



# AHAA Auxiliaries in Action

## A Message from your President:

Another Christmas is just a fond memory and a new year has begun. I hope your holidays were filled with love and joy with family and friends, and I wish blessings on each of you for 2014.

Let us continue to smile and be welcoming to everyone we encounter as we volunteer. This will give a positive feeling to every visitor to your facility. I would love to have the presidents and volunteer coordinators send me any of their innovative ideas on dealing with volunteers who have a negative attitude. There may be some good ideas out there that need sharing.

I am asking each president to give support to our new newsletter editor, Neta Sue Stamps, [nsos@hbeark.com](mailto:nsos@hbeark.com). It is not her job to cull information from your auxiliary newspapers. It is the responsibility of each auxiliary president to ensure articles are sent to Neta as an attachment to or as an e-mail, if possible. This should not be too difficult as each president also must report to the district chair on the activities of the last two months, and the news article could be written at the same time.

I look forward to seeing each of you during visits to your auxiliaries and the up-coming spring meetings.

Have a Very Happy 2014!

Sharon Sly



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Sharon Sly, AHAA President stresses the importance of having a positive attitude, avoiding negativity, and to "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

One way to accomplish this is to "Praise Publicly" and "Criticize Privately"

Frank L. Cox gives some good advice in this area in the following:

"Criticism is a good thing--When founded on facts. When made to the person who is in error. When motivated by love--the sincere desire to save or restore. After the critic has removed the beam from his own eye."

Jerry Berley, AHAA President-Elect

## Handbook Changes/Corrections

### Page 15 - Legislative Chair

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### Page 65 - Arkansas Heart Hospital

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*"Think Spring!!"*

## 2014 Spring District Meetings

April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Northwest	Northwest Arkansas Regional Med. Ctr. – Harrison
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Valley	St Mary's Regional Medical Center – Russellville
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Metropolitan	Baptist health – Little Rock
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	North Central	White River Medical Center – Batesville
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Northeast	CrossRidge Community Hospital – Wynn
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Southeast	McGehee Hospital - McGehee

# Recipe For A Happy New Year

~Author Unknown

A MountainWings Moment

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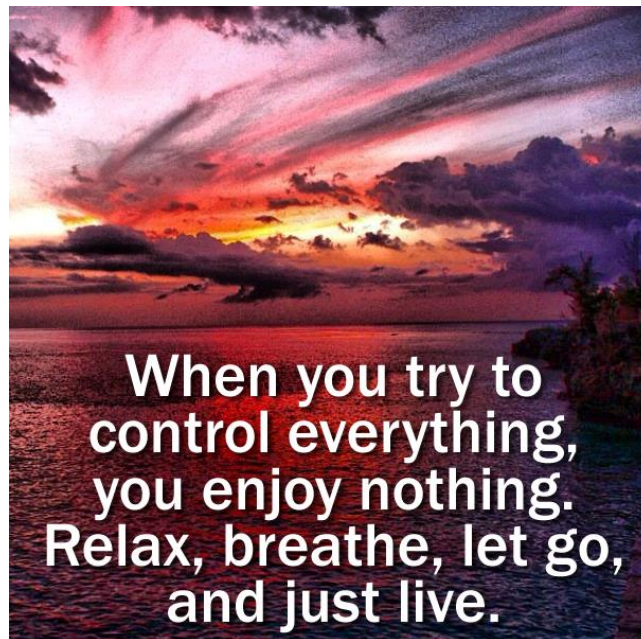
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Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate.

Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past. Have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.





## IN MEMORIAM

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia

*Mrs. Emilie Elder Prescott*

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

*Thelma Adelaide Bohannon*

Arnold “Arnie” Kuhnley, husband of AHAA Past President Peg Kuhnly died January 4, 2014. He was a US Army veteran serving in the Army of Occupation in Japan and during the Korean War. He volunteered with his auxiliary to drive the golf cart, ferrying patients to and from the hospital parking lots!!! He loved being “cab driver” until his eyesight prevented him doing so.

Services were held January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail your condolences but do not call Peg; she is understandably very distraught, and she has been with him at the hospital for many weeks.

