



## VICKSBURG SAWA NEWS

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Vicksburg, Mississippi

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### Calendar of Events

Sep. 14 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Oct. 5 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Oct. 12 – Soup & Sandwich Prep Day  
 Oct. 13 – Soup & Sandwich Lunch,  
 Silent Auction & Bake Sale  
 Oct. 19-22 – Angel Tree Application  
 Intake at The Citadel  
 Nov. 2 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Nov. 19 – Angel Tree Kick-Off  
 Dec 7 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Jan. 4, 2010 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Feb. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting  
 Mar. 1 (noon) – SAWA Meeting



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### *From the President's Desk*



The Vicksburg Chapter of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary was officially organized in 1976 with 30 women listed as charter members. In 2009, we have grown to 98 members. Throughout these 33 years, the members of SAWA have maintained the same focus – making a difference for good in our community.

The Salvation Army believes in “meeting the need at the point of need” and that is the goal of all fundraising and service efforts of the Women's Auxiliary.

Throughout the next few months, we are embarking on our biggest fundraising event AND our biggest service project. The October fundraiser is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. The Silent Auction (its 5<sup>th</sup> year) and Bake Sale are more recent additions. With the economy's decline, more and more funds are required to assist the less fortunate. The need will be especially evident during the Christmas season – meaning probably more “angels” to be provided for this year.

We are challenged then to meet this increasing need – both through fundraising and serving. In facing this challenge, I am reminded of a quote from Helen Keller, **“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”** The Bible instructs us along those same lines, in Romans and Corinthians, when the church is described as being composed of many parts, each with its own function, but all necessary to the functioning of the body.

We have 650 S&S tickets to sell (with 98 members, that's 6.6 tickets each). So the pressure is on all of us. But . . . **“together we can do so much.”**

In order to continue the growth of the Silent Auction, we must obtain many, many donations, but – **“together we can do so much.”**

650 servings of soup – that's a lot of pots and a lot of stirring.

650 sandwiches – that's a lot of pimento cheese & a lot of spreading.

650 people! – that's a lot of everything – but, **“together we can do so much.”** . . . . . *Well, you get the message.*

**“Serving Up Hope”** is the theme of our Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. As you go into the community, share with people the meaning of this phrase. Let them know that the contributions they make to the Salvation Army do indeed “serve up hope” to those in need in our community. (Stress too that all money raised by the SAWA is used right here for client services.)

**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



**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!**

Tell them about how their donations are used by the Auxiliary—sending kids to camp, purchase of stove and revamping of the kitchen, food pantry supplies, food for use in the Diner, Angel Tree gifts, and many types of client assistance.

Tell them about the hope that is served up at lunch every weekday to the elderly, the disabled, the jobless, the homeless and the desperate at the Mission 66 Diner.

Tell them about the hope for a better life served up to families through financial services, the food pantry, and clothing assistance.

Tell them about the hundreds of flood and hurricane victims who have been served up hope and help right here in Vicksburg.

Tell them about the hope served up to the hundreds of children who have a smile on Christmas morning because of the Angel Tree Program.

And tell them that often, those who are served up hope through the services of the Salvation Army see the love of Christ reflected and those in need of His salvation learn that their **true HOPE** is in Him.

Tell them that **Hope is being served on October 13<sup>th</sup> and all through the year.**

May *your* unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:2

Serving together,

Phyllis

**September Meeting: Together We Can Do So Much**

Every member is very important to the success of all of our projects. Our Annual Soup & Sandwich/Silent Auction/Bake Sale Fundraiser is next month. If each of us does our part, the whole body will benefit. Various people will be doing the planning and administrative duties, selling tickets, soliciting silent auction items, making Soup & Sandwiches, setting up the lunch room, bringing bake sale items, serving lunch and drinks, preparing take-outs, and many more duties. Every single member should accept at least one responsibility and sign up for it before they leave the meeting. Our theme and decorations this month will remind each of us to use our unique gifts to serve in a variety of ways. Look for the area(s) which fit you. Maybe even try something new! Everyone is needed. With all of our "body" parts in place and working together, our "body" functions perfectly.



We are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25

**Parking Reminder:** Use parking in rear of building (depending on rain).



**August Volunteers**

Thanks to the following members who helped out during August and especially to Office and Pantry Workers Coordinator Jean McAlpin:

**Office Assistants:** Gladys Bingham, Barbara Cashman, Tina Grau, Lillian Lee, Cheryl Lloyd, Nancy MacNeil, Pat Martin, Judy Monroe, Gloria Naylor, Chris Patin, Clara Parks Pinkston, Dot Steen, Gladys Thornton, and Sue Tolbert

**Thrift Store Helpers:** Lucy Barwick, Carolyn Fugler, Dot Griffin, Pat Martin, Gloria Naylor

**Food Pantry Baggers:** Lucy Barwick, Brenda Bryant, Dot Griffin, Clara Parks Pinkston, Ann Sherlock

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## Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

I feel this year's Soup & Sandwich Luncheon is very special because it is the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** for this event. I think it will be my 15<sup>th</sup> (give or take a few) and I can truly say I have learned and grown so much spiritually and emotionally with each passing year. So many wonderful, dedicated women have come and gone through the years that were my mentors and taught me some of life's most valuable lessons. The most important one, set by their examples: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. There are very few of the original women left that began a small event that has led us to where we are today. I am truly grateful to them for their vision for the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and what a few working together can do for God and our community. I am so grateful and thankful for the wonderful membership of women we have today and everything that is being done to continue the tradition started 30 years ago. My challenge to each member is to let us make this year's the **biggest and bestest** (is that a word?) **that we can**. I would love for us to **raise \$10,000 or more** this year; so ladies, **let's get to work**. I love and appreciate each and every one of you and consider myself to be one of the luckiest people ever to be a part of such a wonderful organization.



Sue Tolbert, Soup & Sandwich Chairman



## Soup & Sandwich Tickets

We still have tickets to sell. If you wish to get more tickets, I will be available before and after our September meeting. Please come prepared to turn in any money you have collected from ticket sales so far. We only have 650 tickets to sell. Each member needs to do their part to get these tickets sold. Remind people that we have a limited number of tickets and they **will not be sold at the door**. **Remember the deadline for ticket sales and turning in money is our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**. You may contact Kathy Jones at 601-638-5931 or 601-529-8500 or email at [jonesmil@bellsouth.net](mailto:jonesmil@bellsouth.net) or Brenda Warnock at 601-831-0279 if you need tickets or wish to turn in money prior to the September meeting.

Kathy Jones & Brenda Warnock, Tickets

## Silent Auction

With your help, turning our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Silent Auction into the best ever is indeed turning out to be "Mission Possible." Merchants are being contacted; auction items are coming in; publicity is being generated. None of this would be possible without the overwhelming support of our wonderful members and their generosity (some of whom are "closet bargain sale shoppers/Silent Auction anonymous donors!") If any of you have friends or acquaintances who are artists, authors, or make one-of-a-kind handmade items (paintings, artistic photography, jewelry, pottery, needlearts, etc.), please consider asking them to donate their talent to our Silent Auction offerings to benefit the Salvation Army. These types of gifts are sought after by S&S Luncheon customers and help raise lots of money for our cause. **Please bring in any Silent Auction items donated so far to the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting**. All that remains to be said is **THANK YOU, Ladies, and Keep Those Donations Coming!**



Tina Grau, Silent Auction Chairman



## Senior Angels

Each year our senior angels always need some of the same items. The following are always welcome gifts for seniors: 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. Please try to collect, label items for Senior Angels 2009, and bring items you wish to donate to a monthly meeting or drop them off at the office (to be stored in our Chapel closet). If you have any questions, call Jo Beth Britt, 601-638-8952 or email [jbbr.seren.shel@usa.net](mailto:jbbr.seren.shel@usa.net).

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## Angel Tree Opportunities Are Just Around the Corner

**Together we can do so much** . . . by taking Angel Tree applications at The Citadel (October 19-22), manning the Pemberton Angel Tree table (starting Nov. 19), filling stockings, organizing and distributing gifts . . . or just by saying "yes" and being ready to do your part when called upon.





**You Are Invited** to a very special evening on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, surprise announcements, and a very special guest speaker(s). The cost is \$25 per person. More details will be coming soon!

## Member Snapshots



**Barbara Cashman**, a lifetime SAWA member, is a retired teacher. Her family includes husband Pat, and children Amanda and John. Barbara's hobbies and interests include quilting, knitting, as well as reading.

**Terisa Cochran** joined the Auxiliary earlier this year. She recently changed jobs to Guaranty Bank, after working at Trustmark for 27 years. Terisa is married to David Cochran, and their children include Christie Morgan, Clayton Cochran, and Summer Brown, as well as 3 grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, crafts, and NASCAR.



Joining the Auxiliary *after* working with us at our March clean-up day earlier this year, **Martha Roberts** is a retired VWSD teacher. She and husband Charley have three children: Andrew, Tiffany, and Kevin, and grandchildren Blake, Madison, Olivia, and Mason. Martha's hobbies include gardening, reading, and sewing.

**Cheryl Lloyd** is another 2009 alumnus of the Auxiliary. Cheryl is a retired (after 38 years of service) civil engineering technician from the Army Corp of Engineer (ERDC). She and husband Mike are the parents of sons Bill (and Sônia) and Steve (Stephanie), and grandchildren Clara, Jacob, and Sara. Cheryl's hobbies and interests include her grandchildren, reading, exercise, and children's ministries.



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