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VOLUNTEERS: ON FIRE FOR OUR CONVENTION

Our State AHAA Convention is approaching—October 4-6, 2017. As I write this article, it is 90 degrees outside, which feels hot as fire, but the fire I want you to think about is the Convention.

Suzanne Hackney, Ginny Presgrove and their team have put together an “on fire” agenda.

WEDNESDAY

Vendors, Business Meeting, Memorial, Legislature
Advocacy
DVS Presentation and Gift Shop

THURSDAY

Opening Session @ Marriott, Awards Luncheon, Silent
Auction,
Leadership Meeting and Campfire Memories Dinner,
Auction and 50/50 Winner

FRIDAY

Brunch and Installation of Officers

There are many “sparks” to be had at the Convention. The committee hopes to have all Auxiliaries represented. I will enjoy seeing many of you on Wednesday, October 4. You will enjoy the food, fellowship and “FIRE” which you may take home. This is the time for all volunteers to feel that we are still:



Volunteers are the Heroes of Modern Healthcare

It seems that a person can't even hide from conversations about healthcare. Many of them deal with who is paying and if it is more than it should be. Access for all is a large piece of it as well. Technical advances and the miracles that happen get worked into it also.

One topic that doesn't get nearly enough time around the water cooler is what I hold most dear which is the healing that still takes place in medicine; not just getting well but the nurturing and emotional stability that occurs. Since some skeptics like to say that caregivers get paid "good money" to take care of them it leaves the Volunteers of Healthcare to promote the goodwill of the industry. Board members and those who serve on Charitable Foundations are appreciated immensely, but an Auxilian is the foot soldier in healthcare's army. Their uniform is the wardrobe they wear proudly so that they can be seen. Their rifle is the mission of the hospital that they believe and support, and their ammunition is their proof of support by the words and actions they demonstrate. They are the people who sacrificially take the needs of many ahead of their own so that all may be better served and safe.

Many of the current membership are advanced in years which creates a heartfelt joy for toddlers, helps promote wisdom to young adults, appreciation and fellowship from older adults and in general creates the homelike sense of warm relaxation we all yearn for. When you are in a place that scares you or you just don't want to be, anything that makes you feel more at ease is certainly a blessing.

It has been said that time is the most precious commodity we have and if this is the case then this charitable giving made by our Auxilians need to be even more appreciated than the donations and other funds that they bring into our organizations each day.

As Chairman of the Arkansas Hospital Association I would be honored to go on record to say that when my career comes to a close I hope that I will be able to give back to this industry by volunteering my time to be a foot soldier for healthcare and positively impact lives as the Auxilians of this fine state do every day.

Thank you for your service.

Darren Caldwell
Chairman, Arkansas Hospital Association



In Memory

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| Tina Makela | Johnson Regional |
| Reta Helen Ussery | Mercy Berryville |
| Gerald "Jerry" Eric Nichols | Mercy Berryville |
| Gene Goss | Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock |
| Virginia Queen | Baptist Health LR |
| Johnny T Farmer | Baptist Health LR |
| Beth Jaeschke | CHI St Vincent Hot Springs |

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 CALENDAR

AHAA BOARD MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 9, 2017
JANUARY 11, 2018
(Snow day January 18, 2018)
MARCH 8, 2018
MAY 17, 2018
JULY 12, 2018
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

2017 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

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| October 24 th | Metropolitan | UAMS Medical Center – Little Rock |
| October 25 th | Northeast | Crossridge Community Hospital – Wynne |
| October 26 th | North Central | Unity Health White County Med Center - Searcy |
| October 31 st | Southeast | Drew Memorial Hospital - Monticello |
| November 1 st | Southwest | Howard Memorial Hospital - Nashville |
| November 2 nd | Valley | Sparks Regional Med Center – Fort Smith |
| November 3 rd | Northwest | Mercy Hospital Northwest AR - Rogers |

