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2017-2018 AHAA President



Darlene Tuohy

What a cold start to 2018! We need to think spring and along with that the upcoming District Meetings. It is always a pleasure to visit with all of you and hear more about the services you provide through your auxiliaries.

It is also time for the new forms. The 2018 forms are now available online. PLEASE DESTROY ANY OLD FORMS! There have been a few minor changes to the forms and all the contact mailing instructions will be different than the previous year. I encourage you to look over these forms now so you will be aware of deadlines for submitting them to the appropriate person.

At each state board meeting the district chairs report on the activities of each auxiliary in their district. All of you have successful and innovative projects that are worthy of an award. Start now to familiarize your selves with the criteria for each outstanding achievement award. Remember if you don't submit an entry you cannot win. The convention chair must receive those entries by July 1, as they will be sent out of state for judging.

Auxiliary volunteers are recognized by AHA in the 2017 Winter publication on pages 60 and 61 which may be accessed here:
<http://www.arkhospitals.org/archive/arkhospmagpdf/AHAWinter2017.pdf>

Thank you for all you do for your hospitals and communities. Stay warm and be safe!

Darlene



2018 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

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

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Baptist Health Medical Center-Arkadelphia

Ruth Boyd

THE STATE FORMS FOR 2018 ARE ON LINE! PLEASE DESTROY ANY PREVIOUS YEAR FORMS!! On the AHAA website, they will be located here:

<https://www.arauxiliaries.org/state-forms/> and on the AHA website, they will be located here:
<http://www.arkhospitals.org/publications/ahaa-auxiliaries/ahaa-additional-resources>

Your District Chair has been instructed in the changes for the forms. These will be explained at the Presidents Meetings which will be held soon.



**Serving Others Better
Who Cares for the Caregiver?
Blue and You**

Reprinted from the Autumn 2017 Blue & You (with their permission)

Adult children who care for their aging parents, or another family member, is becoming the norm rather than the exception. Often called "the sandwich generation," these adults are middle-aged children caring for their elders and their own children. Caregiving can range from a full-time job at home to supporting family members in care facilities. Regardless of the level of responsibilities, caregivers experience similar challenges. Caregivers often have no formal training, so knowing where to find services and how to pay for them can be confusing and stressful.

And although caregivers serve out of love and obligation, these new responsibilities compound the demands of everyday schedules. It's no surprise, then that caregivers can experience exhaustion, burnout, isolation, illness, anxiety and depression. The good news is that being aware of these challenges can help caregivers and their friends and family to work together to reduce the negative effects on the caregiver.

Self Care

Caregivers express that they have no spare time to take care of themselves, but they recognize it's important. The challenge is making the time. And here's where friends can help.

Being aware of what your friend is experiencing is very helpful. It helps manage your expectations of this season of your friendship.

Occasional phone calls, texts or visits can help caregivers from feeling isolated.

Sending a card on special dates such as birthdays or anniversaries can go a long way to making caregivers realize they are remembered.

Here are some other tips from caregivers:

My friends know I love fresh cut flowers; a surprise bouquet can make my day. -Monica

Make me move, even if it's stretching or arcing in place in the living room. We'll probably end up laughing, which means I exercised AND got some entertainment. - Brad

The last thing I need is advice. Or a story about how your aunt/niece/sister is having the same experience. What I really need is for you to listen and say, "Hmmm" every now and then. - Laura

I'm taking emotional body blows. I'm exhausted. Sit with my loved one while I take a nap. - Jerilyn

Every day I ask myself, "Am I doing enough?" Tell me that I am. Bob

An errand that used to take 20 minutes now takes me two days of planning. Please be OK if I cancel. Or, ever better, offer to do the errand for me! -Veronica



METROPOLITAN

Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR

Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The Auxiliary hosted a Dynamic Shopping sale the first week of November and the results were positive.



The now famous "Fabulous Fluffers" began putting up the Christmas decorations around the hospital. It was a fun day of fluffing the trees and wreaths and helping put up the garland. One of the volunteers made a video of the action and showed it at the Annual Christmas Awards Luncheon. It was put to the tune of "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree".



