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"A resource for people in Mississippi living with Spina Bifida."

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From the President's Desk By Susan Branson



Enable (in a b'l) *verb* 1. to make able; provide with means, opportunity, power, or authority (to do something) 2. to make possible or effective

The title of our newsletter, The Enabler, sums up the mission for our Association. Our group was founded with the purpose of joining people and resources together to make a difference for those in Mississippi living with Spina Bifida!

Here are a few of the highlights of our activities:

Our **2002 Membership Drive** begins with this issue. Send in your membership dues and/or your Membership application form to our office by **March 1, 2002** in the enclosed envelope. Joining fees and levels of membership for our state association (SBA of Miss.) and the national Spina Bifida Association of

America (SBAA) are discussed on page 7. We rely on these funds, along with donations and fundraisers, to cover our operating expenses and programs.

The next fundraiser our Association will be involved in will be a **Round Robin Tennis Tournament** hosted by the Jackson Area Pan Hellenic Association on Saturday, April 6th. Interested tennis players should call our office to sign up. Members are invited to join us at Ridgeland Tennis Center to thank the Pan Hellenic members and tennis players.

Please join us for our **upcoming events**: a free Bowling Party and lunch, CPR Classes, Swimming Lessons, a private showing of Disney's video "Miracle in Lane 2," and an educational presentation on establishing your independence as an adult. Find out more about these events on page 2!

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the **National Spina Bifida Conference** in Orlando, near Disney World! Funds donated by Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Enterprise Foundation will help send our members to this

conference. Scholarships are also available for youth to attend summer camps. Call our office for an application.

New Newsletter volunteer, Amy Wilkinson has helped with the editing of this issue of The Enabler and is very much appreciated! Betty Weston, Seala Jennings, Amy Wilkinson and Sara Gleason have done a terrific job on our **Hospital Visitation Committee**. If you would like to become involved, call our office.

Our Association continues to grow! Our address database has grown to include 165 families with Spina Bifida, 187 friends and families across the country, 156 corporate partners, and 175 medical and health related contacts. We are distributing 1,200 copies of our newsletter every quarter, and receive 100+ hits per month on our web site.

SBA of Miss. has grown tremendously since our first meeting in 1999. Please join us this year as we continue striving to live up to our name, The Enabler.

Did You Know?...

This question pops up at the top of the screen every time you click on our award-winning web site. (sbamiss.tripod.com) Here are just a few of the 27 messages:

- * Only 7% of women know that folic acid must be taken daily before becoming pregnant in order to be effective.
- * Spina Bifida occurs during the first month of pregnancy, before most women know they are pregnant.
- * 90-95% of babies born with Spina Bifida are born to parents with no family history of Spina Bifida.
- * Up to 75% of persons with Spina Bifida will have latex allergies.

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Upcoming Chapter Activities



Bowling Party will be at Paradise Lanes in Jackson, MS from 11 am - 1 pm. Join us for FREE bowling and lunch at this alcohol and smoke free bowling facility. Paradise Lanes is fully accessible and will provide ball ramps for people needing assistance. Wear tennis shoes or bowling shoes. Directions to the bowling alley have already been mailed to all SBA families. RSVP to Susan Branson at (601) 957-2410 by February 20th.

This event is funded by donations raised at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Charity Golf Tournament. Thank you, Enterprise!

**Saturday
February 23**

**Saturday
March 9**

First Aid and CPR Classes are back by popular demand! Instruction and certification will be provided free of charge for two members per family. A certified instructor will teach our members during a private class in the Philadelphia, MS area. Please call Board Member Mark Roth at (601) 656-9302 to sign up.

This event funded by donations from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Charity Golf Tourney.



Adaptive Swimming Classes will be offered free of charge to members of the SBA of Miss. Twice a year our members are invited to receive individualized instruction at the Baptist Fitness Center in Jackson. Lessons run for six weeks and participants are asked to commit to attending at least four of the six sessions. Every lesson is concluded with a few minutes spent in the hot tub! Call our office by 3/15/02 to sign up.