2018 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

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|------------------------|---------------|---|
| April 10 th | Northwest | North Arkansas Regional Med Center - Harrison |
| April 11 th | North Central | White River Medical Center - Batesville |
| April 12 th | Northeast | Forrest City Medical Center – Forrest City |
| April 17 th | Southeast | Jefferson Regional Med Center – Pine Bluff |
| April 18 th | Southwest | Baptist Health Medical Center - Arkadelphia |
| April 19 th | Metropolitan | Baptist Health Med Center – North Little Rock |
| April 20 th | Valley | Sparks Regional Med Center – Van Buren |

Metropolitan

Baptist Health - Little Rock

Submitted by Robyn L. Edwards, Strategic Development

Auxiliary General Meeting: The Baptist Health Little Rock Auxiliary hosted a meeting for its membership on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the J.A. Gilbreath Conference Center. Lunch was served and general business was conducted followed by a “Generations at Work” presentation by Katie Swearingen, Baptist Health Organizational Development specialist.

AHA Sweetheart Volunteer Program: A total of 29 young ladies from the American Heart Association Sweetheart Program volunteered at Baptist Health Medical Center–Little Rock during the 2016-17 service year. A total of 1,390 hours were provided by these enthusiastic teens in a variety of hospital departments and nursing units. Paris Nicole Joslin was recognized for her service with the coveted Sotomora Award and Mary-Kaylin O’Neal Linch won the Allison Justiss Sweetheart Scholarship. These young women donated 104 and 94 hours on the BHMC-LR campus, respectively.

NICU Library: The generous donation of a library for families of infants in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was provided by a young military couple, Kirk and Amanda Habrun of Abilene, Texas. The library consists of approximately 150 books, which may be selected and read by parents to their babies in the NICU. The NICU Library, which is located in the unit’s waiting room, was donated in loving memory of Kirk and Amanda’s twin babies, Issy and Lily.

Sympathy goes to the family of deceased, Ruth Elizabeth Pillman Windham, (mother of Sharon Heflin)



The foundation hosted an ice cream social for all volunteers on August 2. About 40 volunteers and several auxiliary members attended.

Metropolitan

Baptist Health – N. Little Rock



Baptist Health
New Officers 2017-18,
Carolyn Wenger - President, Judy
Davis -VP, Missy Williamson &
Sharon Cagle -Recording Secretary,
Bonnie Bennage - Corresponding
Secretary, Jane Farmer-Historian,
Frances Arnold-Parliamentarian,
Ara Yanker- Treasurer
(not pictured).

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock

Submitted by Betty Pullam, President

The Auxiliary sponsored the Dillard's Sale on July 10-11 at CHI St. Vincent. The sale was well attended and employees appreciated the opportunity of shopping early for school clothes and accessories.

Our Junior Volunteer Program began June 26 and ended July 27. Participants worked in departments throughout the Infirmary and were treated to a Chick Fil A luncheon as a treat for their exceptional work and contribution to the program.

The new Auxiliary Board met for a retreat and meeting on August 11. Plans for events, projects, and sales were discussed. An early project will involve the giving of small Gifts of Gratitude during the year to Infirmary departments. Betty Pullam, President, and other Members shown below.

The Meditation Garden Room, partially given by the Auxiliary is completed and will serve as a welcome place of respite for employees and volunteers. Our next retail sale will be Swift Uniforms on September 19-20.

See next page.



Below: CHI St V Little Rock Gerry Goffart and Kimberly Marchand working the Dillard Sale.
Jr Volunteers enjoying their party!



Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent - Morrilton
Submitted by Tammy Smith

CHI St. Vincent Auxiliary Morrilton did not have a monthly meeting in July. But we were still busy in the community and doing our Hospital jobs. Some of our Auxiliary members are helpers to the Conway County Peacemakers. They made and presented "Quilts of Valor" to honor Veterans on July 4th. Several members attended. Also every year Conway County and the City of Morrilton provide a July 4th celebration for all who want to attend. They have several different events and one event was an apple pie baking contest. Happy to say Volunteer Carma Garrett won some great gifts for winning best apple pie. We were well represented by Volunteers participating in this contest.

