



## VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS



### The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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#### Calendar of Events

- Aug. 1 – SAWA Meeting (noon)
- July 29 & 30 – Walmart Book Bag Drive (9:30 – 7:00)
- Aug. 1 – 3 – 10 – 2 – Fill Book bags
- Aug. 4-5 – Distribute Book bags
- Fri., Aug. 5 – 9 until 2 – Giant Rummage Sale**
- Sep. 12 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Membership Meeting & Potluck Luncheon (noon)
- Oct. 3 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Oct. 10/11 – Soup & Sandwich Set-Up and Fundraiser
- Nov. 7 – SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Dec. 5 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Membership Meeting & Potluck Luncheon (noon)



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#### President's Message

##### Service Together in Love –

**“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! “ (1 John 3:1).** As children of God, we want to make a difference in our community. So, we become volunteers and donate our time. It's important to remember we don't have to donate all of our time and energy, a few hours a week can make a big difference. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. We just have to figure out how and where our talent and/or skills can be utilize.

Jesus spent a lot of time in his ministry helping his disciples to work together and love each other (John 13:34-35). The Apostle Peter explains how we should work together in the same way bricks come together to form a building – and this building is the Lord God Himself!

“As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-- you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’ and, ‘A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:4-10)

Our ultimate goal is to unite as sisters and brothers in Christ. To work together, not only to tolerate one another, but to love one another. It's important for us to grow together in love for one other and service to God.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:20-23)

Trudy James

**2016 - 2018 SAWA Officers and Committee Chairmen**

- Trudy James ..... President
- Martha Roberts ... 1st Vice Pres.  
(Membership Chair)
- Kamace Priest ... 2nd Vice Pres.  
(Publicity Chair)
- Carrie Callender ..... Secretary
- Barbara Cashman – Treasurer
- Mary Barnes - Chaplain
- Carrie Callender ..... Nominating  
Committee Chair
- Patricia Wines..... Finance Committee  
Chair
- Jo Beth Britt .....Affairs of the Heart;  
Senior Angels
- Judy Monroe – 2014-16 - Soup &  
Sandwich Chairmen; Jacque Henley  
and Pat Wines, Co-Chairmen
- 2013-16 Silent Auction Co-Chairmen:  
Tina Grau & Martha Roberts
- ? Kamace Priest – Christmas Angel  
Tree Coordinator/Helper
- Louise Derrington – 2015/16 Vicksburg  
Mall Angel Tree Coordinator
- Harriet Gray – Hospitality Com. Chair
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- Tina Grau ..... Newsletter

**Facebook: Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, MS**



**Welcome New Member**

We are pleased to welcome Mattie Robinson to Auxiliary membership. We look forward to serving with her on our many projects helping others.

**August Meeting Theme: Back to School Time**

NOTE TO MEMBERS: Please bring one or more of the following items to the August meeting for Back to School Project: *notebook dividers with pockets*, Kleenex, paper towels, *pocket folders with clasps*, 8-oz. school glue, *notebook paper (wide- or college-ruled)*, *2- or 3-inch binder*. Looks like we are filling at least 285 backpacks!



Bible Verse: "Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered." Proverbs 28:26 ESV



**Back-to-School Project - 285 Backpacks to Fill!**

The Back to School Book Bag Project has run very smoothly this year with everyone working together.

Thanks to the Book Bag Project Committee members:

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| Shelia McKinnis | Jean McAlpin         |
| Barbara Cashman | Debra Potts          |
| Tina Grau       | Martha Roberts       |
| Mary Galtney    | Peggy Simpson-Mosley |
| Linda Jackson   | Pat Wines            |

Trudy James

Auxiliary volunteers took inventory and many others, including Entergy employees, collected school supplies at Walmart.

If anyone was left off the list, please accept our apology. Thanks to each person who helped. Jean and Shelia

**Walmart Book Bag Drive: Fri./Sat., July 29 & 30 from 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Mon., Aug. 1 - Sorting School Supplies (before AND after meeting)**

**Tues. & Wed., Aug. 2, 3 – 10 a.m. until 2 - Fill book bags**

**Thurs./Fri., Aug. 4 & 5 – Distribution from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**Salvation Army Office:**

Mon – Fri. 9:00 – noon; 1:00 - 4:00  
(office closed daily from noon - 1:00 for lunch)

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*Remind your neighbors that The Salvation Army still NEEDS clothing, linens, household items and rags!*

*Please VOLUNTEER a few hours a week at the former Mission 66 Family Store organizing for Rummage Sales. THANK YOU!!*

**Dues Reminder**



Membership dues – Regular dues will increase to \$15.00 per year and Lifetime to \$150.00.



