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All members of AHAA, I need to talk with you about being in my hospital in Harrison, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, not as a volunteer but as a patient.

I have realized that having COPD is serious and being on oxygen for a month was my life-saving “new best friend”.

I applaud our doctors, nurses, technicians as well as those in housekeeping and food service. I had the most professional, caring group of employees who explained exactly what I had, and how to accept it and move forward with my diagnosis and recovery.

As volunteers, we need to thank those who work in our hospitals. They work long hours and many times under great pressure. I could not find anyone in my week-long stay that did not care about my recovery and therefore, made that recovery their mission.

Thank you all for the cards, emails, phone calls and concerns. I plan on chairing the March meeting and seeing all the board members on March 9th.

Volunteers: On Fire for Our Hospitals is the theme this year. So...presidents of each Auxiliary you need to be filling out the state forms which are now online. I expect a good showing from all seven districts. Also, remember to seek candidates for the \$500 scholarship in each of the districts. This is due on April 15 and deadlines are strictly followed. Thank you again for reading this wonderful newsletter and following the deadlines. Join me in being on fire for our hospitals.

-Margaret Underwood

Create Sparks In Your Auxiliary

Run for an office - step up to the plate.
Come up with a new State Project.
Send at least one representative to the Convention.
Use every person wanting to volunteer--share duties with those who pay dues.
Keep serving community and hospital with new sparks.
Seek out young volunteers--a Volunteer Program?.
Invite your CEOs to your Auxiliary meetings.
Seek out retirees for new volunteers.



Print the state newsletter, pass it around during your meeting--is your Auxiliary mentioned?

Send your sparks to the newsletter chair, Dean Rossa, bi-monthly.

COV UPDATE

Submitted by: *Lynn Smith*



The American Hospital Association has just announced the 2017 HAVE Award Winners. I wanted to share the News Release with you...

NEWS RELEASE

AHA HONORS FOUR HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON (March 1, 2017) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) will honor four hospital volunteer programs with its Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE). The AHA HAVE Awards Program is in its 34th year and highlights the extraordinary efforts of volunteers and volunteer programs and the positive impact their contributions have on the patients, hospitals, health systems and communities they serve.

The winners fall into four categories: community service programs, community outreach and/or collaboration programs, fundraising programs, and in-service hospital volunteer programs. Recipients of this year's prestigious award hail from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Representatives from these winning programs will receive their awards at the HAVE Awards Breakfast on Monday, May 8, during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The 2017 HAVE winners are:

Community Service Programs

***"Camp Charlie"* Abington-Jefferson Health – Willow Grove, Penn.**

Camp Charlie is a free expressive arts bereavement camp run by the volunteers and staff of Safe Harbor, Abington-Jefferson Health's peer support program for grieving children, teens and families. The five-day camp for youth who have lost a parent or sibling is an intensive experience for healing held each June and features activities related to music, art, drama and movement. The camp is an extension of the regular Safe Harbor peer-support groups offered free of charge from September through May. The Camp Charlie curriculum focuses on four tasks of grieving: acknowledging the death, saying goodbye, reliving memories and memorializing their loved ones.

In the first 10 years, Camp Charlie, which began in 2007, served 550 grieving children and teens. The first camp had 33 participants. In 2016, with the help of 30 volunteers, the camp served 65 campers and peer-buddies. After attending the camp, 96 percent of the children and teens report feeling more hopeful about the future and 79 percent indicate it is easier to talk to their families about the death of their loved ones.

Camp Charlie volunteers design and implement a variety of projects, team games and individual activities. Volunteers include teen-buddies, who are high school students who attend camp in a peer-support role. Many shy, unsure campers have found new friends and courage through the gentle support of their teen-buddies. Campers leave camp knowing they are not alone in their grief, recognizing that despite continuing to miss their loved ones, it is OK to be a child who laughs and plays.

Community Outreach and/or Collaboration***“AOMC Poison Prevention Program” Arnot Ogden Medical Center – Elmira, NY***

Volunteers with the Arnot Ogden Medical Center Poison Prevention Program empower young children to take an active role in personal safety through education presented in pre-K, kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Using a message coordinated through the regional poison prevention center and made age-appropriate through a volunteer-created story, illustration and props, volunteers make more than 250 visits annually to schools in a six-county, two-state area.

Through an enthusiastic presentation of a simple message, the volunteers aim to leave every child with a lifetime reminder: “If you don’t know what it is, stay away.” The curriculum was created at the prompting of emergency department nurses at a time when accidental child poisoning was more prevalent. Since launching in 1994, the Poison Prevention Program curriculum has reached more than 68,000 children through 3,700 presentations. In the 2015-2016 school year, 10 volunteer presenters educated more than 5,000 children through 258 presentations in 67 schools in six counties. Surveys indicate 100 percent of the schools report the program is effective and age-appropriate, and that they are interested in a return visit.

A hospital volunteer and former educator incorporated poison prevention messages into an original story featuring fictional characters: “Twitch and Twiddle Learn to Stay Away from Poison.” The stories and activities include warnings about drinking under-the-sink poisons and pills, as well as laundry detergent pods and e-cigarette flavorings. In the 1950s, there was an average of three child poisonings reported in the area per week. In 2015, Arnot Health recorded no cases for the entire year.

Fundraising Programs***“Friends of the Heart” Doylestown Health – Doylestown, Penn.***

Friends of the Heart Institute is an all-volunteer organization consisting of dedicated community members and caregivers who are committed to ensuring patients and their loved ones have access to the very best cardiac and vascular care close to home. Since its founding in 1978, Friends of the Heart Institute has raised more than \$1.6 million for state-of-the-art medical and surgical equipment, patient-friendly exercise equipment used for cardiac rehabilitation, and staff training and continuing education for the cardiac and vascular clinical teams. Friends of the Heart Institute also focuses on community wellness and prevention by funding “Walk With A Doc,” an exercise program which encourages physical activity and community camaraderie every month.

Friends of the Heart Institute raises funds through annual memberships, donations and special fundraising events like the popular spring Heart Brunch, now in its 17th year, and the always-fun Cardiac Cook-Off, which pits teams of cardiologists and local top chefs against each other in a heart-healthy friendly competition.

Friends of the Heart Institute remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting the health and well-being of those who choose Doylestown Health's Richard A. Reif Heart Institute for their heart care.

In-Service Hospital Volunteer Programs***“Hospital Elder Life Program” Clara Maass Medical Center – Belleville, NJ***

To address the needs of its older patients, volunteers in the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) provide extra attention and care to senior citizens admitted to the hospital. HELP volunteers engage with patients aged 70 and older with interventions that address a broad scope of geriatric issues to prevent cognitive and functional decline.

HELP volunteers use a holistic approach and consider each patient as a whole individual, with many aspects affecting recovery, emotional state and overall wellbeing. Staff implement individualized interventions after assessing the patients for their risk of cognitive/physical decline utilizing evidence-based screening tools. Patients are screened for falls, pressure ulcers, frailty, disorientation and incontinence. Volunteers then engage the patients in activities related to cognitive orientation, therapeutic techniques (board games, relaxation and music therapy), mobilization and range of motion exercises, hearing and vision aids, feeding assistance and fluid repletion.

In a recent two-year period, 577 patients were enrolled in HELP. With the volunteers’ assistance, 48 percent of the patients improved their baseline functioning and 45 percent maintained it. In addition to aiding the patients physically, HELP volunteers often establish an emotional connection with the patients, alleviating their anxieties and fears of the unknown. The program has volunteers with many of the same backgrounds, languages, cultures and religions as the patients. Some 19 HELP volunteers donate 150 hours per week working with patients. Many of the volunteers are students who use their volunteer service as a means of exploring health careers.

About the American Hospital Association

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at www.aha.org.