These 2 ladies have gone to be with their Heavenly Father, They will be greatly missed:



Beatrice "Bea" Lasater Thompson, 98, of Morrilton, passed away. Until her death, she still worked as a volunteer at least one day a week at St. Vincent Morrilton Hospital and was a member of the hospital Auxiliary for the past 35 years. She was named the Morrilton Citizen of the Year in 2008, received the Harry Denman Evangelism award from the North Arlc. Conf. of United Methodist Churches, and was honored as an outstanding volunteer of the year by the

Petit Jean Chapter of AARP.

CHI St. Vincent - Morrilton (continued)



Francis Arene Betty Jewel Henson Harris, age 809 of Morrilton, Arkansas; passed away Friday July 7, 2017. She was a nurse who cared for many people, worked with the blind, volunteered as a pink lady at CHI St. Vincent in Morrilton and was also a member of Spring Valley Missionary Baptist Church.

St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary held the drawing for the Memorial Day Cooler Prize that consisted of Petit Jean Meats deluxe gift box & 6 lbs of Petit Jean Hot dogs, along with lots of other items, on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Debbie Hogan won the Cooler Prize.



Pictured with Debbie Hogan is - from left to right - Members of the CHI/St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary - Anne Welcher, Virginia Myers, Mary Boren and Carma Garrett.

Metropolitan

North Metro Medical Center – Cabot
Submitted by Donald Hicks, President

We started July off with a new slate of officers: President – Donald Hicks; 1st Vice President – Gus Guzman; 2nd Vice President – Terry Franks; Secretary – Jamie Melson; Treasurer – Angie Simpson; Assistant Treasurer – Nancy Douglas; and Parliamentarian – Jean Rogers. We are looking forward to another great year.

Our July General Membership meeting was held at Barnhill's Steak and Buffet. Each July, we have our "Let's Eat Out" meeting so we can socialize and get to know each other better.

The August General Membership meeting was our annual "Picnic/Potluck". This year the event was held at the home of Norma Haralson. A great time was had by all and gave the members another opportunity to meet members they may not get to see at the hospital and at an informal setting.

With a relaxed summer coming to an end, we will be getting back to a more active year. We will be increasing our outreach to the community and efforts in recruiting new members.

North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center

Submitted by Jean Adams, President

Jump into our summer Linen Sale was sponsored by the BRMC Auxiliary. Money raised from this sale will be used to provide equipment and special services at Baxter Regional Medical Center.

Since the last newsletter, the BRMC Auxiliary has hosted 3 fundraising sales: Two Lumps of Sugar, Collective Goods, and Design Apparel and Footwear. In addition, our Auxiliary has made a \$500,000 commitment to fund the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit on our 3rd Floor.

We completed our Volunteer Recruitment Contest on June 30 and gave prizes to the volunteers who recruited them. First prize was an overnight trip to Branson, Missouri which included tickets to a show and an evening meal. Second prize was 2 movie tickets plus dinner, and the 3rd prize was a gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

During the period from January 1 through June 30, we recruited 56 Volunteers because of this contest.

We have agreed to participate in a Child Safety program, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, which will allow us to distribute H.E.L.P. stickers and Look Before You Lock brochures. We contributed to the sponsorship of the Peitz Cancer Support House's annual August Rodeo. The details of obtaining Corporate Support volunteers are still in the works. Corporate volunteers would be able to wear shirts displaying their company logos and names and would be required to fill an assigned shift. Our DVS will be making presentations soon.

During this period we have averaged 500 volunteers per month with 325 volunteers continuing to give hours each month.

North Central

Unity Health WCMC Searcy

Submitted by Ellen Jordan Newsletter Editor



The first meeting led by newly installed President, Gill Sills, was delightful. Starfish pins were gifted to volunteers to present his theme, "I can make a difference".

Linda Benton was awarded the extra mile award.