## Volunteers/Donations Needed for 911 Observance Breakfast

The 911 Observance Breakfast will be held at 7:00 am on Friday, September 9, 2016. Members are asked to donate small items to give to the firemen/policemen. We will give a small bag of goodies and a gift (male and female). Volunteers are also needed to help with the breakfast. The POC is Barbara Copeland, 601-631-1286.

## Soup and Sandwich News

*Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. -Martin Luther King, Jr.*

As we prepare to plan for our Soup & Sandwich, Silent Auction and Bake Sale we need to remember that we are doing this in His name. We pray that we will have a successful fundraiser, but it will only happen with lots of people willing to offer their time to get all the jobs done. We will have a Planning Committee after our noon meeting for those wishing to take on a leadership role in this planning process but they will be calling on all our ladies to offer their help in the next two months. Also Pat Wines will have tickets available to sell at \$10 each. Please plan on getting some tickets to sell to your family, friends, and co-workers. I hope to see everyone at our August meeting! Judy Monroe



Silent Auction merchant assignments were distributed at the July meeting and/or via email. Please begin bringing in your donations with proper forms, and remember to notify Tina or Martha with email description, value, and photo of donations for website. Keep in mind that artistic, handmade one-of-a-kind donations attract lots of bidders. If you have friends or family who may be willing to donate something for Silent Auction, their contributions help us attract repeat customers at our luncheons – and help us to serve up more hope! Thank you. Tina Grau



## Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to all of our office volunteers for July: Del Harris-Minor, Patricia Wright and any others who volunteered their time. An Office Volunteer Coordinator is needed; please contact Trudy James at 601-415-2994 if you can fill this position.

Thank you to the following Auxiliary members who volunteered in the Family Store during July: Jo Ann Burke, Louise Derrington, Rosemary Fairchild, Tina Grau, Jacque Henley, Shelia McKinnis, and Mattie Robinson. If you volunteered and are not listed, WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP TOO!

## Rummage Sales Return Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - Volunteers Needed!

After a 6-week closure, the Women's Auxiliary will conduct a Rummage Sale on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Customers have been asking when we would reopen, so this is sure to be a BUSY DAY, and your help is needed to prepare and to conduct the sale in an orderly manner. You can help by showing up any week day between now and Sale Day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to help sort, hang, shelve, and price merchandise. The neater and more presentable our store looks, the more sales we should be able to generate. Income derived from these sales is a MUCH NEEDED source of revenue for Salvation Army programs as well as for day-to-day operations. (continued)





## Rummage Store (Continued)

**BEHIND THE SCENES:** On the left is a photo of what volunteers have been faced with trying to clear up mountains of donations that piled up while the store was closed! The photo on the right is just one example of an area after purging old merchandise and organizing new donations. (And you wouldn't believe how much trashed furniture, etc. left outside had to be hauled to the dump that could not be sold!) Needless to say, the mountains of donation bags have been processed, but this is a never-ending cycle thanks to our generous community donors.



Of course, we ran out of space for bales of rags in the back of the store and thanks to some patron sponsors and President Trudy James' work behind the scenes, Trudy "made it happen!" A temporary storage unit was donated, our wonderful Mormon missionary

volunteers along with volunteer Frank James supervising, loaded out surplus store fixtures from the Clay St. store, along with other misc. items that were taking up valuable storage space in the 40-ft container, and hauled them to the storage unit. All this was done during the blazing July heat wave too!! We now have room for more bales in our container, and also have a customer waiting to buy rag bales as soon as we get a dozen more ready. **Now that's**



**progress! Well done all! You know who you are.**

Exciting Last-Minute News: **THANK YOU!!** Waterview's General Manager Tony Scudiero is shown presenting a **\$500 check** to Auxiliary President Trudy James and Back-to-School Drive Co-Chairman Shelia McKinnis this week.

**Other corporate sponsors are needed to help us purchase supplies and fill backpacks for 285 area children.**

