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From the President



It was great to get to see so many of you at the recent Spring district meetings. Once again we were able to see so much of our beautiful state. We started out in Clarksville, then on to Fayetteville, Hot Springs and Morrilton. The second week took us to Newport, Lake Village and Osceola. All the meetings were well attended and I want to again thank the host auxiliaries for all their hard work and preparation in getting everything ready for the meetings. Everything was just perfect.... the venue location, the decorations, the program, the entertainment and of course the delicious food. I am a little sad that these were my last district meetings as your president, but I look forward to a great year next year under your new leadership.

With only a few days to recoup from the district meetings, we again hit the road....this time to Washington, D.C. to attend the State Auxiliaries Leadership Conference in conjunction with the American Hospital Association's Annual Meeting. We decided to drive again this year. You can just see so much more of the country from your car than you can from the air. We drove all the way across Tennessee and Virginia on our way to DC and then chose to take the northern route home across Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and then turned south in Missouri towards Arkansas. The weather didn't exactly cooperate for most of the trip, lots of rain and cooler temperatures, but we still enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the way. The SAL meeting was great!! Our own Lynn Smith was the chair of the meeting and she did our state proud! All the topics presented were timely and the speakers did an outstanding job. There was a lot of networking among those in attendance with some great new ideas to share.

I hope all of you are making plans to attend the State Convention in October. It will be here before we turn around good. You will be getting information from the Convention Committee soon about registration, etc. I know you will benefit if you do choose to attend.

As always, I appreciate all your hard work and hope you will remember that "The sun always shines a little brighter and hearts feel a little warmer when you care enough to volunteer".

Dorothy Berley

COV UPDATE

Submitted by: Lynn Smith, COV Chair



AHA Committee on Volunteers (COV) met in Washington D.C. April 28-May 2. There were 15 in attendance from WI, IL, FL, AR, MN, NM, TX, CT, WA, AZ, GA, and MO. The topics and speakers were great. Most of the speakers were American Hospital Association Staff. Some of the topics covered were: Challenges in Volunteer Services, Addressing Rising Drug Pricing and Workplace Safety. For workplace safety you are to remember **ALICE** which stands for **A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**ncident, **C**ounter, and **E**scape. Workers in healthcare and social assistance settings are five times more likely to be victims of nonfatal assaults or violent acts than the average worker in all other occupations. Does your facility have a written policy to address incidents on the part of staff, patients and/or families that threaten harm to others? Does your facility formally train personnel to recognize and intervene in incidents that potentially or actually threaten others? Find out to protect both yourself and others.

SAL (State Auxiliary Leaders) met in Washington D.C. April 30-May 2. Arkansas was well represented by our AHAA President-Dorothy Berley, AHAA President Elect-Margaret Underwood, and AHAA State Legislative Chair-Theda Aud. There were 19 SALS in attendance from AR, PA, MO, MI, GA, WI MD, VA, TX, CA and FL. THE SALS too had some timely topics: Patient and Family Engagement-Partnering with Communities and Volunteers, Health Care Advocacy 101-Using Volunteers' Voices to Tell the Hospital Story, Redefining Volunteer Services as Hospitals and Health System Evolve and Risk Management and Volunteer Services. I know we all came away with new ideas and information to share with our auxiliaries and state members.

HAVE (Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence) Awards for 2016 were presented at the 33rd Annual Recognition Breakfast on May 2. As COV Chair it was my honor to assist Gene Woods (chair-elect for the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees) present the awards. I announced HAVE winners in the March newsletter but I now have a slide show presentation of winning programs that was shown at the breakfast. Please let me know if you would like a copy. My favorite winner this year was a program called "Storycatchers" submitted by Longmont United Hospital in Longmont, Colorado. Storycatchers is a unique and exciting patient-centered volunteer program. It humanizes and personalizes patients' hospital experience by 'catching' their life story, writing it and encouraging patients to share it with the hospital staff members that are caring for me. The results have been transformative. Patients report having more energy, feeling more positive and more in control of their care and hospital experience. The written stories are also treasured by the family of the patient. Longmont has a CD to help you design, develop and maintain a successful program that can be ordered for \$89. For more information on how to order the CD contact, me, Dorothy or Margaret. I am excited about the program and plan to get the CD and learn more about it. ***Note: Be sure and get approval by your hospital administration before initiating any new program in your hospital.***

Following the HAVE Awards Breakfast we attended American Hospital Association forums at their annual meeting. Leadership, Advocacy and Transformation were key topics for their conference.

Dorothy, Margaret, Theda and I were so proud to represent Arkansas at this national conference. Please know that Arkansas (AHA and AHAA) is held in high regard by American Hospital Association.



