

HourGlass



February 2004

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

President's Message

Dear Service League Members,

Thank you so much for the great attendance at January's meeting. It was a wonderful start to the New Year, and I was glad to see all of you. I am so proud of how efficiently our meetings are running this year. Everyone's cooperation helps us finish our meetings in under an hour.

Thank you also to the members who agreed to sit on the Nominating Committee. These women have proposed the following members for our four executive committee placements: President, Becky McDaniel; President-Elect, Ashli Smith; Treasurer, Lisa Eckl; and Recording Secretary, Leslie Tomlinson. We will vote on this slate of officers at the March meeting.

Although we do not have a fundraiser this spring, many of our members are busy with committee assignments. Finance, Placement and Future Policies are hard at work at this time. We will be hearing from the chairpersons of these committees at the March and April meetings. The Admissions Committee will be meeting during the first or second week in April. Please take a moment to sponsor someone who you feel would be an asset to the League! Allison Isbell, the hospitality committee, and several other volunteers are planning a very special May Dinner that will also celebrate the 70th Birthday of the League. I am

hopeful that many of our sustainers will join us for this event.

Please encourage any sustainer you know to save the date!

I thank you all for your continued commitment to the League! See you in February!

Leslie

Provisional News

**Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30
p.m. at the CP Center in
Sheffield across from
McDonald's after you come
across O'Neal Bridge. This is a
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.
We will be talking about the CP
Telethon, and the Special
Olympics Banquet. More
Provisional news on page 5.**

**February Meeting
February 3, 2004
First Presbyterian Church,
Florence
6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. General Meeting**

MSDSL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—

January 6, 2004

The MSDSL held its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church of Florence. Leslie Tomlinson, President, called the meeting to order.

Roll: 69 active members present; 32 active members absent; 25 provisionals present; 13 provisionals absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Leah Knight and a second by Kristi Sockwell, the minutes of the December 6th meeting were approved unanimously.

Membership Status: There were 2 resignations, all in good standing. They were Jan McCune and Virginia Koonce.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Eckl reported as of December 31, 2003 Administrative Fund had \$4253.48. The Community Fund had \$34,719.94. The Memorial Fund had \$215.10. The Checking Account balance was \$39,188.52.

Correspondence: Penny Westmoreland reported that she had received a Christmas card from the National Junior League, a thank you note from the Rehabilitation Center, a thank you note from the Attention Home, and a thank you note from Mrs. Simback, thanking the League for the \$44.00 used to transport her son, Trey, to Birmingham for a doctor's appointment.

Committee Reports:

Admissions Chairperson Gayle Byars discussed the criteria for admissions into the League.

Apple Annie Chairperson Patty Redd: No report.

Cookbook Chairperson Demet Jerkins: No report.

Cookbook Treasurer Beth Trimble reported that cookbook sales are up.

Finance Chairperson Becky McDaniel reported for Michelle Simpson that she will check with organizations that may request money that the League had raised through Apple Annie sales.

Hospitality/Future Policies Chairperson Allison Isbell reported about possible Future Policy changes. They are as follows: change the office of treasurer from two years to one year and to have an assistant treasurer. This recommendation passed unanimously. There was no report for the Hospitality Committee.

Hourglass Chairperson Catherine O'Steen said that the deadline for the February issue will be January 16th.

Placement Chairperson Tina Jhin reminded the League members that that night, 1/6/04, would be the last opportunity to turn in Mid-Year Placement Questionnaires.

Public Relations Chairperson Leah Knight: No report.

Provisional Directors Ashli Smith and Kristi Sockwell reported that the next provisional meeting will be January 20, 2004. Ashli and Kristi asked that League members remember to keep Tracey Andrews in their prayers.

Rehabilitation Chairperson Lynne Bevis: No report.

Scholarship Chairperson Katie Bendall: No report.

Transportation/Attention Homes Chairperson Marianna Jordan reported that the Transportation Committee will be sending one person to Nashville, one person to Birmingham, and one person to Huntsville.

Yearbook and Records Chairperson Emily Lawler asked for assistance in delivering the remainder of the Black Books.

League Development Chairperson Becky McDaniel, President Elect, gave prizes for a "happy gift" and a birthday gift. Melinda Brazilli received the "happy gift" and Beth Trimble won the January birthday gift.

Old Business: The League will be voting on the Nominating Committee elections.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business and Announcements:

There was an update announced regarding the Junior League affiliation process. The League agreed to the first part of the affiliation process. Money for the affiliation is due April 1, 2004.

An update on the 70th birthday celebration was as follows: the League agreed to combine the birthday celebration with the May dinner. Sustainers are to be encouraged to attend. There will be more details later.

