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From the President



Hello Friends,

Hope all is going well with all our wonderful auxiliaries across the state. Can you believe it is almost time for the Spring District Meetings? I want to personally thank all of the auxiliaries who are hosting these meetings. I know it takes a lot of hard work and planning to host the meeting. But, you always come through in great fashion, whether your auxiliary has just a few active members or whether they have many. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

I have some exciting news to share with you which was mentioned briefly in the last newsletter. As you know, in 2013, we established an endowed scholarship in the amount of \$25,000 which was to be shared equally by the College of Nursing and the College of Health Professions at UAMS. At our January Board Meeting, the board voted to establish an additional \$25,000 endowed scholarship dedicated solely to the College of Health Professions at UAMS. This endowment will be paid for over a period of two years, 2016 and 2017. This will now allow the first endowment to be dedicated solely to the College of Nursing, thus giving both colleges an endowment of \$25,000 each. I know you are proud to be a part of an organization which is involved in making it possible for deserving students to pursue their careers in the health care profession.

I would like to thank each one of you for making a difference in the lives of others. Volunteers are indeed a "Special People" and I would like to share the following with you. The author is unknown.

*There's a rare and special quality in the way some people live.
However busy they may be, they still have time to give.
Anything you ask or need, they'll do their very best.
No matter what the task is, or simple the request.
Kindness just comes naturally to this rare and selfless few.
Special giving people, people just like you!!*

"Volunteers are a Ray of Sunlight on a Cloudy Day" and remember the sun always shines a little brighter and hearts feel a little warmer when you care enough to volunteer!!

Dorothy Berley,
AHAA President

COV(Committee on Volunteers) Update

Submitted by: Lynn Smith , COV Chair

I am pleased to announce 2015 HAVE (Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence) winners. The following groups will be recognized in Washington D.C. on May 2 at the HAVE Awards Breakfast. As COV Chair it will be my honor to help with award presentations.

Community Services Programs

Doula Volunteer Program
Sutter Davis Hospital/Sutter Health
Davis, CA

Community Outreach and Collaboration

Community Care Network
Winona Health
Winona, MN

In-Service Hospital

Storycatcher Program
Longmont United Hospital
Longmont, CO

Fundraising

Vettes to Vets
Bedford Veterans Hospital/VA New England Healthcare System
Bedford, MA

I am THRILLED to also announce that **Arkansas had a finalist** in the HAVE Awards.

Community Service
Community Health/Education Houses
Baxter Regional Medical Center
Mt. Home, AR

**District Scholarship Deadlines and Forms**

Get the word out about a new \$500 scholarship opportunity for students in your district.

The deadline for students to get applications to a local Auxiliary is April 15.

The deadline for getting applications in to your district chair is May 15.

Students can find forms and procedures here:

<http://arhaa.org/site/assets/files/1177/2016ahaadistrictscholarshipapplication.pdf>

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following changes were approved by the AHAA at the March 10, 2016 Board meeting:

Proposed Changes to Policies and Procedures

P. 40 Expense Allowance

1. ALL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED VOUCHER.

2. (Current 1, second line) Delete “**except**” and insert “**including**”.

Lodging:

a. No change except to add the “a.”

b. Registration and Seating chairs are eligible for \$50 per person, for one (1) night unless the expense is reimbursed by his/her auxiliary or hospital.

3. The Convention Chair and Co-chair will each receive \$150.

Current #2 is deleted.

10. Current 10., delete “\$15” and insert “\$25”.

Current 3. – 11. are now **4. – 12.**

Auxiliary State Newsletter Guidelines

Deadline: 1st day of odd months.

EMAIL editor the material you want included. drossa@suddenlink.net or rossapair@gmail.com

Preferred documents: MS Office, text docs, or PDF.

Include your hospital names and district.

Caption pictures.

If space is an issue, pictures featuring several volunteers will be given preference over pictures having just one subject. Lots of large pics increase the size of the doc (harder to handle) and decrease desire of readers to print (wipe out color cartridges). Choose your pics so they are most representative of your auxiliary activities. Redundant pics can be more subject to editorial decision. If you include pics of patients, be sure you indicate patient permission. HIPPA.

If you email content that is not clearly marked for newsletter, specify if you want the subject covered in the newsletter.



AHAA State Convention

AHA has donated \$4000 for transportation of volunteers from Embassy Suites to the Thursday opening AHA session.

Theme for Thursday night: State Fair

Each district is asked to host a carnival booth and have an entry for a talent contest.





