



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Aug. 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Sep. 14 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Oct. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Oct. 12 – Soup & Sandwich Prep Day
 Oct. 13 – Soup & Sandwich Lunch,
 Silent Auction & Bake Sale
 Nov. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Dec 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

NO GLORY



In the past, our August Auxiliary meeting has been one of “gearing back up”. We have taken the summer off from meetings and come back in August needing to be “jump started” into action.

But the summer of 2009 has been different. Of course our new officers, our new status as part of the Jackson Area Command, our rejuvenated facilities are wonderful differences. Another difference is that our service did not stop for the summer! Many of you have given many hours this summer volunteering in the office, working to reopen the Thrift Store, serving in the Mission 66 Diner, organizing the pantries and kitchen. Our Auxiliary racks up one of the highest service hour totals in the country.

I want to tell you about two of our members. These ladies never seek the spotlight. They shy away from recognition. They serve looking for **no glory**.

One works many hours organizing our volunteers for various tasks. She recruited, through many phone calls, a cadre of office helpers and systematically monitors that service. She quietly took on the role of coordinator of pantry clean-up volunteers – and the job got done. She beautifies our meeting place every month, miraculously – no budget item here! She cooks and serves in the Diner, serves in her church, and thoughtfully takes care of “the little things” others need . . . truly a servant's heart—that describes her.

The second member I want to tell you about takes on many leadership roles in SAWA, has served in more than one hurricane disaster, volunteers for the most challenging jobs (our biggest fund raiser, for example), but again seeks no glory or recognition, just efficiently gets jobs done that are impossible – like feeding 200 people in an evacuation shelter when we (SA) had no money to buy food. (She's very persuasive). These are visible efforts. But her true commitment shines in acts of selflessness which escape notice: the recent scrubbing of the kitchen floor and pantry (alone), the hours of project planning and making contacts, the willing use of her time and resources to keep a family's electricity on. . . . the list could go on and on.

These devoted ladies are but two of many in our Auxiliary who give and work and serve without glory – but not without reward. Just ask them and they will tell you that their rewards far exceed their effort.

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
- Brenda Warnock 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
- Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Christmas Stocking Committee Chair
- Brenda Warnock and Sue Tolbert Publicity Committee Co-Chair
- Jean McAlpin Hospitality Committee Chair



In the next few months, you will have many opportunities to share in these “no glory” jobs with great rewards. There is no glory in stirring soup or washing dishes or baking a cake or answering the phone or sorting cans or toys or even in giving a donation. But the impact can indeed change the world - one child, one family, one community at a time. ***“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”*** (Quote from Margaret Mead)

Everyone can play a role.

Based on your time, talents, and physical ability,

Go for the “no glory”!

Serving together,

Phyllis

P.S. from Phyllis on July Meeting

I have received nothing but good reports from those attending the July meeting. Thanks to the DVD Jean made for me, I feel like I was there. (And I even get to replay the action!) Thank you, Trudy, for presiding so efficiently and well. Thanks also to Taylor Phillips for sharing his camp experiences. The high attendance, I think, signaled renewed excitement and enthusiasm about both the direction and directors of the Vicksburg Corps.

Welcome New Members

Alice Bridges, Lorryayne Cox, Beverly Ellis, Saundra Gray, and Rita Trahan *We are delighted you have joined us!*

August Meeting: Step Up To The Plate!



This phrase is a term from baseball. The next batter moves near home plate in preparation for striking the ball when it is pitched. So the metaphor means to take responsibility because it's your turn to take action . . . to move into a position where one is ready to do a task. If someone "steps up to the plate," she steps forward in order to do something – to take on a challenge or responsibility. At this meeting, members are asked to "step up to the plate," to take on the tasks of the next few months. **In order to "hit a homerun" with our projects, we need each batter to come up swinging!**

Meeting Parking Reminder: Please use the parking in the back of the building

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!

July Volunteers

Thanks to the following members who helped out in these capacities during July (and especially to **Office and Pantry Workers Coordinator Jean McAlpin**):



Office Assistants: Barbara Cashman, Tina Grau, Lillian Lee, Cheryl Lloyd, Nancy MacNeil, Judy Monroe, Gloria Naylor, Chris Patin, Clara Parks Pinkston, Ann Sherlock, Dot Steen, and Gladys Thornton.

