



VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Nov. 19 – Angel Tree Kick-Off
 TBA – Angel Tree App. Make-Up
 Dec 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Dec 14-15– **Day of Caring** (work days sorting)
 Dec. 15-16 – Angel Tree (shop/final prep)
 Dec. 17 – Angel Tree Distribution
 Jan. 4, 2010 (noon)– SAWA Meeting
 Feb. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Mar. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 Apr. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 May 3 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 June 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting
 July 12 (noon) - SAWA Meeting



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From the President's Desk

2009 Soup & Sandwich Fund Raiser

A Recipe for Success

Quality Ingredients + Directions to Follow + Love Folded In =
 Most Successful Fund Raiser Ever

The quality ingredients we used were our dedicated, hard-working Auxiliary members, the community businesses who donated items to the Silent Auction, the bakers contributing the irresistible goodies for the Bake Sale. These basic ingredients were seasoned well with the addition of family members, friends, students, and other volunteers who blended well into the mix.

Quality ingredients alone do not guarantee success. The directions on a recipe are crucial.

Sue Tolbert directed the process with superb precision and attention to detail. Not only did she inspire us, she set the example with hours dedicated to the success of this recipe.

Tina Grau wrote the book on "Successful Silent Auctions." Using her imaginative methods, she inspired and motivated members and the business community to step forward with an unprecedented quantity of items. With meticulous attention to detail and planning, she directed us to a successful mixture.

Eva Vines, in her usual quiet, efficient manner directed the Bake Sale's success. Using just the right balance of inspiration and perspiration, Eva brings in the "dough!" (I'm sorry...couldn't resist).

Even when quality ingredients are mixed according to precise directions, success is not guaranteed. The most important step is the "folding in of LOVE." Folded into our successful recipe ingredients was an abundant portion of Love. Jesus once said that the entire Bible can be summed up in two commands: Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). Both were folded into our recipe. Many of our neighbors will certainly see and feel this "folded in love" as they are nourished and their needs filled by the product of our recipe for success.

Serving together,

Phyllis



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
- Brenda Warnock 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



November Meeting Theme: Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8

Let's come to our meeting giving thanks to God for our many blessings. There will be a special "Thanksgiving Donation" Box at the sign-in desk for contributions to help the family of Ricky Turner, Assistant Thrift Store Manager, with expenses related to the hospitalization of their 15-year-old daughter, Niyia, who has been in ICU at Blair Batson Children's Hospital since October 6.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Thank you, thank you, thank you! (Editor's Note: Our fearless leader says she is temporarily out of words from writing the S&S Luncheon Letter of Thanks for the Vicksburg Post and will deliver her proper thanks to members at the meeting.)

Sue Tolbert, Soup & Sandwich Chairman



Silent Auction



What a truly awesome group of women our members are! I cannot adequately express my appreciation for your tireless dedication and support which contributed to making the Silent Auction the tremendous success it was. When I look back at how everything came together so quickly and beautifully on Set-up Day: tables set up and skirted, donated items unboxed, and arranged, Certificates of Service and bid sheets placed with appropriate items...*snap*, and you did it with such *style and pizzazz!* Everyone's contributions helped so much, but I am especially grateful to my Silent Auction committee of Gwen Edris, Carolyn Fugler, Pat Martin, Judy Monroe, Linda Renfroe (ex officio), Martha Roberts, and Ann Sherlock. And last *but certainly NOT least*, my thanks to *Sue and Phyllis, our SuperStars*, who constantly reassured and guided me through my first Silent Auction. **THANK YOU to one and all for your stupendous efforts in making this a record-breaking fundraiser, with resulting proceeds which ultimately will help many in our community.**

Tina Grau, Silent Auction Chairman

Bake Sale

I want to thank all of the ladies who helped with the Bake Sale, but we cannot take all of the credit for the success of the sale. We could not have done it without all the cakes, cookies and so on donated by everyone – your friends, neighbors, etc. It was a team effort that made this sale so successful.



Eva Vines, Bake Sale Chairman

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!



Aprons are Here

SAWA Aprons have arrived! Phyllis has 7 left -- only 2 that are not spoken for. If you ordered one, please purchase it at the meeting. Those not pre-ordered will be sold on first come, first served basis.

October Volunteers

Thanks to the following members who helped out during October and especially to Office and Pantry Volunteers Coordinator Jean McAlpin.



