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# VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS



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

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### Calendar of Events

- 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)
- July 10 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Aug. 7 - SAWA Meeting (noon)
- Sep. 11- SAWA Meeting (noon)  
& Potluck Luncheon (noon)
- Oct. 2 -SAWA Meeting (noon)



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Auxiliary of Vicksburg, MS

### President's Message

You did it again! Thank you, Ms. Jo Beth, and crew for another successful Affairs of the Heart!!! To the Auxiliary, your time and donations do not go unnoticed, thank you for being an example of God's great love. ❤️

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit gives us the commitment and compassion we need to be able to care completely for those we see in need, and not just our immediate family. Compassion gives us the capacity to put Christ-like love into action, which will then draw others to the Cross and thus into the arms and safety of our Savior.

### Lunch with God

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer, and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave but before he had gone more than a few steps; he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."



**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 (2009-16) & 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

**Facebook: Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, MS**

**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!!*

Too often we under estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! Submitted by Kathy Pinto

**Serving together,**

**Trudy James**

**March Meeting Theme: St. Patrick's Day**

Our hostesses for the March meeting are Jo Ann Burk, Rosemary Fairchild, Jacque Henley, and Louise Derrington. The meeting Theme is St. Patrick's Day. About 1600 years ago, St. Patrick dedicated his life to proclaiming the gospel, resulting in tens of thousands coming to faith in Christ.



Luke 15:7-10 – “I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

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.

**Affairs of the Heart 2017 – Another Success**

Turn out for this year's Affairs of the heart was great! Box office receipts totaled \$2,221, and concessions brought in another \$219. A BIG Thank YOU to Jo Beth for once again taking the reins and producing another successful three-day event, and to Cappy for managing the Concessions.



I wish to thank all the ladies that assisted in making the seventh "Affairs of the Heart" a success. Everyone pitched in cooking, baking, and donating. They had an abundance of food for the cast party and lots of chips, sweets, and drinks for our concession stand.

We made over \$200. Left over water, chips, and some sweets were given to Major Mary for use in the after school program. I returned surplus drinks to Walmart and will have \$25 more to add to our funds.

Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

Cappy Martin

## Mission 66 Diner Project

After Peggy Gouras's presentation at the February meeting alerting us to the need, SAWA teams are being formed to begin serving at least one meal a month by Auxiliary members at the Mission 66 Diner – hopefully more if we can secure enough volunteers. Six or seven members are needed on each team, but you do not even need to be present to serve on a team in some capacity. Peggy broke teams down this way:

**A** – Appliances: Eating utensils, knives, forks, spoons, napkins, plates, dessert plates, drinking cups. (Keep large plastic box filled with appliances and cleaning supplies in our closet for those who wish to donate.)

**B** – Bread and beverage

**C** – Casserole or main dish to serve up to 70 (see person G)

**D** – Dessert and Devotional

**E** – Extra side dish, salad, vegetable, etc.

**F** – Free – don't bring anything – just help

**G** – Get with casserole person and bring half

Sometimes 30 are fed at the Diner; sometimes 75 are fed. There's no way to predict, so Peggy says they come prepared to feed 70. It always works out like fishes and loaves. Our thanks to Peggy for her presentation and organization.

This is such a worthwhile project that we would like to involve each and every member, if possible. Working members could donate frozen store-bought casseroles (such as the Mexican Lasagna that Peggy recommended from Walmart), or prepare a large casserole in advance. Other members unable to be hands-on at the Diner could donate "appliances". Please pray about this project and let us continue our ministry to the community by serving others right inside the walls of the Salvation Army Citadel in Vicksburg, MS.

Email Trudy ([trudyhames@att.net](mailto:trudyhames@att.net)) or call her at 601-415-2994. *Involve your friends and neighbors who love to cook; this might be a great way to increase membership!*

Matthew 25:31-40: **31** "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

**34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. **36** I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

**37** "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? **39** When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

**40** "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'



## Office and Family Store Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to our February 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 to any Auxiliary members who volunteered in the Rummage Store during February. Auxiliary volunteers were unable to hold sales during January or February because of safety concerns and lack of working space due to the overwhelming number of donations.

## Thrift/Rummage Store News

36+ bales of rags are ready to be sold to a recycler. Both January and February Rummage Sales were 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.



Photos from Affairs of the Heart 2017:

