



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Apr. 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
May 20 (tentative) - Luau
 June 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 July 12 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Aug. 2 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Sep. 13 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Oct. 4 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Oct. 11 – S&S Prep Day
 Oct. 12 – **31st Annual Soup & Sandwich**
 Nov 8 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Dec 6 (noon) - SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk



Spring comes earlier in the South than in other parts of our country. We Southerners are blessed in many ways. Each year as trees begin to show their buds, as daffodils, tulips, and iris shoot from the still cool soil, as birds start singing and feeding earlier in the morning, as the temperature hit the 60's, and even the clock "springs forward," I am amazed and renewed from my winter doldrums. Spring signals new life, new beginnings, fresh starts, revival, and yes, resurrection.

Resurrection Sunday is only a few days away as I write this. As Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birth, Easter is celebrating Jesus' victory over death and mankind's hope for eternal life. Amid all the chocolate Easter bunnies, colored eggs, gift baskets, and other commercialization society has attached to the Easter celebration, is the message of Jesus as the Risen, Living Savior. Jesus' resurrection was a true miracle that changed the world and set it on a course that we still see being played out today. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the fulcrum of human history. The Easter miracle transformed women and men from doubters to believers 2,000 years ago, and has continued to do so ever since.

So while the Easter bunny and chocolate may be culturally synonymous with the coming of Easter, for Christians the holiday has a much deeper significance. Celebrating the resurrection of Christ, and its message of hope and renewal, is the reason for the season for Christian families. And while the secular festivities are fun for both children and adults, we must portray the true meaning of the Christ's resurrection to the world; a message that has impact far beyond brightly colored eggs and baskets of plastic grass.

Have a Happy Easter.

Serving together,

Phyllis

2008 - 2010 SAWA Officers and Committee Chairmen

- Phyllis Renfro President
- Trudy James ... 1st Vice Pres.
(Membership Chair)
- Debra Kinnebrew 2nd Vice Pres. (Publicity Chair)
- Anne Page Secretary
..... Treasurer
- Avis Phillips Chaplain
- Gwen Edris Nominating Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter..... Finance Committee Chair
- Sue Tolbert Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau..... S&S Silent Auction Chair
- Sue Tolbert Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter Christmas Stocking Committee Chair
- Brenda Warnock and Sue Tolbert Publicity Committee Co-Chair
- Jean McAlpin Hospitality Committee Chair
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- Tina Grau Newsletter



1 Peter 1:3

April Meeting Theme: Easter – Our Hope

In His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Welcome New Members

Doris Acuff, Cherry Hudson, Louise Montgomery, Patricia Wright, and Barbara Yerger.



Election Nominating Committee Report



The Nominating Committee is chaired by Auxiliary member Gwen Edris. According to our bylaws, members of this committee consisted of the appointed chairman and the current chairmen of the Membership Committee (1st Vice President Trudy James), Publicity Committee (2nd Vice President Debora Kinnebrew), and Finance Committee (Pearl Carter), with two members appointed by the current Auxiliary President (Phyllis Renfro). These two appointed members were Tina Grau and Judy Monroe, with Lt. Joann Frazier and Phyllis Renfro, serving as the required ex officio attendees.

Current officers of our Women’s Auxiliary are as follows:

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| President | Phyllis Renfro |
| 1 st Vice President | Trudy James |
| 2 nd Vice President | Debora Kinnebrew |
| Secretary | Anne Page |
| Treasurer | Brenda Warnock |
| Chaplain | Avis Phillips |

The nominating committee will nominate the following slate of officers for consideration of the membership at the April 2010 meeting of the Auxiliary. A vote will be taken at the meeting.