In Remembrance

Mary Rainwater	CHI St Vincent Morrilton	Metropolitan
Br. D. J. Eades	CHI St Vincent Morrilton	Metropolitan
Mary Lynn Watkins	Baptist Health Med Center Little Rock	Metropolitan
Jean Harris	Saline Memorial Benton	Metropolitan
Alice Meeker	Saline Memorial Benton	Metropolitan
Charles Bogan	Unity Health White County	North Central
Bessie Mae Pryor	Unity Health White County	North Central
Jack Boustead	Unity Health White County	North Central
Betty White	Baxter Regional Medical Center	North Central
Ethel Demster	Baxter Regional Medical Center	North Central
Rita DeRoeck	St Bernards Jonesboro	Northeast
Nola Wright Larrison	Chicot Memorial Hospital	Southeast
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Calendar

2015-2016 Calendar AHAA Board Meetings

July 14, 2016

September 8, 2016



State Convention

October 5-7

AHAA District News

Metropolitan

Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock

Submitted by Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

Our new Auxiliary Officers were voted on in our March meeting and will be installed in the May meeting. The President's Reception will be held immediately following the meeting in May.

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held April 15 with a very special luncheon prepared. Each volunteer received a gift. Fresh spring flowers decorated the tables. Seven volunteers attended the Spring Metro District meeting in Morrilton.

A Scrapbooking meeting was held to begin work on the year's scrapbook. It was decided last year that the responsibility of the scrapbook had become too much work for one person so anyone interested was invited to help. Several volunteers turned out and the scrapbook was finished in record time.

The Volunteers are invited to attend the Employee Appreciation Picnic and Cookout in May. They will be treated to grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and ice cream.

The Volunteer Orientation meeting will be held in May. The volunteers will begin June and serve until July 28.

Metropolitan

CHI ST. Vincent- Little Rock

Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and also general meeting and membership luncheon on March 11. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and entertainment. McCafferty School of Irish Dance performed and Debi Fritz and Jason Pennington performed "Joyful Noise".

The Auxiliary celebrated National Doctors Day on March 30 with cookies and healthy snacks in the doctor lounges. We really appreciate all the doctors who serve the patients at CHI SV.

We had a cookware sale March 23-24 at CHI St. Vincent. It was well attended.

On a sad note, we have had one death, Mary Rainwater.

The Auxiliary Board had a productive board meeting on April 8 at Red Lobster in Little Rock.

Several auxiliary board members attended the Spring AHAA Metro Meeting at CHI SV Morrilton on April 14. Everyone enjoyed the meeting.

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 11-15. Lunch was provided from Chick-Fil-A and the volunteers also received a gift.

The Auxiliary will sponsor Gold N Visions Jewelry Sale on May 2-3 at CHI St. Vincent.

The next general meeting and luncheon will be held on May 13 at CHI St. Vincent.

Our Junior Volunteer Program begins June 27 and runs through July 28. They really enjoy this program.

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent - Morrilton

Submitted by Delores Hartman



After our monthly meeting in April our hospital hosted a wonderful "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" for all volunteers in honor of National Volunteer Week and we each received a gift.

We hosted the Metro Spring District Meeting at our hospital on April 14th with a good attendance and the "Sunflower Theme" was carried out beautifully in the decorations, programs and even with Sunflower decorated cupcakes. All enjoyed our guest speaker, Dr. Larry Davis, Chancellor, UACCM (University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton). Also remarks by County Judge Jimmy Hart and Mayor Alan Lipsmeyer who then presented a Proclamation to our President Jo Turner for our Auxiliary in honor of Volunteer Week.

During May as our fundraiser we will be getting tickets out for our Memorial Day Drawing "Outdoor Fun Filled Cooler" which includes a Petit Jean Meats Deluxe Gift Box, 6lbs Petit Jean Hot Dogs, \$25 Kroger Gift Card, \$25 WalMart Gift Card and many more items.



We are all saddened by the sudden death of Br. D. J. Eades, our Hospital Chaplain and Volunteer for over 15years. His kind words, smile and presence will be greatly missed by everyone.

Metropolitan

Saline Memorial Hospital Auxiliary - Benton

Submitted by Tammy Batchelor, DVS

In January, The Saline Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board met with Tammy Batchelor, DVS, for a strategic planning meeting to discuss which programs we are going to support and what special requests that we might be needing to purchase for the hospital. This was a very successful meeting and we have a really good plan for the year. To begin with, we purchased a side by side buggy for our plant maintenance department. The “gator” or buggy came just in time to be used for salting the parking lot and the driveway for January’s first snow event. The Auxiliary was on hand for a photo with the buggy and the logo/sticker on it tells that it is compliments of The Saline Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

This years January Market in Dallas was crazy. We had to stay downtown, for the first time ever, and boy was it a mess. Our first night in the hotel, at 2:30 a.m., we were suddenly awakened by the fire alarm and asked to evacuate the building via the stairwells. We grab our purse, coat and house shoes, and shuffle down the stairs, hoping no one will fall down them. Now we are standing on the city streets of downtown Dallas, in our pajamas, in the freezing cold, for 30 minutes, realizing we are the only floor that evacuated. Never saw the first fire truck, police officer or hotel staff until finally a man goes inside and asked if we could wait in the lobby. Long story short, there was no real fire. We finally get to go back to our rooms but by then we are all so cold and worked up, it took forever to fall back asleep. Like I said, that was just the first night of a crazy stay in downtown Dallas.

