



MAY-JUNE 2014

AHAA Auxiliaries in Action

A Message from your President:

I will always have fond memories of the fall and spring meetings. We were really treated as royalty by your presidents, district chairs and directors of volunteers. Thanks so much for your welcome, your lovely gifts and the terrific food. Your decorations were innovative and everyone did a special job.

The reports from the auxiliary presidents continue to amaze me with your great ideas for helping your hospitals and the community. You are all to be commended. Don't forget to submit these ideas for state awards.

I was also pleased to hear several C.E.O.s state they were seeing a slight improvement in the bottom line due to Arkansas Private Option Plan

I look forward to seeing many of you at Leadership Conference, June 3rd.

Sharon Sly
AHAA President



A MountainWings Moment Issue Number 14072 Failures

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Failures are divided into two classes:

1. Those who thought and never did.
2. Those who did and never thought.

~John Charles Salak~

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The Spring District meetings were really informative and interesting. It is great to see so many volunteers who are dedicated to serving their respective hospitals and communities.

The district chairs are to be commended for the outstanding jobs they are doing in leadership and keeping their auxiliaries informed and updated on what is taking place at the state level.

The state projects are being implemented by the respective auxiliaries and I personally want to thank all of you for this.

Sharon Sly presented information on how the funds are used at the state level. Information that has not been shared before or at least in the last few years. She also told us that we will have a "Hoe Down" on Thursday evening at the convention with hamburgers, hot dogs, and ribs for the meal. And guess what? The dress will be casual, jeans, boots, etc. She emphasized the need for us to use at least 240 rooms at the Double Tree for us to use the Grand Ball room without having to pay.

Keep up the good and let's all attend the state convention, October 8-10, where we can meet new people and share ideas.

Jerry Berley
President Elect AHAA

2014 AHAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNE 3, 2014

ARLINGTON HOTEL

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You Alone

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Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect.

There is some work that will never be done if you don't do it.

There is someone who would miss you if you were gone.

There is a place that you alone can fill.

~Jacob M. Braude~

IRELAND IS CALLING

Mercy Hospital Northwest AR (Rogers) has graciously opened the planned Ireland tour to other auxiliary members. The tour with Galaxsea Cruises & Tours is \$3299 per person (double) (\$700 single add'l) + \$189 insurance. Insurance recommended. The tour leaves Northwest Arkansas Airport September 10th and returns September 19th.

Ken Mayer, of the tour company, has informed me that there are seats available but reservations must be made no later than May 20th with deposit of \$1400.00. Final payment is due June 27th.

www.galaxseaonline.com or ken@galaxseaonline.com

(I did not find the tour listed on the website as it is for the Mercy Rogers Auxiliary.)



METROPOLITAN

Pauline, Jegley, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR-Auxiliary

Submitted by: Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The March Auxiliary meeting saw the election of new officers for the 2014-2015 year. The Installation Service will be conducted in the May Auxiliary meeting with a reception following.

April was a very busy month with the Volunteers being treated to a luncheon in appreciation for their service. The food was superb and the volunteers enjoy being pampered. Each volunteer present was given a gift. There were over 90 in attendance and several of the volunteers were chosen to participate in a story where they supplied the sound effects. Our Chaplain gave the devotional and we were reminded that laughter is good medicine. One of our Administrators praised our Volunteers for the job they do every day and for being an important part of the hospital.

We attended the Spring Metro District Meeting at Maumelle Country Club hosted by BHMC-LR. There were 10 in attendance. BHMC-NLR Auxiliary will host the Fall Metro Meeting.

There is a \$5.00 Masquerade Jewelry Sale planned in May. In addition, the volunteers have been invited to participate in the Employee Appreciation "Build Your Own Sundae" in May. The Planning Meeting for the incoming Auxiliary Officers will be held in June and the STAR Volunteer Program will begin in June.



St. Vincent Health System - Little Rock, Sherwood

St. Vincent Auxiliary - Little Rock, Sherwood

Submitted by: Pauline Jegley, District Chair

June 4, 2014 is the date of the 4th annual Bridgefest sponsored by St. Vincent Auxiliary. This event is open to the public. As many as eighty persons have attended this fundraiser! The day begins with lunch, followed by fellowship and play. In addition to prizes for expertise, many door prizes are distributed. Tours of the hospital are available and forms are given to prospective volunteers. This event has been very well received by all.



St. Vincent Morrilton

St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary

Submitted by: Delores Hartman, President

With the arrival of spring our Auxiliary has many activities and fundraisers to keep everyone busy. We had a successful Handbag & Jewelry Sale.

Our hospital administration honored us with a wonderful luncheon for National Volunteer Week and our CEO, Bubba Arnold, welcomed all and praised the work of the volunteers.

Our annual Easter Bake Sale was a great success and many satisfied customers to help with their holiday dinner needs.

Bubba Arnold, our CEO, was a great chef and provided a wonderful barbeque lunch for the staff and volunteers to celebrate the PCA & Physician Satisfaction Survey participation.

We will be busy in May with our Memorial Day drawing which is a Cooler filled with many, many items for an "Outdoor Fun Day" plus this year we will have a second prize of a home Popcorn Machine that was donated to us. This is usually a good fundraiser for us, so we will be busy.



Saline Memorial Hospital - Benton

Saline Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by: Tammy Batchelor, DVS

In March the Saline Memorial Hospital Foundation hosted the Annual Heart of Saline Dinner. Our Auxiliary was among the honored guests. It was held in the beautiful new Benton Event Center and a wonderful meal was served while we listened to some great speakers that talked

about how the services at Saline Memorial Hospital has saved their lives. It was a special night for all that attended.

Also on March 18th the Love on a Leash Pet Therapy program got kicked off with a visit from Hobie who is a 3 year old English Brittany Spaniel that loves people. Patients and staff are all excited about this new program.

In April everything was centered on Volunteer Week and the Spring Volunteer Appreciation and Awards luncheon. During this luncheon, our CEO Bob Troutman and our Foundation Director Matt Brumley both gave quick updates about the hospital and its growth and how vital the volunteers are.



The room was decorated with beautiful spring colors, and rabbits, birds, bird houses, eggs, flowers and other Easter and spring decorations filled the tables. A wonderful lunch was served by the managers and administrative staff. Following the meal, Service Awards and Pins were awarded by Tammy Batchelor, DVS. Appreciation gifts were given to all volunteers. It was a wonderful day!

May will be a busy month. We will start taking Jr. Volunteer Applications and we will celebrate Hospital Week with activities planned all week long. We will have a Mother's Day Gift Basket to give away and last but not least, we will end the month with a Jewelry Sale.

June looks to be just as busy. The Jr. Volunteer Program begins June 9th. The Father's Day basket will be given away. We will squeeze in a trip to the Dallas Market and Install new Officers. There is always work to be done, but oh what fun it is to be a part of such a wonderful thing.



NORTH CENTRAL

Linda Conner, District Chair

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER-HEBER SPRING BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER-HEBER SPRINGS Auxiliary

Submitted by: Terri Lee, President

The annual CHAMPS program, held March 24-27, was well attended by Junior High students who are interested in the healthcare field. Auxiliary volunteers provided snacks for those students.



The Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs administration hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon for all auxiliary volunteers on April 7th at the Red Apple Inn. A gift of a silver key chain from the Baptist Health Foundation in Cleburne County was presented to each auxiliary member along with a certificate of hours worked.



Starting a new tradition, 5 year, 10 year and 15 year pins were also presented.

We welcomed two new members to our auxiliary family in April, Barbara Williams and Kathy Hlinak.

The Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary was well represented at the North Central Spring District meeting in Batesville by 15 members. We were blessed with a beautiful drive and a wonderfully organized meeting.



“Jewelry Is Fun” was our new vendor for the Jewelry Sale on April. 24th.

To show our appreciation for our Nurses, the auxiliary will be putting together a treat for them during Nurses Week, May 6-12th.

Auxiliary volunteers will provide desserts and help to serve at the BHMC-HS hospital cook-out held during National Hospital Week, May 11-17th.

The June calendar is already filling up. We are looking forward to the Leadership conference in Hot Springs on June 3rd, a Uniform Sale on June 5th, a Blood Drive on June 13th, and LGFB on June 16th.



Baxter Regional Medical Center - Mountain Home
Baxter Regional Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary
Submitted by: Kathy Mills, President

One of our best recruitment tools is a happy volunteer sharing their joy of volunteering. We approach this in many ways - one being to bring a guest to our volunteer general meetings. To make the meetings fun and informative the H.O.P.E. committee has a different theme,

decorations, and speaker for each general meeting. At the March meeting our theme was Man's Best Friend....volunteers and their pets. We had a speaker for pet therapy, and served "people puppy chow". In April we handed out chocolate eggs with VOLUNTEERS ARE EGG.....CEPTIONAL.. We try to have a volunteer recognition every quarter to thank our volunteers for their service.

Our fund raisers enabled us to donate monies to our hospital, Baxter Regional Medical Center. In the past we have hosted the following fundraisers: Books Are Fun and Accessories Unlimited. Our Bargain Box Thrift Shops have been a great connection to our community, as well as, a profitable fundraiser for our auxiliary.

We donated \$50,000.00 dollars for the second floor surgery waiting area remodel. We also are in our 2nd year of a \$500,000.00 dollar commitment to the Women and Newborn Center.

Volgistics, a web based data based Volunteer tracking system is up and running. We will be using this program to track and schedule our volunteers more efficiently.



Harris Hospital –Newport

Harris Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by: Margaret Goodman, DoV

Eleven of our fourteen active volunteers attended the Spring District meeting held in Batesville on April 22. Great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all members. The meeting was a great opportunity for our ladies to network with other auxiliaries.



Ozark Health Inc. - Clinton

Ozark Health Auxiliary

Submitted by: Frances Dubach, President

Helen Dobbins, Gift Shop Coordinator and Scholarship Chair, has set up criteria for a six week volunteer program this summer in our hospital and is anxiously waiting for applications.

Treats were delivered to fifteen doctors in Clinton in observance of National Doctors' Day. Included was an info sheet stating that the United States Congress, and signed by President George H.W. Bush, in 1958 designated March 30 as National Doctors' Day. Betty Spencer, Events Coordinator, organized a "Books R-US" sale in March.

Ozark Health participated in a Health Fair on April 18th and the Auxiliary purchased a Spirometer which was used to evaluate lung function on attendees who were interested in getting checked. The Auxiliary had a booth for the purpose of recruitment.

On May 5th Linda Conner, District Chair, will install officers for the coming year. Rena Lynch, President; Betty Spencer, Vice President; Peggy Rose, Recording Secretary, Shirley Lind, Corresponding Secretary; Dortha Borecky, Treasurer; Helen Dobbins, Gift Shop Coordinator, and Bobbye Bennett, Events Coordinator.

National Nurses' Week, May 6th – 12th will be observed with sweet treats for the nursing staff at the hospital.

On May 11th, Mothers' Day, the auxiliary will host a tea in the Hospital Nursing Center.

In honor of Fathers' Day, June 15th, A COKE AND ROOT BEER FLOAT SOCIAL will be hosted by the auxiliary.



Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Stone County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We are so thankful that our spring weather has finally arrived. We have five new members added to our auxiliary.

At our March auxiliary meeting we had a speaker on the Hospice Program. The monthly Alzheimer meetings have been well attended with a special speaker at most meetings. We thank our Teresa Cheatham for all her hard work in coordinating these meetings.

Fun was had at the Ozarka College fundraiser, Fashion Show and Luncheon, as four of our ladies modeled clothes, purses and jewelry from our gift shop. This was a great way to advertise our Birdcage Gift Shop.

At our April meeting Mary Branch was presented with her 6000 volunteer hour service award. Air-Evac gave a presentation on their program and benefits at our meeting. The Books Are Fun fundraiser was well attended. We had a wonderful time at Batesville for the Spring District Meeting. Good food, great hospitality, informative meeting and very good entertainment. We won the Community Service Award for under 100 bed hospitals.

Upcoming events include a Dillard's sale in May, and we will vote on new officers at our May meeting. In June we will have a "New to You" bazaar.



