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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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## Royal Oak celebrates 90 years

by Captain Catherine Mount

"Come Home...for the music, the spirit, the fellowship" was the focus of Royal Oak Citadel's 90th Anniversary celebration. The four-day event exemplified the power of the grace of Jesus Christ at work within a community. Guests included former corps officers Commissioners Barry C. and Sue Swanson, Bandmaster William Himes, Captain Sally Broughton and Bandmaster James Curnow.

The weekend began with the inaugural *Army of Stars Celebration*. Detroit radio legend Dick Purtan and his daughter, Emmy award-winning WXYZ news anchor Joanne Purtan, emceed this event highlighting The Salvation Army's civic partners. The corps' youth band and singing company selections wowed the crowd of 250. Community partners were honored for their work with The Salvation Army in service to the people of Southeast Oakland County,



▲ Commissioner Barry C. Swanson presents a Certificate of Exceptional Service to retired Bandmaster Max Wood. Bandmaster James Curnow on right

◀ Captains Catherine and Peter Mount, Royal Oak Citadel corps officers, with Corps Sergeant-Major Mark Burg, Young People's Sergeant-Major Charol McDonald, and retired Songster Leader Ian McNeil



Bandmaster William Himes conducting the Royal Oak 90th Anniversary Alumni Band

Mich. Commissioner Barry Swanson challenged those gathered to consider the influence of God on their lives and the power of The Salvation Army to impact the lives of others.

Festivities continued Saturday with an early morning golf outing and a community pancake breakfast hosted by former corps officers. Many enjoyed the selection of buttermilk and Swedish pancakes and perused hundreds of photos documenting the ministry of the Royal Oak Citadel in the last 90 years.

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## The General's Christmas Message

by General André Cox

Christmas is celebrated in so many different ways around the world and yet so easily we forget the true meaning of an event that shaped and changed the world. People of all nationalities and cultures have been drawn to God's light as revealed in Jesus, whose coming to earth changed and changes the way we think and act.

The prophet Isaiah foresaw the coming of Jesus into the world—"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...he will be called Wonderful Counselor,...Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 NIV 1984).

A well-known Christmas carol expresses so beautifully the longing that people still have—"Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free..." (*The Song Book of The*



*Salvation Army*, song 79, v 1).

The world has never known, and will never know, a light more powerful than the light Jesus brought. John described it as "The true light that gives light to every man, and...the world did not recognize him...his own did not receive him. Yet

to all who received him...he gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:9-13 NIV 1984).

Despite this wonderful reality, there are still far too many people living in darkness and despair, suffering and fear, having lost the will to live, for they see no future. They have lost all sense of purpose and direction because they refuse to turn to "the Light."

The Bible presents Jesus as the coming of light into the world—light which outshines anything we can

ever imagine. We are surrounded by flashing lights, neon signs, illuminated billboards—all designed to attract us, to draw us in. But there is no light that compares to the light of Jesus, for it draws us into the joy of knowing him as our personal Savior.

The impact of Christ's coming into

the world is still in evidence. People are experiencing change and transformation, finding deliverance and freedom, peace and forgiveness. The message of the angels still resonates powerfully in our hearts and lives today.

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for us to be not only witnesses to "the Light" but also carriers of "the Light." We must celebrate and give thanks for the true meaning of Christmas: "He came to give us life in all its fullness...He ['the Light'] came to banish death and doubt and darkness, He came to set his people free" (*The Song Book of The Salvation Army*, chorus 274).

May the "Light of the World" shine into your hearts this Christmas—and then out to others so that the world will be a brighter place in the coming year.

May God richly bless you as you join with us in giving thanks to God for the birth of our Savior.

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# "I bring you good news"

by Commissioner Paul R. Seiler  
Territorial Commander

In the Dr. Seuss book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, the Grinch does not kill the Christmas spirit of Whoville despite his efforts. We read, "And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

There are many loving and joyful expressions of gift giving during the Christmas season. There are wonderful opportunities for caring for others through service and generosity during the Christmas season. Salvation Army ministries depend on the opening of hearts and minds that bring relief to people in need at this time of year. The effort and hours of kettles, toy shops, adopt-a-family programs, Christmas plays and music and fundraising are intensified during this brief season.

