

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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AHAA President



Kathy Gammill

Hello Everyone!

We've made it through the first half of 2021! Many of you have received your vaccinations and are excited to have returned to volunteering at your hospitals.

Your AHAA Board continues to meet by teleconference. By this time, you should have received your registration for our October convention which is being held at the Four Points Sheraton in Little Rock on October 6, 7 and 8th. I'm sure you're ready to see your old friends and, possibly, make some new ones. I believe we'll have some interesting sessions and are planning a relaxing Thursday night. Please make your arrangements and come join us. I look forward to seeing you.

I have asked your District Chairs, your Directors of Volunteer Services and your Auxiliary Presidents to video many of you who would like to share your story of why you volunteer. I plan to share your stories with others at convention.

Stay safe and please share your volunteer story. See you in October!

Your fellow volunteer,
Kathy

THEME: I Volunteer Because...
COLORS: Your Auxiliary Uniform
Colors

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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): 15
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	2013-2015/2019-2022	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)

Bookkeeper – Gift Shop – 2 years

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: <i>Liz McKinstry</i>
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Name of Auxiliary: <i>Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary</i>
Name of Hospital: <i>Bradley County Medical Center</i>
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years):
Current District: <i>South east</i>

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

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

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)

<i>president - EHC - years</i>
<i>president - UMW - church</i>
<i>Worthy Master - Order of the Eastern Star</i>

**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 Heber Springs
Name of Hospital: Baptist Health Medical Center Heber Springs
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 7 years
Current District: North Central

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:	2016, 2017, 2018		
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:			2021
Treasurer:			
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:			

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

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

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

BHMC HS Gift Shop Manager/Buyer 2019-present
BHMC HS Chair, Style Show and Luncheon 2017, 2018
BHMC HS Chair, Community School Art Show 2019, 2021
BHMC HS Executive Board 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☒ Newsletter Editor ☐

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Name of Hospital: Jefferson Regional
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 5 years
Current District: Southeast District

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
(Show the year or years in each position)			
President:			
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:	2021-present	2019-present	
Treasurer:			
Newsletter Editor:	2019-present		
District Chair:			

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			2020-present
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:			

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

Volunteer Coordinator, Jefferson Regional, 2018-present; ASDVS Vice President, 2021-2023; ASDVS Secretary, 2019-2021; Vice President Mathonthes Club of Pine Bluff 2020-2022; Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County 2015-2021; Education Coordinator at Church; Leader for Ladies Group at Church; held several offices for organizations in college; Bachelor of Arts in business from Harding University

At the March 11th AHAA Board meeting, the following addition was made to ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, page 41 under Telephonic and Emergency Meetings:

(Insert) **Any meeting may be conducted by one or more means of remote communication that allows all of the participants to interact with each other during the meeting. Participation in a meeting by this means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.**

The following changes to the Bylaws were approved by the board and will be voted on at the 2021 State Convention:

President Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 1, letter e. As written: Visits each district at least twice.

New Wording: Visits each district at least twice. **In the event of a catastrophic situation (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.) the district meetings may be canceled by the executive committee.**

President-Elect Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 2, letter f. As written: Visits each district for the district meetings.

New Wording: Visits each district for the district meetings, **unless they are canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.**

District Chair Duties

Page 36, Article VII, Section 6, letter e. As written: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the President-elect.

New Wording: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the President-elect, **unless canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.**

Board of Directors Duties

Page 37, Article VIII, Section 4. As Written: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president.

New Wording: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president. **In the event of a catastrophic situation, (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.), meetings may be held telephonic or virtual.**

LINK FOR 2021 STATE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS:

[Book your group rate for AHAA Annual Meeting - October 2021](#) CLICK THIS LINE.

YOU WILL HAVE TO ENTER START DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ARRIVE ON Tuesday, October 5.

