

HourGlass

President's Message



March 2003

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

Dear League Members,

Many thanks for the wonderful attendance and support at the February meeting. How rewarding it was to give away \$30,000 + that we all worked so hard for, and we get to do it again with the proceeds from Bag-A-Bargain. The countdown has begun and Bag-A-Bargain Committees are working furiously to ensure that this year's event will be even better than before. If you haven't been by the building lately, you will be amazed, excited, and impressed with all of the wonderful items that have been brought in for the Sale Day.

Enclosed in the Newsletter is an information brochure which details the Silent Auction / Kick-Off Party. Please take the time to make yourself familiar with the items that will be available and the local merchants, corporations, and individuals who have so graciously supported us in this endeavor. Missy Hibbett and Sabrina Eddins have done a fabulous job with the Silent Auction and Katherine Keith and Janet Wood are planning a "Surefire Shindig" everyone is sure to enjoy!" Thanks in advance to all of you who had the opportunity to work at the Stein Mart Sale. Michelle is to be commended for this new Bag-A-Bargain event. Let's hope that we will be able to do it again in two years.

At the March meeting we will be voting for the Executive Officers for the 2003-2004 League year. I feel confident of the leadership capabilities of this slate and the league will continue to grow and work for our community under their guidance.

Jo Beth Hurt, the Admissions Chairman, will be at the March meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding the admission process. Each of us should strive to propose at least two Shoals area ladies for membership. The deadline to submit an admission form is April 1, so be thinking about this and turn in those forms. For those of you who will be going sustaining, remember to send in your letter of intent to Janice Pride, Recording Secretary, by April 1, 2003.

The March meeting will be chock full of important information, as it will be our last meeting before the Bag-A-Bargain event. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing each of you at First Presbyterian Church in Florence on March 4 @ 7:00p.m.

Allison

Provisional News

March Provisional Meeting

When: March 18, 2003

Where: Tennessee Valley Art Center
Water Street, Tusculmbia

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to all the provisionals for making a donation to the CP Center Telethon. For this year's class project the provisionals gave \$10.00 each, enough to sponsor a child for a year and done in memory of James Lane.

We commend you on a job well done.

Kristi and Ashli

March Meeting

When: March 4, 2003

Where: First Presbyterian Chruch,
Florence

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

**MSDSL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

The MSDSL held its general meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 4, 2003, at the Badcock Building in Sheffield. Allison Newton, President called the meeting to order.

- **Roll:** 92 members present and 32 absent; 14 provisionals present and 11 absent.
- **Minutes:** Upon a motion by Becky McDaniel and a second by Marianna Jordan, the minutes from the January meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Lisa Eckl reported the following balances:

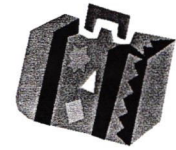
Administrative:	\$ 9,103.62
Community:	42,684.71
Memorial:	215.10
Checking Account Balance:	\$52,003.43
- **Correspondence:** No Report
- **Other Business:** Class of 1995 should send in their change of status letters by April 1, 2003. Mid year placement forms are due. Allison Newton emphasized the importance of these letters to next years placements...in league and out of league. Nominating committee will be meeting soon to assign placements.
- **League Development:** No Report
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Apple Annie:** No Report
- **Bag A Bargain:** Lynn Bevis reported all is on track for 2003 BAB. T-shirts can be picked up from Becky McDaniel. Please wear these as much as possible until the sale. Lynn stated to review the Hourglass for work shifts and sale shifts. Shylee Bevis reported we have over \$6000.00 in BAB corporate commitments. The sponsors will be thanked with appropriate recognition and small gifts. Beth Trimble and Leslie Howard of the Quality Control Committee reported that the items are coming in quickly. Pricing packages are still available for any members who might need them. Sabrina Eddins, Silent Auction chair, reported that the committee has collected some fantastic items...trips, art, gifts etc... Janet Wood and Kathryn Keith, Pre-view Party chairs, reported we are having a Western theme with BBQ and lots of fun.
- **Cookbook Chair:** No Report
- **Finance:** The Apple Annie funding requests were considered and voted upon separately. Upon a motion and a second to each item, the requests were approved in the amounts indicated on the enclosures to these minutes. All finance committee recommendations were approved. Linda Isbell reported that all requests that were not funded with Apple Annie funds will be rolled over to be considered with BAB funds.
- **Future Policies:** Amy Jon Finch proposed the following:

Proposed Change Article VII Committees Section 2(g.)	Proposed Change to read
(g.) The function of the HourGlass Committee shall be to publish and distribute the monthly newsletter of the League. The sole purpose of the HourGlass will be to distribute information pertaining to the business of the League. Becky McDaniel made a motion to approve - Tonya Southall seconded – motion carried by a unanimous vote.	
- **Hospitality:** Amy Jon Finch announced that the May dinner will be held at Cypress Lakes Club.
- **Hourglass:** Catherine O'Steen reported that the next deadline is February 21, 2003.
- **Placement:** No Report
- **Public Relations:** Becky McDaniel reported she needed to meet with her committee after tonight's meeting.
- **Provisional Directors:** Ashli Smith and Kristi Sockwell announced the next provisional meeting is February 18 at the Cerebral Palsy Center.
- **Rehabilitation:** No Report
- **Scholarship:** No report.
- **Yearbook:** No Report
- **Transportation:** Lucy Cook received two Transportation requests.
- **Next Meeting** will be Tuesday, March 04, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.. With no further business, Allison Newton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Pride
Recording Secretary 2002-2003



So what is Bag-A-Bargain, Anyway?



Several of our members who have not yet experienced Bag-A -Bargain (BAB) asked me to "fill them in" on the details of BAB...so here it goes!

What is the History of BAB?

In addition to Apple Annie, Follies, a variety show complete with a director from NYC, was produced every 4-5 years as a fundraiser. Because of a steady decline in profit and the extraordinary time commitment required of League members, the League voted to try BAB as a new fundraiser every two years.

What is BAB? Stripped down to its core, BAB is a gigantic yard sale. Our BAB was designed after the Junior League of Morgan County's BAB. BAB is a unique fundraiser in that it serves the community in two ways: through funds we are able to distribute (approximately \$40,000 in 2001) and by giving members of the community an opportunity to purchase items they might not otherwise be able to afford.

What are each member's responsibilities? Each member is required to donate at least \$75 dollars worth of thrift. In addition to the thrift requirement, each member is required to work a pricing shift and a sale day shift as well as serve on one of the BAB committees. Remember to wear your t-shirt and jeans to your Sale Day Shift! You might be working checkout, answering questions from shoppers, or helping shoppers find items.

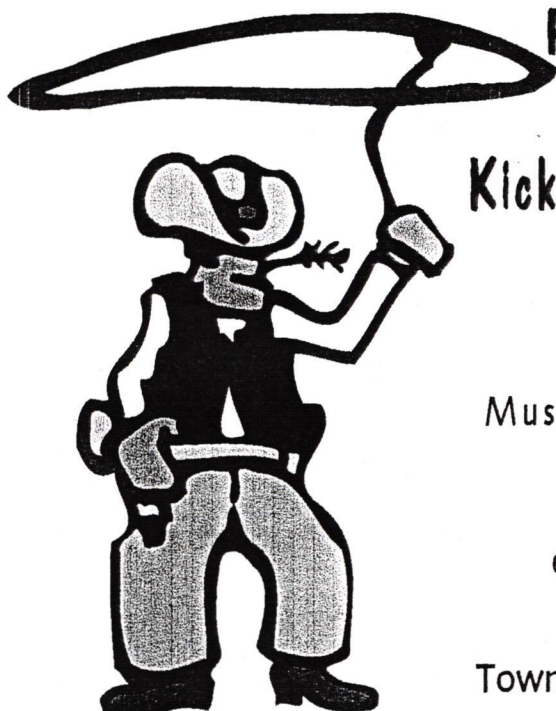
What is Preview Party? Preview Party is held on the Friday night before BAB. It is a casual Cowboy-themed Bar-B-Que. During the Preview Party there will be both a silent and live auction with many items to bid on!! This is a great time to socialize and meet each other's husbands and dates while raising money for our community.

