“My parents did not have to say a word to me about Christianity. I saw it in action”. These words were spoken by Evangeline, daughter of William and Catherine Booth.

These are inspiring words. Our first meeting in September will be focused on this message, and how we can volunteer to serve the programs of The Salvation Army Area Command. Sarah Gamble and Beth Butchino will be our guest speakers and will describe the many opportunities available to us so that we, too, can demonstrate our love of Christ through action.

By 1906, The Salvation Army had helped 188,684 persons find work, and 52,254,490 meals had been served to the hungry. 21,581,135 homeless people had been provided lodging, and 35,207 women and girls had been rescued from exploitation. 44,893 sick people had been visited and nursed.* The Salvation Army worked, with boundless determination, to serve others with practical and spiritual help. Consider that the type of work that we do today, on their behalf, has not changed much in a hundred years! We are proud to be a part of this great organization.

At our September meeting, you will also have the chance to hear from our working committee chairs who will let you know how they, too, need your help. This is an area that we hope to see more active participation by all our members. Last year was a great year for us, and much was accomplished. However, we can do so much more! So, dear friends, welcome back! Its time to step forward to demonstrate our Faith in action. I look forward to seeing you all on September 17th.


**Nina Robertson  
President, 2018-2020**
**Member Dues and Roster**

This is your friendly reminder that the 2019-2020 membership dues is due by our meeting on September 17th. You can drop it off at Area Command, mail it in or bring it when you come to the meeting. If you need an application, you can request a copy from Beth, download it from the website or fill it out at the September meeting. Please note that anyone who has not gotten their photo taken for the roster can have it taken at the meeting or you can provide a digital copy of a recent photo to Beth via Email.

**Poplar Grove**

Our July 17 birthday party for the residents of Poplar Grove was a huge success and great fun for all of us! We celebrated with an Hawaiian-themed party, complete with our own Hula dancer. Thanks to Kay for arranging to have Yolanda Osborn, a native Hawaiian and an excellent dancer, provide us with delightful entertainment.

Thank you to Rita Watts and Betsy Hutton for helping to prepare food and joining us as we donned grass skirts to serve, dance, and sing with the residents.

As always the residents enjoyed receiving their cards, gifts, and door prizes provided by our SAWA members. Come join us on October 16th for our next party!

*Thank you,*
*Kay Major and Dana Vaden*

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**Lunch Reservations for Members & Guests**

It’s time to get back to the business of Doing the Most Good. Please register for the next luncheon on **Tuesday, September 17**. Cost is **$10** for members, guests are free. Members are encouraged to bring guests to see if they would like to join.

The Auxiliary Board meeting will take place just prior to the General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to attend.

**RSVP BY:** Friday, September 13

**TO:** Dionna Andrews at 704-334-4731 or dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org
Scholarship Student Graduates College

The Scholarship Committee is proud to let our membership know we have another college graduate. Hydeia Harvey was chosen as a scholarship recipient in 2015. She graduated from Rocky River High School where she was a respected student with excellent recommendations. She was a captain of the girls basketball team, member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Student Government Association, community volunteer and leader in her Boys and Girls Club. She was accepted at Howard University in Washington D.C. and graduated May 11, 2019 after 4 years of mentorship by Charlotte Dunn. Her degree is in Communications with an emphasis in film production. We wish Hydeia all the best in her future endeavors. Congratulations!

Thanks, Charlotte Dunn

Backpacks for Campers

At the May meeting, members stuffed backpacks with the essentials for Club kids going to Camp Walter Johnson. Thank you for all you do to support our kids!

The kids at our Milton Road club were very excited to use their bags!

September Birthdays

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

Stephanie Zonin Sept. 8
Kathy Cutler Sept. 10
Thomasena Drummond Sept. 12
Sally Williamson Sept. 14
Ann Hodges Sept. 15
Ynez Olshausen Sept. 17
Caroline Brown Sept. 18
Nancy Puckett Sept. 18
Penny Watkins Sept. 18
Julia Wade Sept. 18
Pat St. Clair Sept. 19
Linda Snider Sept. 20
Betty Thalinger Sept. 24
Margó Conrad Sept. 29

Carolyn Gibson
**Center of Hope News**

The COH has been bustling all summer. Thank you to all who have helped serve our shelter’s women & children this summer. We had 2 lunches as well as our 3 dinners. We even switched it up & had hamburgers a few times during the hot summer!

Please don’t forget to bring brownies to our meeting September 17th. The kids especially have missed them this summer. We never have too many!!

*Thank you, Jen Adkins*

The Center of Hope Boys and Girls are grateful to Jim Rorie who built these beautiful cabinets for their teen room. Nina Robertson, Kay Major, Cheryl Crawford and Brenda Rorie then put the finishing touches on the cabinets - sanding and staining to make them look marvelous! Thanks to you all for your hard work. Along with other upgrades, the teen room now looks amazing!

**Festival of Tables**

As we approach our new year, we have exciting news about our Festival of Tables. This year we raised $100,893.23 with a net of $75,158.75, and an additional $2,500 which we are still expecting. What an amazing amount of money that will enable us to serve those in need in the community and answer the needs of our funding goals.

It was a remarkable event and could not have been possible without all those who worked so hard. Silent auction chairs Diana Rainey, Carolyn Schneider, Debbie Pendleton and Penny Hewett, along with ever constant Charlotte Dunn, did a fantastic job setting up the silent auction with over $22,000 raised! All of the FOT committee chairs worked diligently to make this happen along with all of our faithful members who volunteered their time to make this event a success. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make all of this happen, your passion for our mission makes this all possible.

*Thank you, Brenda Rorie*