

SUMMER *Popular Word*

June 2021

*A monthly newsletter for the Women's Auxiliary
of The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte*

President's Message

Dear SAWA members,
Hello Women of the Auxiliary,

A special end of year newsletter to celebrate our wonderful May meeting. We were blessed from beginning to end with testimonies of the good that SAWA does in our community. Thank you to all who helped make it happen.

It was a perfect way to end the year but our job is not done. Fundraising will continue throughout the summer so that we may continue the good work we have all committed to! Please continue to share our mission & the variety of opportunities to support our Festival of Hope.

To date we have raised \$40,300 towards our goal of \$90,000 as of the end of May. Our "thermometer" below shows our progress and will be updated monthly to reflect where we are. We are well on our way but with much to do.

If you are interested in being a part of the SAWA board, we are looking for a Membership Chairperson or persons. We will be planning to go back to our regular luncheon meetings starting in September. If you're looking to reconnect or to further help SAWA's mission, please let me know.

Thank you all for continue to do for the Auxiliary & our community!

Have a safe & blessed summer! See you in September!

Jen,
President 2020-2021



Scholarship Committee Cookout

There was a lot to celebrate at the cookout hosted by the scholarship committee on June 5: two undergraduate degrees, one graduate degree, one dentistry licensure, the end of the 2021 spring semester and the upcoming college careers for two new scholarship recipients. Twelve mentors had the opportunity to celebrate with eleven students and seven additional family members and friends at Diane Minsker's house. Such a grand finale to a very challenging academic year! When we see the smiles on the faces of these young people and we hear about their plans for the future, we are confident that the SAWA investment in these enterprising former Boys and Girls club members is "Doing the Most Good."

The photos below are: 1. Mentor Martha Gilbert with Cameron Chambers, upcoming freshman at NC AT&T; 2. Nina Robertson and mentor Jennifer Moore with Brooke Higgins, upcoming freshman at Winston-Salem State University and her mother, Selena; 3. Mentor Diana Rainey (Jonathan Ifedi and Kingsley Ifedi) and mentor Charlotte Dunn (Mehdi Moujahid); 4. Donor Marilyn Withrow and committee member Dana Vaden; 5. Mecca Glover (junior at UNC Greensboro) with her mentor Judy Gruebmeier and Faith Moore (2021 graduate of North Carolina Central University) with mentor Diane Minsker; 6. Shanekque Allison, who just received her master's degree from Johnson and Wales, has been mentored by Gail Card during her undergraduate program at NC Central (2011-2015) and during her graduate program; 7. Chris Riddle, who mentors Tatiana Aguilar, is with Marilyn Withrow and Judy Gruebmeier.

8. Happy to be finished with the 2020-2021 school year: Faith Moore, Shanekque Allison, Mecca Glover, Tonea Welch (junior at Shaw University, mentored by Diann Back), Brooke Higgins and Dr. Jamine Ifedi who was mentored by SAWA member Dorothy Jones through four years at East Carolina University and dental school At UNC Chapel Hill.

Diane Minsker



Festival of Hope Update

Summer fun or should we say summer fund?

Summer fun is seeing friends at picnics and cookouts. It is laughter, things to see on vacation and memories to share with those we love. As we visit and see others, let's think who might like to share with those less fortunate. Encourage them to give a memorial gift or in honor of a sick friend. Today more than ever, as the community gives freely, we strive to lift up those who struggle. Think of those students who are working toward a higher education at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Think of all those experiencing homelessness that are following the Pathway of Hope, striving to provide a stable home for their family. What a time to love those around you enough to share your story and involve them in your endeavor. Empower yourself with the assurance that your support matters and the mission you are a part of makes a difference in our community. You will never go wrong telling this story because you are a part of God's greater plan. Stand up for our endeavor to accomplish our goal. Love your friends and family enough to include them in this goal. We are moving toward our goal every day, let's not take our eyes off the prize.

Have a great summer and in September we will meet to celebrate a tremendous success. Have fun and laugh, always laugh.

Brenda Rorie

Membership Reminder

This is your friendly reminder that all membership fees for 2021 - 2022 are due to Diane Thomas by September 30th. The membership form is enclosed for those who haven't already paid for the upcoming year. Please note, completing the form is important so that we can make sure we have your updated address and contact info. Note, it also asks about being added to our text platform for updates. You can either mail it back to Area Command, drop it off at Area Command or bring it to our next meeting on September 18th.

ARC Update

Summer jewelry sorting will continue on the second and fourth Tuesday. Join in the fun between 10:30 and 1:00 and have lunch in the cafeteria.

Major New stopped in to thank us for participating in this project. It seems small but helps so many. We need you!

Becky Herring

Boys & Girls Club Update

SAWA Members! You Rock!!! Thank you for your help in packing the 75 backpacks for the campers for this year's summer camp. You are such troopers to make this happen for all our beautiful Boy's and Girl's Club campers. As I visited the clubs and spoke with the children, I can assure you they are excited about summer camp. It will be filled with no homework and a lot of play. Also, all your efforts to bring in games, towels, and other items can't be overlooked. This was a beautiful team effort that will be accepted with enthusiasm and thanksgiving from all the children.

I look forward to next year and presenting new ideas and ways of helping our children to be all they can be. Happy Summer to all!

Rosella Bergen



Reminder - Fundraising opportunity!!

Please remember, on June 10th and 11th, we hope you attend and support the benefit for SAWA at the McLaughlin store at Phillips Place. They will donate 15% of their profit for both days, even for online orders. They will provide sparkling water and cookies for our guests. We will staff a table to provide brochures about our work, along with membership forms to join the Auxiliary. Please tell friends and family, this is a great opportunity for us!

Rosella Bergen

Member Birthdays

Please join me in wishing the following ladies a Happy Birthday and blessed day!

Olivia Fortson	June 1	Janet Muchnicki	July 8	Rosella Bergen	Aug. 22
Angie Psillos	June 11	Dee Fulton	July 19	Jackie Pace	Aug. 22
Gertrude Hamilton	June 13	Winnifred Ayers	July 29		
Brenda Rorie	June 15	Chris Riddle	July 30		
Cheryl Crawford	June 17	Jeri Williamson	July 31		
Rachel Beckwith	June 20	Anita Mobley	Aug. 4		
Dana Vaden	June 20	Jean Prince	Aug. 6		
Jeanette Strachan	June 26	Becky Herring	Aug. 13		
Jane Waddell	June 26	Brie McConneghey	Aug. 13		
Jane Stone	June 27	Rosa Graves	Aug. 15		
Penny Hewett	June 30	Diane Miller	Aug. 16		
Carolyn Ginyard	July 4	Donna Mauerhan	Aug. 20		
Dee Farrell	July 8	Linda Smith	Aug. 20		