The Lights of Love letters and forms were sent out to volunteers and employees. The lights were purchased for \$3.00 and an acknowledgement card was sent to the person designated. An "In Memory" or "In Honor" tag was placed on a light on the tree. The official Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on December 1. All the money collected for the lights is donated to the Chaplain's Fund.

The Silent Wreath Auction finished out the month of November. Twenty beautifully decorated wreaths were donated by an employee to be bid on. The money raised was also donated to the Chaplain's Fund.



The Awards and Christmas Luncheon was held December 8 and was very well attended. The food was outstanding thanks to the Nutrition and Food Service Department. The tables were decorated and everyone had a great time. The hourly awards were given out at the luncheon recognizing each volunteer. Twelve new Auxiliary members were recruited during 2017.

CHI St. Vincent Infirmary Little Rock
Betty Pullam, President

The Veteran's Day program and luncheon honoring all veterans and active military of CHI St. Vincent Infirmary and Sherwood was held on November 11. Colonel Richard Garringer of the National Guard was the featured speaker. The National Anthem was sung by Nikki Winn,

and Color Guard presentation was by Central High School. Representative French Hill's office awarded certificates to all veterans as a show of appreciation for their service.



Volunteer John Parker receives certificate of gratitude at Veteran's Day Program

On November 11, in honor of veterans, the auxiliary gave cookies prepared by CHI North to those in Surgery Waiting Rooms at the Infirmary and Sherwood.

Auxiliary members assisted in the Dr. Scott Brown art sale benefitting the CHI Foundation.



Gratitude Baskets were presented to 3 Infirmary Departments and the Bookmark Project continues to serve as a gift to each patient who enters the Infirmary.



Basket was presented to Pre Op

The Dillard Sale was held on November 16/17 and proved to be very successful and a wonderful opportunity for all employees to shop for Christmas.

Garry Goffart waits on customers at the Dillard Sale



St. Vincent Sherwood held a Razorback sale on November 30 and Dec. 1.



Carolers from Mt St Mary Academy and Holy Souls School visited the Infirmary and sang in the Chapel. The music was broadcast to Infirmary patients.

Gifts of Petit Jean products were given to volunteers from the Administration and Volunteer Services

On December 8th the annual awards luncheon hosted by the Administration and Auxiliary services was held at the Little Rock Country Club. Entertainment was presented by HEART OF THE ROCK. The annual report was read and a check representing the value of volunteer service hours was presented to COO and President Polly Davenport.

Jan Garner visits with volunteers.



Auxiliary Services will assist the Sweetheart Program as they continue their preparation in January and February.

The January Board Meeting will be held on Friday, January 12 at CHI in Sherwood with a tour of the area which will house the new Neuro area.

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

Tammy Smith,

A Thanksgiving bake sale was held November 17th in the CHI St. Vincent Morrilton Dining Room.

A Gold Rush Jewelry Sale was held November 29th in the Employee Dining Room.

The Auxiliary Christmas Drawing for a Queen Size Embroidered Cross-Stitch Christmas Quilt and for a Christmas Basket valued at over \$300.00 was held December 21st.

North Metro Medical Center - Jacksonville

Donald Hicks, President

North Metro Medical Center has a new Volunteer Manager; Michele Blocker, phone 501-985-7469, email mblocker@northmetromed.com

The NMMC Auxiliary helped the hospital patients and employees get into the Christmas spirit by decorating the hospital's main lobby, cafeteria, waiting rooms and emergency department lobby. We had an excellent crowd for the Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. We were honored to have Jacksonville Mayor Gary Fletcher attend and speak to the crowd. The music was provided by The Drug Store Cowboy Trio. Maxine Jackson, our senior active member, did the lighting of the tree. Following the lighting ceremony, refreshments were provided by the Auxiliary and cafeteria.

For the Auxiliary's December meeting, the hospital's management team honored us with a wonderful lunch that was served by the management team. Gifts were also provided for the Auxiliary members.



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Baxter Regional Medical Center – Mountain Home

Jan Adams, President

Despite the COLD weather outside, the Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary has been warming up by volunteering in many ways.

