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MUSCLE SHOALS DISTRICT SERVICE LEAGUE

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March Meeting

March 2, 1999

Florence Conference
Center
Florence, AL

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

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President's Message

Dear League Membership:

The following is a piece entitled "Questions Answered". It was passed along to me by a MSDSL member.

- * The greatest sin? Fear.
- * The biggest fool? The kid who doesn't finish school.
- * The best town? Where you succeed.
- * The greatest bore? The one talks after making the point.
- * The best play? Work.
- * The easiest thing to do? Find fault.
- * The greatest mistake? Giving up.
- * The most expensive indulgence? Hate.
- * The greatest trouble maker? One who talks too much.
- * The greatest stumbling block? Egotism.
- * The most ridiculous asset? Pride.
- * The greatest puzzle? Life.
- * The greatest mystery? Death.
- * The greatest thought? God.
- * The greatest thing, bar none? Love.
- * The best work? What you like.
- * The best day? Today.

One of the reasons I chose to share this with each of you is because it is time to begin thinking of your placement choices for 1999-2000. As the piece above states, "the best work is what you like"; therefore, as you look through the Placement Brochure, select placements that appeal to you - not necessarily those that are popular or those that "appear" to be easy and take the least amount of time. A placement is a year-long commitment you make to the League and/or to a local agency. Therefore, seriously consider your placement choices before you write them down because you have the choice to list where you would most "like" to serve.

During the March meeting we will elect the new slate of Executive Officers for 1999-2000. Please show your support of these new officers and to the Nominating Committee by attending this next meeting. Also, it is time for the Admissions Committee to begin gearing up for their month of work - April. Corby Rea will be joining us to discuss the admissions process and to distribute admissions' forms for those who need them. Remember, the deadline for admissions is April 1. And, last but not least, we will discuss and vote on the Future Policies recommendations for By-Laws and Operating Rules changes. Deborah Fraser and her committee have spent countless hours preparing these documents. When you receive the Operating Rules in a "special edition HOURGLASS" please read them carefully and come prepared to vote at the March meeting.

Don't forget to sell those cookbooks. Funds are quite low, and we don't want to have to borrow any money due to the interest we will be charged. Therefore, please try to sell one cookbook before the March 2 meeting, or come prepared to purchase a book to give away at the next meeting. Remember, the cookbook is a league-wide commitment.

I look forward to seeing you on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Florence Conference Center.

Kim O. Mauldin

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Minutes of the February 2, 1999 General League Meeting

The Muscle Shoals District Service League met Tuesday, February 2, 1999, at the Conference Center, Florence, Alabama. Kim Mauldin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Hourglass. There were 84 active members and 24 provisionals present, with a total of 38 members absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials were not available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Diana Osborn, Corresponding Secretary, announced that we received a thank you note from Brantley Holt for the memorial of her father and an acknowledgment from the American Cancer Society for the memorial of Amy Jon Finch's father. Valerie Bishop has resigned from the League in good standing.

Kim reminded Class of '91 that change of status letters is due by April 1st. She thanked Stephanie and her Nominating Committee for their work in selecting a slate of officers. The slate is as follows:

President - Kathy Gamble

President-Elect - Lisa Ruggles

Treasurer - Deborah Fraser

Recording Secretary - Renee Vandiver

If a member does not agree with the slate of officers, procedures to follow are in the yearbook.

APPLE ANNIE

Pam Clepper, Overall Apple Annie Chairperson, reported that she has only \$120.00 outstanding and our net profit came to over \$30,000.

PROVISIONALS

Amy Darby and Lisa Keys-Mathews, Provisional Directors, thanked the provisionals who worked Bowl for Kids Sake. Those who worked should let Lisa know so they can receive credit for hours. Next meeting will be at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Sheffield on February 16th. Pam Andrews will discuss Special Olympics,

Leslie Ryan - Adult Basic Education, and Deborah Fraser - Future Policy changes.

The following provisionals were introduced to the League: Lisa Robbins, Marianna Jordan, Melanie Stokes, Claudia Vance, Patty Klos, and Missy Hibbett.