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

AHAA Annual Meeting - October 2021

Start Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

End Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021

Last Day to Book:

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Four Points by Sheraton Little Rock Midtown for 96 USD per night

IN MEMORIAM



Metro

Auxiliary to Arkansas State Hospital

Stan Dobson

North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center

Pearle "Aileen" Tolliver

Alice Johnson

Jim Bell

Lyle "Curley" Appleton

Dean Meyer

Clara Laska

Don Barringer

Fuell Forbus, Jr

UNITY HEALTH - WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (SEARCY)

Eunice Holder

Don Cranford

Betty Lankford

Hilda Clay

Northwest

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital

Margaret Hoyt

Wanda Rogers

Northwest Medical Center - Springdale

Helen Hammond

Lloyd Ponomar

Carl Johnson

Steve Keane

Lorraine Monroe

Don Marts

Sue Moore

Sue Jones

Gay Wheat

Marie Lookingbill

Southeast
Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village
Maria Gendernalik

Southwest
Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden
Mary Sutton

Medical center of South Arkansas - El Dorado
Jean Coleman

Valley
Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Cecilia (C.C.) Sampson

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - RUSSELLVILLE
Verna Daniels
Nina Price.



ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL BAPTIST HEALTH –
LITTLE ROCK

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - NORTH LITTLE ROCK
Becky Blackard

We have had so much fun welcoming back the Volunteers here at our hospital, BHMC-NLR. We had our first meeting with the installation of our officers back in May. We have about 25 volunteers that have reported back to duty. We have others that have expressed interest in volunteering. We are currently serving in the Admissions department, Radiology department, Pastoral department, Surgery department, Gift Shop, Emergency Room, Heaven's Loft and outside on the Golf Cart. I am submitting some pictures of our volunteers in action. Having the volunteers back has been a breath of fresh air. It feels like we are on our way back to some normalcy.

Ann Scott at Radiology Desk Laura Swope in the gift shop



Emily Davis,
Front Admission Desk



Carole Maxwell and Sibbie Burnett in
gift shop



Marilyn Powers at front admissions desk



Mel Scott, our cart driver



Bonnie Bennage and Ara Yanker in the
gift shop



This summer we are hosting the teen volunteers and individuals that are interested in Job Shadowing a medical professional. We are excited about these programs also. We so look forward to serving at BHMC-NLR. We love being a part of our community and BHMC-NLR. We pray that all continues to stay safe as we walk through this pandemic together.

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON

SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BENTON)

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE



NORTH CENTRAL

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER (HEBER SPRINGS)

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN HOME)

Jim Whalen

Much can be said about the month of June serving as the halfway benchmark for our entire year. A time to look forward with anticipation for the second half of the year and a time to reflect on past and current activities of our Auxiliary.

At the end of April, we conducted another highly successful “Thank You Drive Through” for members of our Auxiliary to be recognized and were presented with an Insulated Carry Bag that coordinates with the Trunk Organizer presented earlier in the year. Each participation was greeted with signage expressing gratitude and applause by the presenters.

Our Volunteers prior to their birthdays receive a recognition coupon that entitles each to redeem a custom decorated cupcake at a local bakery. In addition, we have a gifted volunteer who calls each of their birthday and serenades with a rendition of “Happy Birthday”,

At the conclusion of the month of May our Auxiliary recorded in excess of 27,000 volunteer hours YTD. We are anticipating a significant increase in recorded hours for the balance of the year.

Our Pink-A-Dilly Gift Shop and our two Thrift Stores, the Bargain Boxes, continue to generate outstanding sales. We continue to follow all recommended safety protocol.

Our Bargain Box Thrift Stores are conducting the “Mother of All Yard Sales” during June 24th, 25th and 26th. Our event is being held at our Baxter County Fair Grounds and in being promoted on a regional basis. This venue will provide an opportune time to recruit Volunteers as well.

Recruitment is a sustained and active program. With the lifting of some restrictions, we are participating with a booth at local outdoor music events and festivals. Our Volunteers answer questions and encourage folks to consider volunteering. Promotional products also are distributed to those who indicate an interest.

The success of our Auxiliary is largely due to our ability to build on an outstanding legacy that will span 60 years in 2022. The very capable Joan Young has agreed to champion and organize the committee to celebrate of our past and present.

The Spring Baxter Regional's quarterly publication, the **PULSE**, with a distribution of 5,000 copies, dedicated the front cover and featured article saluting our Auxiliary members. The article details the importance that our Auxiliary has in the continued growth and success of Baxter Regional Medical Center.

Our Ways and Means committee under the outstanding leadership of Judy Shaffer conducts throughout the year highly successful Sales events in our Hospital. June 21 and 22 Judy has organized a "T-Shirt" Sale that historically has drawn capacity crowds. In July, we will be hosting a used Purse and Jewelry Sale.

