

# The Hourglass

## Junior League of the Shoals

Women building better communities

### President's Post

March 2009

Hello Ladies,  
What a wonderful turnout at our last meeting!! I am so pleased that so many of you came out on that cold winter night. Our next meeting, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, is an important one because we will be voting on the distribution of our fundraising money and on the slate the nominating committee has presented. Please make sure you are there because we need 2/3 present for our voting. The proposed amounts for distribution are included in your Hourglass; read over these before the

meeting so you are prepared for the vote (it will make things go much faster!!)

Please feel free to e-mail myself or Tonya with any comments or suggestions regarding the new meeting place and format because we will be using your suggestions when deciding on a plan for next year.

Don't forget to order your tickets for May Dinner/75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. As a board, we decided to combine this event in order to save our members money. In-

stead of having a separate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, we joined the two together to hopefully create a fun event that you will attend. I think May 1<sup>st</sup> will be an unforgettable night for The Junior League of The Shoals and I hope you have already marked your calendar!!  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting-- There will be a fashion show and lots more door prizes!! I hope to see each of you there.

Meredith

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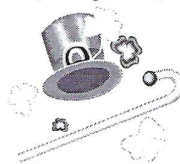
### Sustainer's Square

First of all, I would like to begin by saying thank you so much to all the sustainers who contributed books for our Last Done in a Day project. At last count, we have collected over 500 books for Dr. Grant Allen and his book program at Infants' and Children's Clinic in Florence. This is a great program and we want to thank Dr. Allen for giving us the opportunity to help with such a worthy cause.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to come out for our May Dinner/75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This exciting event will be held at the Marriott Shoals. It is going to be a fun evening filled with good food, live entertainment, and wonderful fellowship with each other! Tickets are \$30.00 each and are on sell now. Please contact Mawonia Brown at 740-0817 for tickets. Bring your date and plan on having a great time!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, or anything that you would like to share. Take care and hope to see you May 1<sup>st</sup>!

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 7th New Member Sponsorship forms due
- April 21st Special Olympics
- May 1st Dinner Meeting at Marriott of the Shoals

## *Junior League of the Shoals Minutes*

The Junior League of the Shoals held its February, 2009, meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Shoals Conference Center. The meeting was called to order by Meredith McClanahan, President.

**Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the January Minutes as published in the Hourglass. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Membership Status:** A Transfer Request was approved for Beth Ann Daniel and a Career Leave Request was approved for Amy Davis.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kerry Laughlin, Treasurer, reported that JLS will be able to distribute \$16,800 from Apple Annie and \$20,800 from Sugar Plum Marketplace. A change in the date for dues was also made. Junior League dues will now be due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues will be considered late after the date of the September meeting. Dues may be paid in installments over the summer and may be mailed to the JLS Post Office Box. Any checks for dues for the upcoming year should be dated on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**League Development:** In-League Placement forms were available at the meeting, as were Mid-Year Placement forms and Sponsorship forms for new members. All members were challenged to sponsor at least five ladies to become Provisionals for next year.

**Guest Speaker:** Andrea Patterson from Court Appointed Special Advocates spoke to the League about their organization. She gave a history of the CASA program and discussed the requirements and duties of the Advocates.

### **Bits of Business:**

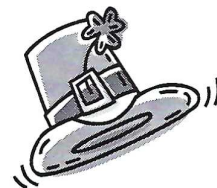
The Finance Committee met February 5<sup>th</sup> at Dale's to discuss disbursement of funds from Apple Annie and Sugar Plum Marketplace.

May Dinner/75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tickets are available now. Tickets are \$30 per person/\$60 per couple. (Bring a Date!)

The next Provisional Meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at the CP Center.

The next League Meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The Board meets at 6:00 p.m. and the League meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Shoals Conference Center Singing River Room.

The meeting was adjourned by Meredith McClanahan, President.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Lucretia Hinton



## Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Banquet is scheduled for April 21st from 6:00-9:00 at the Coliseum. The theme this year will be "Luau". If you have any Hawaiian/Luau decorations that you would be willing to donate or let us borrow please contact Emily Brown at 577-3344 or [eobrown1@yahoo.com](mailto:eobrown1@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Emily Brown



## Black Books Updates

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*Please be sure add these changes to your Black Books!!*

*If you have changes to be made, please contact Deidra*

**The next Provisional Meeting will be March 17th at Maud Lindsey School at 6:30p.m.**

Catherine and Kimberly



### May Dinner/ 75th Anniversary Celebration

May 1, 2009 at 7:00

Marriott Shoals Ballroom

Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres, Cash Bar, Live Band, Prizes

Bring a date and dance the night away!!

