

HourGlass



March 2002

President's Message

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

As a democratically controlled organization, the League engaged in a healthy discussion at our January meeting. The discussion regarding a change in requirements for members during our last two or three years is an important one and one that must be resolved. Some members believe that after five or six years of service a member has earned the "right and privilege" of reducing their volunteer hours to 20 per year; other members believe that during the last two or three years, you should not have to work street sales for Apple Annie, while others believe that during the last years we should not be required to participate in other fund raisers such as Bag-A-Bargain. If we had implemented any of these policies this year, this is how it would be reflected:



- Assume the members of years 94, 95, and 96, a total of 52 members, were to work only 20 hours per year, the Shoals area would have lost **1040 volunteer hours**.
- If members of these years were not asked to work street sales for Apple Annie, we would have lost **52 posts** and **208 volunteer hours**. Can you imagine how much money we would not collect?
- Assume the members of years 94 and 95, a total of 35 members, were to work only 20 hours per year, we would have lost **700 volunteer hours**.
- If members of these two years were not asked to work street sales for Apple Annie, we would have lost **35 posts** and **140 volunteer hours**.
- What if we implement these policies just for the current Provisional Class? Assuming a 15% attrition rate, which would take us from 45 to 38 members, we would lose 760 volunteer hours and 152 street sales hours and 38 posts. This is a loss from just one class!

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Provisional News



The March Provisional Meeting will be held on March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the West Way Child Development Center on Thompson Street. This is the **original** location of West Way, **not the new location**. We will have maps available at the March League meeting for anyone who needs them. This will be our last formal provisional meeting, as the Special Olympics Banquet will serve as our April Provisional meeting. Please make every effort to attend and bring your Provisional Notebook so that we may check your hours. Keep up the great work! We are almost finished!

Jina and Leslie



March Meeting - March 5th
Board @ 6:00pm-General @7:00pm
Guillot Building/Performance Center

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**MSDSL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2001**

The MSDSL held its board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2002, at the University of North Alabama. Lisa Keys-Mathews, President called the meeting to order.

Roll: 63 members present and 54 absent; 31 provisionals present and 15 absent.

Minutes: Upon a motion by Becky McDaniel and a second by Marianna Jordan, the minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Penny Westmoreland reported the following balances:

Administrative:	\$ 6,009.41
Community:	39,267.57
Memorial:	215.10
Checking Account Balance:	\$45,492.08

Correspondence: No Report

Other Business: Admissions forms are available now and the deadline is April 1, 2002.

League Development: No Report

Committee Reports:

Apple Annie: No Report

Cookbook Chair: No Report

Finance: Becky McDaniel announced that Apple Annie funds will be voted on during the March meeting. The finance committee's recommendations will run in the hourglass.

Future Policies:

Proposed Change 1: Becky McDaniel made a motion to approve - Leslie Tomlinson seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote

Proposed Change 2: Janice Pride made a motion to approve - Becky McDaniel seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote

Proposed Change 3: Leslie Tomlinson made a motion to approve – Linda Campbell seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote

Proposed Change 4: Leslie Tomlinson made a motion to approve – Becky McDaniel seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote

Proposed Change 5: Leslie Tomlinson made a motion to approve – Paige Gray seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote

Proposed Change 6: Kenda Rusevlyan made a motion to accept – Katie Bendall seconded – motion did not pass because it did not receive a two-thirds majority vote

Penny Joiner made a motion not to accept the motion – Brantley Holt seconded – motion not to accept motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote

Hospitality: Lisa Keys-Mathews announced that the May dinner will be held at Coby Hall.

Hourglass: Tonya Southall reported that the next deadline is February 13, 2002.

Placement: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

Provisional Directors: Leslie Tomlinson announced that the next provisional meeting would be February 19 at the Cerebral Palsy Center. Three important upcoming events will be discussed at the meeting.

Rehabilitation: No Report

Scholarship: Dana Lindsey announced that the scholarship recipient is scheduled to speak at next month's meeting.

Yearbook: No Report

Transportation: No Report

Penny Joiner announced that there would be a nomination committee meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. She will contact committee members with a location.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 05, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Guillot University Center. With no further business, Lisa Keys-Mathews adjourned the meeting.