Finally, BAB is FUN and REWARDING!

The community's gratitude is evident on sale day. You will be asked over and over again when the next sale will be. You will see the excitement of people who are buying their children items they would be unable to purchase without BAB. There will be ladies who stay for hours to pick out their items and wait for the "all you can stuff in a bag for \$5" final hour. I witnessed one such lady two years ago. She took her "treasures" to the back of the store and dumped them on the floor. She then started to reorganize her items so she would have more room in her bag. Several of us watched her as she continued to fold, squeeze and maneuver her items, finally becoming frustrated at the task. That is when the husband of a BAB committee member went over to her and gave her a larger bag and proceeded to help her organize all the things she wanted. This woman, and many people like her, had never heard of the League before BAB. However, she (and many others) came away from the sale aware of the great service that the League provides to our area. Isn't that why we are all here?

I hope this clears up any questions about BAB. If not, please feel free to give me, Lynne or Michelle a call. See you there!!!!

Leslie Tomlinson



ROUND'EM UP and come
LASSO A BARGAIN at the
Kick-Off Party & Silent Auction

for the
Bag A Bargain Rummage Sale
Benefitting Local Charities
sponsored by the

Muscle Shoals District Service League

Friday, March 7th

6-7pm Preview & Double Price Sale

7-9pm Dinner & Silent Auction

\$15 per person

Town Plaza Shopping Center • Sheffield

Rummage Sale
sponsored by

Muscle Shoals District Service League

**Bag
A
Bargain**

Saturday, March 8th

Town Plaza Shopping Center • Sheffield, AL

6am-3pm

BAB Master Schedule Sale Day Shifts

SHIFT 1

Saturday, Mar. 8

5:30-8:30 AM

Katie Bendall	Marsha Black
Jill Bobo	Melinda Brasilli
Julie Cochran	Geena DeGroot
Maria Dobbs	Joanna Edwards
Jennifer Evans	Amy Jon Finch
Jenny Ann Greer	Suzanne Grissom
Caryn Hairrell	Allyson Hamilton
Geri Nell Hamm	Lisa Holley
Beth Howard	Allison Isbell
Linda Isbell	Ashley Jennings
Demet Jerkins	Tina Jhin
Virginia Koonce	Amy Letson
Dana Lindsey	Teresa McAnalley
Becky McDaniel	Connie Mills
Heather Nash	Catherine O'Steen
Lee Pieroni	Monica Quillen
Patty Redd	Juli Richey
Missy Ridgeway	Susan Riedel
Kenda Rusevlyan	Cecily Smith
Michelle Tice	Tamela Traglia
Jennifer Vandiver	Elizabeth Webb
Susan Webb	Debbie Williams
Paula Williams	Stephanie Wilson
Nancy Woodis	

SHIFT 2

Saturday, Mar. 8

8:30-11:30 AM

Shana Alexander	Susan Brocato
Jennifer Cornelius	Robin Coussons
Goode Dethero	Leigh Ann Franck
Nan Gardiner	Angelynn Garrett
Kim Goodwin	Melanie Huguley
Cindy Humphries	Selena Inman
Amy Johnson	Kerrie Kirkland
Patty Klos	Leah Knight
Missy Logan	Suzanne Mauldin
Amanda Mayfield	Molly McCanless
Rachel Mitchener	Holly Morrison
Kim Murphy	Holly Nichols
Nancy Peck	Susie Ray
Stephanie Saylor	Kristi Sockwell
Allye Strickland	Jackie Stutts
Rebecca Tedder	Emily Thornton
Claudia Vance	Mary Marshall Van Sant
Nikki Whitehead	Leigh Ann Wise