There are times any of us, caught up with caring for one another, can simply forget "Christmas means a lit-



tle bit more." The joy of the birth of Jesus can be buried in the logistics of loving service. It is amazing what happens during this season around the Central Territory. Hard work translates into tremendous support in our communities. We do hear gearing up phrases, however. "If we can just get through Christmas" or perhaps "I only have five more Christmases." Google notes Christmas applications being taken in October! Plans are made, people are hired and "kettle season" is a dreaded round of fast-food meals

and dirty vans in sloppy weather.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord... Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests,' (Luke 2:10-14, NIV, 1984).

Since Salvationists have a firm grasp of the Savior's love, my prayer is that every food bag, every thank you to a donor, every toy given to a child is filled with the good news of great joy so if the Grinch came by any Salvation Army corps or program at Christmas, he would puzzle and puzzle and realize Christmas is so much more than all of that. This is good news! This is the birth of Christ, the Savior.

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Later that day National Chief Secretary Colonel Bill Harfoot welcomed a crowd to a banquet featuring testimonies of impact by the guests and honoring several congregation members. The Royal Oak Citadel 2013 Salvationist of the Year award was presented to Young People's Sergeant-Major Charol McDonald, and a long service award was presented to Corps Sergeant-Major Mark Burg for 25 years of ministry in this position. A new Central Music Institute scholarship in the name of retired



songster leader, Ian McNeil, was announced.

The Royal Oak Citadel Band and Songsters provided a thrilling evening of music to glorify God. This included honoring the service of retired Bandmaster Max Wood. James Curnow shared how Bandmaster Wood mentored both him and Bandmaster Himes. For the first time in their careers, they composed a piece together titled "Legacy: Mr. Wood's

Opus" to honor him. Commissioner Barry Swanson presented Bandmaster Wood with a Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service on behalf of the



National Commander. The concert also highlighted special musical guests who had been young people at the corps and credit its significant influence on their musicianship. The concert included a prestigious alumni band and songsters.

The weekend concluded in glorious praise to God. With the theme *Grace Alone*, the music and message focused on the reason to celebrate: God's grace! The Royal Oak Citadel community has been blessed by God's grace and love and looks forward to continued service and impact in the name of Christ.



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Reflection by Major Abe Tamayo





# Multicultural conference ignites imagination

by Karen Young

Imagine a corps that engages a multicultural and multiethnic world bringing healing and hope, and bridging differences. Imagine a corps that inspires people to bring their best ideas, gifts and skills to the challenges around it. Imagine a corps known for exceptional hospitality to the stranger. Imagine a corps that experiences God-saturated opportunities as it steps out boldly and faithfully.

"Imagine" was the theme for the territorial biennial multicultural ministries conference led by Captains Enrique and Nancy Azuaje. The weekend saw a distinguished panel of leaders, pastors and pioneers in multiethnic ministry assemble with 155 delegates from corps and social ser-



vice ministries from the Central, Western, Southern and Australia East territories, as well as a guest from the Kenya East Territory.

Cultural diversity has resulted in interaction between men, women, and children of other languages, cultures, nationalities, ethnicities, and religious faiths within our communities. Recognizing new opportunities for ministry and outreach, how do we engage with confidence, minister and provide services in effective and loving ways? Imaginations were ignited, and possibilities began to emerge as participants wrestled with the who,



Ken Baillie in his closing message "Thy Kingdom Come," where a great multitude of every nation, tribe, people and language stand before God's throne.

"We are very pleased with the participation," said Captain Enrique. "Enthusiastic delegates left the conference motivated to engage in multi-

what, when, where, how and why of multicultural ministries. Workshops covered a variety of topics from creating communities of reconciliation and healing to multicultural worship.

