



AHAA Auxiliaries in Action

A Message from your President:

This seems to have been a never-ending winter for all of us. I try to keep cheerful by thinking that spring will soon be here and I can begin planting new flowers. At this point, mowing the lawn even seems like fun!

I had a great trip to Heber Springs for their officer installation; another gorgeous area of our state that I had not visited before. Their hospital is beautiful and I was treated royally. A big thank you to each of you.

GREAT NEWS: The Board approved the establishment of our own website. A committee was appointed and they have the "mock up" approved and are working on the final layout. Please be assured this will be extremely "user friendly"; very easy to get to and to navigate. It will be exciting to have all of our information on our own website, and much easier for all of us who are not computer geniuses.

In about 6 weeks Jerry, Dorothy and I will be visiting all of you at Spring Meetings. We look forward to seeing each of you in your beautiful locales. Until then – THINK SPRING!!!

Sharon Sly



P.S.

We hope to have our new web site up and "ready for adjustments" some time during April.

A new by-laws change was approved by the board and will go before the membership for a vote at convention.

The convention chair and co-chair are hard at work on convention plans, as are the chair and co-chair of Leadership Day.



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Alzheimer's Report

Betsy Broyles Arnold and Molly Gay (Betsy's daughter) attended the January 23 board meeting and presented their plans to hold seminars in 2014 for "care givers" of Alzheimer's patients throughout the state.

Since Alzheimer's is one the AHAA state projects, we can better serve our communities by scheduling these seminars with other groups in our respective areas. The seminars normally last 3-4 hours and the only expense involved is mileage and a hotel room if an overnight stay is required.

Jerry Berley
AHAA President-Elect

Handbook Changes/Corrections

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Message from the State Historian about the State Scrapbook

My email address was left out of the handbook this year. It is diane0521@cox.net I prefer that you mail me newspaper clippings and photos rather than email them. I sometimes have a problem down loading things because they are not in the right format.

Also, please do not send me your auxiliary's newsletter. If you want an article from your newsletter to be in the scrapbook, send me that article not the whole newsletter.

If you write information on the back of a photo with a ball point pen, it sometimes shows through. It is better to use sticky notes

If you have any questions please contact me.

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IN MEMORIAM



Metropolitan

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

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North Metro Medical Center

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North Central District

White County Medical Center

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SMC REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (Osceola)

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Diane Mackey, a long-time auxilian from the Metropolitan District served as AHAA State President 1973-74. She attended our State Presidents' Luncheon at Convention each year and was well known to many. Diane passed away on December 13, 2013. She will be missed.



METROPOLITAN

Pauline, Jegley, Chair



Arkansas Children's Hospital



Arkansas Heart Hospital

Baptist Health – Little Rock

Baptist Health Little Rock Auxiliary

Submitted by: Jim Gibbons, Volunteer Services Manager and Robyn Edwards, Newsletter Coordinator

January and February Activities:

The year began in high style for the auxiliaries and volunteers at Baptist Health in Little Rock. Highly successful uniform and costume jewelry sales were held in January and February, respectively.

Volunteer Ashlyn Underwood, who donated 425.50 hours at our Little Rock campus, won the coveted Sotomora Award through her participation in the American Heart Association Sweetheart Program. Another BHLR volunteer who participated in the Sweetheart Program, Gracie Stover, received the Allison Justiss Memorial Scholarship. Twenty-four interviews were conducted for prospective volunteers, 16 of which have begun their service.

Volunteer totals for 2013 were finalized, showing 60,591.75 hours of service, an estimated value of \$1,341,501.30 according to Independent Sector.

Upcoming events for BHLR Auxiliary:

Beginning March 1, the auxiliary will be taking applications for 2014 grants and the deadline to apply will be April 15.

Board meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month.

A linen sale will take place on March 13 and 14.

Deadline to apply for the STAR Volunteer program is March 26.

Volunteers will be honored at an awards luncheon on April 10.

BHLR Auxiliary is excited to be hosting the AHAA Metro District meeting at the Maumelle Country Club on April 16.

The auxiliary will help with a memorial service at the hospital on April 20.