**Saturdays
April & May**

**Saturday
April 6**

Jackson Area Pan-Hellenic Round Robin Tennis Tournament will be held at Ridgeland Tennis Center. Our Association has been selected to receive the proceeds from the Tournament. SBA of Miss. members are invited to be present at the Tournament to hand out literature on Spina Bifida and thank players. Members of the Jackson Ladies Tennis Association are invited to participate and may call our office to sign up.



Miracle in Lane 2—Sensational Frankie Muniz (TV's Malcolm in the Middle) stars as Justin Yoder in Miracle in Lane 2, inspired by the true story of a mischievous and courageous 12-year-old who refused to let a physical challenge defeat him. His unrelenting desire to win a trophy leads to Justin's discovery that it's perseverance that makes a winner, as he prepares for a national soapbox championship race! Join our group for a private showing on Saturday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. We will view the video at the clubhouse of Cypress Pointe Apartments off Lakeland Drive. Call our office to RSVP (601) 957-2410. Refreshments will be provided!

Thinking Outside the Chair—Adults Amy Wilkinson and Hope Ratcliff will be discussing how young adults can establish their independence. Discussion will take place while children are watching Miracle in Lane 2 video.

**Saturday
April 13**

**Saturday
April 27**

March of Dimes WalkAmerica—Make plans to join the SBA of Miss. as we walk together in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica fundraising event. All donations collected go directly to the March of Dimes. The walk will begin in downtown Jackson at One Jackson Place. Call Julie Crump at the March of Dimes (601)362-8945 for Walk packets.



Member Birthdays

Courtney Austin - 3/14/81
Amanda Cable - 3/11/87
Austin Capps - 3/18/84
Edward Tyree Carter - 4/5/00
Shelly Conlee - 3/16/77
Corey Davis - 3/18/88
Courtney Evans - 4/6/90

Brittney Fairley - 2/8/94
Karen Michelle Gilmore - 2/5/68
Linda Mae Harper - 2/19/01
Stacy Howard - 4/24/92
Sequoya Johnson - 3/19/01
Diane Lee - 3/31/87
Shannon McKay - 2/13/75

April Mims - 3/31/88
Derek Middlebrook - 4/29/89
Donna Rester - 3/31/96
Jenny Robinson - 4/27/95
Kyla Taylor - 3/25/81
Austin Williams - 3/31/97
Brandon Wiltshier - 3/23/85

If you are not listed, we do not have a record of your birthday. Send in your information today!

National Spina Bifida Conference in Orlando, Florida

June 24-26, 2002

Walt Disney World Resort

Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA), the national support center for Spina Bifida chapters, will be holding their annual conference in Orlando. The Spina Bifida Association of Florida is working with the SBAA to make this year's conference the best ever!

Two thousand people from across the country are expected to attend this educational conference including parents, children and adults with Spina Bifida, physicians, nurses, educators, and social workers. There will be a special session for Nursing and Health Care Professionals.

Conference Registration Fees:

\$240 per person with current SBAA membership (adult, child, parent or physician), **\$320 for nurses** with current SBAA

membership (Additional fees for non-members and applications received after 4/15 Early-bird deadline).

A recent IRS ruling allows parents to deduct registration fees and travel expenses to medical conferences on their child's disability. Hotel and food expenses are not deductible.

Funds from Enterprise Rent-A-Car available to cover hotel, and registration plus \$100 towards travel. SBA of Miss. scholarship applications will be mailed out in early March and must be returned by 4/1/02.

Workshops will include:

Medical Updates: Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Urology, Genetics, Fertility, Folic Acid, Latex Allergies, Secondary Conditions, Psychosocial Development, and Research

Educational Issues: IEP's, Due Process, Learning Disabilities, Driving, Assistive

Technology in Schools

Related Issues: Siblings, Employment, Housing, Independence, Agent Orange, Depression, Americans w/ Disabilities Act

Special Issues: Insurance Systems, Home Modification, Community Support

Children's Programs:

Daily activities and outings will be run by a professional staff, meeting children's medical and social needs (also latex safe). For the older children there will be seminars to learn about Spina Bifida and mastering life skills. Programs will be available as follows: Infants and Toddlers (0-2), Preschool (3-6), Youth (7-12), Teens (with Spina Bifida), and Brothers and Sisters (ages 13-19 without Spina Bifida).

How can I find out more?

Call our office at (601) 957-2410. SBA of Miss. application deadline April 1st.

