

HOURGLASS

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MUSCLE SHOALS DISTRICT SERVICE LEAGUE

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January Meeting
January 4, 2000

Florence Conference Center
Florence, AL

Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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Next Hourglass Deadline:
January 13, 2000

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President's Message

Dear League Membership:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Not only is it amazing that we are beginning a new year, but that we are beginning a new century! Hopefully this century will see an even greater voice from the League, as we try to improve our little corner of the world!

For those of you who missed the December meeting, we had some special guests with special news. The Board of Directors of Citizens Bank recently authorized a \$2,500.00 donation to the League through Apple Annie, to be disbursed to the community with those funds. What a supreme compliment to all that we are and all that we do. We appreciate their trust in us and have recommitted ourselves to placing Apple Annie money in places where it can benefit the most.

Another exciting event during the December meeting was the unveiling of our new web site, created by Amy Holcomb. Not only is it a wonderful way to publicize the League and our cookbooks on the Internet, it has the added advantage of being FREE. What a major step into the future for us.

The Cookbook committee held a fun raffle of donated items worth over \$500 and raised over \$600 for the cookbook debt retirement. Janice Pride was the happy winner of this raffle. The committee was very busy with sales locations all over the Shoals during the holidays. We appreciate their continued dedication and look forward to hearing plans for up-coming events in the January meeting.

Congratulations to the Nominating Committee for 2000-2001. This group under the leadership of Linda Brocato, will be meeting in January to prepare a slate for the election of the next Executive Committee. They will nominate the President-Elect, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. If you have any suggestions for, or are interested in being nominated for those positions, please contact Linda by the January meeting. I am sure she would appreciate all recommendations.

Please make note that the Mid-Year Placement Questionnaire has been included in the Hourglass for a second time. This will give everyone an opportunity to complete one to turn in to Lisa Waldrep. It is so important that everyone interested

in an In-League placement complete a form also...these will be used by the Nominating Committee to help prepare a slate, and then later used by the newly elected officers to make all In-League appointments.

Of special note also this month is the Future Policies Committee meeting. This committee will take suggestions on ways to amend the By-Laws or the Operating Rules, review them, and make recommendations to the whole League membership. If you have any suggestions on revisions to make, NOW is the time to make those to Katie Bendall. She will be glad to take your ideas to the committee. Due to the lengthy process we go through in making any changes, this committee will probably not meet again until next spring, so if changes are needed for the new year, now is the time to pursue them.

Finally, please make a special effort to attend the January meeting. In December, we voted not to hold the Follies in 2001. However, due to the small attendance, the discussion on other fund-raising options was tabled until January. Lisa Ruggles has worked very hard to compile information on these options that is clear and answers many of your questions. Be a part of a major decision-making process. Bring your thoughts to the next meeting and help decide where the League will put its efforts in the coming year.

I am looking forward to a wonderfully productive New Year in the MSDSL. Join me as we start the new century on January 4th, 2000, in the Florence Conference Center.

Katie Bendall



Minutes of the December 7, 1999 General League Meeting

The Muscle Shoals District Service League met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at the Florence Conference Center. President, Kathy Gamble called the meeting to order and announced that the Millennium Party which was announced in the Hourglass would not be held following the meeting due to the Conference Center not allowing the bringing in of food from the outside.

CITIZENS BANK - President, Kathy Gamble introduced representatives from Citizens Bank who were in attendance to present a \$2,500 check to the League for distribution along with Apple Annie funds. It was reported that Citizens Bank each year makes a donation to a needy family at Christmas and this year, the bank decided to provide the money to the League for distribution.

ROLL- 60 members were present and 55 members were absent with 13 Provisionals present and 6 absent.

MINUTES - Upon motion and second, the December General Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deborah Fraser, Treasurer, reported the following balances:

Administrative	4,668.22
Community	30,818.81
<u>Memorial</u>	<u>215.10</u>
Total	35,702.13

CORRESPONDENCE - Corresponding Secretary, Monica Marthaler reported that three baby leave letters and four thank you letters relative to Apple Annie Day were mailed during the month of November.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - Voting for the Nominating Committee resulted as follows: Colbert County - Linda Brocato, Monica Marthaler, and Melissa Self, and Lauderdale County - Amy Darby, Janice Pride and Kenda Rusevlyan. The Nominating Committee was asked to meet immediately following the General Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPLE ANNIE

Chairperson, Penny Joiner reported that \$45,477.14 was made, \$490 is still outstanding for collections, and after expenses were paid \$29,162.90 will be available for distribution. It was reported that this total is down a fraction from last year but the area that was down was presales and efforts can be made to increase presales in the future. The top sellers were congratulated. Commendations were extended to Penny Joiner and the Apple Annie Committee for a very successful Apple Annie Day.

ATTENTION HOMES - A bag was passed around to gather collections. A report will be made at the

January meeting on collections thus far this year.