Tickets are \$30.00 each and will be sold at meetings.

If you would like to stay the night at the Marriot please contact Mawonia Brown 394-2699

**Spring Chic.** The warm days remind us it's almost time to pack up the sweaters and closed-toe shoes. JLS Member Laura McKee, General Manager at GAP, will present Spring Trends and give us ideas for updating our look at the March General Meeting. As this presentation comes on the heels of our fundraising season, Laura will be assisted by several hardworking Members who made Apple Annie Day and Sugarplum Market successful. Catherine Coker assisted on Provisional Sales Day and worked a shift on Apple Annie Day; both evenings after teaching all day. In 2007, when she was working in the

office as a Member of the AA Committee, she put on her red tights and went out to cover a post. Kanisha Jaynes appreciates her commitment and recalls, "Catherine stepped up to the plate and was willing to take the initiative". Laura Smith worked almost everyday from March to November as Sugarplum Merchant Chair. She sent out over 3,000 emails to merchants offering them invitations to participate. Heather McClure remembers her readiness to do extra even though she was already covered up with merchants to contact. Laura's "willingness to devote her time for our League, and this community, is a model for what Junior League is all

about", says McClure. Kimberly Swindle will represent the Provisional Class. Kimberly had dental patients planning to see her on Provisional Sales Day. She made me aware of her conflict with the schedule, said Evelyn Roberson. "Kimberly put forth the effort needed and managed to cover her Apple Annie shift not only on Thursday but Friday, too". These three ladies will be "models" at the March meeting. They display a heart of service that extends beyond expectations. Join us in seeing the hot colors, accessories from Gap and hearing how to maximize our assets with Laura McKee this March.



## ATTENTION ALL REHAB COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!!!

The rehabilitation picnic is set for the first Friday in May, so I need everyone to start bringing bingo prizes **ASAP**. I would like to have all of the prizes no later than the April meeting. I will have a basket at both the March and April meeting so please bring them to either meeting. If you are not going to be at either of these, send them with a friend. Make sure to sign the sheet there so I can put you on the "good committee member" list and not the "bad committee member" list. Several have not help out at all this year and it is such a shame because something as simple as shopping makes these clients so very happy. We serve about 70 adults at this picnic so I need **ALL** of you to help to be successful! Spend about \$20.00 and buy for adults males and females (spend \$10.00 on female and \$10.00 on male). They love Wal-Mart gift cards! Dollar Tree has wonderful gifts for only a dollar! Buy as many small gifts as you can with this, don't buy one gift per gender. If you have any questions please email me at [eugenia.miller@gmail.com](mailto:eugenia.miller@gmail.com) or call me at 335-1481.

**Also, any member or provisional that is need of 1 hour, please email me and you can also bring gifts. I must have an email from you or a phone call to give you this hour credit.**

Thanks you for all of your help!

Eugenia



### A note from your friendly treasurer

Thanks again to everyone who voted to change the due date of League Dues. I believe this is a positive change for our League and it will eliminate a lot of stress at our first September meeting. At least it will for those of you who have paid in time. For those of you who haven't, I imagine you'll be more stressed than usual! Your palms will be sweaty, your breathing labored. Don't put yourself through that craziness. Just pay in time!

There was a lot of discussion about this change, which I thought was fantastic! It was the first meeting I felt people were actually listening to me. That's amazing and a little scary! Who would have thought people would actually care about my evil cat nun! Seriously though, this policy change is **for the benefit of our members**. I was ecstatic that so many people were taking interest and wanted their opinions to be heard.

So, here's how the new payment plan will work. I will send out invoices to all members of League after May Dinner. By then, I'll know who has gone sustainer and I should have a database for current members. The due

date for payment will be June 1, however, late fees will not begin until August 16.

