



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Mon. – Sat. 9 – 3 – Emergency Operations Center, 2127 Washington St.
 June 6 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 July 11 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Aug. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Sep. 12 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Oct. 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Nov. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Dec. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

Ladies,

Once again, you have answered the call to help. When the Auxiliary is at its best, needs are met, people are cared for, and lives are changed. Thank you to the Auxiliary and the community for your time and effort serving up Hope.

Lucky or Blessed? Luck is defined as the force that seems to operate for good or ill in a person's life, as in shaping circumstances, events, or opportunities. Whereas, blessed is defined as holy; sacred; consecrated; enjoying great happiness; blissful. The source of blessings is God Himself!

I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.
 Isaiah 45:6, 7.

As I watch the news to keep up with what's happening in the world, time and time again, I hear someone say to a survivor at a tragedy scene, "You were really lucky!" sadly to which, the response is all too often, "Yes!" . . . But was it luck?

The Lord, speaking through Isaiah, spells it out for us. "I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things." Then, to what, or to whom, are we going to turn to for help in every situation? How are we going to make sense out of tragedy? Or understand the unearned, and certainly undeserved, goodness that comes into our life every day? All that exists, even light and darkness have come about not by chance, but were formed at God's command. "I am the LORD, and there is no other."

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
 Proverbs 18:21

So, we should carefully think about the words we speak. Lucky or Blessed? For we are saved, not by chance, but by the way of the Cross, Christ our Savior—according to God's divine and eternal plan.



Happy Father's Day



June 20th is Father's 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
- Sue Tolbert/Phyllis Renfro..... Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau, 2009-10 S&S Silent Auction Chair;
- ?..... 2011 S&S Silent Auction Chair; Pat Martin & Carole Simpson, 2010 Asst. Chair
- Phyllis Renfro.. 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
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- Tina Grau Newsletter



Welcome New Members

Barbara Bourne

Meeting Theme: Father's Day



Please help us honor the memory of all the fathers in our lives by bringing to the June meeting a small item that would be suitable for a man. This could be any small item of clothing such as a pair of black or white socks, bedroom slippers (large or XL), a belt, lap robe, or 3xl - 4 xl men's pullover shirt. A small devotion book directed to men or an interesting paperback book would be a good gift. These gifts will be used for supplementing the Senior Angel Project to show our love for all our fathers.

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. Proverbs 23:24

Many thanks to Anne Page for serving as our May meeting hostess. Hospitality hostesses are still needed for the October and November meetings – please step up and volunteer!

Fond Farewell to Frazier's



At the June meeting, we will be saying farewell to Lieutenants Herb and JoAnn Frazier. They have served The Salvation Army, The Women's Auxiliary, and the entire community since July 2009, with devotion and dedication. (Shh! – donations for a love offering for the Frazier's will be accepted at Carolyn's desk before the meeting.) Please join in wishing them well in their new assignment to Kissimmee, Florida. (wonder if Kiera is excited about being close to DisneyWorld and Mickey?!!)

In July we will be welcoming Captain Srikant Bhatnagar and Lieutenant Indrani Bhatnagar as the new commanders of The Salvation Army Vicksburg Corps.

Luau Postponed Due to Flooding

Everyone by now should have received notification that our Annual Luau Fundraiser (originally scheduled for May 24 at River Front Park) was forced to be postponed due to the flooding situation. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Thanks to Mary Barnes and all her committee for being flexible and graciously adapting to the situation.



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 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.) Tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769.

May Volunteers

Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for May 2011: Ron Anderson, Auther Bailey, Cheryl Lloyd, Judy Monroe, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Tammy Smith, Dot Steen, and Pat Wright.



May Thrift Store Volunteers: Carolyn Fugler, Wanda Clark, and Sue Tolbert. *(More volunteers needed here!)*



Emergency Operations Center Opens - Vicksburg Salvation Army Flood Relief

As you all know, our area and all those who live along the banks of the Mississippi River are still in the throes of this record-breaking Flood of 2011. This flood has caused 3, 202 Warren County residents to be displaced from their homes.

Many of these homes will not be in any condition to serve as residences again. When disasters like this flood, or hurricanes, or tornados strike, The Salvation Army (TSA) activates its Emergency Disaster Services. Teams have been working recently in Tuscaloosa, Smithville, and now Joplin and right here in Vicksburg and other areas along the Mississippi.

On May 4, TSA signed a lease for "the old Blackburn Motors building" at 2127 Washington Street and began the process of preparing the building for use as TSA Emergency Operations Center for the Flood of 2011. During the next week, using volunteer labor and donations from our community, the building was cleaned, offices supplied with computers, printers and a copier. Waiting area set up, playroom set up, warehouse filled with non-perishable food and supplies, food boxes were filled for distribution. The Center opened on Wednesday, May 18 at noon.

As of this writing (May 28th), The Salvation Army's Emergency Operations Center has been aiding people affected by the flood for 9 days. We have given food, personal care items, water, paper products, baby care items, and other supplies as well as emotional and spiritual support to **199 families--514 people**.

"Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Mt 25:40 (NKJ)

The Salvation Army has graciously allowed FEMA, MEMA, and the Small Business Administration to set up shop in one of the rooms in the building we leased for our Emergency Operations Center. All agencies want to serve those in need.

But ladies, this did NOT happen without a LOT of organization, committees formed, meetings, hard work, and contributions from a very generous community of individuals, churches, and businesses. A suitable warehouse/office location had to be located, rented, and cleaned (all by volunteer labor!). The EOC is totally staffed by The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and many other volunteers from our community. These are just some of the folks we can thank for the monumental ongoing efforts at the EOC: Phyllis Renfro, Office Manager; Kathy Jones, Volunteer Coordinator; Pearl Carter, Case Management; Sue Tolbert, Client Care; Joe Smith and John Trest, Warehouse Coordinators; Michael Donovan and Buford Evans, Technical Assistance; Danny Jones, Distribution Donations and forklift driver, and area ministers who offer pastoral care.



Left: TSA Emergency Operation Center Building, 2127 Washington St.
Right: Inside warehouse area unloading shipment of bottled water.

Emergency Operations Center (continued)

Please get involved in this worthwhile endeavor – check out the webpage for more info at <http://vixsawa.weebly.com> and click on Mississippi Flood of 2011 page. You will find info on volunteering, donating, etc., with phone numbers. Also on FACEBOOK at Vicksburg Salvation Army Flood Response.



To volunteer, call Kathy Jones @ 769-220-3107
To donate, call Sue Tolbert @ 769-529-7574

Left: EOC Office Manager Phyllis Renfro receives her tetanus shot last week from a VA Mobile Medic Van Nurse. Free tetanus shots are available to anyone coming into contact with flood waters (flooded residents or workers in flooded areas) at the Warren County Health Department.

April Social Services Report



Lt JoAnn Frazier reported the following services provided clients during the month of April:

Total families served	77	Total persons served	133	Cases served first time:	61
Meals served	1132	Total volunteers	102	Hrs volunteers served	316
Rental assistance	14	Clothing items distributed	131	Bags of groceries:	39
Furniture:	7	Transportation	5	Prescription assist.:	2
Entergy assistance:	14	Personal Comfort kits	5		



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