

# Paper Word

September 2020

A monthly newsletter for the Women's Auxiliary  
of The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

Welcome to SAWA 2020-21! As the new President, I am excited and humbled as we face the challenges that the COVID pandemic has presented. We'll be looking this year for new ways to virtually serve our community, The Salvation Army, and one another. We have such a dedicated and caring membership, I know we will meet these challenges head on, together.

This summer we welcomed Majors Todd and Wilma Mason. We are so blessed to have them here in Charlotte and I can't wait for you to meet them.

The meeting this month will be on Tuesday September 22, both virtually and in-person at 11:30 am. Meetings will resume on the 3rd Tuesday at 11:30, virtually and in-person (for those comfortable w/ social distancing) thereafter, no lunches for the time being. Please R.S.V.P. to Dionna at [dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:dionna.andrews@uss.salvationarmy.org) or 704-334-4731 if you plan to attend in person this month. Virtual meeting information will be sent prior to the meeting. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

Our work continued over the summer, please read on to find out about our successful (against all odds) FOT, special news from our Scholarship committee and opportunities to serve our vulnerable community during this challenging time. The need is mighty.

Due to the sudden upheaval last spring, I didn't select Committee Chairmen until we could determine our needs. Several people have volunteered but we still have several positions to fill. Commitments for now will be phone or virtual and will be primarily the "Point of Contact" person, no in-person contact required. Please pray as you consider how to serve, we need you.

I know this pandemic has caused so much sorrow and heartache on top of the difficulties life already brings. I pray each of you stay healthy and safe, that we all continue to grow in our Faith and to represent our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we serve our community and one another.

See you on September 22!

**Jennifer Adkins**  
**President, 2020-21**



## Member Dues and Roster

Due to our inactivity the last several months, the deadline for the 2020-2021 membership dues has been extended to October 30th. An application is included with this letter for your convenience. You can mail it in or bring it to Area Command. Anyone who has not gotten their photo taken for the roster can have it taken at Area Command or you can Email a copy of a recent photo to Beth at [beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:beth.butchino@uss.salvationarmy.org).

## September Birthdays

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

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



## Committee news

ARC: We are looking for a Committee Chairperson(s) for the ARC. Winnie Ayers and Nancy Puckett have faithfully led this committee and cultivated a fabulous relationship with the ARC. We will continue to support the men at the ARC financially and virtually this year. Major New has several opportunities for us to help meet their needs in safe ways. I'm very excited about this and look forward to working together with the new chair(s). Thank you Winnie and Nancy for a job well done!

Auxiliary Care Committee - Cheryl Crawford, Chairperson: We are thrilled to introduce this new committee. COVID-19 has affected our ability to connect in person but that won't stop us from supporting one another! This committee will be focused on keeping in touch with our Auxiliary members via regular phone calls. Cheryl will keep us posted on developments.

Center of Hope: We are looking for a COH Chairperson. This chairperson will coordinate with the COH on a monthly/quarterly basis to see if there are any needs that we can help meet financially or virtually. We will continue to provide funds for monthly dinners and lunches as needed and are looking for ways we can help support the staff since there are no volunteers to help ease their workload. Please prayerfully consider this very fulfilling opportunity.

Publicity Committee: Another new opportunity to serve. Virtual communication will be more important than ever this year, and we are looking for someone to coordinate with Ed Boyce of the SA to keep our website up to date with a calendar, opportunities to serve, and updates. No need to be computer savvy!!

BGC - Rosella Bergen, Chairperson: I am excited to be the liaison between the BGC and SAWA. What a challenge we have before us in helping our children at the B & G Clubs this year, but I know we are ready to serve. I have spoken with Anthony Buckson who shared many new and creative ways to help the club. I look forward to sharing these ideas with you at our meeting. Thank you, Rosella

*Thank you, Jen Adkins*

## Scholarship Student Graduates College

Freshman Fellow Lewis is enthusiastic and vivacious like his mom, Tonia Lewis, the director of the Milton Road Boys & Girls Club. Even with all the difficult challenges young college students are facing in 2020, he is thrilled to be at Jackson State University where he will play the saxophone in the nationally known college band.

