

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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AHAA President



Jan Gardner

Dear Friends

These past couple of months has been trying to say the least! In Arkansas, we were keeping our COVID-19 cases down fairly well, but in June and July they began to rise and became very serious. We now have to be even more careful with social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizer/hand washing.

Due to the rise in COVID cases, the Board decided to cancel our Convention scheduled for October 2020. This probably does not come as a surprise to you, but it was just too risky to consider that large of a meeting. The AHAA Board will be discussing ways in which to handle what usually occurs at Convention such as, voting on Bylaws changes, voting on new officers, Awards, etc. We will keep you informed.

Not many of our hospital volunteers have returned to work, although a few have been able to work 2-3 days a week. It may be a while before we get back to doing what we love at our Hospitals. Please don't give up. We will need all of our great volunteers to return when we are allowed to do so.

In the meantime, keep smiling and stay safe.

Love,
Jan

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, AHA HAS CANCELLED THE OCTOBER MEETING AT THE MARRIOTT IN LITTLE ROCK; THEREFORE AHAA STATE CONVENTION HAS ALSO BEEN CANCELLED.

Plans for voting on and installing our new state Officers and District Chairs are under discussion. More information will be sent to the District Chairs and to the Auxiliary Presidents.

The following proposed amendment will be presented at the annual AHAA convention in October.

On page 31, Section 2: add Immediate AHAA Past President before AHA President
The section will read: Only elected officers, as listed in Section 1 above, as well as **the Immediate Past AHAA President**, AHA President and the Arkansas Society of Directors of Volunteer Services (ASDVS) President shall have a vote on motions made at AHAA board meetings.

At the May 28 Teleconference Meeting the following changes were made to the Policies and Procedures.

Insert new section on page 39 after Volunteer Hours and before Annual Dues:

Telephonic and Emergency Meetings

Telephonic Meetings: Meetings of the Board may be conducted by means of telephone conference or using other communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other.

Emergency Provisions for Telephonic Meetings: In the event of an emergency, as determined by a vote of the Board, that prevents holding a regularly scheduled Board meeting or annual meeting of the Delegates in any year, the transaction of other essential business will be conducted by mail or electronic transmission in accordance with applicable law.

Guidelines for Telephonic Meetings:

Ample time be given in advance of a teleconference meeting is to be held.

Member should seek recognition from the chair before beginning to speak and identify themselves before speaking.

Motions to be voted on by a roll call vote. The President or Secretary will call each voting member by name and ascertain their vote. The roll call vote will determine the outcome of the vote and will not be recorded in the minutes, only whether the motion passed or not.

The minutes should be approved as the Board minutes are usually approved.

Action Without a Meeting: Binding action may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent of all Board Members then holding office. The written consents will be included in the minutes filed with the records and have the same effect as a unanimous vote. The written consent may be delivered to the President by electronic communication, and the signature of the Board member may be affixed to the consent by any reasonable means, including without limitation facsimile signature or electronic image.

On page 40 under Expense Allowance 2 a.:

Reimburse covered automobile travel at thirty-five cents (\$.35) per mile for the driver of the car with no attachment to AHA or any other entity reimbursements **if the reimbursement is**

fifty (50) miles or more one way. Special circumstances will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☒ X

Nominee's Name: Carol Evans	
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Name of Auxiliary: North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Name of Hospital: North Arkansas Regional Medical Center
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 12 years
Current District: Northwest

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:	2011-2013		
Vice President:	2009-2011		
President Elect:			
Secretary:			
Treasurer:	2014-2016	2017-2018	
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:		2018-2020	

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:	2008-2010		

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect x

(Please check box)

Nominee's Name:	Dorothy Stringer
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Name of Auxiliary:	National Park Medical Center Auxiliary
Name of Hospital:	National Park Medical Center
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years):	5
Current District:	

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:	2016-2020		
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:			
Treasurer:			
Newsletter Editor:	2015-2020		
District Chair:		2018-2020	

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			
Legislative Chair:	2017-2019		
Committee Chair:			