Slate of Officers - 2002-3

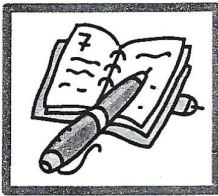


The Nominating Committee wish to present the slate of officers for Executive Committee for the 2002-3 Year

President - Allison Newton
 President-Elect - Leslie Tomlinson
 Recording Secretary - Janice Pride
 Treasurer - Lisa Eckl

Article IV, Section 2: Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least five active members, and submitted to the recording secretary not less than two weeks prior to the meeting at which the election will be held.

President's Message con't.



Women's roles in society have changed over the last few decades. More women work outside the home than ever before; more women are single-parent heads of households; but more are involved in community service, as well. We are moms, wives, professionals, keepers of the house and household ~ all of this bundled into an

individual who needs personal time and space. Because of the changes in our lives, the League is an evolving organization and over the last few years, we have initiated changes that have benefited us all. The League's membership has:

- Reduced the total number of years in service from ten to eight,
- Reduced the total number of required service hours from fifty to forty, and
- Increased the number of women in the League so that we have more volunteers to help fulfill our obligation to the community.

I urge each of you to think through these issues and determine where you stand based on what you think the League means to the community. Consider these questions: "Why is there a Service League in the Shoals area?" Why is the word "Service" a part of our name? What will happen to our agencies if they lose volunteers at the level presented above?

No matter what we decide; the community will still need, I assert even depend, on our help. If we reduce the number of hours required for service, there will still be an older shut-in that needs a hot meal from Meals-On-Wheels; a child that still needs help at Rolling Riders; and an adult who still needs help learning to read

What's Cooking?

Thanks to all for their cooperation in updating our cookbook membership records. The provisionals did a great job in obtaining your information. Marianna Jordan will have a record book at the league meetings, if anyone has any questions.

Usually this time of year, cookbook sales will drop, so it is important to boost them back up again for the Spring because there will be another drop in the Summer. Our cookbook makes a lovely bridal shower gift or Mother's Day gift. They look very pretty when included in a gift basket.

Always keep in mind stores that might carry our book. Cindy Schlosser has really been busy with the increase in regional sales. Our book is reaching communities all over Alabama, MS, TN, GA and FL. Remember all these funds go to OUR community. Local sales have been good as well. Ashli Smith will be glad to help any business to start carrying our book. Please give her a call, if you know of someone who would be interested.

Please contact any cookbook committee member for books.

Sincerely,
Lori Dolan



so they can better themselves and their family. If we reduce the number of "Apple Annies" on the street, there will still be organizations that need money, but we will not be able to collect, and therefore distribute, as much money. If we reduce the number of volunteers for additional fundraisers, such as Bag-A-Bargain, the work will still have to be done which will put more pressure on members in their first five years of service.

As busy as we all are, we are still luckier than others. The community needs our volunteer hours and the money we raise. Please do not to let our community down by reducing the requirements for League membership, even in our last years. Thanks for considering volunteering in the community an important part of your life. Thanks for all of your hard work. Thanks for considering how important it is to be a League member.