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR
Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR-Auxiliary
Submitted by Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The January Auxiliary meeting had to be postponed due to the weather but we finally were able to meet before the month was out. Our special guest was Cathleen Compton, Assistant Attorney General in the Public Protection Division.

The Nominating Committee met in February to finalize the slate of officers to be presented and voted on in the March Auxiliary meeting. The Ways and Means Committee also met to plan the fund raisers for the year. Both groups were treated to lunch.

The March Auxiliary Meeting will have a member of the Master Gardeners as the speaker. A cookware sale is also planned for March.

The Volunteer Appreciation Banquet will be held in April with a special meal prepared for the volunteers as a small way of saying thank you for all you do. Several Volunteers are planning to attend the Spring Metro District Meeting in Little Rock hosted by BHMC-LR.



North Metro Medical Center

St. Vincent Health System - Little Rock, Sherwood
St. Vincent Auxiliary - Little Rock, Sherwood
Submitted by: Jan Gardner, Auxiliary President

The St. Vincent Auxiliary and Volunteer Services have been busy over the last few months.

Many volunteers made food and others braved the ice and snow to get to St. Vincent Infirmary on Dec. 7th, to work for Operation Walk. Volunteers provided transportation to patients, served food around the hospital to families, friends of patients, doctors, nurses, radiologists, technicians, and anyone else involved in Operation Walk. It was a great success and we had more patients than we've had before.

Ten percent of the proceeds from the Dillard's Sale, which brought in \$127,979.09, were given by the Auxiliary to Volunteers in Medicine.

Our Christmas Luncheon held at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock was a huge success. We were entertained by Arkansas Soprano Suzanne Banister with a delightful mix of Christmas music. We had 30 pin recipients ranging from 500 hours to 10,000 hours. Mary Jo Cline earned the 10,000 hour pin. Other Awards presented were the Wendy Saer Award to Mrs. Anita Brewer, the Joan B. Wilson Award to Mrs. Pauline Jegley, the Thelma Marsh Award to Mrs. Teresa Barron, and the Herbert & Ida Besser Award to Mr. John Parker.

In February our volunteer Eileen Dishongh personally made over 100 valentine cards for patients at the Infirmary and students at Christ the King School in Little Rock made 400 Valentine Cards. These cards were distributed to the patients at St. Vincent Infirmary by our Volunteers.

St. Vincent Infirmary was recognized in eight specialties in the U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Regional Hospitals in Central Arkansas. In February the auxiliary members helped in the distribution of 3,500 T-shirts given to all employees reflecting this recognition. Auxiliary members and volunteers worked many hours folding, tying, and placing a card on each T-shirt

Two fundraisers were also held in February. A Retail Concepts sale was held at St. Vincent Infirmary and a Books Are Fun sale was held at St. Vincent North.

We are looking forward to more and more activities in the coming months.



St. Vincent Morrilton

Saline Memorial Hospital - Benton
Saline Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Submitted by: Tammy Batchelor, DVS



In January the SMH Auxiliary presented the Saline Memorial Hospital Foundation a check for \$18,000, the amount needed to help the foundation reach its goal in a fundraising campaign. The money is to be used for a major lobby renovation.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Friday of every month.

In February, the gift shop held "A Sweet Sale" that was a great success. Storewide discounts were given according to the hidden discount sticker on each shoppers miniature candy bar. This one day sale was held the day before Valentine's Day and we almost broke a daily sales record. By the end of the day on Valentine's Day, only 2 items remained on the shelf, which is awesome!

Looking forward, for March and April the Auxiliary will be an honorary guest at the Heart of Saline Dinner at the new Benton Event Center. Each year the Foundation recognizes someone or a group that contributes to our community and to our hospital. In the past Doctors or Businesses have been honored, so this year for the Auxiliary to be recognized is something to really be proud of.

In April the Volunteer's will be awarded with service hour pins and appreciation gifts during Volunteer week.

UAMS Medical Center



W. P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute



NORTH CENTRAL

Linda Conner, District Chair

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

Submitted by: Terri Lee, President

January is the start of our fiscal year and with that came our Auxiliary installation of officers. Officers for 2014 are: Terri Lee, President; Gretchen Neville, Vice-President; Phyllis Roberts, Co-Vice President; Alpha Pickell, Secretary and Sandy Antonik, Treasurer. Our installation was

performed by Linda Connor, North Central District Chair and was attended by Sharon Sly, AHAA President.