## **METROPOLITAN**

Pauline, Jegley, Chair

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Arkansas Heart Hospital

Baptist Health – Little Rock

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

North Metro Medical Center

St. Vincent health System

St. Vincent Morrilton

Saline Memorial Hospital

UAMS Medical Center

W. P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute



## **NORTH CENTRAL**

Linda Conner, District Chair

**BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER-HEBER SPRING**

*Submitted by: Terri Lee, President*

Our auxiliary wrapped up a busy fundraising year with a second uniform sale for our hospital employees in November. As a new dress code policy was implemented this fall, the uniform sale was gratefully welcomed.

We held our election of officers for 2014 at our November meeting. All present officers will continue into the next year with the addition of a Co-Vice President, Phyllis Roberts, who will also chair the Events/Fundraising committee. Returning officers are: Terri Lee, President, Gretchen Neville, Vice-President, Alpha Pickell, Secretary and Sandy Antonik, Treasurer.

Mother Nature had different plans for our Christmas Luncheon scheduled for Dec. 10. As safety was a major concern the decision was made to cancel it. We will reschedule a luncheon sometime in the New Year in appreciation for all the services our volunteers contribute.



Santa Claus made his appearance on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> in the hospital lobby for pictures and treats for the kids. Patients and their families were also greeted with a kind word and smile by Santa and all are convinced now that he is real. Professional pictures were taken by Shuttered Image of Heber Springs.

The New Year will begin with installation of officers in January.

Baxter Regional Medical Center

Fulton County Hospital



Harris Hospital –Newport

*Submitted by: Margrit Person, Betty Fisher*

November 14 Open House for the Harris Hospital Gift Shop.

November 19 Ann Miller and Margrit Person attended the President meeting held in Clinton.

December 4 Four auxiliary members participated in the making of Christmas bags at Lindley Health Care.



December 13 Auxiliary Christmas party was held at Country Junction Restaurant. All seventeen members were in attendance.

December 18 Auxiliary members took presents to their “adopted” child from the New Life Children’s Center. Along with all the clothes and toys donated one member purchased a bike for the child.

December 19 Harris Hospital Christmas party at the Newport Country Club. Nine auxiliary members were in attendance.

December 21 In lieu of gift exchange, auxiliary members gathered hygiene products to deliver to Lindley Health Care for their patients.

Ozark Health Inc.

Stone County Medical Center

White County Medical Center

White River Medical Center



**IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?**

## **NORTHEAST**

Suzanne Hackney, Chair

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center - Paragould

*Submitted by Shirley Clason, Auxiliary President*

We made \$1,398 from our first jewelry sale and \$1,058 from our sheet sale.

We had another jewelry sale December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium. The proceeds of the sale will go into our scholarship fund.

At our general meeting, we voted to give the dietary department \$500.00 for their Christmas party. Also we voted to spend up to \$500.00 on families we adopt for Christmas.

The Auxiliary helped the Goodfellows adopt families, December 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Auxiliary Tree Lighting and Foundation Christmas Auction was December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm.

Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the AMMC Foundation was on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. We met at the Chateau on the Ridge. They are serving refreshments. We shuttled from the Chateau to the homes. There were four (4) homes to view.



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



Crittenden Regional Hospital Ladies Auxiliary hosted the Fall District Meeting in October at the First United Methodist Church in West Memphis, Arkansas. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Melissa Hardges and a good time was had by all who attended.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a three day Masquerade Jewelry Sale in the Schoettle Center at Crittenden Regional Hospital. The sale drew a big crowd and was a huge success. We raised over \$3,400.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony was held on December 1 at the Crittenden Regional Hospital. Monies raised from our tree lights sale will go toward the Mildred Currie Scholarship Fund that the Auxiliary utilizes to provide scholarships for our locals community members who are going into the health care field. The Ladies Auxiliary served cookies and hot



chocolate at the ceremony. Christmas music was performed by the Richland Elementary School Choir under the direction of Ms. Lisa Adams. The children were such a delight and everyone had a wonderful time.

Ms. Shirley Grady made red and white Christmas stockings for our newborns in the Women's Center born during the month of December. Thanks so much Shirley!

Crittenden Regional Hospital Ladies Auxiliary welcomed two new members at their January meeting. Help us in welcoming Gloria Perkins and Betty Cox.