AHAA Projector Search

AHAA is planning to purchase another projector to use at conventions. It must be compatible with our EPSON, Model H429A, 100-240 volts, 50/60 Hz 2.9.13A, EX 5210.



If anyone knows of a hospital that has replaced or is planning to replace a projector which is compatible with our current one, please let me know.

Contact me at 870-226-2609 or email: jerryberley@gmail.com Thank you, Jerry Berley

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas-Rogers

2017 HAVE AWARD FINALIST -Community Service-
“Literacy Bags for Students and Families”



Summary of program: Since 2014, 180 literacy bags have been distributed to the first-grade students by the Mercy Auxiliary. Items hand sewn by Auxiliary members were the bags, the puppets and pencil pouches. The bags also contained crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers and activity books appropriate to the first-grade level. In addition, the student's teachers selected three books based on each child's reading level. The Auxiliary members also presented the personalized literacy bags to the children at a special school assembly at the end of the year. The proud first graders at Bonnie Grimes Elementary took their prized possessions home to share with their parents. To show the teacher's and student's appreciation for these gifts, thank-you cards, posters, and a large banner were created by the children and then they were displayed in the Mercy Hospital lobby.



In Memory

Margaret Laster	Baptist Health Med Center	NLR
Pearl Galloway	Baptist Health Med Center	NLR
Newbern Chambers	Baptist Health Med Center	NLR
Bobbie Lackey	Baptist Health Little Rock	
Paul Gentry	Johnson Regional - Clarksville	
John Strandridge	Johnson Regional - Clarksville	
Marlene Harrison	Mercy-Berryville	
Jewell Pyron	Mercy-Berryville	
Bettie Logan	Mercy-Berryville	
Kathryn Cooper	Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren Auxiliary	
Ruth Ann Myers	Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren Auxiliary	

AHAA District News

Metropolitan

Arkansas Children's Hospital
Democrat Gazette Feb 26

Auxiliary exists to raise money and awareness for the hospital. Evidence of their effectiveness exists in their three million dollar gift to the hospital's new south wing and their gift of \$1.5 million to David M. Clark Center for Safe and Healthy Children area. Shown right: Sharon Bale, longtime volunteer.



Metropolitan

CHI ST. VINCENT, Little Rock, Ar
Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meetings at Red Lobster on January 13 and February 12. The next general meeting and luncheon will be held on March 10 at CHI St. Vincent. The Mount St. Mary's choir will perform. The next retail sale is Retail Concepts on March 23 and 24 at CHI St. Vincent Infirmary.

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
Submitted by Tammy Smith

CHI St Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary held a drawing for a Valentine Basket in February. Proceeds from the tickets for the basket go toward the hospital project purchasing of a new canopy for the front entrance of the local hospital.



Pictured from left to right: Joyce Hillis, SVM Auxiliary; Delores Hartman, SVM Auxiliary; Charles Pennick - winner; Anne Welcher, SVM Auxiliary and Jo Turner, President SVM Auxiliary

We also held a Beans and Cornbread and mini bake sale.

Metropolitan

North Metro Medical Center, Cabot

Submitted by Donald Hicks, Auxiliary President

The hospital and Christmas Trees were decorated by the Auxiliary members. The lighting ceremony was will attended and enjoyed by all. We also sponsored the sale of "In Honor of" and "In Memory of" Christmas Tree ornaments. Each Ball was hand painted by a hospital employee. She painted designs as requested by the purchaser. We are looking forward to continuing and improving this sale next year.

The gift shop buyers have returned from "Market" in Dallas with plenty of new and beautiful items. New shipments are arriving almost daily.

We will be trying a new vendor for a fundraiser. He makes and decorates pottery pieces. Each piece is unique because he makes each piece by hand. He has had a booth at the BX on the Air Force Base and at War Eagle. We are looking forward to seeing how well it is accepted.

