



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- July 10 (4:00) – Community Healing Service – Triumph Church
- July 11 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Aug. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Sep. 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Oct. 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Oct. 10 – S&S Prep Day
- Oct. 11 – Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
- Nov. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- Dec. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

Jesus on the 4th of July



*We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.*

*With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flow
To show how much we care.*

*The stars and stripes spell freedom.
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.*

*This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.*



*With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.*



*The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.*

*So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.*

*But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day*

Marilyn Ferguson

Let's remember to thank our men and women in uniform for their contribution in making this the best country in the world.

Happy Independence Day!

Serving together,

Trudy

2010 - 2012 SAWA Officers and Committee Chairmen

- Trudy James President
- Phyllis Renfro ... 1st Vice Pres.
(Membership Chair)
- Barbara Cashman ... 2nd Vice Pres.
(Publicity Chair)
- Judy Monroe Secretary
- Carolyn Fugler Treasurer
- Anne Page Chaplain
- Gwen Edris..... Nominating
Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter..... Finance
Committee Chair
- Jo Beth BrittAffairs of the
Heart; Senior Angels
- Cappy Martin / Jacque Henley.....
Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
?..... 2011 S&S Silent Auction
Chair;
- Pat Martin & Carole Simpson, 2010
Asst. Chair
- Phyllis Renfro.. 2011 Christmas
Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Rosa Bells..... Christmas Stocking
Committee Chair
- Patricia Wright - Pemberton Angel
Tree Chair
- Barbara Cashman Publicity
Committee Chair
- Help Wanted!** Monthly
Hospitality Committee Chair
- ❖
- Tina Grau Newsletter



Welcome

We wish to welcome our newest Auxiliary member Linda Jackson. Linda is already volunteering at the Emergency Ops Center, and we all look forward to working with her on future projects.

Meeting Theme: In God We Trust

Many thanks to Mary Barnes and Patricia Wright for serving as July meeting hostesses; their theme is: Conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Members are asked to bring one (or more) of the following items to the July meeting for use in the Client Pantry (for food bags that are distributed weekly to those in need). Desirable supplies: **ravioli and any type canned items children like; canned meat, tuna, chicken, etc.; oatmeal, rice, cereal, dry beans, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti/other noodles, macaroni & cheese or any other type dinner in a box, crackers, soups.**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6. (NIV)

Hospitality hostesses are still needed for the October and November meetings – see Trudy to volunteer.

Warm Welcome to Captain and Lieutenant Bhatnagar!

At the July meeting, we will be officially welcoming Captain Srikant and Lieutenant Indrani Bhatnagar as the new commanders of The Salvation Army Vicksburg Corps. Please make every effort to attend.



Community Healing Service - July 10 - Triumph Church

The Salvation Army is sponsoring a Community Healing Service for everyone impacted by the MS River Flood of 2011. The service will take place Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 at Triumph Church, 4305 I-20 Frontage Road, in Vicksburg. Special guests will be Mayor Paul E. Winfield and Vicksburg pastors. The purpose of the service is to bring the community together. Please spread the word and make plans to attend.



June Volunteers

Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for June 2011: Auther Bailey, Cheryl Lloyd, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, and Tammy Smith. Thrift Store Volunteers: Carolyn Fugler, Wanda Clark, and Sue Tolbert. (Bless these Non-SAWA Thrift Store volunteers: Paula Jones, Judy Morrissey, Bonnie West, Ethel ____, and Jo Ann _____. More help always needed here!)

The Salvation Army Emergency Operations Center – Vicksburg, MS Flood 2011

May 18—that’s the day we opened the EOC to begin aiding people affected by The Flood.

A couple of weeks of planning, coordinating, hard physical, mental, and emotional labor, . . . and praying had gone into this opening day. The building had been leased, cleaned (no small task!), supplies delivered (by 18 wheelers, pickups, and trailers!), and volunteers recruited for key roles. At the end of that first week, 131 families had walked through our doors at the Washington Street EOC. The Salvation Army provided aid to anyone impacted by this disaster– those with flooded homes; those who may have had no water in their home, but had to evacuate; those who were unable to work because of the flood waters.

After providing necessary documentation and being interviewed, these families were supplied with enough non-perishable food to last about 5 days. They were also given, if needed, personal care kits, laundry supplies, water, clothing vouchers (for use at TSA Thrift Store), diapers and baby food.

In order to provide even more support to these dislocated families, FEMA, SBA, and MEMA were allowed to occupy a space in our building. So beginning on May 24, clients could register with FEMA (and these other disaster agencies) and also receive TSA assistance at one location.

As families began returning to their flood-ravaged homes, we began distributing cleaning supplies. Each family received a “clean-up bucket”. These contained a mop, a push broom, gloves, masks, sponges, and cleaning products. Additional cleaning supplies – Clorox, Pine Sol, etc., as well as sunscreen and insect repellent, were also supplied.

