

HourGlass



May 2005

A Heart for Service in the Shoals

President's Message

Dear League Members,

As I write this letter, I am amazed that the year is coming to an end. I stand in even greater amazement that eight years of my life and service to the MSDSL is over. It seems like yesterday that I started the eight-year commitment to the League. Looking back on things, I have made so many lasting friendships, and hopefully, I have helped make a difference in our community. I would like each of you to know what a growing experience League has been for me. I was able to learn so many things about our community and about myself.

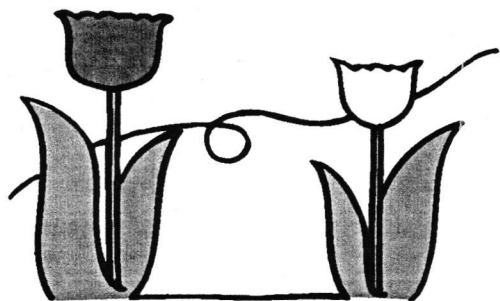
I would like to thank Gail Byars and the admissions committee for their work. They met in April and will soon have a list of Provisionals for the 2005/2006 year. Please don't forget, if you sponsored a new member, help her through her first year in the League. As a provisional, you are often confused, intimidated and overwhelmed. Take time to explain the League's activities and business to her. I think that if we take the time to encourage each one of the new members, they will have a much better understanding of the League, and they will be more likely to complete their provisional year.

Thanks to Missy Ridgeway and the finance committee. They made the process of selecting agencies to receive funding so easy. Thank you again ladies, great job.

Thanks also to Suzanne Mauldin and all of those who helped on the Special Olympics Banquet. Suzanne has worked so hard to secure sponsors and support for a fun night of celebration with the athletes and their families. Thanks again to all who helped. That is what League is all about.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for the encouragement and support you have given to me and to the board this year. I have truly enjoyed my year as President. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and encouragement. Without each and every one of you, League would not be what it is today. Thank you for all of the memories and friendships.

Becky



May Meeting/Dinner
May 3, 2005
Turtle Point Yacht and
Country Club
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 Dinner

MSDSL April General Meeting Minutes April 5, 2005

The Muscle Shoals District Service League held its April General Meeting on April 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Florence, Alabama. Becky McDaniel, President, called the meeting to order.

Roll: 65 Active Members present, 17 Provisional Members present

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Membership Status: Leslie Tomlinson announced the Board received no requests for resignations or leaves this month, and there were no members with excessive absences.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Eckl, Treasurer, reported the following balances as of 3/31/2005:

Administrative:	8,621.28
Community:	
Apple Annie:	4,410.58
Cookbook:	2,814.44
Special Olympics:	1,000.00
Rehabilitation:	340.80
Transportation:	160.00
Bag A Bargain	20,564.04
Total Community:	29,289.85
Memorial:	215.10
Total Checking Account	38,126.23
Reserves-6 month CD	1,000.00

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary, Kristi Sockwell, reported she had received many letters from community agencies thanking the League for Apple Annie funding. Kristi read a thank you letter from Central Elementary School.

Committee Reports

Admissions—Gayle Byars had no report.

Apple Annie—Patty Redd had no report.

Bag A Bargain—Michelle Simpson thanked the League for helping make BAB such a great success. **Cookbook**—Demet Jerkins had no report.

Cookbook Treasurer—Beth Trimble had no report.

Finance—Missy Ridgeway presented the recommendations of the Finance Committee for Bag-A-Bargain Funding requests. Missy explained the recommendations. After each recommendation was presented, a motion was made to accept the recommendation, the motion was seconded, and a period of discussion was held. Each recommendation was passed. **Hospitality/Future Policies**—Melanie Stokes reported on the details of May Dinner. Members must pay \$25.00 to attend by April 15th. Missing the May Dinner does count toward a member's total absences. Leslie Tomlinson reported on the three future policy changes. One stated that JL dues would be added to each member's League dues. The amount of JL dues paid by each member would correspond with the amount charged to the League by AJLI. The next policy change decreased the number of years of required service from 8 to 6. The last policy change decreased the number of years a member must serve the League in order to be considered for the position of President. The requirement went from 5 to 3 years. All three policy changes passed unanimously.

