



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Dec 6 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
 Dec. 13 – Angel Tree Day of Caring
 Dec. 15 – Senior Angel Distribution
 Dec. 16 – Angel Tree Distribution Day

2011

Jan. 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Feb. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Mar. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 4 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 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



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From the President's Desk

Dear Ladies,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

As you know, the Angel Tree Project is well underway and I want to thank all of you for helping with the kick-off program. We still need your time and/or gifts as we continue our Christmas project. Please see the Calendar of Events for dates, and feel free to contact any of the Officers or Committee Chairmen for additional information.

As we look forward to Christmas, be careful during the holidays and stick to your budget. Christmas appears on your calendar every year, just like clockwork –just like those bills in your mailbox. Let's get back to the true meaning of Christmas.

Isn't There Anyone Who Knows What Christmas is All About?

The explanation Linus gave to Charlie Brown...

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

LUKE 2:8-14

Jesus Is The Reason For The Season! Rejoice!

Merry Christmas!!

Serving together,

Trudy



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
- Sue Tolbert/Phyllis Renfro..... Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau..... S&S Silent Auction Chair; Pat Martin & Carole Simpson, Asst. Chair
- Phyllis Renfro - Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Rosa Bells..... Christmas Stockings Committee Chair
- Patricia Wright - Vicksburg Mall Angel Tree Chair
- Jo Beth Britt Senior Angels Chair
- Barbara Cashman Publicity Committee Chair

Help Wanted! Hospitality Committee Chair



Tina Grau Newsletter

December Meeting Theme: Jesus is the Reason for the Season



Our thanks to Wanda Clark for being December "Hospitality Chairman". *Remember our luncheon is \$8.00 this month.*

Please volunteer and take your turn as a monthly meeting hospitality chairman. A sign-up calendar will be available during the meeting.

Pay Dues

2011 Dues will be payable at the January meeting (except for those who joined in the previous three months).

New Volunteers for Kettle Ringing

New volunteers for kettle ringing appeared outside JC Penney recently. Pictured are Lt Herb Frasier and his daughter Kiara with Sheltie Gamble dressed in her finest Christmas garb. Not pictured is her dad, Jester, and their Mom Jo Beth who rang the bell. Look for the Shelties at other sites ringing!



2010 Angel Tree Program

The **Angel Tree Kick-Off** at the Vicksburg Mall was fun and entertaining for everyone who attended. The children (well, the adults, too) loved visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you Mike and Linda Renfro for persuading these special friends of yours to include us in their busy schedule. Everyone was put in the Christmas spirit even further by the musical entertainment of Lt. Herb and Raggy Ragsdale. Thank you to all the SAWA members who attended and special thanks to Ron Anderson for serving as Master of Ceremony.

A project the size of this year's Angel Tree requires a lot of behind the scenes preparation. Lt. JoAnn has spent many hours working out the details of this process from application to distribution. She has reached out into the community and secured adoptions for hundreds of our angels. Brenda Warnock has once again VOLUNTEERED to handle the input of data, the printing of angel tags, and the myriad other administrative tasks that are necessary for the smooth operation. *Thank you Lt. JoAnn and Brenda – your selfless dedication is greatly appreciated.*

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!

2010 Angel Tree Program (continued)

Pat Wright is doing a great job coordinating the volunteers to man the **Angel Tree Table at the Vicksburg Mall**. Please check your calendar before our December meeting so that you will be able to sign up for time slots to serve at the table. We need all who possibly can to serve as often as possible.

*When at the table, please remember to sign and date the bottom of adoption forms when angels are adopted and also when gifts are returned. The deadline for returning gifts is Friday, Dec. 10.



Stocking preparation for each Angel is well underway and going great according to stocking chairman, Rosa Bells. Preparing almost 1,000 stockings would overwhelm some...but not Rosa and her team! Great going!

Once again Jo Beth Britt is coordinating the Senior Angel part of The Angel Tree program. She works from start to finish seeing that the nursing home residents are shown that they are cared about. Thank you, Jo Beth for your dedication.

Preparation of the Distribution Center is underway. I want to thank Jo Beth Britt, Carolyn Fugler, Tina Grau, Cappy Martin, Jean McAlpin, Sue Tolbert, Lt. JoAnn, and Advisory Board member Robert Tisdale for their hard work at the site. There is much more to be done before Distribution Day. Below are important dates. Please check your calendar. Signup sheets will be at the meeting.

Important dates for SAWA and other volunteers:

Monday – Sunday, Dec. 6 - 12	10:00 AM	Receiving and checking gifts, preparation of site
Monday, Dec. 13	9:00 AM	Day of Caring – SAWA & community volunteers organize gifts
Tues. & Wed., Dec. 14 & 15	9:00 AM	Shopping for forgotten angels; complete preparation for distribution of gifts (SAWA)
Thursday, Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Distribution Day

Thank you, Auxiliary members, for your heart for service and your commitment to these little Angels (and elderly Angels).

Phyllis Renfro
SAWA Angel Tree Coordinator

Christmas Stockings

All but 150 stockings are out in the community to be filled. If you have not taken any yet, please give me a call or you can pick them up at the Vicksburg Mall Angel Tree (inside Mall near Penney's). You can also buy items and bring them to the Citadel or to the December meeting. Thank you all for your help.



Rosa Bells (601) 636-4716



Thanks to all who donated to help the family whose home was severely damaged by fire on Nov 13th. Clothes were donated and enough money from Auxiliary members, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and private donors to rent them a motel room for a week so they could find another place to live. They are very grateful and asked that I let you know how much they appreciate what everyone did. They were successful in finding a new home to rent. Thank you.

Sue Tolbert

November Volunteers

Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for November: Ron Anderson, Yolanda Horne, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Tammy Smith, and Dot Steen. And a special thanks to Arthur Bailey who has covered for me while my arm has been healing - Cheryl Lloyd.



As always, thanks go out to loyal Thrift Store volunteers Carolyn Fugler and Wanda Clark. Auxiliary members are invited to help out sorting and stocking shelves whenever they have extra time to lend a hand.



Thrift Store Reminder

As you clean out and purge after Christmas, members are reminded that donations of garments and household items are always needed at our Thrift Store. 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.



October Social Services Report

LT JoAnn Frazier reported the following services provided clients during the month of October:

Total Cases:	50	Cases Served 1st Time This Year:	11
Clothing Items/Furniture:	129	Meals Served:	625
Volunteers:	37 (157 hours)	Groceries:	10
Furniture needs met	1	Energy concerns	7
Other services:	15	Transportation provided	6

Don't Forget Jesus

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Christmas is a special time
 To reflect on Jesus Christ
 The wonder of His lowly birth
 Brings meaning to our lives

We lose sight of the true meaning
 As we endlessly rush about
 Trying to find that perfect gift
 Seems to cloud our Saviour out

There really is no other reason
 We celebrate this day
 The birth of God's precious son
 And the life He willingly gave

We need to stop and reflect awhile
 Remembering our precious Lord
 His birth, His life and sacrifice
 And all that He stands for

But so much seems to distract us
 In the busy-ness of our lives
 We lose our focus in all the happenings
 Not knowing, we leave out Christ

For though the world may celebrate
 It seems though for other reasons
 Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
 Is the true meaning of the season



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