



## May Dinner Marks Close of Year!

May Dinner-May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m..  
 Florence Conference Center  
 Board meets at 6 p.m.  
 Call Julie Wilson at 767-4022 to RSVP

### President's Message

**D**ear League Members:

As I write this letter, I am filled with excitement of completing eight years as a Service League member. I am also filled with emotion knowing the May Dinner will be my last meeting as an active League member. It seems as if it was just a few days ago when Kathy Gamble passed the gavel to me. Now almost a year later, I pass the gavel on to Lisa Keys-Mathews with great hopes that her year as President will be as fulfilling as mine.

I look back upon the past eight years and realize just how many friends I have made, facilitated by the MSDSL. Many I have known for years and many have only known for a short time. The common thread that weaves us together is that we devote many hours fundraising and volunteering for area agencies and organizations. I hope as those of us going sustaining, can look back upon our years in the League and feel as if we have accomplished something and made a difference, however small or large.

This year I feel a great sense of accomplishment. After Apple Annie and Bag A Bargain proceeds are distributed, we will have donated over \$61,000 to area agencies, schools and organizations. As of June 1, 2001 we will be completely debt free. And, we have streamlined the League's procedures and other activities so that those who follow us will have a much better understanding how the League must conduct business in order to succeed in the future. These things could not have been possible if not for each of your help and the support of a wonderful board. Thank You!

Many activities have been going on behind the scenes this month. Thanks to Paige Cates and the Admissions Committee. They met earlier this month and should have a great provisional class list to present to you in May. Don't forget if you sponsored a new member, please help her through her first year in the League. As a provisional, you are mostly confused, intimidated and overwhelmed. Please take the time to explain the League's activities and business to her. I think if we all take the time to encourage each one of the new members, they will have a much better understanding of the League and will more inclined to complete their provisional year.

The Placement Committee has been hard at work assigning placements for 2001-2002. Thanks to Julie Shook and Simone Mitchell for their organization and hard work. Thanks to Becky McDaniel and the Finance Committee. They have researched all of the BAB requests and will have those recommendations ready for voting at the May Dinner.

Thanks to Ashli Smith and those who helped with the Special Olympics Banquet. Ashli has worked so hard to secure sponsors, food and support for a fun night of celebration with the athletes and their families. What a wonderful way to show what the League is all about.

Last but not least, thank you Julie Wilson and the Hospitality Committee for making plans for a great end of the year meeting May 1 at the Florence Conference Center. Please regret to Julie if you can not be there. If you do not regret, you will be charged for your dinner and yes, if you come you pay.

In closing, I want to say Thank You from the bottom of my heart for all the encouragement, motivation and support you have shown the board and me this year. I have truly enjoyed my year as President. But, I go back to comments I think I made in our first Hourglass of the year. I could not, did not and have not gone through this year alone. The Board has been there to support and encourage every step or decision made. The entire League has grown this year and I believe it is just the beginning of many successful years to come.

May God bless you and watch over you,  
 Lisa

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**MSDSL MEETING MINUTES -APRIL MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2001**

The Muscle Shoals District Service League met at 7 p.m. at the Florence Conference Center immediately following the Board of Directors meeting. Sixty-eight members were present.

**Minutes** - Upon motion and a second, the March minutes were unanimously approved as printed in the HourGlass.

**Treasurer's Report** - In the absence of Treasurer Stephanie Winborn, the following balances were reported:

Administrative	3,562.93
Community	65,423.00
Memorial	215.10
Savings	290.96

Total Bag-a-Bargain proceeds to give to the community amount to approximately \$34,262. Approximately \$1,000 still remains to be collected from Bag-a-Bargain.

**Correspondence** - Corresponding Secretary Renee' Vandiver read a thank you letter from SafePlace for the donations made following Bag-a-Bargain.

