



# VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS



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

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### Calendar of Events

- Dec. 2 – Rummage Sale, 10-2
- Dec. 3 – Bell Ringing @ Walmart
- Dec. 5 - SAWA Meeting (noon)  
Membership Meeting & Potluck Luncheon (noon)
- Fri., Dec. 9 – Angel Tree gifts due at Vicksburg Mall
- Thurs, Dec. 15 – Angel Tree gift distribution
- Sat., Dec. 16 – Senior Angel gift distribution



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### President's Message

Ladies,

It is with heartfelt thanksgiving and praise to God that we enter this Christmas season.

We certainly have had ample opportunities this year to spread God's love with the Auxiliary's community service programs and projects to enrich the lives of those less fortunate. I am so thankful and feel very fortunate to work with a great group of ladies like you. With your help, we can continue to grow as an auxiliary as we work together, while living by the mission of "Doing the Most Good." Our volunteer efforts provide so many services to those in need in our community.



Matt 2:1-12

Christmas is a time of happiness and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The holidays bring back memories and an appreciation of all the happy times we have shared with family and friends. May your homes be filled with lots of happiness, laughter and loads of new memories. Put down the cell phone, have a conversation with your family and

friends. Enjoy each day to the fullest!

Remember, "Every good and perfect gift is from above" James 1:17

May God bless you and your family not only on Christmas day, but in the New Year too!!

**Serving together,**

**Trudy James**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2017**

**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
- Judy Monroe – 2014-16 - Soup & Sandwich Chairmen; Jacque Henley and Pat Wines, Co-Chairmen
- Silent Auction Co-Chairmen: Tina Grau (2009-16) & Martha Roberts (2013-16)
- Kamace Priest – Christmas Angel Tree Coordinator
- Louise Derrington – Vicksburg Mall Angel Tree Coordinator
- Harriet Gray – Hospitality Com. Chair
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- Tina Grau – Newsletter



**December Meeting Theme: Joy to the World**

Our December Meeting is our Quarterly Membership and Potluck meeting. Don't forget to bring a guest (or two) as well as a dish to share with others.

Members are asked to remember our Senior angels by bringing one of the following to the meeting: Gripper slipper socks, lotion, diabetic socks, grocery gift cards, or a lap robe (throw).

Our food pantry shelves are still lacking. If members would like to help restock the shelves, please bring a few non-perishable items such as pastas, canned meat, oatmeal,

vegetables, soups, etc.

Bible Verse: Luke 2: 9-11 – An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

**Thanksgiving Day Feast**

Between Vicksburg and Port Gibson, around 265 people were served a Thanksgiving meal thanks to efforts of The Salvation Army of Vicksburg and local volunteers. Vicksburg volunteers included Gran Vision, Solid Rock Church, Church of Latter Day Saints, Grove St. Greater MB Church, and SAWA members. Outstanding effort and turnout!



**Salvation Army**

**Office:**

Mon – Fri. 9:00 – noon; 1:00 – 4:00

(office closed daily from noon - 1:00 for lunch)

◆ *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!!*



**Reminder**

Membership dues – Regular dues have increased to \$15.00 per year and Lifetime to \$150.00. See Barbara Cashman.

**Pay Dues**



## Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to our November office volunteers: Del Harris-Minor, Peggy Simpson-Mosley, Patricia Wright. An Office Volunteer Coordinator is needed; please contact Trudy James at 601-415-2994 if you can fill this position.

Thanks go out to Auxiliary members who volunteered in the Rummage Store during November: Jo Ann Burke, Louise Derrington, Rosemary Fairchild, Tina Grau, Jacque Henley, Trudy James, and Mattie Robinson.



**Kansas City Southern Holiday Express** stopped in Vicksburg Wed., Nov. 30th for free tours of Santa's workshop, model train set-ups, Santa's sleigh, Reindeer, & miniature village, reindeer stable & caboose. Shown are Major Steve Welsh and Kamace Priest receiving gift card donations from Kansas City Southern officials (and elves).



Angel Tree gifts due Friday, December 9  
Distribution date - Thursday, Dec 15

River City Tumble and Cheer will be the distribution center

Senior Angel Distribution is planned for Friday, December 16th.

Kamace Priest reports receiving a batch of toys from River Region Auxiliary and that the ERDC Environmental Laboratory is conducting their annual toy drive for Angel Tree.

Louise Derrington reports we started with 336 child angels, and 295 have been adopted out. We began with 121 senior angels and 118 have been adopted out as of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that some of these have been given to churches and that we will probably get some back and need to return them to the Mall tree for adoption. Louise said scheduling workers has been great and she thanks everyone for their help.



## Mark your Calendars: Affairs of the Heart 2017

Affairs of the Heart VII - Show dates are Friday and Saturday February 17 and 18, 2017. Per Jo Beth Britt, in order to perform, EVERYONE must attend one dress rehearsal (Tues., Feb. 14 and Thurs., Feb. 16).



## Rummage Sales Report - Volunteers Needed!

Women's Auxiliary members conducted Rummage Sales on Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (\$1300) and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (\$1,064). We have completed 34 bales of rags, and are ready to satisfy the amount required at one time for purchase by the recycler.

Our next sale dates are Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (from 10 until 2). 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. The Salvation Army can help fire victims as well as others in dire need through store voucher "shopping" – a real blessing to those in need. If you know families in need, the store presently has a LARGE stock of school uniforms available (must go through Social Worker by appointment).



### Condolences

Please join us in praying for Captains Srikant and **Indrani Bhatnagar**, and both their immediate and extended families. Captain Indrani's father, Dharendra Poddar, passed away while under hospice care the morning of November 18th, and the families are expectedly burdened by much sorrow at this time. The Poddar and Bhatnagar families will have a private memorial service on December 3 in Atlanta, Georgia.

If you are led to send a prayer card or note, please mail to:  
Captains Bhatnagar, and her mother, Pragmati Poddar  
7204 Park Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22307

### *More Thanksgiving Feast Pictures*



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