Snow, but mostly ice, led us into February. On February 13th a Valentine Bake Sale was held and enjoyed by patients, families and staff.



As that day was our Chemo Infusion day the auxiliary decorated the room with valentines to show our love and care for them.



The first Blood Drive of the year was held on February 21st.

Our auxiliary hosted the North Central District President's meeting on February 25th in the conference room at the hospital.

March will find the auxiliary hosting the Look Good Feel Better on the 17th. And the week of March 24-27 the CHAMPS program for 7th, 8th, & 9th grades will be held at the hospital for those students interested in the medical field. The auxiliary will assist in this program by providing snacks for the students.

We are looking forward to attending the North Central Spring District meeting on April 22nd at the White River Medical Center in Batesville, AR.

A jewelry sale will be held on April 24th on Level II of the hospital.



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

The BRMC Auxiliary has been very busy doing good works. Our auxiliary committed \$ 500,000 toward a \$2,000,000 renovation of the Women and Newborn Care Center. It is now a state of the art facility. We also gave \$50,000 for a much needed remodel of the surgery reception waiting room. It looks so beautiful and we have had so many positive comments.

Our Flippin Bargain Box (thrift shop) had a record year which has helped to refurbish our treasury. Our Bargain Box in Mountain Home has noted record numbers also. Our gift shop, Pink-A-Dilly, continues to bring in new things from the Atlanta and Dallas markets. These things sell out quickly.

Again this year we donated 18 - \$25.00 gift cards to the local Christmas Wish from our 2 Bargain Box thrift Stores.



At Christmas we donated items to patients that were on our 6th South Hensley Behavioral Health Center. Of course these things were wrapped and Santa' elves delivered them.

Our Gift Wrap was very successful again this year. It continues to grow with more community members bringing gifts to wrap.

The Razorback sale was a lot of fun and very successful despite the record snow fall and ice. Our local uniform shop supplied us with our uniform sale this year which is always a big money maker.



Becky Rose, our DVS held our annual Leadership Training and Strategic Planning at the Donald W. Reynolds Baxter County Library where we learned valuable information. Our Senior Leadership at the hospital feels it is very important to have this training.



We included our incoming officers as well as our current officers.



We not only learn our respective roles but review and or change our bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

It gives us a time to get to know each other better and set some goals.



Fulton County Hospital



Harris Hospital –Newport

Ozark Health Inc. - Clinton

Ozark Health Auxiliary

Submitted by: Helen Dobbins, Gift Shop Coordinator/Secretary

Ozark Health Auxiliary is bursting into spring. Helen Dobbins is the new gift shop coordinator and has put away all the things of winter and decorated for spring. Lots of pink, yellow, pale green and light blue.

March will be busy with two fundraisers; a Books-R-Fun sale and a Jewelry sale. Our events coordinator Betty Spencer has been busy planning things for 2014!

Coming up in April we will be participating in the hospital health fair. We will have a table, manned by our volunteers, with information about the auxiliary. We see this as a good opportunity for auxiliary recruitment.

Ozark Health has blessed us with new volunteer coordinator Kristi King. She has been a real asset!

We are continuing on with our plans to implement the volunteer program this summer. Our hospital has a MASH program in June for teens thinking about entering the medical field. We plan to invite some of them to follow up with our volunteers. We thank Tena Bledsoe at White River Medical Center for her help in starting this program.

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Stone County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

What a time we have had dealing with the snow and ice so far this winter. But we are thankful that the weather is improving and we can again get back to our regular auxiliary duties.

Patients were given a notepad with calendar and pencils to bring in the New Year. One scholarship was awarded in January. Money has been set aside for the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the surgery unit. A nominating committee and a by-laws review committee have been formed.

The Alzheimer support meetings were started in December and were well attended in January and February.

The Sheets Galore sale scheduled for December was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for February. Sales were good and we hope to have them back sometime in the fall. We remembered our patients on Valentine Day with a rose and candies.

On March 5 we will have a Book Fair. On March 15 we will participate in the Ozarka College fundraiser, Fashion Show and Luncheon, with four of our ladies modeling clothes, purses and jewelry from our gift shop. We have a speaker for our March auxiliary meeting to inform us about a Hospice Program.