In Remembrance

Laverne B. Miller -	Baptist Health - Little Rock
Mary Jo Tanner -	Baptist Health - Little Rock
Barbara Jean Walker Frazier	UAMS – Little Rock
Lillian Mciver -	Unity Hospital- Searcy
John Carriere -	Baxter Regional - Mountain Home
Richard Kenneth Kungle -	Baxter Regional - Mountain Home
Emma Jean Howard -	Mercy Hospital-Berryville
Maxine Mildred Campbell -	Mercy Hospital -Berryville
Lorraine Moss –	Siloam Springs - Siloam Springs

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR VoterVOICE:

1. Go to the AHA homepage at www.arkansashospitals.org
2. Click on "Legislative/Regulatory"
3. Click on "VoterVOICE/Grassroots"
4. Go to "Quick Sign Up" and enter your Email address and Zip Code
5. Click on Sign Up

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Calendar

2015-2016 Calendar AHAA Board Meetings

May 12, 2016

July 14, 2016

September 8, 2016

2016 Spring District Meetings

April 11th	Johnson Regional Medical Center - Clarksville
April 12th	Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville
April 13th	National Park Medical Center - Hot Springs
April 14th	CHI St. Vincent Morrilton - Morrilton
April 19th	Unity Health-Harris Medical Center - Newport
April 20th	Chicot Memorial Hospital - Lake Village
April 21st	SMC Regional Medical Center – Osceola

SE Healthcare Volunteer Leaders (SHVL) Conference

April 24-26, 2016 Jacksonville, FL

National Volunteer Week
National Hospital Week

April 10-16, 2016
May 8-14, 2016

AHAA District News

Baptist Health – Little Rock

In 2015, 348 volunteers served on our Little Rock campuses.

134 of these were teens, the others were adults, Auxilians, and interns.

Total number of hours donated was the equivalent of 25 FTE's (Full Time Employees.)

Total number of hours provided an estimated cost savings to Baptist Health of \$1,156,868.

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent- Little Rock

Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and also general meeting and luncheon on January 8 at CHI St. Vincent North. RSVP was our guest speaker. They had a great presentation with lots of helpful information.

Sheets Galore had a sale January 21-22 at CHI St. Vincent. It was well attended.

The board had a productive meeting on February 12 at Red Lobster.

The next general meeting and luncheon will be held on March 11 at CHI St. Vincent.

The Auxiliary will celebrate National Doctors Day on March 30. We really appreciate all the doctors that serve the patients at CHI St. Vincent.

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent- Morrilton Auxiliary

Submitted by Delores Hartman



We started 2016 off by presenting our President, Leslie "Bubba" Arnold, a \$60,000 check for the canopy at the front entrance of our hospital which will protect our patients and visitors from the elements. These proceeds are from the many fundraisers and our Gift Shop Sales. During February the Valentine Basket Drawing and Handbag & Jewelry Sale were a success. With Easter being early this year, March will really be a very busy month as we will have our spring Beans & Cornbread Lunch, annual Easter Bake Sale, and a new project- a 2 day Yard Sale, but it will be indoors. Hats off to our great team of Volunteers!!

Pictured from left to right - Jo Turner, President, Bubba Arnold, CEO/President, and Delores Hartman, Past President.



St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary held the drawing for the Valentine Basket on Thursday, February 11, 2015. The winner of the Valentine Basket is Raymond Chambers.

Pictured from left to right:

Mrs. Willye Chambers, Mary Ann Fowler, Raymond Chambers (winner), Mary Wilson, Delores Hartman.

Metropolitan

North Metro Medical Center –Jacksonville
Submitted by Jeanette Dahlin

President's Meeting	March 31	CHI St. Vincent Infirmary	10:00 a.m.
Metropolitan District Meeting	April 14	CHI St. Vincent's, Morrilton	9:00 a.m.

Metropolitan

UAMS –Little Rock
Submitted by Erin Gray

In Memorium:

Barbara Jean Walker Frazier left this world peacefully on February 25, 2016. Barb started her career at UAMS in 1976. She opened the hospital gift shop and managed the gift shop operations until her retirement in 2016. In addition to her work in the gift shop, Barb served as Volunteer Director and was a Lifetime Member of the UAMS Medical Center Auxiliary. Barb was a true gift to us all and she will be sorely missed by the many staff, volunteers, patients and families that she touched.