In the next couple of months, we will have a Purse and Jewelry sale as well as a Uniform/Scrub sale. Over the last few months, our Auxiliary has purchased a Blood Bank Refrigerator for the Lab., an American Flag for the front of the Hospital and a sewer/drain cleaning machine for the Engineering Department. The membership has approved the awarding of one \$1,000 scholarship to a local high school senior.

North Central

Baptist Health Med Center, Heber Springs

Submitted by Mary Propes

Auxiliary business and activities went into "Speed Mode" with the arrival of October 2016 and a very successful Fall Uniform Sale and culminating with the annual Style Show and Luncheon, "Fall Festival of Fashion". Fashions, jewelry, accessories, and Silent Auction baskets were provided by local merchants, businesses, service providers, and Auxiliary members. Style Show attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and were entertained throughout the afternoon with the music of Blue Sky. It was another successful event to fund Auxiliary scholarships and equipment purchases for the hospital.

Volunteers also assisted with two Blood Drives and the "Look Good Feel Better" program sponsored by the hospital. Our Auxiliary calendar of events ended with the annual Christmas luncheon at Red Apple Inn with the collection of donations for the Methodist Boys Home of Heber Springs.

The new year brought the installation of officers with the same slate again serving the BHMC-HS Auxiliary for 2017. In February, the annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale in the hospital lobby displayed a wide assortment of goodies to tempt staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Upcoming events include Doctor's Appreciation Day in March and a Jewelry/Accessories Sale and Spring Uniform Sale in April. A Blood Drive and Volunteer Appreciation Day also are on the April calendar of events. Three new members have become a part of our BHMC-HS Auxiliary and are currently working in various departments of the hospital. Additional fundraisers and activities are currently being planned, and our major goal for the year is new member recruitment.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is on the move to improve our organization with enthusiastic volunteers to aid us in our continuing efforts to support our local hospital and assist all those within.

North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center, Mountain Home

Submitted by Jean Adams, President

The Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary has been busy since our last report. We have purchased a new shuttle and have completed our \$500,000 commitment toward the Women and Newborn Center. Starting January 1, we began giving away pink and blue delivery blankets to our newborns, and we have now completed the renovation and furniture replacement in our Doctors' Consult Rooms in Surgery.

We are having a recruitment contest for our volunteers. If a current volunteer recruits a new volunteer who works at least 20 hours by June 30, the current volunteer's name will be entered into a drawing. We will be awarding 1st prize, 2nd prize, and 3rd prize. The purpose is to increase the number of applications we receive. We'll let you know about our progress.

Geneva Distributing was our first fundraiser of 2017. We earned over \$2,700 with them. Additionally, we are selling opportunities to win a quilt. We were a \$1,000 sponsor at the February 11 Masquerade Ball which raised over \$42,000 to support our 4 Community Health and Education Houses. In 2016, we gave over \$462,000 to Baxter Regional which broke our giving record. Our volunteers are priceless.

North Central

OZARK HEALTH INC., Clinton

Submitted by Betty Spencer, President

A lot is being planned for during the month of March. We are having a guest speaker at our March 6th meeting to discuss food processing in our cafeteria as well as a tour of our new Foundation/Home Health building immediately following our meeting. We have planned for a Recruitment Event on the 17th of March our "Spud Party".

We had a very successful uniform sale on the 1st of March and always look forward to having Uniforms 2 U to host this sale. We are looking into helping serve refreshments at our local library on Monday afternoons for the month of March. We have a linen sale scheduled for March 29th with a new vendor. We are looking at a Jewelry sale sometime in May and a Collective Goods Sale in May or June. We are also coming up on our election of officers for the New Year and their installation at our May 1st meeting.



North Central

Unity Healthy, Searcy

Submitted by Ellen Jordan

Eileen Harrison with Frankie and Cassandra Feltrop at
Unity Health meeting

Northeast

Ark Methodist Medical Center, Paragould

Submitted by Pat Dowdy, President

We've enjoyed the milder winter and are looking forward to Spring. Our gift shop has been busy and is constantly being supplied with new items. Thanks to the girls who keep it looking so good.

