The Women’s Auxiliary has been a vibrant and integral part of The Salvation Army’s ministry in Orange County for many years, supporting local Salvation Army units through creative events, activities, special projects, and fundraising efforts. Through the hard work of its dedicated volunteer members, the Women’s Auxiliary continually strives to serve others, embracing the mission of The Salvation Army.

MEETING NOTICE - OCTOBER 27, 2015

11:30 a.m. Coffee & Chatter
12:00 noon Lunch followed by meeting and guest speaker

$10 per person or $75 for a table of 8

Please RSVP by October 19th by calling Judy Fitch at 714-210-6027 or by email: Judy.Fitch@usw.salvationarmy.org.

FEATURED SPEAKER:
CATHY THOMAS
AWARD-WINNING COLUMNIST, AUTHOR, ON-AIR HOST, FOOD EDITOR - OC REGISTER

According to Cathy Thomas, part of the fun of cooking and entertaining is creating delectable dishes without spending hours in the kitchen. That’s been the focal point of her cooking classes and award-winning newspaper features for over three decades.

As the longtime food columnist at the Orange County Register newspaper, Cathy won the first place award as the best food columnist in the nation from the Association of Food Journalists (in the large newspaper division). She pioneered the use of culinary-based videos on the Web, taping in her home kitchen with legendary chefs such as Thomas Keller, Jacques Pepin and Marcus Samuelsson. Her first book, “Melissa’s Great Book of Produce” (Wiley, $29.95) demystifies the glorious array of fruits and vegetables that are available in the marketplace. Her second book, “Melissa’s Everyday Cooking with Organic Produce” explores cooking with fresh organic fruits and vegetables. Her newest book, “50 Best Plants on the Planet,” delves into the most nutrient-dense produce that grows on earth.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California and has studied with chefs and at cooking schools around the world. She lives in Huntington Beach with her husband Phil McCullough; together they share four grown children, eight grandchildren and a Cairn Terrier named Katie.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is finally here (hopefully it will soon feel like it). Hope you’re all ready to participate in all of our activities.

Did you all have a good summer? I got to cross something off my bucket list. Bob & I went on an African safari to Tanzania and Kenya. It’s something I’ve wanted to do for SO long and an experience I’ll never forget. Two outstanding things: we went to a Maasai village and got to do a tribal dance with them, the most exciting thing, however, was having a cheetah jump on the back of our jeep and then climb onto the roof and staying there for a long time. Obviously, we were quite nervous when we saw her jump up, but learned she had no interest in us she just knew she had a better perspective of the plains from an elevated position and was looking for food for her family.

You may know that there are new Majors at the ARC. The Reeds have been transferred to Florida which enables them to be closer to ailing, elderly family members. Majors Julie and Grady Brown have replaced them. Although we will sorely miss the Reeds I’m confident the close, cooperative relationship that has developed between the Auxiliary and ARC will continue with the new Majors to the benefit of both the women of the ARC and us.

The first meeting this year is Tuesday, October 27. Please note the change of time - we gather at 11:30 just to chat and get settled, lunch will be served at noon, followed by the speaker and our business meeting. I’m hoping that the change in time will enable more members to attend. Do not forget to make your reservation to Judy Fitch by October 19. I look forward to seeing you then.

President - Janet Zaugg

WE GET LETTERS!

Following the Mother’s Day Shopping Spree which took place last May, the Auxiliary received many lovely letters and notes from the women who were treated to the shopping spree. We would like to share some of these with you:

“A biggest thank you to all the women that showed up Saturday for the special Mother’s Day Shopping Spree at Kohl’s. To have a personal shopper made me feel so special, like I was very important. Becky, my helper, was lovely in spirit and amazing with help. I was able to get a beautiful dress and also a purse for my daughter’s graduation. I wish all women could feel so special. Thank you Jesus!” - Vivian