### Committee Reports

**Future Policies** - Allison Newton made a motion and Becky McDaniel seconded the motion approving the change relative to admission of members as printed in the HourGlass. The motion was approved unanimously. Allison Newton made a motion and Jackie Darby seconded the motion approving the change relative to Fundraising Officers. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Finance** - Upon motion and a second, the 2001-2002 Budget as printed in the HourGlass was unanimously approved.

**Apple Annie Funding Requests**

The Apple Annie funding requests were considered and voted upon separately and individually. Upon a motion and a second to each item, the requests were approved in the amounts indicated on the enclosures to these minutes. President Lisa Ruggles reported that the requests not funded by Apple Annie funds will be placed at the top of the Bag-a-Bargain funding requests that will be voted upon at the May Dinner.

**Apple Annie** - No report.

**Bag-a-Bargain** - Personal items left at Bag-a-Bargain were at the front of the room to be claimed.

President Lisa Ruggles reported that the Board of Directors proposes the use of \$5,000 of the Bag-a-Bargain funds for the payoff of the cookbook thereby leaving a net of \$29,262 to give away to the community so that from this point forward proceeds from the sale of The Art of Cooking can be returned to the community in the same manner as Apple Annie and Bag-a-Bargain funds. After considerable discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**Hospitality** - Chairperson Julie Wilson distributed a flyer relative to May Dinner and reiterated that if a member does not regret for the meeting, she will be billed for the dinner.

**HourGlass** - Deadline for May publication is April 18.

**Placement** - For the chairperson, Simone Mitchell reported that Assignment Day will be April 22. Members should contact Julie Shook if not contacted by their Placement Advisor within one to two weeks. Placement Brochures were distributed.

**Public Relations** - No report.

**Provisionals** - Provisional Directors reported there will be no April meeting; instead, the Provisionals will be assisting with the Special Olympics Banquet in April.

**Rehabilitation** - Chairperson Sabrina Eddins reported that the Rehab Spring Picnic would be held on May 11. Sabrina asked to meet briefly with her committee following the meeting.

**Special Olympics** - Chairperson Ashli Smith provided an update on the logistics for the Special Olympics Banquet.

**Yearbook** - Due to the absence of the chairperson, no report was made.

**Transportation** - Chairperson Lisa Eckl reported that in March, there were two requests from Lauderdale and Colbert County with YTD requests totaling \$1,685 and a balance remaining of \$498.38.

**League Development** - No report.

Upon motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee' Vandiver for Amy Darby

## Provisional

# WOW!



Can you believe your provisional year is coming to an end? We are both so proud of all of you. You were helpful, hard-working, and dedicated to all of your many tasks. (Probably due to our great leadership) The only meeting in May is the May Dinner. I hope all of you can attend, because that is when you will be granted active member status. If you cannot attend, you must let Julie Wilson know. Her phone number is 767-4022.

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Special Olympics Banquet. That is what Service League is all about.

Again Thanks for a Great Year!

Love,  
Kenda and Amy Jon

## New Deliveries



"Grace Katherine"  
and  
"Anna Morgan"  
born February 27, 2001  
to  
Brad and Nicole Bowen

"Barksdale Alley Klos"  
born March 30, 2001  
to  
Jay and Patty Klos



The spring Rehab party will be

Friday, May 11, 2001  
9:30 to 1:30 p.m.

If you are on the Rehab Committee please contact Sabrina Eddins ASAP to sign up for a shift or if unable to work you need to call Sabrina and set something else up.

Her number is 764-0970.

## May Dinner

May Dinner is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.  
at the Florence Conference  
Center.

Remember that you need to RSVP to Julie Wilson for May Dinner or you will be billed. Her number is 767-4022.

The cost of the dinner is \$20.00

My sincerest apology to Julie for leaving this information out of last month's HourGlass.