Our Baxter Regional Medical Center website has been revised and increased the visibility of Volunteer opportunities and now features an active "Chat box" empowering viewers to interact to ask questions or schedule a visit.

The Auxiliary Board voted to make a \$700,000 commitment to the 5 South Surgical floor renovations. A press conference is scheduled for July 7th for the presentation.

Baxter Regional Medical Center has achieved Magnet Recognition for Nursing Excellence and we will be celebrating as a hospital and community on July 9th at our Friday Night Live community music. We are so proud of this accomplishment and what it means to our patients.



Photo Music on the Square in Yellville
L-R Louise Pitts, Carol Chentnik, Carolyn
Hannon and Jennifer Baker

OZARK HEALTH INC. – CLINTON
Betty Spencer

We are so **proud** to say that the hospital and nursing facility have opened up as of May to allow us to volunteer again.

We had a wonderful Mother's Day social for the nursing center, and a great Father's Day Ice Cream Social; only problem there was that the volunteers almost outnumbered the resident's that attended. The nursing center is allowing our volunteers to help with Bingo, which is weekly on Thursday's, A Red Hat event that happens the third Wednesday of the month where we hand out gospel music books and sing along with the residents.

Carti has allowed our volunteers to start up our support of the Chemo area every Wednesday. We have two that start at 7:00 a.m. and work until noon and one volunteer that fills in until 3 or 4 p.m. It has been such a pleasure to see the patients after such a long absence due to COVID problem.

We had our first Collective Good's Sale for the Year in June. The earlier one was canceled due to weather problems in our area. It was good to have an opportunity to buy some gifts for the great-grandchildren and grandchildren again. Our Scrub sale is scheduled for July.

We had a special speaker at our June meeting who discussed "The Elder Law" some great ideas on how to avoid probate problems if a loved one has passed on. He gave us a number of things to think about when helping out our family members. Kristi King our Volunteer Coordinator has done a great job lining up speakers for our general meetings. We appreciate her so much and thank her for a job well done.

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER (NEWPORT)

UNITY HEALTH – WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (SEARCY)

Jamie Laughlin

2021 Memorials: Eunice Holder, Don Cranford, Betty Lankford, Hilda Clay

2020 Memorials: Clyde Holloway, Harvey Doss, DD Young, Ruby Self

"Happy to see more volunteers back at work after a year of absence. Our hearts are full again!"

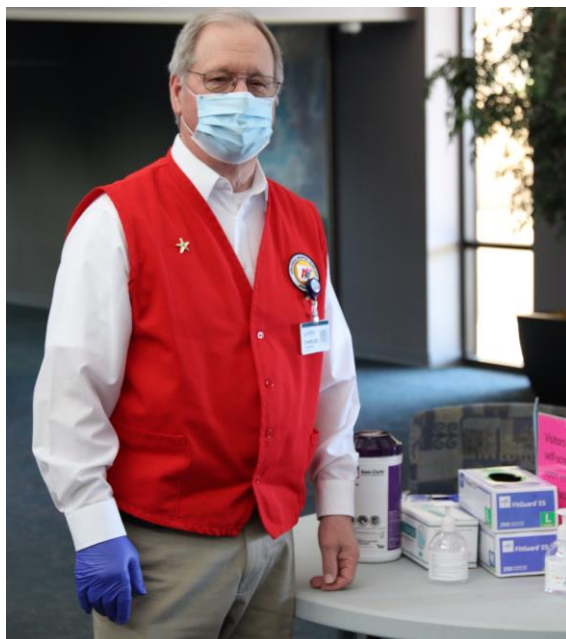
Cyanne Hammill, Nursing Supervisor was thrilled to see Messenger, Don Diffine.





Dennis Nelson has spent the last several months supporting the Materials Management staff by labeling stock for patient use.

Gills Sills has helped in Infection Control, Surgery Waiting Desk and even in the gift shop when they were in a bind.



Charles Kitts works a new station at the front lobby – asking visitors to sign in and wear a mask.

Dr. Franz wouldn't settle for a wave, he wanted a hug. He was elated to see the volunteers back in action!



President, Leta Garrison is all smiles – the Gift Shop is open!!!



WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER (BATESVILLE)



NORTHEAST

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER (PARAGOULD)

FOREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

HELENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (JONESBORO)

Kathy Miller

In addition to regular day shift hours in the Gift Shop, on Thursday May 6th we began opening from 5 pm- 7:30 pm every other Thursday for those NEA employees who work evenings. This is also their pay week, and they receive a 10% discount when they shop. Auxiliary volunteers who worked are Connie Howard, Glenda Roach, Faye Haney, Kathy Goodman and Betty Louy. NEA employees were appreciative of these additional hours and were ready to shop. We even had Skylar an employee from Windover Clinic come by and shop. It was a successful night.

We received a donation from Roseann Miller (friend of auxiliary member Anita Brownlee) of knitted caps for babies born at NEA Hospital. President Elect Ginny Presgrove and manager of NEA women's clinic, Sara Lambert accepted the caps.

Auxiliary member Evelyn Glisson received her pin for volunteering 10,000 hours! Way to go! Evelyn stated she spent a lot of this time at home making blankets for newborns and masks during COVID for the patients in radiology who needed a mask without wire. Pictured is Evelyn Glisson receiving her pin from Vice President of Service, Karen Pearce.



On May 12th auxiliary members gave out ice cream bars to the staff during Cruizin 2021 Health Systems Week. We appreciate the hard work of all NEA Hospital employees. Thank you for being hero's to so many people.

Pictured are Betty Louy and Kathy Gibson.



Pictured on next page: Kathy Miller, Betty Louy, CEO Sam Lind, Kathy Gibson and Kay Roedel



On May 19th and 20th, Masquerade Jewelry & Accessories Sale was held in the NEA Hospital conference rooms. Excellent turn out of employees who seemed to enjoy all the lovely merchandise for sale.

A member of the community, Martha Smith donated 15 keens of yarn which will be used by Evelyn Glisson to knit caps for babies born at NEA Hospital. Pictured is Gift Shop volunteer LeeAnn Koehn with Martha Smith.

Auxiliary members spotlighted in the Newsletter for May and June are Donna Barker and Arnita Brownlee.

Arnita Brownlee



Donna Baker





Our booth at NEA Baptist Heart Health Talk. On left is Pres. Elect Ginny Presgrove , on right is current Pres. Kathy Goodman. On the standup board is member Kathy Gibson.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (OSCEOLA) *Sondra Burnett*

On May 25, 2021, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary conducted their Officer Induction.



District Chair Mary Nell Masterson conducted the ceremony.

President Mary (Pud) Thomas



Vice President Lovonda Carter



Treasurer-Shirley Stovall



Secretary- Sonja Burnett



It was also A-2021 Awards Day at SMC Regional Hospital for the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary.

It was voted to take another month off.

The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary recently had an Appreciation Reception for the nurses at SMC Regional Hospital. There were 6 Auxiliary members present.



On June 30, 2021, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary had an Appreciation Reception for the Great River Medical Hospital in Blytheville, AR. for all the hospital employees. There were 8 members present. It was a great opportunity to show our appreciation for our Hospital System.



ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER (JONESBORO)



NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE *Jean Vance*

Two \$1000 scholarships were awarded in May to graduating high school seniors who plan to go into the medical field.

Our old thrift store building which had been deemed unsafe for occupancy has been donated to the city of Green Forest.

The annual meeting with installation of officers was held June 21st. District Chair Diane Miller installed the officers for 2021-2022: President Neta Sue Stamps, President-Elect Pat Armer and Secretary Joy McKinney. AHAA President Elect Carol Evans and Siloam Springs auxiliary president were guests.





Outgoing President Emma Jean Vance was chosen as our Auxilian of the Year.

Awards were presented for volunteer hours and a group picture was taken.



A blood drive was held in the Hospital Parking lot in the mobile unit on July 2.

The next board meeting is scheduled to meet in Person at the Medical Arts building.

We are looking forward to attending State Meeting in October.