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

Gift Shop Manager 2016-2020
Scholarship Committee 2015-2020

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☒ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ ~~Newsletter Editor~~ ☐
(Please check box)

Nominee's Name:	Elizabeth "Liz" McKikstry
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Name of Hospital:	Bradley County Medical
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years):	
Current District:	Southeast

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:	✓ Many		
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:			
Treasurer:	✓ Many	2	
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:		2	

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:			

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

President - EHC - years
President - U.M.W. - church
Worthy Matron - Order of the Eastern Star

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION

STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☒ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Newsletter Editor ☐
 (Please check box)

Nominee's Name: Judith A Shaffer
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Name of Auxiliary: Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Name of Hospital: Baxter Regional Medical Center
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 14
Current District: North Central District

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:			
Vice President:			2017 - Partial
President Elect:			
Secretary:	2008-2010	2013-2015/2019-2021	2018-2020
Treasurer:	2010-2012		
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:		2015-2017	

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			2015-2017
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:	Ways & Means Chair 2016-Present		

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☒ Treasurer ☐ Newsletter Editor ☐
(Please check box)

Nominee's Name: Mary Catherine Propes
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Name of Auxiliary: Baptist Health Medical Center Heber Springs Auxiliary
Name of Hospital: Baptist Health Medical Center Heber Springs
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 6 years
Current District: North Central

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:	BHMC HS 2016, 2017, 2018		
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:			
Treasurer:			
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:			

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:		<u>NC District Meeting</u> <u>Co-coordinator 2018</u>	
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:	BHMC HS Chair Luncheon/Style Show/Silent Auction 2015, 2016		

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

BHMC HS Executive Board 2019, 2020, Co-coordinator of Fundraising 2016, 2017, 2018
BHMC HS Gift Shop Co-Coordinator/Buyer 2019/20, North Central District President's Council 2016, 2017, 2018
State Bylaws Committee member 2019-2020

2020

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☒ Newsletter Editor ☐
(Please check box)

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Name of Auxiliary: Baptist Health Medical Center NLR Auxiliary
Name of Hospital: Baptist Health Medical Center NLR
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 4 (Baptist) 25 total yrs.
Current District: Metropolitan

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:			
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:	2016 - present	2009 - present	2006-08, 2012-14
Treasurer:			2004-06, 2012-14, 2016-18
Newsletter Editor:			2002-04
District Chair:			

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			2006
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:			Finance, Leadership

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

Scholarship Committee Co-chair, Handbook Chair



North Central District

Unity Health - White County Medical Center

Pat Johnson

Janet Liles

Clyde Holloway

Harvey Doss

D.D. Young

Northwest District

Northwest Medical Center-Bentonville

Lillian Pringle

Southeast District

Jefferson Regional Medical Center

Roxine Carter

Frances Johnson-Evans



METROPOLITAN

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL

BAPTIST HEALTH – LITTLE ROCK

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON

SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE



NORTH CENTRAL

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HEBER SPRINGS

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – MOUNTAIN HOME

OZARK HEALTH INC. – CLINTON

Helen Dobbins

As we adapt to a new way of life at Ozark Health Hospital and Nursing center and in our personal lives, we look for new ways of getting things done. We held our executive board meeting and regular member meeting on June 1. Masks were worn and social distancing was attempted. There was a smaller group as expected but we were able to conduct our business. Betty Spencer sent out a group e-mail to update those who were unable to make the meeting.

The gift shop had opened two days per week in May on Tuesday and Thursday and we did very well. The staff and visitors were happy to have the shop opened. In June we added two more days, several of our shop volunteers were not ready to come back to work so it was a fill in as we were training some new members and others who stepped up to work in the shop as needed. We are selling two types of face masks and put our entire stock of Corky's summer sandals on sale. So far our shop is the only area open to multiple volunteers.

Collective goods held a sale on June 10. The hospital and nursing center staff are all required to wear masks so this helped with the virus safety issue. Scrubs and sew on will be here in July, they always do well.

We had to cancel the Mother's day tea and the Father's day ice cream Social at the nursing center due to visitor restrictions. Many family members came and visited with the residents through their windows or on face time.

