



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

May 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
May 25 (11 – 2:00) - Luau
 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 and Friends,

At our next meeting, May 5, the new officers for 2010-2012 will be installed. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Auxiliary president for the last two years. These 24 months have been challenging, exciting, and yes, exhausting, at times. But in the end, it has been one of the most rewarding periods of my life. I have never worked with so many hard working, committed, and passionate women. You have taught me many valuable lessons.

1. I've learned the true meaning of the phrase "Heart to God, Hand to Man." Through our fundraising and service projects, with God's love of mankind in our hearts, we are providing a "hand" to those in need.
2. I've learned the truth of a statement made by Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." With unity of purpose and spirit, we work together to put our hands to the task – to make a difference in the lives of people in our community. Each woman uses the gifts God has given her and united with others, using their special gifts, God abundantly blesses the endeavor.
3. I've learned "Serving Up Hope" is not just the slogan for our fall fundraiser. It is the truth of what The Salvation Army does 365 days a year and perfectly states the goal of our Auxiliary – the purpose of all our fundraising and service projects.
4. I've learned that our community cares. That projects like "Soles for Souls" and "Angel Tree"..... disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav, Mississippi River flooding, and fires..... opportunities to feed the hungry, donate to the needy— bring a community together to fill the needs and minister to the needy.
5. I've learned what it means to have a "Heart for Service." YOU have shown me the meaning by your examples of service – whether stirring soup, packing camp bags, filling Christmas stockings, adopting "angels," setting up tables, washing dishes, donating time and money.....you have shown me your servant hearts.

These are certainly not the only lessons I have learned during my tour of duty. There are many more.... I've learned that friendships developed during disaster, during service to others, and based on Christian love last a lifetime and friends, you have left indelible "footprints on my heart." (I know this sounds like a good-bye.... but it's not! There will still be more footprints!)



2008 - 2010 SAWA Officers and Committee Chairmen

- Phyllis Renfro President
- Trudy James ... 1st Vice Pres. (Membership Chair)
- Debra Kinnebrew 2nd Vice Pres. (Publicity Chair)
- Anne Page Secretary
..... Treasurer
- Avis Phillips Chaplain
- Gwen Edris Nominating Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter..... Finance Committee Chair
- Sue Tolbert Soup & Sandwich Committee Chair
- Tina Grau..... S&S Silent Auction Chair
- Sue Tolbert Christmas Angel Tree Committee Chair
- Pearl Carter Christmas Stocking Committee Chair
- Brenda Warnock and Sue Tolbert Publicity Committee Co-Chair
- Jean McAlpin Hospitality Committee Chair



Tina Grau Newsletter

To each of my fellow officers, project chairmen, and members -- Thank you for your support, encouragement, and patience. This was the hardest job, I've ever loved! As the imaginary "gavel" passes into the capable hands of Trudy, I know that you will give her the same love and encouragement you have given me.

Still serving together,
Phyllis



May Meeting Theme: Seasons of the Heart

Installation of new officers for 2010-2012 will be conducted at the May 3 meeting by Lt. Colonel Marian Faulkner, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, using the theme "Seasons of the Heart." This will be a special ceremony, so please plan to attend and bring a prospective new member.

April Volunteers



Thanks to the following April Office Volunteers:

Doris Acuff, Rosa Bell, Cherry Hudson, Cheryl Lloyd (Coordinator), Pat Martin, Judy Monroe, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Clara Parks Pinkston, Martha Roberts, Carole Simpson, Dot Steen

Thanks to the following April Thrift Store Volunteers: Carolyn Fugler and Pat Martin. We regret if anyone was omitted from this listing.



DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Cloth items that are not in good condition are not sold in the SA Thrift Store. BUT they can be a **GREAT source of income**. Unsellable clothing and other cloth items are baled and sold to a recycling company. **Each 18**

wheeler load can bring in about \$5000. We need to sell a truck load a month! So spread the word to your friends, church and civic groups, co-workers, and businesses that we need not only items to sell...but items to bale and recycle. The condition does not matter.

Garage Sale? Call The Salvation Army for pick up of unsold items!

601-636-2706

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.



Soup & Sandwich 2010 Dates Confirmed

The date definitely is set for Soup & Sandwich to be October 12th, with preparation day on October 11th at Crawford St. United Methodist Church.

Aloha!

Our Luau tickets are printed and ready to sell! The Print Shop donated 300 tickets. (Remember them for your printing needs. They are always so willing to help us!)

You may pick up tickets at The Citadel or call me (601-831-0038) or Kathy (601-529-8500).

If you can't pick up tickets before our May 3 meeting, you could pre-sell tickets and then deliver them after you get them at the meeting. Just let me know how many you pre-sell, so yours will be reserved.

With everyone inviting friends, neighbors, church members, and business contacts, we could have these 300 sold even before we meet again!

So, dust off your grass skirts and practice your hula -- let's spread the "luau spirit". Let everyone know that this fun event has a serious purpose: to provide much needed funds to serve those in our community who are in need through the services of The Salvation Army. Take every opportunity to educate the public about the good accomplished and the many people helped each and every day. Let them know that it is only through the support of our community that these

physical, emotional, and spiritual needs can be provided. Remind everyone to contribute not only money, but clothing and items for sale at the Thrift Store and even stained, torn, unusable clothing for recycling (many do not know that this is an important source of income for The SA).

Thank you for your willing hearts of service!

Phyllis



3rd Annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Luau

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Riverfront Park

Tickets: \$8.00 Advance Ticket Sales

Menu

- Hawaiian Chicken
- Kalua Pork with rice
- Macaroni Salad
- Green Beans
- Fresh Mixed Fruit
- Rolls
- Iced Tea / Water



For ticket information, phone 601-529-8500 or 601-638-7999.

Fundraiser for The Vicksburg Salvation Army



It's Not Too Early to Think About Christmas!

As you look through those newspaper sale ads or browse the department store sale racks, keep in mind that we will be filling Christmas stockings and supplying Angel Tree gifts for children and seniors before we know it. If you find some fantastic sales during the next several months, it may be easier to spend a few dollars now than in November and December.

Gifts for seniors might be: Large-print Bibles or Bibles on CD; white or black men's tube socks, size 9-12; men or ladies bedroom slippers, size 9-12; lap blankets or twin-size blankets; CD players; CDs of Christmas, blues, gospel or country music.

Label items either for Senior Angels 2010 or Child Angel 2010 Bring items to a monthly meeting or drop them off at the office (to be stored in our Chapel closet).

Member Snapshots



Doris Acuff joined the Auxiliary in March. Doris retired as secretary of Warren Central Junior High School after 27 years of service. She is married to Wayne Acuff and they have 2 children, Holly Neihaus and Jason Acuff, and 5 grandchildren.

Another new member joining the Auxiliary in March is **Cherry Hudson**. After 30 years of service, Cherry retired as secretary from Warren Central High School. She is married to Carl Terry Hudson and they have 2 children Holly Chewning and Michael Hudson, and 4 grandchildren. Cherry's hobbies include knitting, crocheting, and reading.



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