First of all, we collected household items for the Care Center Ministries group homes at our General Meeting on December 20th. They were thankful for our gifts which included items like laundry detergent, dish/dishwasher detergent, toilet paper, coffee, creamer, coffee filters, sugar, peanut butter, and jelly.

President Jean Adams and H.O.P.E. member Barbel Appleton showing the household goods collected for the Care Center Ministries.



The H.O.P.E. team of Baxter Regional work together for the December General Meeting and the Christmas party for all volunteers.



Back Row: Deb Hess, Barbel Appleton, Carolyn Hannon, Edith Harper, Mary Ann Sladek.
Front Row: President –Elect Rich Jannick and President Jean Adams.



Baxter Regional volunteers enjoying Christmas food at the December General Meeting.

Secondly, our BRMC Auxiliary Board voted to continue the distribution of pink and blue fleece baby blankets to the newborns in the Women and Newborn Center. They are imprinted with “Baxter Regional Medical Center delivers! Sponsored by the BRMC Auxiliary”. We are told that the families enjoy getting them. BRMC delivers around 700 babies each year.

Thirdly, the Annual Masquerade Ball will be held on February 10th, 2018 which is a Saturday. The BRMC Auxiliary Board voted to be a sponsor. The theme will be “Mardi Gras!”, and if previous years are any indication, the food and dancing will be enjoyed by everyone. The tickets are priced at \$100.00 each. The money is given to support the work of our BRMC Community Health and Education Houses.

Last but not least, Baxter Regional Medical Center received award for being named one of the 50 best hospitals for Cardiac Surgery in the nation by “Healthgrades America” for 2018. BRMC also received an award for being named among the top 5% in the nation for Patient Safety in 2017. Baxter Regional was the only hospital in Arkansas to receive these awards. We hope our volunteers are part of the reason our hospital has been so honored.



Baxter Regional Volunteers answer phones, escort, help check in patients, and direct visitors during Christmas.

(L to R: John Urhammer, Butch Paris (standing), Barb Amman(on phone)

We wish everyone a Happy New Year, and we look forward to the things we can accomplish in 2018.

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Elsie Grozis, Secretary

With our year coming to a close we want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

The uniform sale in November had a great turnout, made \$900.00 and we will repeat this sale again in 2018.

The Gift Shop held open house on December 1, serving cookies and punch and had a good sale. We continue to serve hot chocolate and cookies to the public during the Christmas Tree Lighting on the square. All the cookies, hot chocolate and coffee are provided by the auxiliary and any goodies left are given to the Sheriff and Police Departments, Nursing Home and Residential Care Facility. This is a fun time for us and we had excellent weather.

We paid \$11,000.00 to provide a bedside table for each patient room. The nurses and patients appreciate the addition to the rooms.

We had no meeting in December. No fundraising activity in January but will have a "No-Bake Bake Sale" for our February fundraiser. Our fundraising chairman has several things scheduled for the remainder on the year.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center-Paragould

Sherry Noble, President.

November and December were busy months for our auxiliary. We sponsored two successful fundraisers at our hospital. The Masquerade Jewelry and Accessories fundraiser was November 2, 3, and December 7, 8 was the Geneva Linens Sale.

We were happy to serve our community by participating in the annual AMMC Food Drive for our local Mission Outreach Program. Our members brought non-perishable food items November 13-16, and we presented them to Robin Patten, AMMC Social Services Director, to be delivered to the Mission.



L-R: Betty Franks, Sue Gaddis, Sherry Noble



A new project for us this year was a sock drive for our Greene County foster children, called "Warm Socks for Warm Soles". A collection box was placed in our gift shop November 21-Dec. 5. Auxiliary members, hospital employees and community people filled the box with new socks for all ages. There were many more "warm soles" this winter thanks to all the caring people who supported our project.