Hope this finds you all safe and healthy, (lots of landscaping going on at my house and at the church!) God Bless

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – MOUNTAIN VIEW

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER

UNITY HEALTH – WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER



NORTHEAST

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER

FOREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

HELENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Kathy Goodman and Patsy Whitney

New officers are President Kathy Goodman, Vice President Sherri Coffman, Vice President Elect Ginny Presgrove; Vice President for Service Karen Pearce, Secretary Kay Roedel, Treasurer Donna , Vice President for Community Relations Kathy Miller

MY THEORY SINCE BEING PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TO CONTINUING ASK AND THAT INCLUDES EVERY PLACE I GO. I ENCOURAGE MY ELECTS TO DO THE SAME. AFTER WE WERE ASKED TO LEAVE DUE TO CONCERNS OF VIRUS, GINNY AND I TOOK TURNS CALLING OUR MEMBERS JUST TO LET THEM KNOW WE WERE THINKING OF THEM AND MISSING THEM. WE ALSO MADE SURE THEY WERE BEING CHECKED ON BY SOMEONE IN CASE WE NEEDED TO SEND OUT HELP FROM OUR GROUP. PERSONAL CONTACT IS BY FAR THE BEST WAY TO INVOLVE EVERYONE.

We may not be able to be at the hospital working right now, but we do have people helping out at home.

Evelyn Glisson makes face masks to be used at the hospital for MRI's and other stations as needed. She also makes blankets and changing pads for the nursery department. Below are some of her endeavors.



Sandra Nightingale and Leann Koehn are also making face masks. Brenda Jarrett is the one in front...and they are saying "We love, love, love you!!! Thank you so very much."



SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – OSCEOLA *Sonja Bennett*

Pictured are Kathy Walker, Bio Med, Lovonda Carter, Pres of Osceola Auxiliary, and Christie LaBlanc, RN, recently made about 60 masks for the Associates of South Mississippi County Regional Hospital. They are all members of Keiser First Baptist Church Sunday School Class.



ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER - JONESBORO



NORTHWEST

EUREKA SPRINGS HOSPITAL

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Emma Jean Vance

We remain under quarantine; however members continue to make masks for our community. We are still conducting monthly board meetings by “Zoom”. It appears this is going to be “the norm” for some time to come.

Second year scholarships have been awarded to Alex Maldonado-Lopez and Kassidy Bell

Everyone stay safe and become a mask advocate!

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST AR – ROGERS

Shirley Long

Even though our Auxiliary is unable to volunteer in house we continue to support Mercy, Northwest and the community of homeless at 8th Street Hotel in Rogers. We prayerfully want to bring some hope in this very different time.

Baskets full of fresh fruit were delivered to all the in house Nursing Units for Nurses day 2020.



Denise McGlone made plastic mats from donated plastic bags and delivered them to Seven Hills shelter in Fayetteville.

Boxes of Blessing Bags full of soap and other important needs and a hot meal from Chick- fil-A were delivered to the 8th Street Hotel in Rogers for the Homeless.



Congratulations to Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas for being named to the Fortune/IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals list!

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – HARRISON

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER – BENTONVILLE

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



SOUTHEAST

AHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – CROSSETT

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Shirley Sandlin

Markendria Steverson (pictured below) has been awarded the 2020 Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Trust. She is a 2020 honor graduate of Dumas High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas @ Fayetteville, majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Markeisha Jackson. The scholarship was presented by President Shirley Sandlin.



Damarian Russell (below) is the 2020 recipient of the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Trust. He is an honor graduate of Dumas High School and plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas in the fall and major in Pre-Med. He is the son of Gary Russell and Tarji Russell. Shirley Sandlin, president of the auxiliary, presented the scholarship.



DEWIT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

JEFFERSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Charlotte Jackson and Nedra White

Heroes Work Here!

To show support for our hospital staff working so hard with COVID-19, we partnered with the Jefferson Regional Foundation to sponsor the signage Heroes Work Here! We worked with our facilities department on the design, painted the letters, and placed it out by the employee entrance.



