

HourGlass



March 2004

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

President's Message

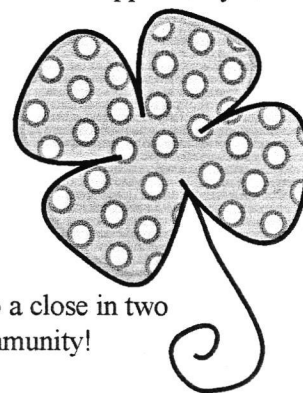
Dear League Members,

Thank you for another excellent meeting in February! Our attendance was great in spite of the bitter temperature, and I enjoyed seeing so many of our members staying after the meeting to meet with others about League business or to just catch up and enjoy a few minutes of adult conversation. We now move on to our March meeting where the Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the 2004-2005 year, and we will vote on the Finance Committee recommendations on disbursement of Apple Annie funds. Please make every effort to attend, as we must have a quorum to vote on these two issues. The meeting may take a little longer this month, but it is extremely important that the League feels comfortable with where our money is going.

The Junior League affiliation process continues. Our phase 1 dues are due May 1st, and I would like to have all of our dues turned in by April 6th. THANK YOU to all members who paid these dues at the February meeting! If you have not yet paid, please make a check out to MSDSL and send it or give it to me. Patty Redd has just returned from an Organizational Development Institute in Tampa, and she will share her experience with us at the April meeting. Also in April, we will begin work on a Junior League Self Assessment that will give each member an opportunity to express an opinion about our strengths and weaknesses as a League.

The Placement Brochure has been completely revised and each placement opportunity has been updated. Such a thorough update has not been done in years and a BIG THANK YOU goes to Goode Dethero for tackling this task and to Lindee Goodman and Catherine O'Steen for their help with this project. The brochure will be available to you at the March meeting, and at this time Goode will have more information about the placement process.

We still have much to accomplish before the League year comes to a close in two months! Thank you so much for all you do for the League and for our community!



Leslie

Provisional News

The next Provisional Meeting will be Tuesday, March 16th at the Tennessee Valley Art Center in Tusculumbia at 6:30 p.m. This will be our last meeting at a place for your Provisional year. We will discuss a lot of major topics this night. Please do your best to attend. More Provisional news on page 5.

March Meeting
March 2, 2004

First Presbyterian Church,
Florence

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

MSDSL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES-

February 3, 2004

The MSDSL held its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church of Florence. Leslie Tomlinson, President, called the meeting to order.

- **Roll:** 80 active members present; 20 active members absent; 29 provisionals present; 8 provisionals absent
- **Minutes:** Upon motion by Linda Campbell and a second by Beth Trimble, the minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Membership Status:** There was no report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Eckl reported as of January 31, 2004 Administrative Fund had \$ 3,384.21. The Community Fund had \$ 33,106.14. The Memorial Fund had \$ 215.10. The Checking Account balance was \$36,705.45.
- **Correspondence** Penny Westmoreland: No report.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Apple Annie Chairperson** Patty Redd: No report.
- **Cookbook Chairperson** Demet Jerkins said a raffle give-away will take place at the end of the meeting, and the winners will be announced at that time.
- **Cookbook Treasurer** Beth Trimble: No report.
- **Finance Chairperson** Becky McDaniel announced the update on the Finance Committee Meeting. She reported that the vote will be held at the March meeting.
- **Hospitality/Future Policies Committee Chairperson:** Allison Isbell reported that the Hospitality Committee will meet in March to discuss the May dinner.
- **Hourglass Chairperson** Catherine O'Steen reported the deadline for the March issue is February 13, 2004.
- **Placement Chairperson** Tina Jhin: No report.
- **Public Relations Chairperson** Leah Knight: No report.
- **Provisional Directors** Ashli Smith and Kristi Sockwell reported the following: Kristi announced that Ashli Smith is a new Mommy to a bouncing baby boy. She also announced the next Provisional Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2004
- **Rehabilitation Committee Chairperson** Lynne Bevis: No report.
- **Scholarship Chairperson** Katie Bendall: No report.
- **Transportation/Attention Homes Chairperson** Marianna Jordan reported that there were four requests for transportation.
- **Yearbook and Records Chairperson** Emily Lawler: No report..
- **League Development Chairperson** Becky McDaniel, President Elect, announced that Jennifer Cornelius won either a free skip or a free cookbook. There were two birthday giveaways to Emily Lawler and Amanda Mayfield.
- **Old Business:** There was no old business.
- **New Business:** The CP Telethon will be on television March 17, 2004. The time will be noon until 4:30P.M. The League members voted to sponsor one child at \$2.00 per member.

Other Business and Announcements:

Junior League update: Phase One-Dues of \$8.75 are now due. Members are to give their money to Leslie Tomlinson. Patty Redd will be attending a workshop in Tampa, Florida February 20-22, 2004.

Leslie asked that members not move tables in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. She gave the Nominating Committee and Finance Committee a big "thank you" for all their hard work.

The cookbook giveaway was announced. The following people won gifts: Elizabeth Richcreek, JoLynn McClure, Susan Webb, and Elizabeth Webb won gift baskets. Linda Campbell won a picture frame. Missy Hibbitt won a container of fudge. Kristi Sockwell and Beth Howard won a gift certificate to Riccatoni's.