Fellow has indicated that band practices and activities have been postponed until spring, but he says that he has made many friends already because of band. "Several chat groups based on classification (freshmen) and band instrument (mellophone) and location in the US were created this summer so I could meet people before arriving on campus." It is a little more difficult to meet classmates because all his classes are online. "At first I was a little lonely because my roommate went home on the second day of school and my suite mate left the next day. However, I have definitely adjusted to having the entire bathroom to myself." Having other students from Vance High School living now in Jackson, Mississippi has made him feel less lonely.

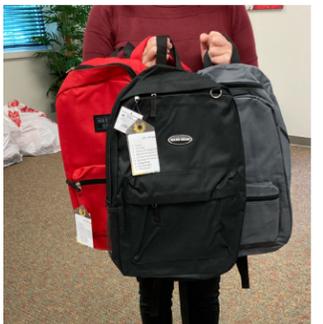
Fellow has enjoyed his Introduction to Criminal Justice course this semester and follows the advice he gives to his younger brother: Do not procrastinate doing schoolwork. Tackle it as soon as it is assigned so you don't get behind and stay up all night. Very sound advice from a very mature college student!

*Diane Minsker, Scholarship Chair*



## Backpacks for Center of Hope kids

The Women's Auxiliary provided (and stuffed) 173 backpacks full of school supplies for the children of our Center of Hope families that are currently living in hotels and trying to keep up with virtual schoolwork in that space. Thank you so much for this important contribution to keeping these kids on track and helping to make remote learning a better experience for them.



## Meeting Details

It's time to get back to the business of Doing the Most Good. Please plan to attend our **virtual** meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:30 am.**

The Auxiliary Board meeting will take place just prior to the General Meeting at 10:30 a.m. All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to attend.

**MEETING INVITE WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL**

## *Message from our Area Commander*

It is with great excitement that Todd and I arrive to serve alongside the officers, soldiers, employee team and advisory councils of the Charlotte Area Command. We have long heard of the beauty of Charlotte and the incredible support received by The Salvation Army from the Queen City. Since our arrival we have experienced firsthand both the beauty and the support.

While we have not had an opportunity to meet in person due to the ongoing health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, I am looking forward to our hybrid (in person and Teams) meeting later this month. I hope you are as excited as I am to see just how God is going to use the experiences of the last 6 months to strengthen our mission and ministry to our community. As we move into this new program year, I would challenge us as an Auxiliary to continue to seek ways to "be an impact...be an influence...be intentional", Mark Tidwell Leave a Mark, in all we do. May we use every day to fulfill the purpose for which the Auxiliary was created.

*Major Wilma Mason*

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## *Festival of Tables*

Last year as things came to a screeching halt with COVID-19 looming over us and we reluctantly to the realization that there could be no Festival of Tables. Since we already had quite a collection of items for the silent auction and merchants still willing to donate, we decided to push on, though the road was indeed bumpy.

The membership scrambled to contact ticket holders to see who would donate their ticket money. Diane Thomas spent countless hours keeping up with all of these transactions. Still as we look back on this experience, we were blessed. Blessed with more than \$16,000 in donations of ticket sales. We endeavored then to find a way to do an online auction with Beth Butchino at the helm. We knew there was a lot of work ahead. At the onset we knew that there would need to be descriptions for each item, measurements, and photos. A small group of members got together and knocked it out with the help of the wonderful staff to always guide us.

Finally, the auction went live and everything went smoothly. Something so foreign to me became reality - \$13,778 income from the auction! Some expenses are not accounted for, final total to come soon but oh so sweet and what a blessing for God. Then another great blessing came to us in the form of Diane Jones at Tyndall Furniture. Earlier in the year, Jill Adams introduced us to this wonderful lady and established this wonderful relationship. She and her husband agreed to a sponsorship of \$5,000 for the Festival and then donated it even though we did not hold the event. Jill and I revisited Diane just before the auction for a great big Thank You and were able to meet with the entire Tyndall staff and familiarize them with The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary as well as other parts of the Army. Before we left, Diane made another generous offer - to give us a percentage of sales for the week of the auction. Last week we were wowed with a check for \$5,902.90!!

Looking back on the last few months, I see the prevalence of God's hand through it all. I see a new president, Jen Adkins, eager to learn and to be there to support me every step of the way. Once again, I am reminded, that I am truly blessed to be a member of this sisterhood. Thank you for the privilege of being your Festival of Tables Chair and Thank You from the bottom of my full heart for all you did to make this event a success, despite our challenges. Sending a great big hug to all of you.

*Thank you, Brenda Rorie*