Proposed officers for our Women’s Auxiliary for 2010 to 2012 are as follows:

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| President | Trudy James |
| 1 st Vice President | Phyllis Renfro |
| 2 nd Vice President | Barbara Cashman |
| Secretary | Judy Monroe |
| Treasurer | Carolyn Fugler |
| Chaplain | Anne Page |

Salvation Army Office:

Mon – Thur 9:00 – Noon; 1:00 - 4:00
Office closed on Friday (and daily from Noon – 1:00 for lunch)

Thrift Store Hours:

Mon – Wed 9:00 – 4:00
Thur – Fri 10:00 – 5:00
Saturday 9:00 – 4:00

Help always needed here!

Phone 601-636-2769 for pickups.

March Volunteers



Thanks to the following March Office Volunteers: Gladys Bingham, Cheryl Lloyd (Coordinator), Judy Monroe, Louise Montgomery, Clara Parks Pinkston, Dot Steen, Gladys Thornton, Carolyn Fugler (Thrift Store). We regret if anyone was omitted from this listing.



3rd Annual Luau – May 20, 2010 (Tentative Date)

A planning meeting for the Luau will be held after the April Auxiliary meeting. Please consider being a member of this team. I will serve as the chairman, but need 7 or 8 leaders for the various aspects of this event: ticket sales, bake sale, fruit salad preparation, chicken preparation, pork preparation, side dishes (rice, green beans), bread and beverages. Last year we served about 265 meals, raising \$2597. Please call me at 601-638-7999 or email renfros@bellsouth.net or just show up at the planning meeting. Thanks.

Phyllis

Awards Luncheon: Thank you, Jamie and Brian Leonard and Lts. Herb and JoAnn Fraizer – Great job!



The theme of The Salvation Army Annual Awards Luncheon was "...The New has Come." Held on Tuesday, March 16, at The Vicksburg Convention Center, the event was well planned and well attended. Community Partners Awards were presented to Bowmar Baptist Church, Crawford Street United Methodist Church, and First Presbyterian Church in recognition of their support of the various programs of the Vicksburg Salvation Army. These were accepted by the pastors of the churches. The Media Partner Award was presented to The Vicksburg Post and accepted by Mr. Pat Cashman. The Bell Ringer and The Pass the Hat Awards were presented to the Lions Club and the Rotary Club, respectively.

The Ann Allen Award, an award presented by the Salvation Army Advisory Board, was given to Phyllis Renfro, 2008-2010 President of the Auxiliary. Lt. Herbert Frazier, Vicksburg Commanding Officer and Lt. Colonel Eugene Slusher, Jackson Area Corps, expressed gratitude to the attendees and detailed the mission of The Salvation Army.

Attendees were treated to beautiful guitar music by Rev. Raggy Ragsdale and lead in "How Great Thou Art" by the: "Mensajeros" (Messengers) Brigade of Cadets from The Evangeline Booth College of The Salvation Army School for Officers Training in Atlanta, GA.

Social Services



Jamie Leonard, our devoted Social Worker, reports the following services provided clients during the month of March:

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| Cases Served: 27 | Individuals Served: 115 |
| Meals Provided: 953; 91 volunteers; 250 hours | Grocery Orders: 43 |
| Non SA Facility Lodging: 1 | Rent/Mortgage Assistance: 6 |
| Clothing Items Distributed: 51 | Power To Care Assistance: 11 |
| Transportation: 1 | |

Jamie announces the start of the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program, which will allow her to ensure clients can get NEW apartments, or stay in their apartment and she can assist for up to 18 months. This is a portion of the Stimulus Act passed last year. With this program, Jamie also has the ability to do home visits, adult education and budgeting classes, which will be held at The Citadel (probably Mondays at noon, over lunch). Vicksburg was awarded \$150,000 for this program. GREAT JOB, JAMIE!

Thrift Store Reminder

Spring cleaning time is here and donations of those unwanted items are very much wanted by the Salvation Army Thrift Store. Members are reminded that donations of garments and household items are always needed, as are shoppers. Garments can be in ANY condition because income is also derived from rag sales. (The value of your donation is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided by store staff.) Tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769.





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