Imaginations were equally sparked in united sessions which featured worship led by Bruce Harding and compelling presentations. Imagine a Jewish man named Peter appearing from the ancient past to speak of the cultural challenges of his day—challenges much like our own! Imagine voices singing in beautiful harmony and in many different languages! Imagine the shofar blown and the familiar words "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD," sung in Hebrew. And imagine the vision in Revelation 7:9 shared by Commissioner



cultural ministry within their settings. While we know there are many challenges ahead, there are great opportunities as well. The potential for growth in multiethnic ministries, and the opportunities for integrating ministries, for example, in our urban environments, are just a few. God has given these to us."

Photos by Rick Vogeneity

## Anniversary honors corps stalwarts

This year's annual anniversary celebration at the Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps, led by Envoy Tyrone Staggers, had an emphasis on honoring people. "As we were celebrating the anniversary of our corps, we wanted to celebrate the people who make this corps great," said Lt. Christopher White, assistant corps officer. "It's not just the corps building standing the test of time; it's the people and their faithful service, and the people who have gone before us."

Guests for the weekend were Majors Steve and Diane Harper,



Members of the Chicago Temple Corps are recognized for their commitment.

Metropolitan divisional pastoral care officers, and their family, who participated in various parts of the festivities.

Saturday evening kicked off with a salute to volunteers and donors. Major Diane gave a devotional message, and awards were given to the individuals and groups who serve alongside the corps. Musical guests included TSA Madison Street Choir, vocalist Mannesheh Croft, the Simmons family and an instrumental ensemble of cadets.

On Sunday morning Metropolitan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz were in attendance. Lt. Colonel Ralph installed a local officer, presented four "Doing the Most Good" awards to Monica Simmons, Walter Carr Jr., Mary Clayborne and Yvonne Wiggins for outstanding service, and awarded soldiers for landmark

years of commitment.

The commitment ceremony was especially meaningful as soldiers were recognized for 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 years of attending the corps. Colonel Ralph presented each person or couple with a certificate, a letter from the territorial commander, and for those with a landmark 25 or 50 years, a pin for their uniform.

"It was so good to recognize people who often work in the background, and have given faithful service," said Lt. Christopher.

The Davis family, William and Katherine, along with their son, Carl, Sr., was recognized for attending the Temple Corps for more than 50 years. When they came forward to receive their certificate, they received a standing ovation.

## Mr. T speaks truth at Temple!

International celebrity and Chicago-native Mr. T encouraged more than 20 young people at the Chicago Temple, Ill., Corps.

Raised by godly parents with 11 siblings, Mr. T had a hard-scrabble upbringing like many of the teens he addressed. He charged them to set a good example to others, quoting Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)—"A good name is more desirable than great riches."

"If you hang with the wrong crowd, you'll become like them and will be guilty by association," he said. "It takes years to get a good name and fifteen seconds to destroy it."

Born Laurence Tureaud, Mr. T changed his name in 1981 so his first name would be the sign of respect his minister father—often called "boy"—didn't have. And, after seeing the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina, Mr. T decided to no longer wear his trademark multiple gold chains.



Mr. T with Dieontaye Haynes



Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz congratulates Carl Davis, Sr., on more than 50 years of soldiership.





## The gift of a helping hand

by Lt. Judith Fetzer  
Officer for Youth Development  
Kroc Center, Omaha, Neb.

The line formed outside as we made last minute changes to our seating arrangements. Linens were pulled and tables collapsed and reset. My blood pressure rose, and sweat formed on my brow. In charge of the Omaha Kroc Center's Breakfast with Santa as a rookie lieutenant, I was nervous. I looked for help but only saw my two preschoolers running through the tables and chairs set for 300.

As I turned around, I noticed a man and woman sitting pleasantly with their two children. "Hi, I'm Lt. Judith. Are you here for the breakfast?" I asked. "Yes, we're part of the Heroes program, thinking about a membership, and this is our first event at the Kroc Center," the mom answered.

*Great, I thought, a wonderful first impression.*

But desperate I asked, "Would you mind lending a hand? We had to make some last minute changes to the design of the room to make sure each family gets to sit together." Without hesitation, they went to work.

