

A New Year Ahead

**League Meeting - September 5
 Board 6:00 p.m./League 7:00 p.m.**

President's Message

Whew! What a summer! I can't believe September is almost here and summer is practically over. I hope everyone had a fun-filled summer of rest and relaxation and you are ready to go full-steam into an exciting NEW MSDSL year.

The MSDSL is a wonderful group of women dedicated to fundraising and giving time and talents to many organizations in the Shoals area. You may never realize how many lives you touch as you work to raise money on Apple Annie Day and as you sell Cooks & Co. and The Art of Cooking. You may never know how many lives you touch as you give a gift of your personal time to volunteer for many organizations in our area. And with the Bag-A-Bargain sales potential, you may never know what impact the MSDSL will have on the Shoals area in the future.

But, as a mother of a special needs child, I know personally just what impact you and the entire league have on our area. I've experienced it since October 23, 1993. On this date, my daughter was born and I found out I had a special child diagnosed with Down Syndrome. With the help of League sponsored organizations such as the CP Center, my child is extremely high functioning and is now beginning 1st grade at Webster Elementary School in Muscle Shoals. This is why I am dedicated to making the League successful this year and I hope my enthusiasm and the enthusiasm and dedication of our board will spill over at League meetings and other activities planned for the 2000 - 2001 year.

I look forward to serving as your President this year.

But, I don't do it alone. I have a great board to work with and a great team of women called the Muscle Shoals District Service League!!!

Yours truly,
 Lisa Ruggles

President's Notes:

Congratulations and welcome to the Provisional Class of 2000! Under the leadership and guidance of Amy Jon Finch and Kenda Rusevlyan, you will be well informed and prepared for active membership. You are encouraged to ask questions and provide your input. Don't be intimidated. We were all in your shoes once.

Thanks go to Julie Wilson and her hospitality committee, Amy Jon, Kenda, and the board for a wonderful Pre-Acceptance Party. Job Well Done!!

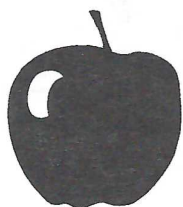
Thanks also goes to Penny Joiner and the Apple Annie Committee. They have been working diligently over the summer getting prepared and ready to hit the ground running come September. We look forward to a successfully Apple Annie Day. I believe the great changes they have made in the crate sale routine will be of benefit to us all. Think good weather; Think red hose; Think \$\$\$\$.

As our focus and energies pass from Apple Annie after November, don't forget Bag-A-Bargain will be just around the corner. Lari Collier has been working this summer to secure a site for our rummage sale. As of now our date is planned for early March. More information will be provided in the upcoming meetings and issues of the Hourglass.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to SunTrust Bank for their support and willingness to loan the league funds to pay off our cookbook debt. They entrusted to us a loan with no interest for two years. They have truly been a blessing to the League.

Thanks to Monica Marthaler and her committee for getting the year book up-to-date and ready. Monica has been innovative and creative this summer as she worked toward her deadline. It looks great!!!

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Apple Annie 2000 Update

Our goal for this year's Apple Annie Committee is to make apple sales easier and more profitable. More specific details will be explained at our September league meeting.

You will no longer be required to call on businesses or individuals for crate sales. However, you will be required to sell a specified number of bags of apples and to help deliver the crates sold during our pre-sale time period. Our newly restructured crate system involves the chairmen and their assistants making all crate sales this year.

If you would like to volunteer to help us contact a particular person or business for apple crate sales, please call your county crate chairman immediately:

Colbert-Mary Marshall Vansant
383-3977
Lauderdale-Joanna Hurt
757-9790

Also, the crate delivery system is being revised. If you would like to deliver crates to a particular business or individual, contact Mary Marshall or Joanna now.

Let us know of any new businesses or people that might be interested in buying apples. We appreciate your help in making sales calls, but you must contact your crate chairman by the September meeting to help us. Please remember the more we sell, the more we can give back to our community.

Penny Joiner
Apple Annie Chairman

Important Dates for Apple Annie:

Polishing Party
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000
Gattman Center

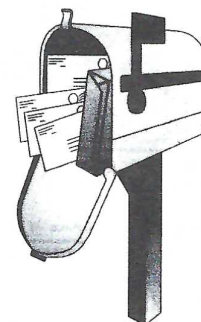
Plant Sales
Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000

Apple Annie Day
Friday, Nov. 3, 2000

Address Changes

Jacque Stutts (Mrs. Richard A.)
256 Cut Stone Rd.
Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Renee Vandiver
7401 Knollwood Dr.
Florence, AL 35634



Also are League has dropped our 541 PO Box and now we will only have the 793 PO Box.