As of July 1, 408 individual families have received assistance from The Salvation Army Emergency Operations Center. From these 408 families, there have been 524 return visits during our 6 weeks of operation. Thus, a total of 932 family units, 2527 people have been given aid here in Vicksburg from the EOC. Those who received these supplies have been extremely grateful. The Salvation Army always provides not only for the physical needs during a disaster, but also for the spiritual and emotional needs. We saw many shocked, sad, and discouraged faces during those first weeks, so local pastors were asked to visit in the waiting area to listen and pray with clients. Our thoughts and prayers have been with members who are Eagle Lake residents while they have been displaced from their homes during the Flood of 2011.



The Salvation Army’s Disaster Assistance Services and our Jackson Area Corps have provided exceptional support to our community during this disaster. But this aid could not have continued without the outpouring of support from our community. Local churches, businesses, clubs, and individuals have donated supplies and money needed to fill the needs. Trucks filled with supplies have come from local churches, and from churches in Jackson, Gloster, Florida, Texas, and Utah.

If one thinks about the amount of food, cleaning supplies, laundry, and personal care items that a family needs for living 6 weeks and for cleaning a flood damaged home, the amount is huge. Then multiply that amount by 408 ---WOW! Now you can imagine the amount of supplies that have been distributed through the EOC. Staggering!

The truly staggering number, however, is the number of recruits in “The Army of Volunteers”. This team, because of their love of God and their neighbors in need, has willingly given over 3000 total hours of service

in this flood relief effort. I wish I could name all of you who have worked so wholeheartedly and consistently. In the front lines are those who greeted the clients and offered not only cold water and information, but compassion. The squad in the “Intake” area, with their fearless leader, Pearl, not only documented, interviewed, and assessed the needs of those who came, but also offered kindness and concern for each. Countless drops of sweat have fallen in the warehouse area as our volunteers have unloaded truckloads of supplies, sorted food items (who can forget the goldfish bag!), packed family food boxes, collected and loaded supplies in family cars. And even during all this hard, sweaty work, they have cheerfully greeted, listened to and even consoled those who came. Thank you to our warehouse coordinators: Joe Smith and John Trest. Everyday all of us looked forward to lunch, knowing that our faithful team of “lunch ladies” would have quite a spread for us. Thank you girls! (Lead by Kathy Jones, our volunteer coordinator)

The Salvation Army’s motto, “Heart to God, Hand to Man”, has truly been exemplified on Washington Street during the past six weeks. God has displayed His power at work and has supplied our every need in awesome and unexpected ways. There are so many examples of His intervention – from provision of supplies to provision of just the right people at just the right time!

The day volunteers gathered to begin the cleanup of the building on Washington Street, I opened my devotional book, Streams in the Desert, to the day, May 11. This is the verse for the day: *We went through fire and water, but You brought us to a place of abundance. Psalm 66:12*

That verse inspired and encouraged us that day as we began what we all knew would be a long recovery from this devastation by water. So we adopted that verse as “ours” at the EOC – for those serving and for those we serve. God is bringing us and our community back to a place of abundance.

On behalf of Pearl, Sue, and our EOC team - Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.

Phyllis

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Date is Set - October 11th – Good News!



Cappy Martin and Jacque Henley are teaming up as Co-Chairpersons of our Soup and Sandwich event to be held on Tuesday, October 11 (set-up on October 10) – Mark your calendars! Eva Vines will be back as our Bake Sale Chairperson (hooray!). Teamwork continues to make our organization both *special* and **successful**.



Now who wants to be Silent Auction Chairperson? Come on – didn't you always want to run your very own store? Other than a bit of paperwork, it's only for a couple of days (set up and sale day) – you know you want to do it! All the details are already in a tabulation with businesses assigned to members in previous years, etc. We have the promise of a storage unit to use for donated items and even have our first donation – a flat-screen TV from Cowboy Maloney's. Who has ***a heart to serve and a desire to help our organization bring in some \$6000*** which can be used to further projects assisting the less fortunate in our community? Step right up, the more, the merrier! Call Tina at 601-831-0418 if you have any questions. To volunteer for this or any other Soup and Sandwich job, call or email Trudy (601-415-2994), Cappy (601-529-6367), or Jacque (601-636-8271).



Senior Angels Shopping Reminder

While you are out and about shopping, please remember to be on the lookout for the following Senior Angel needs: 3XL or 4XL men shirts (pullover); 2XL, 3XL, 4XL men's sweats; 2XL, 3XL, 4XL ladies duster/robes (light cotton); 2XL, 3XL, 4XL ladies sweats; *Socks (black or white); Lap Robes; Bedroom slippers- sizes large and XL.

Salvation Army Office:

Mon – Fri. 9:00 – Noon; 1:00 - 4:00
Office closed on Friday (and daily
from Noon – 1:00 for lunch)

Thrift Store Hours:

Mon – Fri 9:00 – 5:30
Saturday 9:00 – 4:00

Help always needed here!

Phone 601-636-2769 for pickups.



*Remind your neighbors that OUR
THRIFT STORE NEEDS THEIR
OLD STUFF!*



**Thrift Store Needs Your
Donations for Flood
Victims!**

Volunteers are needed at the Thrift Store to sort, arrange, and place donated items! Members are also reminded that donations of garments and household items (*furniture and bedding too*) are needed at our Thrift Store – *especially for flood clients*. Garments can be in ANY condition because income is also derived from rag sales. (The value of your donation is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided by store staff.) Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769.



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