SHIFT 3

Saturday, Mar. 8

11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Stephanie Banks	Lisa Blazer
Betty Collignon	Lucy Cook
Lisa Davis	Lisa Eckl
Amy Farris	Carla Griffin
Sandy Holcombe	Tracey Marcu
Karen McCool	Jan McCune
Allison McWilliams	Shannon Morris
Nicole Peters	Andrea Pless
Leigh Ann Rutledge	Suzanne Smith
Emily Taylor	Didi Vardiman
Robin Watson	Tammy Wender
Penny Westmoreland	

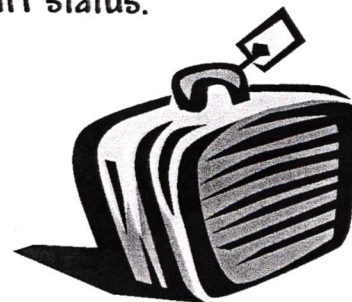
SHIFT 4

Saturday, Mar. 8

2:30-5:30 PM

Nicole Bowen	Linda Campbell
Melissa Clark	Lisa Darnell
Lori Dolan	Missy Hallmark
Claudia Heimmermann	Ella James
Marianna Jordan	Emily Lawler
Loee Miree	Tina Mitchell
Cindy Ott	Janice Pride
Julia Shook	Pam Skidmore
Tiffany Smart	Ashli Smith
Tonya Southall	Melanie Stokes
Christy Waters	Allison Weaver
Karen Christian	

- This list does not reflect prize girl status.



Apple Annie Funding 2003

	Requested	Approved
1. Colbert-Lauderdale Transportation Fund The funds will be used for children who need assistance with travel expenses to Birmingham or Huntsville for medical attention.	\$2,700.00	\$1,000.00
2. Northwest Alabama Rehab. Center The funds will be used to cover League Rehab parties during the year.	\$500.00	\$500.00
3. American Red Cross The funds will be used for Health and Training materials. Health and Training consist of First Aid, CPR, AED, Instructors going into the community to teach and certify people in first aid, AED, Adult, child and infant CPR.	\$390.00	-0-
4. Alabama Institute For Deaf and Blind The funds will be used to purchase 25 subscriptions to Exceptional Parent magazine. It will be delivered to the Shoals Regional Center and delivered to the families during their monthly home visit made by our Service Coordinators. This is a high quality magazine to help parents with children with disabilities.	\$1,000.00	-0-
5. Alabama Cooperative Extension System "Today's Mom Nutrition Education Program." The funds will be used to purchase gift incentives to enhance this nutrition education program. Pampers, receiving blankets, wet wipes, mail care kits, wall outlet covers, baby bottle warmer, bottle and nipple drying rack, etc.	\$250.00	\$250.00
6. The Arc of the Shoals The fund will be used to replace tables and chairs at Hope Haven. They will be replaced with lightweight folding tables and plastic chairs which are easy to take down and move. The cafeteria serves as a common room.	\$2,550.00	\$1750.00
7. Coffee High School Special Education Department Funding will be used for video instruction and evaluation. Video recordings will be made of students performing daily living and pre-employment tasks. These tapes will be evaluated by teachers and parents as a teaching tool.	\$340.00	-0-
8. Children's Museum of the Shoals The funds will be used to build a storage unit for a set of builder boards, a popular exhibit for the museum. The unit will look like a lumber yard to help children think logically about selecting lumber for a project. This will be called Apple Annie's Lumberyard sponsored by the Muscle Shoals District Service League.	\$3,343.00	-0-
9. Colbert Caring Center Inc. The 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
10. Community Action Agency of N.W. AL (Meals on Wheels) The funds will be used to provide a hot noon-day meal 5 days a week to low income home bound adults who live alone and have no one to cook for them.	\$1,827.00	\$1,827.00
11. Food Bank of North West Alabama The funds will be used to provide food to the ill and needy children and elderly of the area.	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00
12. Hospice of the Shoals The funds will be used to purchase hospice hardware and software for information technology to be used daily in serving the day to day operation of Hospice.	\$5,000.00	-0-
13. Lauderdale County Special Education Preschool Program The funds will be used to purchase a Literacy Center Loft and Library Unit which will provide a friendly environment for motor skill therapy reading skills and much more.	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
14. Florence City Schools/Able Works The funds will be used for a 4-in-1 printer for a non-verbal class ages 14-21 to train in clerical duties. Will be copying and folding programs for a local church.	\$400.00	-0-

