President’s Message

I believe the term March Madness was coined to describe the bewildering excitement of the national collegiate basketball tournament, which goes on for a good part of the month. To me, now, this phrase has taken on a whole new dimension. When I think of March, and its excitement, I think about getting ready for the Festival of Tables. If you are an Auxiliary member, how can you leave the house without a silent auction form to slip under the nose of an unsuspecting vendor? How many friends and colleagues have you harassed to sell tickets? Are you even disturbing your financial advisor or car mechanic by trying to persuade them to buy an ad in our glossy program? This is my new March Madness. 24 hours of living and loving the preparation for our big event. For, what we work hard to do now, even if we are not loving it, will pay us back dividends when May comes around.

A few months ago, I mentioned the Hallelujah Lasses. They were the young women who so successfully led the conversion of sinners to The Salvation Army. Here is a description, in a letter by Catherine Booth, of their impact:

“And it is truly wonderful what is being done by the instrumentality of quite young girls. I could not have believed it if I had not seen it. Truly, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings he has ordained strength, because of the enemy: and the enemy feels it.

In one small town where we have two girls labouring, a man, quite an outsider, told another that if they went on for much longer all the publics (public houses or bars) would have to be shut up, for he went to every one in town the other night, and he found only four men in them all! The whole population, he said, had gone to the ‘Hallelujah Lasses” Oh, for more of the fire!”  
- Through the Year with Catherine Booth, 365 Daily Readings from Catherine Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army, edited by Stephen Poxon

Lead on ladies! Let’s make this Festival of Tables the most successful one ever!

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

At a time such as this, we need the Festival of Tables fundraising to rise to a greater level. When you invite guests or ask for a donation, ad or silent auction item please keep focused on the need at The Salvation Army. Put yourself in the place of that woman who is trying to walk the Pathway of Hope, that inspiration will put you on the path to success. Giving is down sharply and we need to work much harder to be able to make sure that needs are met in our community. It is such a blessing to work with such a dear group and to know that together we can accomplish great things. Please, please get on board and let’s ride this train to glory. Your friends, family, fellow church members, members of community groups, etc. may just need a gentle tug to come along with us. We will all celebrate the wonderful success that we are about to enjoy together on May 2 at the Festival of Tables.

THANK YOU to the members that have purchased/sold tickets to the 2019 Festival of Tables. Last year, there were 514 tickets sold. The goal this year is to exceed that number. As of the end of the February, almost 300 tickets have been sold and another 100 tickets reserved. If you have not yet reserved tickets, please contact me at 704-525-5158 or cpolshak@carolina.rr.com. Let’s make the 2019 Festival of Tables the most successful one yet. To do that, we need you, the members, to sell as many tickets as possible. Remember, people can also buy tickets through our website: www.salvationarmycharlotte.org/fot.

Don’t forget to like our page on Facebook (search for The Salvation Army Charlotte Festival of Tables) and also share FOT posts on your Facebook pages to help spread the word!

Keep your eye out for our beautiful Ad that will be in the March edition of Southpark magazine.

Thank You,
Brenda Rorie and Cindy Polshak

Festival of Tables Auction Items

Please check your closets, garages and attics for containers that can be used to make gift baskets for the FOT auction (new or good condition ONLY). Think outside of the “basket” - a large popcorn bowl might make a great movie night basket, a large plant pot or hanging basket could be used for a gardening basket, a pail or small beach tote could be used for a beach day basket. Even a small crate or other type of box could make a nice container for silent auction items.

Any items you find can be brought to Area Command at our next meeting, or to my house.

Janet Muchnicki
Phone # (704) 366-9058
Poplar Grove update

We had a fun time at Poplar Grove on January 16 as we celebrated another three months of birthdays with approximately 25 of the residents. We appreciate our committee members - Janet Muchnicki, Betty Maxwell, Charlotte Dunn, Sally Moore, Jane Truesdale, and Rita Watts, who helped with the food preparation and serving.

We are grateful to all of the members of the SAWA who have provided gift items for the birthday bags and door prizes. Your generosity was so obvious to us when we recently sorted everything you have donated. WOW! What we need now are gift cards for Walmart and CVS. All of the residents can make good use of these, as they can easily access these stores.

Our next birthday party is scheduled for April 17 with Accordion Bob supplying the entertainment.

God bless, Kay Major and Dana Vaden

Scholarship Student Highlight

As a dancer for twelve years, Tasia Reed dreams of having a career in dance as a “studio owner”, implementing programs to help encourage a more active and healthier generation.” Being a member of the Milton Road Boys & Girls Club for 10 years, Tasia enrolled in CPCC almost two years ago and is working hard to achieve her goals. Her background in cheerleading has enabled her to be a mentor to younger club members. She feels strongly that dance and cheerleading are not only “beneficial to a person’s physical health but such activities can also boost the self-esteem and mental well-being of those that participate.” The academic challenges that Tasia has faced in college have not discouraged her because as a student she is responsible, dependable and incredibly hard-working according to her mentor, Jennifer Moore.

Diane Minsker

Lunch Reservations for Members & Guests

Our next meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 11:30 am. The cost is $10 for members.

RSVP BY Friday, March 15 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, March 19th at 10:00 a.m. All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to attend.
Annual Bus Tour

Please join us for our Annual tour of facilities on March 21st. This tour allows members of the Women’s Auxiliary to see first hand how the support you provide is Doing the Most Good for the clients we serve. It is also a great chance to get to know one another!

The tour starts at the Temple Corps/Boys and Girls Club located at 940 Marsh Road at 9:00 a.m., then visits the Center of Hope (women and children’s shelter), Belmont Corps/Boys and Girls Club and finally stops at the ARC (Adult Rehabilitation Center and thrift store) where we will have lunch. We will return to Marsh Road around 1:00 p.m.

Call Beth Butchino at 704-714-4720 or Email beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org by Friday, March 15th to reserve your seat. We hope to see you there!

Major Debbie Broome

Center of Hope News

Anyone interested in serving on the Center of Hope committee please join us after our luncheon on March 19th for a short meeting.

Thanks to our February volunteers: Diane Thomas, Diane Rainey, Melanie Mason & Susan Hurleigh. A special thanks to everyone who brought brownies last month, please continue your generosity. We still need 2 volunteers for April 18, please contact me if you can help via Email, jenladkins@gmail.com, or at the next meeting.

Thank you,
Jen Adkins

Birthdays

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

Kay Major March 10
Kathryn Todd March 13
Pat White March 18
Clement Gibson March 23
Mimi Mitten March 24
Krysten Hoversen March 25
Jen Adkins March 28

Carolyn Gibson