Crossridge Community Hospital

Five Rivers Medical Center

Forrest City Medical Center

Helena Regional Medical Center

Lawrence Health Services

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital

Piggott Community Hospital



SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola

*Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary*



The SMC Auxiliary presented \$750.00 scholarships to 6 Mississippi County students who are

enrolled in a Medical related field. A reception for the recipients and their families was held in the Hospital Lobby. Pictured with President Mary "Pud" Thomas are scholarship recipients Kelsey Victory, Joe Robertson, Peggy Darty, Brandy Thomas and Courtney Shaffer. Not pictured, Christie Baugas.

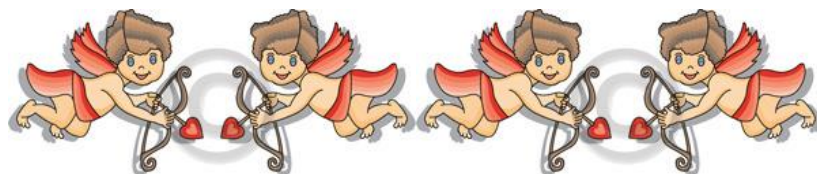


A bake sale was held by the SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary on November 25th. The proceeds from the sale will be used to fund their Annual Scholarships program.



The SMC Medical Center Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Gift Wrapping for all hospital employees and staff on Monday, December 2nd and 9th. They held Open House on December 20th in the hospital lobby serving cookies, cakes and punch to SMC Medical Center Employees and visitors.





## St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

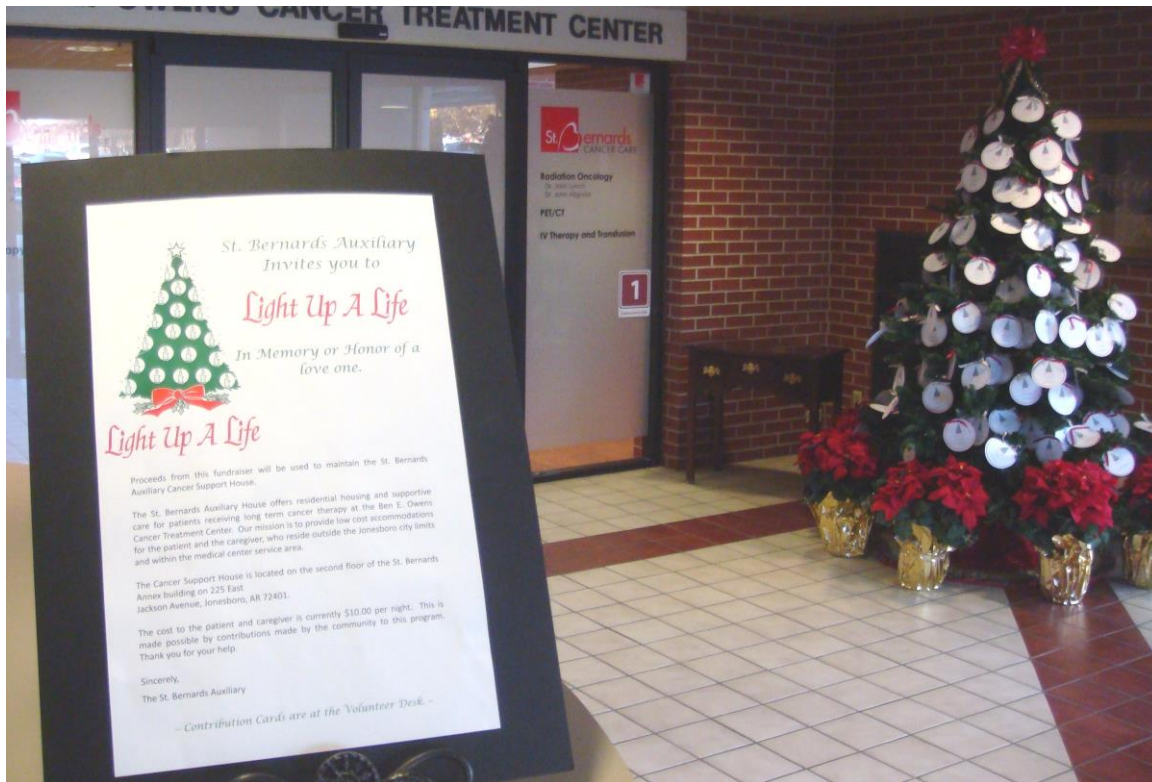
*Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor*

Auxiliary Members who have more than 5000 hours of accumulated service to the hospital were recognized at St Bernards November awards luncheon.



