Dear Ladies,

As we head to the homestretch in our preparation for the FOT, I hope you will continue to be inspired by all that we see around us. We do not have to look far for inspiration. We are fortunate to be working alongside incredible SA officers and staff who give their all everyday to the mission Work. I was so very impressed by Captain Tabitha Roberts as she spoke to us in February about the great progress being made at Belmont Corps. What great role models all the officers and staff are for us!

I thought that this would be an appropriate place and time to again share the message presented so enthusiastically by our Membership Team at the February meeting. Here are their words, crafted by Carolyn Gibson. I hope that they can inspire you, once again, as we remember who we are and what we do.

**We are S A W A**

**S means Service** - If I can help somebody as I pass this way, then my living will not be in vain. Service to men, women, boys and girls.
- Scholarships- Developing young minds through advanced education. We start mentoring through the Boys and Girls Clubs.
- Stocking Stuffers- Christmas just “ain’t “Christmas without a stocking near the tree.
- the Sensational time we have at the Festival of Tables.
- Scripture reminds us: to whom much is given, much is required.

**A means we are Army strong** - spiritually based assistants to the ideals and projects of the Salvation Army.
- Awesome - Awesome sisterhood in the Auxiliary, friends for life.
- the ARC - We support through the Adult Rehabilitation Center
- Aid to families - We meet them at their point of need.

**W means we Welcome you**
- Women - You will have the privilege to work with women who seek to make a change in their communities.
- Willing to work
- a Wonderful feeling at the end of the day that you volunteered at the Center of Hope
- we are the Who, What, and When of change in our community

**A means we are Available.**
- A means Adventurous - We are the bell ringers. You spending “change” will ensure that we can continue to make a change.
- A means our Arms are open…. we offer comfort during crisis, support needed, and we say “You are loved”.

Let’s keep working to make the 2019 Festival of Tables the most successful ever!

*Nina Robertson, President 2018-2020*
**Boys & Girls Club Scholarships**

As our scholarship students are looking forward to the end of the semester, those of us on the scholarship committee are looking toward the future of recent applicants who are making decisions about their educational future.

We are proud to be a part of that decision-making process. We have received seven applications from students who are members of the Boys & Girls Clubs at Belmont Avenue, Marsh Road, and Milton Road. These seniors are interested in a variety of colleges including Gardner-Webb, A&T, UNCG, Shaw University, CPCC and Winston-Salem. These students will be interviewed on April 9th by the committee members.

If we need a reason to work hard to make the Festival of Tables a success these seven students are a strong motivation to continue our commitment to those in need in the Charlotte area. It takes money, lots of it, to provide four-year scholarships to deserving students. There is only one student graduating this year, Hydeia Harvey from Howard University, so that means that we could potentially have fourteen students receiving scholarships next year. With the current budget we may not have enough to offer all applicants the money they need. Thanks for any support you can give. All of us can feel that we are a part of the success of these hard-working students.

*Diane Minsker*  
Scholarship Committee Chair

**Adult Rehabilitation Center**

Please join us at the ARC for our monthly jewelry sorting the fourth Tuesday of every month, April 23rd, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join!  

*Thank You, Nancy Frances Puckett*

**Member Birthdays**

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

Joyce Sellers       April 2  
Sally Moore        April 8  
Betty Maxwell     April 9  
Jennifer Moore    April 11  
Nina Robertson     April 13  
Betty Calvert      April 14  
Jean Freeman      April 20  
Debbie Pendleton  April 30  
Luvenia Ivey       April 30

*Carolyn Gibson*
Festival of Tables Updates

Our event is less than a month away and there is still plenty to be done. Thank you to everyone for what you have all done so far. Remember why we do this and what we achieve by doing the hard work. We need to focus on what our success can bring for the Boys and Girls Club students and for the families at the Center of Hope. May they motivate you to get more silent auction items, solicit more ads or sell more tickets.

Where we stand so far this year compared to last year:

132 auction items versus 312 for last years’ FOT
444 tickets sold so far versus 536 tickets sold for 2018
8 paid program ads compared to 20 in last years’ program
$20,641.41 in donations compared to $28,450 last year

Please continue to bring in your silent auction items. Many thanks to those of who have worked so hard to build our inventory. We have some very nice items, however, you can see we still have a long way to go! Please also let your guests know that they will be able to purchase the live geranium centerpieces from the tables for $10 each. This will also help boost our profits.

FINAL REMINDER about our deadlines:

the last day for **program ads** to be turned in is **April 16th**
the last day for **auction items** to be dropped off is **April 16th**
the last day for **donor acknowledgments** to be included in the program is **April 16th**
the last day for **ticket sales** is **April 25th**

The FOT committee is looking for volunteers to help set up at the hotel the night before the event. We cannot get into the ballroom until 6:00 pm (previously we have started at 3:00 pm) and have much to accomplish in the four hours we will have to get ready for Thursday’s event.

This is such a wonderful mission and we are fortunate to be part of it. Let’s all get ready to do the most good we can together.

*Brenda Rorie*

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Lunch Reservations for Members and Guests

Our next meeting and luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, April 16th at 11:30 am.**

**The cost is $10 for members.**

**RSVP to Dionna Andrews by Friday, April 12**
dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org or 704-334-4731

The Auxiliary Board meeting will take place just prior to the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to attend.
Center of Hope News

Our first lunch service at COH is May 24th! I’ll be sending an email to all who let me know they were interested but please call or text me  (336-926-6800) if you’d like to be on the committee or help serve. Signups will be available at the April & May meetings.

We need one additional volunteer for the April 18th Spaghetti dinner, let me know if you can help.

A special thanks to everyone who brought brownies. Please continue your generosity.

Thank you Dana Vaden, Kay Major, Cheryl Crawford & Rita Watts for volunteering in March!

Thank You,
Jennifer

Bus Tour

Thanks to everyone who joined us on the tour of our facilities. We visited the Marsh Road Corps and Boys and Girls Club, the Center of Hope, the Belmont Corps and Boys and Girls Club and finished up at the Adult Rehabilitation Center where we enjoyed lunch in their cafeteria. I hope you all felt it was a fulfilling day learning about what these programs are about and how what you do helps these programs and our clients. Thanks for always Doing the Most Good!

Thank You,
Major Debbie Broome

Poplar Grove

Our next birthday party for the Poplar Grove residents will be on April 17. We are still requesting those Walmart and CVS gift cards to give as door prizes, so if you could bring one to us at the April 16 luncheon meeting, we would really appreciate it. Also, if you would like to help with a food item for the party or just want to come to help us serve and hear Accordion Bob, please let one of us know.

Thank you, Kay Major and Dana Vaden