NORTHEAST

Suzanne Hackney, Chair

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center – Paragould
Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted by: Donna Kingston, President-Elect

Ten members enjoyed the District Meeting in Wynn. The food was outstanding and the entertainment was very enjoyable.

The Medical Center hosted a reception to express appreciation to our auxiliary. Everyone enjoyed the gift of lotion and the container was unique! The food was delicious! It is always nice to feel appreciated. Mr. Davis came and to thank the auxiliary for all the work we do and things we buy for the medical center. He also talked about what the medical center is doing and things they hope to do in the future.

COOKIE DAY will be Monday, May 12th.

Jewelry Sale is scheduled for June 5th and 6th in the Auditorium.



Crittenden Regional Hospital, West Memphis
Crittenden Regional Hospital Ladies Auxiliary
Submitted By: Melba Nolan, Newsletter Editor

Several of the Ladies Auxiliary attended the Spring District meeting in Wynn, Arkansas on April 23.

The Ladies will hold their annual Awards luncheon on May 13. They will present two \$1,000 scholarships to persons planning to go into the medical field.

The Ladies are planning a fundraiser for the month of June. They will hold their annual Masquerade jewelry sale. They are also planning to hold a book fair in the upcoming months.

If a woman is upset, hold her and
tell her how beautiful she is.
If she starts to growl, retreat
to a safe distance and throw
chocolate at her.

Forrest City Medical Center
Forest City Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted by: Sharon Wingo, President

The past two months we have had a bake sale, yearly orientation and a uniform sale.

Plans are under way for Nurses week, Doctors Day, And Hospital week.

10 members attended the Northeast District AHAA meeting.

Piggott Community Hospital
Piggott Community Hospital Auxiliary
Submitted by: Anita Allman, president

We are having a pizza party for our Junior Auxiliary and giving certificates and awards to them.

We had a no-bake sale where members donated what they would have spent on ingredients for an actual bake sale. We made over \$100.

Four members attended the Spring District Meeting.

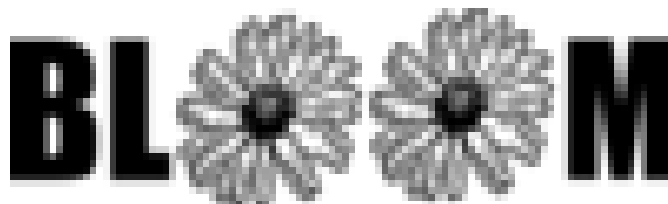
We have one new member recruited from a strong women exercise class.

We are planning on attending state meeting this year. Our new member also plans to attend.



SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola
SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted by: Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The SMC Regional Medical Center (Osceola) held their Rewards Day ceremony April 10th, 2014 in the Hospital Private Dining Room. Hospital Administrator, Ralph Beaty, presented the awards. The 17 Auxiliary volunteers accumulated a total of 4844.1 volunteer hours for the year 2013.



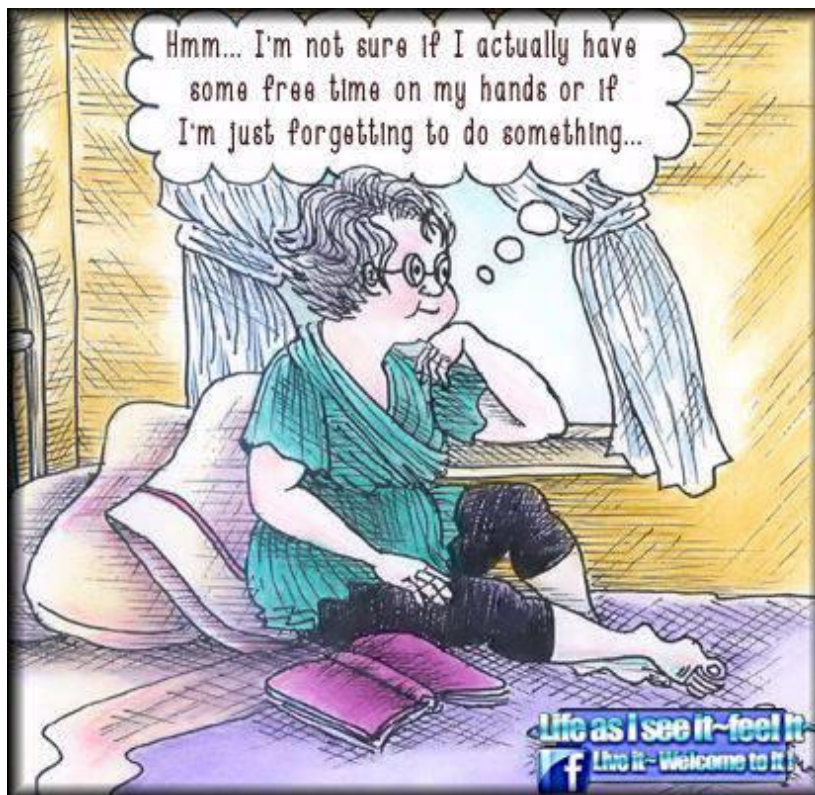
St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro
St. Bernards Auxiliary
Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor

The St. Bernards Foundation hosted the hospital Auxiliary at a tea April 9.



Pictured at the tea, from left are new member-Jeri Mays, Dana Houseley (Volunteer Director) and Rosalie Barber (Gift Shop Manager).

Twenty-five St Bernards Auxiliary volunteers attended the NE Ark. Spring District meeting in Wynne on April 23.



NORTHWEST

Judy Overton, Chair

Mercy Hospital – Berryville

Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville

Submitted by: Neta Stamps, Newsletter Editor

Although Mother Nature cancelled many of our early year plans, the Auxiliary has made up for it the past couple of months and the upcoming months look busy also.

The auxiliary helped with the Cancer Survivor Dinner April 10th at Towering Oaks Church. This is the second year we have helped with this project.

Pictured at the Cancer
Survivor Dinner
registration desk:
Left to right: Ella Fiveash,
Time/Awards; Joy Flake,
President and Ann
Coleman, In-service Chair



Mercy Hospital Berryville held a Volunteer Appreciation and Annual In-service in April.