Tonya

## Funding BAG A BARGAIN 2001

An asterick (\*) notes agency requests not funded through Apple Annie

Amount Requested

1.	<u>*Children's Museum of the Shoals</u> The funds will be used to install a wheelchair lift in the Children's Museum. The lift will make the upstairs exhibits accessible to handicapped persons.				\$10,000.00
2.	<u>*MSDSL</u> The funds will be used to pay off the cookbook debt.				\$ 5,000.00
3.	<u>*Lauderdale County Head Start</u> The funds will be used to purchase an AUDX Screening Instrument. The equipment will be used to provide early detection hearing loss.				\$ 4,549.00
	AUDX I diagnostic device w/printer	\$3,499	Pediatric foam tips	\$ 200	
	Adult foam tips	\$ 100	AUDX Label printer	\$ 500	
	Printer labels	\$ 150	<u>Shipping (est.)</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	
			TOTAL	\$4,549	
4.	<u>*YMCA</u> The funds will be used for summer day camp for the special education children. Total program costs are as follows: YMCA requests \$5,526 toward these costs from the League.				\$ 5,526.00
	Salaries	\$7,033	Taxes, Benefits	\$ 760	
	Arts & Crafts	\$ 270	Food & Drinks	\$ 83	
	Activity supplies & equipment	\$ 450	Printing/Promotion	\$ 278	
	Transportation	\$1,020	Training	\$ 334	
	Swimming	\$ 825	Occupancy	\$ 500	
	<u>Administration (18%)</u>	<u>\$2,079</u>			
	TOTAL	\$13,631			
5.	<u>*Mary Beth Pyron</u> The funds will be used toward repair of the motorized wheel chair and work that needs to be done on her special vehicle and adapted equipment. Also, medical bills, medical supplies and prescription bills.				\$ 3,000.00
6.	<u>*ARC of the Shoals</u> The funds will be used to help the participants of the Proud Promenades Square Dancers attend their convention which occurs every two years. The funds will be used to pay travel expenses and room & board.				\$ 1,500.00
7.	<u>Alabama Institute for the Deaf &amp; Blind</u> The funds will be used to purchase materials which we do not currently have and which current proration guidelines prevent us from ordering. Specifically, we would like specialized books, videos, games and art materials. Brail, sign caption and big books are needed for younger children.				\$ 2,500.00
8.	<u>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Shoals</u> Mentoring program to be established in the Florence City School System. The money will be used for program materials and activities for the children i.e. games, career development materials, college and social skills preparation activities, etc.				\$ 1,000.00
9.	<u>Boys and Girls Clubs of NW Alabama</u> The funds will be used to provide after school snacks to children who attend Carver Homes, Cherry Hill Homes and Colbert County Boys & Girls Clubs.				\$ 4,500.00
10.	<u>Childrens's Museum of the Shoals</u> The money will be used for the exhibit "We Are People First". There are two components for which the funding is being requested. The first is "How do we say....?". It is a deal and spin wheel where children learn to say words in American Sign Language. The second is a table called "My Name Is...". This table has rubber stamps for children to stamp out their name in different sign language letters.				\$ 5,000.00
11.	<u>Colbert Caring Center</u> The program provides funds and services to the needy including assistance with utility bills, food and prescriptions and travel assistance.				\$10,000.00
12.	<u>Colbert County Health Department</u> The money will be used to purchase two breast pumps to rent to mothers who must return to work and to purchase 50 copies of "A Mother's Guide to Breast Feeding".				\$ 129.00
13.	<u>Community Action Agency - Meals on Wheels</u> The program provides a hot noon day meal 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
14.	<u>Diebert Park</u> The Times Daily would like us to donate a piece of equipment for "Kids Country" playground for Diebert				\$?????

park in exchange for their free advertising for Bag-A-Bargain. Suggested equipment pieces include:

Corral	\$6,635	Tandem See-Saw	\$1,530
Tractor	\$9,985	4 Tot Swing	\$1,985
Spring Pads	\$ 565 (each)	8 Belt Swing	\$3,305
Tire Swing	\$1,165		

15. Florence City Schools \$ 1,718.00

The Special Education Department requests funds to be used with 3-6 year olds with speech delays, autism, deaf/hearing impaired. Funds would be used to purchase a laminating machine so they can laminate materials.