In February, we had a T’s Beads Jewelry Sale and it was so good we scheduled them to come back two more times this year. We also lost a longtime volunteer, Jean Harris. She was nurse when our hospital first opened and after working many years at Saline as a nurse, once she retired she became a volunteer.

In March, the Auxiliary sponsored a Scrub Sale, and also attended the Heart of Saline Dinner that was hosted by the Saline Memorial Hospital Foundation as a thank you to the businesses and individuals who contribute to the Foundation. It was a very nice evening. We also announced the recipients of our Scholarship Program. Our CEO Bob Trautman held a “Town Hall” meeting with the volunteers and staff to announce a partnership between Saline Memorial and Capella Healthcare. Capella is a for-profit company and we will have a unique partnership with them. We are hopeful that together we will be able to grow services and continue providing excellent care to our patients and families for years to come.

In April it is all about our Volunteers!! Every morning and every afternoon, fresh baked cookies are delivered to every volunteer. On Friday, we hold our Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Luncheon. We have a fabulous meal, served to the volunteers by hospital administrators, managers and staff. Awards are given out and the newspaper is on hand for pictures. This year, we had a secret guest. One of the men in our Auxiliary is such a jokester. He has mentioned on several occasions that if we would get some Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders to come, we could get more male volunteers. Well.....the secret guest was a former Dallas Cowboy’s Cheerleader and she presented him with a photo that she signed to him of her in uniform. Lots of laughter and fun was had by all.

We also lost another Volunteer, Ms. Alice Meeker. Alice had been the Auxiliary President about 4 years ago. She will be greatly missed.

North Central

Baxter Regional – Mountain Home

Submitted by Jean Adams, President

The Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Installation and Appreciation Banquet was held on the evening of April 26, 2016. New officers are Jean Adams, President; Rich Jannick, President-Elect; Geneva Edwards, Vice President; Maureen Rozelle, Treasurer; Peg Meyer, Recording Secretary; Erma White, Corresponding Secretary; and Kathy Mills, Advisor. The BRMC Auxiliary donated \$150,000 for the renovation of the BRMC Cardiac Rehab Unit and \$25,000 in honor of Barney Larry, Executive Director of the BRMC Foundation. Mr. Larry and the Foundation Board will use the honorarium for Special Projects as needed.



BRMC Auxiliary President Jean Adams and Advisor Kathy Mills present one of two checks that were given to the BRMC Foundation at the BRMC Installation and Appreciation Banquet.

North Central

Baptist Health -Heber Springs

Submitted by Mary Prospes

Jewelry & Uniform/Scrubs Sale, Doctors' Day, Blood Drive, Look Good Feel Better- Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary has definitely been busy the past two months. Local doctors including those from surrounding areas practicing at BHMC-HS only on specific days of the month were recognized and thanked for their service to our community on Doctors' Day in March. This was followed in early April with a highly successful Jewelry/Accessories Sale in the hospital lobby. Jewelry, purses, clothing, as well as various styles of bags were provided by Gold Rush Jewelry.

Auxilians assisted with the hospital's Blood Drive in April and helped boost morale of cancer patients with hair and make-up services during the Look Good Feel Better program. Members also worked at Breakin' Bread, a local soup kitchen.

On April 29th Uniforms 2U2 displayed a huge variety of colors and styles of scrubs, lab coats, shoes, and socks in the Chemo/Infusion Lab for the convenience of hospital employees as well as employees of doctor, dentist, and veterinarian offices, and nursing homes in our area.

Cardiac monitors have been purchased for Med/Surg Department, and parallel bars and other equipment for Physical Therapy Center. Other requests for equipment are currently being assessed.

North Central

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Submitted by Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We are happy to have our spring weather. We still have several members or their families that are struggling with sickness or surgeries and keep them in our prayers.

Our Bird Cage Gift Shop is busy getting merchandise out for Mother's Day and Father's Day. They are planning a special sale for Teachers Appreciation Day.

Our 'No Bake Bake Sale' for February had donations of \$395.00. Easter Basket Raffle during March made \$146.00. We started our Quilt Raffle sales in March with drawing for May 10th. Local Projects honored all three Veteran organizations with meals or snacks during March.

The Books Are Fun scheduled for April had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled. Auxiliary members donated numerous items for our Mother's Day Basket Raffle which started in April with drawing on May 2. During April the local projects are honoring the employees of all three schools in the Mountain View area. We appreciate all the Auxiliary members that are helping with this project.

