Elizabeth Messer for allowing us to set up and sell these cookbooks at every "First Friday" in downtown Florence. We have sold over 700 cookbooks so far this summer.

The Board unanimously voted to reduce the cost of cookbooks once again for a bargain price of a box of 6 for \$6.00 and a box of 12 for \$12.00. This will be available to any Provisional, Sustainer or Active member. If you need any cookbooks Laura Beth Blair and myself will be happy to bring these to you or to the league meeting, please just give us a call. Remember that these make great gifts.

Suzanne Burleson - Cookbook Chairman 335-7422 Laura Beth Blair- Cookbook Treasure - 366-5485

Introducing... "Done-In-A-Day"

One of the benefits of becoming a part of Junior League is learning about ideas for new projects from the many other affiliates around the world. One project that we are excited to be adding this year is called Done-in-a-Day (DIAD). With DIAD, we will be collecting needed items or volunteering our time for a project that will take one day to do for various community organizations

For the first project, we will be collecting items for the Colbert Lauderdale Attention Homes. Their wish list includes toothpaste and toothbrushes, girls' hair brushes, deodorant (men/women), shaving cream (men/women), disposable razors (men/women), African American hair care products, sanitary napkins/panty liners, shampoo and conditioner, white ankle socks for boys 10-18, toilet paper, Clorox cleaning wipes, Pledge cleaning wipes, and liquid soap. The items listed above are the ones they run out of most frequently, but any general use personal and household supplies can be used.

At the September 5 league meeting, we will have a table of bags set up for collection of the items. Please bring at least one item with you to the meeting.

If you have any suggestions for our next "Done-in-a-Day" project or know of any specific needs, please call Monica Grubbs at 256-627-3573 or email me at monica@bbbsshoals.com.



# AJLI Announcement from Mary Brown Rigby, Director of Development

I am writing on behalf of the AJLI Nominating Committee. We are contacting each league president to encourage members and sustainers to consider applying for governance positions. The application and list of positions available this year are on the AJLI website, www.ajli.org. If anyone is interested you will need a login and password to get on the website. You can obtain that from any of your local league officers.

Remember, all actives and sustainers are eligible to apply. The application deadline is Monday, September 11, 2006.

## Address Changes:

Michelle Higgins 639 Worthington Street Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Jennifer Poss 116 White Oak Ln. Florence, AL 35633

#### New Deliveries:

Taylor Elle Híggíns born June 22, 2006 to Míchelle and Darrell Híggíns

Anne Harrís Poss born July 12, 2006 to Jennífer and Jamy Poss

Junior League of the Shoals Website is now Under Construction Visit us at: www.jltheshoals.org Any submissions to the web page can be sent to Meredith McClanahan at mmcclanahan@mscs.ktZ.al.us

Junior League Meeting September 5 First Presbyterian Church Florence 6:00 Board Meeting 7:00 General Meeting

If you have any League business that needs to be in the Hourglass, please contact Catherine O'Steen at 764-4425 or fisteen@aol.com. Bulk Rate US Postage Paid Permit No. 215 Sheffield, AL 35660

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