On April 2, the community of Pine Bluff came together in the parking lots surrounding Jefferson Regional to spend time in prayer. Ministers from different congregations throughout Pine Bluff were given a topic to pray over concerning COVID-19. Participants were requested to stay inside their vehicles. Live coverage was provided by a local radio station.

On May 8, Team Little Rock did a flyover to SALUTE the front-line COVID-19 responders. Jefferson Regional was one of the hospitals that was chosen for the flyover.

Activity Books for Patients

We realize that being a patient can be lonely and often quite boring. To help meet those needs, the Jefferson Regional Auxiliary started providing activity books for our inpatients as a way to help pass the time. Four different activity books containing word searches, cross word puzzles, etc. were assembled and distributed to eight different nursing units. Nurses can make copies of the books as needed. We started the program the first of June.

Governor Hutchinson gives COVID-19 update from Jefferson Regional, June 9. Jefferson Regional was the first hospital to have a COVID-19 case on March 11.



JRMC is still waiting Covid out!!! Nevertheless our Auxiliary sends discharged patients cards of thanks for choosing our facility. And our Coordinator makes Covid masks for any volunteer who needs and delivers at no cost to them. And we lost a volunteer to death, Frances Johnson-Evans died last month. She volunteered in ICU and helped with numerous sales throughout the hospital.

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL



SOUTHWEST

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – ARKADELPHIA

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith

Our volunteers are looking forward to going back to serve at the hospital.

Susan Rima reopened our Gift Shop and Uniform Shop this past week with limited hours. We are certainly missing our customers and income from them both.

Current elected officers and board members will remain the same for the coming year since we have been unable to meet. We have a great group that has served us well.

DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – FORDYCE

HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – NASHVILLE

Betty Carroll

Hello from Howard Memorial Hospital, sorry we have such little to report. We are still on lock down.

Mesha Nix, our DVS, has been opening our gift shop a few hours each day. Considering everything, she has done real well.

Several of our volunteers are assisting parents and or husbands who are having health problems. We try to keep in touch with each other through phone calls or text.

We plan on purchasing additional wheel chairs soon.

We welcome Becky Finigan as our new president.

MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS –EL DORADO

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS

Dorothy Stringer

Our gift shop remains closed, but we are going to be allowed to have a fundraiser July 22-23. Geneva Linens will be coming. They will be bringing workers and the room will have to be set up for social distancing. There can be no more than 10 people at a time in the room and they must wear masks and use hand sanitizer before coming in.

We continue to fund our projects and programs that we have in place. Our summer scholarships have been written and already people are asking about the fall. The Baby Blessing Bags are taken to the nursery and maternal child has been restocked.

We are starting to get low in our some of our state projects materials, but hopefully we will have enough to supply the organizations until we can get restocked.

As our consumables get close to their expiration dates, rather than toss them, we are donating the items to the employees. They appreciate the goodies.

We continue to call volunteers to check on them, making sure they are healthy and safe. The NPMC Auxiliary has also purchased N95 masks for the volunteers. All they must do is meet with Dorothy, roll down their passenger window, and a mask is tossed in their passenger seat. Social distancing at its finest!

CAN ANYONE SAY THEY ARE TIRED OF COVID- 19?!

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Daphne Bennett

Same song?? Second stanza?? However, there is little difference in the words in this stanza!!

We remain closed and for the most part inactive. However, most of us are eager and willing to return to our posts when that time comes.

Our Careline remains active with our volunteers calling individuals on our list--local citizens who want to be checked on every day.

Death claimed one of our honorary members--Francille Pryor who died June 23. 2020.

We know you join us in hope and prayers for a quick return to what may be a new norm.



VALLEY

BAPTIST HEALTH – FORT SMITH

BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Sharon Jewell

Mena Regional Auxiliary, Inc. hosted an Online Scrubs and Accessory Fundraiser in April

.MERCY FORT SMITH

CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – DANVILLE

JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - CLARKSVILLE

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – RUSSELLVILLE



Pople keep asking “is coronavirus really that serious?” Listen Up!
Casinos and churches are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing, it's Probably Pretty Serious!

Going to ask my Mom if that offer to slap me into the next year is still on the table.

