



Hempstead Happenings

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The Salvation Army Elects New General

Information directly taken from International Headquarter news release.



The Salvation Army announced on January 31st its new leader and the 19th General will be Canadian-born Commissioner Linda Bond.

Commissioner Linda Bond (64) will have the title General-elect until she succeeds the current world leader, General Shaw Clifton, who retires at the beginning of April.

Once in post as General of The Salvation Army, the commissioner will become the head of more than one million Salvationists in 123 countries. The Salvation Army also has more than 100,000 employees who between them communicate in 175 different languages.

Commissioner Bond comes to the role of General of The Salvation Army with 42 years experience of Christian ministry and leadership.

The Salvation Army is an international Christian church and registered charity and is one of the largest providers of social welfare in the world. The General directs Salvation Army operations throughout the world via International Headquarters in the City of London. Programs include accommodation for homeless men, women, and children and families; drug rehabilitation centers; schools; hospitals and clinics; HIV/Aids projects; micro-credit schemes; training centers and day-care facilities. Support is also offered through nearly 15,000 local church and community centers.

We must keep General-elect Linda Bond in our prayers as she prepares for her transition and then as she leads our Army.

Kisser Family Bid Farewell

"When we look through those glass doors and when we see The Salvation Army flag, we will think of you," said Doctor Rader as he presented Captains Kisser with a parting gift on behalf of the Hempstead congregation on January 31st, Farewell Sunday. He was referring to the latest construction projects overseen by the Captains; new glass doors at the chapel entrance and the reconstruction of the chapel windows to show a large Salvation Army flag.

Captain Kisser left Hempstead with encouragement through the words of the Apostle Paul who reminds us of God's promise in 2Corinthians 6, "17Therefore, 'Come out from [unbelievers] and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.' "

The congregation then sang together: "All my days and all my hours, All my will and all my powers, All the passion of my soul, Not a fragment but the whole Shall be thine, dear Lord, Shall be thine, dear Lord."

Captain Kisser reminded the congregation, "Satan doesn't want 100%, not even 50%. He wants 1% because that means God can only have, at best, 99%; God wants 100%."

Divisional Commander, Lt. Colonel Guy Klemanski led the farewell ceremony which he concluded by inviting the entire congregation to join the Kisser family at the Holiness Table for the closing prayer and benediction.

Hempstead must continue to pray for the Kisser family and their ministry in Williamsport, PA.



New York Staff Band
 Future All-Stars Weekend
 Finale Concert
February 20th, 3:30 pm
 Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship
 384 New Hempstead Road
 New City, NY 10956

Loving God on Valentine's Day

"We love because He first loved us" 1 John 4:19

God has given us the gift of His everlasting love. He loved us even before we knew Him and He shows us His love through daily blessings, forgiveness and acceptance.

On Valentine's Day, people might feel encouraged to show special attention to a significant other or friends or family members. What about God? We can't send God chocolates or flowers, so how can we show Him that we appreciate His love and that we also love Him?

In Matthew 5 God gives clear directions on how to show Him love. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

These verses tell us that God sees little meaning in our gifts to Him if we are not willing to nurture our relationships with others. He tells us to stop in our tracks, reconcile our differences, and then we can come back to be in His presence. Through our expressed compassion for others, God sees our love for Him.

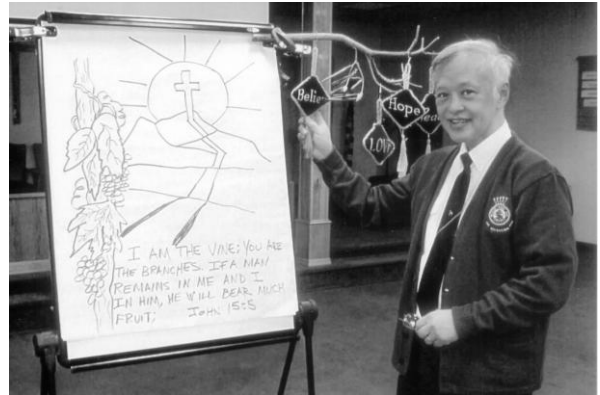
This Valentine's Day, in celebration of the holiday of love, do as God asks in Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." When God says "one another," He is speaking directly to all the readers of His Word. We are each responsible for being kind to one another. God has forgiven us and shows us all compassion; therefore we must be forgiving and always show each other compassion.



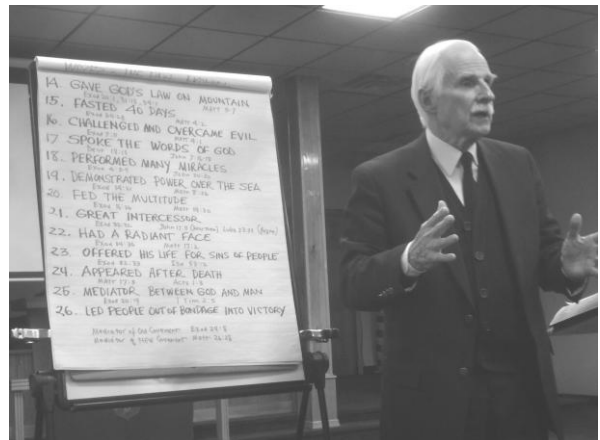
*Seth Ditmer & Lili Wilson,
engaged on New Year's Eve.*

Corps Family Extends to ARC

Weekly Bible lessons are held 5:00-6:00pm on Sundays at The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) located at 194 Front Street in Hempstead.



