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From the Major' Desk



I love October.

Here at The Salvation Army, it's a busy time as we prepare for the holiday season, even as we continue to meet the daily needs of those who come to us for assistance. It's also a time when we are in full swing with our Corps programming. The various groups are working on badges, projects, and even fundraising events.

October is a month of transition. It's already Autumn, but, we really begin to feel its effects in October. The trees are beginning to shed their green clothing for a coat of

many colors, so to speak. There's a chill in the air, and, frequently, there's "frost on the pumpkin" in the morning. The birds are already either on their way south or are forming flocks in preparation for the trip.

October is a busy time, as all the fall activities are in full swing: football games, marching band competitions, fall festivals and church fundraisers. Parties and hayrides, bonfires and weenie roasts are all happening during this month.

We are reminded of the death and resurrection of Jesus, by the "death" of trees, plants, and flowers, only for them to reappear in the spring. Even in churches and Salvation Army corps, the congregations are in the full swing of fall programming.

I am reminded that this is a time of thankfulness. Farmers give thanks to God for His blessing and bounty

in providing the crops for which the farmer has toiled all summer long. It is a time to begin bringing in crops of corn and soybeans. The fruits and vegetables, except for pumpkins, having already been harvested.

We officially give thanks to God during the month of November, on the official date of Thanksgiving, but, in the cycle of life, we can give thanks to God at anytime for His goodness to us. And, His mercy, as expressed in the gift of His Son Jesus, who gave His life for us all.

So, let us be thankful to God for His goodness and mercy every time we see the farmer hard at work harvesting their crops, and every time we pass the orchard, which has been harvested to provide its bounty for us all.

God bless you and,
Happy October!!
Major Harold Poff

Office remains open despite construction



Extensive work to prevent further damage to the corps building began on September 30.

Water. Who doesn't love it and who doesn't need it? Without water we would not be able to survive.

Water can also be a destructive force if old pipes are no longer able to keep the water where it belongs.

It was discovered our building was having drainage issues. John Woods, the Fort Wayne Corps' man in charge of maintenance, thought he knew what was causing the trouble. Pictures taken of drainage pipes confirmed the source of the leaks.

Major Harold Poff stated, "It is very important to finish this project before we experience freezing weather."

Bercot, Inc. won the bid and have quickly repaired the pipes. They will be pouring the concrete next week.

Applications for Christmas assistance will still be taken Monday-Friday, October 14-18. Applicants are asked to enter through the north door in back of the building. Barricades are up to keep everyone safe.



Fun was had by all who attended fundraising event

The Mad Hatter's Tea and Charity Auction was a great success this year, with over 120 local businesses participating to provide a fabulous show for 285 guests on Saturday, September 28th.

Guests walked down Alice's colorfully lit Rabbit Hole and were adorned by custom-created top hats and face painting by The Gypsy Face Painter.

After a quick photo op with the Mad Hatter, Alice, and the Cheshire Cat, our first 50 guests snagged a gift bag full of goodies like Cinnamon Sugar Lip Balm, Covington Creek Candles, and Fruitful Fudge cookies.

Once Guests stepped through the keyhole (quite literally!) they were stuffed with hors d'oeuvres from catering companies such as The Spinach Ball Company, Ceruti's, Ajalae Co, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, and Wise Guys Italian Ice.

The silent auction tables were a hit, with each table sponsored by a generous donor and specifically themed for the Wonderland event, such as The Looking Glass and The Caterpillar table.



Fort Wayne tea houses, Zia's (pictured above) and Sweet Violet's, provided tea samples to our guests, free of charge.

The biggest winners this year went to Matt Schomburg, who won a full week at Cerritos Resort in Cabo, San Lucas; the Jordan Family, winning a three day trip to New Orleans, Louisiana; and the Hixon family, who won season tickets to Komets hockey.



Brotherhood Mutual was a Platinum Sponsor of the event.

The live auction took place immediately following a performance by Faith in Motion, "In My Daughter's Eyes," dedicated to the love of motherhood.



The Mad Hatter table (pictured above) included donated items for your home.

WFFT's Audra Streetman drove up the bids as the MC, with a Peg Perego jeep and Phresh Laundry art work bringing in the highest totals. Guests also enjoyed the "Pay it Forward" spin on the auction, where each winner gave a gift to an anonymous audience member, simply for the joy of giving.

The event helped The Salvation Army raise over \$30,000 for families in need in Allen County, and because our entire event was "Up-Cycled", 100% of all proceeds will go towards Emergency Services.

Dear Jama,

My friend and I attended the Mad Hatter Tea on Saturday and what fun it was!!! Your group put in so much effort to the event and it showed! The decorations, (loved the top hats!) and I have never been so stuffed from finger food! All of it was wonderful!!!

I loved seeing my auction piece sold and my work going home to someone's house to enjoy. I usually don't see my customers from my business online.

Lastly, I wanted to tell you that the dance was very touching. My daughter passed away six years ago, and although it wasn't sudden, I think of it every day. I think of the daughter she might have had, and the daughter that might have been born to my granddaughter. I know it sounds depressing, but it isn't for me.



Dancer, Jama Smith, has her arms protectively around Hanna Smith, to show a mother's love for her daughter.