SBA of Miss. Christmas Party



SBA of Miss. members of all ages gathered around the live tree for a picture. Our party has become a Christmas tradition for many families.

Over 65 members attended our third annual Christmas Party. Member J.B. Files wrote and read this poem. Thanks for sharing, J.B.!

Smiles

By: James B. Files

Without smiles would a day seem worth it's while?

Smiles are here and smiles are there.

You can find a smile anywhere.

I can smile and you can, too.

Smiling is one thing we all can do.

So take sometime, just a little while, and show everyone your biggest smile.



Santa holds his beard in place while David Trainor checks it out!



Marty, Stacey and Kimberly Howard opened their gifts and munched on delicious desserts.



Board Member, Dr. Marilyn Graves, presents Santa with a thank you gift.

ADA Guidelines for Playgrounds

The following article was printed in the Abilitations Spring 2002 Catalog. You may reach Abilitations at 1-800-850-8602.

Need to make your playground more accessible?

Here are a few ideas on how to make your playground more accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This act requires that all play areas constructed or altered after January 26, 1991 include access for people with disabilities.

Provide access to half of the elevated activities on structures.

For small structures, this includes a transfer system or equivalent access. For structures with 10 or more elevated components, this includes wheelchair access to 1/4 of the related play components and transfer system or equivalent access to 1/4 of the related play components.

Provide access to ground-level play components.

You'll want to provide several accessible, ground-level play components equal to half the number of elevated play components in the play area. This simply means placing the play components along an accessible route or over accessible surfacing.

Make one of each type of ground-level activity accessible.

For each type of ground-level play experience offered in a playground (swinging, climbing, etc.) make sure at least one of each type is located along an accessible route or over accessible surfacing. For example, if you have swings in a playground, make sure at least one is located over accessible surfacing.

Provide an accessible route to the play structure.

Accessible routes within the safety surfacing area of the playground may be ac-

complished by using a pathway of unitary material, such as rubber tiles, or by covering the entire use zone with an engineered wood fiber product that has been tested and maintained for accessibility according to the ASTM PS-83 standard.

Provide an accessible route to the playground.

Include an accessible path into the safety surfacing of the playground and connect this entrance to other accessible routes on the site such as building entrances, parking areas and sidewalks. *For more information on custom-designed play environments that provide total accessibility, call PlayDesigns at 1-800-327-7571. For more information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, call the Office of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Civil Rights Division at (202) 514-0301.*

Summer Camp Choices

Camp ASCCA (Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults)

Located on Lake Martin, in Jackson's Gap, this camp funded by Easter Seals is the world's largest year-round barrier-free camp for people with disabilities. Opened in 1976, Camp ASCCA has modern, centrally heated and air-conditioned buildings.

Campers may participate in programs such as swimming, water skiing, canoeing, boating, fishing, arts and crafts, nature appreciation, overnight camping, horseback, riflery, dances and talent shows.

Four sessions are open to our members:

1. **Session 3** July 14-19- "*Right Moves*" *Sports Camp* which combines disabled and non-disabled campers ages 8-18.
2. **Session 3** July 14-19 - For individuals with physical disabilities; ages 15-21.
3. **Session 5** July 28-August 2- For individuals with physical disabilities; ages 6-14.
4. **Session 7** August 11-16- *Buddy Camp* For physically disabled adults ages 22 and older bringing an attendant of the same sex (age 18 and older). Cost for this camp is \$450, which covers the cost of the camper and the attendant.

The cost for the first 3 sessions is \$550 and scholarships are available. Call MS Society for Disabilities at 982-7051 or SBA of Miss. office at 957-2410.

Civitan Baby Barn

Designed as respite care for infants ages 8 months to children 3 years old, this program is **July 22-27** in Wiggins, MS. If you are interested, call Abby Rogers at (601) 264-6369 for an application.

Camp Bratten-Green

This camp facility is located in Canton at the Duncan Gray Center. Two sessions are open to our members ages 8—adult. The cost of the camp is \$300, and scholarships are available.

Call (601) 859-1556 for an application. Application deadline is March 25.

Camp Dream Street

Kids ages 8-14 with physical disabilities have the opportunity May 31st—June 4th to attend Henry S. Jacobs Camp, outside Utica, near Jackson.