In April we will have a presentation by AirEvac to inform us about their program and its benefits. Then we are all geared up for the District Meeting in Batesville on April 22.

We are appreciative of all our committee chairs and the work they are doing.



White County Medical Center – Searcy

White County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Jamie Laughlin, Director of Volunteer Services

Our auxiliaries received a surprise serenading from Zay Clark, American Idol contestant and son of associate, Teresa Clark. After singing a song he had written for his mom, he visited the lobby to bless the volunteers on duty.

Our Heart to Heart Luncheon was hosted by White County Medical Center and Cardiologist, Katherine Durham who discussed the importance of heart health in women. Auxilian Karen Churchill gave her personal story of how heart disease has affected her life. Former news anchor Liz Massey emceed the event.

Heart survivors proudly wore red for the luncheon in support of National Go Red for Women Day. Of the 26 survivors present, 8 are volunteers at White County Medical Center.

Auxiliary Vice President June Tripp and President Kathy Gammill admired the beautiful view (Sorry – no picture received.) from the garden at Baptist Health Medical Center - Heber Springs. District Presidents meetings are such a valuable method of learning. Our Auxiliaries share ideas with one another which, in turn, allow us to grow as a district and bloom as a state.



White River Medical Center

NORTHEAST

Suzanne Hackney, Chair



Arkansas Methodist Medical Center - Paragould



Crittenden Regional Hospital, West Memphis



Crossridge Community Hospital



Five Rivers Medical Center



Forrest City Medical Center



Helena Regional Medical Center



Lawrence Health Services

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital
NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Submitted by: Dara Jett, VP of Communications



The New Year has started with a bang for us! Our beautiful new hospital is now open. We have been so busy with the move we have not had much time for anything else. Our Gift Shop is BOOMING! It has far exceeded our expectations. We are having a blast, but all working hard. The new Hospital is over 760,000 square feet with 181 working beds right now and we are still learning our way around. We deliver papers to each patient every morning and have had to almost triple our newspaper order. We have been fortunate enough to have several new members join us including two husband and wife teams! We are going to be having our first fundraiser, a scrub sale, in March. With over 1200 hospital employees, 500 clinic employees and the cancer center employees, this should be one of our biggest scrub sales. We have several other fund raisers scheduled for the next few months. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Please drop by for a cup of coffee and a visit at our new facility if you are in the area, we would love to see you! Hope you have a fabulous year too!



Our beautiful new gift shop.



Piggott Community Hospital

SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola
 SMC REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Auxiliary
Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The SMC Regional Medical Center (Osceola) Auxiliary held a Valentines sale in the hospital lobby February 13th and 14th. The proceeds from the sale will be used for Scholarships to be given to Mississippi County College students enrolled in a medical related field.



St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

St. Bernards Auxiliary

Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter editor

St Bernards Auxiliary provides four rooms for cancer patients who are being treated at St. Bernards. The rooms are our own version of a Ronald McDonald House. These rooms are made available at a low rate for cancer patients whose treatments require that they be in Jonesboro overnight. The Auxiliary has been involved in helping to provide such rooms since 1990.

The annual Light Up a Life (LUAL) campaign has contributed approximately \$165,000 to this cause since 1990. This year LUAL netted \$5,735. Donations to the fund raiser are made in memory or in honor of loved ones. Memorials to the honored ones are displayed on a tree that is placed in the entrance area of the Cancer Treatment Center during Christmas season. Auxiliary gives \$20,000 annually to help operate the rooms. LUAL funds supplement the costs for this very beneficial program, which is also funded by our Gift Shop, and a business contributor. Auxiliary has given \$660,000+ to the cause since 1990. The standard charge in the Annex for a queen sized bed is \$45 a night. Because of this program, the charge for our cancer patients is only \$10 a night.