For our annual Christmas adoption this year, our auxiliary implemented a new program called "Caring Hearts". As "Caring Hearts", we will supply items of need to children in the Greene County Foster Care Program. Jenny Sims, a DHS Family Service Worker, was invited to speak at our November general meeting about the Foster Care Program and the immediate

needs of children going into the program. After listening to her presentation, we decided to concentrate on teenagers and voted to spend \$500 to purchase duffle bags, pajamas and personal hygiene items for boys and girls. These gifts were presented to Jenny at our annual December Tea. Members also voluntarily donated stuffed animals, bags of all kinds, clothing and personal items for children of all ages. Throughout the year, voluntary donations will be collected by the auxiliary president and taken to the DHS office.



L-R: Sherry Noble, Auxiliary President. Christmas Committee Members, Dora Whitman, Phyllis Laymon, Kay Jackson. Greene County DHS Family Service Workers, Elizabeth Emery, Jenny Sims.

CrossRidge Hospital – Wynne
George Anne Draper, President

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary in Wynne had its last meeting of the year in November. The meeting was well attended and plans were made for the Christmas Season. The first item on the agenda was to put up and decorate the Christmas tree in the lobby. It was very festive with burgundy balls and cranberry garland. The hospital patrons enjoyed it and were very complimentary.

The auxiliary held two fund raisers, a jewelry sale on Oct. 31 and a sheet sale on Dec. 5. Both were successful, bringing in approximately \$3500 for the work of the auxiliary. The auxiliary is very lucky to have a very supportive hospital staff.

Another activity that brings smiles to the faces of the staff is the annual present wrap. Auxiliary members gather in the hospital lobby and wrap presents for the staff. Over 75 presents were wrapped on a Wednesday morning for the staff members who took advantage of the event. Approximately 10 members participated in the activity.

2018 is looming and we would like to begin by placing a story in the newspaper about the work of the auxiliary and appeal to the community, possibly bringing in new “young” members.

North East Arkansas Baptist Memorial Hospital – Jonesboro

Patsy Whitney

Our Christmas Tree Lighting was a great success. The tree area was packed with people sitting in chairs and on the floor. Brad Parsons opened the event with a welcome to everyone and Rev. Chris Harrell offered up a prayer. Stacy and Nate Johnson sang two songs. Mandy Young read the *In Memory Of* and *In Honor Of* list before Kathy Gibson pulled the switch to light up the tree. Trey Stafford read *T’was the Night Before Christmas* to everyone and then Santa and Mrs. Clause made their entrance. Each child present had a chance to talk to Santa. The Auxiliary served hot chocolate and cookies to everyone who wished to enjoy. Everyone present seemed to have a really good time.



**Kathy Gibson,
Brad Parsons, CEO
Auxiliary President**



**Santa Clause & Mrs. Claus
(Mrs. Claus is Glenda Neff,
one our Pink Ladies)**



**Santa and Mrs. Claus
returned to the hospital,
at a later date, to visit
the patients in the
hospital.** ←

**Mrs. Claus, Kathy
Gibson, Auxiliary
President, and Santa
Clause, during their
hospital visit.** →





This is our Auxiliary group that attended the Christmas dinner provided by NEA hospital. This is about 2/3's of our group.

St. Bernards – Jonesboro
Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor

St. Bernards Auxiliary is excited to announce the scholarship winners for the 2017- 2018 school year. There was a total of 55 applications this year which is more than ever before. Another first for this year was increasing the number of scholarship recipients from ten to fifteen. Narrowing down this very deserving field to fifteen was not an easy task.



The recipients and their degrees sought: Jessica Armstrong—MSN, Brently Barger—BSN, Joseph Bennett—D.O., Janee' Brandon—MSN, Jamarcus Brider—D.O., Amanda Broglen—RN, Jeremy Cohen—D.O., Hallie Fredrick—D.O., David Daniel Hoffman—MSN, Sabrina Knight—Pre-Med., William Lack—D.O., Heather Porterfield—MSN, Rocio Rhoades—MSN, Theresa Robinson—Occupational Therapy, and Brody Sheard—MSN. (Underlined names are in the above photo in order)

Unity Health WCMC Searcy
Ellen Jordan Newsletter Editor



The gift shop expansion began in October and was completed in time for a Grand Opening Ceremony on December 1st! We appreciate our outstanding Engineering team for making this happen before Christmas. Judy Frost and Leta Garrison were excited to see the wall come down between the gift shop and what used to be the Cantina Vending area. The transformation has been a buzz around the hospital and town as well. We anticipate an additional \$40,000 in sales with our expanded square footage.



The Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted an Opening Ceremony. The shop was packed! We offered free cookies, tea and coffee all day in celebration of our growth. The Chamber was very kind to feature us on their website and let the community know about our fundraising gift shops. Auxiliary President, Gill Sills cut the ribbon while fellow auxiliaries, administration and Chamber of Commerce members shared in the anticipation.



We had a full house on Dec. 1st for the Grand Opening. It took a full staff to tend to the customer's needs. We sold over \$13,500 in one day!! Charli Fleming, Shea Parazine, Carol Reese and Dallie Ricca – thank you for the hours you have dedicated to the gift shop and auxiliary.



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Mercy Hospital – Berryville

Emma Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor

Like everyone else our Holidays were busy. We started off by attending the November District Meeting hosted by Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers



An Appreciation Luau for the Mercy Berryville volunteers was held the day after our Fall District Meeting.

We had fundraisers that included Gifts Galore, our annual Thanksgiving Bake and Nut sale, sweets and sheets, and Collective gifts





Our other activities included a float in 2 parades (Green Forest and Berryville).

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas - Rogers

Shirley Long

In November the Auxiliary held a bake sale to benefit the scholarship fund, earning \$1,400!

Mercy, Rogers hosted the Fall District Meeting. The guest speaker was a very special Volunteer with her therapy dog. They make special visits to patients at Mercy, Rogers. We learned what it takes to have therapy dogs at the hospital.



The Knit & Stitch Group delivering blankets for all babies born in Dec.

Christmas open house celebration at the Hospital



Volunteers enjoyed the open house.



Holli Oliver, director of volunteer services, pictured with Jerry Buchan, Vice President, Mercy Auxiliary, Kathy Hardy, President and husband, Bob Hardy, Mercy Auxiliary Volunteer

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – Harrison
Mary Pledger, President



NARMC's new DVS, Robby Scucchi, arrived December 4 and was introduced at the Christmas Party by President Mary Pledger.



Past President Bob Johnson wore his lighted hat to the Christmas party. Jerry Jones (L) enjoyed Bob's hat.



Fanny Bishop came ready to light up the season and celebrate!



April Bunch picked out the prize of her choice.

NARMC Donor Foundation Appreciation event, Flannel and Frost, was held December 5th with a number of auxiliary members attending.



Past President Bob Johnson and President Mary Pledger



Gary and Judy Kramer at the Foundation Event

Flannel and
Frost attendees
Bonnie and
Jerry Jones



Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Submitted by Jan Dolan

Everyone knows how important first impressions are. But not everyone knows that the “first impression” is actually a seven-second window upon first meeting someone. With every new encounter, you are evaluated and yet another person’s impression of you is formed. These first impressions are nearly impossible to reverse or undo, making those first encounters extremely important for they set the tone for all that follows. What kind of impressions do we make as volunteers? How are we representing Northwest Medical Center Bentonville to those who come through the doors? Do we smile and greet each person? Are we compassionate and caring? Do we treat others as we want others to treat us? Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind, always. Thank you for all you do! You are the smile of the face of our hospital!

[“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” – Erma Bombeck](#)

We give a big “thank you” to Rose Engelken, Julie Amos, Barbara Anderson & Jan Dolan for helping to sew the Christmas Stockings that the 101 newborns received in December 2017.

The families and staff greatly appreciate the Christmas Stockings!

The NMCB Auxiliary Board held its Annual Planning Retreat and Salad Luncheon on November 13, 2017, at Linda Maienschein’s home in Bentonville. All Board Members were present along with our Volunteer Coordinator Beth Bolena and Northwest System Volunteer Coordinator Lesa Tucker.



Officers installed for 2018 were President Jan Dolan, President – Elect Rose Engelken and Treasurer July Amos. Secretary Pat Meier was ill and will be installed at a later date.