COOKBOOK

Chairperson, Allison Newton reported that thanks to Cliff Darby from Darby Doors (Amy Darby's husband), the League will be able to make its December cookbook payment. Cliff purchased 111 cookbooks to send to his clients throughout the United States as Christmas presents. Holiday brunch and party menu samples were distributed by the committee which contained all recipes from Cooks and Company and The Art of Cooking. A huge basket with a \$500 value which contained all donated items was raffled off among the membership at the General meeting (\$2.00 per chance or 6 for \$10.00). Janice Pride was the winner and \$634 was raised. Members were asked for assistance in selling the cookbook at the Holly and Ivy Luncheons, the YMCA tree sales, and at other December activities. Members were asked to review the list of businesses who sell our cookbooks and provide names of other businesses that could be added to the list. Wrapped cookbooks for gift giving were available for sale following the meeting. Amy Holcomb presented the cookbook website that she developed which is a free service to the League.

Cookbook Treasurer - Treasurer, Heather

Kimbrough reported the following balances:

Checking Account	1,350.83
VISA/Mastercard Account	120.68
Savings Account	433.55
Loan Balance	14,212.36
Loan Payment	3,553.11
Loan from General Fund	4,000.00

FINANCE

Chairperson, Penny Westmoreland reported that four requests for Apple Annie funds were returned and members were asked for assistance in getting those requests to the appropriate persons.

FUTURE POLICIES

Chairperson, Katie Bendall reported that the Future Policies Committee would be meeting on January 18 at her home. Members were asked to provide to Katie before January 18 any suggestions for future policies changes.

HOSPITALITY - No report

HOURLASS- Next deadline is December 15.

PLACEMENT

In Chairperson, Lisa Waldrep's absence, President, Kathy Gamble announced that Mid-Year Placement Questionnaires were due at the January meeting and she asked all members to consider submitting requests for In-League placements. Kathy also reminded the membership that if an individual placement is desired, the guidelines for Independent Placements must be followed and must be done by January so that the Placement Committee can approve or disapprove the placement.

PROVISIONALS

Five provisionals introduced themselves to the League. Provisional Director, Lisa Keys-Matthews announced that the Rehab Parties would be held this week. The next provisional meeting will be held on December 18 at the Red Cross Office.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No report. Chairperson, Pam Andrews was commended for the publicity for Apple Annie.

SCHOLARSHIP- No report.

TRANSPORTATION- No report.

YEARBOOK- No report.

FUNDRAISING

President-Elect, Lisa Ruggles reviewed the fundraising options which will be discussed and voted upon by the League at the January meeting. Upon motion and a second, a unanimous vote was made to discontinue Follies 2001 and recommend to the Future Policies Committee the consideration of removing or revising the Follies language in the Operating Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

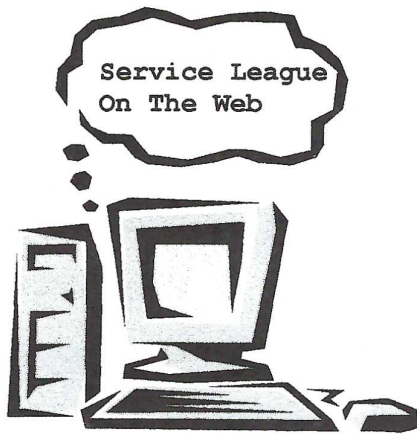
Renee P. Vandiver
Recording Secretary

2000-2001 NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED!

In the December League meeting, a Nominating Committee was elected to prepare a slate for the 2000-2001 officers. We congratulate these women and charge them to be diligent in their efforts to find the BEST persons to fill the positions of President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer for the coming year. If they call on you, please be ready to serve.

Linda Brocato, Chairman
Amy Darby
Monica Marthaler
Janice Pride
Kenda Rusevlyan
Melissa Self

If you have any suggestions to make to this committee, please contact Linda Brocato by the January meeting. The committee will meet the first few weeks of January.



The Service League
now has a Web-Site.

Visit our site and
let us know what you
think.

community.al.com/cc/msdsl

We also have E-mail.

muscle_shoalsleague@hotmail.com

This is a great way
to let the world
know about our
fabulous cookbooks!

Don't Forget!

**Remember to fill out you
Mid Year Placement
Questionnaires (insert)
and get them back to Lisa
Waldrep before the
January meeting.**

Thank You!

The Service League would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Citizens Bank for their generous donation of \$2,500 to assist agencies and citizens of the area. We truly admire the faith and trust placed in the League through this generous donation and pledge again to work toward improving life in this community through our service.

A special thank you is extended to AMY HOLCOMB for "going above and beyond the call of duty". Amy set up our new web-site for the league and the cookbook committee. The best part is that the site is free. The league appreciates the hours of work and investigation involved in this wonderful way to publicize the Muscle Shoals District Service League.

Thanks, Amy!



ALL FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

What:

Future Policies Committee Meeting

When:

January 18, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Where:

Katie Bendall's house
820 Lamar Ave
Tuscumbia
Call for directions
381-3594

Phone Number Change

Please note that Loe Miree's phone number has changed. Her new number is 757-0041. Her address in the Yearbook is correct.



Date For Special Olympics Banquet Set!

Missy Hibbett and Ashli Smith will be heading up this year's Special Olympics Banquet. The date is set for April 11, 2000. Everyone please mark your calendars and be ready to help with this extraordinary event.

Fund Raising Options to be Voted on in January!

**There will be four
options discussed and
voted on at the meeting
in January.**

They are:

- 1. A large rummage sale**
- 2. Assume the responsibilities of the Benefit Ball**
- 3. A Telephone-A-Thon with WLAY**
- 4. Assume the duties of the Kid's Expo**

Year 2000

The New Millenium

Happy New Year

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