Annex room Utilization for 2013:

Month	Number of Occupancies
January	29
February	62
March	71
April	105
May	92
June	37
July	21
August	37
September	40
October	69
November	35
December	88



NORTHWEST

Judy Overton, Chair



Eureka Springs Hospital

Mercy Hospital – Berryville

Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville

Submitted by Neta Sue Stamps, Newsletter Editor

Employ Crisis Fund Recognition for Donation from Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville

Auxiliary Donation to Crisis Fund



Pictured above left to right: Front Row: Deana Davidson, Crisis Fund Board President & Joy Flake, Mercy Auxiliary-Berryville President
Back Row: Crisis Fund Board Members: Deborah Wobker, Carolyn Bosshardt, Cindy Selover, Leoria Brewer and Pam Jones

The Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville recently donated \$3,000 to the Mercy Hospital Berryville Coworker Crisis Fund. This program is in place to offer financial assistance to Mercy coworkers in the Berryville area when they experience an unforeseen personal hardship. Some situations this fund has supported in the past includes: coworker house fires, vehicle accidents, unexpected family emergencies, etc. The Coworker Crisis Fund Board presented the Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville Board with a Certificate of Appreciation to show gratitude on behalf of the Crisis Fund Committee and the entire Mercy Hospital Berryville Staff. This major donation will greatly benefit many coworkers during the times they need it most.

Above presentation made at the January 13th Board meeting.

January and February were very quiet months for the auxiliary.



Mother Nature cancelled our February meeting, however shortly after the cancellation, the weather broke.

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In
time
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Auxiliary members contributed baked goods to the Employee Crisis Fund February 14th.



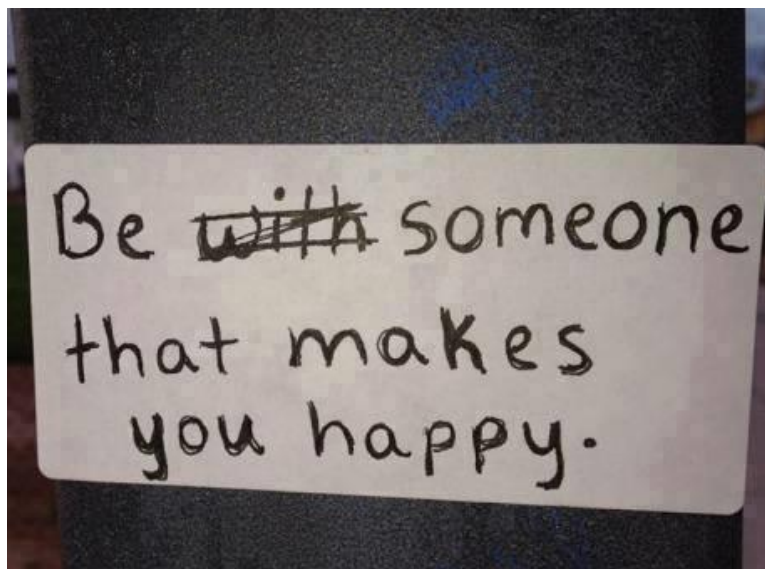
The auxiliary sponsored a table at the Mercy Health Foundation Black & White Ball held February 22nd. Funds raised will go toward purchase of new PACU monitors for surgery.

The Pre-Easter Bake Sale will be April 18th.

Uniforms 2 U 2 will be here April 25th with Mother's Day, Graduation and Father's Day gifts available which can be monogramed.



Mercy Hospital Northwest AR



Mercy Medical Center – Rogers
Mercy Medical Center – Rogers Auxiliary
Submitted by: Mary Wieneke President-Elect

We have had a quiet January and February due to all the bad weather and many of our auxiliary members being unable to get in to volunteer or travel.

SISTERS, Mercy Women's Health Boutique, is our biggest work in progress at the moment. This boutique is designed to support women as they encounter new beginnings. We offer a wide range of products carefully selected based upon recommendations from patients and the medical community to help you look and feel better.

The store is open Monday thru Friday 9am – 5pm and is located in the **MERCY HIGHWAY 102 Lobby, 3101 SE 14th Street, Bentonville 479-986-6050**



For Cancer Patients: Mastectomy prosthetics, Certified mastectomy fitters, Post-mastectomy bras and camisoles, Compression products, Hats/Scarves, Skincare, Inspirational gifts and accessories



For Moms: Medela breast pumps, Nursing bras and accessories, Pregnancy bands, Baby gifts and accessories.