North Central

Unity Health WCMC Searcy (continued)



White County Medical Center volunteers enjoyed another year of helping out at the 21st Annual A Day of Caring where 1,340 people were served.

Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary - Wynne, AR
Submitted by George Anne Draper, President

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary has been on "summer vacation" during June and July but will return in full force in August as we prepare to host the Fall District Meeting in October.

Of course, the work of the Auxiliary has continued during the summer months with clinics, ER waiting room duty, and the flower project. The patients continue to appreciate having flowers brought to their rooms. Often there are extra flowers so the nurses' stations get flowers as well. Wednesdays are always cheerful at CrossRidge Community Hospital.

Wednesday, October 25 is the date of the fall district meeting for the Northeast District. Discussions and preparations are being made with board members and volunteers. October is a busy month for the CrossRidge Auxiliary with the state meeting, our annual Susan G. Komen dinner, and the district meeting all in one month. It will be an exciting month and we look forward to seeing our neighboring Auxilians in October.

Northeast

NEA Baptist Memorial

Submitted by Patsy Whitney

August 10-11, 2017



The NEA Baptist Memorial Auxiliary hosted a scrub sale on August 10 - 11, 2017. Our vendor for this event was Kim Holt of Uniform2U2 of Arkansas. This was a full shoe/apparel/scrub sale that included monogramming. We made over \$3800.00.



There was a retirement party in honor of Kay Holden

One of our "Pink Ladies"

July 27, 2017

1:00 - 4:00 pm

NEA Baptist Conference Center

50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Ron White of Jonesboro celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 26, 2017 at Nettleton Baptist Church. That was the day Ron White married Sue Wilkerson.

Sue has been a "Pink Lady" for over 3 years. She loves working in the gift shop and meeting so many different people. Ron also worked with our Auxiliary for a while

Northeast

SMC Regional Medical Center-Osceola

Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary held a reception Sunday, July 30th in the SMC Regional Medical Center Lobby for the recipients of the 2017 Scholarship's.

Each year, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary awards Scholarships to Mississippi County students currently enrolled in a medical related program. This year, they gave eight \$500.00 scholarships.



Pictured right to left are Rossie Thomas, Kaytlyn Sprouse, Karley Moore, Hannah Hearyman, Ashlyn Cooper Lewis and Felicia Pierce. Not pictured are Mallory Mitchell and Cynthia Robinson.

The 2017 AHAA \$500.00 Scholarship for the Northeast District was awarded to Mallory Mitchell.



Mallory is currently an LPN working at the SMC Regional. She is enrolled in the ARNEC Program, Newport for her RN degree. Upon accepting the award Mallory stated "Nursing to me isn't just a job. It's a passion. The feeling of waking up every day knowing I will make a difference in someone's life makes everyday worthwhile. Whether it be saving a life, being there for someone that just lost a loved one, helping someone do something they could not do on their own or something as being the smiling friendly face they needed to brighten their day. When you are a nurse, you know every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours".

Presenting the award is the SMC Auxiliary President, Lovonda Carter.

Northeast

St Bernards Health Care-Jonesboro

Submitted by Carol Hinck, Editor



There were 20 Jr Volunteers in the St Bernards program this year. It ran from July 3 through the 28th. Tiffany Horton and Sheila Schisler interviewed 70 of the 100 area students who applied, and chose 20 Jr. Volunteers. These students were from 10 schools and range from Sophomores to recent grads from high school. The program's purpose is to familiarize them with the workings of St. Bernards Hospital and assist them in deciding if they want to pursue a medical career. Junior Volunteers is a wonderful program and the students love it!

In July, they worked from 9 to 3 during the week (a total of 10 days) at various St. Bernards locations. On Fridays, they were treated to educational programs throughout the hospital and beyond. They had hands on training of the Da Vinci robotic surgical system and the laproscopic instruments, they performed dissections led by Dr. Nair, and made visits to many departments in St. Bernards as well as the Imaging Center and the Wellness Center.