Laminating machine	\$1,639
<u>Film</u>	<u>\$ 79</u>
TOTAL	\$1,718

16. NW Alabama Easter Seals Rehab Center \$ 1,201.00

The money will be used to fund several programs the "Touch to Teach" program promotes trust, early language attachment, cognitive development and health in children with special needs. The Interactive Resource Library is a multi-media library with information on emotional and behavioral development of special needs children. Additionally they request \$275 to sponsor a community education event. They are requesting \$100 to hire a project leader/speech pathologist/facilitator. They are requesting \$601 to hire a massage therapist/parent trainer for "Touch to Teach".

"Touch to Teach"		"Interactive Resource Library"	
2 Back Jack Chairs (back support)	\$66.00	First Impressions Video	\$80.95
Boppy/Boppy Neck Ring	\$38.90	Picture Symbol Lotto	\$16.95
5 Parent/Baby gift packs	\$80.00	<u>Sing &amp; Sing</u>	<u>\$22.95</u>
The Amazing Newborn (book)	\$20.00	TOTAL	\$275.00

17. NW Alabama Easter Seals Rehab Center \$ 3,500.00

The funds will be used to purchase an OAE Test System, a tool used for screening hearing.

18. Lauderdale County Schools, Preschool Program \$ 1,090.00

The funds will be used to purchase a Pacer Gait Trainer. The trainer provides contour support and positive positioning which makes children feel secure and comfortable and move where they want to go.

The Frame	\$445	Hip Prompt	\$130
Arm Prompt Set	\$155	Thigh Prompt	\$145
Chest Prompt	\$165	<u>Ankle Prompt Set</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>
		TOTAL	\$1,090

19. NW Alabama Community Health Association \$ 1,100.00

The community health and dental clinic plans to expand its service area to Zip City in Lauderdale County. Rural Lauderdale County is medically under served and expansion will be a collaborative effort between the clinic and a church in the area. Funds will be used to purchase supplies.

Medications	\$500	<u>Medical Supplies</u>	<u>\$350</u>
Clerical Supplies	\$250	TOTAL	\$1,100

20. Rolling Riders \$ 500.00

The money will be used to help purchase a therapeutic riding saddle. The saddle will assist some of our severely handicapped youngsters. The saddle costs between \$750-900.

21. Riverbend Center Preschool Program \$ 1,592.00

The materials that are purchased will be used in a preschool program for children with mental health issues. These children cannot succeed in regular headstart and preschool programs with their severe emotional or behavioral problems.

Painting Easels (5)	\$374.95	No-spill paint containers (5)	\$ 44.95
Paint Brushes (2)	\$ 21.98	Tricycles (3)	\$479.85
Seasons Puzzle Set (3)	\$ 98.97	First Easy Puzzles (2)	\$ 65.98
Rimball (1)	\$129.95	<u>Rhythm Band Set (6)</u>	<u>\$239.70</u>
Favorite Dances Tape (6)	\$ 65.70	TOTAL	\$1,592.00

22. Summer Enrichment Program for the Multi-Disabled \$ 1000.00

This is a summer program for multi-disabled children. They will attend the summer program to work on specific skills in which they are weak. Tuition for 10 students at \$100 each.

# *A Thousand Hopes*

*"I have a thousand hopes....*

*To drink from the cup of friendship*

*To share a smile - a word of cheer*

*To give of myself and the talents God has  
given me;*

*To care about my community and the family  
of man*

*To know the ugliness that surrounds me and  
prevent its spread;*

*To greet the seasons with heartfelt joy  
and spread that joy among all I meet*

*To save the earth so Spring can come  
again-*

*And to make my little corner of the  
world*

*A better place.*

*Barbara Tippens, Georgia,  
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