Attendance at the February meeting was down some but it was a productive meeting. We voted to spend \$35,000 on equipment for the hospital. Needless to say, the department heads are very excited.

Northeast

Helena Regional Medical Center

Submitted by Shirl Kersey, District Chair



At Left: Helena Auxiliary President, Ernestine Davis, and V-P, Peggy Bradley, in a presidents' meeting with NE District Chair, Shirl Kersey.

Northeast

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jonesboro

Submitted by Patsy Whitney



We have three new Junior Volunteers from Valley View High School. They are all Sophomores. They are Philline, Shivani, and Ally.

This is Brighton Williams. She came in the gift shop with Valentines that she made for all the sick children in the hospital. Her grandmother brought her in. She was so precious to think of others.



NEA Baptist Hospital Auxiliary got the contract to sponsor the Komen Race for the Cure Survivor Parade for NE Arkansas. There was a press conference to kick off the publicity On January 31 at the City Administration Building.

This is very exciting for us to be able to sponsor the Survivor Parade!! More information will follow as the May date approaches. Please watch for the information!

Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital, Wynne
Submitted by George Anne Draper, president

Exciting news! The CrossRidge Community Hospital in Wynne has a new clinic that is very helpful to the patients. A wound clinic is available every Monday and the convenience to the patrons in Wynne and the surrounding communities is amazing. Until the opening of this clinic to the public, patients had to go to other hospitals to have wounds treated. This has made access so much easier for people who might have difficulty making the trip to another community.

The Auxiliary meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month and has had over thirty people at the January and February meetings in 2017. With more than three ways to give back to the hospital, the members are "paying it forward." The Monday and Friday clinics are always busy and require two to three members to keep those going. The ER Waiting Room requires a member each weekday from 8 until noon, and the Flower Project brings in 2 people each Wednesday to provide flowers for each hospitalized patient. In addition to the monthly clinics, individual members are busy providing throws and caps for cancer patients in the community. Nina Spencer and Hazel Mitchell have taken the lead in these ministries. The "It Takes a Village" is appropriate for these clinics and projects.

The fall district meeting will be held in Wynne in October and plans are being made to make it as successful as possible. October is a busy month for the Auxiliary in most years because of the AHAA Convention in Little Rock and the Susan G. Women Breast Cancer Dinner at the Tech Center; this year the district meeting is added to that busy mix of activities.

Northeast

St Bernards, Jonesboro
Submitted by Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor

St Bernards had 24 new members in 2016. Welcome!
Our Light Up a Life, purchase of ornaments for Christmas tree, project raised \$8,360 this year. Money goes to reduce cost for patients lodging in Jonesboro for cancer treatments.

Northeast

SMC Regional Medical Center Osceola

Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary



The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary met Tuesday, January 24th for their monthly business meeting. Special guest was Diane Davis, RN/Emergency Room Supervisor. Diane spoke about the different kind of strokes and their symptoms. Some symptoms are: facial droop or an uneven smile, numbness or weakness in the arm, slurred speech or difficulty speaking. If you have any symptoms, call 911 and get to the nearest hospital that offers treatment for strokes as soon as possible. The sooner you get medical treatment the better your chances are for no paralysis. Pictured are Dot Pollock, Diane Davis and Lovonda Carter, Auxiliary President.

The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary has been collecting Box Tops from various foods and tabs from cans for the Carroll Smith Elementary School. The supplies purchased will benefit Special Needs Children. Shirley Stovall, treasurer presented the tabs and box tops to Lana Carney, Math Coach of the school.



