



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- June 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
- July 12 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
- Aug. 2 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
- Sep. 13 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
- Oct. 4 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
- Oct. 11 – S&S Prep Day
- Oct. 12 – **31st Annual Soup & Sandwich**
- Nov 8 (noon) - SAWA Meeting
- Dec 6 (noon) - SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk



Dear Ladies,

Our first event, the Spring Lula was held on May 25 and it was a success. Thanks to God's blessings, the weather was perfect, the food was great and the fellowship was awesome. My grateful appreciation goes to Phyllis Renfro and her committee for their dedication, time, energy and talent; we would not have been able to host such an event for the Auxiliary without them.

The next event planned for your enjoyment is our Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Tuesday, October 12th.

If you are ready to become an awesome Chairperson or Co-chairperson, please contact any of the Auxiliary officers.

I believe that we are at our best when we are serving others. The Lord has a plan for our lives and I am extremely grateful that following His path led me to The Salvation Army Ladies Auxiliary.

Summer is fast approaching, so please dress for the heat, drink water, eat small meals and eat more often, slow down and avoid strenuous activity, stay indoors when possible, and be a good neighbor during heat waves and check on elderly residents.

Thanks to an army of awesome volunteers. The Salvation Army would not be able to function if it were not for all of our dedicated volunteers. We greatly appreciate all of the help that the community has to offer.

Serving together,
 Trudy



June Meeting Theme: Salute to Our Flag

We salute "Old Glory" at our June meeting. The symbolism of the flag design is described in a book published by the Congress in 1977 states: "The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial; the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun." George Washington is credited for saying: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty." Many people also take the red and white to stand for the blood of those who gave their lives for freedom, and the presumed purity of the freedom ideal, respectively.

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
- Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau..... S&S Silent Auction Chair; Pat Martin & Carole Simpson, Co-Chair
- Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Christmas Stocking Committee Chair
- Barbara Cashman Publicity Committee Chair
- Hospitality Committee Chair
- ❖
- Tina Grau Newsletter

Photos of Clothing Drive for Eagle Lake Tornado Victims & Luau on Web



Pictures from the May 15th Benefit for Eagle Lake Tornado victims and from the May 25th Luau Fundraiser can be seen at: <http://vixsawa.weebly.com/benefit-for-eagle-lake-tornado-victims.html> and at <http://vixsawa.weebly.com/2010-luau-pictures.html>



Number Crunch Time

It's time to start thinking about the budget for next year. Anyone planning to propose new projects or knowing of any item that should be budgeted should get an estimate to Pearl Carter (601-636-4709 or 415-9366 or email pwcarter55@att.net).

May Volunteers



Thanks to the following May Office Volunteers:

Tina Grau, Cheryl Lloyd, Judy Monroe, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Clara Parks Pinkston, Dot Steen, Gladys Thornton, and Barbara Yerger. Thrift Store volunteer: Carolyn Fugler. We regret if anyone was omitted from this listing.



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, Silent, and Auction Bake Sale – Countdown Has Begun!

The dates of our Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Bake Sale, & Silent Auction will be Tuesday, October 12th. If any of you are artisans who handcraft fine sewn pieces, jewelry, paintings, pottery, do photography, or unique or fine woodworking, etc., or have friends/acquaintances who make these or other sorts of one-of-a kind handmade items, please consider asking them to donate their talent to our Silent Auction offerings to benefit the Salvation Army's many worthwhile projects. These types of gifts are sought after by S&S luncheon customers and help raise lots of money for our cause. However, artists need "lead time" as well as *inspiration* for their art, so please ask them NOW and let them know – four months zips by and we want to give them adequate time to let their creative juices flow freely for our good cause!

We also very much appreciate our Auxiliary "closet bargain sale shoppers/ Silent Auction anonymous donors" who typically bring in some very special and unique items for auction. If any of you have creative new ideas for silent auction items, please contact one of us.

Tina Grau, Silent Auction Chairman
Pat Martin and Carole Simpson, Co-Chairmen

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!](#)
Phone 601-636-2769 for pickups.

Salvation Army Vacation Bible School will be held during Wednesday June 16 – 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with a Cool Down Splash Party and Barbeque on Saturday, June 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you can help (especially on Saturday), please contact Lt. Jo Ann Frazier at 601-636-2706. *Donations for Bible School refreshments will be accepted at our June SAWA regular meeting.*





Wow! 2010 Luau - A Blazing Success

Not only were the temperatures “blazing” on Tuesday, so were our dedicated volunteers.