There's no cost for this camp which accommodates **65 youngsters**. Counselors raise money for the camp, and funds come from Dream Street Foundation in California, and Henry S. Jacobs Camp.

Last year 65 campers participated plus there were 12 names on the waiting list. If you are interested, please call Nonnie Campbell at 362-6357 in early February.

Civitan Camp

Any citizens with mental retardation who may have physical disabilities are invited to attend this camp in Wiggins, MS. Two sessions are available:

1. **July 22-27** School Age (Ages 20 and under)
2. **July 29 - Aug 3 - Adult** (Ages 21+)

Cost for the sessions is \$100 for those who can afford it, and scholarships are available. Please call Abby Rogers at 601-264-6369 for an application.

Camps listed are either free, or offer scholarships. Our members will be required to apply for scholarships offered through the individual camps before applying for scholarships from SBA of Miss.

A portion of the funds raised from the Enterprise Golf Tournament will be used for camp scholarships.

Call SBA of Miss. at (601) 957-2410 for an application.

Accessible Playground Equipment By Susan Branson

Our youngest daughter, Abigail (age 4), wanted desperately to play with her other siblings on our play equipment. My husband and father-in-law recently built an accessible piece of equipment and were pleasantly surprised by the price (materials \$100, labor priceless) and the length of time it took to build (2 days). This lowered jungle gym can be used when Abigail is in her wheelchair or using her reciprocating gait braces and walker.

The idea was found in an "Abilitations" product catalog listed as a "Wheel Thru Arcade." This monkey bars style play equipment sells for \$698 plus shipping. My industrious husband along with his father re-designed and built our similar model for \$100. The 10-foot long wood and metal play structure is 36" wide and 42" tall (the height Abigail can comfortably reach while walking with her walker). The catalog model is anchored in the ground with concrete, but ours is somewhat moveable, although very heavy! Right away our older children

(and a couple of adults) tested it to see if it was sturdy enough to walk across, and it passed the test.

Abigail tested it by her own method!! She pulled her wheelchair underneath the middle of the rungs and took off her seatbelt. She reached up to the bars and pulled herself to standing on her wheelchair. While quite proud of herself, she was not finished! She then stepped up on the armrest of her chair and pulled herself to sitting on top of the rungs! She was so proud of her new accomplishment she tried it 4 more times, under my supervision. This new trick has made me quite nervous, but I am proud of her desire to explore our new toy.

We would like to add that our equipment has not been inspected to see if it meets ADA guidelines, and it may not be appropriate for other wheelchair or walker users. Please consult with an experienced professional before starting your project.



Abigail leaves her walker behind when she plays on her lowered jungle gym. She can maneuver completely around the structure holding on to the rungs and wooden sides.

Materials included:

20 feet of	4" x 4" treated lumber
66 feet of	2" x 4" treated lumber
20 feet of	1" x 4" treated lumber
8	2 ½" log bolts
4	5" lag bolts
4	4" lag bolts
4	3" lag bolts
A bunch of	2" nails and 2-3" deck screws
33 feet of	1-1 ½ conduit pipe
12 feet of	3/8" - ½" threaded rod
Assorted drill bits	
7 feet of	flat metal strap with holes

If you would like more information on our jungle gym, please call us at (601) 957-2410 or email at spbranson@juno.com.



Donald Branson, aka. "Grandpa", Alan Branson, Joseph and Abigail Branson try out their new piece of play equipment.

First, Learn to Play Abilitations Catalog, Spring 2002



Play is a child's occupation and someday their occupation may depend on play. It is estimated that nearly 80% of physically challenged adults lose their jobs because of poor social skills.

Playtime, whether during recess or structured activity time, is a chance to ensure their social success.

Children learn through play. They learn to create, pretend, fantasize; they learn to socialize and they learn motor skills.

Play can take on a variety of forms. Every child deserves the right to experience the joy of play...to dig in the sand, to color on a sidewalk, to bounce a ball, to feel the thrill of a game and, most of all, to get along and socialize with other children. Encourage your children be the leaders, the creators of their play.