(Apple Annie Funding continued)

	Requested	Approved
15. The Healing Place The funds will be used to purchase Grief resource books for the resource center. Over a 100 children will benefit from these books.	\$1,391.61	\$865.00
16. Muscle Shoals Public Library The funds will be used to purchase a young explorer computer and workstation that would allow young children to have their first experience using a computer.	\$2,499.99	-0-
17. Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program The funds will be used to purchase one 20" cable-ready television unit, one DVD/VCR combination unit, one audio-visual equipment cart and various audio visual supplementary materials to effectively work with "AT Risk" students ages 16-21.	\$1,000.00	\$400.00
18. Northwest Alabama Community Health Assoc., Inc. Funds will be used to purchase antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications prescribed and dispensed at the time of dental services.	\$2,000.00	-0-
19. Northwest-Shoals Adult Education Programs The funds will be used to help fund the afternoon out program for NACOLG for the mentally ill.	\$1,600.00	-0-
20. Northwest Alabama Reading Aids, Inc. The funds will be used for the relocation for Northwest Alabama Reading Aids, Inc. For office equipment, tables, chairs, chalkboards, storage cabinets, etc.	\$1,586.00	-0-
21. Northwest Alabama Children's Advocacy Center The funds will be used for a new sound system used to accurately interview victims of abuse.	907.00	\$907.00
22. Reading Partner Mentor ships The funds will be used to supply display boards, printing, stickers for children, brochures, and uniform supplement.	\$1,000.00	\$600.00
23. Rolling Riders The funds will be used to pay maintenance and care for 2 horses: feed \$832, hay \$416, hoof care \$400, vet. care \$1000, blacksmith \$880.	\$3,528.00	\$3,528.00
24. Riverbend Center for Mental Health The funds will be used to purchase items for the per-school program for children with emotional problems.	\$627.80	\$628.00
25. Safeplace Funds will be used to purchase violence prevention resource materials for children groups.	\$650.00	-0-
26. Sheffield Kiwanis The funds will be used to buy equipment, pouring surface for pathways, and for fencing. This is a recreational facility that will offer children with disabilities a truly accessible playground.	\$5000.00	-0-
27. Sheffield Public Library The funds will be used to purchase books on tape for the visually impaired.	\$300.00	-0-
28. Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People Disabilities Fund a success program for high school students with disabilities, and an internship to the workplace to gain experience and learn skills that will help them in selecting a career.	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
29. The Tennessee Valley Art Association The funds will be used to purchase two heavy-duty 20" wheelchairs that will have a minimum weight capacity of 250 pounds.	\$550.00	\$550.00
30. Tusculmbia City Schools-Special Education Dept. The funds will be used to purchase resource equipment for special education classes.	\$1,070.31	\$1,070.31
31. United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to purchase a Dell Computer or (equivalent) to replace an outdated computer.	\$1,049.00	\$1,049.00
32. West Way Child Development Center, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase playground equipment for infants and toddlers at both centers.	\$9,980.00	\$9,069.00

Slate of Officers 2003-2004

The Nominating
Committee proposes the
following slate of officers
for the 2003-2004
year.

President-Leslie Tomlinson

President Elect-Becky

McDaniel

Recording Secretary-Katie

Bendall

Treasurer-Lisa Eckl.

Bulk Rate
US Postage Paid
Permit No. 215
Sheffield, AL
35660

BECKY MCDANIEL
205 GOLDEN POND ROAD
FLORENCE, AL 35633

Yearbook Change

Robin Watson

New cell number:

256-633-1676

**New Job: Serendipity Stationery
and Invitation Station**

Lucy Cook

Address correction: 710 Brighton

Leslie Howard

Phone number correction: 764-5875

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