Metropolitan

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs
Submitted by Debby Borkowski



Pictured at left : Freda Brown, DVS, Mary Catherine Propes, Pres., Dorothy Berley, AHAA Pres., Carol Bertalot, Vice Pres., Ruth Hyslip, Secretary at installation Jan 19, 2016.

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs has begun the year with a slate of new officers installed by our AHAA State President, Dorothy Berley, who also shared thoughts about the importance of Auxilians spreading sunshine even on a cloudy day. A certificate and sunflower pin were presented to each newly installed officer.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary successfully sponsored a Valentines Bake Sale and received a special monetary donation from a friend. Future plans include a Jewelry/Accessories Sale in early April

and a Spring Uniform Sale at the end of the same month. Also, members assisted with the February Blood Drive and are looking forward to the hospital's Look Good Feel Better program later in the spring.

One new member has been through orientation, and another is being scheduled so each can soon begin participation in Auxiliary work.

Friendly faces, sunny smiles, and helpful hands can always be found at the hospital in Heber Springs.

North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary—Mountain Home
Submitted by President Kathleen Mills



Pictured are Baxter Regional Medical Center leaders sporting mustaches for Leadership Training with the theme "I Mustache You. Come Volunteer."

On February 11, 2016, the Baxter Regional Medical Center held its annual Leadership Training Day. The theme was "I Mustache You. Come Volunteer." The training was for BRMC Auxiliary Board and the BRMC H.O.P.E. Committee (Hospitality, Orientation, Placement, Encouragement). Discussions included Completion of 2015 Goals, Goals for 2016, Plans for Recruitment, New Venues for Recruitment, and Monetary Commitments for 2016. Baxter Regional Medical Center ended 2015 with 538 volunteers recording 87,360 hours.

North Central

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View
Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

A big thank you to the White River Health Systems Foundation for the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on February 12 at the Skillet Restaurant in Mountain View. Update from our administrator on how our hospital is growing with a question and answer time. We had a wonderful meal and a good time visiting with one another and great prizes for our Valentine trivia game.

In January we had no fund raising planned. For February we are having a No Bake Bake Sale, donating money to the Auxiliary rather than actually baking and selling. The Gift Shop is being transformed with new décor and a lot of new items for sale. Local projects is recognizing the court house personnel, city workers and chamber workers and volunteers during the month of February. This will be a year long project for this committee.

We plan an Easter Basket Raffle for March and will also start our Quilt Raffle. Books Are Fun is scheduled for April 6. Our quilt raffle will continue during April with drawing at our May meeting.

We are looking forward to the District Meeting on April 19 at Unity Health-Harris Medical Center in Newport.

North Central

White River Medical Center-Batesville

Gift shop sales for January 2015 were \$15,338.

Gift shop sales for January 2016 were \$19,575.

Sales for the Arkansas Razorback Valentine sale: \$11,000. Our share: 20 % of that.

Spring District Meeting will be April 19 in Newport.

North Central

Northeast

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center – Paragould

Submitted by Lynda Perry-President

Our Auxiliary has been busy as always. We had an On Point Snap Jewelry sale on February 5th. Our sales were good but would have been better if we could have had payroll deduction. We did make \$540.00 for a one day sale. We have asked them to come back on day this summer for another sale.

Our sales in our Gift Shop continue to do well. Christmas sales were good but with the addition of the Credit Card machine we think it was a better month.

Our hours of volunteering continue to be high. Thanks to all who volunteer here every day.

Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital - Wynne

Submitted by George Anne Draper - Vice President

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary has met twice this year with over 20 members at both meetings. While the group continues to work at the desk for the clinics each month, a discussion was held about expanding that program to the ER for people coming in for tests. That would allow patients who are there for testing to skip the registration that the ER patients must do and speed up processing. A trial run of that service will begin in April.

The cafeteria renovation is about 95% complete and is being enjoyed by all. With new flooring, booths, tables and chairs, the patrons are enjoying the very stylish new look. Window treatments and art will be added soon to complete a very modern and up to date place for the community to enjoy inexpensive and good food. The auxiliary contributed \$10,000 toward the flooring with money raised from jewelry and sheet sales.

The shawl and throw ministry continues to be a very satisfying project for the auxiliary. Nina Spencer is a wonderful chairperson of that committee. She presents shawls and throws to cancer patients who appreciate the concern of the auxiliary. The auxiliary is expanding this ministry to patients in the dialysis unit.