I will keep track of your payments and re-send invoices that include any previous payments and your remaining balance. These invoices will be sent ONLINE so please be sure I have your correct email address.

Remember, when you get to the September 2009 meeting, if you have not paid your dues in full, you will already owe a fine. My least favorite thing to do is call to inform members that they have to pay a fine, so I beg of you, don't make me do it! Instead of calling this year, I may tie a note to a rock and throw it through one of your windows or key your invoice into the side of your car. Please don't make me violent, ladies!

See you at the Marriott!

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## APPLE ANNIE &amp; SUGAR PLUM MARKET REQUESTS 2008-09

	Req.	Rec.
1. NW Alabama Reading Aides Book Fund, Tutor manuals, phonics books, and literacy manuals	\$550	\$550
2. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) of Florence/Lauderdale County, AL Volunteer training projection system that will be used to educate volunteers who work with Abused children in Lauderdale County Screen(\$209) Projector(895)cable(19.95)connector cable(41.95) taxes 104.93, S&H(55.88)	\$1326.71	\$1000
3. Muscle Shoals Middle School Special Ed Funds to purchase computer and printer for math/reading program for special needs students	\$1259	0
4. NAMI Shoals, INC (Local Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness) Furnishing Books on Mental illness to 19 high school libraries	\$1900	\$800
5. Cloverdale Junior High School/Special Education Pre-School Funds will be used to help newly start a 3and 4 year old preschool. The teacher is specifically Asking for funds for an indoor playground for special needs children and to promote stay healthy Program to fund block set and slalom with climbing tower	\$5000	\$815
6. Maud Lindsay Free Kindergarten Funds will be used for seasonal learning for four year old children preparing for kindergarten. Environmental awareness and observing natural surroundings	\$3218.52	1000
7. Northwest Children Advocacy Center (Cramer's Children's Center) Funds used for video projector for use in workshops for adults supervising children using the internet.	\$1361.41	\$1362
8. Wilson Elementary Preschool 2 computers to update technology in the classroom to students entering kindergarten	\$2258	0
9. Riverbend Center for Mental Health Preschool Purchase new curriculum to increase focus on alternative methods of expressing self control PATHS preschool program Riverbend Center for Mental Health Preschool Purchase laminator for use in preschool area	\$459.00 \$599.99	459 0
10. The Healing Place Healing Hearts Bags for children who receive services from the healing place. Teddy bear(7.00) Workbook(6.95) stress ball(1.00) magic markers(1.00)picture frame(1.50) bag(1.00) Linus blanket(1.00)= 17.45 total x 60 children=\$1047	\$1047	\$1047
11. Shoals Crisis Center – Rape Response Stopping violence by changing attitudes. Funds will be used for laptop computer to facilitate Powerpoint(\$730) DVD's and materials for respect (\$369.85) cyber-bulling curriculum(99.00)	\$1198.85	1198.85
12. MSC school preschool program Dell laptop computer would be used to provide assistive technology for special needs children(599.99 Plus \$42 for tax)	\$641	\$641
13. Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama (Colbert County Unit – Leighton) Net Smartz< stay safe online Money to be used for 1 computer	\$ 1679.97	600



14. Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama (Cherry Hill Unit) 3 computer upgrades, Compaq desktop 3 x \$559.99= \$1679.97 Money to be used for 1 computer	\$1679.97	600
15. SCOPE 310 Authority Inclusive summer camp for children with disabilities, seed money for a new project. 8 children to summer camp	\$2000	0
21. Big Brothers Big Sisters Office computers, \$559.95 each. Current computers are 4 to 7 years old Money to be used for 2 computers	\$2799.75	1120
22. R.E. Thompson Intermediate School – Tuscumbia City Schools Fun Adaptive Learning, \$163.10 /s&h \$25. Multi sensory surfaces for autistic children	\$188.10	163.10
. R.E. Thompson Intermediate School – Tuscumbia City Schools Resource Room Materials Solar System puzzle, \$24.95, Multiplication, \$11.99, \$12.00 shipping	\$86.79	75
R.E. Thompson Intermediate School – Tuscumbia City Schools	\$1500	0
23. The Women’s Pavilion (ECM) Funds will be used for ECM Cares. Specifically, for car seats (\$1000.00),	\$1000	\$1000
24. American Red Cross of Northwest AL 6 classroom tables at \$144.99 each	\$870	870
25. Easter Seals Cybex sport treadmill to be used in physical therapy(8 to 10 pts per day 75% children)	\$3000	\$3000
26. Safeplace Children's playground with rubber non maintenance flooring for children and parents to last for years to help finish funding playground flooring	\$5000	\$2245
27. Florence City Schools, Burrell Slater Purchase of Touchmoney system to provide a multisensory approach in learning to identify and count money. Touchmoney system(\$304.98) Coin-u-lator(\$104.99) 6pk of coin-u-lator(139.98) 4 pk coin abacus (209.98)	\$759.93	\$759.93
29. Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama (M.O.T.H.E.R.S) Books and materials for single mothers working on their GED or higher education. Books Would be purchased and reused	\$1000	\$1000
30. Rolling Riders Requesting money for maintenance for 2 horses at \$1540 each	\$3080	\$1040
31. Helen Keller Hospital Mega Code Kid, goes with system purchased last year to assist and allow pediatric training To be used toward the purchase of the Mega Code Kid	\$3959	\$1500
32. Colbert County Board of Education Picture Exchange Communication System, applied behavioral analysis intervention.	\$1500.95	200
33. Father Harvest To assist in paying for food and operation costs. Utility Bill	\$1000.00	0
34. Keller EMS Intraosseous Infusion System, system that will provide ems crews the ability to establish vascular access during critical care.	\$2145.80	\$2145.80

35. Children's Museum Tennessee River Exhibit project.	\$50,000	0
36. Waterloo High School Students learning the use of power tools to be used as a trade in the construction industry. Funds to purchase wood cutting bandsaw(\$299.95) drill press(369.95)	\$669.00	\$669.00
37. Colbert Lauderdale Attention Homes, Inc. Provide a security system for the girl's home, a copier for home and administrative offices Camera and Monitoring system-\$599.99, copier, \$2425 or refurbished \$900 Refurbished copier and camera and monitoring system	\$3500	\$1500
38. UCP of Northwest Alabama Fat tire bye bye buggy. Buggy would allow children to be transported from place to another And outside for walks].	\$1030.34	\$896
39. Tuscumbia Board of Education Computers for compass learning. Internet based computer software program for special ed students	\$1294.99	\$414
40. Shoals Habitat for Humanity Front porch for a house they just built	\$1500.00	1500.00
41. Howell Graves Preschool MSC DVD's for training parents for kids with autism	\$255.00	\$255
42. Florence Middle School Guidance Girls Learning and doing social skills group, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls with low self esteem issues. Meet for lunch once a week to discuss manners, dress, language, etc. Funds to be used for field trip, Bus(\$100) food(\$200) incidentals(\$50) \$250 weekly lunches	\$550.00	0
43. Central Elementary School Playground update. Project under construction, total project cost (\$45000) New equipment and Safety surfaces	\$3000	0
44. CITY Program of Lauderdale County Attached info, videos/DVDs for low income troubled youth	\$1675	\$1675
45. Threadgill Primary School-Sheffield City Schools After school clubs, ARISE curriculum \$399(4&5 grade-\$50), Character curriculum (\$199), DVD's To reinforce character education (\$149), Storybooks (\$105) Games to practice life skills (\$99)	\$1001	\$1001
46. Colbert Caring Center, Inc. Not specific in requests, vouchers issued for people in need	\$5000	\$2500

**Total Funds Requested: \$123,543.01**

47. Meals on Wheels	\$2000	\$1500
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## Mark Your Calendar March--May

*Have an announcement  
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*10th of the month to:  
lorraine.aylward@yahoo.  
com*

*Thank you!*



We're on the Web!  
[www.jltheshoals.org](http://www.jltheshoals.org)

### March

- 3rd 6pm Board Meeting  
7pm League Meeting
- 10th Hourglass Deadline
- 17th Provisional Meeting @  
6:30pm Maud Lindsey  
School

### April

- 7th New Membership form  
deadline
- 10th Hourglass Deadline

- 21st Special Olympics Banquet  
at the Coliseum 6-9pm

### May

- 1st 75th Anniversary Gala  
& May Dinner meeting at  
Marriott of the Shoals