FINANCE

Linda Brocato, Finance Chairperson, asked to meet with her committee after the meeting. She needs budgets from Chairpersons tonight.

PLACEMENT

Lisa Waldrep announced the Placement Committee meeting has been changed to February 14th at First Metro Bank.

HOURLASS

Lucy Trousdale announced the deadline for the next Hourglass is Wednesday, February 10th.

FUTURE POLICIES

Deborah Fraser, Future Policies Chairperson, asked that everyone read Future Policy changes published in the Hourglass and please call her with any questions or comments.

TRANSPORTATION

Allene Crew, Lauderdale Transportation, had eight requests with a remaining balance of \$235.92.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jeannie Mitchell collected donations for the Attention Home.

Pam Andrews announced the Special Olympics Banquet would be held in April. Anyone who would like to help should contact Pam.

COOKBOOK

Susan Troudale, Cookbook Chairperson, named Deborah Fraser, Cookbook Queen for the month. Susan reported that her committee met and now has a marketing plan.

Helen Keller Hospital has offered to let us sell cookbooks from their booth at the

Kids Expo in March 13th and 14th. Sign up to work after the meeting.

The League will host a "Working Party" on Thursday, April 22nd at the Tennessee Valley Art Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The setting for the event will be a workroom. Agencies that we fund and/or provide placements will be invited along with their board members. Sign up sheets for food will be available at the March and April meetings.

Susan challenged everyone to sell at least one cookbook during the month of February.

She displayed the certificate the League received from the Tabasco Company for submitting our cookbook in their competition.

Jackie Darby, Cookbook Treasurer, presented the financial reports for Cookbook. Kim asked everyone to purchase or sell cookbooks so we can avoid having to obtain a loan with interest.

Kim reminded members that we would vote on officers at the March meeting. A special edition of the Hourglass will be published with operating rule changes at the end of the month so that we can vote on these at the March meeting. Corby Rae will also attend to discuss Admissions.

The Sustainers Luncheon will be held in September this year so that the League calendar of events can be presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melody Hallmark
Recording Secretary

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REQUESTS FOR APPLE ANNIE FUNDING

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1.) Colbert Transportation | | \$2,000.00 | |
| Funds to cover children needing to travel to Birmingham and Huntsville for medical needs. | | | |
| 2.) Lauderdale Transportation | | \$2,000.00 | |
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| 3.) Rehabilitation Center | | \$ 200.00 | |
| Funds used to cover League parties during the year. | | | |
| 4.) Hope Haven | | \$1,000.00 | |
| 5.) Alabama Cooperative Extension System - Today's Mom Program | | \$ 250.00 | |
| Funds will be used to purchase gift incentives to enhance this nutrition education program. | | | |
| 6.) American Red Cross of Northwest Alabama - First Aid for Children Today | | \$3,668.00 | |
| Funds will be used to place the program in every second grade classroom in Colbert and Lauderdale counties. | | | |
| 1,731 participant manuals | \$2660.00 | 96 instructor kids | \$1,008.00 |
| 7.) The Arc of the Shoals | | \$2,000.00 | |
| Funds will be utilized to help purchase a van and lift. | | | |
| 8.) Colbert Caring Center, Inc. | | \$8,000.00 | |
| Funds are used to cover expenses associated with helping people in need with utility payments, meals, dental problems, prescription drugs, clothing, etc. | | | |
| 9.) Colbert - Lauderdale Attention Home | | \$22,181.00 | |
| New van for the boys home | \$16,000.00 | | |
| Reconstruct the bathroom at the girls home | \$ 1,166.00 | | |
| Redesign the plumbing in the boys home bathroom | \$ 840.00 | | |
| New beds for both homes (7 beds at each home) | \$ 2,170.00 | | |
| New bed linens for both homes | \$ 1,232.00 | | |
| Reconstruct kitchen floor at the boys home | \$ 773.00 | | |
| 10.) Food Bank of Northwest Alabama | | \$3,000.00 | |
| Funds to purchase food for distribution to other non profit organizations such as Churches, Residents, Mental Health Centers, Children's Homes, etc. | | | |
| 11.) Hospice of the Shoals | | \$5,000.00 | |
| Funds will be used to purchase a computer and software that is needed in order to properly report to medicare, medicaid, and private insurance in order to continue receiving funding. | | | |
| 12.) Lauderdale County Schools Special Education Preschool Program | | \$1,052.06 | |
| Funds will be used to develop a "Kid'sSense" Multi-Sensory Center | | | |
| Play Cube Discovery Center | \$484.44 | | |
| Jump-O-Lene Ball Pit + 1500 multi-sensory balls | \$567.62 | | |
| 13.) Meals on Wheels Program of Community Action Agency | | \$1,827.00 | |
| Funds will be used to cover the cost for a meal for 2 people on the program for 1 year. | | | |
| 14.) Northwest Alabama Community Health Association, Inc. - West Florence Health Clinic | | \$3,000.00 | |
| Funding will be used to pay for one-half of the annual contract cost for the clinic's Medical Director. The Medical Director is paid \$500.00 per month. | | | |
| 15.) Northwest Alabama Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center | | | |
| (A) Physical Therapy Department Equipment | | \$1,075.00 | |
| Funds will be used to purchase the Universal Grasshopper tumble forms which consists of 17 different shapes and forms | | | |
| (B) Speech Therapy Department Equipment | | \$ 676.90 | |
| Funds will be used to purchase 5 different items: | | | |
| Horseshoe Shaped Table | \$199.00 | | |
| Large shatterproof mirror and flannel board | \$219.00 | | |
| Soft play form | \$ 99.00 | | |
| Climb and crawl play center | \$119.95 | | |
| Barnyard Buddies puppet set | \$ 39.95 | | |

