

# THE WATCHWORD

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Tuesday, March 14**

*Membership Conference Call*

Time: 3PM

(see page 3 for details)

### **Tuesday, March 28**

*Easter Basket Event*

Time: 11AM

Location: 518 S. Glebe Rd.  
Arlington, VA

### **Tuesday, April 11**

*CCM Nursing Home Visit*

Time: 10AM

Location: Washington  
Center for Aging Services  
2601 18th ST NE  
Washington, DC

### **Wed., May 24**

*SAWA Board Meeting*

Time: 11AM

Location: TBA

Dear fellow members of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary,

What a miracle it is every year that the long dormant beauty of nature bursts open to greet warmer and longer days. How truly wonderful to know that with the arrival of Spring comes the time for re-birth and spring cleaning and putting in storage the heavy coats and boots. Spring is also a time for our Auxiliary to thrive again with fabulous activities and opportunities to pitch in with our mission.

As this is the second year of my term as Auxiliary President, with Spring comes the nominating process to elect new officers. The bylaws have not been updated for some time and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jackie Roundtree has formed a committee to do just that.

According to the current bylaws two members of the board will serve on the Nominating Committee along with three Auxiliary members who are elected at a meeting. As we do not hold full Auxiliary meetings any more, we are going to use technology to virtually meet. Cheryl will outline all the details, but please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. for a membership conference call. We need 40 members to have a quorum, so please participate.

The invitation for Easter Basket Stuffing has been sent and please join us for a morning of fun and impeccable precision as we stuff 160 baskets in record breaking time. Please consider sponsoring a basket or hippity hop for two or three baskets. This will enable next year's Easter Basket Chair to purchase supplies at sale prices right after Easter. Many thanks to Easter Basket Chair, Jackie Roundtree for all her outstanding efforts.

April showers will not stop us from visiting the Washington Center for Aging Services on Tuesday April 11. If you have never visited the Washington Home, you are missing the heartfelt opportunity that is giving. Once again, members of The Salvation Army Band will bring a little joy to the residents with their glorious music. We can always use more volunteers, so please make every effort to join us. We do so much for children, but these amazing elderly ladies and gentlemen need our caring as well.

Spring is also a time of renewal and growing. Faye Morrisette has graciously offered her beautiful home to host our Spring Membership event. Keep watch for the details, but start thinking of who you would like to invite to join our Auxiliary. Our work is so important and yet what a wonderful time we have with our varied projects. Think about those ladies who sit at your tables for the Fashion Show, they should become members. Where else can we do all the good for just \$50 a year. You can gift them their dues for the first year. They will be ever grateful.

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Dear Friends,

Can I tell you something? At times, I'm not a patient person...especially when I have to wait for something. Maybe that's why I don't often do things like getting my nails done. On one rare occasion when I paid for a manicure, and the girl told me to sit with my nails under the heat lamp (or whatever that thing is!) for 20 minutes, I thought to myself, "You've got to be kidding!" Why in the world should I have to sit there in utter meaninglessness for 20 minutes? No surfing the internet on my cell phone, no checking emails, no reading magazines, nothing. Just sitting there, staring at the cabinet over the heat lamp. Who has time for that? And surely not for 20 minutes, right? So in my wisdom, and convinced that my nails were completely dry, I touched one of them. You guessed it...there was a fingerprint mark on my \$20 investment. Sigh...

There's something to be said for the discipline of waiting. Refusing to wait can have fatal consequences. Imagine running a red light because you got tired of waiting. (...and who doesn't HATE to wait at red lights?) We know that could have disastrous results, so we don't think twice about waiting until it turns green. Yet, when it comes to other areas of waiting, we don't always feel the same way. In our microwave-cooking, high speed internet-surfing, DVR-watching, express lane-driving world, we don't wait for many things. And yet, that's exactly what the Lord calls us to do. Isaiah 40:31 says "But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind." (*The Message*)

What good does waiting do? In daily life it can allow one's manicured nails to completely dry. It can bring a delicious meal to a perfectly cooked state. It can bring the lovely **Cherry Blossoms** (and I can't WAIT!). It can prevent a car accident. In our spiritual lives, it can allow God's work to be done in us. It can enable us to hear His "still, small voice." 1 Kings 19 tells us about Elijah coming to the lowest place in his life, thinking all his good work had come to nothing. And when the Lord ministered to him, it wasn't in the earthquake or the rushing wind or the mighty fire...it was in the still, small voice.

We've all felt at some point in our lives that all of our good work has been for nothing. But it's in those moments when the Lord's gentle whisper will come and breathe life back into us...but only if we're willing to "be still...and wait for our nails to dry."