New Deliveries

"Joel Parker"
born on June 8 to
Monica and Joel Quillen

"Ila Kate"
born on July 28 to
Molly and Greg McCanless

"Benjamin McCuin"
born on August 4th to
Mary Ann and Buddy Whitlock



Remember dues are \$55 and are due by November 15.

There will be a \$15 late fee after this date.

Dues can be paid at the League meetings or mailed to:

Stephanie Winborn
106 Druery Lane
Florence, AL 35630



Greetings from the Cookbook Committee!

Where does the time go? I can hardly believe that summer is almost over and it is time once again to get geared up for another year of "Service to the

Shoals". There are great things in store for all of us as we begin the journey of serving our community with a smile on our face and dedication and determination in our hearts.

The Cookbook Committee will be meeting and will have many new and exciting ideas to present to you at the September meeting. I have another great group to work with this year and I can't wait to get started! Although we do not have the huge cookbook debt looming over our heads, we are planning an aggressive calendar of events for the coming year in the hopes that we will generate renewed interest in the cookbooks. I would like to thank you all in advance for the help and support that I know you all willingly give, just as you always have.

To all of the provisionals, welcome to an organization that will be a source of great pride to you. We are all here to help you in this first "learning year" so please do not hesitate to call on us. I look forward to meeting those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting and seeing some familiar faces as well.

Here's to a new year of "Service to the Shoals"! I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting and sharing new and exciting ideas about the year to come.

Happy Cooking,

Allison Newton

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**Sustainer Luncheon
October 24th
at Turtle Point**

More information in next month's Hourglass



**MSDSL
Budget 2000-2001**

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND		COMMUNITY FUND	
Income:		Income:	
Dues - Members 158 @ \$55	8,690.00	Apple Annie	49,000.00
Dues - Sustainers 55 @ \$30	1,650.00	Attention Homes	450.00
Interest	97.00	Interest	100.00
May Dinner 140 @ \$20	2,800.00	Rummage Sale	25,000.00
		Total Community Fund Income	74,550.00
Nametags	60.00		
Sustainer Luncheon	410.00		
Total Administrative Fund Income	13,707.00		
Expenses:		Expenses:	
Cookbook	2,300.00	Apple Annie	17,000.00
Florence Conference Center Rental	486.00	Attention Homes	450.00
Hospitality	250.00	Miscellaneous	25.00
Hourglass	2,500.00	Rehab Parties	500.00
Insurance	177.00	Rummage Sale	5,000.00
May Dinner	2,800.00	Transportation	1,500.00
Miscellaneous (Gifts, Awards, etc.)	840.00	Total Community Fund Expense	24,475.00
Office Supplies & Postage	300.00		
Placement	600.00	Community Funds to Distribute	50,075.00
Post Office Box Fee	44.00		
Professional Fees (Audit)	500.00		
Provisional Expenses	800.00		
Sustainer Luncheon	460.00		
Yearbook	1,650.00		
Total Administrative Fund Expense	13,707.00		
Administrative Fund Balance	0.00		

**Cheryl Ford
Update**



Cheryl is home with her parents now after spending nineteen weeks in ECM Hospital and two weeks at Healthsouth in Huntsville. Cheryl was injured in an automobile accident on March 5th. She sustained life-threatening injuries that included a broken neck, hip and ribs. She also lacerated a lung. She was in a coma for many weeks. During this time, she struggled to stay alive. While in the coma her broken body began healing itself.

She began regaining consciousness and finally was placed in the step down unit in the Cardio Thoracic Unit at ECM. She began talking and recognizing family and friends but was having trouble with her short-term memory. She was transferred to Healthsouth in Huntsville where she completed two weeks of intensive rehabilitation. She is now living with her parents as she continues her rehabilitation at Healthsouth in Muscle Shoals three hours per day three days per week.

She is regaining her short-term memory and has even played a duet on the piano with her sister Donna Tips. Her prognosis is very good and her will is very strong. Her mother says she is walking with assistance and should be able to regain most all her mobility. She is truly a blessed individual. To send Cheryl a card with well wishes, please send it to the following address:

Cheryl Ford
4889 Ricks Lane
Leighton, AL 35646



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Permit No. 215
Sheffield, AL
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New Yearbook Complete!

Thanks goes out to my yearbook committee on all your hard work this summer in updating our member yearbook. They are: Betty Collignon, Kelly McCormack, Monica Quillen, Janet Wood, and Provisional Directors: Amy Jon Finch and Kenda Rusevlyan. A special "thank you" goes out to Pam Richardson at Mitchell Printing for their assistance in printing our yearbook.

Remember to bring your dues to receive you new yearbook inserts.

Thanks again,

Monica Marthaler
Yearbook & Records Chairperson

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations to the annual
awards winners at the May
Banquet!

Member of the Year
Linda Campbell

Provisional of the Year
Nancy Woodis

Sustainer of the Year
Pam Clepper

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