Here are the statistics: 332 tickets sold

290+ meals served

\$2900 profit! (This is an estimate...not the final “official” report!)

I call that a Blazing Success! Successful fundraisers can only happen with the hard work of many people. Getting the ball rolling with great news coverage was Barbara Cashman, publicity chairman. Thank you Barbara being sure the public was informed and kept informed. Thank you to each of you who showed up Tuesday to set up, decorate, deliver, lift, and serve. So many of you pitched in to help in any way you were needed. I appreciate you, everyone!

Special appreciation and accolades must go to our *wonderful chefs*. Alice Bridges and her team of cooks prepared both the pork and the chicken. (Special gratitude is owed to Sue Tolbert’s husband, Dale, for volunteering his butchering skills!) Preparing 336 chicken quarters and 125 pounds of pork is no small feat. But serving up such delicious results requires unique talent! (Alice gives all the credit and glory to God!) Working with Alice were not only other SAWA members: Lorryne Cox, Jean McAlpin, Jo Beth Britt, Linda Renfroe, Kathy Jones, Tina Grau, Sue Tolbert, Beverly Ellis (thanks for the great beans, Beverly). We also had special volunteers, James Bridges, Terry Cox, Billy Ellis, Joe Wooley, Bob McClure, and Alice Jones. They prepared the fruit, green beans, and tea. Many thanks to Lucy Barwick and Earlene Alexander who prepared the very popular and delicious macaroni salad. Great job ladies.

The Bake Sale added \$330 to our profits! Thank you to everyone who brought the wonderful goodies. Everything looked so good and sold well. Thank you, Eva Vines and all your “Eagle Lake helpers”. You are experts at this now!

Thank you to Lt. JoAnn and Lt. Herb for their support and help throughout. By their efforts, the rice and rolls were donated. They also requested and secured the Disaster Canteen and the donation of the food trays that we used. Thank you, Captains Ken and Jessie Chapman, for your attendance and the support of The Jackson Salvation Army.

Again this year, the finishing touch on the “luau” theme was Rev. Raggy Ragsdale in his Hawaiian shirt serenading the diners. Many thanks to him!

I would like to give a special big thank you to Sue Tolbert, who was with me through all the planning and execution of the details of this fundraiser. Sue not only sold more tickets than anyone, she secured donations from businesses, and solved many problems, giving me much needed guidance and security.

Again, let me say: A blazing success like this is only possible because of the combined efforts of many. I wish I could just list everyone who played a part in this success....but that’s not possible here. Besides, I know that our members do nothing for their own glory, but have the higher goal of giving a helping hand to those who need the services provided by The Salvation Army.

“Alone we can do so little...together we can do so much” Helen Keller

Phyllis
2010 Luau Chairman

Social Services

Jamie Leonard, our Social Worker, reports the following services provided clients during the month of April (May stats will be given at the June meeting):



Cases Served: 47

Meals Provided: 1,184;

Utility Assistance: 37

Clothing Items Distributed: 68

Total Individuals Served: 113

Grocery Orders: 18

Rent/Mortgage Assistance: 10

Power To Care Assistance: 4

Member Snapshots



Jean Gann has been an Auxiliary member for over 25 years. Jean has worked at various jobs including banking, PX, and payroll. Before being widowed, Jean traveled with her husband all over Japan, New York, and Florida. Her family includes daughter Linda Brooks (TX), son Don Gann (Clinton), and grandchildren: Carley, Cole, Kelli, and Michael, as well as great grandson Cadyn. Jean's interests include sewing and knitting.

A one-year member of the Auxiliary, Beverly Ellis is married to Billy Ellis. She is a retired Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (29 years at River Region) and was an operating room nurse for 17 years. Beverly's stepchildren include Dan Ellis, RN, Barbara Emerson, Anne Huskey, and Jan Ellis. Beverly is active in Campers on Mission for Mississippi Baptist Association.



Patricia Wright recently joined the Women's Auxiliary. Patricia is married to husband Charles and is retired. She has declared her interest in serving the Salvation Army through Communication, Office Support, and Kitchen Support/Meeting Set-up, as well as Projects.



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