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

January – 2014: Beltone Hearing Screening; Folding Foundation “Hearts on Fire” bulk mailing; Folding Gold Club Newsletter

February – 2014: Currently working on plans for Spring District Meeting.

Our Nightingale’s Gift Shop received the Best of the Best 2nd place award for Best Gift Shop and the 1st place Best Small Business by the Harrison Daily Times (voted on by the community). Our Thrift Store received the 2nd place award for Best Charitable Organization by the Harrison Daily Times. We are very proud of both these distinctions!

We purchased Patient Education System, Power Life Cots (3), Resuscitaire Warmers (2) and Maimie’s Poppy Plates for the hospital and presented Mr. Leist with a check for \$88,713.16 at our Christmas Party.

We are currently working on plans for the Spring District Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the Durand Center here in Harrison.



Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville
Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville Auxiliary
Submitted by Jan Dolan, Newsletter Editor

January, 2014, began with Northwest Medical Center Bentonville Auxiliary receiving notification that we won a national award from the American Hospital Association for Community Outreach for Collaboration for our 2013 “*Sock-It-To-Me*” new sock drive for needy children in Benton County. An amazing total of 1,968 pairs of socks were collected by the NMCB Auxiliary in partnership with 2 Bella Vista Arvest Banks and Christian Women’s Club of Bella Vista and were distributed to 5 different Benton County charities. The award will be presented in May during the AHA National Convention in Washington, DC. President BJ Johannsen, Past President Rose Engelken and Volunteer Service Coordinator Cindy Sadler will travel to Washington, D.C. in May to accept the award. This campaign was a true labor of love for our Auxiliary.



Pictured: Elaine Vatalaro, Bella Vista CWC, BJ Johanssen, Auxiliary President and Mary Lou Giggy, Bella Vista CWC, show a portion of the socks that were collected in our 2013 "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign.

Our Auxiliary sponsored an Art Sale in February. In March "Sock-It-To-Me" presents Fundy Undies (underwear) for needy children, sizes 2 to 12. In April we are looking forward to a successful fundraiser with 31 Bags.



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

NMC Springdale donated \$5,000 dollars to the Shop with a Cop program and along with other donations; each child was allotted \$200 to purchase clothing, toys and gifts for other family members. We had four volunteers helping the children and Police Officers shop. Those volunteers were Nell Harriman, Arby Burnett, Lilly Wallis and Jeri Ferguson. It was a very rewarding experience.



NMC Springdale donated \$5,000 dollars to the Shop with a Cop program.



Siloam Springs Regional Hospital
Siloam Springs Auxiliary
Submitted by: Donna Rowe Pres. Elect

Cold winter, cold children. Our auxiliary collected and donated socks, hats, gloves, scarves, and under wear to the area grade schools and middle schools. A local church group, the Silver Eagles, donated a large number of the under wear.

Donna Rowe President Elect presented President Barbara Ferguson with an American flag to be used at the beginning of each meeting when we say the pledge. Donna is a member of Woodmen of the World Lodge 12 Fayetteville who donated the flag.

Money collected from our monthly meeting lunches is being donated to the Genesis House in Siloam Springs. In January we donated \$48 and Feb. \$39.

We are donating Cheese and crackers to the Nuclear Medicine dept. for their patients with peanut allergies.

We have a blood drive scheduled March 6th.

Plans are in the works for an Alzheimer's seminar for care givers, presented by Coach Broyles daughter, Patsy Broyles and granddaughter Molly Gay.

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



Delta Memorial Hospital



Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home



Drew Memorial Hospital



Jefferson Regional Medical Center





SOUTHWEST

Grace Calhoun, District Chair

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

Our auxiliary's first activity for the New Year was awarding a gift to the first baby born in our hospital in 2014.



Our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale was held on February 14 and was enjoyed by all.



Valentines handed out to third-floor patients were a nice surprise!



Valentines were also distributed to approximately 50 residents of The Plaza Independent Living Center, followed by a piano concert by auxilian Alene Tripp.

Outlook for March and April includes our regular bi-monthly meeting on March 10 and a jewelry sale by Laura's in the hospital lobby.

