

HourGlass

President's Message

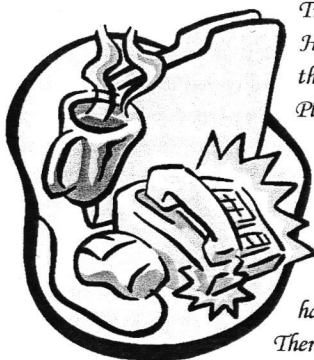
Dear Fellow League Members,

It doesn't seem possible that 10 months ago I wrote my first President's letter, and now the time has come to write the last one. It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter: Happiness, Sadness, Pride, Joy and Excitement just to name a few. I am so proud of all that the League has accomplished this year...another successful Apple Annie Day and Bag-A-Bargain that met the needs of many in our community. When I think of the impact that we have made on so many people's lives, I am truly amazed. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of each and every one of you, local agencies will be able to serve the needs of those who so desperately need it. To say that I am proud to be a part of this organization is an understatement.

It is with much happiness that I pass the Presidential gavel to Leslie Tomlinson, as I know that she will serve the League to the best of her abilities. Not only is she the most organized person I've ever known, she will always have the Leagues' best interest as her number one objective. Congratulations to the other members of the 2003-2004 Executive Board: Becky McDaniel-President-Elect, Penny Westmoreland, Recording Secretary, and Lisa Eckl, Treasurer. I would like to thank each member of the current Executive Board: Leslie Tomlinson-President-Elect, Janice Pride-Recording Secretary, and Lisa Eckl-Treasurer. I commend each for your service to the League. It is due to the guidance and support of these women that the Board has functioned in a seemingly effortless manner. Although I was the mouthpiece, the board worked together to lead the League. I thank each of you for the many phone calls, emails, conversations that allowed us to make the decisions necessary of this Board.

2002-2003 was a full year for the League, and without the dedicated committee chairs, it would not have been possible. Thanks to Linda Isbell-Finance Chair, who, along with her committee orchestrated the disbursement of over \$58,000.00; Ashli Smith and Kristi Sockwell- Provisional Directors, who directed a fine group of women through the "FIRST" year, which is no small feat; Mary Marshal VanSant-Apple Annie Chair, who, along with her amazing committee, made Apple Annie seem like a cake-walk, when we all know differently; Tonya Southall-Corresponding Secretary, with two major events for League, in addition to the usual correspondence, meant more letters than she ever wants to write again; Becky McDaniel-Publicity, who now knows all she ever wanted to know about PSA's and T-Shirts, and made sure Apple Annie and Bag-A-Bargain were household names; Lucy Cook-Transportation and Attention Homes, who was always willing to do whatever needed to be done; Michelle Simpson and Lynne Bevis- Bag-A-Bargain Co-Chairs, who along with their talented committee members, engineered our second bi-annual event that not only was a financial success, but one "heck of a lot of fun"; Kelly McCormack-Hourglass, who unfortunately for us had to move, but not before she showed Catherine the ropes; Catherine O'Steen-Hourglass, who picked up the ball and ran with it when we needed it the most, and a fine job she has done; Karen Christian-Yearbook and Records, who compiled the ever important Black Book; Lori Dolan-Cookbook Chair, who for the second year provided the guidance and direction of the cookbook sales force; Marianna Jordan-Cookbook

Treasurer, who kept up with our sales and counted all the "Cooking Loot"; Amy Jon Finch-Hospitality and Future Policies, who was at every meeting early and always stayed late for those "after-meeting committee meetings", with that infectious Amy Jon smile; Susie Ray-Placement, who along with her committee, placed each of us with an agency to serve, and made sure we did; Julie Shook-Rehabilitation, who went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that each of the party attendees felt special; and JoBeth Hurt-Admissions, who along with fellow Sustainers Kim Mauldin, Donna Parkes, Jane Frith, and Sherry Gamble oversaw the admission of over 56 Shoals women.



I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve the League as President. I had no idea what to expect, but I can honestly say that it has been both an honor and a pleasure. There are many of you that I would not have had the opportunity to know had it not been for my League experience. I feel blessed to have been surrounded by such a dynamic group of women. The friendships that have come from my League involvement will be treasured and nurtured for the blessings that they are. I wish the League continued success in their service to the Shoals area. I consider myself truly fortunate to have been a part of such a fine organization, and will always remember the good times I had while serving with "A Heart for Service in the Shoals".

Allison



May 2003

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

Provisional News

We would like to thank all the Provisionals for a job well done this year and we look forward to seeing you all become League Members at the May Dinner.

Ashli and Kristi

May Meeting
When: May 6, 2003
Where: Cypress Lakes Country Club
Muscle Shoals
Time: 7:00 p.m.
(6:00-7:30 cash bar)

MSDSL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL MEETING APRIL 1, 2003

The MSDSL held its board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 01, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Florence. Allison Newton, President called the meeting to order.

- **Roll:** 88 members present and 34 absent; 18 provisionals present and 7 absent.
- **Minutes:** Upon motion by Tina Jhin and a second by Tonya Southall, the minutes from the March meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Penny Westmoreland reported the following balances:
 Administrative: \$ 7,935.22
 Community: 31,473.87
 Memorial: 215.10
 Checking Account Balance: \$39,624.19
- **Correspondence:** Tonya Southall reported BAB thank you notes have been mailed.

Other Business: Jo Beth Hurt, Admissions Chair was present and informed League that April 1st is the deadline. Admissions Committee will meet on April 7th at the Bank Independent downtown Florence office at 6:30.

Allison McWilliams presented the officers for 2003-2004. Upon a motion by Tina Jhin and a second by Linda Isbell, the officers were unanimously approved.

Bag A Bargain Funds – Linda Isbell, Finance Chair presented budget and upon a motion by Tina Jhin and a second by Kristi Sockwell, the budget was unanimously approved.

May Dinner – Amy Jon, Hospitality Chair is taking up money for May Dinner and the cost is \$20.00. The dinner is at 7:00, with the social hour beginning at 6:00 at Cypress Lakes Country Club.

- **League Development:** No Report

Committee Reports:

- **Apple Annie:** No Report
- **Cookbook Chair:** Lori Dolan announced that members could buy cookbooks tonight for a reduced rate.
- **Finance:** See above note under other business
- **Future Policies:** No Report
- **Hourglass:** Catherine O'Steen reported that the next deadline is April 18, 2003.
- **Placement:** Goode Dethero informed members that there would be two Special Olympic placements, a chair and a co-chair. The Service to the Military Placement has been increased to 15 full placements. Placement books are now available. Members should receive a call from their placement advisors by April 17th, and if they do not, Goode Dethero needs to know.
- **Public Relations:** Becky McDaniel thanked Lynn Bevis and Michelle Simpson for their help with BAB.
- **Provisional Directors:** Kristi Sockwell and Ashli Smith announced that provisionals have two events left when they can get their hours... The Special Olympics Banquet and the May rehab party. Call if you need additional information.
- **Rehabilitation:** No Report
- **Scholarship:** No Report
- **Transportation:** No Report

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 06, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at Cypress Lakes County Club – Muscle Shoals. With no further business, Allison Newton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Janice Pride
 2002-2003 Recording Secretary

A Note from Leslie:

Thank you to all the members who took the time to fill out the 2003 Membership Survey. I have received over 60 surveys thus far, and I am looking forward to receiving more. I will have additional copies of the survey at May Dinner, and I urge each of you to complete a survey if you have not already. Your comments, suggestions, and ideas are important to me. I will read each survey and compile the suggestions so that they may be presented to the Board as well as be printed in the Hourglass. Also, please encourage any sustainer you know to attend our Spring Sustainer Luncheon on May 19th. I would like to invite any active member to attend with her sustainer mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, sister, or friend. It will be a good time to see people you may not see often and share a delicious Eva Marie's brownie or two!! I look forward to seeing you at May Dinner!

The Executive Board of

The Muscle Shoals District Service League

Cordially invites all our Sustainers

to the

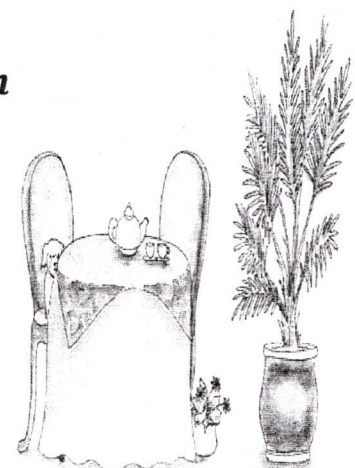
Spring Sustainer Luncheon

Monday, May 19th

11:30 a.m.

Eva Marie's

*RSVP by May 12 to
Leslie Tomlinson
760-9583*



\$12.00 per person



*Mediterranean In May
You're Invited to...*

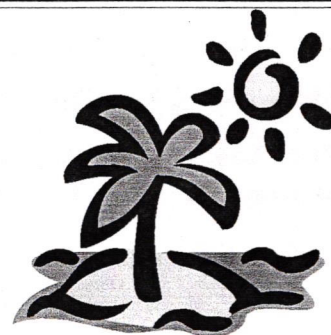
May Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

7:00 PM (cash bar from 6:00-7:30)

Cypress Lakes Country Club

Come and enjoy!



R&VP: Amy Jon Finch 383-7647

Rehabilitation Committee News

The Spring Picnic will be May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to
1:00 p.m. at Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals.



If you would like to work a shift please call Julie
Shook at 381-6793

Bag-A-Bargain Funding 2003

	Requested	Approved
1. 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-
2. 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-
3. 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-
4. 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	\$340.00
5. 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-
6. 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-
7. 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-
8. 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	\$680.00
9. 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-
10. 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	\$2,000.00
11. Safeplace Funds will be used to purchase violence prevention resource materials for children groups.	\$650.00	-0-
12. 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.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

(Bab-A-Bargain Funding continued)

13. Sheffield Public Library**Requested
\$300.00****Approved
\$300.00**

The funds will be used to purchase recorded books for the visually impaired.

14. Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**\$1,100.00****\$500.00**

The funds will be used to acquire items used in everyday activities that have been adapted for persons who have hearing or vision loss. The items will be used for public awareness demonstrations and by clients as they determine which adapted items will help them.

15. American Red Cross**\$300.00****-0-**

The funds will be used to purchase items for a comfort kit to give to families that have lost their homes in a fire. The kit consist of a toy for children to comfort the loss of home, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wash clothes, deodorant, razors, feminine products and other basic care items.

16. American Red Cross**\$378.94****\$379.00**

The funds will be used to purchase a tripod projection screen Open Head Overhead Projector to train over 290 volunteers a year and to be used for Board of Directors meetings.

17. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals**\$5,000.00****\$2,500.00**

The funds will be used to purchase two computers w/printers and programs for the computers.

18. Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Alabama**\$5,930.00****\$2,000.00**

The funds will be used to buy 2 computers, a scanner, one digital camera, and software to support daily educational and art activities at three sites. The equipment will enable members to access programs to help with homework and tutoring.

19. Children's Museum of the Shoals**\$1,500.00****-0-**

The funds will be used to acquire a Doll case for a collection the Museum has acquired. The dolls are in traditional native costume from all over the world. The display teaches differences and similarities in languages and cultures among all children.

20. Colbert County Health Department**\$160.00****\$160.00**

Rental on breast feeding pumps for mothers who must go back to work.

21. Colbert County Schools-Language Department**\$900.00****\$900.00**

The funds will be used to purchase software package and site license. This would allow speech therapists to use software on 7 computers throughout Colbert County.

22. Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Home, Inc.**\$10,000.00****\$3,000.00**

The funds would be used to purchase a new heating and cooling system for the boys home.

23. Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Mother Read/Father Read Program**\$1,000.00****-0-**

The funds will be used to purchase books for the reading groups. These groups are the parents and students in the community that are involved or enrolled with Lauderdale and Colbert County Head State program, Allen Thornton Technical Schools, Florence and Muscle Shoals Libraries, and our agency.

24. Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Northwest Alabama**\$1,089.00****\$1,089.00**

The funds will be used to purchase a Trio Portable stimulator. These will be used on children with Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida spinal cord injury, etc. Also adults who are post-operative muscle stimulation and re-education.

25. Florence City Schools Preschool Special Ed.**\$2,045.00****\$1,507.00**

The funds will be used to purchase a computer to communicate with non-verbal or limited communication skilled children ages 3-5. We currently have 50 students.

(Bab-A-Bargain Funding continued)

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26. Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	\$1,000.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase over-sized picture books to be used in story times and for instructional purposes. These books may be used by area teachers as well as students in education classes at college.		
27. Food Bank of Northwest Alabama	\$3,000.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase food for the mentally ill, infants, children, and elderly living in the shoals area.		
28. Highland Park Elementary/Special Education	\$113.70	\$114.00
The funds will be used to purchase materials to enhance the learning of special ed. students.		
29. Hospice of the Shoals	\$6,900.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase specific literature, laptop computer with software and printer, portable multimedia projector, and health screening.		
30. Lauderdale County Special Education	\$929.95	\$600.00
The funds will be used to purchase a kitchen set and washer and dryer for dramatic play to enhance social and emotional development skills for children ages 3-5.		
31. National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
The funds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts (clothing items) given at our annual Christmas party.		
32. Northwest Alabama Community Health	\$740.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase a scale, fax machine, and ink for one year.		
33. Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
The funds will be used to purchase one computer, two video-cassette recorders, and three printers.		
34. R.E. Thompson Special Needs Class	\$630.96	\$631.00
The funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies for making pictures, schedules for autistic students, and other needs/uses for special ed. students.		
35. Riverbend	\$600.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase 5 cd/cassette recorders, and for materials to build cubbie wall lockers.		
36. Safeplace	\$300.00	\$300.00
The funds will be used to purchase a TV/VCR/DVD for children to watch while their mothers prepare their meals.		
37. Sheffield Public Library	\$350.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase books for the Summer Enrichment program.		
38. Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities	\$500.00	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase educational materials, printing and mailing of materials, and Scholarships for attending educational career exposure meeting.		
39. Shoals Area Special Olympics	\$6,500.00	\$2,500.00
The funds will be used to help with Special Olympics for 150 athletes in Colbert and Lauderdale Counties.		
40. West Way Child Development Center	\$7,484.20	-0-
The funds will be used to purchase commercial playground equipment and classroom equipment.		

The Pre-Acceptance
Party for the New
Provisionals will be May
15 at 6:30 p.m. at Patty
Klos's house.

Please RSVP to Ashli Smith
(767-7293) if you are
planning on coming. It is so
important that if you did
sponsor someone that you are
with her at this Pre-Acceptance
Party.

A big THANK YOU to Patty
for allowing us to have this at
her house.

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
HELPED WITH THE
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
BANQUET!**

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