They'd been involved in Heroes, a wonderful partnership between the Kroc Center and Children's Hospital where families learn about healthy eating and lifestyle choices and are exposed to physical fitness opportunities at the Kroc Center. While it's a great outreach program, sometimes I'd wondered, "Where does the gospel fit into a fitness club and its activities?"

The answer was in this family. Their first

"touch" was a physician referral to a health education program. Then they'd come to the Breakfast with Santa, where the jolly old man himself pointed to Jesus as the true meaning of Christmas. Following Christmas, I often saw them in the hallways enjoying their new membership and making friends.

One afternoon I asked about their daughter I hadn't seen for a few weeks. This simple question led to an impromptu prayer circle and then an invitation to our Lenten fish fry. After that, Friday night dinners were not complete without them. A relationship was born.

In the Army our ministry often is initiated by lingering in hallways, no matter the size of our buildings. Just as often, friendships are formed over shared meals. As my children and theirs shared jokes, the mom and I shared parenting secrets and the knowing looks of young mothers.

On Palm Sunday, 23 people lined the altar—the family's 10-year-old son among them. What a privilege to pray with him to receive Christ. That afternoon they volunteered to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza, the mom with the candy giveaway and the father as the Easter Bunny. On that Wednesday the whole family joined us for a Seder meal and Bible study and then returned to celebrate Christ's resurrection Easter morning.

The love of Jesus Christ reached this family through the ministry of the Omaha Kroc Center for a brief but important season in their lives. Recently they moved to Connecticut where they hope to continue a growing relationship with The Salvation Army.





# A Salvation Army Christmas Eve

by Major Abe Tamayo  
Corps Officer, Hastings, Neb.

Soon the bells will sit silent. The kettle stands will be stored away, each standing at attention as if sentries in the war against sin, poverty, oppression and shame. Fatigued bellringers, officers, soldiers and volunteers will work their final tour of duty this Christmas.

Food is stored in pantries; the hungry fed and children in need gifted with toys. Angel trees have yielded their fruit, and the corps building is clean. All is well.

While the battle of the Christmas season fades, the war rages on and more victories are in sight. Though there may be casualties as in any war, we stand confident in the potential of a new year of outreach, intervention and service. After all, we are "Saved to Serve." It is not what we do; it is who we are. We are soldiers of the cross, soldiers of God's great Army of salvation.

We do what we do because we love both God and man. "Our motivation is the love of God," says our International Mission Statement. We seek to serve with "Heart to God, Hand to man." So, as the battle quiets for this blessed season, let us pause and realize the real meaning of Christmas—yes, Christ Jesus.

Perhaps the Christmas accounts of the gospels have waxed old for you. Now as seasoned soldiers in this fight against the effects of evil, against evil itself, remember to return to the basics of truth and grace. Why did Jesus come to earth for us?

He came to reveal the Father and to redeem and restore us to Him. He came to break the bondage into which Adam's sin sold us. Jesus came to reconcile us. Each Christmas season we sing of it: "Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled." Therein is the meaning of Christmas.

As we march into the new year to battle sin and poverty of all types (physical, emotional and spiritual), how can we best accomplish our mission? The answer is found in Micah 6:8: Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. In this way, may we be "Doing the Most Good" for Christ's sake.



Photos from the Western Division



## A Christmas Wish

by Captain Angie Pennington  
Corps Officer, Lincoln, Neb.

As the driver picked up people for church, talk of Santa filled the van. One family grew quiet and said, "It would have been a good Christmas if Santa had stopped at our house, but he didn't."

There are eight children in this refugee family from the south Sudan. Immersed in American culture, their parents cling to their heritage. The children hear talk of Santa but are left out of celebration. We gathered leftover toys for them, but it didn't take away their disappointment.

The next year the kids produced written wish lists. Two talked often of the remote control helicopter and cotton candy maker they were hoping for. We talked about tree trimming, and I heard a whisper, "We don't have a Christmas tree." I found a seven foot tree with a silvery, glitter star on top, set it up in the hallway, and asked their mom if she'd like it. She hugged me so hard I could barely breathe, while the kids sat in the hallway for more than an hour just staring.