The annual Northeast Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Presidents and Vice Presidents held their annual district meeting February 9th at the St. Bernards Foundation Building in Jonesboro. Attending were: Sherry Noble, Paragould, Jane Orndorff, Jonesboro, Dorothy Faulkner Forrest City, Shirl Kersey, District Chair Paragould, Lovonda Carter, Osceola, Kathy Gibson, Jonesboro, Amy Peacock, Jonesboro, Mary Nell Masterson, Jonesboro, Pat Dowdy, Paragould, Wilma Powell, Forrest City, and Pud Thomas, Osceola. Not pictured: George Ann Draper of Wynne.

Northeast

Northwest

Mercy, Berryville

Submitted by Pat Armer, President

Members of Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary (MHBA) presented Valentine Cookies to local law enforcement officers in appreciation for their increased patrols around the Thrift Store and donation boxes. Pictured from left to right; Barb Wilhelm, Larinda Armer, Pat Armer, Officer Frye of the Carroll County Sheriff's office, Leoria Brewer, and Juanita Baker. These increased patrols by the sheriff, Berryville, and Green Forest law enforcement help insure more donations get from the boxes to the Thrift Store without vandalism.



Members of MHBA attended the Annual Mercy Hospital Berryville Black and White Gala. The gala enabled the hospital foundation to purchase much needed equipment for cardio stress testing. Pictured left to right standing; Pat Armer, Mary Jo Vallie, and Anita Spearman. Sitting left to right; Richard Keller, Wilma Keller, Neta Sue Stamps, and Leoria Brewer.

MHBA had been busy preparing for the NW Spring District Meeting April 20, 2017. We have finalized



most all details needed and looking forward to networking with our district hospital auxiliaries to further serve our hospital and community.

We regretfully said farewell to Marlene Harrison, Jewell Pyron, and Bettie Logan. We welcome four new members!!! Our dedicated telephone committee recently called all members of MHBA, active and inactive, to inform members of areas within our Auxiliary that could benefit from their service.

Northwest

Mercy NorthWest, Rogers

Submitted by Shirley Long



Valentine's Day Card Making with President Kathy Hardy, Ex-Officio, Holli Oliver, Co-Worker, Angela.



Rona Stufflebean, Treasurer and Chair for knit & Stitch , with fidget baby and blanket for Alzheimer's patients.

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center, Bentonville

Submitted by Pat Meier

We began the year by scheduling meetings for our volunteers based on the area in which they work. The sessions were divided into the following groups: Golf Cart Drivers; Gift Shop Workers; Front Desk, Guest Host, Admissions Table, ICU & Special Projects. Team Captains were appointed to make the work flow easier and to improve communication in the groups. NMCB Auxiliary has implemented some changes, as well as designing a booklet for volunteers with job descriptions.

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for April 26th at the Doubletree Hotel.

Our Auxiliary slogan for 2017 is *"When you volunteer, you are not paid in money or recognition, you are paid in love. People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel."*

Northwest

Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary, Inc.
Presented by Annis Cripps, President

January was a very busy planning month. On February 1st, Vice President Kim Kittrell, President Elect Barbara Ferguson, & President Annis Cripps attended the Presidents meeting at Mercy Hospital in Rogers. During the two weeks prior to Valentine's Day we had a raffle in the gift shop. We raffled a beautiful Valentine Candy Bouquet, Jan Tracy an Auxiliary member, was the recipient. She gladly shared her candy with those working. Our raffle proved to be a very successful fundraiser.

Some of our upcoming events will be a Linen Sale, on March 6th and 7th. We are planning to have another bake sale. This time it will be before Easter, April 12th and 13th. Another event scheduled in April is for us to attend the Northwest District Spring Meeting at Berryville. And lastly, we are going to be a Vendor at the Healthy Community Fair on Saturday May 13th.

Wishing you the best for a wonderful spring.

Southeast

Bradley County Medical Center , Warren
Submitted by Betty Richard

Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary newsletter's objective is to bring awareness of the functions of the Auxiliary and how these functions help to benefit our hospital. Our newsletter will be available quarterly. Welcome any input you may have. Just contact either of the newsletter editors– Betty Richard at 870-820-1295 or Bobye Bryant at 870-820-2598.