The next General Meeting will be March 2, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Florence. The members will vote on Nominating and Finance Committee recommendations. Members were encouraged to attend, as the League must have a quorum to vote.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Bendall
Recording Secretary

Junior League Sustainer Update

- **THANK YOU to all the sustainers who sent in their Junior League dues.** We are thrilled that you are willing to start this journey with us! The dues to become a member of the Junior League are \$35.00 per year for each active, provisional or sustaining member. The \$8.75 that is due by April 6th is a prorated amount for Phase 1 of the affiliation process. There are four phases to the affiliation process. Phase 2 will run from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and the dues will be \$17.50. As we complete each of the four phases, the dues will increase 25%.
- **MSDSL sustainers are NOT required in any way to become Junior League sustainers. Also, sustainers who choose to take "a wait and see" approach may become a Junior League sustainer at any time during the affiliation process by paying the current dues.** If you are unsure, please watch the League as we go through this process and see if this international organization for women is something you would like to be involved with. As always, please contact Leslie Tomlinson or Becky McDaniel if you have any questions. We would like to include ideas and concerns of our sustainers in our self-assessment.
- **Why would you want to become a Junior League Sustainer?** The answer lies solely with each individual sustainer. Some reasons that have been voiced include: to stay active with the League and its fundraisers and programs, to support the League and the affiliation process, and to be able to affiliate with another League upon moving to another city. (Many larger leagues have self- supporting sustainer groups that meet on a regular basis.)

Sustainer Notes

Please take time to read the information on page 4 about our annual May Dinner. We would love to have as many sustainers as possible at this event. If you would like to reserve a place for the evening, please send a \$24.00 check to Alison Isbell, 3270 Marthaler Lane, Leighton, Alabama 35646, by April 27, 2004.

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70th Birthday Celebration and May Dinner 2004

Our annual May Dinner will be held on May 4, 2004, at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club. After talking with Dale's, Cypress Lakes, and Turtle Point, the Board agreed that Turtle Point provided us with the best atmosphere and food choices for the price. The menu should be set by the March meeting. The price of the dinner will be \$24.00 per person. We realize that this is an increase over previous years, but hope that this small price increase will not prevent anyone from attending.



Please make your plans now to attend. Please note that one of our members has graciously agreed to sponsor the League for this occasion. Because she is ultimately responsible for our charges and because our accountant has strongly suggested that everyone who attends must pay IN ADVANCE, Allison Isbell must receive a check for \$24.00 no later than Tuesday, April 27th. Last year, the League was responsible for over 20 dinners of people who responded that they were coming but did not attend. Every active, provisional, and sustaining member must PRE PAY in order to attend. This should be a great way to finish a very successful League year, and we hope everyone will make every effort to attend.

Support The United Cerebral Palsy Telethon!

The annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon will be Sunday March 7, 2004, from 12:30-4:00p.m. Allison Isbell did not request any Apple Annie funds from the League this year because the CP Center was not in need of a specific piece of equipment.

However, the Center is always in need of monetary donations in order to help special needs children in the Shoals. A donation of \$250 sponsors one child, and if every member of the League gave \$2.00 we would easily be able to sponsor a child in honor of the MSDSL "little leaguers" that the CP Center has helped. THANK YOU to all the members who gave at the February meeting. If you did not have an opportunity to give a donation at the February meeting, we will be taking up money at the March meeting. This is strictly voluntary. THANK YOU!



Slate of Officers 2004-2005

The Nominating
Committee proposes the
following slate of
officers for the
2004-2005 year:

President-Becky
McDaniel

President Elect-Ashli
Smith

Recording Secretary-
Leslie Tomlinson

Treasurer-Lisa Eckl

Provisional News:

**Please remember the
CP Telethon that you
all will be working
answering the**

**telephones. If you
forget your shift time
call me ASAP. The
telethon is Sunday,
March 7th, 2004 from
12:00p.m.-4:30p.m.**

**Remember to bring
your item to my house
by**

**7:00p.m. Saturday,
March 6th. This will be
the sweets and chips
for the telethon.**

**Thank You to the
Provisionals that
provided the sweets
for the VIP Day at the
CP Center.**

**Have A Great Day!!!
Ashli and Kristi**

WHAT 'S COOKING...

I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day. THANKS A MILLION to everyone who supported the Cookbook Committee by purchasing raffle tickets, baked goods & books. Also, Thank you so much to Amy Letson, Beth Trimble and everyone else who helped put it all together. Because of all your help, cookbook sales are up from last year.

As usual, The "Art of Cooking" will be on sale before and after the League Meeting. You can also purchase a book by e-mailing us at cookbook@hiwaay.net, or you can call any cookbook member at home. See you at the March meeting.

Try these: They are quite yummy!

Mexican Taco Soup pg. 70 Salad with Feta Cheese Dressing pg. 83
Cheese Biscuits pg.49 For a sweet taste try: Aunt Piny' s Pound Cake pg. 191

ENJOY!!!

Demet Jerkins - 766-7557, Amy Letson - Marketing Coordinator - 272-8384, Beth Trimble - Treasurer - 768-0726

PLEASE!!!

**DO NOT move any tables
or chairs in the
fellowship hall of First
Presbyterian Church.
The floors are freshly
waxed. Thank you!!!**

**Membership Dues for Phase 1
of the Junior League
affiliation process are now
due. Please send a check for
\$8.75, payable to MSDSL, to
Leslie Tomlinson or bring it
to the March meeting. These
dues are due no later than
April 6th.**

Admission Forms are due April
1st!!! Please sponsor a friend,
co-worker, or neighbor. We
need dedicated women to help
us serve the community! Turn
in forms to Gayle Byars.

**THANK YOU Finance Committee
members for your hard work
researching Apple Annie requests
and for making funding
recommendations for the League
to consider!**

New Deliveries
"Hudson O'Neil Smith"
born on January 31, 2004
to

Ashli and Scott Smith

If you have any Service League business that
needs to be in the HourGlass, please contact
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