A special thanks to all of the members who attended the Membership meeting held on Feb. 27, 2020. More than 40 of you participated by conference call or in person. You elected a wonderful board; and you agreed to participate in SAWA efforts to continue to “Doing the Most Good” for our community.

On behalf of the board, we promise to work hard on your behalf and to reinvigorate our beloved organization.

I view the actions of the recent meeting as a renewal and new beginning for the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary (SAWA) of the National Capital Area. Why? Members join for many reasons but most importantly to make new friends, to support worthy causes and to assist in area.

The SAWA membership cycle comes at a time of new beginning, spring, which most of us see as a period of rejuvenation and restoration for our gardens and ourselves. The membership renewal cycle provides us a reality check on meeting our retention goals. And, it is imperative that we assimilate new members into SAWA. But we would have nothing to build upon without the loyalty and commitment of our current membership. You should have received a link to renew your membership or to copy and paste and send along to someone or others you would like to invite to join the organization.

We have so much to be proud of and so much work to do. We need all of you for a successful 2020 Fashion Show. Our Fashion Show is our major fundraiser to support our many projects, especially Turning Point, Camp Happy Land, Community Ministries and Angel Tree.

The SAWA Board looks forward to a productive year.

Jacqueline W. Roundtree
President
Greetings Friends,

This is my favorite time of the year when life is beginning to bloom once again. All five senses seem to be on steroids as we HEAR the singing of the birds; SEE the blooming trees; SMELL the blossoming flowers and fresh cut grass (I am sorry for those who struggle this time of year due to allergies); FEEL the freshness in the air and TASTE the flavors that have been dormant since the autumn months.

There is also new life in our Washington, DC Women’s Auxiliary. We have new Officers, new fresh goals, and new opportunities for service.

Just as the garden needs the bees to pollinate, the bees need the flowers, the flowers need the sun and rain in order to be sustained in this life, WE, SAWA need YOU to be an active participant in our efforts to serve others.

John 10:10b states, “…I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Let’s not be found just living and serving, BUT living and serving to the full!

God bless each of you during these days of new life bursting forth for our pleasure and our good.

Blessings,

Rhea Woodcock

Major Rhea Dawn Woodcock, Area Commander
SAWA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW MEMBERS

The time has long since passed to have a new directory in place. The 2020 Membership link was sent out to the 2019 members on March 3, 2020. The goal is to have all memberships paid by April 30th with delivery of the updated directory by the end of May, first of June.

During the month of February, calls were made to invite you to the membership meeting and during that time, the nominating committee found that several of the members have gone onto glory or moved out of the area; however, several committee members found members who want to get back to work. This is exciting!

In order to obtain the most recent information for the directory, all members are encouraged to complete the membership form even if you are a lifetime member. This information will help to ensure we have a fully updated directory as much has changed since 2015. *Note: If you have recently joined SAWA, a call will be placed regarding joining a committee.

The membership form has been upgraded to include the following options.

- Indicating your lifetime membership. Some have paid postage for the next several years. Please click Lifetime member – No payment at this time.

- Join a committee – Your information will be forwarded to the committee chair for contact.

As you heard at the membership meeting, there is a need for a finance committee to be established and a membership committee is needed to assist in retaining members and getting them involved, working on the 2020 directory and on-going new membership. There is also a need for a Social Media committee to keep the content relevant on our many upcoming events.

You may also logon to www.salvationarmynca.org and scroll down to the bottom right hand corner of the screen and click on Women’s Auxiliary. The link will be on this page as well. The Women’s Auxiliary page is currently being updated and the plan is to continue updating as the year unfolds.

GEMS, JEWELS, PURSES, & ACCESSORIES

The Jewelry Ladies

Joan DeCain and Diana Kellogg are collecting your gently worn and unwanted jewelry treasures and accessories throughout the year.

This year the ladies went “gaga” over the beautiful purses sold at the Christmas Luncheon.

If you have a donation, please contact one of the jewelry ladies at jcdecain@aol.com or dianakell@aol.com.

Thank you for your generous donations and purchases. Your purchases help to support new Salvation Army, National Capital Area Cadettes and their families.
SAWA PROJECTS

For many years, SAWA has made Easter Baskets for Children in Washington, DC. This year, the focus will be on Turning Point.

Consider sponsoring a child or two. 40 baskets are available. Basket sponsorship $25. Includes a cub.