Mel Chung (pictured above), Herb Rader (pictured below), and Tom Mack take turns teaching the Bible studies, which are held each week for ARC residents as well as Hempstead Corps members. Everyone is welcome.



Refreshments are served after Bible study followed by a prayer circle. This prayer circle is formed for praise and petitions to be offered earnestly to God. The prayer group consists mainly of corps people but some ARC residents join occasionally. This prayer time is essential to the health of the corps.

Depending on God's leading, you may attend either the Bible study or the prayer meeting or you may be a part both. Again, all are welcome.

Historical Hempstead Happenings

This year we celebrate Hempstead Citadel Corps' 50th Anniversary. Where Did It All Begin?

Hempstead Corps began holding worship meetings in a colonial-style home in West Hempstead on December 31, 1958. The congregation was too large for the space provided, leading to the construction of the corps building where it now stands at 65 Atlantic Avenue.

On the afternoon of Sunday May 22, 1960, Hempstead members and supporters gathered at the corner of Sealy and Atlantic avenues to witness the ground breaking of their future corps building. Architect Walter Watson handed a spade to Commissioner Holland French who then ceremoniously took the first step towards "a unit which it is confidently expected will pay rich dividends for God and humanity in the years to come," as described in the June 11, 1960 issue of *The War Cry*.



Corps Officer, Captain James Bozman welcomed many special guests including, Divisional Commander Major F. William Carlson who presided over the ceremony, Mayor of the Village of Hempstead, Hon. William O. Gulde, and local Advisory Board Chairman, Norman C. Seversen.

That evening, nearly 100 people gathered together at their usual meeting place, the colonial-style home, for a special worship time recognizing the day's historic event. *The War Cry* offered a very descriptive illustration of the meeting: "People were sardined into every conceivable spot – in the living room, dining room, kitchen, foyer, office and on the stairs. Quite a number could not even see the speaker. But regardless of inconvenience ... all apparently left the premises happy in the Lord and happy to be alive."



Let us be thankful to God for meeting a great need for Hempstead Citadel Corps' in 1960 by providing the makings of a larger space for the growing congregation.

Hempstead Happenings will publish "Historical Hempstead Happenings" each month leading up to the anniversary celebration coming this Fall. Stay tuned!

THE SALVATION ARMY
HEMPSTEAD CITADEL
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
1961 2011

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FALL 2011
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February Prayer List

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." James 5:15

- Corps Programs
- Eric Ki & family during his recovery
- Grace doSantos & family as they prepare for her surgery scheduled for February 14th
- Adult Rehabilitation Center ministry
- Seth Ditmer & Lili Wilson's engagement
- General-elect, Commissioner Linda Bond
- Captains James & Deborah Kisser, and Rebekah, Bethany, & Hannah, as they settle into their new ministry positions in Williamsport, PA.
- Lt. Colonels Norman & Louisa Wood as they take command of the Hempstead Citadel Corps.

If you would like to be uplifted in prayer by your corps family, Please contact the newsletter to be added to the prayer list.

Corps Schedule

Sunday:

9:45 am Sunday School & Corps Cadets
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 11:30 am Junior Soldiers
 12:30 pm Coffee & Fellowship
 5:00 pm Prayer & Praise Meeting / Bible Study
 194 Front Street, Hempstead A.R.C.

Monday – Friday

9-4:30 pm Social Ministries/Community Care Ministries
 Pastoral Care – Corps Officers Available

Monday:

9-4:30 pm Officers' Councils – Quarterly
 Noon Nassau County Women's Division (Bi-Monthly)
 Evening Visitations
 5:00 pm Depart for Divisional Rehearsals

Tuesday:

9-4:30 pm Corps Finances
 4:00 pm Sunbeams
 Evening Visitations

Wednesday:

9-4:30 pm Sermon & Worship Service Preparation
 Evening Visitations

Thursday:

10:00 am Home League
 4-10 pm Junior & Senior Music Rehearsals/ Gospel
 Arts/Timbrels
 Sermon & Worship Service Preparation
 Nassau County Advisory Board (Bi-Monthly)
 Evening Visitations

Friday:

9-4:30 pm Staff Meetings (As scheduled)
 Sermon & Worship Service Preparation
 Divisional Events (As scheduled)

Friday, as announced:

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
 at Captains Ramirez' residence.

First Saturday of every month: Women's Breakfast

Second Saturday of every month: Men's Breakfast,
 (Breakfast at Venus Restaurant on Hempstead Avenue)

THE SALVATION ARMY MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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