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The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- Feb. 13 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
Feb. 17 – 19 – Affairs of the Heart (SAWA dates Fri./Sat. at 7 pm)
Mar. 6 – SAWA Meeting (noon)
Membership Meeting & Potluck Luncheon (noon)
Apr. 3 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
May 1 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
June 5 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
Membership Meeting & Potluck Luncheon (noon)
July 10 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
Aug. 7 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
Sep. 11- SAWA Meeting (noon) & Potluck Luncheon (noon)
Oct. 2 -SAWA Meeting (noon)



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President's Message

Greetings,

We are already a week into the shortest month of the year and kicking off our first fund raiser of the year. Affairs of the Heart VII will be held on the 17th and 18th February at 7:00 PM at the Vicksburg Theater Guild. Your help is needed! Please come out, see the performances and thank the volunteers who donate their time and talent to this production. If you're not able to attend, please purchase a ticket(s), donate refreshments for the concession stand, and/or make a monetary donation.

Celebrating black history as a month-long educational theme has been observed since 1976 in the United States. It is a time to commemorate the achievements and contributions of African Americans. As the country grapples with issues of racial inequality and unrest, the increasing awareness of the country's racial history can reduce hostility by providing Americans with a better understanding of current movements, says Gerald Horne, a professor of history and African American studies at the University of Houston. Recognizing and discussing the past is a crucial step toward future reconciliation.



Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This February marks the first Black History Month for the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., which opened in September and features relics ranging from ballast bars found aboard a Portuguese slave ship that sunk in 1794 to the Chicago Bulls jersey worn by Michael Jordan during the 1996-1997 season playoffs. Horne describes the museum, owned by the Smithsonian Institution, as a "huge step forward" – one that would not have been possible without Black History Month.

On February 14th, many people will exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special 'valentine;' let's focus on how we treat others.

The Greatest Commandment. It isn't ironic that the greatest commandment is all about love...loving God first and foremost and then loving your neighbor as yourself. When asked which was the greatest commandment Jesus said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matt 22:37-40)

Serving together,

Trudy James

Happy Valentine's Day

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 – 2014-17 - 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

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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!!



February Meeting Theme: Challenging Ourselves

The theme for our February meeting is Challenging Ourselves.

Bible Verse: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:8-11.)

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.

Affairs of the Heart – Fri./Sat., Feb. 17/18

Proudly hosted by Vicksburg Theatre Guild

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100% of the proceeds go to the projects of Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and Good Shepherd

Tickets:
Adults-\$10.00
Children years 6 to 18-\$5.00
Children 5 and under are free

**Friday, February 17, 2017
&
Saturday, February 18,
2017 at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017
at 2:00 pm**

Tickets Available:
At the door
Call 601- 618-5457
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Inspirational music and entertainment is provided by local artists, church choirs, and individuals.

Affairs of the Heart will be selling tickets at the door only for the Fri./Sat. event. We will use hand stamps on all who enter and change the color for the second night.

We need one more volunteer for Sat. night to assist the box office. They will need to arrive at 5:30. Also needed is the Cast Party hostess.

We will be hosting a 'thank you' banquet for our cast members (?Thursday?). We need sandwiches, dip & chips, sweets, etc. Any drinks or water MUST be the smaller bottles with twist off tops and should be dropped off by 4:00, served at 5:00.

The concession stand will need donations of small bag chips, sweets, and bottled water and the small 12-oz. twist off top soft drinks. Please bag cookies, candy, etc. in baggies. All items will be sold for \$1.

New Member Welcome

Welcome Barbara Gourley as a new Auxiliary member and look forward to working with her on future projects.



Soup and Sandwich News

Jacque Henley, Pat Wines and Judy Monroe will co-chair the 2017 Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser this year with the help of all the Auxiliary as has been done in the past. So many wonderful ladies and volunteers have made this a success each year, and we expect no less this coming Fall. Please mark these dates on your calendar: October 9 Set-up and Cooking Day and October 10, Event Day at Crawford Street UMC. We will have more details in the months to come. All of our Chairs, including Bake Sale, Kitchen, and Silent Auction would love to have other members step up to join their teams. Please be in prayer about this.

"I can do things you cannot, You can do things I cannot; Together we can do Great Things!" Mother Teresa

Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to our January 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 to Auxiliary members who volunteered in the Rummage Store during January: Jo Ann Burke, Louise Derrington, Rosemary Fairchild, Jacque Henley, Trudy James, and Mattie Robinson. Auxiliary volunteers were unable to hold sales during January because of safety concerns and lack of working space due to the overwhelming number of donations.



Rummage Sales Report - Volunteers Needed!

36+ bales of rags are ready to be sold to a recycler. Both January and the 1st February Rummage Sales had to be cancelled because the store is overflowing with donations and rag bales that need to be sold. These donations cannot be sorted until space is made to work in the building.

What God Has to Say About Why We Volunteer

God loves and cares for those in need through us. Isaiah 58:10 declares, *“If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness and your gloom will be as the noonday.”* One theme that runs all throughout the Bible is that God closely identifies with and cares for the plight of the poor, and that to serve them is to serve Him. Consequently, we volunteer with humility, knowing that we’re working with those God dearly loves.

God blessed us with gifts and talents to benefit others. The Bible teaches that those who hoard their gifts, not only cheat others, but themselves. 1 Peter 4:10, *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* Your calling just might be found at the place where your gifting and the world’s needs meet.

God made us for His purposes way before we ever realized it. Ephesians 2:10 says, *“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

God will reward us. A lot of people balk at the idea that a volunteer would be the one to benefit from serving, but Colossians 3:23-24 says, *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive an inheritance as your reward. Not only is there personal satisfaction in serving others, the Scriptures teach that we’ll be rewarded by Jesus because it’s actually Him we’re serving!*

What verses motivate you in volunteering and serving those in our community?

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