St. Bernards Auxiliary is proud to help with the Junior Volunteer Program every year. Sheila was happy to have the assistance of Suzanne Hackney, Sondra Bostic, Mary Hagaman and Lynn Bruner at the Friday activities.

St Bernards has been working on convention plans, gift shop sales. Scholarships will be awarded at the September meeting.

Northwest

North Ark Regional Med Center -Harrison
Submitted by Mary Pledger, President



We had our volunteer appreciation dinner July 25th with 'Elvis' aka Butch Dicus. We went 'cruising' in a pink cadillac.

We are still looking for a Volunteer Coordinator.



AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

Northwest

Mercy Hospital- Berryville

Submitted by Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor

In July, we sponsored a blood drive that honored our Veterans and T-shirts were given to participants. We had a great turnout of 37 and 33 donators.

We have park benches that are in the front of our hospital and by the Emergency doors which were refurbished.

Our thrift store is very busy and doing well. New custom tabletops were ordered and installed to hold someone's new treasures.

We currently have a booth at the Carroll County Fair as an outreach to our community. We have some



information about Senior Solutions a new Geriatric program coming to our hospital soon and our Auxiliary is purchasing a van for this program. We would like to find some more volunteers for our group and are also introducing our new Jr. Auxiliary program for youth Ages 15-18. We welcome a new volunteer, Paul Stoop.

Memorials:

In loving memory of Reta Helen Ussery who passed August 13. Our Auxiliary and thrift store will miss her greatly. Memorials to the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary Thrift store were requested by her family. The family of Gerald "Jerry" Eric Nichols also requested that memorials go to the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center - Springdale

Northwest Medical Center Executive Board

Linda Gillham -President

Cathy Weathers – President- Elect

Mary Ann Seagalla - Vice President

Tiny Thompson – Secretary

Carl Johnson -Treasurer

Northwest

Mercy - Rogers

Submitted by Shirley Long

New officers for Mercy Rogers were installed at a ceremony held in the Chapel at Mercy, Rogers following a wonderful and inspirational lunch at Longhorns Restaurant on July 26, 2017.



Neta Stamps, (right) Northwest District Chair, at installation ceremony.

Neta Sue Stamps, Northwest District Chair & Kathy Hardy, Mercy, Rogers Auxiliary President at Longhorns Restaurant for pre officer installation luncheon.

7/26/2017.



Mercy Rogers Board Members gather for pre officer installation luncheon with guest Neta Sue Stamps & Judy Overton.

Officers, Shirley Long President Elect, Kathy Hardy President and Christy Blackshear, Recording Secretary.



Holli Oliver, Ex-Officious with Kathy Hardy & Shirley Long

The Auxiliary has been very busy with various activities. A bake sale for July 4th raised \$700. Auxiliary members made 75 bag lunches for the residents at the 8th street Hotel on August 9th. The 8th street Hotel is an ongoing project to assist and care for the Homeless in Rogers.

A linen sale fund raiser was held on August 30, 2017. \$750 educational scholarships were awarded to twenty individual applicants.

Dog Therapy Cards have been developed to give patients who receive a visit by a therapy dog as a remembrance of the visit. Each card has a picture of the dog with a bio on the back of it. At the August board meeting members voted to donate a Walmart Gift Card to Case Managers to buy underwear and socks for patients in need.

The board also voted to make a donation to Samaritans Purse to be used for flood relief in Texas.

-In Christ I stand.

Southeast

Delta Memorial Hospital - Dumas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary okays plan for hospital, clinic upgrades.

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting was held Thursday, July 20, at Dumas Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Sandlin, who cheerfully greeted those in attendance.



Next, Sandlin presented a special guest, Ashley Anthony, DMH CEO. (above right) Anthony expressed gratitude to Auxilians for work done to benefit the hospital before she outlined two additional options for hospital essentials.

The first option was to replace the phone system for Delta Health Services at a cost of \$25,000 and the second option was to upgrade numerous hospital and clinic maintenance needs at a cost of \$20,800. The members present, voted unanimously for the second option.