Office Assistants: Barbara Cashman, Tina Grau, Lillian Lee, Nancy MacNeil, Judy Monroe, Clara Parks Pinkston, Bryant Robertson, Ann Sherlock, Dot Steen, and Gladys Thornton.

Food Pantry Baggers: Lucy Barwick. Thrift Store Helpers: Dot Griffith and Pat Martin. We regret if anyone was omitted from these listings.

Angel Tree Help Needed



The Angel Tree at the Pemberton Mall will be open for adoption of angels November 19 - December 13. We need to have at least one person at this table in 2-hour shifts from 10AM – 8 PM Monday – Saturday and 1-6 PM on Sunday. Please check your calendar before the meeting so that you will be able to sign up for time slots to serve at the table. We need all who possibly can to serve as often as possible. Also, if you are a member of a church group, civic group, or have contacts with a group or school club who would like to help, please let me know.

Linda Renfroe, Pemberton Mall Angel Tree Coordinator

Angel Tree Stockings

We are gearing up on stockings and I need two volunteers to help get stockings on hand sorted, prepare the ones we have "goodies" for, etc. Volunteers, please contact me so we can set a time to get together on this. Stockings are still available at the Citadel, or you may bring items to stuff stockings. Senior citizens, infant to two-yr-olds, and older boys and girls are the most needed ages for filled stockings. Contact Pearl at 601-636-4709 or pwcarter55@att.net.



Pearl Carter, Christmas Stocking Chairman

Social Services



At last month's meeting, Brian Leonard, gave this statistical social services report for the month of September: 21 cases (29 people) given food bags and clothing, 11 of these were first time clients; 633 meals served (69 diner volunteers served 341 hrs.); 5 grocery orders filled; 149 clothing items; energy assistance provided for 9 cases.

Current News: Lt Jo Ann reports that five children who attended Vacation Bible School attended church Sunday.

Member Snapshots



Jean McAlpin has been an active and vital SAWA member since 2007. After teaching Junior High School mathematics for 25 years, Jean joined the ranks of the retired. She is married to husband Stan, and their sons and daughters-in-law include Philip (Stacie) Schrader and Dan (Kellie) Schrader and grandchildren are Laney, Wyatt, Nolan, and Mary Britton. Jean serves as our Hospitality Chairman as well as Office and Food Bagger Volunteers Coordinator, along with serving as coordinator of her church 3rd Thursday Diner team.

A twelve-year SAWA member, **Gwen Edris** serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Gwen retired from the Mississippi Valley Division in January 2003 with 35+ years of service. She has been married to husband Earl for 10 years; and was previously married for 30 years to Bobby Jones who died from leukemia in March 1996. Gwen and Earl's children include Jeff and Jason Jones, Elizabeth Gibson Raner, Heather Byrum, and Stuart Edris. Their grandchildren are Jessica, Brandon, Danielle, Megan, and number five is on the way. Gwen says retired life leaves no time for hobbies, but travel would be No. 1 on her list!



Member Snapshots (continued)



Phyllis Renfro is a 5-year SAWA member and currently serves as our President and as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She previously served as Soup and Sandwich Chairman and Membership Chairman. In her "previous life," Phyllis taught High School math for 25 years in MS, GA, TN, Alaska, and Saudi Arabia, retiring in 2000. Phyllis is the widow of Dan Renfro. Her family includes daughter Emily (Casey) Custer and grandsons Will and John of Vicksburg and son Michael (Erin) and granddaughters Anna, Julia, and Natalie of Ft. Wayne, IN. She says her other family is SAWA 😊! Phyllis' hobbies and interests are Bowmar Church, leading Explorer's weekly Bible study, tutoring high school students, and reading.

Alice Bridges joined the Auxiliary earlier this year. Alice is married to husband James and she is a homemaker and seamstress. Her hobbies include crafts and sewing, both of which she would like to use serving the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. Alice was a top private donor to this year's Silent Auction; one of the items donated was a lovely hand knit baby afghan! Thank you, Alice!



Another member joining SAWA in 2009 is **Rita Trahan**. Rita is a homemaker married to Joe Trahan and her family includes Destiny Trahan and James Dilley. Rita enjoys crafts and helping others. Rita shared her crafting skills with us at Silent Auction with her lighted Christmas trees which were snapped up by avid shoppers.



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