A Geneva Linen Sale Fundraiser will be held at Northwest Medical Center Bentonville in Classrooms A&B on February 12 & 13. Proceeds will benefit scholarship.

Washington Regional Medical Center – Fayetteville
Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas during the months of November & December: Gift shop \$16,609, Flowers & Balloons \$2,426. We hosted two “lobby” sales. Masquerade \$5 Jewelry November 13-14 profiting the Auxiliary \$2,162 and the ever popular Dillard’s Sale on December 5-6 with a profit of \$14,000.

We hosted a blood drive on December 29th with a record # of participants. We had 45 register to give and received 36 units.

The Auxiliary made a \$20,000 payment towards their \$250,000 pledge for the Women’s Expansion. (Just \$155,000 to go)!

We don’t usually plan any big fundraisers in January and February. We just take care of day to day business in the gift shop and continue to serve the community through giving of our time and talents in various areas in the hospital.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas

Shirley Sandlin, President

As the crowd gathered around, members from the First Baptist Church sang Christmas carols. President, Shirley Sandlin, thanked everyone for coming. Sandlin told the audience that the first hospital auxiliary was organized on February 4, 1960.

In December of 1978 one thousand multi-colored lights were placed on a 30ft. cedar tree in front of the Desha County Hospital on Pickens Street. The lights were purchased by donors at \$1.25 each. Funds raised from the project were used for the work of the hospital auxiliary.

The tree came from the farm of Mrs. Lois Haller and was erected by Marion E. McDonald and Son.

The tree light fund raiser is now used to fund medical scholarships for college students. Last year the auxiliary was able to give a scholarship to two recipients. These cards are for sale for \$1.00 at the Gift Shop or from any auxilian. Cards are used to memorialize or honor someone. Sandlin also announced that Daniel Tree Cutting Service had donated \$350.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Calvin Hurst.

A door decorating contest had been held with cash awarded to the winners.

1st place Surgery



Temetris Madden, Riane Mankin Lisa Manes and Donna Norris

2nd place Radiology



Heath Moreland, Starr Gildwell and T. J. Christmas (how appropriate is that!)

3rd place Dr. Holoday's staff



Jennifer Gardner and Riane Mankin

The Surgery Department and Dr. Holoday's staff donated their prize money to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

After the tree lighting and caroling, the crowd went inside. Chatter and laughter could be heard while the guests drank hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee prepared by Lisa Dilbeck of the dietary department. Scrumptious cookies made by Jessie West, Olene Ferguson and Christina Rainey were enjoyed by everyone.

The children yelled out in glee when Mr. and Mrs. Santa entered through the back hallway. Santa passed out candy canes to the children. .

The Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary gift shop was open for the public from 6:30 until 8:00. There were many red tagged items for sale and a 20% discount on selected items.



Auxilians Shirley Sandlin (left) and Christina Rainey passing out homemade candy to the hospital employees. Also pictured is CEO Ashley Anthony .

Ladies making the candy are Lillie Ross, Clarice Poole, Maedene Weser, Patty Posey, Sandlin and Rainey.

Drew Memorial Hospital – Monticello

Barbara Brown, President

Jenny Guthrie from DHS Compliance for conducted the HIPPA training at our November Auxiliary meeting.

Amy Harper will be at our December meeting to give us information about the Transitions program at the hospital. Our Aux. has donated the Broyles Alzheimer Books for this program to be given to the families that attend Transitions.



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Baptist Health Medical Center-Arkadelphia

Debra Miller, Secretary

Ruth Boyd passed away November 12, 2017 at the age of 86. Ruth was a dedicated and extremely active member of the Arkadelphia Hospital Auxiliary, where she was a member for over 40 years. She was just 14 hours shy of 7,000 hours earned in her hospital volunteer activities.

The Auxiliary held their annual bake sale for staff on Wednesday, November 22. The tables were filled with fresh baked pies, cakes, rolls, cookies, breads, and candies.