Come out on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. to Build-a-Bear, Tysons Corner, and donate a cub or as many cubs as you would like to help fill the Easter Baskets. The cost of the cub is $10.

Stay after and join the ladies for a cup of coffee and fellowship at LePain Quotidien just outside of Bloomindales.

Make checks payable to SAWA. Mail to JoAnn Sullivan 2626 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20037.

https://salvationarmynca.wufoo.com/forms/2020-sawa-easter-basket-event/
COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Join Karen Meyers, Chair and the Salvation Army Band to bring cheer to the residents of The Washington Home for the Aging. The word says as you do for the least of these you, do unto me. Not only do we serve the residents, but honor those who work to take care of those who may not be able to take care of themselves.

SAWA is the only organization that visits this facility. The residents look forward to the smiles, music, and gifts that are delivered. Come and help to brighten someone’s day just by being you.

Please email Karen Meyers at meyersbillkaren@aol.com with your attendance.

DO TO THE CORNOA VIRUS, THE FACILITY HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN
VOLUNTEER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

TURNING POINT CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ANNUAL EASTER PARTY

FUN  FOOD  BUNNY  PIX

In order to make travel arrangements, RSVP with your attendance to no later than Friday, March 27, 2020, to joann.sullivan@uss.salvationarmy.org.
Welcome to SAWA!!!

New members:

Many hands make the work light. As we move in the season of event planning and execution, there is plenty of events for your to join.

Thank you ladies for joining SAWA where we are “Doing the Most Good.”

CORONA VIRUS 2020
Protect the health of your family, your clients and colleagues, and your faith community.
LEARN, REMEMBER, & PRACTICE
1. SICK PERSONS SHOULD STAY HOME
Be alert to the signs of fever and any other influenza-like illness before reporting to work each day. If you are ill, you should not report – stay at home.
2. SICK EMPLOYEES AT WORK SHOULD BE ASKED TO GO HOME
Employees who appear to have an influenza-like illness at work should be promptly separated from other workers and directed to go home.
3. COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES
Viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. Practice cough and sneeze etiquette.
4. IMPROVE HAND HYGIENE & MINIMIZE FACE CONTACT
Viruses also spread via contaminated hands. Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner, especially after coughing or sneezing. Avoid rubbing eyes and unnecessary touching of the face.
5. CLEAN SURFACES & ITEMS THAT HAVE FREQUENT HAND CONTACT
Clean all commonly touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, tables, doorknobs and handheld devices such as smart phones.
6. INFORMATION ON COVID-19 & PREGNANT WOMEN & CHILDREN
There is currently no published information about susceptibility of pregnant women to COVID-19. Pregnant women experience immunologic and physiologic changes which might make them more susceptible to viral respiratory infections, including COVID-19.
There is no evidence that children are more susceptible to COVID-19.
7. STAY INFORMED
Look for updates from the Center for Disease Control (below) as well as from your local authorities.
The Salvation Army Southern Territory is monitoring the situation and will provide information as needed. Employees, please contact your HR Department or Risk Management Department if you have questions or concerns.
Check with www.cdc.gov/COVID19 for updated and more detailed information.

Goodbye, so long, farewell, adios, Auf Wiedersehen, au revoir,
No matter the language you speak, it is always hard to say goodbye.

Leaving SAWA is Donna Beard. She will be moving to sunny Florida. Please send her a note of thanks for all of her hard work and time she spent in making this organization what it is today.

Contact: ima2thbrushr@aol.com

Also leaving is Annie John. Sometimes life prevents us from doing what we would like to do. Thank you Annie for your time and service to this organization.

All the best in the future to both Donna and Annie.

Now that the Corona Virus is here in the states and more closely to us in Maryland, precautions are being taken all across the Salvation Army to inform employees how to safeguard themselves and others against contracting this virus.

The CDC always has the most recent information and updates. Visit the site as often as you would like to stay abreast of how you can stay healthy.
The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fairfax Corps presents its 40th Annual Fashion Show on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon, Silent Auction, Attic Treasures, Festive Hat Contest & Door Prizes.

Fashions by Lord and Taylor of Fair Oaks

Waterford at Fair Oaks
12025 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax, VA

Please reserve by March 21, 2020
Tickets $45 with $12 Tax Deductible
Contact Jo Porter 703-690-5245 or 703-690-5246
For more information contact our own Angela Ganey at Angela_Ganey@aol.com or 703-969-6473 (cell)