There were 7 that attended the District Meeting in Newport. Good meeting. We appreciate the time we get to spend with other auxiliaries.

Toi McMullin, our Director of Volunteer Services, provided us with a breakfast at our April 12 meeting in honor of National Volunteer Week. Thanks to Toi and our cooks in the hospital cafeteria for the good food.

During May we will have our drawing for the Mother's Day Basket and also for our Quilt Raffle. We are having a Used Book and Bake Sale on May 25. In June we are planning a yard sale. We will start a raffle for a Father's Day Basket on May 23 with drawing to be June 13.

We look forward to hosting the Spring District in April 2017.

North Central

White River Medical Center –Batesville

White River Medical Center is in the process of renovating the Emergency Department with a 5000 square foot expansion. This will be a great addition to accommodate our community. The WRMC Auxiliary has stepped in to assist patients and customers entering the hospital by helping direct the individuals to the proper areas where they need to go in order to alleviate confusion during this time.

Any Auxiliary is only as strong as its membership. The more members, the better. And so, with our minds ever on the lookout for new members, we now have scheduled quarterly "Rise and Shine" drop in breakfasts for the membership, who are encouraged to bring potential members as guests. It also enables us to meet and commune with those members that we don't "get to know" well enough. So, we rise and shine, eat and visit and carry away good memories with us, along with, perhaps, a new member or two.



North Central

Unity Health - White County
Submitted By Ellen Jordan, Editor



April Rise & Shine Breakfast
(Left)



Boutiques Sale



Unity Board



Easter Bunny
Workshop



Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital – Wynne
Submitted by George Anne Draper, VP

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary in Wynne was honored by the hospital with a luncheon at Kelley's Restaurant on Wednesday, April 27. The tables were decorated with potted plants which were then given to the attendees. The president of the Auxiliary, Carolyn Hirons, received a lovely hanging basket of flowers. A large crowd of volunteers attended. Administrator Gary Sparks spoke a few words of encouragement along with Joy Shepherd and Carolyn Hirons.

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary has begun a new program in the ER Waiting Room. A help/information desk has been placed in the waiting room to aid patients as they come into the area. The help desk is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon because that is the busiest time for tests to be run in the hospital. It is difficult for the admissions clerk to handle both ER patients and testing patients. The service is very helpful for patients and the admissions clerk.

The CrossRidge Auxiliary has extended its throw ministry to the dialysis unit of the hospital. The shawl/throw project began by giving shawls and throws to people in the community undergoing cancer treatment. The dialysis unit of the hospital is used by over 20 people in the community and the decision was made to reach out to those patients as well.

Northeast

SMC Regional Medical Center Osceola
Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center, Osceola hosted the Northeast Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Northeast District Spring Meeting April 21st at the First Baptist Church in Osceola. Osceola Mayor, Dickie Kennemore welcomed the group. South Mississippi County Systems CEO, Ralph Beaty was guest speaker. Lunch was served by Osceola High School East students. District officers were elected at the meeting. (See pic in end album)



Northeast

Northeast Arkansas Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro
Submitted by Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations



March and April have been full of activities and projects. More than 1,000 hours have been donated by the volunteers for each of the two months.

The NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital auxiliary purchased an AED to be placed in the NEA Fowler Cancer Center. It was presented by President Ginny Presgrove and VP Kathy Gibson. (Photo 1)



Auxiliary member, Margaret Ratliff, and her women's group from FUMC crocheted and donated 20 afghans and lap blankets for the cancer center as well. They were presented to June Morse, director of Hope Circle. (above right)

We had a very successful scrub sale March 29-30. Thanks to Leah Christian and Karen Pearce and many others who worked extra hours at the sale. (photo at right)

During our April meeting, Trevor Young, NEA Baptist Security Director, presented the program: Safety: Active Shooter on Campus. We learned what steps to take should an active shooter situation occur on campus using RUN, HIDE, and FIGHT.

The Auxiliary began a new service for the hospital by passing out cookies to the family members in the waiting areas of the ICU, surgical center and imaging center. Rose Nelson is helping with this service.



18 members of our Auxiliary attended the Spring AHAA District meeting in Osceola April 21.

Welcome to our new members: Sandra Nightingale, Pat Whitney, Amy and Dave Qualls.

On April 11, The NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital hosted a wonderful luncheon for the Auxiliary in honor of National Volunteer Week. We heard from CEO, Brad Parsons, and watched a video of the different departments thanking us with posters, signs, and banners they had made. At the end, each auxiliary member was given an NEA umbrella and a new volunteer pin. Pic at left.

Northeast

St Bernards – Jonesboro

Submitted by Carol Hinck, President



Pictured at April NEA Auxiliary District meeting are St. Bernards Auxiliary members: Linda Dunham, Jo Wheeler, Mary Nell Masterson, John Masterson, Dorothy Clark, Linda Scott, Mary Beth Williams, Jane Orndorff.