The elected persons for the Nominating Committee were announced as follows: from Colbert County- Alison Isbell, Shawn Nesbitt, and Claudia Vance. The alternate from Colbert County is Lisa Davis. The Lauderdale County Nominating Committee persons elected are as follows: Sabrina Eddins, Claudia Heimmerman, and Catherine O'Steen. The Lauderdale County alternate is Molly McCanness.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Florence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Bendall
Recording Secretary

Junior League Update

Phase 1 of the Junior League Affiliation Process officially began on January 1st. In this phase, the League presents documentation that we meet the baseline qualifications for admission into the affiliation process. In Phase 2, which is currently scheduled to last from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, the League, with the Association's assistance, will develop a strategic plan that addresses membership development and fund development. Becky and Leslie signed a letter outlining the Phase 1 and Phase 2 affiliation process in December. The letter addressed the following topics:

The Association is asking for us to do the following things to complete the Phase I process:

- Send a copy of our Articles of Incorporation and IRS tax determination letter
- Affirm that we will notify AJLI of any change in our registered charity status
- Amend our bylaws to incorporate the JL Reaching Out statement
- Begin to develop a fund development plan that demonstrates a sufficiently diverse revenue stream to support League administration, community projects, and full participation in AJLI
- Review our admissions policies to ensure that our current bylaws concerning recruitment ratios and admission sponsorship do not act as a barrier to admitting all women with a commitment to volunteerism
- Begin the process of upgrading technology that will enable the League to take advantage of all AJLI communications and technical assistance
- Pay the Phase I Affiliation Fee of \$500.00 (prorated by 50%)
- Attend Officer Development Institute in Tampa in February 2004 (Fee to be prorated by 50%)

The Association is asking the League to complete the following for the Phase II process:

- Attend the 2004 Annual Conference in Chicago in April 2004
- Complete the Self-Assessment tool by May 1, 2004. (Upon completion, a plan of action will be developed which will identify measurable outcomes for Phase II)
- Pay the Phase II Affiliation Fee of \$1000, prorated from January 1, 2004
- Collect Phase 1 membership dues of \$8.75 for each active, provisional, and sustaining member. DUE MAY 1st
- Collect Phase 2 membership dues of \$17.50 for each active, provisional, and sustaining member. DUE NOVEMBER 1st

Please feel free to talk to Becky or Leslie if you have any questions about the affiliation process. We are in frequent contact with Mary in the AJLI office as we try to address any questions or concerns we have as a League. Please let us know if we can do anything to clarify this process.



Sustainer Notes



The League's 70th Birthday Celebration will be combined with our annual May Dinner. We hope to make this year's May dinner a special event that honors the League's history as well as our sustaining members. Please make plans now to join us on May 2, 2004! We will be sending out invitations to all our sustainers with all the specifics. We are planning to offer transportation to the Dinner for anyone who may not be able to drive at night.

At May Dinner, the League would also like to recognize families who have at least two women who are members of the League. If your mother, daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law, aunt, or cousin is an active, provisional or sustaining member of the league, please let Leslie Tomlinson or Becky McDaniel know. We are aware of several families that have MSDSL traditions, but we want to make sure that we do not overlook anyone. THANK YOU!

All sustainers should have received their Black Books at this time. If you have not received yours by mail or had yours delivered by an active or provisional member, please contact Leslie Tomlinson at 760-9583.

Thank you for your support!!!

WHAT'S COOKING...

I hope you all have recovered from the holidays and are getting ready for Valentine's Day.

We are getting together some special items for Valentine's Day. Please come and see us at our desk.

As usual, The "Art of Cooking" will be on sale before and after the League Meeting.. You can also purchase a book by e-mailing us at cookbook@hiwaay.net, or you can call any cookbook member at home.

Have a happy Valentine's Day!

Try these: They are quite yummy!

Cheese Soup pg. 65; Crunchy Romaine Tossed Salad pg. 86; With some Easy Corn Bread pg. 49

