Greetings, dear ladies! It’s February, the month associated with love. As I left our general meeting yesterday, I felt a lot of love!! There is such a deep and caring commitment from you all to our many projects. You demonstrate unselfish love in many meaningful ways; love in the passion for the work you do for your fellow human beings, spiritual love, and you also show a great kindness, mutual respect and love for one another. I am so proud of our Auxiliary!

This month, I would like to highlight the Adult Rehabilitation Center. For the 116 men located at our Central Avenue location, our love is indeed appreciated. For over 100 years, The Salvation Army has provided spiritual, social and emotional assistance for the men, aged 21-54 years, who are seeking help with chemical addictions. The residential center is available, without fee, and is supported financially by the “world famous” thrift shops. The 180 day program focuses on spirituality, rehabilitation through a twelve step program, individual and group therapy, and work therapy. Men housed at the ARC work at the donation centers to rebuild self-esteem and to support themselves.

The Women’s Auxiliary has been involved with the ARC for many years. Currently, we have a small group of members who are very devoted to the residents at ARC. They go above and beyond committee “requirements” in the time that they spend there. They visit frequently and do much. Their presence is truly uplifting to the men. Their work includes jewelry sorting (for the thrift stores), and eating lunch with, and providing words of encouragement to the men. They personalize cards and gifts (from all of us) at Christmas, and also help to serve and to attend the Christmas dinner. They take time to visit and attend other important events at the ARC, such as the Act of Faith celebration, graduations, and Easter Sunday service. Many thanks to these great ladies for representing us!

In order for us all to have the chance to get to know this special program better, we will meet at the ARC for our general meeting in February. The address of the ARC is 1023 Central Avenue. Lots of parking is available along the side of the Thrift Shop and behind it. It is easy to walk from this parking lot into the front of the main building. We will have signage and helpers available to park and access the entrance. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Nina Robertson
President, 2018-2020
**Festival of Tables Update**

As Spring approaches, we know that it is time to make our big push for Festival of Tables and we need **every** member’s help. We need to sell 540 tickets to cover the cost of the event which will mean our donations can go directly to supporting our causes. We also need to sell enough ads to cover the cost of the program. Lastly, we need everyone to work on getting silent auction items. If you are creative, consider sharing your talent by contributing something to the silent auction. We have a new member that does fantastic handwork and she is knitting some beautiful shawls and has also volunteered to design a table. Any questions, contact the individuals below.

Festival materials: Beth Butchino, beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org or (704) 714-4720**
Tickets: Cynthia Polshak, (704) 525-5158
Program Ads: Ynez Olshausen, ynezo@aol.com
Silent auction: Becky Herring, (704) 609-1528.
Sponsorships or donations: Brenda Rorie, (704) 533-3991
**Materials can be mailed, Emailed or can be delivered by Brenda.

We are a vehicle of God’s greatness that is shown every day through The Salvation Army and we are asking that you Do the Most Good for this Festival of Tables on April 16, 2020. Tell everyone you know about the event so that they might join us to see what we can accomplish together. This will be our 32nd festival and the last for our faithful leader, Major Debbie Broome. Let’s send her out with a bang and show Charlotte what this Auxiliary can do.

**Thank You,**
Brena Rorie, Event Chairperson

All of us recognize the importance of getting energized and dedicating ourselves to the goal of making the Festival of Tables a financial success. I am hoping to contribute to the aesthetic success as well. Each year we recruit designers to decorate tables and in the last few years it has become more of a challenge. We need your help in contacting individuals or professionals who will participate. I appreciate the efforts of Ann Hodges, Betty Reynolds, Dorothy Jones, Carolyn Ginyard and Brenda Rorie in getting designers to commit to decorating a table. Please contact anyone you think might be interested. Or consider being a decorator yourself!!

**Diane Minsker**

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**ARC Update**

We continue to sort jewelry on the 4th Tuesday each month at 1023 Central Ave. If you’d like to join us, call Winnie Ayers, 704-910-1232.

**Thanks, Winnie**
Boys and Girls Club Cupcakes

Thanks to all of you who signed up to make cupcakes for the Boys and Girls Clubs Valentine’s parties. If you were not at the January meeting and would like to donate, your cupcakes should be dropped off at Area Command by 1 o’clock on Tuesday, February 11th. My house will be an alternative drop off but all donations need to be at there no later than 11 AM on the 11th. Any questions, give me a call. Contact Cheryl Crawford with questions 704-628-5080 (home) or 614-270-3882 (cell phone).

Cheryl Crawford

Scholarship Student Profile

Andrevion Alexander: Andrevion is currently at CPCC with the goal of transferring to UNCC to major in Kinesthesiology. Andrevion was a member of Marsh Road Boys and Girls Club for three years. He partly attributes his current academic success to staff members there (Ms. Keisha and Mr. Fred), who provided encouragement and information for him to get on track for college. He also recognizes and appreciates the incredible support from his grandmother, with whom he lives, in helping him to get through high school and to apply for college. Having missed the opportunity herself, she was even more determined for her grandson to make the most of this potential. Andrevion attended, and graduated from, Sugar Creek Charter school. There, he played on basketball and baseball teams. He also developed a love of poetry and participated in the “Lyricist Lounge”. Andrevion is happy at CPCC, where he is keeping up his grades. He describes college as being an eye opening experience and as being very different from high school. He hopes to be successful and to make life long friends. He wants to thank the Auxiliary for giving him the chance to go to school.

Nina Robertson

Lunch Reservations for Members & Guests

Our next meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 11:30 am

REMINDER: the general meeting will be held at the ARC, 1023 Central Ave, in the Chapel. Lunch will be served after the meeting, in the dining hall - the cost is $10 for members. There will also be a tour of the facility after lunch for those interested.

RSVP BY Friday, February 14 to: Dionna Andrews at 704-334-4731 or dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org
Center of Hope News

Thank you ladies of SAWA for signing up to serve meals at the Center Of Hope at our meeting last week! We still have lots of opportunities available for the spring months as you plan your calendars. Thank you to Rosella Bergen, Cheryl Crawford and Melanie Mason for serving our 2 meals in January and to all of you who make brownies. Please continue to bake the brownies as they are so appreciated, and please bring them with you to our February meeting at the ARC.

Jen Adkins

Birthdays

Please help me wish the following members a very Happy Birthday and a blessed day!

Cynthia Polshak            Feb. 2
Charlotte Dunn             Feb. 6
Kisha English              Feb. 10
Margaret Stephenson        Feb. 18
Betty Chilcott            Feb. 22
Judy Gruebmeyer           Feb. 24

Carolyn Gibson