At the end of March, St. Bernards Auxiliary signed up for the many activities taking place in April. First was the Appreciation Tea for all of our members given by St. Bernards Foundation. It is always a lovely tea with beautiful decorations and wonderful food. Pic at left. Each Auxilian is also presented with a gift of appreciation.



Next our members worked at the St. Bernards Health and Fitness Expo held at the ASU Convocation Center, April 16 and 17. Twenty four of our members worked at the Foundation Booth, the Hospitality Room or the Blood Drive. Finally, nineteen St. Bernards Auxilians traveled to Osceola for a delightful Spring District Meeting. The SMC Auxiliary carried out the Sunflower theme beautifully and had a delicious luncheon for us as well as nice entertainment.

Northwest

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

Submitted by Neta Sue Stamps, President-elect, Newsletter editor

The pre-Easter Bake Sale and the final Nut Sales in March provided a total profit of \$1357.00.



Membership Chair Pat Armer, Chaplain/Telephone Chair Barbara Wilhelm, Time/Awards Chair Ella Fiveash, Treasurer Shelba Miller, In-Service Chair Ann Coleman, Secretary/Special projects Chair Leoria Brewer and Tray Favor Chair Gloria Beyer accompanied District Chair Neta Sue Stamps to the Spring District meeting hosted by WRMC in Fayetteville April 12.



Plant Operations Manager Curtis Shaw explained new codes as well as policy and procedure updates at the annual Auxiliary Appreciation and In-Service on April 15.

Northwest

Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary held a reception and an awards ceremony Saturday, April 16 for recipients of the Auxiliary scholarships. Scholarship recipients and family members enjoyed the short presentation and refreshments.

Left to right: MHBA President Anita Spearman, Carla Aguilar, Rachel Fancher, Dallas Galyen, Ashton Shaw, Lupita Perez and Carl Roberts



In honor of National Lab Day the Auxiliary presented the laboratory personnel with a fruit and veggie tray.



On Administrative Professionals Day, April 27, a Knock Out Rose was presented by Auxiliary President to Deana Davidson, our “Knock-Out” MHB Administrative Assistant, Auxiliary Liaison and Auxiliary Gift Shop Chair. (Pic below left.) Deana was absent from the picture as she had been taken to lunch by administration!



President-elect Neta Stamps and President Anita Spearman show the metals they won at the Senior Olympic games on April 29.

The Auxiliary has plans for honoring our nurses on their special day, May 6. June will witness election and installation of officers.



Northwest

Mercy Hospital Northwest AR- Rogers

Submitted by Christy Blackshear, President

NICU Reunion

Auxiliary members have been involved this year constructing Super Hero Capes for the yearly reunion which will be held on May 7 at Mercy Hospital. During this celebration participants will be served cake and balloons and 260 capes will be distributed to children who had been previously hospitalized in the NICU Department. Along with the capes each child will receive a book which will be donated by the Auxiliary. We have two community partners who are assisting with this project.



8th Street Project

The Auxiliary will be providing meals and will serve as social advocates to homeless residents at the 8th Street Hotel in Rogers for the months of May, June and July. Moreover, hygiene kits will be given to residents and books will be distributed to children who reside here.

Reach Out and Read Program

The Auxiliary recently donated \$5,000 to the Reach Out and Read Literacy Program which provides books to our youngest patients and parents to encourage reading at an early age. Currently, all pediatric clinics are participating in this program.

Literacy Bags

On May 4th the Mercy Auxiliary will distribute 90 literacy bags to first grade and special education students at Bonnie Grimes Elementary. This will be the second year the group has provided these kits which promote reading activities for students throughout the summer months.



Scholarships

This year the Mercy Auxiliary has provided scholarships in the amount of \$11,000. These scholarships were made available to co-workers as well as high school students in Rogers.

Easter Cards

On Good Friday volunteers made 150 Easter cards for patients in the hospital and were distributed on Easter Sunday.

Spring Appreciation Luncheon For Volunteers

On April 28th a volunteer luncheon will be held at the Doubletree Inn in Bentonville. The theme of the luncheon will be patriotic to coincide with the 2016 Presidential Election in November, and the program will include a presentation by Neta Stamps, Northwest District Chair. She will provide an overview of projects that various Auxiliaries in the Northwest District have completed as well as state projects.

Northwest

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison

Submitted by Joy Woelbing, CVM



NW District Chairperson, Neta Sue Stamps from Berryville recently installed new officers. Bob Johnson will serve as President, Mary Pledger as Vice President, Dickie Parker as Secretary, and Pat Alge as Treasurer.

