

HOURGLASS

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MUSCLE SHOALS DISTRICT SERVICE LEAGUE

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**May Dinner
 May 2, 2000**

Dale's Restaurant

Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Social/Cocktails	6:00 p.m.
Dinner	6:30p.m.



A Heart for Service in the Shoals

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Next Hourglass Deadline:
 August 10, 2000

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President's Message

Dear League Membership:

As I sit here preparing this message, I think back a few days to an event that it was my pleasure to attend. The Special Olympics banquet, which we coordinate each spring, was on Tuesday, April 11. Missy Hibbett and Ashli Smith were our chairpersons for this event, which celebrates the athletes and their families. They did a superb job. Unfortunately for me, this was the first time I have been to the banquet and I found it to be one of the most up-lifting events I have attended, as a League member. I encourage you to volunteer a little time to help in the future, just to get to be there. The event itself is huge, with hundreds in attendance. We coordinate donations to pay for this banquet, reserve the location, plan the menu and delivery of food, line up entertainment, decorations and favor bags for the athletes, and organize assistance from many areas of the community in pulling it off. But even more inspiring than the tremendous effort involved, is the feeling I felt in that room. The "special" athletes LOVED it! They danced, they cheered, they stood almost the entire time Elvis and his band (including back-up singers; ask Ashli Smith about this) performed. I have probably never been prouder of anything the League does, especially when the MC said "On behalf of the Muscle Shoals District Service League, we would like to welcome you..." Those who have assisted with this event in the past-including many provisionals and Pam Andrews, who coordinated this for several years - have been specially blessed. Now, so have I.

Another event that took place recently was the "Spring Spectacular" fashion show, floral presentation and luncheon sponsored by our busy Cookbook Committee. They, too, did a wonderful job. The entire event, including cooking for over 130, "went off without a hitch". I was so proud of Allison Newton, her committee and the many League members who volunteered, for coordinating such an enjoyable activity. I hope this will become a regular event.

Paige Cates and the Admissions Committee met in April and voted on a huge 2000 Provisional Class of over 40 women. With the increase in our membership from 150 to 170, we will have lots of new faces next year and sponsors of these women will truly play an important role in helping our new

members learn about the League. Both Amy Jon Finch and Kenda Rusevlyan, our incoming Provisional Directors, will need all your assistance. Sponsors have already been contacted about the Pre-Acceptance Party and their responsibilities toward our new members. If you are a sponsor, please make plans to attend this party with your friend...it is not only fun, but very informative for them. They will want a familiar face around as they meet so many new people. A list of the proposed Provisional Class of 2000 will be available at the May dinner.

Simone Mitchell and the Placement Committee have met and should have notified League members of their community placements and all committee assignments for the coming year. Under their very able guidance, everyone should have a good year. Please be sure to stay in contact with your Placement Advisor as you complete hours in 2000-2001. Sabrina Eddins and the Hospitality Committee are finalizing plans for an evening of fun at the May dinner at Dale's Restaurant, Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure you have notified Sabrina if you will be UNABLE to attend, since all members will be charged \$20 for their meal, unless they have called to regret.

In closing, I thank each of you for the privilege of serving as President this year. The old cliché "how time flies" is certainly appropriate. I feel as if the year just began, and now it is time to turn the gavel over to Lisa Ruggles and the new officers who will so ably lead the League. I have enjoyed my tenure and appreciate all the support and encouragement that made this year such a smooth one. To the six members who will go sustaining in the May dinner, I trust that you, as I, will look back on your eight years of service with a smile and the knowledge that you helped make a difference in our community. As I move into a new realm of League membership, I challenge each member of the League to remember that SERVICE is a big part of our name and that "A Heart for Service in the Shoals" is the motto to which we aspire. I have every assurance that you will continue to inspire and support our area with your selfless dedication and commitment.

Again, thanks for a great year and a time as an active member that holds such wonderful memories. I look forward to seeing each of you at our May dinner. Kathy Gamble

May, 2000

**Minutes of the April 4, 2000
General League Meeting**

The Muscle Shoals District Service League met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at the Florence Conference Center. President Kathy Gamble called the meeting to order. President-Elect Lisa Ruggles provided an update on the condition of Member Cheryl Ford, who had been seriously involved in an automobile accident last month.