As we enter a new season of busy-ness in SAWA, I hope the last few months of "waiting" has been fruitful for each of you. You are so loved and appreciated by those who benefit from your many areas of service and generosity. Rest assured that, just like Elijah, your work is never in vain! Now hang on for the ride as we get ready for the amazing months ahead!

Together in Service,

Major Leisa Hall, Associate Area Commander

### **SAWA DUES NOTICE**

*Just a quick reminder!*

It's membership renewal time! If you have not paid your dues, there is still time. You can renew on-line or mail in your check payment. Regular membership renewal is \$50. Lifetime membership is currently \$350, but this is only until March 31. As of April 1, Lifetime membership will go back to the normal rate of \$500.

If there are any updates to your contact information, please notify Cheryl Lewis.

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Speaking of the Fashion Show, no excuses to not plan to attend. The date is Friday, October 27 at the Ritz Carlton Tyson's. We are so excited to introduce our Co-Chairs for our 68<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show and Auction Luncheon, Shaza Andersen and Caren Merrick. I know once you meet them you too will be wowed with their energy and enthusiasm as well as their giving of their time and heart. Finally, take time to smell those fragrant blossoms, unless you are sneezing instead. Enjoy the season.

With a joy filled heart,



Susan Hayes Long, President

## **MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE CALL**

As mentioned by President Hayes Long, the SAWA membership needs to meet via conference call to identify members for the Nominating Committee. The committee must include three (3) general members, the Chair and a representative from the Board.

A teleconference will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 3PM. It is imperative that 40 members are on this call to have a quorum. You can call in from a location convenient to you. Below are the details for the call.

During this call we will also be taking suggested corrections to the bylaws. Please be sure to review the current by-laws in your SAWA directory.

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017

**TIME:** 3PM EST

**DIAL-IN NUMBER:** (605) 475-4842

**ACCESS CODE:** 810044 (enter when prompted)

When you are connected to the call, please announce your name. After announcing yourself, please mute your phone to ensure background noise does not interfere with the call. If you wish to speak to the group during the call, unmute your phone.

An additional email will be sent closer to the date of the call. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Lewis.

*March Birthdays*

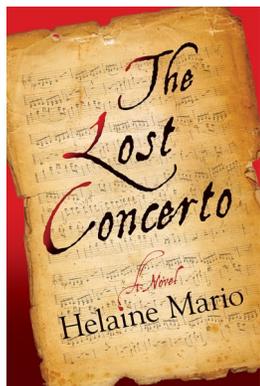
- 1 Martha Townsley Galbraith
- 3 Robin F. Finnell
- 4 Helen G. Nassif
- 4 Judith A. Voss
- 4 Lydia Svoboda
- 6 Eva Lamb
- 8 Joan Willenbucher
- 10 Leilane G. Mehler
- 10 Elsbeth Hoff
- 11 Virginia Baza
- 11 Jeanne L. Newell
- 11 Carmen L. Powell
- 13 Beth Ann Newton
- 17 Dolores Potosnak
- 18 Gail B. Galloway
- 20 Pamela India Bernstein
- 30 Barbara Becker
- 30 Joyce M. O'Bannon
- 31 Fran Ennis

*April Birthdays*

- 2 Elizabeth Stuart
- 3 Donna Beard
- 3 Kadri Sanchez
- 4 Betty Baird
- 4 Judy Page
- 12 Madge Darneille
- 12 Angela Ganey
- 12 Beverly Heller
- 13 Donna Limerick Pitsenberger
- 14 Hend Alqatari
- 15 Sondra J. Gillice
- 19 Peggy S. Conley
- 19 Betty H. Lee
- 20 Virginia S. Holborow
- 20 Myriam Velasquez
- 20 Estelle A. Wittholz
- 21 Tehmina Khan
- 22 Catherine Thompson
- 23 Annemarie Von Arb
- 24 Lee S. Elliott
- 26 Paula Heichel

**SPRING TIME READING**

**The Lost Concerto**, a novel of suspense by Helaine Mario. Maggie O'Shea is grieving the loss of her husband, who has drowned in a tragic accident far from home. Her grief has crushed her passion for music, and for Maggie, a classical concert pianist, the loss of her music is unbearable. Moving on is unthinkable, until a grainy photograph draws her into a perilous search across France for her missing godson and a long-lost love.



**The Lost Concerto** tells Maggie's story, a story of love, loss, vengeance and courage, a story of mystery and intrigue and danger. Ultimately, it is the story of a woman who must fight to move on and find what has been lost within herself.

In **The Lost Concerto**, it is music that tells Maggie's story.

**The deadline for the next issue of THE WATCHWORD is April 21, 2017.**

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