Each Sunday the kids greeted me with a mixture of eager excitement and tempered disappointment. I promised to speak to Santa on their behalf; skeptical, they reminded me of their wish lists. They said, "Santa's not real." Like I tell my

own children, I said, "If you don't believe, you get underwear." Giggles would erupt, and then skepticism would return.

One boy questioned, "But I don't have a chimney. How can Santa get in?" The class reassured him, but I noticed his cousin crying. "I'm hoping to make the nice list this year. Every year I hope and hope...but Santa never comes." With everything I could muster, I asked, "Do you have a tree? That must have been the problem." I promised to find one. His tears faded, but mine didn't.

Our community is generous to make Christmas happy for many families. But in my corps, right in my own Sunday school class, sit two families who have never experienced Christmas. For them to miss out, to wake up Christmas morning to disappointment, would not do. Thank God some Christmas trees were donated, and one went to this little guy's family.

I took the mom of the eight children shopping in our toy shop; I'd already scouted a remote control helicopter, but could find no cotton candy maker. With donated gift cards in hand, I headed out. After two hours of hunting, I finally found it! As excited as one of Santa's elves, I hoped the toys would bring laughter and hours of endless joy. More importantly, I hoped they would gain a lifelong reminder they are treasured. This is my Christmas wish.



## Tooting the Army's horn

A brass quartet loosely assembled 21 years ago by volunteer bellringer Craig Johnson to increase kettle contributions for the Elgin, Ill., Corps has since grown into a committed crew of more than two dozen adult and student brass musicians from every walk of life. Now known as the Elgin Brass Band, the musicians spend each Saturday during kettle season playing carols on their instruments.

Craig described the band's kettle efforts as win-win-win. "Store customers hear beautiful music pointing to Jesus and honor Him with generous contributions. The musicians enjoy the camaraderie, and people in need receive the blessing."

Over the years the band has recruited members from many sources: shoppers who've referred brass-playing friends or relatives, school friends of student band members, and the corps headed by Lts. Mike and Kelly Hanton. Some adults have played together for more than a decade, Craig added.

The band uses Army arrangements because "they're easy enough for a

good 8th grader to keep up by sight-reading 30 carols in different keys with unique repeats," said Craig. "Yet, they're also rewarding for experienced players to put their best phrasing and intonation into our performances."

Craig continued, "Many band members have come and gone, but all have experienced fingers and toes slowly going numb while their hearts have warmed up beyond human understanding!"

Craig doesn't remember a time in his life without Jesus, but his walk with God became particularly close after the death of his wife and third child during childbirth.

"I was thrust into a position of depending on Him for all my needs: raising two boys while teaching school, directing a church choir and managing an apartment building," said Craig. "Two years later God brought a special woman, Karen, into our lives, and we've been a happy family for 28 years now. Our two sons and five granddaughters follow Jesus, an incalculable blessing!"



## A kettle game changer

With his twinkling eyes and jolly personality, William Doeblner has raised almost \$26,000 over the last four years as a volunteer bellringer for the Mount Clemens, Mich., Corps. William rings bells every Monday through Saturday during the corps' kettle season, which starts on the second Friday of November.

"No other volunteer bellringer in these past years has exhibited such dedication," said Major Lori Wright, corps officer. "Standing out in the cold for four hours each day is no easy feat, but William has been faithful, even on those occasions when he wasn't feeling well. His friendly persona has endeared him to the public."

The major said William also volunteers for back-to-school shopping trips to provide children with clothes and supplies at Target.



William Doeblner and Major Lori Wright

"We're so grateful for William's selfless service," she concluded, which is why he was nominated for the Eastern Michigan Division "Salvation Army Game Changer" award for volunteerism, which was presented to William at a Detroit Pistons basketball game in front of thousands of fans.