Tips for ensuring good social skills for children with physical disabilities:

1. Chose activities that encourage inclusion and easy socialization.
2. Pick a "buddy" for each child who is challenged. Both children will benefit.
3. Use equipment that will include the child in the ongoing activity and not equipment to be used on the side.
4. Encourage that only "positive" language be used during play.

This article was edited by Amy Wilkinson.

Spina Bifida Gene Found

LONDON, Nov 20 (Reuters) - British scientists said on Tuesday they had found a gene which causes a severe form of Spina Bifida, a devastating birth defect that is the leading cause of paralysis in children.

The gene, called Lpp1, was pinpointed in a strain of mice but researchers at the Institute of Child Health at University College and Imperial College in London said it had the same function in humans.

"We have identified the gene that is mutated in the loop-tail strain of mice. These mice developed the severe form of Spina Bifida closely resembling that seen in humans," Dr Philip Stanier of Imperial

College said in a statement.

Spina Bifida is one of the most common birth defects in children. It occurs in one in 1,000 pregnancies when the vertebrae surrounding the spinal cord in the developing embryo fails to form.

Lpp1 is linked to a very serious form of Spina Bifida called craniorachischisis which can cause stillbirth or early death.

Taking folic acid supplements early in pregnancy can prevent birth defects, including Spina Bifida, but the scientists who located Lpp1 hope it will lead to new ways to prevent the disorder.

"Our identification of the loop-tail gene

is a key finding," said Professor Andrew Copp of University College.

The scientists, whose research is published in the journal Human Molecular Genetics, said the finding should improve scientific understanding of the causes of the problem and could point to new remedies.

"The long-term aim of our research is to develop new methods for preventing Spina Bifida, by treating the embryo as it develops during pregnancy," Copp said.

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Frequently Asked Questions on Future Planning By B. Stevens

Why is it important to make financial plans for the future?

It is important that families prepare a plan for the care and supervision of their loved ones after they are gone or are no longer able. Planning is a necessity. How else will future care providers know what your wishes are and what to do?

When should we begin this process?

Yesterday! Regardless of whether the person with a disability is four months old or forty years old, planning is necessary.

Who can I choose to serve as Guardian and/or Trustee?

Anyone who you feel you can trust to fulfill your wishes and provide the best care and attention for your loved one.

What is SSI and how does one qualify? Are there other Social Security benefits available?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is provided to children under age 18 if their family has limited income and resources. After age 18 a person may qualify if the disability began prior to age 22, they have less than \$2,000 of assets in their name, their income is below \$740 per month, and the prognosis is that the disability will last at least 12 months. In addition, Social Security Survivor Benefits (SSA) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) are also available. The person may qualify for one or more benefits. You may call Social Security at 800-772-1213—(TTY) 800-325-0778 or visit their website at : www.ssa.gov.

What are the key issues to address in planning for the future?

"Lifestyle", "legal" and "financial" issues as well as "government benefits." "Lifestyle" addresses the day to day care of the person. "Legal" includes wills, trusts, guardianship and trustees. "Financial" needs include creating a budget and providing funds to support it. "Government benefits" include Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Military pensions.

This information was provided by Barton Stevens, ChLAP of Life Planning Services. You may reach him at 888-447-2525, email bartnlaci@aol.com or check out their web site at www.lifeplanningservices.com.

Spina Bifida Related Web Sites

SBA of Miss. Web Site was established as a resource for families in Mississippi living with Spina Bifida. Included on the site are past issues of The Enabler, pictures of recent events, member contact information, folic acid, latex allergy updates, and many other relevant items.

The newest addition to our site is an online bookstore with Amazon.com. Over 20 books related to Spina Bifida are featured on our site. Fifteen percent of the proceeds from book sales are returned to our chapter. Our site also has a quick link to the Spina Bifida Association of America.

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Voted #1 in SBA Chapter Web Sites!

Spina Bifida Supplies.com

Spina Bifida Supplies of America offers to families and individuals nationwide a significant savings on things you need for people with Spina Bifida. Examples of products: catheters, diapers, latex-free gloves, incontinence products as well as many other latex free products.

www.spinabifidasupplies.com

Adult Central on Yahoo! is an online club/chat for adults living with Spina Bifida. The club has been around for almost 2 years and is over 600 members strong.

