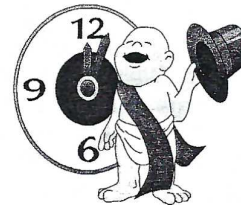


Bag A Bargain Work Begins!



*Happy
New
Year!*

President's Message

Dear League Members:
 Happy New Year! I can't believe another year has passed and we say goodbye to the year 2000 and welcome 2001. Have you all gotten into the habit of writing '00? How about '01 now!

Remember BAG-A-BARGAIN (Saturday, March 10, 2001) is just around the corner and we will be in "hyper-speed mode" beginning this month. "Thank you" to all of those who have completed work-shift cards. Your support has been greatly appreciated and our momentum from Apple Annie Day is still being felt. I believe in this endeavor and I know we will all come together in March to again have another successful fund-raiser!

THANK YOU Cookbook committee for the fun-filled bake sale/silent auction in December. Lori Dolan worked very hard to provide a great activity for our meeting. The funds raised will easily make a payment on our loan from SunTrust. Keep up the good work!! Congratulations to the Nominating Committee for 2001-2002. This group under the leadership of Renee Vandiver, will be meeting within a few days of our January meeting to select the next Executive Committee. They will nominate President-Elect, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Please note the mid-year placement questionnaire is in the Hourglass this month. Make sure you complete it and bring it with you to the January meeting. Simone Mitchell will be collecting them. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers from those who show an interest in the Executive Committee. Also, if you are interested in an in-league placement you must complete the placement form. Your newly elected officers will use the completed forms to fill those placements.

Our next five meetings are very important ones as we prepare for the 2001-2002 year: Bag-a-Bargain, a new Executive Committee, distributing Apple Annie Funds and Bag-a-Bargain funds, collecting admission forms in order to add new members, and passing the gavel in May. Please commit yourself to attending the meetings and participating.

See you January 2nd,
 Lisa

Future Policies Meeting

January 15, 2001

Monday 5:30 PM

Sheffield Library Conference Room

**Everyone Please Come!
 Thank You**

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**MSDSL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - DEC. MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2000**

The MSDSL held its meeting at 7 pm on December 5, 2000, at the Florence Conference Center. Lisa Ruggles, President, called the meeting to order.

Roll: 79 present and 37 absent. Fifteen provisionals were present and 11 absent.

Minutes: Upon motion and a second, the November meeting minutes as printed in the HourGlass were unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Stephanie Winborn reported the following balances:

Administrative:	11917.95
Community:	30893.56
Memorial:	215.10

Savings account balance = 290.96

Correspondence: Renee Vandiver indicated the League had received a thank you note from the Children's Museum of the Shoals for the League's assistance with Stuffie's Birthday Party and a Christmas card from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

Nominating Committee: Upon voting, the following members were elected to the Nominating Committee: Lauderdale County - Renee' Vandiver, chairperson; Loece Miree, and Molly McCanless; Colbert County - Simone Mitchell, Pam Andrews, and Amy Jon Finch.

Web Page: Amy Holcomb was thanked for setting up and maintaining the MSDSL Web Page with current, up-to-date news about the League happenings.

Committee Reports

Apple Annie: Penny Joiner announced that this year, street sales were down, pre-sales were up, and apple prices were down.

