



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Mar. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 4 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 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



Spring is in the Air

Spring is a fascinating time of the year, the ideas of rebirth, renewal and regrowth. We watch nature and its many wonders as the beautiful flowers begin to bloom, the trees get back their leaves. There is just something about springtime that makes you feel that it's time to start anew. It's time to clean the house and get ready for

warmer weather. And like the newness of spring, each day that God gives us is an opportunity to start anew, we should be grateful.

Just as nature is doing its thing, this is a good time for spring cleaning not only in our home and gardens, but also in our lives. So ask yourself these questions below:

- How often is my Bible being used?
- Am I spending time each day with God?
- Do I meet on a weekly basis with other Christians?
- Do I participate in corporate worship on a regular basis?
- Am I a witness for God in every facet of my life?
- How well am I maintaining a balanced life, with time for play as well as work?
- What can I change for the better?

13 March 2011: Daylight Savings Time Begins

As you spring clean, please remember to drop off those excess items to the Thrift Store.



We are still in need of Hospitality Coordinator!!

Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again.
 —Sarah Ban Breathnach

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - It has no point!"

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
- Joe 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



Tina Grau Newsletter

The More the Merrier!



Invite a guest to our next meeting (friend, neighbor, former member, members who have not attended recently). We need everyone with a "heart to serve" to join us in our efforts to support the mission of The Salvation Army and provide help for those in need.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

March Meeting Theme: Feed the Hungry

Members are asked to bring one (or more) of the following items for use in the Client Pantry for food bags that are distributed weekly to those in need. During the month of January alone, 127 bags of groceries were distributed to clients – imagine how quickly the pantry shelves can empty! Client Pantry supplies needed: oatmeal, rice, cereal, dry beans, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti/other noodles, macaroni & cheese or any other type dinner in a box, ravioli and any type canned items kids like, canned meat, tuna, chicken, etc.; crackers, soups.

"You shall open your hand wide unto thy brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11 (NKJV)

Monthly Hospitality Hostesses are needed – PLEASE SIGN UP AND TAKE YOUR TURN!! No one is signed up for March.



Affairs of the Heart - Recap

On Friday and Saturday February 4th and 5th, our First (Annual?) "Affairs of the Heart"– musical and variety revue performances were presented at Vicksburg Theater. Jo Beth Britt initiated, led, and executed this project to support the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary projects. *Thank you, Jo Beth, for a job well done!*

Message from Jo Beth: Many thanks to all who donated their time, efforts etc for the success of AFFAIRS! We raised about \$1,300 for SA Women's Auxiliary.projects. If you would like to view pictures from AFFAIRS, go to the Theater website (www.e-vtg.com). Rumors (and plans) are already in the works for AFFAIRS II! I truly think that if we got behind ticket sales better in 2011, we could probably raise \$1,500 to \$1,800.

February Volunteers



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

Thrift Store: Carolyn Fugler, Wanda Clark, and Sue Tolbert. (More help needed here!)

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!



Will There be a Fourth Annual Luau?

Anyone ready for a Luau? All we need is a Chairman/Co-Chair and some willing helpers to step up ready to get the ball rolling and to set a date!



? Membership Luncheon ?

Another opportunity for your participation/leadership is a Steering Committee/Co-Chairmen for a special Membership luncheon (perhaps in May or August?) like one held a few years ago, with members inviting prospective members and also including people from other groups (JA, churches who serve Mission 66 Diner, etc.), businesses, SA Advisory Board. The idea is to inform invitees about SA programs and SAWA's part in supporting those programs. Let's see some **NEW** hands going up at the March meeting!



January Social Services Report

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



Families Cases	242	Total persons served:	489	Cases served first time:	194
Meals Served	1,047	Volunteers	76	Hrs volunteers served	247
Clothing items given:	106	Blankets:	19	Entergy Assistance:	42
Rental Assistance:	19	Furniture:	13	Transportation:	7
Bags of Groceries:	127	Medical kits:	5	Personal comfort kits:	10
Home visits:	4				



Senior Angel Reminder

NOW is a good time to buy items for Senor Angels for December 2011. Items like robes, gowns, ladies and men's sweats (sizes L-XL-2XL and 3XL) are always needed as well as lap robes, socks, slippers etc. This past year (2010) we used most of the lap robes that were donated, so we have very few left to begin 2011.

Thrift Store Needs Volunteer Workers (as Well as Usual Garment and Household Donations)!

Volunteer workers are needed at the Thrift Store to sort, arrange, and place donated items! The Thrift Store also needs your extra grocery/departement store sacks for customer sales. Please bring to the March meeting or drop by Thrift Store at your convenience. Members are also reminded that donations of garments and household items are always needed at our Thrift Store – as are shoppers. 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.



Food for Thought

When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.

..... John Ruskin, *English critic, essayist, & reformer (1819 - 1900)*

Living is the art of loving. Loving is the art of caring. Caring is the art of sharing. Sharing is the art of living. If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

.....Booker T. Washington, *American educator, author, orator, and political leader (1856-1915)*

Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.Anonymous

Volunteering Begins with Me and You

Volunteers are people who give and receive. Make a difference . . . reach out . . . volunteer!



Some Reasons to Volunteer:

1. Get off the couch and out of the house
 2. Meet new people and make new friends
 3. Find purpose
 4. Enjoy a meaningful conversation
 5. Connect with your community
 6. Feel involved
 7. Contribute to a cause that you care about
 8. Use your skills in a productive way
 9. Explore new areas of interest
 10. Learn from others
 11. Help others
 12. Expand your horizons
 13. Feel better about yourself
 14. Uncover hidden skills, talents and interests
 15. Increase your self-confidence
 16. Have fun
 17. Make a difference
 18. **And the final reason for volunteering is simple: BECAUSE YOU CAN!**
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