Back: Mary Jane Nash, Jean Ahrens Katherine McCracken, Margaret Aycock, Sandra Ackeret, Rosalie Barber.

Front: Nettie Whitehead, Mary Lou McCray, Pat Surbaugh, and Dorothy Clark. Not pictured: Mary Shaver.



Our Light Up a Life campaign, a mail-out fund raiser, is drawing to a close. Pictured is the tree that honors loved ones by placing a medallion on the tree with the name of the honored person.

Our Gift Shop sold loads of Christmas stuff after being closed for ice four days from Dec. 6 - 9. Hospital patrons were glad to see the shop open again.



**NORTHWEST**  
Judy Overton, Chair

Eureka Springs Hospital



On November 20<sup>th</sup> the cup was passed:

# The Teacup Passes!



Pictured above left to right: Neta Sue Stamps, Jonnie Lindt, Shelba Miller, Joy Flake, Janette Travis, Amy Snow, Kathy Clark, Anita Spearman, and Sylvia Rawlings

## The Teacup Passes to the Therapy Services

Mercy Auxiliary - Berryville recently passed the Hospitality Teacup to Therapy Services for the amazing service they provide everyday to our patients and coworkers. The Therapy Services Staff is always compassionate and caring to their patients and the Auxiliary notes they are a pleasure to work with.

**Congratulations Therapy Services!**

Deana Davidson, President of the Employee Crisis Fund Board gave a brief overview of the purpose of the fund and how money is raised for this purpose. The auxiliary board voted to donate \$3,000.00.

Parliamentarian Ron Flake has been appointed Legislative Monitor for our auxiliary.

The Bake Sale November 26<sup>th</sup> netted \$489.00 and the Sheets & Sweets Sale December 17<sup>th</sup> netted \$1141.20. Nuts were sold at both of these fund raisers and we had a profit of \$941.60 from this project.

Mother Nature first postponed our Annual Christmas Volunteer Luncheon and then cancelled it all together.

Our December board meeting also was cancelled due to weather.



January and February will be quiet months for the auxiliary with the next big event to be the Mercy Foundation Charity Ball February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate!



## Mercy Hospital Northwest AR



## Mercy Medical Center – Rogers

*Submitted by: Mary Wieneke, President Elect*

October 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. We hosted the District Meeting at Crystal Bridges Museum and had a huge turnout. Thanks to all who made the trip.

Mercy now has a new President, Eric Pianalto. He has been with the Mercy system for 20 years and he and his family have always lived in the area. He immediately assured us his support for the Auxiliary.

Mercy Rogers held two fundraisers during November and December. Pearls with Purpose sold their pearl jewelry and is a company that teaches people in other countries how to string pearls and sell them to create an income. Dillards had merchandise for sale which made it an easy way to buy Christmas gifts.

Bella Vista Clinic opened December 9<sup>th</sup> and will use 20 volunteers. During December new Winter Wear Items were collected for school age children in need.

Our Volunteer Director, Holli Oliver, has been appointed State Secretary for DVS (direction of volunteer services)

Plans have been initiated for an auxiliary volunteer trip to Ireland to see The House of Mercy and many other places during the 9 day adventure in September 2014. The tour company reviewed the itinerary at our December 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Sisters Boutique, our new shop, is doing excellent and has proved to be a blessing for the community. The Sister to Sister Fund has been set up for those unable to purchase necessary supplies needed after surgery. Mercy's annual O Night Divine Charity Ball December 7<sup>th</sup> raised money for the Sister to Sister Fund and brought in \$125,000.