Northeast



Northeast Arkansas Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro

Submitted by Faye Haney, VP of Communication/Community Relations

2016 started out with a Big Bang! At the January meeting, our auxiliary enjoyed a beautiful cake recognizing the 14,920 volunteer hours we gave in 2015. We hope to exceed that number in this new year!

The scholarship committee recommended 7 people to be awarded the NEA Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each. Those recipients were: Heather Ditto, Matthew Harmon, Jeffery Lewis, Lyndon Ramirez, Joanna



Schreit, Michael Throesch, and Kirk Williamson.



Some of our recent contributions include purchasing a cardiac defibrillator for the NEA Fowler Cancer Center, a Cuddle Cot for the Women's Unit, making candy bags for the March of Dimes Committee Bake Sale on February 12, and donating \$500 to Miss Robin Hoots, a Westside School District student who plans to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA.

At left: Evelyn Glisson and Karen Pearce.

On February 11, the NEA hosted our District Presidents' Meeting led by District Chair, Shirl Kersey. All but two auxiliaries were represented.

Thank you to auxiliary members Kaye Roedel, Mary Ann Dean, Charlotte Wicker, and Kathy Gibson for working at the polls for early voting. We appreciate your volunteer hours in the community.

Northeast

St Bernards – Jonesboro

Submitted by Dean Rossa



At its January general meeting, St Bernards Auxiliary presented a check to St Bernards for \$80,000.

This paid off the pledge of \$200,000 that they had made to St Bernards Villa.

The Fiesta Sale resulted in \$6,845.61 total sales.

LUAL netted a total of \$6,985.00.

The Masquerade Jewelry Sales made a profit of \$7,585.00.



Stuffed animals to give to pediatric patients were given to Mail Delivery on Friday before Valentine's Day and will be distributed again on the Friday before Easter.

Our amazing Gift Shop has earned \$75,000 more this year than last year. That is why we are able to pay off our pledge to the Villa early and even pledge \$100,000 toward the renovation of the Cancer Center. Spring items are coming in daily and the colors are beautiful.

Northeast

Unity Hospital- Searcy

Submitted by Ellen Jordan, Editor



At right: Lillian McIver turned 98, sadly we lost her over a week later after complications from a fall. We will miss our dear friend.

At left: Nominating Committee, Kay Szafranski, Mary Anne Gateley, Kathy Gammill, at work on a slate Officers.



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Auxiliary friends enjoy lunch at Rock House.

Susan Hammons, spoke on "Researching Your Medical Family Tree."

She gave a list of websites to start in the search and explained the importance of the information for our children and grandchildren.



Bond, June Tripp



Deanie Wagster, Sybil Picker

Northeast

Eureka Springs Hospital –Eureka Springs.

Mary Lou Martin, President, Eureka Springs Hospital Guild

We had a new sign for our Purple House Thrift Shop made and installed the first of the year (picture). An item at the thrift shop for Valentine's Day is also pictured. We purchased two new beds for the hospital. They provide weights of patients without the lifting of the patients. We also presented a check for

\$1300 to Sue Hopkins of the Carroll County People Helping People in January.

In March, we are updating the hospital's "doctor's sleephouse" bed with new mattress and springs. Broyles' brochures and Help stickers are ordered for distribution in our area.

Our vice president, Shirley Jetzke, has added two more people to her patient visiting agenda.



Northwest

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center -Harrison

Submitted by Joy Woelbing, CVM



North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison recently opened a new service area and Information Desk at the wound Care and Rehab Entrance of the hospital. In the first two months, 4,998 visitors were greeted and 553 were escorted. The desk was built by the hospital's Construction Department and is staffed by volunteers five days a week.



In addition, three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to nursing students at North Arkansas College. Pictured are Auxiliary President Bob Johnson, Students Hanna Wilburn, Michelle Barnard, and Jacklyn Burk, and Scholarship Chairman, Wendy Michel.

Ms. Barnard (center) was also the district recipient of the \$500 AHAA district scholarship that was offered this spring. See the January AHAA newsletter, p. 3 to learn more about scholarship winners.

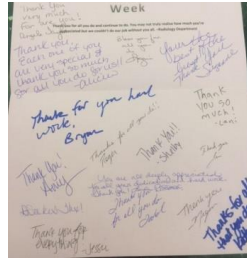
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Northwest

Northwest Medical Center- Bentonville Auxiliary

Submitted by Pat Meier

The Northwest Medical Center Bentonville staff recently spent a week letting all the volunteers know how much they are appreciated! Each day, a different department brought food and thank you messages to the volunteers. The bulletin board in the cafeteria was also devoted to the volunteers. Our hospital has always been generous with their praise of the volunteers, but this time was special!