Thrift Store Helpers: Carolyn Fugler, Bobbie Hogue, Pat Martin, and Sue Tolbert.

Food Pantry Distribution baggers: Jo Beth Britt, Carolyn Fugler, Dot Griffin, Kitty Haney, Pat Martin, Gloria Naylor, Clara Parks Pinkston, Frances Reeves, Linda Renfroe, Phyllis Renfro, Mary Roberson, and Brenda Warnock.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

S&S tickets will be available at the August meeting – please take at least 5 to 10 tickets. Cash donations will be accepted towards the purchase of cheese, canned vegetables, and tomatoes, and miscellaneous items that do not get donated by local businesses.



Silent Auction – Mission Possible

By now most of you have received your "Mission Possible" Silent Auction assignment by e-mail or included with your mailed newsletter. Please contact your assigned merchants (they should be either ones you volunteered for in past years or ones relatively near one another). All needed forms/letters will be e-mailed or provided at the meeting.

Sue Tolbert, Soup & Sandwich Chairman/Tina Grau, Silent Auction Chairman

Volunteer Opportunities at the Citadel

- A volunteer **Kitchen/Pantry Coordinator** is needed: Duties would include recruiting and scheduling volunteers to, on a regular basis, maintain cleanliness and order of these areas. Contact Phyllis by phone (601-638-7999) or email.
- **Kitchen and Pantry** – If you have the gift of organization and/or cleaning, this is the project for you. Right now, the kitchen is a work in progress. We are cleaning, organizing, restocking, and ordering new equipment and utensils. Taking into consideration when the Diner volunteers will be using the kitchen, the hours for our work would be before 11:00 and after 1:00, Monday-Friday and a Saturday workday can be scheduled. We will have a sign-up sheet at the August 3rd meeting.
- **Thrift Store** – No advance notice required. Just show up to help hang, sort, straighten clothing and other items. Ask the Thrift Store Manager, Teresa Knight, to tell you what needs to be done. Note that the Thrift Store hours include Saturdays from 9:00 to 4:00
- **Filling Food Pantry Bags** – Call or e-mail Jean McAlpin to schedule your time. Bags are filled each Monday and Friday. You can also just drop by without scheduling a time---there is always something to do– just ask.



Angel Tree Reminder

Christmas is coming! Please help by collecting items for stocking stuffers as well as items suitable for Senior Angel gifts like 2X/3X gowns (snaps/pullover) and warm-ups, men's white/black large (9-12) tube socks; men or ladies bedroom slippers (size 9-12); clock radios/CD players; CDs of blues, gospel, country or Christmas music; lap blankets/throws, large-print Bibles or Bible on CD. Donated items may be brought to The Citadel and stored in the Auxiliary closet in the Chapel. *(Please mark for Angel Tree.)*



Opportunities to "step up to the plate" are also coming: You can help out by taking Angel Tree applications at The Citadel, manning the Pemberton Angel Tree table, working during organization and distribution of gifts. . . . (or just be ready to step up to the plate by doing your part). ☺

Member Snapshots



Lea Donovan is a 9-year member and past Chaplain of our Auxiliary as well as our top Soup & Sandwich ticket seller year after year! Lea works in the Chancery Clerk's office serving as Court Clerk for Judge Barnes. She is a widow with three sons and one daughter, as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lea's hobbies include reading, gardening, and watching television.

New to the Auxiliary this year, **Fermika Smith** has worked as billing coordinator at Good Samaritan Physical Therapy for the past 7 years. Fermika is married to husband Christopher Smith and they have a cocker spaniel named Sidney. Her hobbies include yoga and community service.



Two years ago **Brenda Warnock's** son joined the U.S. Army and she needed a "cause." Phyllis Renfro probably didn't realize that the Lord led her to invite Brenda to a Women's Auxiliary meeting. Brenda found her cause and how appropriate that she, herself, would join an "Army." A 2-year member of the Auxiliary, she is currently serving as Treasurer. Brenda is the office administrator at CTSI, where she has been for 8 years. Her family includes husband Barry and sons Blake, who is a student at MSU, and Lance, who recently returned from Iraq. In her spare time, Brenda enjoys decorating and redecorating her home, sewing, reading, and gardening (flowers, not vegetables).



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