Hourglass—Catherine O'Steen announced the deadline would be April 15th.

Placement—Goode Dethero had no report.

Public Relations—Lisa Darnell had no report.

Provisional Directors—Juli Richey and Allison McWilliams announced the next meeting will be on April 19th at the Special Olympics Banquet.

Rehabilitation—Susan Webb reported the Spring Party will be held on April 22nd between 12:00-2:00 at McFarland Park. Susan needs bingo prizes.

Scholarship—Leslie Tomlinson had no report.

Transportation/Attention Homes—Marianna Jordan had no report.

Yearbook and Records—Emily Lawler had no report.

League Development—Ashli McCreary Smith gave out three birthday gifts.

Old Business: None

New Business: Suzanne Mauldin announced the Special Olympics Banquet would be held at the Coliseum on April 19th from 6:00-8:00. The theme is surfing/beach. Please come and support this wonderful project.

Announcements: Next Meeting—May 3, 2005—6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner—Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club in Killen

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Becky McDaniel, President.

Respectfully Submitted: Leslie Tomlinson, 2004-2005 Recording Secretary

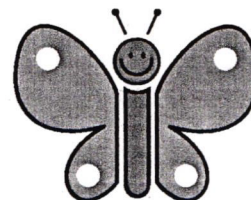
Sustainer Update

This will be my last "sustainer update" column. While I will continue to work as the Junior League Affiliation Liaison, I will officially be turning over the sustainer update responsibilities to Kristi Sockwell at May Dinner. I will be working closely with Kristi over the next year and together we will keep all of you updated on League happenings and the Junior League affiliation process which should be completed in just over a year.

I would like to thank so many of you who have taken the time to drop me a note or to say an encouraging word when I see you out in the community. Your support has meant so much to me, and it often came at a time when I needed it most. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You made my job(s) so much easier. Please feel free to call Kristi or me if we can answer any questions for you.

See you at May Dinner!

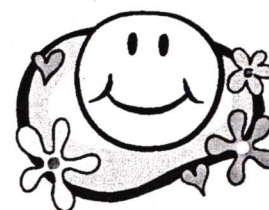
Leslie Tomlinson



Future Policies Update

The following chart outlines when the current MSDSL membership will be first eligible for sustaining status under the new 6 years of required service. Please remember that the new policy is not intended to force any member into sustaining status. All members are welcome to stay active for 8 (or more) years if they wish. However, sustaining status will be granted to any active who requests it after at least 6 or more years of service as shown below:

Class	Current Number of actives	Minimum years of service	Year eligible for sustaining status
1997	12	8	May 2005
1998	12	8	May 2006
1999	7	7	May 2006
2000	9	7	May 2007
2001	18	6	May 2007
2002	17	6	May 2008
2003	22	6	May 2009
2004	23	6	May 2010