The Valentine Bake Sale was held at the First Baptist Church, Monday, February 13th. The money raised will go toward the furnishings for the Clinic that is now in the process of being built. This is our first fundraiser of the year and more are planned throughout the year. Everyone who participated in donating the sweets and all the helpers on hand to help folks make their selection were greatly appreciated. Our Auxiliary members are very dedicated to The Bradley County Medical Center .

Southeast

Delta Memorial, Dumas

Submitted by Shirley Sandlin, President

Chairing the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Valentine project at the First United Methodist Church on Monday, January 30th, was Patty Posey (pictured far right). Assisting her were Maedene Weser, Bonnie McFalls, Jessie West, Patricia Livingston, Roseann Bradley, Clarice Poole, Carrie Alexander, Lillie Ross, Olene Ferguson and Shirley Sandlin.

The Auxilians assembled heart shaped vase containers filled with chocolate candies, coke packs and Valentine glasses filled with various candies. Valentine candy bars bouquets and small plush animals are also available for



sale. All monies made from this endeavor are used to buy equipment for the hospital. Pictured are Olene Ferguson, Earnestine Jenkins and Patty Posey.



Below: Standing: Maedene Weser, Patricia Livingston, Shirley Sandlin, Barbara Lenderman. Clarice Poole, Jessie West. Seated: Joyce Smith, Roseann Bradley, Christina Rainey and Olene Ferguson.



Hark, is that singing that I hear? YES, it is David Walt and Jimmy Locke serenading the residents at the Assisted Living Monday, February 13th. Oh what smiles were seen as the two gentlemen sang "Ain't She Sweet", "Baby Face" and "You Are My Sunshine". Residents and Auxilians joined in with Jimmy and David as they sang "Harvest Moon", "Cruzin Down the River", "Cuddle Up a Little Closer" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart".



Happy residents drank delicious strawberry punch with floating fruit pieces, compliments of Roseann Bradley. The 23 people present enjoyed pretty cupcakes baked by Christina Rainey, scrumptious buttery pound cake provided by Clarice Poole and Valentine shaped, pink glittery teacakes made from scratch by Jessie West. Shirley Sandlin provided the mixed nuts.

Patricia Livingston called out Valentine Bingo and Maedene Weser showered the residents with gifts as they won.

Auxilians attending this gala event were Maedene Weser, Patricia Livingston, Shirley Sandlin, Barbara Lenderman, Clarice Poole, Jessie West, Joyce Smith, Roseann Bradley, Christina Rainey and Olene Ferguson.

Southeast

Drew Memorial Hospital, Monticello
Submitted by Barbara Brown, President

We welcomed the New Year by providing a basket of items for the first baby born at the hospital in 2017. We raffled off a beautiful Pandora Bracelet that was donated by Fuqua Jewelry Store for Valentine's Day. Sonya Snow was the lucky winner, and she is one of our nurses at the hospital. We were able to raise over \$400 for the raffle.

Ninety-five baskets and numerous boxes of candy and stuffed animals were sold for Valentine's Day. This project allowed us to raise over \$1,000 for the gift shop. Thanks for those who sold tickets for the raffle, those who made the baskets, and those who helped to sell them.

Southwest

CHI St. Vincent, Hot Springs
Submitted by Lynn Smith

Spring is in the air [every other day] and our Volunteers continue to SPRING into action as needed to cover work areas and participate in fund raisers. On February 13th volunteers provided sweets for a pre Valentine's Day Cupcake Sale. The sale was a SWEET success (almost \$700) and seemed to be enjoyed by all. We appreciate the support of our hospital staff to make our fundraisers successful.

We continue to welcome members to our Auxiliary Family. It's exciting to see new volunteers around the hospital. I hope they too find this quote to be true.

