



Denver Metro Women's Auxiliary

Newsletter

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Mary Whitehurst, Editor

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President

2022 Doll of the Year

Colonel Joy Church



Joy and daughter Susan

Colonel Joy Church was born in England. During WW II, along with her mother and siblings, she became an evacuee. To help with the war effort her mother, accompanied by her children, delivered mail. They often sang Sunday School songs together. Her mother is quoted to say, "These were the happiest times". From an early age Col Joy learned to look for good and count blessings at every turn.

After the war the family reunited with her father in London. Money was scarce so our Doll of the Year left school at an early age to help her family make ends meet. She eventually returned to night school where she learned secretarial skills and later got a job in the editorial department of Women's Own magazine.

It was in London where she met her future husband at The Salvation Army Regent Hall. They were married on December 11, 1964, at that same corps.

As a young married couple, they served in lay ministry positions at Regent Hall. They were very happy, however, something nudged them to move to America. They, along with their first-born son, entered The Salvation Army School for Officer Training in New York City.

While serving as Lieutenants in the Eastern Territory a daughter and son were added to their family. The family of five transferred to the Western Territory where they served in a variety of capacities. Col Joy's family has grown to 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Col Joy's favorite roles were that of a Corps Officer and as a liaison to the Denver Metro Women's Auxiliary. In both positions she fell in love with the women. She admired each one, saw their gifts and found ways to encourage them to serve God's army alongside her. To this day, many remain her lifelong friends.

Col Joy has dedicated her life to following God's purpose and her mission to serving others. The Women's Auxiliary is what it is today due in part to her many contributions.

A note from Joy:

My grateful thanks to the group who nominated me to receive the Doll of the Year Award. I am very aware that this is a great honor and traditions were broken so I could receive it. I also realize that many wonderful Auxiliary members have gone before me and thus will treasure the award.

Joy

From the Heart of the Advisor: Major Cindy Dickinson

Ladies,

While in England in January I injured my knee. Following months of physical therapy and other procedures, the surgeon determined the knee replacement surgery was the only course of action left. On June 30th I underwent the surgery. As I write this, I am just a week post op. I never expected that at this time in my life a knee replacement would be something I would need. For any of you who have been through this you will understand that it is quite a process. It is a process in accepting that surgery must happen for relief to take place. It is a process following surgery to realize the need for help with normally very routine things. It is a process going through physical therapy knowing the goal is complete use of the knee and living pain free. It is a process that does not happen the moment surgery is over, rather, it is a process that involves continual progress.

Many things in life are also a process that involves progress. Some days things go just as planned and other days we wonder what is happening and how do we move forward.

Romans 5: 3-5 says, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." I have been reminded of these words from God during my own process. I am reminded that even through the process we go through, no matter what it looks like, there is hope. I pray for each member that you are reminded of the hope that God gives in every situation and every process of life.



From the Heart of the President: Mary Whitehurst

The Spring General meeting in May was lovely. Centennial Corps hosted the meeting. Joy Church was revealed as the Doll of the Year. Joy was so surprised and everyone there was so happy! Lt Betty Vesikula gave an inspiring talk on her own path to the Salvation Army. Lt Betty's daughters danced two hulas with such grace and poise and beauty.

We are looking forward to the Fall General Meeting on September 15th at High Peak Camp, 10am noon, lunch then time to enjoy camp. We still have space for late RSVPs.

The Holiday Boutique is just weeks away! How does time go by so fast? Everyone involved with the Holiday Boutique has been preparing all year and we're ready to go! We always need more help during the Holiday Boutique. Just 2 hours really helps and it's a lot of fun!

On June 1st Tina Grimmer passed away. She had so many medical ups and downs I had every hope that she would make it through this last one too. I didn't know Tina as well as many of you but I was getting to know her better this last year. She asked to ride with me to the last few meetings she attended and a half an hour drive each way is a lot of talking and getting to know you time. I'm very thankful for that time together.

Love and blessings,

Mary





Holiday Boutique

November 3,4,5, 2022

As we mourn the loss of our wonderful leader, teacher, mentor and many years Chair of the Holiday Boutique, Tina Grimmer, we must, and she would want us to, carry-on where she left off. The First Doll Tea began in 1973 **so** this is our 49th year, WHEW! What a tradition!

Everyone who participates in this extraordinary event knows the work involved. All are needed in their individual role working together as a team to pull off such a volunteer community event.

As always we will need cookies (**lots and lots of cookies!**) for the Tea Table. Shoppers love the homemade cookies! And Mother Hubbard's Cupboard always welcomes homemade baked and canned goodies.

If you would like to help, we'll have a place for you! It really is fun!
Please call Betty Faubion at 303-423-5588 or Mary Whitehurst at 303-909-7066.

Remembering Tina. She loved Camp!



Remembrance Fund

Judy Schmaltz, Chair

The Remembrance Fund provides camperships for children and seniors who don't have the funds for camp. Donations are made for any reason to remember someone. Happy events such as graduations and birthdays and the passing of someone special are often chosen. Make checks out to Women's Auxiliary Remembrance Fund and be sure to include who it is in memory of. Send checks to: Judy Schmaltz, 12200 W 60th Ave, Arvada, CO 80004-4106

Caring Hearts

Dot Gawn, Correspondence Secretary

Thinking of you cards were sent to:

Connie LaDue – knee replacement
Major Cindy Dickinson – knee replacement
Gini Schneider for George's medical issues
Judy Schmaltz for medical issues

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Tina Grimmer's family – Tina's passing
Fran Archuleta – her son's passing
Dona Mandell's family – Dona's passing



Membership

Carlyle Hanish, Membership Chair

Thanks to all that have renewed memberships. If you haven't sent yours in please do!. As always please give me information about possible new members.
Have a great summer.

