



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
Nov. 10, 5:30 (Thurs.) – Angel Tree Kick-off at Vicksburg Mall
 Dec. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Dec. 12 – MVD Day of Caring
 Dec. 14 – Senior Angel Distribution
 Dec. 15 – Angel Tree Distribution

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Jan. 9 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Feb. 6 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Mar. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

Ladies,

Autumn has arrived and the signs of the seasonal changes are all around us. Autumn is also that time for giving thanks, recognizing our abundance, and rejoicing in the good gifts of God! We are blessed in so many ways, and have so much for which to be thankful. As we approach Thanksgiving, it's easy to get busy with the preparation for the holiday and lose sight of the true meaning. Let's remember to give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

A Psalm for Thanksgiving (Psalm 100 NLT)

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,
 and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Perhaps you helped with the Annual Soup and Sandwich/Silent Auction, the Angel Tree Applications and/or the Fall Festival. Thank you for making our community a better place. By your generous giving the "Gift of Self", I say thank you for being the special people you are. Thank you for all that you do.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

We'll "fall back" an hour to standard time on November 6th and it will get dark sooner– be safe!

Don't forget to vote on November 8, 2011.

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
- Cappy Martin - Soup & Sandwich
Committee Chair; Jacque Henley,
Assistant Chairman
- Tina Grau..... - Silent Auction Chair;
Beth Fields, Silent Auction Co-Chair;
- Phyllis Renfro – Christmas Angel Tree
Coordinator
- Linda Renfroe – Vicksburg Mall Angel
Tree Coordinator
- Barbara Cashman Publicity
Committee Chair
- Help Wanted!** Monthly Hospitality
Committee Chair
- ❖
- Tina Grau Newsletter



We wish to welcome our newest Auxiliary member Peggy Bush, and to welcome back life member Retha Crear.

Meeting Theme: Thanksgiving

Our theme for the November meeting is "Thanksgiving." Many thanks to Wanda Clark and Trudy James for serving as November meeting hostesses.



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. 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.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

The 2012 Hospitality Hostess Calendar will be available for members to pair up, select a month, and sign up at the November meeting. Time to step up and volunteer if you haven't already signed up for the coming year. Tablecloths, vases, and some table decorations are available in the Auxiliary closet for member use.

October Volunteers



Thanks to all of our Office Volunteers for October 2011: Auther Bailey, Cheryl Lloyd, Louise Montgomery, Gloria Naylor, Tammy Smith, Dot Steen, and Pat Wright. We could use a few more office volunteers. These volunteers answer the phone and greet clients. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Lloyd (601-636-4121).

Many thanks go out to these Thrift Store volunteers as well: Linda Cary, Wanda Clark, Carolyn Fugler, Jacque Henley, Paula Jones, and Sue Tolbert. Non-Auxiliary members: Casey Snyder and Bonnie West. They have helped a great deal, but we still need Wednesday and Friday volunteers.

The Salvation Army Fall Festival A Success!



President James reports that over 200 children attended The Salvation Army Fall Festival. They enjoyed the fellowship, food and fun. Activities included Trunk or Treat, a Cake Walk, Fashion Show (with costume judging), Space Walk, Gummy Bear Dunk, and Face Painting. According to Trudy, the fantastic volunteers from the Auxiliary, local churches, the United Way and the community were sent by God – Capt B said, "Praise the Lord!"

Salvation Army Office:

Mon – Fri. 9:00 – Noon; 1:00 - 4:00
(office closed 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 the Thrift Store NEEDS WINTER COATS & BLANKETS!



32nd Soup and Sandwich Luncheon – Big Success!

Riddle from your Editor: What happens when you take two eager beaver newbies, put them in charge of our biggest fund-raising event of the year, and add the guidance of seasoned veterans Phyllis and Sue (not to mention Pearl and Dot)? Answer: You get a recipe for great success! Congratulations, Cappy, Jacque and everyone who worked so hard on our Soup and Sandwich event!

A big thank you to all! It was a great privilege to work with such a fantastic group of women. We gave from our hearts and provided the hands to make this special event happen. It was a job well done! We had our little bumps, but everyone pulled together to smooth it out and move forward. With such seasoned pros, you made this Soup and Sandwich a true pleasure to serve as Co-Chairman.

A special thanks to each department chairs. Thank you Cherry Hudson for working so hard keeping track of all the ticket sales, ticket swaps among members, and all the confusion of the refunded Luau tickets. The Pearl girls and “tall men stirrers” made an awesome soup with plenty of compliments. Dot Steen and ladies did a fine job with the pimento cheese. How long has Dot been helping with this– thirty-something years? Bravo! Eva and crew did so well on the bake sale that there was no need to discount the baked goods. Well done! Our 12 sandwich workers made and bagged the 800 sandwiches in no time. Our set-up and clean-up crews knew their jobs and did it quickly and with very little oversight.

The Tina Silent Auction crew did a fantastic job. Tina had family problems the night before the event but had 95 percent of the items set and recorded so that her ladies were able to move forward and complete the work. It is a very difficult job in the best of conditions, but these ladies pulled it off beautifully.

Phyllis, Sue, and Jacque worked diligently behind the scenes to gather ingredients, make donation contacts, and smooth over any oversights. My deepest thanks for holding my hand and guiding me through this special event – I couldn't have done it without you.