BAG-A-BARGAIN FUNDING 2005

	Requested	Recommended/ <u>Approved</u>
1. Children's Museum of the Shoals The funds will be used to purchase the appropriate books and related materials for a Reading Readiness program to be offered once a week for nine months for preschool children and their caregivers. It is to be a component of the preschool art program already in existence.	\$585.00	\$585.00
2. Children's Museum of the Shoals The funds will be used to further develop and install new signage, graphics and learning components to the existing museum exhibit "We Are People First."	\$1,041.00	-0-
3. Community Action Agency of N.W. AL (Meals on Wheels) The funds will be used to purchase the materials (a game called Hey Dad, Let's Talk") for a 26-week Fatherhood Initiative program to benefit non-custodial fathers and their children.	\$1,000.00	-0-
4. Colbert Caring Center Inc. The funds will be used to cover expenses associated with helping people in need such as utility payments, meals, doctor and dental care, prescription drugs, clothing etc	\$8,000.00	\$500.00
5. Food Bank of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to purchase food for distribution to the low-income individuals and families in Colbert and Lauderdale counties.	\$7,500.00	-0-
6. Food Bank of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to provide food to the ill and needy, children and elderly of the Shoals area.	\$10,000.00	-0-
7. Sheffield Public Library The funds will be used to purchase a double-face multimedia shelf to hold DVDs and videos for check out.	\$500.00	-0-
8. Sheffield Public Library The fund will be used for the summer reading program (examples: wildlife speaker 225; fairyteller 350; magician 50)	\$500.00	-0-
9. Rolling Riders The funds will be used to purchase new tack/equipment that needs replacing after 13 years (saddles - \$590; saddle pads - \$50; blankets - \$150; hard hats - \$108; bareback pad - \$100; cinches - \$90; feed and water buckets - \$72; wheelbarrow - \$50).	\$1210.00	\$1210.00
10. Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Northwest AL The funds will be used to purchase multi-purpose exercise equipment for the physical therapy department (gymnic ball - \$105.95 and special rug - \$279.95).	\$405.90	\$385.90

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11. Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center of Northwest AL The funds will be used to purchase a computer and multiple programs and hardware to be used in speech therapy.	\$8,345.00	-0-
12. Forest Hills School Special Education Self-Contained Class The funds will be used to install a chain-link playground fence around the playground area for the special education students with significant mental retardation and/or autism. Due to physical limitations, it is difficult for these students to reach the main playground.	\$1,745.00	\$1745.00
13. Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to refurbish four pool tables in the Florence clubs and to purchase a ping pong table for the Colbert County club.	\$1,400.00	-0-
14. Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to refurbish four pool tables and to purchase supplies for "The Positive Place for Kids": recreation rooms in The Carver Homes and Cherry Hill Homes public housing neighborhoods	\$2,400.00	-0-
15. Northwest Alabama Reading Aides The funds will be used to purchase the books needed to teach their students, including teachers manuals, student workbooks, supplementary readers and ESL Materials for international students.	\$500.00	\$489.50
16. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals The funds will be used to purchase a phone system. Their present system does not work properly.	\$1,500.00	-0-
17. Brooks Elementary – Lauderdale County Special Educ. Preschool The funds will be used to purchase the pre-literacy material for a Literacy Links project including books, storytelling puppets, music CDs, Teacher's guide, games and assessment guide.	\$560.00	\$560.00
18. Alabama Institute For the Deaf and Blind The funds will be used to purchase a laminator.	\$2,000.00	\$2000.00
19. Alabama Institute For the Deaf and Blind The funds will be used to purchase paper and pay printing for color-coded handouts providing information to families and individuals on hearing and vision loss.	\$485.00	-0-
20. The Healing Place The funds will be used for "Healing Bags" for 60 children available to each child who receives services from their center or through in-school grief groups. The bags include a teddy bear, blanket, workbook, markers, and stress ball.	\$1,047.00	\$1,047.00
21. Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Home, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase a new, reliable van for the Girls' Attention Home in Florence. It will be used daily to transport residents to and from school, court, medical appointments, etc.	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
22. Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Home, Inc. The funds will be used to purchase a new copy machine (Aficio 2022/2027 Series Copier).	\$5,300.00	-0-