[Http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/adultscentralforspinabifida](http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/adultscentralforspinabifida)

Community Connections Inc. is a non-profit agency in Massachusetts that provides opportunities for adults with disabilities. They are interested in assisting adults in need of services or advocacy with Veterans Administration funded through the Agent Orange Bill. You can research this agency at www.communityconnectionsinc.org or via e-mail at jstover@commcon.org.

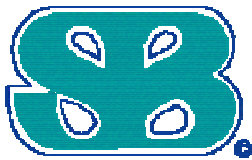


Membership Info

It's time to renew your membership with the SBA of Miss. and the SBAA. We invite you to complete the response section of the return envelope by March 1st!

If you have not yet made this commitment, please consider the impact your membership will have. The number of members joining determines our number of votes at the Annual Delegates meeting. Your membership to the SBAA will also allow you discounts on conference fees and publications. Educational scholarships are offered to current members of SBAA.

Your membership fees to the SBA of Miss. will enable us to continue providing programs and educational materials to over 200 families in Mississippi living with Spina Bifida. As always, membership dues are optional.



Membership Levels:

- \$10 SBA of Miss. Member
- \$30 SBA of Miss & SBAA member (\$20 to Nat'l SBAA)
- \$50 Professional Member & SBAA (\$40 to Nat'l SBAA)
- \$250 Sponsoring Member* (\$20 or \$40 to SBAA for membership)

*Sponsoring Members will appear in The Enabler for one year.

Valuable Services Available to Members:

1. Quarterly newsletter, The Enabler
2. Invitations to chapter meetings; both educational and social
3. Referrals to area service providers within their geographic region
4. Web site posting current conferences, clinic information, facts about SB, email and contact information
5. "Goodie Bags" delivered to hospital when in the Jackson area
6. Free books and SB related materials
7. Contact with other families in the SB community.

New Members and Renewals

November-January

Dr. and Mrs. Drew Middleton
Garrett, Jenny and Esther Martin
Mrs. Kathy Hays
Ms. Velma Lewis
Mr. And Mrs. Joe Byrd
Mrs. Cynthia Huff
Mr. Judd Smith*

*Indicates National SBAA Member

Contributors (above Membership dues)

Dr. and Mrs. Drew Middleton
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Handicapable Vans
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D. F. Gilmore

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(Each donating at least \$250 within the last 12 months)

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Scoots of Petal, MS
Duraline Medical
MS Band of Choctaw Indians
Friends of Abigail Branson
Mentor Urology
Dr. and Mrs. Corcoran Sneed
Co-Lin Comm. College Nursing Students
Dr. Glen C. Warren

Not To Be Forgotten

Hospital visitation committee report:

We welcomed 4 new families with babies born since Christmas, many goodie bags were delivered to members in the hospital, and we join together to mourn the loss of two of our members. We wish a quick recovery to Hannah F., Allyson W., Haley W., Diane Lee and Abigail B. as they recuperate from their recent hospitalizations.



Special Congratulations:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car's Jeff Foster was recently recognized as a "Top 40 Under 40" businessman by the Mississippi Business Journal. We thank him for his outstanding performance with our Association.

Sincere thanks for raising funds on our behalf goes to:

- * Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- * Enterprise Foundation
- * Co-Lin Pediatric Nursing Students
- * Jackson Area Pan-Hellenic Assoc.

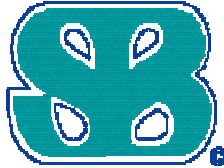
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***TIME to renew your
membership!***



Co-Lin Community College Raises Support for SBA of Miss.



Thirty-four students at Copiah-Lincoln Community College recently raised \$2,816 for the SBA of Mississippi. These students in the Associate Degree of Nursing Program held candle sales, car washes, rummage sales, and sold drinks at the Wes-son Flea Market to raise funds and participate in community service. SBA of Miss. members were on hand to receive their donation and hosted a reception in their honor.

Students and instructors attending the reception included: Janel Turnage RN, Susan Ray RN, Toyna Sykes, Mary Jorday, Jennifer Hutcherson, Peggy Langley, Tonya Busby, Julie Johnson, Julie Boyd, Melissa Bueto, Julie Smith, Amy Jackson, Heather Smith, Melissa Yarn, Yolanda Williams, Catina Butler, and Zerra Harris.