## PATHWAY of HOPE

### Pekin's team approach

by Michael Swanson

Shatha first met the man who would become her husband at the gates of one of Saddam Hussein's seized palaces. She was selling food to support her family. He was serving a tour of duty with the U.S. armed forces. Through difficult circumstances and across many miles, they were finally reunited and married in Pekin, Ill.

Despite overcoming many obstacles to come to America, Shatha eventually found she needed an emergency food basket. Her husband's hours at the manufacturing plant had been cut back, and the family had fallen on lean times. That is when her story intersected with the Pekin Salvation Army. She became the first client in Pekin's Pathway of Hope (POH), a relationship-focused, strengths-based case management approach to working alongside clients for long-term sufficiency.

The team at the Pekin Corps has maximized their STEPs (Strategic Tool to Engage Potential) process by intentionally building urgency around the implementation of POH. In effect, this fresh approach to service has enhanced the quality of collaboration and communication among the members of the corps. The team reports increased satisfaction, knowing they can go farther in helping to change the lives of clients.



Shatha and case manager Marlene Thomas

It has afforded a framework for coming together in an effort to embody the very transformation we hope to model. Further, the congregation has been engaged to prayerfully support clients, case managers and the corps officers, Captains Martin and Shannon Thies.

Shatha is building a new life. She has developed positive relationships at the corps as well. She has given back by way of cooking authentic Iraqi cuisine for the advisory board and has invited Captain Shannon and the case manager to her home to break bread together.

## Making a way

On September 7, 1941, Polly Reed's father tragically died when he was struck by lightning on a hunting expedition.

"My father was the tallest one in the group holding a gun. He was 41, leaving my 39-year-old mother [Pauline] a widow with five children," she said.

Eleven years earlier Polly's hard-working family had immigrated to the United States from Canada. The loss was a numbing blow, not only emotionally and financially, but because it caused problems with the immigration authorities.

"When my father died, the United States government froze all of our assets because we were foreign," recalled Polly. "We tried to get an immigration attorney, but it was impossible during the war. We were trapped and in trouble. That's when The Salvation Army stepped in to help us."

Polly's oldest brother, Carl, was born at a Salvation Army hospital, and the experience was so positive, Pauline joined The Salvation Army Blue Birds (a women's service club). After her husband's death, Pauline confided her circumstances to Mrs. Colonel Eva Fox, who was the Blue Bird Club's president and wife of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Commander Colonel William Fox.

"When my mother shared her story with Mrs. [Colonel] Fox, she said to my mom, 'Don't worry. We'll help you.'"



Polly and Major Morag Yoder connect during a Red Kettle luncheon.

Two days later the entire family was on a train bound for Canada while they waited to establish residency. Thanks to Salvation Army connections and the strong recommendation of the Foxes, the process took only two weeks; normally it could have taken up to two years.

The effects of this kindness are not forgotten. As one small token of appreciation, Polly, and her immediate and extended family all joyfully serve meals at the Delta Center in Milwaukee on Christmas day every year.

"My mother always told us, 'Remember The Salvation Army. You remember what they did for us for the rest of your life,'" said Polly. "And believe me, we do!"



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Sisters in Service

**F**ran Pannozo, Vi Schindel, Darlene Stuempges, Betty Zacharis, Barb Behnke and Pat Engen are like angels to the Waukesha, Wis., Corps. Together, they comprise the Bethlehem Lutheran Sisters in Service, which received the 2013 Territorial Organization Volunteer of the Year Award.

An average age of 70 doesn't slow these ladies down; they've been volunteering two evenings per month at the Salvation Army community meal program for the past five years. In the last two years they've raised more than \$6,000 at kettles. They spend many an evening quilting blankets for The Salvation Army homeless shelter, donate funds to purchase supplies for the community meal program, and often bring leftovers from church functions to the shelter on Sunday nights.

"They are made from the mold of hard work and tireless giving," said Major Carol Lemirand, Waukesha corps officer.

When the sisters arrive at the meal program, many of the patrons greet them by name.

"The people you serve there are so gracious," said Pat Engen, volunteer coordinator. "We started serving with this ministry once a month, but our ladies were just so taken by The Salvation Army, we had to increase it to twice a month!"