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16.) Mary Beth Pyron		\$2,000.00
Funds will be used towards a motorized wheelchair, van with adaptive equipment for handicapped, and/or medical and prescription bills. (Mary Beth was born with Spina Bifida and is paralyzed from the waist down. She will require surgery for replacement elbows thus the need for specialized equipment.)		
17.) Rolling Riders, Inc.		\$2,660.00
Funds will be used for horse care for two horses for a year.		
Feed and hay	\$1,180.00	
Veterinary care	\$ 760.00	
Blacksmith	\$ 720.00 (\$45 per shoeing eight times a year x 2 horses)	
18.) Sheffield Public Library		\$1,587.80
Funds will be used to purchase four add-on shelf sections for children's books \$396.95 for one unit x 4		
19.) Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities		\$1,100.00
Funds will be used for Stipends for two students.		
20.) Shoals Area Special Athletes, Inc.		\$3,100.00
Funds to provide recreational/social activities for the Special Athletes		
Transportation	\$900.00-1,000.00	
Coaches (3 for 9 months)	\$1,500.00-2,000.00	
T-shirts, towels, etc.	\$300.00-500.00	
21.) Shoals Area Tri-County Adult Education Program		\$ 995.00
The funds will be used to create a New Reader Bookstore which is an interactive reading practice program for new adult readers with a 0-3 reading level.		
22.) Shoals Crisis Center - Rape Response		\$2,500.00
Funds would be used to purchase advertising. To purchase 5 billboards for a month would cost approximately \$2,200, radio ads would be approximately \$1,500.		
23.) Shoals Sav-A-Life, Inc. - Abstinence teaching and father/son sexuality seminars		\$1,700.00
Funds would be used to purchase a Toshiba Laptop Computer (conversion of abstinence material to computer presentations to better reach "visual" youth today.)		
24.) Summer Enrichment Program for the Multi-disabled		\$1,000.00
Funds will be used to pay tuition for students for the summer program. Tuition is \$100.00 per person.		
25.) Tuscumbia City Schools - Southside Primary School Multi-handicapped Class		\$ 789.75
Funds will be used to purchase resources and equipment for the Special Education class.		
Boardmaker (Windows)	\$399.00	
Nine-button Sensory Stimulation Box	\$249.00	
Musical Vibrating Sensory Light	\$ 92.75	
2-Sets of Scooper Plate/bowl (\$10 each)	\$ 20.00	
Naptime Cot	\$ 29.00	
26.) United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama		\$ 668.20
Funds will be used to purchase 7 different pieces of equipment to assist with the physical therapy needs of the children enrolled in the program.		
30 cm Gymball	\$ 12.50	Straddle sitter \$ 99.50
Small therapy bench	\$128.95	Small Posture System \$141.95
Biform wedges	\$214.95	Parachute \$ 19.95
Pedlar	\$ 44.95	
27.) West Way Child Development Center, Inc.		\$7,020.00
The funds will be used to pay for one year of child care services for 3 low income/ high risk youth (newborn - 5 years).		
28.) YMCA of the Shoals, Inc.		\$4,602.00
Summer camp for mentally handicapped children for 12 weeks.		
Total		<hr/> \$86,652.71

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PLACEMENT NEWS

It is time to turn in your sign in/sign out sheets for December, January, and February. Please send them to your placement advisor or turn them in at the March League meeting.

Thank You!

Linda Ray

FINANCE NOTES

Finance Committee meeting -
February 11, 1999, 6:30 p.m.
Florence Golf and Country Club

NEW ADDITIONS

"Daylan" Phillip Jhin was born on October 16, 1998. He weighed 8 lb. 11 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents, Phillip and Tina Jhin!

Attention Homes

Thanks so much for your generosity!! We collected over \$85 for the homes at our last meeting. Reminder - please keep them in mind if you redecorate and have linens, towels, etc. that you won't be using. They will be glad to take them. Also, if you would like to bring items to the meeting, they use anything that we use - personal hygiene products, hair products, cleaning supplies, etc. Thanks again for being so generous!!

Jenny Mitchell

COOKBOOK NEWS!!

The cookbook committee is planning a busy spring, and we will be selling cookbooks at the kids expo. We need everyone to help us sell! Please sign up with Leslie Ryan. On April 22, we are having a "work party" at the Tennessee Valley Arts Center. We are asking our agencies that we work for to come work for us! By this we mean - work to help sell our cookbook! There will be food and spirits and great company - so make plans to attend! Thank you all for your support this year. Keep it up!

*Thanks,
Susan Trousdale
Cookbook Chairman*

Slate of Offices 1999-2000

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Recording Secretary - Renee Vandiver
Treasurer - Deborah Fraser

Remember that we will be voting on these offices in the March meeting. Please make plans to attend.

PROVISIONAL NEWS!

Thanks Provisionals for being such good sports at our last meeting. The atmosphere was definitely casual, as we conducted our meeting sitting on the

floor! We met at the office of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals. Judy McKelvy, the director, gave us information concerning the upcoming (now past) event, "Bowl for Kids Sake". Several of you signed up to work two-hour shifts, thus completing your Provisional required hours in that category. We hope that you enjoyed your time. Judy informed us that her organization is always looking for new Big Brothers and Sisters (especially Brothers, if you know anyone interested) to match to the children that need assistance. Call her at 764-0772 if you need another opportunity to work with this agency to fulfill your hours.

Linda Ray, Placement chairperson, discussed the various placement choices offered, pros and cons of each, and suggestions for Provisional members. She explained the difference between in-league and community placements and described committee placements as well. She went over the quarterly hour logs and explained the involvement of each member's own placement advisor. If you have any questions concerning placement opportunities, please call Linda at 766-3491.

A relatively new placement was also discussed at our meeting, Smart Start. Tonya Southall, one of the organization's founders, spoke to us about the importance of spreading the word to new mothers concerning their child's immunization. She gave us a thorough explanation of the duties and time commitment for this placement. Remember to call her at 768-9640 if you need "miscellaneous" or "working with a member" hours.

After absorbing a lot of information, we then had great snacks compliments of Linda Campbell, Ginger Gardiner, Missy Hibbett, and Krista Thomas (who was sick but sent her homemade cookies anyway). Thanks!!!

*Lisa and Amy
Provisional Directors*

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