The annual Christmas Pot Luck was enjoyed by everyone. The food was delicious, musical entertainment was provided by Billie Garlen and John Echols. Tony Hardage, hospital administrator, led the group in the blessing and Bobbie Walker, Interim Director of Nursing, enjoyed her first Christmas gathering with the Auxiliary members.

CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs

Lynn Smith, Historian

A large group of Volunteers gathered on the first day of December for our annual Christmas Party.



The room was festive with Christmas trees bearing large candy ornaments. Similar decorations adorned the tables.



Delicious snacks including: shrimp, meatballs, sandwiches, trays of fruit and vegetables and an entire table of sweets were served.

Live music was provided as volunteers ate and fellowshiped.

Robert Huston plays keyboard as Tony Huston and daughter Avery lead Christmas carols



DOV, Susan Rima, and CHI President, Tony Houston, praised the auxiliary for 2017 accomplishments and offered warmest Christmas greetings. Mr. Houston gave a very

positive update on the hospital and was presented a check for \$20,000 towards our \$500,000 pledge to update Mother Baby Area of Women's Center.



Auxiliary President Thelma Anaya presents check to CHI President Tony Houston

After the program everyone joined in to sing Christmas carols. What a wonderful way to start our Christmas Season.

Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center is our newest Auxiliary project. CAMCAC helps bring justice and healing to children who are victims of child abuse. Law enforcement investigators, forensic interviewers, forensic nurse examiner, medical provider, child advocates and mental health counselors come together at the center, so the abuse victim is spared the stress of having to go to an emergency room, police station or other unfamiliar location to tell their story. The sensitive, centralized approach reduces the risk of further traumatizing the child and services provide help heal the child from the unimaginable abuse that they have endured.

Every child receives their own "special" blanket after they undergo their initial interview and medical exam. These blankets are being handmade with love by our volunteers.



CHI St. Vincent Auxiliary Board Members present first 13 quilts to CAMCAC directors

The term "security blanket" takes on a whole new meaning with these children and CAMCAC appreciates the blankets. **Many times the blanket is the only think the child has to call**

their own. So far 30 blanks have been donated and we have material for an additional 30 blankets.

Volunteer Lynn Smith has been asked to continue to serve on Committee on Volunteers (COV) as Past Chair. COV is in transition with new leadership and under the AHA umbrella of AHVRP. Judging the HAVE Awards is a highlight for the COV members. ***The deadline to submit 2018 HAVE nominations is February 1, 2018.***

Ouachita County Medical Center - Camden

Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

The OCMC Auxiliary held its 31st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 7th in conjunction with our Gift of Life in Lights Christmas fundraiser. A total of \$2,554 was contributed this year which is designated for nursing scholarships. This year's tree was dedicated to Jim Freeman, a longtime Counselor in the hospital's CDU Department, who lost his life in an automobile accident earlier in the year. Entertainment was provided by the kindergarten classes of the Camden Fairview Elementary School and everyone enjoyed a visit from Santa!

A check for \$18,000 was presented to the Hospital at our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 13th which was provided for us by the hospital. This money will be applied toward our commitment of \$300,000 for state-of-the-art beds and a heart monitoring system, leaving a balance of \$182,800.



VALLEY DISTRICT

Sparks Regional Medical Center - Fort Smith

Alice Swain, President

Our Auxiliary activities for November began early in the month with our hosting the Fall Valley District meeting on the 2nd. From our point of view, we thought this was a very successful event, and from responses and comments, I believe our guests thought so as well. All hospitals in our group of 6 were represented with a total of 67 guests. We thought our Entertainment, Robert Huston, was very well liked. We now look forward to our sister group from Van Buren hosting the Spring Meeting.

December was quite busy for us also starting early in the month with a Dillard's sale on the 6th and 7th. This is usually a very good fund raiser for us and this year was the second one for them. I worked one shift and it was busy, so hope we had a successful sale.

Next in December, we gathered at Linda Butler's home for some fun and relaxation, and of course good food. This is a busy time of the month so our crowd was small, but we still had a good time, exchanged tree ornaments, each brought a toy to be donated, and of course enjoyed good food. Following our get together, I took all the toys to the Rescue Mission in Van Buren. They were extremely happy to get them and they gave them to children as needed.