“I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me to have the experience of enjoying the Mother’s Day Shopping Spree. This is such an awesome event and has touched me in a major way. You find yourself at times forgetting about yourself when you are always trying to make sure everyone else is alright. For me personally, being a single parent with two kids (11 and 6) working full time and attending college full time, I find it hard to really enjoy things for myself. You gave me that opportunity on May 2nd. I wanted to express a great big Thank You”! - Kristen

“The time, energy and sweet attention by the lady volunteers left a beautiful impression on me. Alena made me feel like Cinderella when she slipped a shoe upon my foot. Such an act of selflessness. Thank you for loving me as Jesus would. Your impact on others is immensely felt and appreciated. Please continue the loving service you bestow on the community.” - Victoria

“I would like to thank the Women’s Auxiliary for the Mother’s Day Shopping Spree. I appreciate the empowerment and support that you gave me. I love my clothes and will have a lot of use from them.” - Ivette

“Thank you all for volunteering your time to spend the morning with me. I love the shoes and clothes that I picked out. I wore them on Mother’s Day and they were a hit. It’s always nice to know that there are genuine people out there that truly care. Thank you so much.” - Shanna
As of October 1, 2015, we have 46 renewal memberships for the Auxiliary. Goldie Roe has called all the members who we have not yet been heard from. Thirteen of the members advised they would be renewing, five members will not be renewing, primarily due to health reasons, and the remaining members have been left messages.

The rosters go to print soon, so if you haven’t yet renewed please send in your application so your name can be included in the directory.

Membership Co-Chairs - Janet Zaugg, Goldie Roe

Treasurer’s Report
Fall 2015

These figures are accurate as of September 27, 2015 and represent 43 members for the coming year, which sounds somewhat discouraging to those of us on the Board. If you have not yet made your membership current, please make today the day you send in your check. Membership dues are one of our primary means of being able to give gifts at the end of the year, so we appreciate your support. The summer is very slow for us, though several people supported our Tribute program with honoring birthdays and memorial gifts.

Balance as of 6/1/2015 $3989.47
Tributes Received: $825.00
Membership Dues Received: $2900.00
Expenses: $76.46
Balance as of 9/27/15 $7638.01

- Treasurer, Linda Groth

Help Wanted...

Last year Cindy Davis was chair of both the Mother’s Day Shopping Spree and the Valentine’s Tea. She had agreed to chair these projects again this year. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for her, she met and married a lovely Christian gentleman and will no longer be living in Orange County, thus no longer will be able to chair these events. We wish her every happiness. However, we now need chairs for these events. Please call me if you are interested.

President - Janet Zaugg
949-706-7970 / jrzaugg@hotmail.com
Do you have a heart for others? (of course you do!) Would you like to help us spread hope and joy this Holiday Season? If so, we are looking for YOU! The Salvation Army needs volunteers to assist us this Christmas at our Toy and Joy Shop, as well as ringing the bell at a Red Kettle location. Maybe you could even host a toy drive in your local community. Please contact Judy Fitch at 714-210-6027 for more information about Christmas opportunities.

Every month we receive donations to the Auxiliary through our Tribute Gift program. To all of you whose generosity has been shown in this manner – Thank You! A Tribute Gift donation can be made in the name of the recipient who is having a birthday, anniversary, a special occasion (i.e. Mother’s Day/Christmas) or – in memory of a loved one.

What a wonderful gift to those who receive a lovely, handwritten card from our Auxiliary saying you have honored them in such a ‘giving’ way. It “all adds up” and at the conclusion of each fiscal year, your donation helps fill the ‘wish lists’ of the various programs of The Salvation Army right here in our own back yard.

* It’s tax deductible, too.

The Advisory Boards’ annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m., at Tustin Ranch. In previous years the Auxiliary has filled two tables and the Board requested that we take 2 tables again this year. They have reserved two tables in the front for us. The cost of the luncheon is $20.00 plus an unwrapped toy for a needy child. We have 18 spots available (two tables of nine). Please call reservations in to Judy Fitch at 714-210-6027.

President - Janet Zaugg