	Requested	Recommended/Approved
23. United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama The funds will be used to purchase a playground play-action kit from Lowes along with accessories and lumber to be installed at the CP Center.	\$1009.74	\$1,009.74
24. Lauderdale County Board of Education, Special Educ. Dept The funds will be used to purchase occupational therapy equipment.	\$1,400.00	\$1,118.88
25. Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program The funds will be used to purchase one multi-function copier with automatic document feeder, duplexing capabilities and booklet maker finisher to meet growing demands and to duplicate all materials needed at class sites.	\$4,100.00	-0-
26. American Red Cross The funds will be used to purchase a digital camera and printer to be used to convert current plastic chapter name tags to photo ID name badges for disaster action team volunteers.	\$299.99	-0-
27. YMCA of the Shoals The funds will be used to purchase a portable ramp for the therapeutic pool to aid persons with special needs and individuals with arthritis.	\$5,139.00	-0-
28. Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities The funds would be used for the Start on Success program for high school students with disabilities. Weekly stipends are paid to the students for hours worked on an internship to gain experience and learn skills that will help them in selecting a career.	\$1,200.00	-0-
29. Northwest Alabama Community Health Association Funds will be used to purchase antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications prescribed and dispensed at the time of dental services provided to "working poor" patients with no insurance.	\$2,000.00	-0-
30. Safeplace Funds will be used to purchase puppets, a program kit and a portable aluminum stage for a personal safety puppet show to be presented to second grade students in Florence City and Lauderdale County Schools (already available in Colbert County schools).	\$1,000.00	-0-
31. The Arc of the Shoals The fund will be used to remove the carpeting in the autism area and replace it with commercial grade carpeting.	\$2,550.00	-0-
32. Shoals Area Special Athletes The funds will be used for a weekly athletic program at the YMCA for athletic training and social development (3,000/yr), hand paddles and flotation devices for weekly class at UNA (\$200) and transportation of athletes (\$1600-1800).	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
33. The Tennessee Valley Art Association The funds will be used to develop and construct three to four touchable reproductions of their collection to provide accessibility to art for sight-impaired adults and children.	\$1,000.00	-0-

PROPOSED 2004-2005 ITEMIZED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Expenses	2005-2006 Projected	2004-2005 Actual*
Accounting Services		
Audit and 990 filing	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,235.00
Bank Charges		
Monthly Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Hourglass		
Printing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Hospitality		
Provisionals:		
Pre Acceptance Party	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
May Dinner**		
Flowers/Gifts	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Invitations and Postage	\$ 175.00	\$ 207.00
No Shows (17 x 20)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	\$ 825.00	\$ 857.00
Insurance		
Officer Liability	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00
League Development		
Birthday Happies	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Office Supplies and Postage		
Copies	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.98
Letterhead	\$ 500.00	\$ 512.00
Postage and Postage Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,640.00
Checks and Check Supplies	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.25
	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 2,330.48
Placement		
Placement Book	\$ 200.00	\$ 162.75
Provisionals		
Name Badges	\$ 175.00	\$ 147.00
Black Book Binders	\$ 200.00	\$ 136.71
Provisional Notebooks	\$ 70.00	\$ 66.21
Misc	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	\$ 545.00	\$ 449.92
Rehabilitation Parties	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Special Olympics Banquet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Transportation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Year Book		
Digital Pictures	\$ 300.00	\$ 260.00
Type Setting	\$ 650.00	\$ 975.00
Printing	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,190.25
Misc. Supplies	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.03
	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 2,437.28
Total Administrative Expenses	\$13,822.00	\$14,067.43

*Actual amounts are from the 2004-2005 fiscal year unless the expense has not yet been posted. In such cases, the actual 2003-2004 expense is used or an estimate is given if the actual 2003-2004 amount is not an accurate reflection of what the 2004-2005 expense is projected to be.

**May Dinner Catering pays for it self through ticket sales.

2005-2006 FUND RAISING BUDGETS

Apple Annie

<u>Expense</u>	<u>2005-2006 Projected</u>	<u>2004-2005 Actual</u>
Apples (including sales tax)	\$16,000.00	\$14,053.88
Bags	950.00	950.40
Stickers	250.00	337.24
Ribbon	20.00	25.79
Car Decals	30.00	30.00
Copies for AA funding requests	30.00	30.00
Tape	.00	0.00
Audio System	50.00	50.00
Signs for Business	70.00	63.72
Postage for AA funding requests	20.00	20.00
Signs for posts	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Cellular Service	200.00	84.95
Bag Tags	150.00	129.01
Total Expenses	\$18,720.00	\$15,774.99