Patricia May (right) was welcomed as a new member to Auxiliary.



Fred's Pharmacy recently donated to a major Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary project. When babies are born at Delta Memorial, the Auxiliary gives them a small diaper bag. Fred's Pharmacy donated baby bottles, onesies, baby lotion, baby oil and a toy to fill these bags. Pictured are from left are Olene Ferguson, Cheryl Stimson of Fred's, Jessie West and Maedene Weser.

Southeast

DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary

Submitted by Mary West

It is with great joy the DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary was able to donate the funds to DeWitt Hospital to purchase a trauma bed for the emergency room.



On a side note – our annual Christmas Cottage will be November 11, 2017 at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds. Please make plans to attend and start your Christmas shopping early this year. There will be lots of good food too.

Southwest

Baptist Health Medical Center, Hot Spring County - Malvern,
Submitted by Opal Morris, Secretary

Our activities since my last letter:

We were host to the Southwest District Meeting in April. The 'ON FIRE' theme was carried out. We had our local firemen, with a parked fire truck, greeting guests as they arrived. Also honored guests, Mayor Brenda Weldon and Prosecutor Theresa Howell spoke at opening session.

In May we gave \$200.00 to our Cereal/Food drive.

Total amount collected for Cereal/Food drive was \$1,463.00. This was given locally to R.O.S.E and Open Door Ministries.

We also made a 'Gift Basket' give away for donations to financially aid one of our members. Total donations were \$289.00.

We had a booth at the hospitals Health Fair.

We voted to give two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships.

Our July meeting was a pot luck.

The donations we voted to give were; \$6,075.00 for an 'E-stimUS' machine for Physical Therapy and \$15,00.00 for a 'Hospital Walking Trail'.

We have started our 'Pennies for Socks' collection.

We gave \$100.00 to buy needed items for the 'Hot Spring Coalition for the homeless'

Other upcoming events are Banana box sale in Oct. and Extravaganza in Nov.

Southwest

CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs

Submitted by Lynn Smith

Our Auxiliary is greatly saddened by the death of one of our active and much younger (age 54) members, Beth Jaeschke. Beth served on the Auxiliary board and volunteered in the Gift Shop and at the Information Desk. She was in a wheel chair, due to complications from diabetes and the loss of a limb. Beth will be remembered, as a smart, sweet lady who always wore a smile and served others. Several auxiliary members (in uniform) represented CHI at her memorial service.

The Gift Shop had a face lift, or should I say floor lift. The aging, carpet was ripped up and wood laminated plank floors were installed. It looks great and we are very appreciative to our hospital for updating a highly travel area of the hospital. Comments have been favorable and it certainly gives the Gift Shop a great new look.

CHI Auxiliary members (some cancer survivors) attended and/or volunteered at the Garland County Relay for Life Celebration in June. The theme was "Changing the Channel on Cancer". The celebration was held at the Convention Center. Many local merchants set up booths with food or games depicting a television show. MASH was the channel CHI St. Vincent tuned in on. Thelma Anaya, Auxiliary president, made up "MASH Out Cancer" tee-shirts that were sold to raise money for the American Cancer Society. In keeping with the MASH theme, CHI staff sponsored a MESS HALL with free burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Donations were accepted. DOV, Susan Rima, was instrumental in the organization of this special and most successful event.



Velma Davis



Robert & Linda Hought
Carol Ecklund



Susan Rima Lynn Smith



Jenny Ford Tammie Finney
Maude McGuire

Garland County 2017 Relay for Life Celebration

CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs (continued from previous page)

Submitted by Lynn Smith

“Farewell to summer; for autumn make way” and so go our 14 wonderful, energetic, smart Volunteers. They were helpful and polite and we were sad to say farewell as they headed back to school. Hopefully their volunteer experience will keep them engaged in helping others.

We were happy to say farewell to our old volunteer uniforms. As of August 14, our volunteers have a new look. Ladies are dressed in a pretty teal vest or jacket and the guys are wearing navy jackets or vests. CHI staff has noticed our new look and we have received many favorable comments.