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST AR (ROGERS)

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (HARRISON)

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER – BENTONVILLE

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE

Lesa Tucker

On May 3, 2021, the volunteers returned to service at our hospital after 14 months of suspension. It is so good to be back serving our hospital and its patients. We were welcomed

back by a wonderful luncheon hosted by Hans Driessnack, CEO of Northwest Medical Center Springdale

On April 1, 2021, the Auxiliary sold the Thrift Shop property on Park Street to the City of Springdale to allow for expansion of the Luther George Park. We began packing and moving all of our merchandise to our new location on the hospital campus. The move was completed on May 12th at which time we completed renovation of the building and began unpacking and setting up the new store. We held the Grand Opening on July 1st with dignitaries from the city and the hospital in attendance. We are very excited about our new store and new location. Hours of work have gone into the move by our volunteer staff, and we hope to be able to serve more people in our community at our new Thrift Store.

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FAYETTEVILLE)



SOUTHEAST

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CROSSETT)

BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (WARREN)

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (LAKE VILLAGE)

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DUMAS)

Shirley Sandlin

A few years ago, the Delta Memorial Hospital began a new program -Delta Darling Diaper Bags. Newborn babies receive a small diaper bag filled with various items . Recently the auxiliary received handmade baby quilts and blankets from a special donor , Karen Plante, all the way from Arizona. Peggy Chapman , Director of the Desha County Museum , shared how this began. In 2016 , Mrs. Plante contacted Ms. Chapman about a quilt that she had acquired. the quilt had 20 names and the year 1936 embroidered on it. Ms. Plante thought it might be fun to try to find someone connected to one of those names. She searched the names and found only one name that showed Dumas, Arkansas. That name was Devin O'Briant. She asked if the quilt could be placed in the museum. She went beyond this gift to the museum to sending baby blankets and quilts to the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Pictured below: Peggy Chapman (left) and Betty Robinson



DEWIT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (MONTICELLO)

Barbara Brown, Heather Harper

Pauline Church allowed us to use their sanctuary to have our first meeting in over a year (April). We had 20 members and our district chair, Barbara Goodwin, for the meeting. The church prepared a delicious lunch for us. They also had a special cake thanking our volunteers for what they do for the hospital. It was so good to see each other at the meeting.

Our Auxiliary donated money for an employee lunch during Hospital Week. They also made a ton of delicious, sweet treats for employees.



The Drew Memorial Health System Auxiliary presented UAM administrators with a donation that funds nursing scholarships for four UAM students. Nursing students Kaylee Barnard, Jessee Brixie, and Mikayla McGregor, all of Monticello, and Alondra Cruz of Hamburg, will each receive an award of \$1,000. Drew Memorial Auxiliary, which traditionally grants two scholarships per year, could offer additional student awards this year due to the availability of scholarship funds and the demonstrated excellence of the student applicants. Barnard, Cruz, and McGregor are senior nursing majors on the Monticello campus, pursuing BSN degrees, while Brixie is a Practical Nursing student at the UAM College of Technology in McGehee. Students pursuing a degree in nursing or medicine with at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible to apply for the award each spring semester through the Drew Memorial website, drewmemorial.org.

Left to right below: The lady on the far left is the Chancellor for the college and the one getting the check is the Director for the Nursing program for the university.



In addition to supporting students pursuing health care professions, Auxiliary members support hospital activities and health education by sharing time, talents, and energy. The group is comprised of about 25 members who serve Drew Memorial through various on- and off-site volunteer roles in addition to facilitating major fundraising campaigns. The Auxiliary has raised \$15,000 in 2021 alone for the hospital, and they expect to meet their annual average of \$30,000 in hospital donations by the end of the year. The organization is a member of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliaries Association.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello offers nursing education on three southeast Arkansas campuses. The UAM School of Nursing in Monticello currently offers AASN, BSN, LPN-to-RN, and RN-to-BSN programs, and has plans to announce expanded offerings in the near future. The UAM Colleges of Technology in McGehee and Crossett both provide Licensed Practical Nurse programs that are regularly recognized for excellence. Each UAM campus partners with numerous hospital and clinic sites which allow for thorough hands-on clinical experiences for nursing students.

The Volunteer aux. from Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello provided and served lunch for the students in the MASH program for the high school students.



JEFFERSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (PINE BLUFF)

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL



SOUTHWEST

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – ARKADELPHIA

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

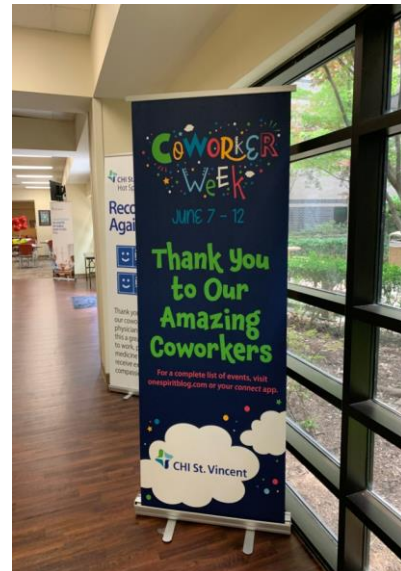
CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith

More and more of our volunteers have received the Covid Vaccine and gone to orientation that is required to return to volunteer at CHI. It is exciting to see old friends and have many of our volunteer stations manned.

Our Gift Shop is now open every day now from 9am to 1pm. The staff is so happy to be able to shop with us again. Our DVS, Susan Rima, went to Dallas Market a few weeks ago. She had not been able to go for two years. We will be excited to see new merchandise she ordered.

Coworker Week was celebrated June 7-12. Each day a special event was planned for employees and volunteers. It's good to be appreciated and celebrated by our amazing administration.

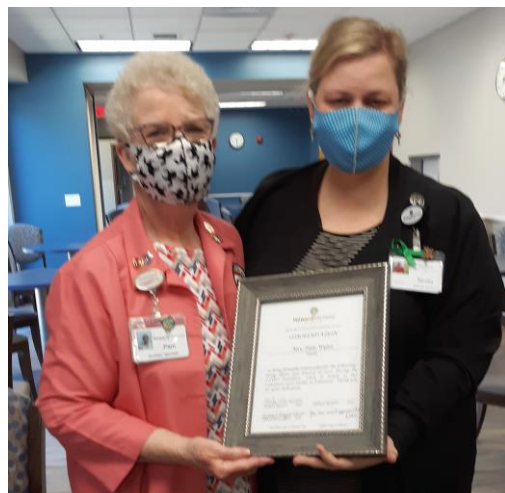


DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (FORDYCE)

HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (NASHVILLE)

Becky Finigan

Mesha Nix presented Pam Wynn with a Certificate of Appreciation at our last monthly meeting for her dedication in 2020 during the Covid pandemic. Pam worked many shifts while the other volunteers were unable to work.



MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS (EL DORADO)

Janelle Williams

Things are beginning to recover in El Dorado. On April 27 we held a Jewelry Sale - \$2721.80 was sold with the auxiliary receiving \$496.00. In April, our volunteers continued to receive their Covid vaccinations. Our Gift Shop has been open for several months now. Sales are going great. We have sold a lot of Easter items and are ready for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Graduation.

May 12 was our first meeting back together as a group in person. We had been holding our monthly meetings by way of Zoom. It was so great to finally see each other after a year of zoom meetings. The meeting was filled with lots of fellowship, making of future plans, ideas and fundraisers.

It was announced that we had two potential new volunteers waiting to complete their paperwork. Volunteer recruitment is really important with so many retiring.

The Auxiliary gave \$4000 to help support the hospital staff with gifts for Hospital Week. We also gave a \$10 gift certificate to each employee to use in the gift shop.

We were saddened to learn about the death of one of our oldest Volunteers. We had recently celebrated her 100th year birthday with a Drive by celebration. Ms. Jean Coleman had volunteered at the hospital faithfully until March 2020 when we had to close the gift shop because of Covid. She had 21,896 volunteer hours.

It had been announced last year that the Auxiliary was the recipient of the 2020 First Financial Non-Profit of the Year award. Because of Covid we had not been able to complete the filming of the work of the Auxiliary last year. We were finally able to complete that promotional advertising for this award. The Auxiliary received \$2000.00.

On June 2 we had a T Shirt Sale with sales totaling \$4214.90, the Auxiliary received \$1053.73. June 25 was our Auxiliary Monthly Meeting. The hospital served us some great food. Everyone was so excited about the upcoming Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association annual meeting in October. We had 8 members sign up to go.

July 14 was the date set for our 21-22 Installation of Officers. Because of Covid we will also be presenting 2 years of awards for volunteer hours.

We talked about volunteer recruitment and the need to be active in the community and hopefully a time for the Auxiliary to be able to get back in the hospital volunteering. A game night was schedule for September 24, that would be a special event to recruit volunteers. It was also discussed about putting a recruitment/informational booth in the upcoming fair.

