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Muscle Shoals District Service League January 2002

# Happy New Year!



January Meeting- January 8th  
 Board @ 6:00 pm - General @ 7:00 pm  
 Guillot Building/Performance Center



## President's Message

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2002 and the prospect of continuing a fine Service League year. We have several Service League items to think about during January. First we must select a Nominating Committee, which is responsible for creating a slate of officers for the 2002-2003 year. Please carefully consider whom you wish to elect. We will distribute a ballot at the January meeting. Also please consider requesting an office, either President-Elect, Recording Secretary or Treasurer. These offices are important to the League membership and League development and they are enjoyable, as well. If you are interested in holding an office, please let me know or mark it on your Mid-Year Placement questionnaire, which is included in this HourGlass. Please complete the form and give it to Julie Wilson or your placement advisor at the January meeting.

Another important consideration is that of new members. Please begin to make a list and complete the necessary form on anyone whom you believe is interested in membership in the Muscle Shoals District Service League. As we all know, we have increased our total membership number, therefore we need a large number of potential members.

Thanks to everyone that attended the December meeting. I was very dismayed by the number of members who were absent at the December meeting ~ almost half of the membership. Of course I realize that everyone is allowed three absences, however just because we have the option to miss three meetings without consequences doesn't mean that we should. Remember that we only meet once a month, our meetings are moving quite efficiently, and you have a commitment to the League. Please consider your presence at the meeting very important and try to attend all of the remaining meetings.

Last but not least, thanks to Lori Dolan and the Cookbook Committee for starting our holiday season with the now "annual" Service League Bazaar. We were able to select from an array of goodies and handmade items. If you weren't at the December meeting you missed a real treat!

*Lisa*



Genna DaGroote & Kathryn Keith at Polishing Party

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**MEETING MINUTES –DECEMBER MEETING  
DECEMBER 4TH, 2001**

The MSDSL held its board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2001, at the University of North Alabama. Lisa Keys- Mathews, President called the meeting to order.

**Roll:** 70 members present and 48 absent; 37 provisionals present and 11 absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Mary Marshall Van Sant and a second by Marianna Jordan, the minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Penny Westmoreland reported the following balances:

Administrative:	\$ 5,605.18
Community:	\$32,544.54
Memorial:	\$215.10
Checking Acct. Balance:	\$38,364.82

**Correspondence:** Penny Joiner read a thank-you note from Webster Elementary School for Apple Annie funds from last year.

**Other Business:** Lisa Keys-Mathews addressed the issue of excessive meeting absences. She asked that members make a special effort to be present so that there will never be problems with voting quorums.

**League Development:** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Apple Annie:** Mary Marshall thanked the league for their cooperation and announced that over \$30,000.00 should be available to fund local agencies.

**Cookbook Chair:** The profit from the craft/bake sale will be announced at next month's meeting.

**Finance:** Apple Annie request forms are being accepted. They should be mailed to Becky McDaniel by December 25, 2001.

**Future Policies:** No Report

**Hospitality:** No Report

**Hourglass:** Tonya Southall reported that the next deadline is December 13, 2001.

**Placement:** Julie Shook informed members to turn in hours to placement advisors, and she announced that the new placement brochures would be available soon.

**Public Relations:** Lynn Bevis announced that a profit of \$282.00 was made from selling Apple Annie t-shirts and that the money would go to the Apple Annie fund.

**Provisional Directors:** Leslie Tomlinson announced that the provisional class raised \$1,000 for the Sheffield Library by selling tickets as a fund raiser.

**Rehabilitation:** No Report

**Scholarship:** No Report

**Yearbook:** Lisa Mathews asked that each member pick-up a sustainer's yearbook on the way out and mail it. The yearbooks are addressed and will cost just over \$1.00 to mail. This effort will help the league's mailing cost tremendously.

**Transportation:** No Report

**Next Meeting** will be Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Guillot University Center. With no further business, Lisa Keys-Mathews adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Lindsey  
Recording Secretary 2001-02



## **BREAKING NEWS** **Provisional Meeting Change**

Our January provisional meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 15 because of a conflict at the Red Cross. We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause you, but we urge you to join us and hear how the Red Cross is responding to the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks and to local crises, as well. The Red Cross Chapter Building is located on the corner of Dr. Hicks Boulevard and Court Street. Enter the brick building under the Red Cross sign and take the stairs down to the basement. Please call Leslie or Tina if you will be unable to attend.

A big THANK YOU to all the provisionals who worked so hard to make the Rehab Christmas party a success. Thank you, also, to the women who decorated for the CP Center Christmas Party. We know this is a busy time of year, and we really appreciate your efforts to make these children's Christmas a little brighter! All of you are doing a great job on your hours. Keep up the good work...we are halfway there!

Leslie and Tina

### **Sustainers**

Remember to pay your dues so that you will continue receiving your HourGlass. They are \$30 and should be mailed to:

Penny Westmoreland  
114 Hickory Dr.  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35631



## **Mid Year Placement Questionnaires Due**

Inserted in this HourGlass you will find a Mid Year Placement Questionnaire. Please take the time to read and answer the questions to the best of your ability. This helps the Placement Committee determine how the community is best served with the hours you as League members work.

On the bottom half of the form is information regarding In-League positions. If you are interested in any of the positions, please mark them. This form is the only way we have of knowing who is interested in the positions.

These forms are due at the January meeting and need to be turned in then and no later. If you know you will not be attending the meeting, please mail the questionnaire to your placement advisor.

Thanks,  
Julie

January is the time to renew and make resolutions to ourselves. Here are a few from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and it's all small stuff" by Richard Carlson, PH.D.

1. Make peace with imperfection
2. Develop your compassion
3. Remind yourself that when you die, your "In-Basket" won't be empty
4. Do something nice for someone else—and don't tell anyone about it
5. Let others have the glory
6. Ask yourself the question, "Will this matter in a year?"
7. Once a week, write a heartfelt letter
8. Smile at strangers, look into their eyes and say hello
9. Practice random acts of kindness
10. Tell three people (today) how much you love them
11. When in doubt about whose turn it is to take the trash out, go ahead and take it out
12. Adopt a child through the mail
13. Cut yourself some slack
14. If someone throws you the ball, you don't have to catch it
15. Keep asking yourself, "What is really important?"
16. Look for the extraordinary in the ordinary
17. Lighten up
18. Stop blaming others
19. Choose being kind over being right
20. Live this day as if it were your last. It might be!

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