2005-2006 Projected Gross Profits **\$43,000.00**

2005-2006 Projected Net Profits **\$24,280.00**

Cookbook

<u>Expense</u>	<u>2005-2006 Projected</u>	<u>2004-2005 Actual</u>
Storage Units	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Colbert County Tax	150.00	125.00
State of AL Tax	100.00	100.00
Tax Trust	100.00	75.00
Insurance	650.00	649.00
Raffle Supplies	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,149.00

2005-2006 Projected Gross Profits **\$ 2,550.00**

2005-2006 Projected Net Profits **\$ 350.00**

Community Celebration/Fundraiser

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2005-2006 Projected</u>	<u>2004-2005 Actual</u>
Seed Money for initial expenses	\$ 750.00	N/A
Total Expenses	\$ 750.00	

2005-2006 Projected Gross Profits **\$ 4,200.00**

2005-2006 Projected Net Profits **\$ 3,450.00**

Dear League Members,

This is our proposed budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Included in this budget is an itemized list of administrative expenses as well as projected inflows and outflows. Our goal is to make the budget process transparent so that every member knows precisely how and where we spend the money entrusted to us. For the second year, we have budgeted taking 20% of net profits of our major fundraisers to help offset administrative costs and training and educational expenses. According to our accountant and AJLI, this is in line with nonprofit organizations around the country. Please note that because this is a one-fundraiser year, we are in the planning stages of an **optional** community-wide social/small fundraiser to celebrate our transition into JL. More specific information on this event will be available later. Feel free to call Ashli Smith or Maria Dobbs if you have any questions concerning the budget.

2004-2005 PROJECTED INFLOWS

Dues—Active and Provisionals*	170@ \$55.00	\$9,350.00
Dues—Sustainers**		0.00
Interest		0.00
Total		\$9,350.00

Cookbook Net Profits		\$ 350.00
Community Celebration Net Profits***		\$3,450.00
Apple Annie Net Profits	20% of \$24,280	\$4,856.00
Total		\$8,606.00

Rehabilitation Party Funds from AA		\$ 500.00
Special Olympics Banquet Funds from AA		\$1,000.00
Special Olympics Donations		\$ 250.00
Transportation Funds from AA		\$1,000.00
Total		\$ 2,750.00

TOTAL INFLOWS **\$20,706.00**

*AJLI dues are paid to the League then expensed out in the form of a check to AJLI—No profit or loss results from the collection of these dues.

**Sustainer Dues will not be calculated into the budget at this time because of the change in classification of sustainers for JL Affiliation. It is uncertain at this time if the League will charge dues over the AJLI dues in order to help cover publication expenses.

*** If there is a surplus resulting from the community celebration, this surplus will be used to fund community agencies.

2004-2005 PROJECTED OUTFLOWS

Administrative Expenses (see attached list)	\$13,822.00
Education and Training Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
President and President-Elect to Annual Conference in Salt Lake City	
2 members to Organizational Development Institute in Atlanta	
1 member to Leadership Seminar in El Paso Texas	
1 member to President/President Elect Conference	
Phase 3 AJLI Affiliation Fee*	\$ 1,250.00
Reserve Fund**	\$ 500.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **\$20,572.00**
(\$ 134.00)

*This is the final affiliation fee.

**Since there is only 1 fundraiser planned this year, only \$500 is budgeted to be deposited into a reserve fund. If there is a surplus at the end of the fiscal year, an additional \$500 may be deposited.

May Dinner

Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club

Social-6:00pm

Dinner-6:30

Meeting will conclude around 8:00



REMINDER: Please note that an absence from May Dinner does count toward your total absences this League year!!!
If you currently have 3 absences, you must attend May Dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone there!!

New Deliveries:

Hallie Ruth Logan
born on
February 14, 2005
welcomed by
Missy and Brent Logan



Matthew Talmadge Pironi
born on
March 7, 2005
welcomed by
Lee and Chris Pironi

Bulk Rate
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