Following this happy event, we started our 6th annual "Santa's Gift Wrap". This is a very small money maker for us, but we feel it is a good service for all those folks who wish to have some help getting their gifts wrapped. This was from the 14th thru the 22nd, except for the weekend. All gifts bought in our Gift Shop costing above \$10.00 we wrap free and all others a charge depending on the size of the box. This really increases sales in our shop, so in a round-about way, we do make more than we can account for. Those who use our service seem to really appreciate what we do.

January, we get back to serious business. We omitted our regular monthly meeting in Nov. because 6 days before our usual meeting we hosted the District meeting and Dec. we typically omit our regular meeting with all other activities going on.

February we will start with a uniform sale as our first fund raiser for the New Year. It seems as if the employees are ready to shop for new uniforms which will make it prosperous for us. We will also be hosting our 6th annual "Valentine Chocolate Bake Sale". Auxiliary members provide all the "goodies" and we then sell to the employees. Some members even bake homemade bread and Cinnamon Rolls. Chocolate covered strawberries have been a real special treat in the past, but sometimes it's a little early to find them. This is another good way for mixing and mingling with the employees and we really enjoy this special event.

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren

Pam Henderson, President

Our guest speaker for our November meeting was from Peach Tree Hospice.

We started our Domino Pizza fundraiser and did fairly well with this. Domino's Pizza in Fort Smith and Van Buren will probably be inundated with "Slice the Price" Pizza calls.

We got a new machine for using credit cards, it works fantastically!! There are no problems like we had with the other system.

We had several fundraisers going on during December: Xmas wreath silent auction, Cookie jar and cookies silent auction and sale and 50/50 raffle.

Our guest speaker this month was from New Starts for Children of Families. We were all very impressed with the work that this place does. The auxiliary members purchased several items which we gave to this place for their use.

Administration had a luncheon for the auxiliary members on December 14th. It was well attended and the food was great!!

We did not have a meeting in December due to all the other festivities going on.

In January we do have a committee of people who will be working on our spring district meeting which is to be held on April 20th.



CHANGES TO HANDBOOK

NEW AUXILARY PRESIDENT

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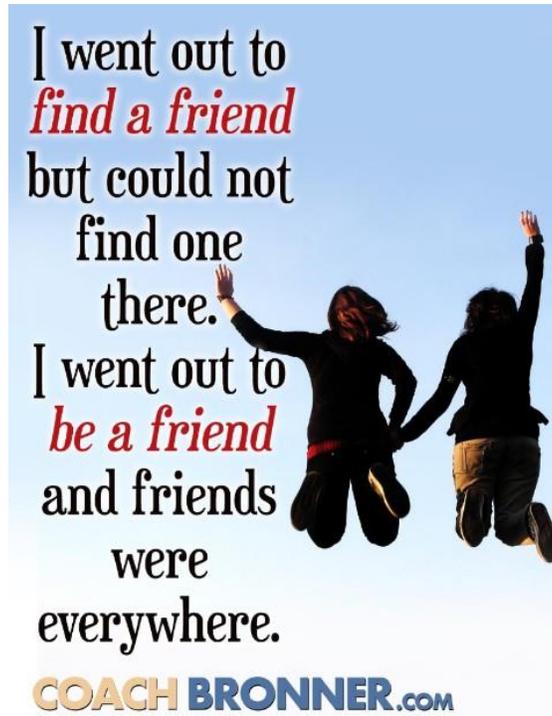
DVS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHANGES

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BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE 2018 STATE CONVENTION

Handbook page 31 Section 5 line 2 change July 1st to **March 15th**. Insert **STATE** before "offices of –" in line 3.

Page 34 Section 7. District Chairs item e. insert **AS SCHEDULED BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT** at the end of the sentence.



Articles for March/April newsletter should be submitted by February 28. Please report what you did in January and February and what you have planned for March and April 2018. Pictures are most welcome! If possible please send jpeg format and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Open Office format whenever possible.

Neta Stamps, Editor

