



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 19 – Dec 13 – Angel Tree table
 Pemberton Square Mall - 2 hr shifts
 Dec 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Dec 14-15– **Day of Caring** (work days sorting)
 Dec. 15-16 – Angel Tree (shop/final prep)
 Dec. 17 – Angel Tree Distribution
 Jan. 4, 2010 (noon)– SAWA Meeting
 Feb. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Mar. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 June 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 July 12 (noon) - SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

Merry Christmas.....I'll still joyfully say it.



“Happy Holidays”.....that’s the phrase that has become “politically correct” for this December Holiday. School children now take “Winter Break”...not Christmas Break. Christmas trees are now “holiday” trees. Retailers want us to spend our money for “holiday” gifts.

Well, Christmas is **not** just a winter holiday focused on materialism, but a “holy day” when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. This “holy day” is the celebration of God’s Gift to a lost and dying world – the gift of Jesus, Messiah.

I recently viewed a YouTube video of a group called “The Go Fish Guys” singing “Christmas With a Capital C”. (I immediately went to their website and ordered several of their CD’s for myself and my grandchildren.) These talented young men are a well known Christian group and the message they send through this song is straightforward and true –the **Christ** cannot be taken out of **Christmas**.

Christmas With a Capital “C”

*Well I went to the coffee shop to get myself a mocha
 When the lady at the counter said “Happy Holidays”
 I said, “Thanks lady. I am pretty happy
 But there’s only one holiday that makes me feel that way and...”*

It’s called Christmas

*What more can I say?
 It’s about the birth of Christ
 And you can’t take that away
 You can call it something else
 But that’s not what it will be*

It’s called Christmas with a capital “C”

*God’s got a law and we’ve pretty much destroyed it
 We’re gonna get judged, there’s no way to avoid it
 Jesus came down to take the punishment for me
 He did it for you too, so now maybe you can see why...*

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



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It's called Christmas

What more can I say?

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It's called Christmas with a capital "C"

The words of another new song speak the message of Christmas with more eloquent wording, but the same truth and clarity.

When Love First Cried

by Sonic Flood

There were no sounds of Christmas carols that most holy night
Just a cry of a baby boy who would one day bring us life.
The beauty of this one birth of a child so small and frail
With arms reaching out to a world he would one day heal
On that most unexpected night
A holy and precious sight.

When mercy and hope poured out
And heaven's grace came down
And one life was born to give
That beautiful and perfect gift
That all men may truly live
On the night when love first cried

It was a night like any other
Turned prophetic and profound
Shepherd fell to their knees
And angels gathered round
A miracle in front of them
Promises fulfilled
Let the earth receive her King today
The Savior is revealed

When love cried out to the lost and lonely
To the broken world that all would believe
Let every tongue confess that you are holy
Because your love still cries out
It still cries out.

Serving together,
Phyllis

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!

December Meeting

Our meeting theme is based on the poem “A Cup of Christmas Tea” by Tom Hegg. The program will include this reading and musical presentations by special guests and members. We will enjoy a special meal and time of fellowship. **Remember lunch is \$8.00 this month.** **Hospitality Committee**





Christmas Thank You for the Fraziers

Our officers give so much of themselves, their strength, and their devotion to serving all year. But especially during the Christmas season, they are stretched even more. As a means of showing our love and appreciation to them for their countless hours of service, our members will have the opportunity to contribute to a “Christmas thank you” gift as you sign in at the meeting.

SAWA Members Rock

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Day** found several of our members giving their time in service at the Citadel kitchen. The guests for the wonderful dinner appreciated delicious food and the caring attention of those serving. Thank you Lts. JoAnn and Herb for pursuing this ministry.
- ◆ Pearl and her committee have been collecting, sorting, counting and filling Christmas stockings. What a great job they have done!
- ◆ We have been faithfully attending the Angel Tree Table at Pemberton Square Mall.
- ◆ Sue (Tolbert) – Thank you for your diligence in recruiting volunteers from SAWA and many other sources as well. This is no quick and easy task – no matter how Sue makes it look! We appreciate you, Sue and volunteers!