Picture: Volunteer couple, Helen and Ivan Williams, model new uniforms.

As we say farewell to AHAA State President, Margaret Underwood, we congratulate her on a year well served. We look forward to attending convention next month and welcoming incoming AHAA President Darlene Tuohy.

Southwest

Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President

The Med Center held its annual meeting. Volunteers participated in Senior Circle meetings to hear speakers on medical matters. Presented the program at Healthy Eating and Tasting.

Received benefits from Girlfriends Giggle Event.

Participated in Head-2-Toe Wellness Event.

Service hours reported:1030.

Louise Powell was recognized for 500 hours.

Southwest



Magnolia Regional Med Center Jenni Daniel, new Director of Volunteer Services at

Southwest

National Park Medical Center
Submitted by Dorothy Stringer



Give A Hoot! Help Recruit!

Our program started off with a bang, but we've hit a slowing down period. This needs to be something that we work toward all the time. Yes, we've gotten several new people, but some of them have medical issues and have had to miss and some of our regular volunteers have had to miss for various reasons. Some of our grandparents are babysitting during the summer. Keep this in mind when you see neighbors, family members, friends from church, and any place else you might meet people. We are still short several shifts. THIS IS AN ONGOING PROMOTON.

We have some of our Auxiliary members are going out for a free meal because they were on their toes. Flo White recruited Jenny Boyette to the auxiliary and she was here over 60 days. Sherry Montgomery recruited the twins Melba Lancaster and Jane Williamson, and Jean Almond recruited Bob Robertson. Sherry is going to the Blue Monkey, Jean is going to the Colorado Grill, and Flo is going to the Olive Garden.

Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden,
Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

We have eight who have committed to attend the convention--looking forward to it!

We had a successful scrub sale in July--our commission was \$5,384.66.

Eunice M. Dickson Nursing Scholarships for the fall semester were given to two LPN candidates--each in the amount of \$1,500.

Our Handbook Committee has just completed a revision of our Handbook.

Valley

Johnson Regional Med Center - Clarksville



Pictured at left:

Labor and Delivery, Shirley Hudgens-Vice President, Mike Dorsey, JRMC CEO, Nancy Hill-JRMC Chief Nursing Officer, Marsh Zachary-President.

Valley

Sparks – Fort Smith

Submitted by Alice Swaim, President

Traditionally Sparks Auxiliary omits the summer months, June, July, and August from the regular monthly meetings. We are welcome to continue working our shift in the Gift Shop if desired and a lot of us do so.

We do continue to sponsor fund raising events. July was the month for our annual Masquerade Jewelry sale which is usually a quite successful sale. This year was no exception. We call it jewelry sale but she has many other items, ie. scarves, various bags, and quite a lot of interesting bargains. Our Hospital employees really enjoy this sale, and of course the Auxiliary members are responsible for assisting and enjoy shopping also.

Next week for August, we have our first full committee meeting to start discussion preparing for our hosting the Valley District Meeting in November. Looking forward to that.

In September, we will resume our first regular meeting and start conversations regarding Convention. I am not sure how many we will have attending, but at least 4 are committed and possibly 2 more, we will see. Reservations must be in by Sept. 1st, so will need to speed it up. We did have 11 new members join our Auxiliary thru the past year ending May, 1st, very happy to have new faces. We will also start dispensing the "Alzheimers Caregivers" book which we now have to the proper people who will benefit the most. Proud to join the AHAA sponsored program for this very worthwhile project.

October of course starts with going to Convention and we will be looking forward to that. I believe Linda Butler, our outgoing District Chairman has us set up to do the photograph booth again this year, it was quite successful last year so will do so.

I just want to mention, we have a Thrift Shop, "This N That" and it does quite well and this summer has seen only a very small slow-down in sales. We are very proud of that shop and believe it serves a very important community service. Everything is donated to us and in turn, we donate to several other community services.