Bag-a-Bargain: Lari Collier made the following announcements: (1) Royal Furniture has been secured as the site for Bag-a-Bargain which will be held on March 10 (March 9 - Kick-Off Party); (2) the next HourGlass would include days when merchandise can be brought to the site and the types of merchandise that will be accepted; (3) 450+ solicitation letters to businesses and corporations had been mailed this week, a second letter will be mailed December 26, and phone calls would begin on January 7; (4) the League member who secures the largest, cumulative monetary donation by January 15 will receive \$100, second highest will receive \$50; (5) the BAB Committee would meet on December 14 at 5 p.m. at Royal Furniture; (6) members were asked to write their name and telephone number on an index card that was placed in their seat should they know of businesses they could contact for a monetary donation; (7) members are required to secure \$100 worth of merchandise for the BAB but they could also write a \$100 check donation in lieu of bringing items; however, as an additional incentive, the following prizes will be awarded: (a) any member or provisional who donates the most dollar amount of merchandise with a minimum being \$350 worth of merchandise by January 31 (i.e., the merchandise must be submitted and checked by the committee by the deadline) will receive a \$1,000 cash prize; (b) any member or provisional who donates at least \$350 worth of non-adult clothing merchandise by January 31 with a minimum \$75 thrift requirement (i.e., the merchandise must be submitted and checked by the committee by the deadline) will NOT have to work a pricing shift; (c) any member or provisional who donates at least \$500 worth of non-adult clothing merchandise by January 31 with a minimum \$50 thrift requirement (i.e., the merchandise must be submitted and checked by the committee by the deadline) will NOT have to work a pricing shift nor a sales shift - the maximum limit to prizes is 25 members; and (8) those persons who donate \$1,000 or more will be recognized as Benefactors of the BAB and will be publicly recognized in all publicity and in the program and will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the Kick-Off Party. Leslie Tomlinson spoke about the scheduling process.

Cookbook Chair: Allison Newton reported that League members would still have an opportunity to bid on craft items or purchase baked items for 15 minutes following the League meeting.

Cookbook Treasurer: Jackie Darby announced that VISA and MasterCard are accepted for the purchase of cookbooks.

Finance: Becky McDaniel reported that the committee would meet in February.

Future Policies: Katie Bendall asked that the committee meet with her following the meeting.

Hospitality: No report.

Hourglass: For Tonya Southall, Patty Klos reported that the next deadline is December 15, 2000.

Placement: Mid-Year Questionnaires will be placed in the next edition of the HourGlass. Bring the completed questionnaires to the January meeting or if you will be unable to attend the meeting, get them to your Placement Advisor.

Public Relations: No report.

Provisional Directors and Rehab: Provisionals were asked to meet with the Provisional Directors following the meeting for details relative to their activities and the Rehab Party.

Scholarship: No report.

Yearbook: No report.

Transportation: Four requests were made (two from Colbert, one from Lauderdale) for a YTD total of \$1,225 leaving a balance of \$358.30. Attention Homes collections raised \$33.28.

League Development: Lisa Keys-Mathews spoke on "Why to Be A MSDSL Officer?"

Other Business: Lisa Ruggles reported that the Nominating Committee would meet following the meeting and the Festival of Trees is currently on display at UNA. The next meeting - January 2, 2000, 7:00 pm at the Florence Conference Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee' Vandiver for Amy Darby

Recording Secretary 2000-2001

Mid Year Placement Questionnaire
Muscle Shoals District Service League

Name _____

Name of Placement and Location _____

Number of hours spent at this placement per week or per month _____

Does this placement merit number of volunteers assigned? Yes No

Does placement use volunteers effectively? Yes No

Do you feel that, through this placement, you have a better knowledge of our community? Yes No

Do you feel that, through this placement, the community has a better knowledge of the League? Yes No

Do you feel that this placement fills a recognized need in the community? Yes No

Please answer one of the following in as much detail as possible. Please be specific.

1. Why should this placement continue to be offered as a placement opportunity by the League?

2. Why should this placement be removed as a placement opportunity by the League?

Do you know of any other community agencies which should be considered as placement opportunities by the League? If so, please provide the name of the agency and the name of a contact person which the Placement Committee can contact:

The following information will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee or the President-Elect for consideration of elected or In-League positions. Please indicate your interest in any of these opportunities.

Executive Committee (involve attending monthly Board meetings)

President-Elect Recording Secretary Treasurer

Appointed Officers (involve attending monthly Board meetings)

Corresponding Secretary Provisional Director

Standing Committee Chairmen (positions marked with an * involve monthly Board meetings)

*Finance *Future Policies *Public Relations *Hourglass Yearbook & Records
Transportation/Attention Homes Rehabilitation *Hospitality Assistant Placement Chairman
Placement Advisor

Apple Annie Committee (Overall Chairman attends monthly Board meetings)

Overall Chairman Town Chairman Crate Chairman Assistant Crate Chairman
Bag Chairman Plant Chairman

Cookbook Committee (Chairman & Treasurer attends monthly Board meetings)

Chairman Treasurer Membership Coordinator Regional Coordinator
Local Coordinator Office Coordinator