Carlyle



Newsletter Changes

We sent out an email in early summer advising that we will begin sending the newsletter electronically due to very significant printing and postage cost increases.

We will continue to mail the newsletter to those who do not have a computer and to those who request a print copy.

However, the electronic version will go out to everyone with an email address to avoid creating another list.

We hope this goes well! We definitely want your feedback! Email or call Mary Whitehurst: mlynmc@aol.com or 303-909-7066

Mary

Women's Auxiliary Webpage

Kathy Tedrick

The Newsletter has a small selection of pictures, the Webpage has many more!

Below is the link to the Women's Auxiliary webpage within the Denver Salvation Army. We keep the webpage up to date sending photos of our activities and events to the DHQ person who adds them to our page.

Kathy

https://denver.salvationarmy.org/im_denver_family_services/denver-metro-womens-auxiliary/

doing the most good.....

Broomfield Corps

June 30, 2022

Gosh it has been a busy month at the Broomfield Corps. Donut Day was completed successfully with area community groups. Summer Day camp is up and running with field trips on Thursdays, so Major Mike uses the kitchen to prepare 75 meals for the Silver Crest residents. I had the privilege to help dish up and deliver these meals this past two weeks, the residents are so very thankful. They are wonderful people and the food he prepares is all homemade and delicious.

The 5-year Strategic Plan continues with July 14th when Will Raihl from DHQ will come to the Corps for a building walk around to assess areas needed for improvement and overall safety. Excel is about through with \$16,000 electrical upgrades including lighting, and Major Mike will approach about next steps.

This week I was able to take pictures of the community garden on the Broomfield grounds. As you will see it is marvelous. The kids in day camp water each morning when they come. The kids are already using some produce. Last week they had several types of lettuce with their nachos for lunch. There are two neighborhood ladies who take charge for the overall management of the garden. It probably measures 80 by 40 feet all fenced in and growing as you can see the attached 5 photos.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Faubion



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Centennial Corps| Summer Review

Encore efforts: The Centennial Corps kicked off it's Summer with back-to-back fundraising events hosted by our Thrive Youth Department: from Saturday car washes/garage sales to Sunday bake sales. From online Krispy Kreme doughnut sales to donations from the Women's Auxiliary. with the additional help of Rocky Mountain PBS news channel running a story on our year-round free music program with ways to sponsor our Thrive kids for Encore (more of the story on rmpbs.org).

June 3rd-6th: the Centennial Corps took 25 kids, 8 leaders and 7 parents to assist as chaperones - a total of 40 people to Los Angeles, California for the Encore experience. We competed in the *Singing Company category (competing against 9 Singing Companies from the Western territory), Jr. Brass, Praise band, Hula, Cultural category, as well as 4 soloists competing in vocal, ukulele, brass & drums*. We were amazed to see our kids put their heart into praising the Lord & in turn, blessed the hundreds that were present. Centennial youth came back with a sweet win: taking 1st place in Singing Company, vocal solo & ukulele solo. All glory to God.

June 24th, 27th & 28th: "Summer Hula workshops" - The Corps once again partnered with Halau Kalama for a Summer Hula & Lei po'o making weekend featuring Hawaiian celebrity, Kuana Torres Kahele (a singer/writer, educator, choreographer & recording artist. Many may know him for the Disney Pixar song and voice of Lava). We held a total of 6 workshops with an average of 45 participants per class. The Lei po'o making class brought in 80 students. It was a beautiful way to introduce the South pacific culture, music, and dance and was received with such grace by all.

July 29th – Aug 1st: "Western Music Institute" For the first time, Centennial is sending seven of our teens as delegates to Los Angeles for a weeklong Camp. This annual experience will give our young musicians, dancers, and actors a chance to sharpen their skills, deepen their faith, collaborate with likeminded delegates, and have fun. Our teens are beyond excited for this life changing experience.

July 30th: "Shop with a Cop" project 2022. We are continuing our partnership with Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office & our local Target to get 60 kids dressed and ready for school. Each child receiving a \$100 Target gift card for school clothes & shoes will then be paired with a Police Officer to assist them in shopping. This has been a beautiful way of bridging the community with their local law enforcement & has created a sense of respect and unity.

August 5th: "Back-to-school backpack distribution and block party" will once again take place. This year, we are partnering with our sponsor, Larry H. Miller and Les Schwab Tires to pass out 400 backpacks with school supplies to get our community kids ready for the new year. It is a community outreach event, so bbq, bounce houses, dunk tanks, carnival games, prizes, etc., will be included to keep all engaged.

God is on the move and is doing great things in Centennial. We have only positioned ourselves to respond to His heart and will for our community and we look forward to what God has before us.

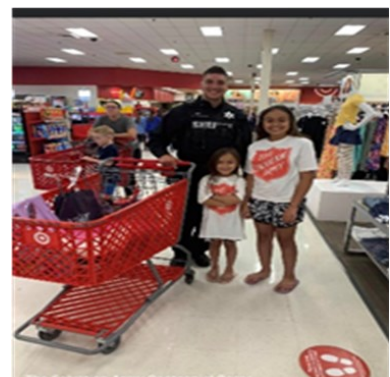
Submitted by Lt. Betty Vesikula



Singing Company 1st place winners of the 2022 Encore competition.



Centennial Thrive Youth surprise field trip to Disneyland (for all their hard work)



Shop with a Cop

Spring General Meeting May 2022



Lt Betty Vesikula



The Vesikula daughters



Kimberly Cleveland joined Nov 2021



Ruth Reiley. Joined Nov 2021



Kelli Schuttinga Joined Jan 2022

Welcoming new members



All of the Dolls of the Year in attendance