Roll – 86 members were present and 29 members were absent with 14 Provisionals present and 2 absent.

Minutes – Amy Darby made a motion and Jackie Darby seconded the motion approving the March General Meeting minutes, which were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of Treasurer Deborah Fraser, Renee' Vandiver reported the following balances:

Administrative --	-904.69
Community --	33,166.47
Memorial --	215.10
Total --	33,476.88

Correspondence – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Provisionals – Provisional Directors Lisa Keys-Mathews and Melissa Self introduced each provisional who provided detailed information on each placement that the League supports and they then presented EACH member with a "thank you" gift bag for all of their hard work and dedication. The gift bag contained imprinted MSDSL pens, candy, etc. This was a first in the MSDSL to date. The membership was quite surprised and impressed!!

Finance – Chairperson Penny Westmoreland reported requests for Apple Annie funds. These requests are indicated in the attachment provided in the March HourGlass but are contained in the full minutes on file. Specific actions were as follows:

Upon motions, seconds, and a unanimous vote, the following requests, as recommended by the Board of Directors, were unanimously approved: requests #1-7, 9-11, 13-16, 18-19, 21-30.

The following actions were taken on the remaining requests:

#8, request for \$2,400, Board recommended \$2,400 – because of the decrease of use of

Transportation funds during the 1999-2000 year, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to amend the Board's recommendation to \$1,500.

#12, request for \$300, Board recommended \$0 funding – because of the decrease in funding from #8 above, a motion was made and seconded to fully fund this request. Motion failed by a vote of 29 for, 39 against.

#17, request for \$1,094, Board recommended \$579 funding – because of the decrease in funding from #8 above, a motion was made and seconded to fund \$1,094 of this request. The motion passed with two oppositions.

#20, request for \$500, Board recommended \$200 funding – upon a motion and a second to uphold the Board's recommendation, the motion carried with two oppositions.

Following action on all requests for Apple Annie funds, \$385 remained for distribution. Upon a motion and a second to fund \$385 additional monies to the Children's Museum (#5), the motion failed. Upon a motion and a second to fund \$385 toward the Summer Enrichment Program (#25), the motion passed.

MSDSL Budget – Upon a motion and a second, the proposed 2000-2001 Budget as printed in the HourGlass but revised in the Apple Annie distributions was approved unanimously.

Apple Annie -- No report.

Attention Homes – A basket for the Attention Homes donations was distributed among the membership and collections will be reported at the May meeting.

Cookbook – Chairperson Allison Newton provided final details about the Spring Spectacular Luncheon and Fashion Show that will be held on Saturday, April 15 at First Presbyterian Church. The Easter Basket raffle was won by member Julie Wilson.

Future Policies – Chairperson Katie Bendall reported that a meeting of the Future Policies Committee to consider additional changes would be held at 5:30 p.m. on April 10 at the Sheffield Public Library.

Hospitality – Chairperson Sabrina Eddins announced that the May Dinner would be held on May 2 at Dale's Restaurant at a cost of \$20 per member. Members must personally call Sabrina Eddins or sign a regret sheet that was distributed at the meeting or the member will be charged for the meeting.

Hourglass -- Next deadline is April 16.

Placement – Chairperson Lisa Waldrep announced that (1) Placement Brochures would be available to the membership following the meeting, and (2) if you, as a member, have not been contacted by a Placement Advisor by April 14, you should call your placement advisor to make your desires known for next year's placements.

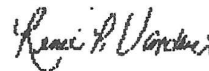
Public Relations – No report.

Special Olympics Banquet – In the absence of Missy Hibbett, President Kathy Gamble provided details about the upcoming Special Olympics Banquet.

Scholarship – No report.

Transportation – Chairperson Susie Ray reported that there were 3 requests in the amount of \$85 for Lauderdale County leaving a balance of \$570.30 in the account.

Respectfully submitted,



Renee' P. Vandiver
Recording Secretary



Notice to Sustainers

The annual sustainer luncheon will be scheduled for the week of October 16th at a location to be announced.