Lisa

REQUESTS FOR APPLE ANNIE FUNDING 2002

<u>Agency and Request</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
1.) Alabama Cooperative Extension System The funds will be used to purchase gift incentives to enhance the nutrition education program (pampers, wall outlet covers, etc.)	\$250.00	\$250.00
2.) Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Funds will be used to purchase laminating machine and film. The funds will also be used to purchase banners to help celebrate the seasons, holidays and birthdays.	\$2,335.00	\$-0-
3.) American Red Cross Funds were previously committed by Executive Committee based on an advertising agreement for Apple Annie Day.	\$250.00	\$250.00
4.) The ARC of the Shoals Funds will be used to purchase a laser printer. The printer will be used to help with all occasions and Christmas Cards they make and sale.	\$1,997.00	\$1924.23
5.) Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase preschool trunks. (The trunks include pre-visit lesson plans and post-visit lesson plans. The trunks will go to Westway, Handy, Head Start, Colbert Head Start, Safeplace/\$500.00) Funds will also be used to purchase Artsploration supplies and Admission Scholarships (\$1186.00 X 2) and volunteer manuals will also be purchased (\$200).	\$3,072.00	\$500.00
6.) Colbert Caring Center, Inc. Funds will be used to cover expenses associated with helping people in need, such as utility payments, meals, doctor and dental care, prescription drugs, clothing, etc.	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
7.) Colbert - Lauderdale Attention Home, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase new twin beds, linens, pillows, and light-weight comforters for both boys and girls homes (\$1,533.00). Funds will also be used to pay to repair the girls home van (2,363.00)	\$3,896.00	\$1,533.00
8.) Colbert/Lauderdale Transportation Fund Funds are used for children that need to travel to Birmingham or Huntsville for medical attention.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
9.) Community Action Agency of Northwest AL- Meals on Wheels Program The program provides a hot noon-day meal 5 days/week to low income home bound adults who live alone and have no one to cook for them. The program operates throughout the Shoals.	\$1,827.00	\$1,827.00
10.) Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to purchase materials that would provide the center with tools that would facilitate progress in speech and language skills development (boardmaker \$399.00, Picture Communications/Symbol book \$119.00, Webber Articulation Cards \$278.85)	\$796.85	\$796.85
Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Northwest Alabama The funds would be used to purchase a treadmill for pediatric gait training. The treadmill would also be used to treat orthopedic surgical patients with hip replacements, knee surgery, etc.	\$3,163.00	\$-0-
11.) Food Bank of NW AL Funds will be used to provide food to the ill, needy children and elderly of the Shoals area.	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
12.) Forest Hills Elementary School Funds will be used to purchase a "step by step communicator" to facilitate communication skills of nonverbal children.	\$142.00	\$142.00
13.) Freedom House (Substance Abuse Council) Funds will be used to purchase playtime activities for the children. (\$300 play kitchen & workshop, \$200 free standing easel/chalkboard, \$200 art supplies/games)	\$700.00	\$500.00
14.) Friends of Public Radio Funds will be used to purchase one classical music kit for each elementary school in our two county area	\$1,000.00	\$-0-
15.) Harlan Elementary Special Ed. Class Funding will be used to purchase new education materials and creative play materials to be used with students. (Listen and learn program \$129 +ship., Alphabet sound activity chart \$49.95 + ship., Edmarc Reading software \$450 + ship., Table and chairs \$54.95 + ship.)	\$745.19	\$745.19
16.) The Healing Place The funds will be used to develop The Volcano Room. This room is used for children to express feelings (anger, frustration, etc.) The walls and floors will be padded for children's safety (2 gymnastics mats \$600.00, carpet and commercial padding for walls of volcano room \$640.00).	\$3,674.22	\$-0-
17.) Leighton Elementary School Special Needs The funds will be used to purchase adapted playground equipment to meet the unique needs of the children in special needs classes 1 & 2 (Tandem rocker \$420.00 +50.40 ship.)	\$470.00	\$470.00

18.) NAMI Shoals, Inc. National Alliance Mentally Ill The funds will be used to purchase booklets for teachers and counselors in Colbert and Lauderdale Counties. The booklets help identify and educate about mental illness.	\$176.00	\$-0-
19.) Northwest AL Community Health Association Funds will be used to purchase medications and supplies for the dental clinic.	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
20.) Northwest Alabama Rehabilitation Center Funds will be used to cover League rehab. parties during the year.	\$500.00	\$500.00
21.) R.E. Thompson Intermediate (Special Needs Class) The funds would be used to purchase material to help special needs students improve various skills which include: fine motor, language, cognitive and self-help (attachment has 16 listings).	\$400.00	\$400.00
22.) Riverbend Center for Mental Health Preschool Program The funds would be used to purchase materials to help in behavioral modification and therapy services which enable the child to learn to control/manage anger, anxiety, hyperactivity, etc.	\$974.88	\$400.00
23.) Rolling Riders, Inc. Funds will be used for maintenance and care for 3 horses for 1 year. Feed-Hay-Vitamins \$660 Shots, Worming, Medicines \$1475 Blacksmith (Shoeing) \$360	\$7,494.00	\$2,500.00
24.) Safeplace, Inc. Funds will provide for curricula in both English and Spanish to enable them to add kindergarten and fourth grade classes to their school-based prevention programs for all schools in these two counties (\$500 for curricula kits, \$1,500 for brochures, cards and stickers to be given to each student in every class)	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
25.) Sheffield City Schools, L.E. Wilson The funds will be used to purchase a multi-function broad-based dual axle trike. This trike will be used by an 11-year old boy with cerebral palsy and seizures.	\$1,370.37	\$-0-
26.) Sheffield Public Library Funds will be used to purchase bilingual books for the Sheffield Public Library. Children who speak either Spanish or English can benefit from this multi-cultural section (list of 12 possible books they would like).	\$300.00	\$-0-
27.) Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Funds will be used for stipends (a sum of money paid to a student under a fellowship) to assist students in the "Start on Success for Students with Disabilities Program".	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
28.) Shoals Area Special Athletes, Inc. Funds would be used to purchase new swim bags (\$1180), T-shirts and shorts for athletes (\$500), New swim equipment: hand paddles, diving hoops, kick board (\$300), transportation of athletes to and from state competition (\$1800).	\$3,780.00	\$300.00
29.) Shoals Area Tri-County Adult Ed. Program Funds would be used to purchase caps and gowns for GED recipients.	\$1,500.00	\$-0-
30.) Tuscumbia City Schools Funds will be used to purchase new equipment and supplies to help the students adapt to everyday learning needs (color printer \$149, color scanner \$149, PCI sight words software \$189, Show Me math software \$99, Number Sense software \$39.95, Boardmaker Addendums software \$59.90, Teaching activities for autistic children \$74, social skills stories \$58.00, there are 4 more listings, these are listed in the priority they would like to have them.)	\$ 1,096.45	\$1,096.45
31.) United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama Funds will be used to purchase a computer. The computer will be used by the children enrolled in their programs (Approx. 65 kids). The computer will be loaded with age appropriate programs that facilitate learning. The computer to be purchased is a DELL.	\$1,399.00	\$1,399.00
32.) West Way Child Development Center, Inc. The funds will be used to pay for one year of child care services for 2 low income/ high risk youth (\$95 per week per child).	\$9,824.00	\$4,912.00
Grand Total of Request/Recommendations	\$73,533.36	\$33,346.12