MAB Volunteers worked on education packets during the annual In-service. Games, prizes, food and fun were also a part of the event.

On Monday, April 14th, a number of members attended the Northwest District Spring Meeting in Harrison.



Left to right: Rosemarie Berry; Anita Spearman, Secretary; Jonnie Lindt, Special Projects; Joyce McMullen, Gift Shop; Anita Rissler, Scrapbook/Historian and Joy Flake, President



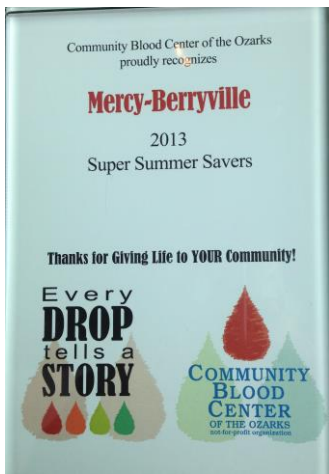
Left to right: Barbara Wilhelm, Telephone; Ella Fiveash, Time/Awards and Pat Armer, Membership

Installation of Northwest District Officers for 2014-2015



AHAA Secretary Margaret Underwood installed the officers: Chair, Judy Overton; Treasurer, Sandra Vinson; Secretary, Anita Spearman and Jerry Buchanan, Legislative Chair

A bake sale was held on Good Friday, April 18th which netted \$263.75.



Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville was pleased to receive this award from CBC which furnished blood to our hospital.

President Joy Flake, who is also the Blood Drive Chair, was presented the award in April, 2014.

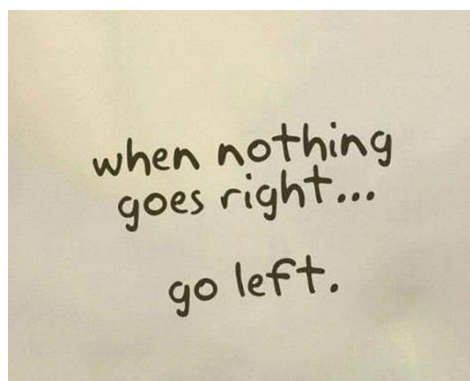
Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville is pleased to announce the following Scholarship awards:



Left to right: Estefani Salazar enrolled in the RN program at UAFS; Hanna Needham, enrolled in Southwest Baptist College and pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy; MaKenna Evans, enrolled in the Radiology Technology Program at North Arkansas College; Anna Blach, enrolled at UCA for the BSN program with goal of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and Audrey Foster who plans to become a Nurse Practitioner.

MAB donated crocheted and knitted baby booties and over 100 baby hats to Mercy Hospital NW AR for their OB department.

Plans are under way for Annual Meeting with election and installation of officers on June 16th.



Mercy Hospital Northwest AR – Rogers
Mercy NWA Auxiliary
Submitted by: Mary Wieneke, President Elect

March and April were quieter months for us. The transition to Spring will hopefully get us back to full volunteer staff and better turnouts for our fundraisers.

We are currently preparing to give \$8500 to the Foundation for coworker scholarships and we are giving \$500 scholarships to 6 high school senior volunteers to help with their college expenses.

April 26th Sisters Boutique was represented at the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure in Rogers. There were over 9000 people participating in the various races. This was a great opportunity to share all Sisters Boutique has to offer the community.



Also April 26th Sisters Boutique was represented at the Mom Prom in Springdale. The Mom

Prom is a huge girl's night out. This is a time to let loose and eat, drink, talk, laugh and get your picture taken like in your younger years. This event funds charities geared toward women and children.



These three ladies are Cerece Engelberger, Kim Marsh and Patty Molitor who work in our Sisters Boutique.

May 16th Sister's Boutique is holding a Fit Event open to the public. Dillard's is helping with this. The Auxiliary is trying to get word out to the area that Sisters Boutique is ready to help all women in their time of changing health needs.

Our Spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held May 8th at the Doubletree Hotel in Bentonville.

In May we are having a Technology fundraiser. We'll let you know how it goes as this will be our first of this type.

We will be having a Book Sale in May and all profits will be given to the newly started Reach Out & Read program. When a child comes for their scheduled well visits the doctor is giving the child an age appropriate book to help promote literacy.



North Arkansas Regional Medical Center
North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted by: Tucky Zima, President

What a wonderful Spring District Meeting we had on April 14, 2014, here in Harrison. We had 87 guests from the Northwest District and a wonderful time was had by all amidst the beautiful flowers.

Again we have been a busy Auxiliary! We had a Spring Basket Sale, a Uniform Sale, and worked the phones for the Children's Hospital Telethon and the Hospice of the Hill Telethon. We provided 3 students with \$3,200.00 in scholarships and presented our CEO, Mr. Leist, with a check for \$46,902.24 for 9 Zoll E Series Cardiac Monitors for our ambulances.



Northwest Medical Center – Springdale
Northwest Medical Center - Springdale Auxiliary
Submitted by: Jeri Ferguson, President

Due to inclement weather, we had to cancel our annual Christmas Party. So on April 5, we had a Beach Party where everyone was greeted with a lei. We had bean bag toss, ring toss, horseshoes and several games of bingo. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. Plus we had "Photo Ops" with our "Beach Babes"





Siloam Springs Regional Hospital
 Siloam Springs Auxiliary
Submitted by: Donna Rowe President Elect

March: Lion or Lamb? Well it came in like a lamb, but April went out like a really mad Lion. Praying all is well with our other Auxiliary members.

March 6th we had a blood drive hoping for 10 donors, we had 16. Hoping for more next time.

Time keeper reported 33 volunteers with 743 hours.

Our scholarship committee reported we have 6 high school and 8 adult awards which we will be giving to this year.

At our meeting in April, it was voted to donate 1/2 of the money received from our meetings to the Genesis House and 1/2 half to Boxes for Solders done by the ladies at the 1st Baptist Church to help with postage.

Coming events for May and June are, ER Kids fair and health EX PO May 3rd. Woodmen of the World donated 500 small flags to be given out by Donna Rowe. Our next blood drive is May 6th and a book sale will be May 29-30. Nothing for June yet.



Washington Regional Medical Center – Fayetteville

Washington Regional Medical Center

Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas: Gift shop \$13,852, Flowers & Balloons \$1,585. We hosted a Blood Drive on March 6th collecting 18 units for the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. We hosted a uniform sale in March that profited the Auxiliary \$5,311. April brought the ever popular Masquerade \$5 jewelry and accessories sale making the Auxiliary a profit of \$1,788.

The Auxiliary voted to support our new Neurosciences Institute with a pledge of \$250,000. Their first payment for \$50,000 has been made.



SOUTHEAST
Marsha Scott, Chair

Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

Chicot Memorial Medical Center

Submitted By: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity Chairman

FEBRUARY 14TH - VALENTINE CANDY SALE - Again, our candy sale was a huge success. We sold around 100 boxes. Ladies, we thank you again for your hard work.



Pictured is Back Row from left: Patsy Selby, Judy Sadler, Dot Noyes, Addie Rutherford, Mary Hollins, and Betty Connard. Front Row from left: Betty Shuler, Catherine Haverkamp, Sara Burnside, Lillian Sims.

MARCH 25TH - DOCTOR'S APPRECIATION DAY - Maria Gendernalik, Betty Shuler, and Barbara Harris delivered goodies and balloons to five of our doctors.



APRIL 23RD - LAB TECHNICIAN'S DAY
- Our lab technicians really appreciated the goodies on this day. We really appreciate them too!



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY - What would we do without our office administrators. The hospital wouldn't work without them!

APRIL 24TH was the SOUTHEAST DISTRICT SPRING MEETING. Barbara Harris, CMMCA President, presented her report. Eleven Auxilians traveled to McGehee for the Spring Meeting. The food was delicious and the entertainment was excellent. We were honored to hear Rev. Charles Graham, of Dermott, sing 'Great is Thy Faithfulness'. What a magnificent, baritone voice he has!



Our upcoming events are the Auxiliary Awards Luncheon catered by the hospital which will be held on May 21st and in June we should have the M.A.S.H. event.



Delta Memorial Hospital
Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Submitted by: Maedene Weser, President

President Maedene Weser recently introduced the latest project "Operation Happy Tub." Happy Tubs involves placing and keeping a plastic tub filled with stuffed animals in the hospital lab. Children requiring lab work choose a stuffed animal that they hold during the procedure and can keep afterwards.

To launch this project Auxilians decided to each donate a stuffed animal. To ensure there would be enough stuffed animals to support this endeavor; an Auxilian went on line and found a toy directory. We had responses from DKE Toys, American Girl Doll, Cuddle Barn and Giant Microbes. The auxiliary is gratified by these companies' generous response to our request for donations.

Money from a raffle for an American Girl Doll Rebecca will be used to replenish the stuffed animals for the "Happy Tub".



In recognition of National Volunteer Week April 6-12, Delta Memorial Hospital hosted a luncheon for the Delta Memorial Auxiliary. The Auxilians had the pleasure of hearing Ms. Theresa Horton of Area Agency on Aging speak on the many benefits of volunteering. The benefits received are not only physical but mental as well. It is thought by some that volunteering even slows down the aging process.



SOUTHWEST

Grace Calhoun, District Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia
Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia Auxiliary
Submitted by Grace Calhoun, President

March and April were busy months for our auxiliary.

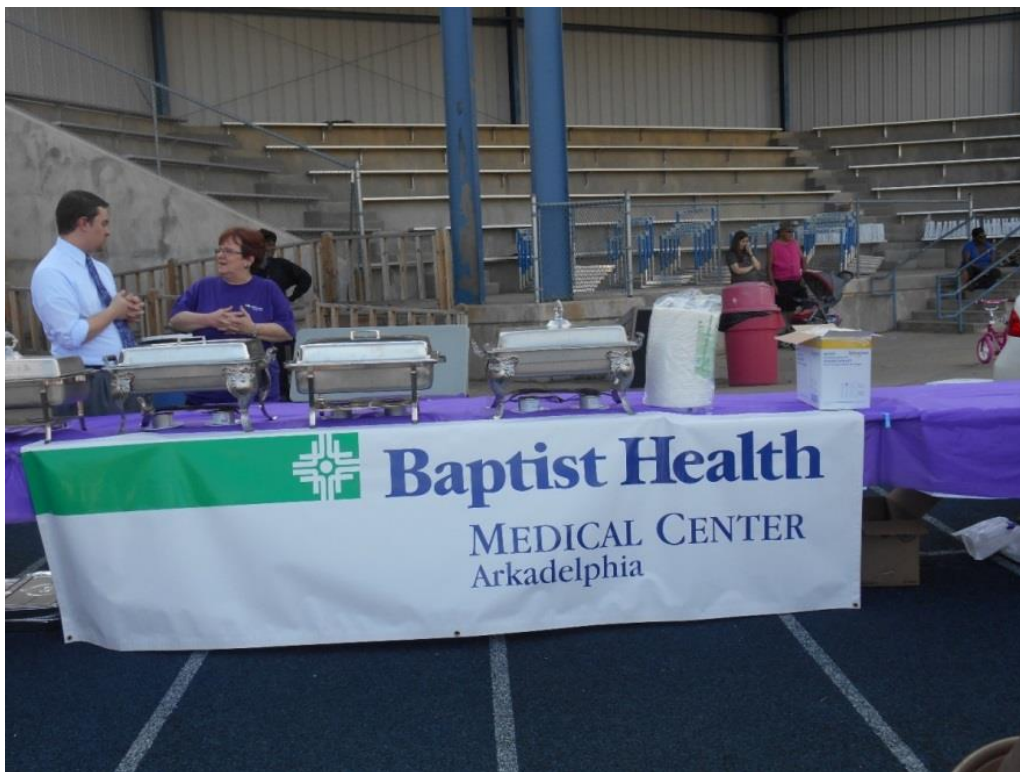
On March 4th we participated in Fat Tuesday Celebration hosted by the hospital, featuring Cajun food and live music.





The auxiliary had 21 chairs in the main lobby reupholstered during March

On March 14th we had Laura's Jewelry Sale
 For Doctor's Day on March 30th we placed a tray of snacks in the Doctors' lounge.
 For National Volunteer Week in April; the auxiliary hosted a catered get-acquainted luncheon for current and prospective members. Several current members talked about various areas in the in hospital where the auxiliary serves. As a result, we have one new member with three good prospects



On April 11th we participated in Relay for Life by contributing \$150 to the American Cancer Society, helping serve at the Survivors' Dinner sponsored by Baptist Health Medical Center, as well as providing cakes for dessert. Several also walked in honor/memory of cancer patients.

Purse Lady Sale was held in main lobby on April 17th.



Sharon Sly, AHA State President was the honored guest at the Spring District Meeting April 17th hosted by Ouachita County Medical Center in Camden.

Three from our auxiliary were in attendance.

PLANS FOR MAY AND JUNE:

May 6 (Nurses Day) Distribute Goodie Bags to nurses.

Week of May 11 (National Hospital Week) – Distribute candy bars to departments.

May 16 – (Fund Raiser) – Books are Fun

June 9 - Installation of new officers by Theda Aud.

June 10 – Host SW District Presidents' meeting.



Dallas County Medical Center- Fordyce

Dallas County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Dorothy Penix, Vice President

Dallas County Medical Center Auxiliary participated in the Health Fair that was held on March 8, 2014, at Fordyce Civic Center. Members of the auxiliary manned a booth where tooth brushes and pertinent information about Healthy Living were dispensed.

During our monthly meeting on April 8, Mr. John Tucker, Hospital Administrator, addressed the members about the status of the hospital. The members voted unanimously to purchase three standard wheelchairs and one large wheelchair to replace the old wheelchairs in ER. Also, during our meeting, President Phyllis Mosley was awarded her 4,000 hour pin. We had 352 volunteer hours for the month of March.

Recently, the auxiliary purchased a Fukuda Denshi Respiration EKG Transmitter at a cost of \$3,366.00.

Doctor's Day was observed on March 31, 2014. Each of the Doctors was given a gift certificate in appreciation for the services rendered to the community.

Upcoming events include National Nurse's Week. The auxiliary plan to give all nurses a 10% discount on any item purchased at the Gift Shop. A uniform sale will be held on May 7th

From the Mind of a Child:

If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent

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

We have gained three new members.

A \$100.00 donation was given to the Hospital foundation in Memory of two members who have died. In April, we gave a \$200 check to our Gift Shop manager, Vickie Shuff for her to buy and plant a tree in memory of her mother who died.

We also attended the District meeting in Camden.

Goodie baskets were made for the tornado victims.

We will be funding two \$1,000.00 scholarships this fall for participants in the nursing field who plan on continuing their education for a nursing degree. At our last meeting we voted to fund five items for hospital: Nutrition department for a holding cabinet \$2,830.50, Urine Centrifuge \$308.75, Desk from Sam's for lobby \$300.00, Dyna Trainer \$3,795.00, and Nursing Dept. for two hospital beds \$16,260.00 for a total of \$23,495.25.

We gave a gift bag to a hospital employee whose house burned.

Aprons were purchased for Gift Shop employees to wear while on duty.

In May, we will host a uniform sale. We will also do a plant sale for Mother's Day. Later this month we will have a booth at the Health Fair sponsored by BHMC-HSC. Our scholarship applications are ready for distribution.

In June we are planning our annual cereal/food drive. This project collects food that is distributed throughout Hot Spring County during summer months. This helps feed the hungry children when they are out of school.



Howard Memorial Hospital - Nashville

Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by: Susan Wingrove, Director of Volunteer Services

At Howard Memorial Hospital the Fire Stick is given each month to the department who best exemplifies the HMH core values: FIRE C3 (Fairness, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Communication, Compassion, and Commitment.)

In March, Housekeeping awarded the Fire Stick to HMH Volunteer Services. They explained that the volunteers were always helpful, considerate, friendly, and best of all, performed their job with a smile. What a great compliment! Included under the umbrella of volunteer service is the door greeter who was also mentioned, by name, in the presentation.

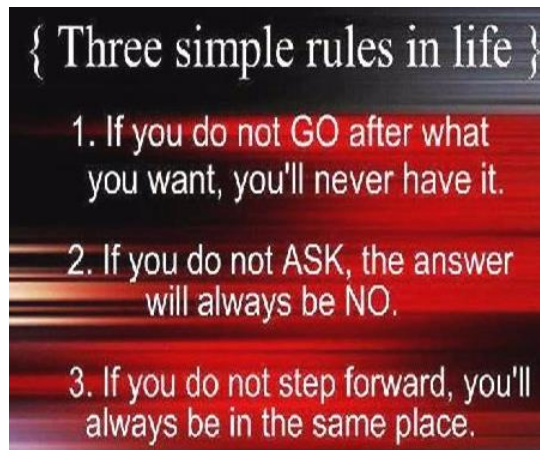


We are so proud of our newest team member! In the picture, door greeter Shelby Milligan is holding the Fire Stick and auxiliary member Janell Roberts is holding the certificate that was presented. They are surrounded by some of the HMH Auxiliary members.

May will be a busy month. On the 1st we will participate with the Pastoral Care Team in the National Day of Prayer Services held at the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. We partnered with a local recycling center in June of 2013 and they are giving us all of their donated pull-tabs. Several auxiliary members will be making their third trip to Ronald McDonald House to drop off pull tabs in the first week of the month.

On the 15th we will participate in a local Health Fair. We will hand out literature about Alzheimer's. On the 23rd we will be having a Bake Sale in the lobby for our monthly fundraiser.

June will be Inventory time, market time, and awards paperwork time!! There are no special events scheduled for the month.



Magnolia Regional Medical Center
Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted By: Lucy Ray

Recently we donated \$150,000 to the hospital for renovation of the Surgery Clinic.

We open our gift shop twice a month from 6 PM - 9 PM for the 7 PM - 7 AM shift.

Our auxiliary members started a project called "Comfort Pillow" in which we are making small pillows to give our patients. We've made 106 pillows so far.

Auxiliary members were honored with an Awards Luncheon held during National Volunteer Week. The volunteers were awarded a golden lapel star for each year of service and a pin for each five-year increment.

We sponsored a uniform sale by Uniforms 2U2 in April.

Thirteen Auxilians attended the Southwest Spring Meeting in Camden hosted by Ouachita County Medical Center.



Medical Center of South Arkansas - El Dorado
Medical Center South Arkansas Auxiliary
Submitted By: Catherine Noyes



With sadness we announce the passing of a special lady Verne Harris, our current MCSA auxiliary president, who died on April 15 at MCSA. Verne was a faithful member of the Auxiliary for more than 10 years. She held various positions over the years. She volunteered many, many hours with sweetness and kind support of our hospital. Verne will be greatly missed by members of the Auxiliary and our hospital family.

MCSA Auxiliary Named in Top Three as First Financial Bank's Annual Nonprofit Excellence Award

The MCSA Auxiliary is named one of the top three organizations for the Nonprofit Excellence Award presented by First Financial Bank of El Dorado.

"It is such an honor to be nominated for this outstanding award," said Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers and Ex-Officio Board Member of the MCSA Auxiliary.

"Our volunteers make this possible through their dedication and commitment. I'm so happy the organization is being recognized for service to the hospital and patients; the contributions to local organizations; and the scholarships for nursing students."

The winner of the award will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the El Dorado Conference Center on Monday, April 14.



Virginia Meador, DOV and Auxiliary VP, Peggy Plummer represented the auxiliary at the awards. (Note: MCSA Auxiliary placed 2nd and received \$2,500 prize.)

The following pictures were taken to be shown at the awards presentation.



Volunteer, Sharon Taylor, and nurse demonstrate the vein finder that MCSA Auxiliary purchased for the hospital.



Mercy Hospital Hot Springs is now St. Vincent Hot Springs

St. Vincent Hot Springs Auxiliary

Submitted by: Peg Kuhnly

After more than two years, the ownership of our hospital has changed and we are now St. Vincent Hot Springs. The information in the news notes "Two Legacies. One Future."

A beautiful ceremony we held on April first: "At the four corners stand leaders of our communities, caregivers, physicians, sponsors and administrators, employees, patients and volunteers. They represent each of us. They come carrying pitchers of all types and sizes filled with water that will be poured into a common bowl. The water is a symbol of each of us and our willingness to become part of something new. The bowl is a container that holds our hopes and dreams for the future. The pitchers are left empty next to the bowl, calling attention to their emptiness and the creation of something new."



Five of our volunteers were able to join our DVS, Susan Rima and attend the Southeastern Healthcare Volunteer Leaders Conference in Nashville, TN. As always, there were some excellent workshops for auxiliary leaders, gift shop buyers and a wonderful vendor show. The highlight of the conference from our prospective came when our DVS, Susan Rima was named DVS of the year for SHVL (a 13 state organization) an award we all know she deserved.

Pictured left to right: Joetta Morgan, Peg Kuhnly, Jack Losmann, Darthy Tyrity
Front row Linda Houk and Susan Rima, DVS



In Nashville left to right is Jack Losmann, Darty Tyrity, Linda Houk (auxiliary president), Joeatta Morgan and Peg Kuhnly



Auxiliary President Linda Houk represented Arkansas by carrying our state flag at the Southeastern Healthcare Volunteer Leaders Conference in Nashville, TN

Nine of our group attended the Southwest District meeting in Camden. We enjoyed the information shared by our State President Sharon Sly and President-elect, Jerry Berley, as well

as the district auxiliary presidents. The program, decorations and food were all wonderful. It was a great time for all.



National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs National Park Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Sylvia Griffin, President

March 4th we held our Quarterly Auxiliary Meeting at the Hot Springs Country Club. Officers for the year 2014- 2015 were elected and Doctor De Castro, Heart Specialist at National Park Medical Center, spoke to our group on, “How Stress affects your heart.”

The week of Daffodil Days found several of our Auxilians wrapping cans to place the daffodils in to sell. This is a program that our nursing personnel sponsor each year for cancer research. We also had some Auxilians help serve lunch to Habitat for Humanity’s Building Blitz that the hospital sponsored. We have purchased two new recliners for the ICU waiting room.

April 6th the Hospital treated our volunteers to a Matinee at the 5 Star Theaters in Hot Springs to hear the Platters. This was for Volunteer Week. We purchased two new wheel chairs for the Out Patient Unit and one for the Orthopedic Clinic. We also helped promote Doctors Day by baking cookies and placing them in the Doctors Dining Room and at the Nurse’s Stations. We hosted a wire “N” Ring Fund Raiser and raised \$477.00 for the auxiliary. We purchased a new computer for the Information Center of the hospital. April 16th we donated a basket of merchandise for the Relay for Life Silent Auction that the nursing personnel sponsor each year.

We also had four members attend the Southwest District Meeting in Camden Arkansas on April 17th.

May 8th, we will be installing officer at our quarterly meeting and Luncheon at the Hot Springs Country Club. The volunteers will also be receiving their year pins at this meeting. We will also honor one of our volunteers who has been volunteering for 30 years,” MS Dona McKewen. “For Nurse’s Day we will be placing a basket of candy at each of the nurse’s stations. During National Hospital Week we will be giving a 25% discount for a “one time purchase “of their choice in the gift shop to all hospital employees. We will be hosting a Scrub Sale on May 29th to raise monies for the auxiliary.



Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary – Camden

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

The 2014 Spring Southwest District meeting was hosted by Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary, and we thought it was a great success.



Representatives from the nine auxiliaries in our district joined forty from our auxiliary to make a total of 95 in attendance.



We were guests of our hospital on April 8 for a beautiful Volunteer Appreciation Reception. Deloyce Hart was chosen as Volunteer of the Year by her fellow Auxilians. Also, at that time we were given a ticket for complimentary meals in the hospital cafeteria through the end of April.

We have completed \$98,855 of our \$250,000 commitment for a central monitoring service in our Emergency Room.

One new member joined in March, but sadly we lost two in death. One member was moved to honorary status because of health problems.

Recently, our 'tour guides' helped sixty pre-kindergarten students from our local school as they toured the hospital.

Proceeds from our annual Bake Sale on April 18 were \$620.



VALLEY

Mae O'Donnell, Chair

Johnson Regional Medical Center - Clarksville

Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Mary West, President

We have been busy with our regular duties even though we have had a lot of sickness.

15 members attended the Spring District meeting in Russellville.

We held a very successful Easter Bake Sale. One of our newer members made a big hit with her Key Lime Cake.

Kevin Newman, manager of the local Wal Mart presented our President Mary West with an ongoing donation to be used in our LDRP or our baby closet. Plans are being formulated on how to use this donation.

On May 6 we will hold our Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet.

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Janet Thurber, President

Saint Mary's volunteers have been busy this spring. Although icy weather caused the cancellation of our March Meeting, volunteers were still busy preparing to host the Spring Valley District Meeting in April. To honor our doctors on Doctors' Day, we mixed up Trail Mix, filled snack-size bags, and placed them in the Doctors' Lounge with a note of appreciation. At our April Meeting we elected officers and voted on By-Law changes.

We also presented six \$500 scholarships to hospital employees pursuing a degree in a health-related field.

Pictured are 4 of the 6 recipients of the \$500 scholarships awarded this spring. Scholarship Chairman Wanda Reed is on the far right.



On April 15, we hosted the Valley District Spring Meeting. Over 60 volunteers attended along with several of Saint Mary's hospital staff joining us for lunch. AHAA officers Sharon Sly, Jerry Berley, and Theresa Erwin also attended. Russellville Mayor Bill Eaton presented Saint Mary's Volunteers with a Proclamation naming April 15 as Saint Mary's Volunteers' Day. Donnie Frederic, Saint Mary's CEO, welcomed the volunteers to Saint Mary's. Donnie and Scot Arnold also provided the entertainment for the meeting. Scot played the keyboard and Donnie played his guitar and sang to the enjoyment and surprise of our guests. A delicious lunch was served by Saint Mary's.

In keeping with President Sharon Sly's theme "Bloom Where You are Planted" the Valley District Spring Meeting was alive with colorful flowers and table linens, butterflies, and flower seed packet favors for volunteers to take home.



Saint Mary's CEO Donnie Frederic and Scot Arnold provided entertainment.



Above Left: AHAA President Sharon Sly and President Elect Jerry Berley.

On April 29, Volunteers participated in Russellville's first "Get on Board 2014: An Evening with Nonprofit Organizations." "Get on Board" is an event that allowed nonprofit organizations to connect with individuals from around the community that were interested in becoming a volunteer.

We handed out information about our Auxiliary and how to become a volunteer. We also ran a slide show we call "What Does a Saint Mary's Volunteer Do" that featured pictures of our volunteers in action.

Our Helmet stickers were a big hit with visitors to our booth. In fact, we gave helmet stickers to an entire motorcycle club. The club members said they had been looking for something like the helmet stickers but didn't know where to find them.

We were able to talk with several potential volunteers and also network with other volunteer organizations.



Coming up in May, we have our Officer Installation and Awards Lunch. We honor our nurses for Nurses' Day by baking cookies and presenting each nurse with her own bag of cookies.

Hospital Week we plan to pop popcorn for hospital employees. We also have a Sheets Galore Sale scheduled in May.



Summit Medical Center - Van Buren

Summit Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Mamie Mann, President

Following our regular Monthly Meeting on March 27th, our Auxiliary held a Recruitment-Membership Tea for Prospective members. They were invited to both the Meeting and the Tea. We gained three new members. This is the third year we have held this Tea and each time we have gained new members.

Doctor's Day was observed on April 2nd with a Brunch which was set up in the Doctor's Lounge. Auxiliary members greeted the Doctors and provided an assortment of homemade "goodies" for them to enjoy. Martha Bolling, Chairman of Doctor's Day dedicated this day to Dr. Henry Edwards, a Family Practice Physician who had practiced at our Hospital for over 30 years. He passed away in February.

Summit Auxiliary was well represented at the Spring District Meeting at St. Mary's Hospital in Russellville on April 15th. Mae O'Donnell, Valley District Chair, and member of Summit Auxiliary, presided at the Meeting. Nine members attended and enjoyed a good meeting and a delicious Lunch. We also enjoyed the entertainment by St. Mary's CEO.

A ceremony was held April 24th following the monthly meeting to award six \$1,000 Scholarships to Crawford County Graduating Seniors. Recipients must be pursuing a career in some Medical Field. A Reception followed the Awards.

A scrub Sale is scheduled for May 23rd. Also at the May Meeting, a new slate of Officers will be voted on. Installation will be held on June 26th.

The National Institute of Health has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins. The new study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

BREAKING NEWS!

Announcement in the 5-4-2014 Arkansas-Democrat Gazette:

Arkansas Heart Hospital, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and Piggott Community Hospital received Gold Hospital Quality Excellence Awards at the 21st annual Quality Conference of the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care.

Fulton County Hospital and Summit Medical Center also received Silver Hospital Quality Excellence Awards.



Congratulations to these hospitals and the auxiliaries helping to win these awards!



Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

<u>Issue Date 2014</u>	<u>Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Covered Activities</u>	<u>Planned Activities</u>
July/August Sept/Oct.	June 30, 2014 Aug 31, 2014	May/June July & August	July/Aug. Sept & Oct.

Note: The easy way to remember cutoff dates is to get articles in by the last day of every EVEN month!

PLEASE include your district, hospital name, city and name and title of person sending items for the newsletter.

Tell us what you did the previous two months and give plans for the next two months. Pictures may be included, however newspaper scanned items cannot be used.

Please remember to include the names of any deceased Auxiliary members. The names will be used for the memorial. If you do not send the names, your members cannot be recognized.

Please call or email me if you have a problem or questions. My information is on the front page of this newsletter.

Remember – this is YOUR newsletter and we want everyone to know what great things are being done in Arkansas!

Neta Sue Stamps, Editor



Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness.