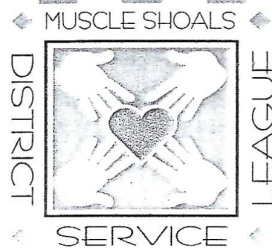


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May 2004

President's Message

Dear League Members,

It is hard to believe this will be my last time to write to you as President. It has been an amazing year for me personally and a very successful one for the league. I must admit I underestimated almost everything about this position. I underestimated the time commitment, the emotional commitment, and the time it would take me away from my friends and family. Perhaps most importantly, I underestimated the lengths that League members would go to support and help me this year. Every time I needed help, I found it in one of our members or sustainers. This support I have received has overwhelmed me. There was never a time this year when I felt alone. For that, I am extremely grateful.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee and Executive Board for their hard work this year. We took on some very big projects including a total revamping of the Black Book and the Placement Brochure and the development of a line-item budget. The Board has tried to improve communication with our members, as well as work on making all our policies and procedures transparent so there are no questions about how and why things are done. I look forward to working with many of these women again next year.

With the exception of Apple Annie, which was a HUGE success, perhaps our biggest project was investigating and ultimately starting the Junior League affiliation process. From the very beginning, the Board did an excellent job of researching what affiliation would mean for our individual members, the League as a whole, and our community. This was a task they took extremely seriously. Although I made every effort to remain neutral while the League was wrestling with this decision, I feel comfortable today saying I strongly believe affiliation with AJLI will be a great move for the League. AJLI's expertise with nonprofits is unparalleled. AJLI has professionals with experience in public relations campaigns, budgeting for non-profits, computer, Internet and database support, fundraising, risk management, community relations, and sustainer relations. We have already seen the benefits that networking provides. I have heard from the Presidents of all the Leagues in Alabama, and they have all offered their assistance. I am currently working with these women to have materials from all our sister Leagues in the state available at May Dinner. This will be a great opportunity for us to see what other Leagues are doing around the state.

I realize there are members who have doubts about this affiliation process. I ask you to stick with us and continue to ask questions. I will continue to coordinate the JL affiliation process next year as I serve as Recording Secretary. I urge actives and sustainers alike to continue to call me with any questions or concerns you may have about this process. We need your input!

I would like to end my message by thanking all of you for the tremendous opportunity to be your president. I have learned so much about our members, our League, and myself. This has been a year I will never forget. I would like to thank Becky, Lisa and Katie for their countless hours of work as the Executive Committee. I would also like to thank Penny, Patty, Demet, Beth, Michelle, Allison, Catherine, Tina, Gode, Leah, Ashli, Kristi, Lynne, Marianna, and Emily for serving on the Board this year...you are the best! Also, thanks to Janet, Missy, the Placement Advisors, Amy, Jennifer, and the Apple Annie committee who round out our in-league placements. These women contribute over the required forty hours of service to make sure our League runs smoothly. Perhaps the biggest thank you goes to all of you who serve your placements in our community. As Mary from the AJLI said, "The Shoals community is totally dependent on placements." Thanks to all of you who give up time with your family and friends to help those in our community. That is what Service League is all about. Take care and God bless each of you.

Leslie



MSDSL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—

April 6, 2004

The MSDSL held its meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church of Florence. Leslie Tomlinson, President, called the meeting to order.

- **Roll:** 60 active members present; 25 active members absent; 34 provisionals present; 3 provisionals absent
- **Minutes:** Upon motion by Alison Isbell and a second by Patty Redd, the minutes of the March meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Membership Status:** There was one resignation. Nancy Peck resigned in good standing, she has sold her allotted cookbooks.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Eckl reported as of March 31, 2004 Administrative Fund had \$ 3, 622.24. The Community Fund had \$ 7,982.60. The Memorial Fund had \$ 215.10. The Checking Account balance was \$11, 819.94.
- **Correspondence** Penny Westmoreland: No report.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Apple Annie Chairperson** Patty Redd: No report.
- **Cookbook Chairperson** Demet Jenkins reported that the Cookbook Committee is having an Easter bake sale, prior to and following the April General Meeting.
- **Cookbook Treasurer** Beth Trimble: No report.
- **Finance Chairperson** Leslie Tomlinson and Becky McDaniel had the League vote on a proposed budget that will follow Junior League standards. This proposal passed unanimously.
- **Hospitality/Future Policies Committee Chairman,** Alison Isbell reported an update on the May dinner. It will be a buffet style dinner. Checks (\$24.00) must be in by the end of the April General Meeting. The dinner will be May 4, 2004 at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club. Alison also read the proposed changes for Future Policies. The League voted and passed the changes unanimously.
- **Hourglass Chairperson** Catherine O'Steen reported the deadline for the May issue is April 9, 2004.
- **Placement Chairperson** Goode Dethero was absent. Substituting for her, Missy Logan, reported that the Placement Committee was given their assigned placements. The Placement Advisors have been given their assigned groups. If any League member has not heard from a Placement Advisor, call Goode.
- **Public Relations Chairperson** Leah Knight reported that she has talked to all four Shoals cities about planting trees to commemorate the League's 70th birthday. All of the cities agreed to do so.
- **Provisional Directors** Ashli Smith and Kristi Sockwell reported that the last Provisional meeting will be the Special Olympic Banquet, April 20th at the Florence Coliseum.
- **Rehabilitation Committee Chairperson** Lynne Bevis reported that the Spring Party will be April 30, 2004.
- **Scholarship Chairperson** Katie Bendall: No report.
- **Transportation/Attention Homes Chairperson** Marianna Jordan reported that there were five requests for transportation.
- **Yearbook and Records Chairperson** Emily Lawler: No report.
- **League Development Chairperson** Becky McDaniel, President Elect, presented three birthday gifts. The April birthday prize went to Beth Howard. There were two August birthdays. Prizes were given to Emily Thornton and to Leslie Reed. The free skip was given to Stephanie Wilson.
- **Old Business:** There was no old business.
- **New Business:** Patty Redd gave a report on her trip to Tampa for the Junior League Organizational Development Training. She gave the League new ideas on fundraising events that she learned about at the training. Leslie Tomlinson handed out papers for the League to look over about the Junior League Self Assessment.