New Deliveries

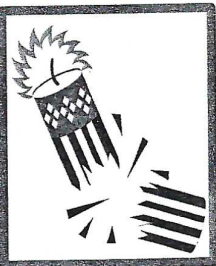


"Chloe Camille"
born on January 7, 2002
to
Harlon & Leah Knight

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Tuscumbia, AL 35674

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Special Olympics Banquet



"Celebrate America"

is the theme for this year's
Special Olympics banquet.

Florence Coliseum
April 16th
6:00 p.m.

For more information, please call:

Amy Jon Finch
383-4699
or
Nicki Mann
718-0009

If you will be working the Banquet, please try to wear
American theme outfits.

The Board is looking for any ideas for the
fund raiser next year. If you have any
ideas, please bring them to the meeting
so we can discuss them in March. We will
vote on a fund raiser at the April
meeting.



Address Changes



JEWELRY AND ART SHOW TO BENEFIT "FIT FOR LIFE" - BREAST CANCER PROGRAM

There will be a Jewelry and Art
show sponsored by League
members, Connie Gilley and Lisa
Wallace. Portions of the funds
made will go to "Fit For Life" a
breast cancer program.

The jewelry is "Family Strands"
presented by Connie Gilley and the
artwork is by Lisa Wallace.

Sunday, March 10th
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

241 Indian Springs Dr.
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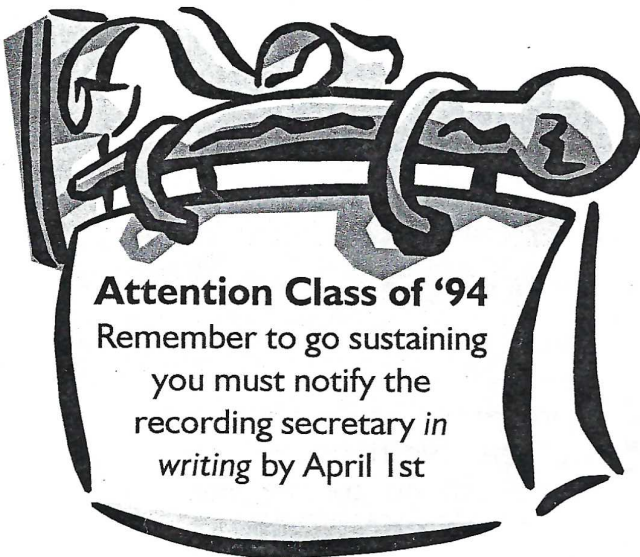
For more information, contact
Connie Gilley at 767-2248

Apple Annie Funding Requests

Make sure that you review the Apple Annie Funding Requests enclosed in this month's HourGlass. We will vote on these next month.

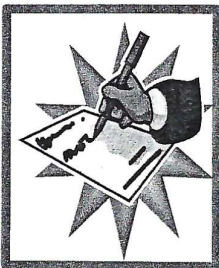


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ADMISSION FORMS



Remember that admission forms are due by April 1. If you know of anyone that wants to and can contribute time to her community, please fill out an admission form for her.

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