Kathy Gamble, immediate past president, will be coordinating this event and encourages all sustainers to plan to attend. The date and location will be announced in the summer edition of the Hourglass.

For more information, contact
Kathy Gamble, 757-8393.

Board Reminder

The May Board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, at Dale's Restaurant, immediately prior to the May Dinner. All board members are encouraged to be there.

Also reports from all officers and chairmen are due at the May board meeting. Two copies are needed, one for Lisa Ruggles, Pres. Elect and the other for your notebook. Please bring with you or send to Kathy Gamble prior to the May Dinner.



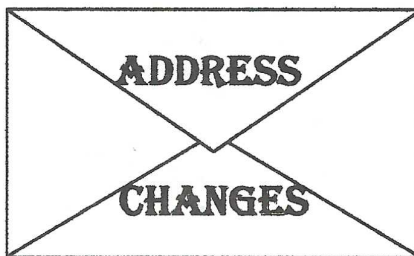
Suggested Changes to MSDSL Operating Rules-May 2000

- 1. Memorial Fund, p. 110
 - IV. FISCAL POLICIES, Section 4, League Funds, B. Memorial Fund
- Add this wording to paragraph already in place:

"Contributions from the community to this fund shall be disbursed annually in the spring with Community Fund disbursements. In February each year, the League Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall determine the amount to be added to the Community Fund and so notify the Finance Chairman."

- 2. Cookbook, p. 104
 - II. FUNDRAISING, Section 2. Cookbook Sales, Obligations of League Members
- Re-word entire section to read:

"Each League member is required to sell 16 cookbooks, or two per year, during her tenure of membership (provisional and active). This requirement will become effective with the provisional class of 2000. All former requirements will be effective for prior classes.



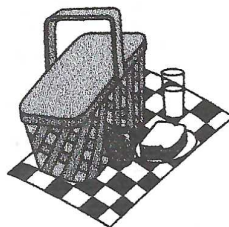
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Spring Picnic



The Spring Rehab Picnic will be held on May 19th, 2000 at Gattman Park. If you are on the Rehab. Committee you are responsible for being there!

Please call Ginger Gardiner or Susan Trousdale to sign up for your duties. Shifts are from:
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The first shift is responsible for setting up and playing games with clients. The second shift is responsible for serving lunch and cleaning up.

Please join us for
May Dinner 2000
Tuesday, May 2nd
at
Dales Restaurant

Social & Cocktails
6:00 p.m.
Dinner & Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Meal is \$20 per person
and a cash bar.
Regrets only by April 28th
to
Sabrina Eddins
Daytime 764-0970
Evening 767-5188

Pre-Acceptance Party

The Pre-Acceptance Party for provisionals proposed for the 2000-2001 year will be held:
Sunday, May 21 at
2:00 p.m. at the home
of
Lisa Ruggles

May, 2000

Greetings from the Cookbook Committee

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Fashion Show/Luncheon was a huge success. If you missed it, you really missed a special day. We have already had many requests to have a "repeat performance" next year. To all of you who helped, I cannot begin to express my appreciation for your support. Without you, this event could not have happened. It looks as though we cleared approximately \$2000.00. Not too shabby for a day's work.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to the entire league for your continued support during this most trying year. We have overcome an incredible financial burden and now we can begin to give back to the community. Next year is sure to be filled with many fun events and projects. I look forward to working with the new cookbook committee next year. We are going to have a blast. To the Executive Cookbook Committee for 2000-1, thank you for agreeing to serve with me next year. The Executive Cookbook Committee for 2000-1 will be:

Chairman-Allison Newton

Local Sales-Lori Dolan

Regional Sales-Marianna Jordan

Office Coordinator/League Liason-Amy Holcomb

Treasurer-Jackie Darby

As this league year comes to a close, I hope we will all take the time to reflect on the good things we have been able to accomplish for the community over the past year. We are a vital part of our community and we should all be proud to belong to such a terrific organization. I hope to see you all at the May dinner. Don't forget-the final "Basket Extravaganza" raffle. Amy Darby is pulling out all the stops to make sure this is the most wonderful basket yet. You won't want to miss this one.

Happy Cooking!
Allison Newton



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