Bag A Bargain Scheduling Update



Thank you for sending in your scheduling cards. As of December 14, only 14 members and provisionals had not contacted me about signing up for a Bag A Bargain shift. I am now working on placing everyone in a work shift and sale day shift that will fit easily into their schedule. I appreciate your patience. Work shift and sale day shift assignments will be available at the January meeting. The following members need to send in their cards or call me ASAP (I will be happy to schedule members by phone):

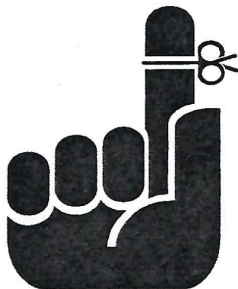
Lisa Blazer, Connie Gilley, Joanna Hurt
Joan Lane, Connie Mills, Leigh Ann Pierce
Susan Riedel, Dana Roberts, Cindy Schlosser
Deneitsia Coates, Amy Farris, Carla Griffin,
Juanita Sheffield



Don't Forget!

Bag A Bargain

There will be a **Kick-Off Party Committee** meeting on Thursday, January 11th. at 6:00 at Leslie Howard's home. This is our first meeting and we have only two months of planning left, so please make every effort to attend.



Apple Annie Provisionals!

Remember to return the Apple Annie signs at the January League Meeting to Brantley Holt or any Apple Annie Committee Member.

Provisional



We hope you are all rested from the Christmas Holidays!

Meeting Reminder:

January 16th at 6:30 pm
Kennedy-Douglas Art Center
The address is 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence.

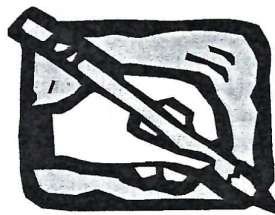
Your provisional year is halfway over and you are all doing great! We would like to commend Courtney Wilson, Nicole Bowen, Catherine O'Steen, Elizabeth Webb, and Leah Knight for really knocking out most of their volunteer hours. Way to go!

Thanks for all of you who worked the Big Brothers/Big Sisters gift wrap booth. And we also appreciate your hard work at the Rehab. party and the other December functions.

Reminder:

The following people have signed up to help decorate the Conference Center for the Benefit Ball:
Kim Murphy, Amy Farris, Jennifer Vandiver, Caroline Wilson, Tina Vandiver, Kathryn Keith, Lee Ann Coffey, Elizabeth Webb and Didi Vardaman.
We will give you more info at the January meeting.

Thanks again for all your hard work!
Kenda and Amy Jon



Mid Year Placement Questionnaire

On page 3 of 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, Simone



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Joyous Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I sure enjoyed spending time with my family and friends. I also made sure to stop and give thanks for how truly blessed I am. We are all blessed to be able to serve our community through such a fine organization as the MSDSL. Let us not lose sight of our purpose - as a passage in the front of our book reminds us: "Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one". There is much to do to insure that our new fundraiser, Bag-A-Bargain, is a smashing success. Lari and Lynn will need all of our support for this gigantic undertaking. From the looks of things they are extremely well organized and have a "cracker-jack" committee. Help them out with a smile on your face and in your heart.

Thanks to all of you that either bid on an item or purchased some of the baked goods. The last total that I received from Jackie was a whopping \$630! What a great inspirational note to end the year on. Lori Dolan is to be commended for her diligent effort in bringing this event together. She came up with the idea and just ran with it. I think you all will agree that she did a fabulous job. Lori, you make all of the Cookbook Committee very proud. If you didn't have a chance to attend the event, you truly missed a treat. We have some very talented members among us. Thanks to all of you who donated an auction item or baked goods. Because of you, this event was a successful venture. I hope to make the Silent Auction/Bake Sale an annual December Meeting event.

The Cookbook Committee will be meeting soon to discuss our role in the Kickoff Party for Bag-A-Bargain. We are looking for a fun theme that will inspire our guests to dig way down deep into their pockets. Any ideas will be greatly appreciated. We are also kicking around the idea of having baked goods for sale during the Bag-A-Bargain sale times. We will be announcing the final plans at the February meeting at the very latest. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting. 2001-Let's make it the best ever!

Happy Cooking!
Allison

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