



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Mar. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May. 3 – (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 June 7 – (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 July 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Aug. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

"Heart Month"



Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of attending to matters of the Heart — of telling those we love ...well, that we do!

In 1 Corinthians 13, the "Love Chapter," we are given a description of what love is...I'd like to share with you a paraphrase of fourteen descriptions of love found there.

1. **LOVE IS SLOW TO LOSE PATIENCE.** I am content to wait without becoming angry when others fall below the expectations I have set for them.
2. **LOVE IS KIND AND CONSTRUCTIVE.** I am cautious in my judgments toward others and honestly seek to be a healing rather than a hurting presence in my relationships.
3. **LOVE IS NOT POSSESSIVE.** I don't have to be in control of conversations and other situations in my relationships.
4. **LOVE IS NOT ANXIOUS TO IMPRESS.** I can relax with who I am and don't have to be the life of the party to feel secure.
5. **LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT AND EGOCENTRIC.** I don't have an inflated view of my own importance and often find myself concerned about other people's well-being.
6. **LOVE HAS GOOD MANNERS.** I respect the rights and dignity of others enough not to force thoughtless behavior on them.
7. **LOVE IS NOT SELFISH.** I'm not always concerned about the rights of me, myself, and I and I find pleasure in the happiness and success of others.
8. **LOVE IS NOT TOUCHY AND RESENTFUL.** I try to understand others when they hurt me, and I refuse to let hostile feelings generate toward them.
9. **LOVE FINDS NO DELIGHT IN THE SIN AND SHORT-COMINGS OF OTHERS.** I don't have to reflect on the flaws in other people in order to rest easy with myself.
10. **LOVE REJOICES WHEN RIGHT REIGNS AND TRUTH PREVAILS.** I get excited when injustices are corrected and am angry enough to pay the price of involvement when someone's rights are violated.
11. **LOVE HAS STAYING POWER UNDER PRESSURE.** I persevere when the easier route is to run and abandon someone I was once committed to.
12. **LOVE EXTENDS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.** I discount the validity of rumors and gossip and continue to believe the best about people until facts prove otherwise.

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
..... 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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- Tina Grau Newsletter

13. **LOVE SEES WITH THE EYES OF HOPE.** I'm captivated by the potential in people and am very much aware that what they are is not what they can be.

14. **LOVE REFUSES TO QUIT.** When I'm tempted to throw in the towel on a person or cause, I pray for a second wind and hang tough to the end.

From Holiday Ideas for Youth Groups Zondervan Publishing House, 1989)

Serving together,

Phyllis



Meeting Theme: Hearts to Serve

Continuing with the thought of February as "Heart Month," the theme of our meeting will be "Hearts to Serve." Consider the motto "Heart to God, Hand to Man." This is the truth of the work that is done here in our community and throughout the world by The Salvation Army. No better example of the fulfillment of this motto can be found than in the Salvation Army's response to the disaster in Haiti. May we all have our hearts dedicated to God and our hands dedicated to service to others.

Hearts to Serve Emphasis for February: Our February program will focus on our **Family Thrift Store**. We will learn why it is important to us as individuals, why it is important to our community, and why it is important to the services of The Salvation Army. Let's all bring at least one item (or a trunk full) to donate to the Thrift Store. *{Remember even your worn, stained clothes can be donated. They will be baled and sold to a recycling company.}*

Bring a Friend!

Please invite guests (friends, neighbors, former members, or members who have not attended recently) to our monthly meetings. Be sure to let them all know that we need everyone with "a heart to serve" to join us in our efforts to support the mission of the Salvation Army and provide help for those in need.



January 2010 Membership List

will be available at the February meeting to those without email. It already has been distributed to the membership via email so that it could be printed for updating SAWA notebooks.



2010 Dues

Please come prepared to pay 2010 dues: regular membership, \$10; sustaining membership, \$25; lifetime membership, \$125.



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

**For Pickups, phone: 601-636-2769.
 Help always needed here!**



January Volunteers

Thanks to the following members who helped out at the Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Office during January, and especially to Office and Pantry Volunteer Coordinator Cheryl Lloyd. January volunteers: Gladys Bingham, Kathy Jones, Lillian Lee, Cheryl Lloyd, Pat Martin, Jean McAlpin, Judy Monroe, Louise Montgomery, Phyllis Renfro, Martha Roberts, Bryant Robertson, Dot Steen, and Gladys Thornton.

Calling All Eager Beavers!

A short, informational meeting will be held right after the February 1st SAWA meeting for those interested in answering the phone or bagging up food. Whether you can help one time or on a regular basis, you are invited to come. As always, your service is much appreciated.



Cheryl Lloyd, Office and Pantry Volunteer Coordinator



Message from Sue Tolbert

Thanks to everyone who responded to my email requesting warm clothing and blankets for the Thrift store and for the individual who was in desperate need of warm clothing. The generosity of Auxiliary members and the community was overwhelming and the individual who needed warm clothing was well taken care of, as were many people who shop at the Thrift Store.



April Meeting Date Changed

The date for the April meeting has been changed from April 5 to April 12 due to the Easter/Spring Break Holiday.

Member Snapshots



Joan Donovan is a 9-year member of the Auxiliary. Joan worked as a secretary for the Vicksburg Corps of Engineers for almost 18 years, retiring in 1995. She then worked for the Vicksburg Medical Center as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 11 years and resigned in 2006. Joan's family includes husband Mike, and children Michael, Sharon, Theresa, Paul, and Susan, as well as grandchildren Bobby, Brian, Stephen, Jessica, Jennifer, and Rachel; great grandchildren Ryan and Shaun. Joan's hobbies are reading, sewing and camping.

Currently holding the office of First Vice President, **Trudy James** has been an Auxiliary member since 2004. Trudy works in the Contracting Office at the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center where she has 34 years of service. Her family includes husband Charles, and children Catrina (graduate from USM in accounting) and Courtney, a JSU junior. Hobbies and interests: Trudy says she enjoys helping people.



Sandra Gray joined the Auxiliary in 2009. Sandra worked in sales at Sears for 40 years before retiring. Sandra is a widow and her hobbies include horses and music.



Kristen Danielle Evans is a 2-year member of SAWA and is Sue Tolbert's granddaughter. Kristen is single, a Hinds nursing school student, and works at the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Jean Ethridge has been a member of the Auxiliary for at least 4 years and is a retired Federal government employee. Jean is the widow of James Ethridge and her children include Pam, Randy, Eddie, and Tammy. She also has 7 grandchildren.



Lorryne Cox joined the Auxiliary in 2009. Lorryne operates a child day care center from her home. She is married to Terry Cox, and they are the parents of 3 children.

Janice Parker is another of our 1-year Auxiliary members. Janice is the widow of D.C. Parker, who served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Janice worked at DC's and Michael's Jewelers as well as Vicksburg Insurance Agency before retiring

on disability. Janice's children include Shan, Mike, and Bubba Parker, and grandchildren Karlee, Kendall, Lacey, Ella, Dalen, Brannon, Juliane, Devin, Dillon, and Ally. She enjoys reading in her spare time.



Are you MIA??? We would love to see your smiling face in Member Snapshots – but first you must complete and turn in a **📄 Member Survey** and **📷 have your photo taken** (see Tina or Judy at any meeting and we'll be happy to “snap” you . . . we'll make you look good – we promise). See Tina or Phyllis for Member Survey forms. ***Inquiring minds want to know all about YOU too!***

Tina Grau, Newsletter



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