Last year the sisters really came through at Christmas, signing up their church for three, 12-hour days each week to ring bells at kettles. Their pastor was worried all the hours might not be filled, but the sisters were determined, and recruited congregation members ages 6 through 90.

Pat Engen

"It just seems as though time goes quickly when you're helping. It's good to be busy and do something good for someone else," said Pat.

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January Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Genesis 1-3	Mankato, Minn., Corps
	2 Thursday	Joshua 1-5	Mitchell, S.D., Corps
	3 Friday	Psalms 1-2	LaPorte, Ind., Corps
	4 Saturday	Job 1-2	Menasha Fox Cities, Wis., Corps
	5 Sunday	Isaiah 1-6	Captains Sergii & Tatiana Katchanov (Canada)
	6 Monday	Matthew 1-2	Romulus, Mich., ARC*
	7 Tuesday	Romans 1-2	Mt. Clemens, Mich., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Genesis 4-7	Moline Heritage Temple, Ill., Corps
	9 Thursday	Joshua 6-10	Logansport, Ind., Corps
	10 Friday	Psalms 3-5	Northern DHQ**
	11 Saturday	Job 3-4	Manhattan, Kan., Corps
	12 Sunday	Isaiah 7-11	Elgin, Ill., Corps
	13 Monday	Matthew 3-4	Mattoon, Ill., Corps
	14 Tuesday	Romans 3-4	Minneapolis Central, Minn., Corps
	15 Wednesday	Genesis 8-11	Newton, Iowa, Corps
	16 Thursday	Joshua 11-15	Ludington, Mich., Corps
	17 Friday	Psalms 6-8	Milwaukee Citadel, Wis., Corps
	18 Saturday	Job 5-6	Cultural Awareness Sunday
	19 Sunday	Isaiah 12-17	Grand Rapids Kroc Center, Mich., Corps
	20 Monday	Matthew 5-7	India South Eastern Territory PIM
	21 Tuesday	Romans 5-6	St. Louis, Mo., ARC*
	22 Wednesday	Genesis 12-15	National Advisory Board Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
	23 Thursday	Joshua 16-20	Owosso Citadel, Mich., Corps
	24 Friday	Psalms 9-11	Muscatine, Iowa, Corps
	25 Saturday	Job 7-8	New souls for Christ this Decision Sunday
	26 Sunday	Isaiah 18-22	Madison, Ind., Corps
	27 Monday	Matthew 8-10	Olathe, Kan., Corps
	28 Tuesday	Romans 7-8	Evanston, Ill., Corps
	29 Wednesday	Genesis 16-19	O'Fallon, Mo., Corps
	30 Thursday	Joshua 21-24	Minneapolis Parkview, Minn., Corps
	31 Friday	Psalms 12-14	* = Adult Rehabilitation Center ** = Divisional Headquarters PIM = Partners in Mission

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If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!





## Lakewood Temple celebrates heritage



Lakewood Temple, Minn., reunion band

This year the Lakewood Temple, Minn., Corps celebrated 125 years of operation. "It's a real milestone," said Major Jim Curl, corps officer. "Our whole purpose of the celebration was to remember the significance and to recognize God's grace over the years. If you look back in the history of the corps, it's been an incredible journey."

Lakewood Temple, originally called St. Paul #2 Corps, was the third Scandinavian corps in the country. Up until the 1930s all of the services were conducted in Swedish. In 1990 the corps moved to Lakewood, Minn. Despite the transition, many loyal soldiers remained.

"This is a family corps, and always has been," said Major Curl. "These soldiers have made sure their children, and now grandchildren, too, have remained Temple soldiers."

Sixteen soldiers have worshipped and served at Lakewood Temple for 50 years or more. Out of those, three have been involved 75 years or more. "Most of these folks have held local officership positions," said Major Jim. "One was the corps secretary for over 55 years, one was the



Norm Jobe is honored for 75 years of involvement at the corps.