Northwest

Northwest Medical Center – Springdale

Submitted by Ginny McClain, editor

... Kudos to our dedicated Thrift Shop volunteers...Our total sales for Dec. surpassed last year's by just over \$1000. While December was a banner month sales-wise, we struggled to eke out \$4000 in January. Customers came but seemed only interested in those items that had been reduced....

Gift shop Christmas sales were very exciting to the employees who were there to see each day of our 12 days of Christmas sale.

Northwest

Siloam Springs Hospital – Siloam Springs

Submitted by Sharon Sly

Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary mourns the loss of long-time Auxilian, Lorraine Moss. She spent many years at the information desk and is greatly missed.

Our scholarship committee is starting to review the applications. We offer scholarships to high school seniors and also to employees who are seeking to advance in the medical field.

The Auxiliary recently purchased a new and larger microwave for our dietary department. It has been greatly appreciated by all the kitchen employees.

We have 5 new members for the current year and could use more as newer volunteer opportunities have recently opened. We now have Auxilians volunteering in the financial department, in the out-patient surgical area and new spots are being developed in the emergency department.

Our craft ladies are very busy creating special baby hats for our Easter babies. These ladies are super talented!

We have been very pleased with large volunteer attendance at our monthly luncheon meetings and are using this opportunity to have our members donate personal care items for our local nursing home. Many of the patients do not have family to contribute these items and we feel this is an opportunity to serve our community

Hurry up Spring!

Northwest

Mercy Hospital- Berryville

Submitted by Neta Sue Stamps president-elect, newsletter editor

A new Executive Director of Operations for Mercy Hospital Berryville was welcomed by a Meet and Greet Reception for Carrie Stockton held on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 1:00 pm in the Mercy Hospital Berryville board room.



(L to r) AHAA NW District Chair Neta Sue Stamps, Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary Information Desk Volunteer Mike Tiegland, EDO Carrie Stockton and Auxiliary President and District Secretary Anita Spearman



Pictured (left) are MHBA President Anita Spearman and Secretary Shelba Miller and right Secretary Leoria Brewer, Past President Mary Jo Vallie and Membership Chair Pat Armer.

The Auxiliary sponsored a table at the Mercy Foundation Black and White Charity Ball held at the Best Western Convention Center February 20th. The Auxiliary is planning a Pre-Easter Bake Sale March 24th.

We are looking forward to the beginning of spring and the Spring District Meeting which will be hosted April 12th by Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Northwest

Mercy Hospital of Northwest AR -Rogers
Submitted by Christy Blackshear, President

Update on Auxiliary membership, hours and Volunteer Program:

We currently have 248 active members and the total hours served for the fiscal year 2015 was 42,200. In fiscal year 2016 (since July 1, 2015) volunteers have served 24,400 hours. The website has been updated to reflect our teen program for summer 2016. The age requirement has been raised from 14 to 15 years, and this will allow the volunteer director to manage the roles that are being requested by the hospital personnel on a more efficient and productive basis.

Dog Therapy Program

Reminder cards for the Dog Therapy program have been made and cards were attached to all computers located on the patient floors. Response to this new program has been very positive.

Upcoming Fundraisers

The Auxiliary is sponsoring several fundraisers this spring and summer including a Tupperware and Shoe Roads Productions in March; Dynamic Cookware in April; Linen sale in May and a Sipada jewelry sale in June.

Valentines Day Cards Project

On February 12, Auxiliary members constructed 160 Valentine's Day cards for patients to be distributed on February 14.

Super Hero Capes And Pillowcases

Super hero capes have been made for children who are admitted to the emergency department as well as pillowcases for the NICU department by the Knit and Stitch group. Thus far 200 of these items have been presented to the appropriate departments.

8th Street Hotel Project

The Auxiliary is providing volunteers for the 8th Street Hotel project which assists homeless families in conjunction with Sister Lisa Atkins and Dr. Lisa Lowe. On February 23rd member will assist individuals in completing a survey of needs. In addition, on March 15 volunteers will provide meals for 50 to 75 residents as well as distributing and explain a job reference form to individuals.

Spring Appreciation Luncheon

The annual volunteer appreciation luncheon has been scheduled for April 28th at the Doubletree Inn.



Northwest



Washington Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas during the months of January & February: Gift shop \$7,976, Flowers & Balloons \$974.

The Auxiliary made a \$10,000 payment to the Foundation toward their \$250,000 pledge to the Neuroscience Institute.

We are looking forward to hosting the NW District Auxiliary Meeting on April 12.

I am always proud of each and every one of our dedicated volunteers but it is very exciting when a family member recognizes their kindness and worth to the hospital.

A family member of a patient who was in the hospital in January shared the following statement about our volunteer staff – "I would have been lost in this big hospital if it wasn't for the kindness of the volunteer staff. They kept me up to date and told me where to go and when. Perhaps most importantly, they helped me find coffee and a restroom!"

The Washington Regional Quality Council made up of employees from various departments honored the Volunteers with the Prudence Award for January.

The Priority for Prudence in 2016 is the Practice of Providing a Positive Experience for our Patients. This is "Prudence" the Cow – mascot for the Quality Council's Goal for 2016.



Northwest



Chicot Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary – Lake Village
Submitted by Dean Ann Smith

We held a reception November 12, 2015, for four new employees, consisting of a pharmacist, an HR Director, a CFO, and a CNO.

We also held a jewelry sale November 19th.

On December 10, 2015, we held our annual Christmas Tea for the employees at the hospital. We had three tables of food: 2 for the main courses; dips, cheese balls, sandwiches, veggies, etc. Then we had 3 specialty tables with the desserts on these. The employees were delighted with the way it was set up and everyone enjoyed food and camaraderie.



On December 15th and 16th, we had the Razorback Sale and did quite well with this.

December 23rd we stuffed stockings for the patients in the hospital, then three of us delivered the stockings to the patients in their rooms –

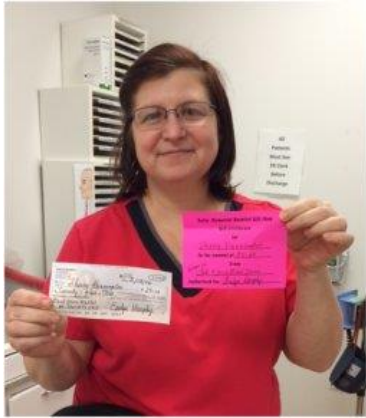
We packed candy for the Valentine Candy Sale on Feb. 11, 2016. We had enough candy for a little over 100 boxes. Every box was sold. This is our biggest fundraiser that we hold every year. Below are a few of us packing the candy:

We will be getting new products in the gift shop such as: mosquito diffusers, vests and shawls, new jewelry, etc. These are just a few examples. We will be holding scrub sales March 23rd and 24th. Scholarships are due in March 25th and our sheet sale will start back up in April. We are also getting ready for the Southeast District Meeting which we are hosting April 20, 2016.



Southeast

Delta Memorial Hospital - Dumas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin



In January 2016, 12 Auxilians gathered at the local Methodist church to assemble Valentine Coke packs and wrap various shaped containers with candy.

On February 9, the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted a very successful blood drive.

One donor wins \$25.00 cash from OES and a \$25 gift certificate from the auxiliary. 24 units were collected. Sherry Pennington was the winner of the drawing.

Sherry Pennington

Southeast

Drew Memorial -Monticello
Submitted by Leta Taylor

Please remember that April 10-16 is National Volunteer Week and April 20 is our Southeast District Auxiliary meeting at Lake Village. If you've never been to one, give it a try! They are always fun and you get a nice meal along with meeting new friends and learning something. (*The worst part may be getting up earlier!*) The last time I visited the Lake Village hospital they had a very nice gift shop.

Now I want to share a small tidbit about the history of hospitals in Arkansas with you. Have you ever visited the old Army-Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs? It was the first general hospital in the nation that provided treatment to both Army and Navy patients.

The Army-Navy Hospital opened to patients in January 1887 and was operated by the Secretary of War until 1957 when control was handed off to the U.S. Army. In the early 1930s, the original building was replaced with a brick-mortar and steel facility with 412 beds.

Today it is home to the Arkansas Career Training Institute, but continues to serve as one of the most interesting historical landmarks in the state. It had/has a beautiful marbled interior and it was quite a grandiose and majestic building in 1980 when I visited it while it was a rehab center. It is still a noble structure serving a noble purpose and a sight to see. Long may it serve!

Southeast

Bradley County Medical Center – Warren
Submitted by Phyllis Loomis

The Pink Jacket's (Auxiliary) has been busy. Here are some of the things we have been busily working on:

In July, 2015, the Bradley County Medical Center sponsored the MASH program. There were 11 students enrolled and the Auxiliary made a financial donation to help with the program's expenses.

The Auxiliary helped with the Blood Mobile which was held in August, 2015, and 17 total units were donated. We also had a Blood Mobile in December, 2015, with a total of 13 units being donated.

The Auxiliary is helping with the State project, "Where's Baby?" "Look Before You Lock!" Leaflets are being placed in churches, businesses in Warren, and also throughout the hospital.

The Auxiliary had a Razorback Sale in September, 2015. The Auxiliary sold \$7,000.00 worth of merchandise.

The Auxiliary hosted the Fall District meeting at the First Baptist Church in Warren, Arkansas, on October 28, 2015. There were approximately 120 Auxiliary members in attendance. The theme for the meeting was "Volunteers are a Ray of Sunlight on a Cloudy Day." The decorations, food, program, and entertainment were, we thought, excellent. It was a wonderful day for seeing old friends and meeting new ones. A special thanks to Harold and Kay Robinson for providing all the wonderful food for our luncheon. Also, a special thanks to all the Auxiliary members that contributed food for the breakfast.

The Auxiliary held its annual Christmas sale in November. It was a big success and all the ladies really pitched in and helped with the sale. Hats are off to all members that helped make this a big success.

The Auxiliary purchased an Accuvein for the ER. The total cost was \$4,998.00.

The Auxiliary purchased a new lawn mower for the hospital grounds. The mower was purchased for \$6,884.11.

The Auxiliary paid for new electronic doors to be installed at the hospital's physical therapy complex. The cost of the doors was \$12,564.00.

The Auxiliary did not have its regular meeting in December. The ladies voted to have a luncheon at the Warren Country Club. We enjoyed good food and fellowship. Gifts of cookbooks were presented to all the members from the Auxiliary. Liz McKinstry also gave each member a candy Santa jar.

As you can see from reading the above, we have been very, very busy doing all of the above. In addition to our regular duties, i.e., Gift Shop, Out Patient Waiting Room, and working all Out Patient Clinics when needed.



Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia

Submitted by Grace Calhoun, President-elect



January 15-2016: Jody Bragg, Activities Coordinator, brought to the attention of our Auxiliary that items such as dominos, cards, and checkers were needed to help pass time for swing patients admitted on third floor for physical therapy. The Auxiliary was happy to provide these items.

Pictured: Grace Calhoun and Jody Bragg.



On Friday, 2-12, our annual Valentine's Bake Sale was held in the first floor lobby of the hospital. Proceeds were good and are used to help fund our Scholarship Fund which presents scholarships annually to students in the medical field.

Shown at left are Auxilians assisting with the bake sale. From left to right: Grace Calhoun – Pres.-elect, Becky Cowling – Gift Shop chair, Belva Hipps – President, and Dave Griesinger – Treasurer.



Also on Friday, 2-12 hospital employees, along with Auxiliary members, were treated to a steak lunch by the hospital.

Pictured: Kitchen and maintenance staff helping with cooking and serving.

Southwest

Baptist Health Medical Center – Malvern

Submitted by Opal Morris

In January we had orientation. We also purchased a Laparoscopic Monitor for surgery costing \$6,755.37. Our newsletter was distributed.

We held our first 'Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group' February 17th. We will continue meeting the third Wednesday of each month.

The Prayer Angel program has developed into a great project and is well received by our patients. We offer a prayer, to sit and visit or talk, make phone calls, whatever the patient needs at that time. This program has been so successful that we will be expanding to 5 days per week in the near future.

Southwest

National Park Medical Center - Hot Springs

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer - Newsletter Editor

National Park Medical Center is getting a facelift in different departments. So far the lab has a new lobby/waiting area, the medical imaging waiting area has new furniture, some of the elevators have a new look, and the rehab dept. is being worked on. Some of the bathrooms have new counters and stalls. We have new signage outside and the ICU conference room and respiratory therapy has been remodeled along with senior care.

NPMC had 34 high school volunteers helping out during the holiday season. They volunteered in the nursery, the information desk, admissions, records, and other areas in the hospital. We are always glad to see them. They have a cheery attitude and are willing to help the "year-round" volunteers. Thirty-three volunteered 360 hours during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. In addition, we had one who contributed 153 hours by herself! This is a total of 513 hours these young people gave of themselves during the holidays.

