



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- Apr. 4 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- May 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- May 24 – 11:00 – 2:00 – 4th Annual Luau
River Front Park
- June 6 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- July 11 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Aug. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Sep. 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Oct. 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Nov. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Dec. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

April showers bring May flowers!

It seems that most of our holidays are about the commercial reason and not the spiritual reason. Easter has become a time about Easter candy or Easter baskets or Easter egg hunts, but there is no harm in children being allowed to do these things. However, it is our duty as Christian parents to tell our children the true meaning of Easter

There are several observances/holidays leading up to Easter including Lent, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which is the first day of fasting. Lent lasts for 46 days and the fasting lasts for 40 days. Palm Sunday is the day which Jesus arrived in Jerusalem where His supporters laid Palm leaves at his feet. Holy Thursday was the Last Supper that was held the night before crucifixion. The following day, Good Friday, is the day Jesus was crucified on the cross. Instead of us mourning this day, we celebrate the fact that Jesus was willing to give His life for ours.

Easter Sunday is a joyous day and reminds us of Jesus' promise for eternal life and His love for us all. The Easter Lily, a Japanese flower that came to the United States by way of Bermuda, remains the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter. Because it comes from a bulb, some believe it is a symbol of life after death. It produced these impressive white flowers around the same time of the resurrection. And it is said by some that the flower represented the angel Gabriel's horn; the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flower symbolizes purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life - the spiritual essence of Easter.



The following poem by Louise Lewin Matthews captures the spiritual essence of the Easter Lily:

Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,

Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

-Louise Lewin Matthews

2010 - 2012 SAWA Officers and Committee Chairmen

- Trudy James President
- Phyllis Renfro ... 1st Vice Pres. (Membership Chair)
- Barbara Cashman ... 2nd Vice Pres. (Publicity Chair)
- Judy Monroe Secretary
- Carolyn Fugler Treasurer
- Anne Page Chaplain
- Gwen Edris..... Nominating Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter..... Finance Committee Chair
- Joe Beth BrittAffairs of the Heart; Senior Angels
- Sue Tolbert/Phyllis Renfro..... Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau, 2009-10 S&S Silent Auction Chair;
- ?..... 2011 S&S Silent Auction Chair; Pat Martin & Carole Simpson, 2010 Asst. Chair
- Phyllis Renfro.. Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Rosa Bells..... Christmas Stocking Committee Chair
- Patricia Wright - Pemberton Angel Tree Chair
- Barbara Cashman Publicity Committee Chair
- Help Wanted!** Monthly Hospitality Committee Chair
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- Tina Grau Newsletter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. I Peter 1.3-5

Americans Continue to Donate Despite Lingering Recession:

The web site to donate online to The Salvation Army's Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Effort is: http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf or you can text the words "Japan" or "Quake" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation

Serving together,
Trudy



April Meeting Theme: Easter

Thanks to Pat Martin and Carole Simpson for serving as April Meeting Hostesses. At the April meeting, we will be "showering the Mission 66 Diner (Citadel) kitchen to replenish our SAWA Closet of supplies (for use in the kitchen). Members are asked to bring one (or more) of the following needed items: aluminum foil, plastic wrap, paper towels, dish detergent, gallon or quart zip lock bags, empty Cool Whip or other plastic containers with lids, Scotch brite pads, 409 or Clorox cleaner, and rectangular plastic tablecloths.

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26(NIV)

Let's Get Ready to Luau!



Our Fourth Annual Luau Fundraiser will be held at River Front Park on Tuesday, May 24th from 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mary and her committee members have been hard at work already, and preparations are well underway. The menu has been fixed: Choice of Hawaiian Pork or Chicken, and macaroni salad, green beans, fresh fruit, home baked rolls (thank you Pearl!), and iced tea. Home-baked goodies made by members will be sold at the Bake Sale. **350 tickets have been printed**, will be sold in advance only, and are available for a \$10 donation. Tickets will be available at our April 4th meeting or by calling Phyllis at 601-638-7999, 601-631-0038 or Kathy at 601-529-8500. **We need everyone's help with ticket sales.** Let everyone know that this fun event has a serious purpose: to provide much needed funds to serve those in our community who are in need through the services of The Salvation Army.

Salvation Army Office:

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

Thrift Store Hours:

Mon – Fri 9:00 – 5:30
Saturday 9:00 – 4:00

Help always needed here!

Phone 601-636-2769 for pickups.



Remind your neighbors that OUR THRIFT STORE NEEDS THEIR OLD STUFF!



March Volunteers

Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for March: Ron Anderson, Auther Bailey, LaToya Fields, Cheryl Lloyd, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Tammy Smith, and Dot Steen. March Thrift Store Volunteers: Carolyn Fugler, Wanda Clark, and Sue Tolbert. (More help needed here!)

Tribute to Diner Volunteers

After describing the meals served at various churches and organizations, Richard LeMieux makes the following observation in his book "Breakfast at Sally's":

"It was the older women in these churches---for the most part, feisty ladies---who cut potatoes, tomatoes and meat into chunks and cooked all day for the privilege of breaking bread with the poor for maybe half an hour to an hour.

They didn't seem to need a thank you.

They didn't seem afraid of being hot, tired, or dirty.

They seemed to be called by a voice few ever hear."



Senior Angel Reminder

NOW is a good time to buy items (think Clearance Sales!) for Senior Angels for December 2011. Items like robes, gowns, ladies and men's sweats (sizes L-XL-2XL and 3XL) are always needed as well as lap robes, socks, slippers etc. This past year (2010) we used most of the lap robes that were donated, so we have very few left to begin 2011.

February Social Services Report



Lt JoAnn Frazier reported the following services provided clients during the month of February:

Total families	127	Cases served first time:	89		
Meals served	731	Volunteers	85	Hrs volunteers served	176
Rental assistance:	27	Clothing items distributed:	83	Blankets distributed:	4
Bags of groceries:	53	Furniture:	3	Transportation:	3
Medical kits:	1	Personal comfort kits:	2	Entergy assistance:	34

Thrift Store Needs Your Spring Cleaning Donations!

Volunteer workers are needed at the Thrift Store to sort, arrange, and place donated items! Members are also reminded that donations of garments and household items are always needed at our Thrift Store – 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.



Quotes to Live By

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth.

Mohammed Ali

One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something.

Henry David Thoreau, poet, writer, philosopher

Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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