Fourteen members attended the NW District Meeting at Mermaids Restaurant in Fayetteville. (Banquet below)



The Auxiliary recently presented the hospital with a check for \$40,000 toward their pledge for a GE Nuclear Medicine Diagnostic Camera. Forty thousand more remains to be paid on the pledge. (Pic above left)



On Tuesday evening, March 29, NARMC Auxiliary members, Hospice of the Hills Volunteers, and NARMC Board Members gathered at the Durand Center for the hospital's annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. The prime rib dinner was enjoyed by 240 volunteers and guests. Hospital employees from many departments volunteered to act as food servers for the banquet. Those in attendance could have photos to remember the occasion. Vincent Leist, NARMC President and CEO, welcomed the volunteers and thanked them for the comfort, compassion, kind words, prayers, staff support, and much more they provide every day without seeking any compensation or pay.

Entertainment was provided by musicians Gus Smith and George Holcomb, and by Branson comedian Joey I.L.O.



Northwest

Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Submitted by Pat Meier



Our 4th Annual National Award Winning ‘Sock ‘it to Me’ Drive to collect new socks for children was as successful as the previous ones have been. We were able to collect over 3,400 pairs of socks to be distributed to schools and charities around our area.

Our Auxiliary purchased a new golf cart to replace the former one. It has now been put into service and is much appreciated by our patients.



Northwest

Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville

Submitted by Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas during the months of March & April: Gift shop \$13,494, Flowers & Balloons \$3,181.

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

The Auxiliary hosted a uniform sale in March with a profit of \$3,361. We also had a Masquerade \$5 sale in April gaining a profit of \$1,951. We Rounded out the month of April with a new fundraiser – Dynamic Cookware. They sell cookware, appliances, vacuums, personal care items etc. Our profit was \$1,951.

We were pleased to have the honor of hosting the Northwest District Meeting on April 12 with 100 in attendance.



Southeast

Delta Memorial – Dumas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin



The Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary participated in Parent Night on April 5, 2015. Auxilians passed out literature on Alzheimer's, Look Before You Lock and H.E.L.P. At the end of the night, a drawing was held. Frankie Hollingshed won the salad spinner (right) and J'aryna Edgersen won "Moo The Cow" (photo at left). This is the second year that DMHA has participated in this program.



The DMHA recently attended the spring district meeting in Lake Village, Arkansas. Those attending were (front) Christina Rainey, Olene Ferguson, Lillie Ross, Audrey Edwards, (back row) Shirley Sandlin, Carrie Alexander, Patricia Livingston, Irene Thomas, Earnestine Jenkins, Isabel Griswold, Evelyn Murphy, Roseann Bradley Patty and Maedene Weser.



Southwest

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia
Submitted by Grace Calhoun, President Elect



We gained one new member in March.

4/11/16: During National Volunteer Week our hospital hosted a cookout to say thank you to our volunteers.

4/13/16: Six volunteers from our Auxiliary attended the Spring District Meeting in Hot Springs hosted by National Park Medical Center Auxiliary. Pic at left.

4/20/16: Sheets Galore sale in main lobby of hospital was a very successful fund raiser.



4/22/16: Our Auxiliary participated in Relay for Life activities by a monetary contribution for cancer research (right), baking cakes for survivor's dinner provided by Baptist Health Medical Center Arkadelphia. Hospital staff members served the meal to those attending. Several volunteers also assisted in serving

of desserts and drinks to those attending. Pic at left.



Plans for May:

5//3/16 – Purse Lady sale in main hospital lobby.

5/8/16 – National Hospital Week to be observed by providing candy bars to hospital employees.

5/9/16 – Slate of new officers to be presented at our regular meeting.

5/12/16 – Plans are for another *Books R Fun* fund raiser in main hospital lobby.

6/13/16 – New officers will be installed by Dorothy Berley, State President.

6/24/16 – The annual Willie Tate Golf Classic will be held at Degray Golf Course. Our Auxiliary supports this tournament with a monetary contribution. We also load “goodie bags” for participants.



Southwest

CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs

Submitted by Lynn Smith

Pictures were taken at Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.



Left:
Dorthy Tyrity and Tony Houston (president CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs). Dorthy received pin for volunteering 34 years.

Below left:
Auxiliary recipients that received 20+ years pin for volunteering. (Also pictured DVS Susan Rima and president Tony Houston.)



Above right: Mr. Houston "happily" accepts \$50,000 check from Joetta Morgan, Auxiliary president, on behalf CHI St Vincent-Hot Springs Auxiliary.

Southwest

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Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President

The Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted the Go Red Luncheon at the College Avenue Church of Christ. Dr. Edward Evans, MCSA Cardiologist, was the key note speaker. Auxiliary members greeted and escorted guests. Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle “Lunch and Learn” on March 2nd and April 6th. Misty Pretty, representative from the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office spoke on Senior Frauds in March and Shelbie Van Pelt, from South Point Dermatology, spoke on the Dangers of Skin Cancer in April. Both meetings had very good attendance. The Auxiliary helped serve food, seat members, and clean up.