The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has supplied the Caring Place of Hot Springs with the book, "Coach Broyles' Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers" for the last few years. Alzheimer's is one of our state projects and we couldn't do better than the Caring Place of Hot Springs. Before the NPMC Auxiliary began supplying them with Coach Broyles' book, they were paying \$9.00 each for them. The auxiliary provides them free of charge. The Caring Place provides respite for caregivers and families of people with dementia through a supervised program for participants in a safe and comfortable environment.

Another state project, "Look Before You Lock", is promoted in with our "Mother's Treat Boxes". We include the safety awareness program in with the take home treats that all parents are given when they take their baby home for the first time from National Park Medical Center. Our auxiliary wants the parents to be aware of the dangers of leaving children unattended in a vehicle from the day they are born.

Volunteer week is April 10-14. We will get a one-time 25% discount in the gift shop during the week. In appreciation for the many hours the volunteers put in, National Park Medical Center alternates doing an event one year, the next, a special gift.

The NPMC Auxiliary has donated 25 pictures for the rehab dept. that is currently being remodeled. They are 11 x 16's and 16 x 20's for the patient rooms, the halls, and the rehab physical therapy room. The pictures were purchased from Tina Howerton Welchman who works in admissions and does photography. Several auxiliary members along with Tina spent one afternoon framing the pictures for the hospital.

We lost several auxiliary members for different reasons. Charlotte Frederick decided January 15 would be her last day. Bud Moore took a substitute teaching job, Joanne Bokash took a job as a caregiver, and Paulette Byrd quit after a fall that broke her nose and caused some facial damage.

National Park Medical Center sent two people to the President's Meeting in Arkadelphia February 16, 2016, Sylvia Griffin and Dorothy Stringer.

Monday, February 22, the Auxiliary had an ice cream social meeting for a Joint Commission update.

Southwest

Valley

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville

Submitted by Diana Stensland, President

St. Mary's Auxiliary awarded eight \$500 scholarships to our hospital employees seeking a degree in a medical field. This is the most scholarships we have ever awarded at one time to qualified applicants.

On February 11, our Auxiliary provided balloons and kisses to all hospital employees at St. Mary's. In the past, we had used this theme as a fundraiser. This year, we decided to show our appreciation to our hospital employees for all they do for the community and our Auxiliary by giving each employee a candy cup full of chocolate kisses. Over 550 candy cups were distributed. The candies were a surprise to the employees and well received.

Volunteer George Stensland delivered candy kisses and a Valentine balloon to employees in our Rehab Department.

We had a very successful scrub sale in February. The proceeds from this sale will provide funds for our scholarships in the fall.



In March, we plan to provide homemade trail mix for our doctors on Doctor's Day. One of our volunteers, Janet Thurber, makes this every year for the doctors and they look forward to this tasty treat. She puts the trail mix in individual packages and places them in a basket in the Doctor's Lounge.

In April, we will attend the Valley District Meeting at Johnson Regional Medical Center in Clarksville.

Valley

Johnson Regional Medical Center- Clarksville

On April 11, we will be hosting the Spring District Meeting. It will be held at the Family Life Bldg. of the First United Methodist Church. Sign up in the Gift Shop by March 23rd.

Our By-laws have gone out to the attorney for approval and we have not yet received them back so we will not be voting on them at the March meeting.

Valley

Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren
Submitted by Sue Walker, President

Our auxiliary had a good December. There usually isn't much going on in January. This January, however, we were able to schedule a wonderful speaker who spoke to us on a disease which is getting much more common. Alzheimer's. The speaker was Betsy Arnold and her daughter, Molly. Betsy is Coach Broyles' daughter. She became involved in Alzheimer's because she was her mother's caretaker. Betsy and Molly gave us some wonderful dos and don'ts about caring for someone with Alzheimers.

We also held a sheet sale at the end of January. It did not do as well as it had in the past. We will need to wait at least two years before we schedule another one. Sheets do not have to be replaced as often as other items do. We held our annual Valentine bake sale in February. We did well on this. The hospital staff always enjoys our bake sales.

Due to February being HEART month, we all wore red at our monthly meeting. Several of the members spoke about the issues they or someone close to them had had with heart problems. We later adjourned for our "membership tea", where we had cookies, fruit and punch. Two new members were present.

In the coming months, we will be selecting our scholarship winners. All the fundraising we do throughout the year goes toward the scholarships.

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