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# VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS



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

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### Calendar of Events

- Jan. 9 – SAWA Meeting (noon)  
 Fri., Jan. 20 - Rummage Sale, 10-2  
 Feb. 6 - SAWA Meeting (noon)  
 Feb. 17 – 19 – Affairs of the Heart (SAWA dates Fri./Sat.)  
 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)



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### President's Message

Ladies,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

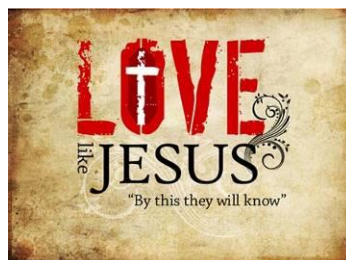
Let's give thanks to God for allowing us to see this new day and New Year!

“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:23-24

I pray we have a happy and healthy year. Life is a blessing; surround yourself with positive people and make every moment count. WORDS MATTER!

**Serving together,**

**Trudy James**



### January Meeting Theme: New Beginnings

The theme for our January meeting is New Beginnings.

Bible Verse: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35).*

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.

## 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

## BIG THANK YOU!!

Major Mary thanks EVERYONE for their hard work with the Red Kettle Campaign and Angel Tree Distribution. "I appreciate everyone who has worked so hard to help do the work of the Army."



Kamace

## Angel Tree Report

All children were adopted!!! Thanks to Louise and Vicksburg Mall workers.

Not having to shop due to the handing out of gift cards donated by KCS, made Angel Tree SUPER EASY!!!! Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Ameristar (pizza), Entergy (toy drive and helping on distribution day), Waterways Environmental Laboratory (toy drive), First Presbyterian (hosting a tree) – forgive us if we've left out anyone.

## Senior Angel Distribution

Jo Beth Britt, Major Mary, and Cheryl Lloyd were the Senior Angel contact persons. Janet Chisolm and Jean McAlpin helped process senior angel bags. Those helping deliver angel gifts to apartment buildings included Jo Beth Britt, Major Mary Welch, Cheryl Lloyd, Trudy James, Jean McAlpin, Joe Joe, Rick – these last two were a big help. In addition to delivering gifts to apartments, Barbara and Pat Cashman helped in a tremendous way because they delivered presents to many houses (familiar with addresses from Meals on Wheels delivery to shut-ins). Jo Beth and Major Mary delivered senior gifts to all Vicksburg nursing homes. Major Mary helped in every way possible and needs a BIG "Thank you". Some of the senior angel bags were taken to the Community Council building for them to deliver.

Major Steve needs a "Thank You" for typing our "working list" of angels with the assigned Salvation Army angel numbers, addresses, and other helpful information. We are so appreciative for that. (It was in larger print than the Community Council list and SO MUCH easier to read).

Someone brought pizza, hot chocolate packets, and water for the all Angel Tree volunteers – very much appreciated too! Pizza and drinks were bought for lunch one day by SA. Ameristar brought Pizza for volunteers on delivery day.

This year was the best year ever for the Senior Angel Tree Project – it ran so smoothly. The set-up for us downstairs was wonderful. We handled each bag just one time and put it in the correct pile to be delivered. This saved us lots of time. The fact that every single senior angel was adopted meant that we did not have to shop for anyone. Fantastic!!! This year our community really opened up their hearts in a BIG way.

Maj Mary, Jo Beth Britt, Cheryl Lloyd

### 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!!**

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## Red Kettle Campaign Update

An article appearing in the Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Vicksburg Post is shown below. Congratulations to the Women's Auxiliary for winning the Ring Off with the Advisory Board. SAWA raised \$767.73 and the Advisory Board raised \$512.64. **CONGRATULATIONS SAWA Membership for a job well done!** Major Steve thanks members for your continued prayers and practical support.



## Salvation Army's Red Kettle donations down

By Alana Norris Published by The Vicksburg Post @9:55 am Thursday, January 5, 2017

The numbers are in, and the annual Red Kettle drive by the Salvation Army did not raise as much money as previous years. The numbers are in, and the annual Red Kettle drive by the Salvation Army did not raise as much money as previous years.

As of Wednesday, the total count for donations in Vicksburg, including a matching donation, auxiliary and advisory board fundraisers and kettle donations was at \$61,500, which was down from last year's recorded \$97,977.96 total at year-end.

"There are some obvious anomalies from last year," Maj. Steve Welch said. Welch said he thought previous Vicksburg leader Capt. Srikant Bhatnagar might have tallied the donation totals in a different way than he did, but he hasn't had time to really look at how donations were added in the past to know how the two totals actually stack up.

"We're not comparing apples to apples. The way the information was input last year is different from the way we did it this year apparently," Welch said. "It'll be awhile before the new bookkeeper has the knowledge to be able to give me the reports I need to really compare."

Welch said 425 volunteers spent 492 hours manning the Red Kettles. The volunteers raised \$21,272.16 while at the kettle, he said, and as of now, counter kettles have raised \$563.75. Welch said he still has to calculate a few counter kettles that were not turned in until after Christmas. "I think we had more volunteers this year, but, again, I haven't checked," he said.

Even though the Red Kettle campaign is the main fundraiser for the Salvation Army each year, Welch said donations are always accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the office, 530 Mission 66; mailed to P.O. Box 1166, Vicksburg, MS 39182; given online at [give.salvationarmyusa.org/goto/Vicksburg](http://give.salvationarmyusa.org/goto/Vicksburg); or by texting "Vicksburg" to 71777.

"People have needs year-round so we're still meeting needs, and we still need help," Welch said. Some ways the Salvation Army meets those needs, in addition to the Christmas programs, is through its food pantry, a backpack giveaway and by helping people with necessities through emergency situations and disasters.

Welch said one of his focuses is opening up the organization's store more than twice a month. He wants it open on a more regular basis, possibly for six days a week with two part-time employees, and he plans on putting the changes in place soon.



## Affairs of the Heart 2017

Affairs of the Heart 2017 dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 17 – 19. If you know someone who may want to entertain, please contact Jo Beth by Jan. 10th. In order to perform, everyone must attend one dress rehearsal.

Jo Beth

Affairs of the Heart – concessions: The theater no longer will allow cups of ice and drink. We must use the small

12 oz. bottles with the twist off caps. Cappy Martin

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## Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to our December 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 December: Jo Ann Burke, Louise Derrington, Rosemary Fairchild, Tina Grau, Jacque Henley, Trudy James, and Mattie Robinson. Auxiliary volunteers took in \$2,215.09 in sales for the Salvation Army Rummage Sale Store during December.



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## Rummage Sales Report - Volunteers Needed!

Women's Auxiliary members conducted Rummage Sales on Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$1329) and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (\$886). 36+ bales of rags are ready to be sold to a recycler as soon as one is found. Our January 6<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale 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.

Our next sale date should be Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> (from 10 until 2). Extra volunteer help will be needed to sort and, hang and shelve all the donations that have backed up over the past few weeks. (Contact Jo Ann Burke, Jacque Henley, or Rosemary Fairchild if you can help for a few hours to make sure someone is at the store. 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).

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