For a sweet taste try: White Chocolate & Macadamia Nut Cookies pg. 169

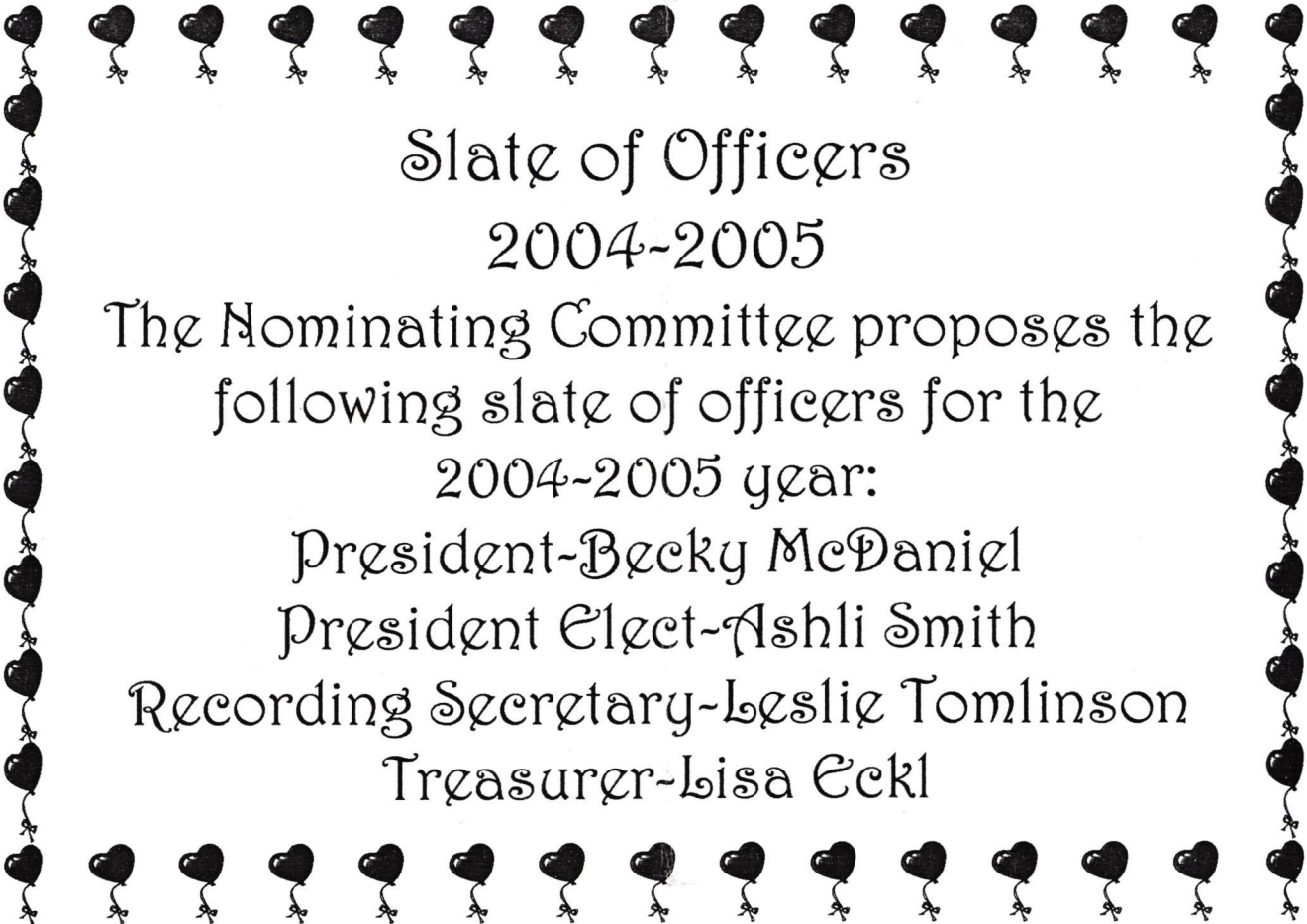
ENJOY!!!

Demet Jerkins - 766-7557

Amy Letson - Marketing Coordinator - 272-8384

Beth Trimble - Treasurer - 768-0726





Slate of Officers 2004-2005

The Nominating Committee proposes the
following slate of officers for the
2004-2005 year:

President-Becky McDaniel

President Elect-Ashli Smith

Recording Secretary-Leslie Tomlinson

Treasurer-Lisa Eckl

Provisional News:

Please do your best to attend the meeting and bring any of the old placement booklets back with you to this meeting.

Thank you to Patty Redd and Melanie Huguley for their help in the Christmas Rehabilitation Party. Patty was kind enough to make the ELF skirt and Melanie was kind enough to be Santa's Elf. Thank you for that little extra help.

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Ashli and Kristi



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PLEASE!!!

**DO NOT move any tables
or chairs in the
fellowship hall of First
Presbyterian Church.
The floors are freshly
waxed. Thank you!!!**

**Membership Dues for Phase 1
of the Junior League
affiliation process are now
due. Please send a check for
\$8.75, payable to MSDSL, to
Leslie Tomlinson or bring it
to the February meeting.
These dues are due no later
than April 6th.**

Admission Forms will be
available at the February
meeting. Please sponsor a
friend, co-worker, or neighbor.
We need dedicated women to
help us serve the community!
Forms are due to Gayle Byars
by April 1st!!!

**THANK YOU Finance
Committee members
for your hard work
researching Apple
Annie requests and for
making funding
recommendations for the League
to consider!**



If you have any Service League business that
needs to be in the HourGlass, please contact
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