MCSA Hosted the Girlfriend Giggle women’s event on April 8th at the El Dorado Conference Center, benefiting the MCSA Auxiliary and a local non-profit organization, #teamcorrie. The event was a huge success, with over 200 women in attendance. A check will be presented to the Auxiliary in the next few weeks by the MCSA Healthy Woman Board. The Auxiliary helped with tickets sales and event planning meetings.

The Auxiliary Scholarship Fund received a generous donation from “Friends of MCSA Auxiliary”. MCSA Auxiliary purchased a ceremonial/celebratory bell for the MCSA Cardiac Rehab Clinic. Patients will ring the bell after their completion of the Cardiac Rehab Program. The plaque under the bell recognizes the Auxiliary for their donation.

The Auxiliary sponsored a Jewelry Sale at MCSA which had a great turn out.

The Auxiliary has two new members, Connie Toepel and Louise Powell.

Service Awards: 2511 hours reported.



Auxiliary members, Virginia Meador and Peggy Plummer, volunteered at MCSA’s Annual Go Red luncheon benefiting the American Heart Association. ((left))

Auxiliary members Peggy Plummer, Virginia Meador and her granddaughter Ashley volunteer at the 2016 Girlfriends Giggle. (right)



Auxiliary Members, Virginia Meador and Peggy Plummer, served on the 2016 Girlfriends Giggle Event Planning Committee. Below.





National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer, Newsletter Editor

National Park Medical Center has new board members: President- Dorothy Stringer, Vice-president-Rose Kukuk, Secretary- Karen Feckler, and Treasurer- Sheri Swan. The new board members were sworn in by Jack Losman, our district chair at our quarterly meeting at the Hot Springs Country Club May 3rd. Pins were also presented to members for the number of years Auxiliary members volunteered at NPMC. In addition, two special plaques were awarded to Lou English for 30 years and Julia Winningham for 31 years of volunteering with the NPMC Auxiliary. Both of these ladies are excellent examples of dedication and professionalism.

After several years, Sylvia Griffin and Hilda Elkins have stepped down as board members. Hilda will continue to do the payroll deductions. Sylvia has decided to quit for health reasons.

We honored our doctors on March 30th by preparing snack bags of trail mix for the doctor's lounge and attached a card to each bag for National Doctor's Day.

The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has started a new in-hospital program. We have a new bereavement program in labor and delivery as of March 2016. When there is an infant or pregnancy loss, the parents will be given a card in either Spanish or English with an appropriate poem inside. Inside the card is a baby ring for the parents to keep.

NPMC Auxiliary also donated an Easter basket for the silent auction March 22nd benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It was filled with an assortment of merchandise and candy from the gift shop. Wednesday, April 13th National Park Medical Center Auxiliary hosted the Spring District meeting. We were excited to welcome state board members, including president, Dorothy Berely, past president, Jerry Berley, president-elect Margaret Underwood, and state secretary, Melissa Williamson. District chair, Jack Losman helped conduct the meeting. It was attended by all nine hospitals in our district with a total of 85 present.

We continue to get memorials for Auxilian Lowell Gadberry's wife, a past auxiliary member. To date we have received \$744.00.

Tuesday, April 19th, the NPMC auxiliary had a fundraiser with Sheets Galore in the Fordyce room. The sale raised \$4003.00 and our profit was \$800.60.

SYMPATHY: Ray and Rose Kukuk had a loss in their family. Ray lost his sister April 2nd. Our prayers are with them.

The NPMC has taken on a new project: a sculpture for the front of our new heart center. Artists have been contacted and models are going to be presented at our next board meeting.

GET WELL WISHES: **Flo Loy** broke her hip after tripping over her dog leash March 12th and **Karen Feckler** had surgery on both feet March 16th.

Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden, Arkansas

Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Twenty members of our auxiliary attended the Spring District Meeting in Hot Springs, hosted by National Park Medical Center. Good comments from all who attended.

We continue to enjoy the laurels received by our hospital and our President/CEO Peggy Abbott. Earlier this year we learned she was the recipient of the 2015 Grassroots Champion Award by the American Hospital Association. The AHA President and CEO stated she earned this special recognition through her dedication to the hospital mission, on both the local and national level. He further expressed appreciation to her for all she does every day on behalf of local hospitals and hospitals nation-wide through her advocacy efforts and her commitment to make the hospital voice heard both in Washington and at home.

Our hospital has been recognized by the Arkansas Department of Health as a Level I Neonatal Care facility.

One of our honorary members who asked to remain anonymous has given the auxiliary \$250.

We have awarded a \$2,000 Eunice Dickson Nursing scholarship to a student enrolled at Southern State College.

Valentine balloons were delivered to one of our local nursing homes.

Renovation continues on our Emergency Room.

Valley

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center -Russellville

Submitted by Diana Stensland, President

On March 30, our Auxiliary honored our doctors on Doctor's Day with homemade trail mix. We delivered this to the Doctor's Lounge for them to enjoy. The gifts were well received by our doctors.