Other Business and Announcements: The May dinner should be paid for tonight to Alison Isbell. Payment must not be any later than April 27th. Junior League Phase One dues of \$8.75 are due tonight.

Suzanne Mauldin reported about the Special Olympics Banquet which will be April 20, 2004 at the Florence Coliseum. Suzanne has asked businesses for door prizes. She also needs League volunteers.

The May Dinner and the 70th Birthday Celebration will be May 4th at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club. The Board will meet at 5:45. The social will begin at 6:00 and the dinner will be at 6:30.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Bendall
Recording Secretary

MSDSL Year End Statistics 2003-2004

Number of members in each provisional class:

1996	14
1997	11
1998	14
1999	7
2000	11
2001	22
2002	<u>19</u>
	98

2003/Provisional 36

Total membership: 134

Number of members who have resigned this League year: 13

Number of members who work outside the home: 93

Number of members from Colbert County: 53

Number of members from Lauderdale County: 81

Number of sustaining members: 331

Number of Lifetime sustainers: 212

Number of Non-Lifetime sustainers: 119

Active/Paid Dues: 37

Inactive/Have not paid dues: 82

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Sustainer Notes

- § Please join your fellow sustainers and make plans to attend May Dinner on May 4th! We are excited that we have a group of sustainers that are planning to join us at Turtle Point, and we would love to see that number grow. Please call a friend and come join us as we celebrate 70 years of service. To respond, please send a \$24.00 check to Alison Isbell, 3270 Marthaler Lane, Leighton, Alabama 35645.
- § THANK YOU to those sustainers who have paid their JL dues!
- § I apologize for any confusion about the Junior League Phase 1 dues. At this time, only \$8.75 is due. On November 1, \$17.50 will be due which will cover Phase 2 (June 2004-2005). Phase 3 (June 2005-2006) dues of \$26.25 will be due on November 1, 2005. Phase 4, which is the first year we are a JL, is scheduled to begin June 2006, and it is at that time that dues will be \$35.00. If you sent in \$35.00, do not worry. I am setting up a database that will keep track of the amount every sustainer and active has paid. We will begin to send out statements this September to remind you what amount, if any, you owe for JL dues. Please note that this applies only to those sustainers who wish to become JL sustainers. MSDSL Lifetime sustainers must pay JL dues to become JL sustainers, however, this is a voluntary process and will not prohibit any Lifetime sustainer from receiving the Black Book and Hourglass. This is all very confusing and hard to explain in the space allowed. Please call Leslie Tomlinson at 760-9583 if you have any questions. I will also be available at May Dinner to answer any questions.
- § A BIG THANK YOU to our sustainers who gave up time with their family on April 13th to help at the Admissions Committee Meeting. We could not have done it without you. A special thank you goes to Gayle Byars for chairing this committee for the League!

**WHAT 'S COOKING...**

The Easter Bake sale was a GREAT SUCCESS! We made almost \$1,200.00. Yeahhh!!! Thanks to everyone who helped with the baked items and giveaways. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in buying items. Last, but not least, thank you so much to Amy Letson for doing an outstanding job putting it all together. Go Amy!!! Summer is coming up, as well as lots of weddings. If you have any coming up, we will have some wrapped books ready at the May Dinner. You can also purchase a book by e-mailing us at cookbook@hiwaay.net, or you can call any cookbook member at home.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR!!! See you at the May meeting!

Curried Chicken and Orange Salad pg.93

Vegetable Casserole pg. 146

With some Chardonnay

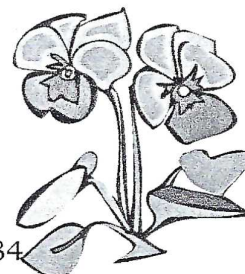
For a sweet taste,

Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream pg.168

ENJOY!!!

Demet Jerkins - 766-7557 Amy Letson - Marketing Coordinator - 272-8384

Beth Trimble - Treasurer - 768-0726



May Meeting/Dinner
May 4, 2004
Turtle Point Yacht and Country
Club, Killen, AL
5:45 p.m. Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Social Meeting
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

Provisional News:

Thank You to every Provisional for helping and doing a great job at the Special Olympics Banquet. Please remember all hours must be completed by May Dinner. If you have not finished up your hours call me ASAP. Ashli and I would like to say it has been an honor and a pleasure to be your Provisional Director and we have really enjoyed getting to know you. We hope you plan to attend the May Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a Great Day!!!

Ashli and Kristi

The Rehabilitation Committee Spring Picnic is April 30th at Gattman Park from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help at this event please contact Lynn Bevis at 760-1968

New Address:

Susan Webb
202 Forest Hills Drive
Florence, AL 35633
(256) 767-0111

New E-Mail Address:

Leslie Tomlinson
dltomlinson@comcast.net

Reminder!!!

Deadline for May Dinner is April 27th. Please send a \$24.00 check to

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