## North Arkansas Regional Medical Center

Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Northwest Medical Center – Springdale

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital

Washington Regional Medical Center



## **SOUTHEAST**

**Marsha Scott, Chair**

Ashley County Medical Center

Baptist Health Medical Center – Stuttgart

Bradley County Medical Center

Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

*Submitted by Dean Ann Smith, Publicity Chairman*

We raised \$1,100 for the hospital on September 26th at our annual Fall Mall. Pastries, casseroles, cookies, cakes, etc. are prepared by the Auxilians, as well as quilts, knitted blankets, and other homemade items made by the ladies. The employees always look forward to the big Fall Mall.

In October we hosted the "Komen for the Cure Rally" and on Oct. 31st, eight of our Auxilians attended the Fall District Meeting in Pine Bluff.



On Nov. 21st, we hosted a reception honoring one of our anesthesiologists, Mr. Joe Wright, as he was retiring from the hospital. A plaque was presented to him. We also held a Gold Rush Jewelry Sale that same day.



We held a Christmas Wreath Contest from November 25 - 27th, where the departments design their own wreaths and then they are displayed in one of the hospital classrooms in a silent auction bid. Around \$700 was made.

Our December 5th Christmas Tea honoring the employees of the hospital, was a big success as always.

We held a Razorback Sale on Dec. 17 & 18th and cleared around \$1,000.



On December 23rd, we stuffed Christmas stockings that were handed out to about 19 patients on Christmas Eve morning. The Auxilians who worked on this were Joyce Creel, Barbara Harris, Addie Rutherford, Betty Shuler and Dean Ann Smith.

Our pharmacy at the hospital had been needing a new refrigerator for certain prescription medicine and it finally came in this month. The auxiliary was proud that they were able to buy this new refrigerator that was so desperately needed.

Our future events are the blood drive on Jan. 9th, and our ever popular and very big fundraiser, our Valentine's Day Candy Sale.





## Delta Memorial Hospital

*Submitted by: Maedene Weser*

During the months of November and December the Delta Memorial Auxilians sold a record number of Christmas tree light cards. The proceeds go to our scholarship fund for a Dumas High School graduate entering the field of medicine.

The tree lighting ceremony followed the annual Dumas Christmas Parade.

Following the tree lighting, guests were invited inside for homemade cookies, hot cider, coffee and cocoa. Santa visited and handed out candy canes to the children. The gift shop was open for Christmas shopping.

The auxiliary cosponsored a Christmas Door Decorating Contest for the various departments of the hospital. The prizes were presented by Auxiliary President Madene Weser.

Pictured below are carolers with the Community Christmas Tree.



The Auxilians will have work days to prepare Valentine bouquets, which will be sold in the gift shop. The residents of Dumas Assisted Living will be entertained with a Valentine Party by the auxiliary on February 14. Special music, Valentine bingo and homemade treats will highlight the event.



Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home

Drew Memorial Hospital

Jefferson Regional Medical Center

McGehee Hospital



**SOUTHWEST**  
Grace Calhoun, District Chair



## Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia

*Submitted by: Grace Calhoun*

Our Fall Shoppers Expo was held in the cafeteria on Thursday, November 7. Vendors were Sheets Galore, Uniformity, The Purse Lady, Collegiate Sports, The Resident Chef and Mary Kay.

Our auxiliary participated in the annual Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas Open House in the main lobby of the hospital on Sunday afternoon, November 24. Hot spiced cider and cookies were served to those attending.

Our auxiliary recently made several contributions to the hospital including,

2 lab stools



two extra-large bariatric wheel chairs



and reupholstered the furniture in the Radiology waiting area.

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia has been extremely saddened by the death of our beloved Emilie Prescott on Thanksgiving morning. Emilie was truly a jewel and will be severely missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

*Mrs. Emilie Elder Prescott*  
*November 9, 1936*  
*November 28, 2013*



Dallas County Medical Center

Hot Springs County Medical Center

Howard Memorial Hospital

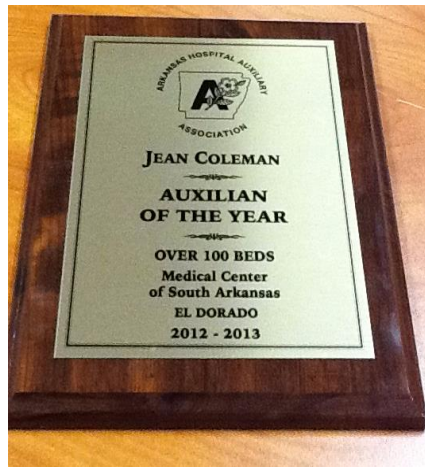
Magnolia Regional Medical Center

Medical Center of South Arkansas-El Dorado

*Submitted by: Lynn Smith*

MCSA Auxiliary has had nonstop excitement since the AHAA Convention in October. We were so pleased to receive Five Stars for the Award of Excellence.

