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VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS



The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

- May 30 – June 2 – Soccer Camp/
VBS (9 – 4)
- June 5 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
Membership Meeting & Potluck
Luncheon (noon)
- June 13 - 2nd Tues. Mission 66
Diner Meal
- July 10 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Aug. 7 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Sep. 11- SAWA Meeting (noon)
& Potluck Luncheon (noon)
- Oct. 10 – Soup & Sandwich
Luncheon Fund Raiser



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President's Message

Hello,

School's out and summer is fast approaching. The season we've all been awaiting. *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:8*

I do enjoy summer and was reading an article about all the "wonderful" things God gives us. Of course, the first thing is the summer sun. Only God could have made it. It gives light to the whole world and heats the earth. It helps the crops grow.

Summer means lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. A home-grown tomato is one of my favorites. I'm looking forward to a fresh tomato sandwich this summer.

Another thing about summer is seeing all of the beautiful flowers. That's right, seeing them — growing them is something I haven't been able to master — yet. You have no idea how excited I am when I can get a plant to survive longer than a month. That's right, survive, because I don't have that green thumb, in spite of my best efforts.

And then summer brings all of those bugs, bees and strange insects, and they too are important in God's wonderful works.

Summer is just a beautiful time of the year. It's amazing that we don't think about God's hand in it. We go about our day and don't think anything about the beautiful things He has given us. I know I will appreciate all of those "wonderful works" more.

Speaking of appreciating wonderful works, God also gave us wonderful Dads.

Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life,
To mold and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

By M.S.Lowndes



**Serving together,
Trudy James**

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 (2009-17) & 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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June Meeting Theme: Let the SONshine In!

John 13:34-35 – A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Our June 5th meeting is the quarterly membership potluck luncheon. Please bring a guest and a dish to share with others. We really need to GROW our ACTIVE membership, and with school out, and recent retirements, this would be a good time to bring in new members and show them how they can reach out and serve their community while having fun and making new friends.

Members are asked to bring any of the following items for Hidden Lake campers – hotel size shampoo/conditioner, body wash, and/or lotions; sunscreen/insect repellent spray, band aids, and/or towelette wipes.

To get a head start on filling Back-to-School backpacks, any of these: a box of Kleenex, roll of paper towels, pocket folders with clasps, hand sanitizer, and/or sanitizer.

Mission 66 Diner 2nd Tuesday Meal

On May 9th Rosa Bells, Mary Galtney, Cappy Martin, Jordan Wright and Pat Wright served lunch at the diner to 42 people. The meal served was chicken pieces with BBQ sauce, green beans, baked beans, peach cobbler, bread, and tea. GREAT JOB, LADIES! More Diner teams or team members are always needed and welcome!



Water Crisis Help

Cases of water were distributed at Entergy by SAWA members Jo Beth Britt and Sheila McKinnis and Larry Carter and Greg Mayfield, Entergy, during the recent Vicksburg water crisis. Cases of water were also distributed at the Salvation Army by SAWA members Jo Beth and Trudy, as well as SA volunteer Ethel, and SA staff Valerie (social worker), Rick (Thrift Store), and Major Steve. Great work everybody!

Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to our May office volunteers: Jo Beth Britt, Del Harris-Minor, April Jones (non SAWA), 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 any Auxiliary members who volunteered in the Thrift Store during May: Jo Ann Burke, Louise Derrington, Rosemary Fairchild, Tina Grau, and Mattie Robinson. More volunteers are needed to sort the mountains of donations that have piled up over the past couple of months. PLEASE COME BY AND DONATE ANY TIME YOU CAN SPARE!





Kicks for Hope Soccer Camp/Vacation Bible School

The annual Kicks for Hope Soccer camp is being held this week, 30 May – 2 June (9am until noon). I Can Fly Ministries has volunteered this year to conduct Vacation Bible School (1pm until 4pm).

Thank you to all our adult volunteers, and to the following individuals, groups, and local restaurants providing lunch for campers and volunteers: Viki Bailey, Jr. Auxiliary/Chick-fil-A, TSA/SAWA, and McDonalds. (More Soccer Camp/VBS pictures are posted on Facebook.)

Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

The Soup and Sandwich, Bake Sale and Silent Auction will be on October 10 with Set up and cooking day on October 9. Place these dates on your calendar and be ready for our July meeting to volunteer for helping. I look forward to a great fundraiser again. Our volunteers are the BEST!

Judy Monroe



OUR HERO!

Long-time volunteer has no plans to slow down

By John Surratt, Published by Vicksburg Post 5:36 pm Sunday, May 28, 2017

Trudy James-Brown is a member of an army for good.

The Vicksburg native is in her second year as president of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, an organization she has been a member of since 2004. And it took a band of angels to get her involved. Their influence began when James-

Brown's daughters wanted to be Girl Scouts.

“Like most parents, you get involved after you have children,” she said. “When my girls were younger, they wanted to be Girl Scouts. A friend of mine and I got together and formed a Girl Scout troop.” As her daughters became older, they became involved with community service programs, and to get the required hours, they worked with Angel Tree. “I just couldn't let them go and just drop them off, I stayed with them,” she said.

At first, her involvement with Angel Tree was taking the information for the children in need and helping people who wanted to adopt an angel. “Then I volunteered to go to the distribution center, and I saw that side,” James-Brown said. “Then I started taking vacation days and processing (applications) — that lasted all day, and I worked on that, so I saw the unit part. Then I began sorting the toys. I got a chance to see the whole process. I just evolved from that.”

It took several years before she became a member of the auxiliary; her wait to become an officer was much shorter. “Once I became a member and worked there as an auxiliary member, an election came, and they wanted officers,” she said. “I didn't think I was ready, but of course, they encouraged me to run and I started off as second vice president. I've been going ever since.”

James-Brown said serving as auxiliary president “is busy, busy, but there's no way the Salvation Army can function without volunteers. We must have volunteers to do what we do. It's so fulfilling, and once you have those projects, they seem like they don't get off the ground and then they come to fruition and the results are ... you just can't put word to it. You have the success of those projects, but it takes quite a few people to put those projects on, and we have projects throughout the year.”

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“I started out working on a team at the Vicksburg District,” she said, adding at one time her office at ERDC was consolidated at the District. “I guess about 2000, we put a team together for the Vicksburg District and we had a team every year until I moved back to ERDC in 2008.” She now works with the Warren County Relay for Life leadership team.

She is also a member of the Negro Business and Professional Women’s Organization, which performs community service projects, offers scholarships to high school students and honors community leaders.

She attends New Mount Zion Church, where she is a chairman of the church committee and sings in the choir.

And she has no plans to slow down. “I won’t stop as long as the good Lord gives me health and strength, I plan to get up every morning and try and make a difference in someone’s life. It’s been fulfilling to me personally to know God’s blessed me so I can bless others.”

NOTE: This is Trudy’s second term as President of the Auxiliary; Trudy also served as Auxiliary President from 2010 - 2012.

Thrift Store News

Help Wanted - Hiring Store Manager with right qualifications; Hours are 10 until 2 (?) five days a week. If you know anyone who might be interested, contact Major Steve Welch. **Volunteers to sort the mountains of donations are desperately needed – VOLUNTEER NOW!** Come in any week day between 10 am and 3 pm.



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