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER (HOT SPRINGS)

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CAMDEN)

Daphne Bennett

News from the OCMC Auxiliary is almost a duplicate of the last publication!

Our gift shop is still open on a part time basis--three days a week and only for four hours daily; we man the Information Desk on this same schedule but work five days a week in Admissions!

Hospital employees are happy to have us open and have supported us in a very commendable way. Our buyers, Jerry and Dorothy Berley, went to the Dallas market in June. They reported a good trip but did buy on a "reduced plan".

Our first Board meeting since the covid era is scheduled for July 13.



VALLEY

BAPTIST HEALTH – FORT SMITH

Alice Swain

The Auxiliary was asked to purchase 2 picnic tables with attached benches. One for the Hospital employees and one for the Plaza employees for lunch breaks or regular breaks. They are now using them and seem to enjoy very much. They are very nice placed in shady areas where breaks can be enjoyed.

I had a called Board meeting at the end of June just so we could "see" each other and bring the Board up to date on what had been going on. We have not had a lot and still not allowed to have a meeting of our Auxiliary membership.

Currently we are dismissed for the summer.

BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Sharon Jewell

Installation of officers for 2021-2022 was held May 12, 2021. Installed were Linda Johnson-President; Ewanta Turner- Treasurer; Martha Edwards- 1st Vice President and Sue Wigger- Secretary. Not pictured- Marilyn Davenport- 2nd vice president.



National Hospital Week held May 9 to 15.

This special time of year is an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate healthcare workers at MRHS.

National Hospital Day was created in 1921 as a way to encourage trust in hospitals in the wake of the Spanish flu outbreak of 1918. It was later turned into a week in 1953, coinciding with Florence Nightingale's birthday May 12, to honor her role in revolutionizing hospital care in the mid-1800's.

Our Auxiliary helped in the celebration by serving ice cream to the hospital employees.

Those helping were Linda Johnson, Paula Galvan, Martha Edwards, and Donna Montgomery



After a long year of absent due to covid restrictions the MRHS Auxiliary was back in action in June serving popcorn to the hospital staff.

We welcome our new Auxiliary member,
Liz Nave.



CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DANVILLE)

JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (CLARKSVILLE)

MERCY - FORT SMITH

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (RUSSELLVILLE)

Janet Thurber

The Auxiliary held its first Auxiliary meeting (in over a year) on May 3, 2021. CEO Bob Honeycutt attended the meeting and welcomed the volunteers back to Saint Mary's. Bob also shared his Saint Marys' State of the Union address with the volunteers.



The delicious aroma of popping corn filled the air on Friday, May 7, as Volunteers popped popcorn for Saint Mary's nurses. Approximately 200 boxes of popcorn were handed out. What a delicious way to say, "Thanks. We appreciate you."

Volunteers enjoyed their last get-together at Lake Dardanelle State Park on April 14, 2021. During the COVID Pandemic the park became our place to meet, stay in touch, enjoy some sunshine, and provided us with a chance to get out of the house. Pictures below.

Carol Shoptaw



Mary Lou Wilkinson, Evelyn Denton, & Kathy Palmer. Not pictured – Janet Thurber (photographer)



The Auxiliary raised \$732.14 for scholarships at the June 25 Scrub Sale. A fall scrub sale is planned for October 11 & 12, 2021.

The Auxiliary recently lost two of our retired volunteers. Pictured below are (left to right) Verna Daniels and Nina Price.

Both ladies were active volunteers for many years and participated in many Auxiliary activities before having to retire from volunteering. Verna was a long-time member of the Scholarship Committee and volunteered often in the Gift Shop (when the Auxiliary still owned and operated the Gift Shop.) Nina was famous for greeting everyone with a hug and a Wintergreen Lifesaver. We will greatly miss these two lovely ladies.



July 19: 2021/2022 Officer Installation and Lunch

August 2: Auxiliary Meeting and Christmas Stockings preparations for the December babies

Articles for September/October newsletter should be submitted by **August 31**. Please report what you did in July and August and what you have planned for September and October. Pictures are most welcome! If possible, please send jpeg format and actual size – not reduced size and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Office format whenever possible.

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WITH WHATEVER I'M
DOING, I DON'T NEED
TO BE DOING IT. IT'S
SIMPLE AS THAT.