In addition an Auxilian from MCSA (Jean Coleman) was winner of Auxiliary of the Year for over 100 beds. Unfortunately Jean was not at the convention to receive her beautiful plaque. We informed our CEO, Kyle Swift, and he was thrilled for the honor given Jean. We decided to keep the award a secret. Within a few days a meeting was called for all members. At that meeting our administrator congratulated us on obtaining Five Stars and announced that Jean Coleman had received the honor of Auxiliary of the Year. Up until that moment Jean did not know she had won. It was so exciting. We had also secretly invited her family and some of her friends.



AHAA Auxilian of the Year Jean Coleman with MCSA's CEO Kyle Swift at reception held to honor her and the Auxiliary for obtaining Five Star Award.

There was a beautifully decorated cake that read “Congratulations” with punch and several staff members from our Administration Department served us. Everyone was so excited for Jean and she was truly surprised.





Left to right (Jerry Berley, Jean Coleman and Sharon Sly) AHAAPresident Sharon Sly and President-Elect Jerry Berley congratulate MCSA Auxiliary member, Jean Coleman, for being 2013 Auxiliary of the year at the Southwest District Meeting in Arkadelphia.





### MCSA Auxiliary members enjoy wonderful Christmas Luncheon.

The first week of December MCSA honored us with a Christmas luncheon. The meal was prepared and served by our cafeteria staff. They also provided beautiful poinsettias for each table that were given away as door prizes at the end of the luncheon. Our CEO, Kyle Swift, joined us to wish us a Merry Christmas and thank us for our hours of volunteer service. He gave us a brief update on the expansion of our Emergency Room currently in progress. Kyle also told us about some doctors that are being recruited to work for MCSA.

As of December 29, 2013 our Gift Shop was cleared of Christmas decorations and decorated for THE NEW YEAR. It seems hard to believe that another year has gone by. We look forward to 2014 and the opportunity to serve our hospital and community.

Wishing you (and your Auxiliary) the opportunity to share your good hopes, peace, love, joy and happiness with others. May the Almighty give you strength to forgive and above all, have all the success you wish for in 2014.

Mercy Hospital Hot Springs

National Park Medical Center



Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden

*Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor*

Our annual Gift of Life in Lights tree-lighting ceremony scheduled for December 5 was cancelled because of inclement weather. Total receipts for this annual fundraiser were \$3,293. This money is allocated for nursing scholarships.

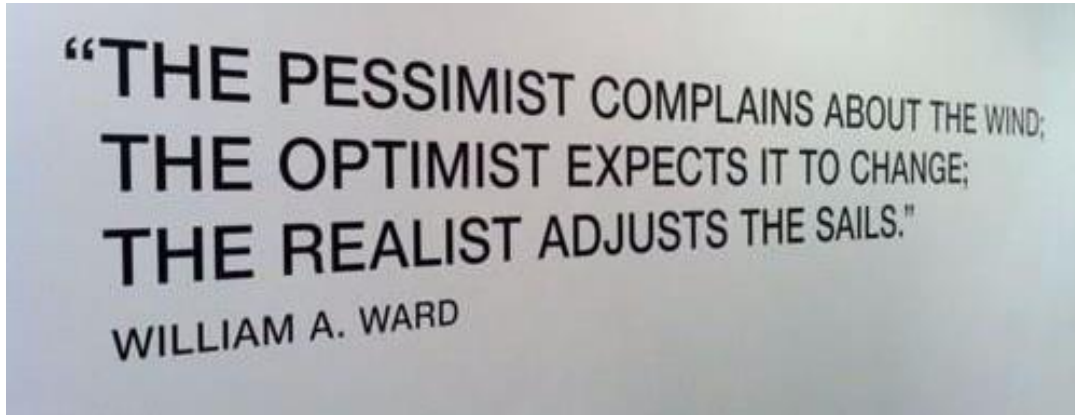
A \$25,000 check was given to the hospital at our December quarterly meeting. Of this amount \$14,000 was allocated for a state-of-the-art microscope for the lab, \$5,145 for mammograms and \$5,855 for the Central Monitoring System for the emergency room.