Sheila Gosnell delivers Doctor's Day trail mix. Pic at right.



Volunteers were honored with a wonderful coffee bar with treats in our Volunteer Office during Volunteer Appreciation Week. We enjoyed the fancy coffees and goodies provided. Volunteers pictured are (left to right) Kathy Palmer, George Reed, Juanita Pinkston, Carol Shoptaw and Katyhryn Kinsey.

We will have our Officer Installation/Awards luncheon on May 2. Our new 2016-17 officers will be installed and award pins for hours served will be presented to our volunteers. This is always a fun occasion and volunteers enjoy it greatly.

On May 6, volunteers will bake homemade cookies and present them to our Nurses on Nurses' Day. Our nurses always enjoy receiving these cookies. We will present about 108 dozen cookies. Lots of fun and lots of cookies!



Sparks Medical Center- Fort Smith
Submitted by Alice Swaim, President,

Extra activity during the first two months of the year was fairly quiet, except for a uniform sale and that was a really good sale in Feb.

March started out quite busy. A slate of officers are being recruited by the nominating committee to be voted on in April and installed in May. Dillard's just finished their purse trade in sale and donated all their trade in's to our Thrift Shop. What a great donation this is for us! Then right after that our Physical Therapy Dept. sponsors a "March Madness" contest doing brackets just like the big time stuff. They invite the Aux. to assist with signing up contestants who wish to try their luck shooting baskets. This is all done right there in our Education Center where the ceiling is tall enough to set up a basketball goal. It costs \$5.00 to shoot till you miss. The one who makes the most consecutive baskets at the end of two days wins the contest, prize was 2 days off with pay this year. Would you believe a female won with 30 consecutive baskets and she won last year as well. What a rivalry she is building up. As the fellows say, wait until next year. Money made is donated to the Auxiliary to help with cost for our free valet service for our guests.

On March 16th I attended the Valley District President's Meeting held at Spark's, under the direction of Linda Butler, District Chair, who is also a member of our own Auxiliary. Good job Linda.

In April the Auxiliary sponsored our yearly Masquerade Jewelry sale which is a good fund raiser for us. Our hospital employees really enjoy this sale. Then on April 11th, we had 4 members to attend the Valley District meeting in Clarksville. Thank you very much to Johnson Regional Auxiliary for hosting a really good meeting and the entertainment was wonderful. Food was good and all the ladies were wonderful hostesses.

We have a committee looking at changing the color and perhaps style of our smocks. This is a work in progress. We were asked to assist with the purchase of a Playstation Game for the Pediatric unit. The unit did have two, one was stolen and the other was broken. They were in desperate need to have something for the children to do while in the hospital. Linda Butler and I went shopping for one, but ended up with two, so we were happy to help out for the kids, right? I guess the really big issue this month has been a virus in our computer system, which has caused the gift shop to loose a lot of information and we do not know how much we may not get back. A really big challenge but the Hospital has experienced some of the same as well as several other hospitals in our group.

In May, we are looking at bringing a new vendor for later this year. That will be decided on later. We will install officers and have our last official regular meeting until September. Some choose to continue with working the shops, but many take the summer off to regroup, babysit, travel, etc. It's a great time to rest up and enjoy some free time as well. We are also working on a new handbook for the Auxiliary, our first. Hopefully, it will be a great asset and help for our members. Our member Linda Hansson has agreed to take on the challenge, and is doing a wonderful job with gathering information she wishes to have in it. Our goal is to have it ready in September when we resume our meetings.

In June we will be dismissed for the summer, but we will have a Dillard's sale which is usually a huge one and we will be expected to assist with this.



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

Our auxiliary honored our doctors this year on Doctor's Day which was Wednesday, March 30th by taking trays of various goodies to their individual offices. By doing it in this manner, the staff could enjoy the goodies also.

Eleven of our volunteers were able to attend the Spring Valley District meeting in Clarksville this year which was held on April 11th. I am certainly glad so many were able to attend. We had a good meeting and enjoyed the lunch.

April is the month our scholarship winners are chosen. This year we were able to award four scholarships for \$1000.00 each. The money for one of the scholarships was donated to the auxiliary by the members of a deceased volunteer. Rita Bowen, who was a strong supporter of the auxiliary, passed away in September. Her family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to our auxiliary scholarship fund. The other money for the scholarships comes from our various fundraisers throughout the year and the proceeds from our gift shop.

New officers were nominated at our April meeting. They will be voted on at our May meeting and installed at our May meeting.

A scrub sale is planned for the latter part of May.
 Till next time!



2016 Spring District Meeting Pics

Recap

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



Metropolitan - CHI St Vincent Morrilton

North Central - Newport



Northeast - Osceola

Northwest- Washington Regional



Southeast - Chicot

Southwest - Hot Springs



Valley – Johnson Regional