November Volunteers

Thanks to the following members who helped out during November and especially to Office and Pantry Volunteers Coordinator Jean McAlpin. Office Assistants: Barbara Cashman, Lillian Lee, Cheryl Lloyd, Judy Monroe, Chris Patin, Clara Parks, Pinkston, Ann Sherlock, Dot Steen, Gladys Thornton. Food Pantry Baggers: __ Thrift Store Helpers: __ We regret if anyone was omitted from these listings.

Angel Tree Help Needed

The Angel Tree at the Pemberton Mall will be open for adoption of angels through Dec. 13. We need to have at least one person at this table in 2-hour shifts from 10AM – 8 PM Monday – Saturday and 1-6 PM on Sunday. **Beginning Wednesday, Dec 9 - Dec 13, we need two volunteers per shift.** 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. Also, if you are a member of a church group, civic group, or have contacts with a group or school club who would like to help, please let us know.



Things are going very well at angel tree 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 Dec. 13th. Thank you.

Sue Tolbert, 601-529-7574 or Linda Renfro, 601-414-2510 or 601-634-0721



Angel Tree Stockings

We are making progress on sorting and organizing stockings. If you would like to volunteer to help with stockings, please contact me right away. If you contacted anyone about filling or distributed any stockings, please let them know we need them NOW if they have not been turned in. Contact: Pearl at 601-636-4709 or pwcarter55@att.net. **Pearl Carter, Christmas Stocking Chairman**

Social Services

At last month's meeting Brian Leonard gave this statistical social services report for the month of October: 21 cases were worked and given assistance; 633 meals were served at the Diner; 149 clothing items were distributed; energy assistance was provided for 9 cases.



Thrift Store

Lt Herb Frazier reported that revenue from the Thrift Store continues to improve from this time last year. Members are reminded that donations of garments and household items to the Thrift Store are always needed, as are shoppers. Garments can be in **ANY condition** because income is also derived from rag sales. Tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769.

Red Kettle

From its original beginnings as a fundraiser started by a Salvation Army captain in San Francisco in 1891, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown into one of the most recognizable and important charitable campaigns in the United States. As part of the campaign, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers spread throughout the country to ring bells daily and solicit spare change donations to the iconic red kettles from holiday shoppers. In 2008, the campaign raised more than \$130 million nationwide, a new record supported by the public's nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars (and the occasional diamond ring or gold tooth) all collected and used to help people in the communities where they were raised. Last year, the funds helped The Salvation Army provide food, clothing, toys and other assistance to nearly 30 million Americans in need.



Angel Giving Tree On-Line

The Salvation Army and JC Penney have partnered to provide the opportunity to adopt an Angel online. By going to <http://angel.jcpenney.com/> and typing in the zip code (39180) for The Salvation Army, anyone will be able to search for an angel based on age, gender and wish list. These are local, Vicksburg area angels. JC Penney will email you the details and deadlines for your Angel. You don't have to purchase your gifts from Penney's. However, if you do purchase all your gifts from JC Penney, FedEx will ship your gifts to The Salvation Army for free. Angel Tree was created by The Salvation Army in 1979 by Majors Charles and Shirley White when they worked with a Lynchburg, Virginia shopping mall to provide clothing and toys for children at Christmastime.

Other Interesting Tidbits

The Weather Channel® (TWC), in partnership with singing legend Aaron Neville and The Salvation Army, announces the release of "Holiday Party," a holiday music compilation album. The CD features the single "Please Don't Forget" by Aaron Neville, and a portion of proceeds from the single and the CD, both available by download from theweatherchannelmusic.com, will be donated to The Salvation Army's Annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. In addition to physical Red Kettles, donors can also contribute online at www.salvationarmyusa.org or through a virtual red kettle on any number of corporate or individual websites and Facebook pages.



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