Major Bob Fay, former Lakewood Temple corps officer, honors Bandmaster Rick Malmberg.

corps sergeant-major for over 46 years, and our bandmaster, Rick Malmberg, has served 50 years and counting!"

Rick has been a part of the corps from cradle roll through retirement. "I didn't have one set of parents but several sets who looked after me," Rick recalled. "Every one of them knew Christ and proclaimed Him as their Savior. They made sure I stayed on the right path."

Nearly 200 people celebrated together this fall with a weekend of festivities. It started on a Saturday afternoon with an open house of photos and displays. "A lot of good memories came back to folks as they shared stories from over the years," said Major Curl.

On Saturday evening there was a banquet where a reunion band of 42 members played and 38 reunion songsters sang. "A relatively new member of the corps came up to me after the service and said, 'You'd think they'd played together forever!'"

Sunday concluded the celebration with a service, enrollment and luncheon following the message.

## Conference invigorates writers

Arriving by plane, train and automobile from all over the world, soldiers, officers, employees and friends gathered at the Sheraton City Center Suites and Conference Center in St. Louis, Mo., for The Salvation Army Writers' Conference, themed "A Word Fitly Spoken."

Delegates enjoyed plenary sessions featuring engaging, Christian authors, along with workshops on subjects ranging from "Feature Writing" to "Controversy and Grace." Mornings began with a devotional and evenings ended with inspiring meetings or fellowship.

According to National Editor-in-Chief Major Allen Satterlee the purpose of the conference was not just improved writing but inspiration, connection and collaboration. Speakers included three prolific writers: James Watkins, Patricia Hickman and Bob Hostetler. Each brought an inspiring and unique perspective to the writing process yett echoed each other with a poignant reminder God must remain the center.

"God is far less concerned about our written work than He is about our righteousness," said James Watkins. "We need to spend as much time praying as we do writing."

With nearly 25 percent of delegates attending from 14 countries outside of the United States, culture night was richly diverse and a highlight of the week. Representatives donned traditional attire and shared



Central Territory delegates

anecdotes, songs, stories and humor. Delegates roared with laughter when Major Levi Giverson from Denmark quipped his country's national costume consists of a poncho—in Denmark it rains 251 days out of the year!

The conference reached its pinnacle on Sunday morning. During the worship service Commissioner Kay Rader led delegates in a beautiful prayer about the scope of their ministry. General Paul A. Rader (Rtd.) gave a passionate and powerful message based on Ezekiel 3 and John 6. Touching on the vital role writers have played in the salvation war, he urged delegates to, as Eugene Peterson has said, "eat this book" [the Bible] so that they may convey spiritual insights with spirit-taught words.

"This experience has reinvigorated my passion for writing," said Jackie Rachev, Metropolitan divisional communications manager.



Dorothy Post teaches "Relevant Writing."

## Promoted to Glory

### Major Robert Lee Scott

Major Robert Lee Scott was promoted to Glory on October 2, 2013. He was 66.

Robert was born to Theodore and Bonnie Scott in Trumann, Ark., in 1946. At 12 years old he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized in a Nazarene church. As a teenager he worked for the St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps, which led to his soldieryship and eventual call to officership.

In 1968 Robert was commissioned as a lieutenant with the "Messengers of the Faith" session and appointed as Des Moines Citadel, Iowa, associate corps officer. In 1969 he married Captain



Alice Mantle, and they were blessed with two children.

For the next 27 years the Scotts served in corps in Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. The major held the additional responsibility of city, area and county coordinator in several locations. He also served as director of The Salvation Army Kresge Center and in development in both the Indiana and Western Michigan and Northern Indiana (WMNI) divisions. In 2012 Major Robert retired from the WMNI Divisional Headquarters as divisional development consultant.

Robert was active in the Rotary Club and enjoyed summer vacations on Marco Island, Fla. His passion in life was teaching and preaching the Word of God and being a pastor.

He is survived by his wife and children, Jason and Amanda.

# New Members

## July - September 2013

**136 Senior Soldiers**  
**50 Adherents**  
**89 Junior Soldiers**