"The happiest people I know are those who lose themselves in service to others." Gordon Kinckley
Our DOV, Susan Rima, accompanied by Tamie Sinney went to Market in Dallas. The ladies always do a great job of selecting customer pleasing merchandise. Each week there are new items to display sell and buy. Clothes continue to be a quick sale and appreciated by our shoppers.

Hot Springs Tech Learning Center, formerly Senior Net continues to have Workshops and seminars for the general public of all ages. They are no longer working with SeniorNet, but we are still sponsored by CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs, Volunteer Auxiliary, and will continue to provide technical services to the public. The Learning Center has a new name and location. However, the talents and hours given by our volunteers remain the same. They truly make a difference in our community.

Being a faith based hospital, we had many guests that came for Mass in our beautiful chapel on Ash Wednesday and left with ashes on their forehead. It is my understating that Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. May our prayer be...Lord during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word and life and make me on with You in love and prayer.

Southwest

Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary- Magnolia
Submitted by Lucy Ray DVS

We welcomed our new CEO, Rex Jones in December.
We have completed an endowed Nursing scholarship to SAU Foundation.
We had a drawing for a handmade quilt by one of our Auxilians . The quilt was made with scrap material from our comfort pillow project. Donations for the quilt totaled \$620.00.

Southwest

National Park Medical Center Auxiliary Springs
Submitted by Dorothy Stringer, Auxiliary President

We started a new in-hospital project for our small patients. If they are upset about a procedure or test, we give them a plush animal and a snack or crayons and a coloring book to go with a snack. We do this in pediatrics, the ER, and Admitting.

Our Auxiliary has voted on a new project for the summer. We are going to create a "patio" for the rehab patients. The board voted to purchase patio furniture, tables, and planters for them.

We are starting a program for the Auxiliary members: Birthday Breakfasts. Each member will get a card that will enable her/him to a free breakfast. The volunteer will have 30 days to use the card.

Our sculpture is complete. The permanent plaque is in place, and soon the flood light will be installed.

We donated the heart model and the temporary plaque to the silent auction at the heart ball National Park and the Heart Association sponsors every year. Some of the Auxilians will also be helping at the ball.

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Sparks Auxiliary, Ft. Smith
Submitted by Alice Swaim, President

As had been expected, January was a month where not much was happening. Several Auxiliary members were traveling, resting up from the very busy holidays just passed. Some planning was taking place for expected busy February activities. We had a little snow, nothing major but caused a little bump in the road for some people.

February started right off with a uniform sale. It was a very busy and very successful sale. Everyone was ready for a new set of scrubs, I guess. Our Thrift Shop continued doing brisk sales thru the holidays and even the early winter months. We are very proud of our thrift shop, a lot of loyal customers.

We also added our 10th new member so far this fiscal year and we were happy to add Jean to our list of wonderful ladies.

Next came our Valentine's "Affair Of The Heart" bake sale, on Valentine Day. We asked each member who was able to contribute something wonderful for sale. We had so many great items given us. We then sold tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All items were displayed on nicely decorated tables with Auxiliary members attending each table. Our customers selected from any table the items they wished to purchase with tickets bought as they come in the door. We had wonderful home baked bread for 4 tickets, and so on. Was a great day, made several hundred dollars and lots of interaction with Hospital Employees. They are our loyal customers for every activity we have for them, makes a good relationship for everyone.

March will have the Auxiliary participating with the hospital Physical Therapy Dept. as they sponsor a "Hoops" day as the world marches to the end of basketball in March Madness. We mainly help take up tickets as the contestants shoot the most consecutive basket. Last year a lady won with 26 consecutive baskets.

Our own Linda Butler will host a Valley District President's meeting on March 15th at our hospital which I will attend.

We started a membership drive with our last meeting and will end at our May meeting when we will also install our officers. Must bring at least 3 new members and the winner will receive a \$100.00 gift card to our Gift Shop.

In April, we will attend the Valley District meeting in Clarksville, which we will look forward to.

Thank you very much, Alice Swaim, President, Sparks Auxiliary, Ft. Smith