To all the SAWA members who made this happen, give yourself a pat on the back for a job WELL DONE!

Cappy Martin, Soup and Sandwich Co-Chairman

Soup and Sandwich Silent Auction Praises

It's impossible to give my Silent Auction Team enough thanks and praise for the stupendous job they did when I could not be there because of my husband's hospitalizations. Of course, without the impressive array of Silent Auction items collected by all you members, we would not have had a successful event. Thank you, ladies, for your efforts in making this a super event. Special thanks to Carole Simpson, Pat Martin, Beth Fields, Martha Roberts, Esther Banks, Carolyn Fugler, Frances Reeves, Barbara Yeager, and Trisha Oldham – job well done! (Forgive me if I've left out anyone since I wasn't there to know exactly who else helped – just know you are appreciated.) Blessings on all of you and thanks so much for your prayers and concern during Dick's hospitalization.



Tina Grau, Silent Auction Chairman (In absentia)



Angel Tree Application Thanks

Angel Tree applications were taken October 18-21. We do not have a total yet as a few were to bring information back and a few more may be taken on a needs basis. Lt. B and I do so very much appreciate the willing volunteers who did such a great job doing whatever needed to be done from Greeter to computer input. Many thanks to: Cheryl Lloyd, Catherine Jones, Phyllis Renfro, Kathy Jones, Trudy James, Pat Wright, Tricia Oldham, Mattie Harris, Barbara Yeager, Gloria Naylor, Judy Monroe, Meme Sweet, and Tiffany Sweet for all your dedicated work. Special thanks to our honorary member Buford Evans. If I omitted anyone, please forgive me.

Pearl

Angel Tree Update

At the September meeting, it was decided that no stockings would be included in our Angel Tree Program this year. So Linda Renfro graciously accepted the position of Vicksburg Mall Angel Tree Coordinator. Linda is experienced in this role and will be depending on our members and the community to faithfully serve at this important Angel Tree location. THANK YOU LINDA! (Please be ready to sign up for Vicksburg Mall shifts [between Nov. 11 and Dec. 10] at the meeting.)



Angel Tree Application Process: The first step in the 2011 Angel Tree Program is the processing/taking of applications. The application process this year went very smoothly thanks to the countless hours of pre- planning and preparation dedicated by Lt. Indrani, Pearl Carter, and B.B. Evans. Thanks to them, the paper work was in order, computers set up, and procedures established so that volunteers who interviewed and processed applicants were prepared. Volunteers welcomed those who came to apply for their children. Information and documentation was taken from each client. Then the information was input into the computer program. I observed that volunteers treated each applicant with the utmost respect and compassion. Almost without exception, each person applying reflected gratitude and appreciation for our efforts. It was so rewarding to see displayed the attitude we are commanded to have toward one another.

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35

Important Dates:



ANGEL TREE

2011



Thurs., Nov. 10, 5:30

Angel Tree Kick-Off
The Vicksburg Mall

Nov. 10–Dec. 10

Angel Adoption Period

Dec. 12 - 14

Days of Caring
Sort and Organize Gifts

Thurs., Dec. 15

Distribution Day

Please note these on your calendar and plan to be a part of this project. It is a small investment of time, but will lift your spirit greatly, while making a lasting impression of Christ's love demonstrated through us to many children.

Phyllis Renfro, 2011 Angel Tree Coordinator



Thrift Store Announcements

The Thrift Store needs coats and any type winter clothes, linens, and blankets. We've had many donated, but they sell as fast as they come in. The store could also use decorative household items, accessories, whatnots, etc.– these items sell great. Members are reminded that donations of garments and household items (*furniture and bedding too*) are also needed. 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.) Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! For pickups, call 601-636-2769.

Thrift Store volunteers are especially needed on Wednesday and Friday!

Member Snapshots



Esther Banks recently joined the Auxiliary after retiring as a Program Analyst with the Mississippi River Commission Army Corps of Engineers (1971 - 2010). She is the widow of Richard M. Banks, Jr., and her children are Jennie Banks, Trey Banks, and Michelle, and grandchildren Mark, Seth and Kate. Esther's hobbies are watching soccer and reading.

Peggy Bush joined the Auxiliary at the October 2011 meeting after recently retiring from Trustmark Bank as a Mortgage Loan Officer with almost 40 years of service. Peggy is married to Albert J. Bush, and her family include sons Scott and Jeff Bush and grandchildren Lindsey and Brady Bush.



Agarine "Denise" Moore joined the Auxiliary in August 2011. She has worked as a SPED teacher at WCHS for 3 years and as a Cooper Lighting Laboratory Technician for 10 years. Her family include husband Milton Moore and daughter Iris Williams. Denise's hobbies are reading and gardening.

Nancy Whitten is another recent Auxiliary member. Nancy managed a finance company from 1972 – 1990 and served as administrative assistant to the Fifth Louisiana Levee District (Tallulah) from 1991 – 2009 before retiring. Nancy's family include her husband Floyd Whitten and children Teresa Martin Gunter, Michael Martin, and Regan Martin. Her hobbies are gardening, fishing, feeding birds and wildlife.



Editor's Note: If you haven't seen your Member Snapshot in this column yet, it's probably because we're missing either your completed Member Profile or photo. See Phyllis and/or Tina to complete a profile form and get your photo snapped.



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