Two new members were added in December.

We have once again contributed pull tabs from aluminum cans to the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock

Plans are underway for hosting the Southwest District Spring Meeting on April 17.



## VALLEY

Mae O'Donnell, Chair

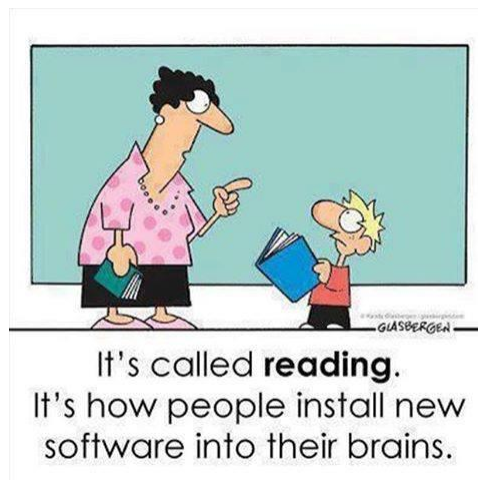
Chambers Memorial Hospital

Johnson Regional Medical Center

Mena Regional Health System

Mercy Hospital Fort Smith

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center



## Sparks Regional Medical Center, Fort Smith

### Sparks Auxiliary

*Submitted by Vicki James, President*



On Dec. 12, Sparks Auxiliary held a tree lighting ceremony in front of the hospital with carolers, refreshments and a visit from Santa. The tree lights were turned on by Sparks Auxiliary President Vicki James and Charles Stewart the CEO of the hospital.

The 25 foot Leland cypress, planted at the main entrance of the hospital was a gift from Sparks Auxiliary; It has become the official Christmas tree of the Medical Center.

Individual lights purchased at \$5.00 each signified donations made in honor or in memory of family members or friends. The proceeds go to the ongoing valet service provided to patients and family members, free of charge, through the fundraising effort of the Auxiliary.

Students from Christ the King Elementary school joined Santa in front of the Christmas tree for the tree lighting ceremony.



## Summit Medical Center

*Submitted by: Mamie Mann, President*

November and December were very busy months for Summit Auxiliary. We had our very successful first fundraiser of ButterBraid Pastries. The pastries are delicious and a fundraiser that we will probably be repeating in the future.

A Christmas Wreath decorating contest has become an annual affair for us. Each Department of the Hospital is provided an undecorated wreath by the Auxiliary. The wreaths are decorated and put on display for a Silent Auction. Prizes are given for First, Second and Third place, with the amount bid determining factor. This is always a fun event and creates a lot of competition. It also provides an opportunity for interaction between the Auxiliary and Hospital personnel.

Another fundraiser that has become an annual affair is our Christmas Cookie Jar Silent Auction. Christmas cookie jars are collected throughout the year, and a work day is scheduled the first week in December to fill the jars with homemade cookies. The jars are then put on display for Auction bidding. Cookies not needed to fill the jars are bagged and sold separately. Homemade candy is also sold. This has been a very successful fundraiser for us for the last three years.

Our Hospital always includes the Auxiliary in their annual Christmas Party and many of our members attended. It was held at the Catfish Hole in Alma. The Auxiliary Christmas Party was held on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office with a good attendance. It is always good to be able to be together as a group and enjoy the fellowship. Non-perishable food items and paper goods are brought and donated to a charitable organization. This year they were donated to the Open Hands Program of First Baptist Church.

A Linen Sale, another good fundraiser, is planned for January. The products are very good quality and prices are reasonable.



## Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

Issue Date 2014	Cutoff Date	Covered Activities	Planned Activities
March/April	Feb 28, 2014	Jan & Feb	March & April
May /June	April 30, 2014	March & April	May & June
July /August	June 30, 2014	May & June	July & August
Sept/Oct.	Aug 31, 2014	July & August	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.

Neta Sue Stamps, Editor