The Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary has greatly impacted many of the members at the Milton Road Boys and Girls Club. This scholarship gives them financial help towards their post high school education with additional support from the wonderful ladies in the organization throughout their college years. The scholarship support is invaluable to our members and a blessing to the family.”
Staff member Tonia Lewis (19 years of service at the Milton Road Boys and Girls Club)

You are awesome! Let this statement lift you up as we recognize and applaud the outstanding work done by our Auxiliary this year. This month, I want to highlight the achievements of our Scholarship Committee. I also want to thank each of you for the great on-going, and new projects supported by all committee and individual members over the past several months.

The Scholarship Committee has made tremendous progress over the years in increasing its impact and outreach. The number of students now receiving scholarships is eleven, and we are able to support these students through individual awards of $2500 this year. In addition to providing money, we further support youngsters at the Boys and Girls Clubs by forming relationships to foster an awareness of available academic opportunities. In the fall, the committee members visit six Boys and Girls Clubs in order to encourage high school members to further their education. Our ladies speak to the students in groups and individually, focusing on students’ options and occasionally inviting motivational speakers with previous club experience. Our committee also visits clubs to screen applicants to help identify those most likely to succeed.

I believe the most significant factor contributing to our success has been attributable to the commitment by our members to support scholarship recipients through mentoring. We have many ladies in our organization who have developed caring and deep relationships with students over many years to help them graduate. They have helped to encourage, cajole, and to meet the social and emotional needs of the youngsters. One success story belongs to a student from the Marsh Road B&G Club who was funded by the auxiliary during his undergraduate career (NC Central) and graduate program (Elon) and is now employed by the NC State Department of Health and Human Resources as the Web Content Director. Another shining star who has benefitted from our program has recently finished dental school at UNC Chapel Hill after being funded during his undergraduate and graduate studies. He will begin his dental practice within months.

Many thanks to those of you who have been involved in this committee. Your work is clearly making a difference!

As we look forward to the New Year, our Festival of Tables is around the corner. Tickets are ready to sell, and it is time to bring in items for the silent auction. The money raised at our event supports our college scholarships. This fact should empower you as you communicate to friends, acquaintances, colleagues and businesses.
Happy New Year!

Nina Robertson
President, 2018-2020
Ladies,
We are embarking on 32 annual Festival of Tables. Our date for the Festival is April 16, 2020. We strive to make each year more successful than the last. Please join us in accomplishing this goal. There are so many wonderful things that we can achieve together. I wish that “together we can” would be our moto.

I could certainly use new and fresh ideas. As we strive to have a better event we need all hands on deck doing all they can. We are sending out a listing of all the items secured for last year’s event. Please think about the service providers you have: (money management, hair dressers, exercise consultants, chiropractors, dentist, home improvement services, real estate agents and many more) all these people will give you ads or items for the Silent Auction. Who would have thought that we could have the very successful auction we have, but we did. When we get enough ads we can pay for our programs and as we dissect the moving parts of the show that can be paid for by people we see and interact with many times each week, month or year. It is important to ask and please if you will ask with enthusiasm.

We do an amazing job with this event so let’s do the very best we can. Please remember that at this event we are the face of the Salvation Army. Let’s put on our game face and make the entire Salvation Army proud of our signature event. You may reach me at any time (before 10 at night and after 8 in the morning) at 704 533-3991. Let’s work together and get her done. I am happy to help you with any aspect of the show. Just give me a chance and I will give you something to do.

Happy New Year and let’s get going,
Brenda Rorie, Chair of Festival of Tables
January meeting

Due to the National Advisory Board meeting that is being held in Charlotte this year and hosted in part by Area Command, the decision has been made to move our monthly Auxiliary meeting for January out to the last week of the month. Therefore, our meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month, January 28th instead of our normal third Tuesday. Please make a note of this, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks, Major Debbie Broome

Center of Hope

Happy New Year! Thank you all who have been so dedicated to serving at the Center of Hope whether for lunch, dinner or making fresh brownies. Your willingness to serve is much appreciated. I will have sign ups for both lunch and dinner serving opportunities at the January meeting. Thank you Rosella Bergen for serving with me in December.

Jennifer Adkins

Scholarship Student

Oronde Nelson, who has been a member of the Marsh Road Boys and Girls Club for eleven years, tells a familiar story of other scholarship recipients when he says that being in the Boys and Girls Club “was probably one of the most influential things of my upbringing.” Like other members, Oronde has benefitted from the support and camaraderie of the club. That Salvation Army support is continuing as he receives scholarship funding his freshman year at St. Augustine College in Raleigh. While the 150- year-old school is “old-fashioned and rustic” Oronde admits that its small size (one third of the student population of his high school, South Mecklenburg) is prompting him to consider other school options after his first year.

Oronde admits that procrastination can be an obstacle for him, but he has tackled big projects like becoming an Eagle Scout and feels gratification when he accomplishes his goals. “The best advice I received,” he says, “was to do everything as efficiently as possible. I’d like to pass that on to current seniors. When you work efficiently, you are less likely to procrastinate and that makes everything so much easier. Also do your work when you get it or do it early before the deadline. That way you don’t stress.”

With sports management as his major, Oronde is very clear about his goal to become a coach or an athletic director, “making a positive impact on the next generation.” Oronde’s mentor is Jennifer Moore.
Birthdays

Please join me in wishing the following members a wonderful birthday with many blessings!

Judy Vinroot    January 15
Betty Reynolds   January 18
Nelle Rose Beverly     January 23
Diane Minsker   January 27

Carolyn Gibson

Lunch Reservations for Members & Guests

Our next meeting and luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, January 28** at 11:30 am
The cost is $10 for members.

**RSVP BY Friday, January 24 to:** Dionna Andrews at:
704-334-4731 or dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org

The Auxiliary Board meeting will take place just prior to the General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m.**
All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to attend.