



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- Dec. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting at **Old Southern Tea Room**
- Dec. 9-11 – Prep Angel Tree Dist. Ctr
- Dec. 10 – Angel Tree Gifts Due
- Dec. 12 – MVD Day of Caring
- Dec. 14 – Senior Angel Distribution
- Dec. 15 – Angel Tree Distribution
- 2012**
- Jan. 9 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
BROWN BAG LUNCH
- Feb. 6 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Mar. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Apr. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- May 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

Ladies,

Merry Christmas

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Now we embark upon the Christmas season, a time of peace, love and good will to all. It seems that most people are in really good spirits during this time of the year. So let's keep that festive spirit and try not to stress ourselves by fighting for a parking space or struggling through crowds. Wish people that you meet in stores, parties and at work a Merry Christmas and say it with a smile. Drop your spare coins in the Salvation Army kettle, do something nice for someone, volunteer your time, collect food and personal items and donate them to the Salvation Army Thrift store. Try listening to Christmas music or watching Christmas movies, decorate your house for the holidays. But please don't spend more money than you have, because anxiety over after-Christmas bills will ruin your holiday. Take time this holiday season to give to someone who truly needs it. This gift could be the one that makes the biggest difference in your shopping experience as well as change the life of a child forever.

May you be blessed as you bring the hope of Christmas into the lives of those who need to see the light of God in you to invade the darkness that surrounds them.

'For to us a child is born
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Isa 9:6

The true holiday spirit is about love and kindness, not materialism and shopping. Do your best not to get caught up in the latter.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

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
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- Pearl Carter..... Finance Committee
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- Jo Beth BrittAffairs of the Heart;
Senior Angels
- Cappy Martin - Soup & Sandwich
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Assistant Chairman
- Tina Grau..... - Silent Auction Chair;
Beth Fields, Silent Auction Co-Chair;
- Phyllis Renfro – Christmas Angel Tree
Coordinator
- Linda Renfroe – Vicksburg Mall Angel
Tree Coordinator
- Barbara Cashman Publicity
Committee Chair

Help Wanted! Monthly Hospitality
Committee Chair



Tina Grau Newsletter

Meeting Theme: Joyful Giving

Our December meeting will be held at noon at The Old Southern Tea Room in The Vicksburg on Clay Street and is a Dutch treat lunch being catered by owner Candace Palmertree (\$8.00).



Reminding us of the true meaning for the Season, our meeting theme is Joyful Giving. Members are asked to bring one of the following items for use in the Angel Tree Program: a small toy, game or article of clothing for a child or a Senior-appropriate item.

Acts 20:35

In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



November Volunteers

Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for November 2011: Auther Bailey, Cheryl Lloyd, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Tammy Smith, Dot Steen, and Pat Wright.

Dear SAWA members,

Since we have been relying on a small number of office volunteers, we could really use a few more folks to answer phones and greet clients. The SA staff much appreciates having people who help things run smoother. My contact info is email cmlloyd46@hotmail.com and phone 601-636-4121, if you have any questions or wish to volunteer for a shift.

Serving together, Cheryl Lloyd

Many thanks go out to these Thrift Store volunteers as well: Linda Cary, Wanda Clark, Carolyn Fugler, Jacque Henley, Paula Jones, and Sue Tolbert; non-Auxiliary: Casey Snyder.

Senior Angel Needs

The following items are Senior Angel Program needs:

- Men's socks -- about 10 packages are still needed (packs that have 6 or so pairs of socks in them- black or white)
- 30-40 small travel size lotions, baby powder, or body wash
- Robes in all sizes (men sizes XL XXL XXXL)
- Ladies gown in XXL and XXXL
- Bedroom slippers- men and ladies - size large or XL



Members are invited to bring any of these to the December meeting.

Salvation Army Office:

Mon – Fri. 9:00 – Noon; 1:00 - 4:00
(office closed 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 the Thrift Store NEEDS WINTER COATS & BLANKETS!



2011 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 (Ed Simpson). Thank you, Linda, for arranging this visit. Everyone was put in the Christmas spirit even further by the musical entertainment of Raggy Ragsdale. Thank you Raggy. Your renditions of the favorite Christmas tunes were enjoyed by young and old alike! Thank you to all the SAWA members who attended (and brought grandchildren and friends!)

A project the size of this year's Angel Tree requires a lot of behind the scenes preparation. Between the application process and the distribution of the donated gifts for all our Angels--much preparation and work must be done.

Linda Renfro is doing a great job coordinating the volunteers to man the Angel Tree Table at the Vicksburg Mall. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have volunteered at this table. The pace of this Christmas season is picking up as those last angels need to be adopted and those bags of gifts start being returned. Please check your calendar before the 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 form when angels are adopted and also when gifts are returned. The deadline is Saturday, Dec. 10.

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.

A site has been secured for use as the 2011 Angel Tree Distribution Center.

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:

Saturday, Dec. 10	Deadline for Angel Adoption and Gifts Due
Fri., Dec. 9 – Sun. Dec. 11 9:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday 1:00 p.m. Sunday(if needed)	Preparation begins at Distribution Center receiving and checking gifts,
Mon., Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.	<i>Day of Caring</i> –SAWA & community volunteers sort and organize gifts
Tues & Wed, Dec. 13 & 14 9:00 a.m.	Shopping for forgotten angels, complete preparation for distribution of gifts (SAWA)
Thurs., Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m.	<i>Distribution Day</i>

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

Phyllis Renfro, 2011 Angel Tree Coordinator



Thrift Store Announcements

The Thrift Store needs coats and any type winter clothes, linens, and blankets. The store could also use decorative household items, accessories, whatnots, etc.– these items sell great. Members are reminded that donations of garments and household items (*furniture and bedding too*) are also needed. 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.) Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769. **Thrift Store volunteers are especially needed on Wednesday and Friday!**

Happy
Holidays!

NOTE: There will be no January 2012 Newsletter. Have a wonderful holiday with your families and friends. Don't forget our first meeting of 2012 will be Monday, January 9th. Members should bring a brown bag lunch to this meeting.



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