The dance reminded me that the line of love will keep going, but in my case, it will go on in Heaven. I watched people in the audience crying and know they felt what I was feeling, and I'm sure my daughter was watching it from His home as well.

Thank you for all of your work for causes like this. I'm sure it's a lot, but it touched a lot of people in ways I know you didn't even think was possible. D.L.



Gift showcase set for November 24th

God has provided each of us with unique and wonderful gifts. Wouldn't you like to share them with your Corps family?

On Sunday, November 24, 2013, following our Thanksgiving Dinner, we will have our very first Fort Wayne Corps Gifts Showcase.

Whether it is singing, playing an instrument, Christian interpretative dance, reading, whistling, juggling or whatever; plan now to participate in this fun and entertaining time for everyone. You need to sign up by November 3, 2013, so start planning now to show how you will share your special gift.

What in the world is a 'Smash The Pumpkin Party'?

All I know is, it will be held on Sunday, November 3 immediately following the Holiness Meeting. Major Flora O'Dell will be hosting this event and it will last about 45 minutes.

Maybe some of you know what this is and what is in store for those who attend. Everyone is welcome to join us as the rest of us discover

what this is all about!!!



Our October World Service basket is called "Gobble, Gobble! Happy Thanksgiving!"

The basket is valued at \$30.00 and the minimum bid for all the party supplies for a great Thanksgiving Dinner is \$15.00.

- Included in the basket are:
- Happy Thanksgiving Door Wreath**
- Four (4) Thanksgiving decorations**
- 60"x 84" Linen Table Cloth**
- 20 Paper Dinner Plates**
- 20 Paper Dessert plates**
- 20 Napkins**
- Pumpkin Salt & Pepper Shakers**
- "Give Thanks" Kitchen Towel**
- Serving Tray**
- Money goes toward Salvation Army Missionaries
- Bids are due no later than October 27.

The story of The Salvation Army's Doughnut Girls (Part IV)



One of the pictures of the 'donut girls' with many soldiers waiting their turn.

The doughboys noticed that Salvationists catered to their needs rather than hobnobbing with officers. As instructed by Evangeline, none went near an officers' mess. They trudged through the sticky mud to the chow line to get in line with their "boys."

The doughnut girls saw death frequently. During major engagements, they often worked in field hospitals. Soldiers who had died during the previous twenty-four hours

were buried each afternoon. Sometimes only a few people could be present. The girls would always attend the burials, singing, praying and leaving wild flowers at the graves.

Off to one side, the Germans were buried. When the simple services for American soldiers were over, the girls would say, "Now friends, let's go and say a prayer beside our enemy's graves."

The simple doughnut became a symbol of all that the Salvation Army was doing to ease the hardships of the frontline fighting man -- the canteens in primitive dugouts and huts, the free refreshments, religious services, concerts, and a clothes-mending service.

Today Salvation Army Red Shield Clubs and USO units offer members of the Armed Forces a variety of services, ranging from attractive recreational facilities to family counseling -- but the famous doughnut remains a perennial favorite.

Nor is it confined to those in uniform. During every sort of peacetime emergency --fires, floods, earthquake, transit strikes, blackouts -- The Salvation Army's mobile canteens have provided thousands of civilians with the doughnuts that stand for the Salvationist's loving concern and readiness to help in time of need.



November 11, 2013, marks the 95th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. Salvation Army volunteers, Jodi Lepley, Mary Mix, and Alece Porter dressed in WWI Salvation Army uniforms and served donuts to those attending the Estate and Charitable Gifts Web cast on September 25, 2013.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“Return Service Requested”

SUNDAY

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAY

4:30 pm Band
5:00 pm Theory and Singing Company
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Praise Team
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry

THURSDAY

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)
6:00-7:00 pm Junior Soldiers and Corps Cadets (September through May)

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (call for more information)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.



LEAVE A LEGACY®

The Fort Wayne Salvation Army will be a host site for “Leave a Legacy – Write A Will” event on October 22nd. A simple will, prepared by an attorney is **FREE** of charge if you include The Fort Wayne Salvation Army or another favorite charity in your bequest.

To schedule your appointment and receive the required paperwork to complete ahead of time, please call 260-744-2311 and ask for Deb Zimmerman.

Remember no estate is too small or too large to include a bequest for The Fort Wayne Salvation Army or your favorite charity. You don’t have to have a large bank account, stock, bonds or a lot of property – you just have to care about positively impacting lives. Even a small gift can make a **BIG** difference!

The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers

It is very important to the success of our yearly Red Kettle Campaign to recruit more volunteers to bell ring. Volunteers can accomplish so much for their community by ringing as few as two hours.

- Two hours of bell ringing can raise enough to feed a family of four for a month through our food pantry.
- Four hours of bell ringing can raise enough to prevent a family from being evicted.

The locations around town are varied and there are two inside locations at JC Penney. You could ring from 8:00-10:00 am at a Kroger store, pick a time after work or during a weekday or Saturday.

When a volunteer rings, The Salvation Army can use 100% of the donations you raise to help others.



Whether you ring alone, with a friend or family member or even with a whole third grade class, we need you to volunteer.

Please contact Roxanne at 744-2311 x217 or Roxanne_Albrecht@usc.salvationarmy.org to sign up to ring.