Dallas County Medical Center 

Baptist Health Medical Center – Malvern



Hot Springs County Medical Center is now: Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Springs County

Hot Spring County Auxiliary

Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

The expansion of our Pink Lady Gift shop, which almost doubled our size, was completed before the end of the year.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas party.

Some new members were gained, but we lost several through health issues and others moving away.

On January 1st, our Hospital became affiliated with Baptist Health Medical Center and is now known as Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Spring County. (BHMC-HSC) We are very excited about this new partnership.



Howard Memorial Hospital



Magnolia Regional Medical Center

Medical Center of South Arkansas - El Dorado

Medical Center South Arkansas Auxiliary

Submitted by: Verne Harris, President

El Dorado Auxiliary welcomed Catherine Noyes, Marketing Coordinator for Medical Center of South Arkansas and Senior Circle Advisor. She was hired in January, and was introduced as the MCSA Auxiliary Liaison. She presented a request to the Board to fund five televisions and two tables with chairs. These items will be used to renovate the nurses' stations and waiting rooms on 3rd and 4th floors plus ICU/CVICU. The items have been installed.

Our Vice President and Program Chairman Peggy Plummer arranged for Christy McAuliffe, South Arkansas Home to speak at the January meeting.

In February Peggy Plummer presented the Annual Helen Wright Scholarship Report. The Auxiliary contributes monthly to this program. Since 1997 some sixty-five students have been funded.

El Dorado Auxiliary is proud of our four new members this year. They are Henry DeDossas, Gail Bratton, Linda McMillin, and Sharon Taylor.

Donna Wren, Gift Shop Manager, and her Valentine staff, held a Valentine sale the week of February 10-14. It was a great success.

Virginia Meador, our Director of Volunteers, has arranged for a ways & means event, "Books are Fun," for September 12, 2014.



Mercy Hospital Hot Springs
Mercy Hospital Hot Springs Auxiliary
Submitted by: Peg Kuhnly

The Christmas season passed on a rush, but the activity level in the gift shop has not slowed down. When the buyers returned from market the employees and guest filled the gift shop.

A recent visit to the Surgery Waiting Room showed wall to wall people and the volunteers were busy checking surgery progress on the computer screen and on the phone with surgery staff. The volunteers serve coffee, hot chocolate, muffins and fresh fruit to the families awaiting news.

Several volunteers will be attending the SHVL conference in Nashville. We are fortunate that our volunteers are encouraged to attend this event.

We are looking forward to the SW District meeting in Camden, April 17.



National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs
National Park Medical Center Auxiliary
Submitted by: Sylvia Griffin, President

In January we purchased a Plexiglas podium for the new chapel in our hospital.

In February we purchased a One-Step Exercise machine for the Rehab Unit in our hospital. This machine makes it easier for patients to do their exercise which they do after surgery. It seems that the patients as well as the nursing personnel are really enjoying this machine. We also had a fundraiser purse sale to raise money for our auxiliary. We made \$933.00

March 4th we will be going to the Hot Springs Country Club for our March meeting and luncheon. We will be electing officers for the next year and our speaker for the day will be Dr. DeCastro, one of the heart specialists for our hospital. We will be purchasing two new recliners for the ICU waiting room in March also. We have already purchased two and plan to purchase two more in April. March will also find some of our auxiliaries helping with the Daffodil Days program which our nursing personnel do each year to raise money for cancer research. We will also be helping our hospital personnel serve lunch for the Habitat for Humanity's group who are building two houses in one day.

We are planning another fundraiser for April. This will be a Wire Ring and bracelet sale. We are expecting to do very well with this also. We will also be taking part in the Easter Basket Silent Auction for Relay for Life. This is also something that the nursing personnel do each year.

In May we will be installing the officers for next year at our Luncheon meeting at the Hot Springs Country Club. We will also be giving a 25% discount in the Gift Shop to all hospital employees during National Hospital week. This will be a one-time purchase for whatever they want to purchase. We will also be having a uniform sale to raise funds for our auxiliary.



Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary – Camden Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Two new members joined our group in January.

We assisted with the Red Cross Bloodmobile on February 14.

We are looking forward to hosting the Southwest District Spring Meeting on April 17.

Our annual Bake Sale is scheduled April 18.

We have submitted applications for the HAVE awards to be given by AHA in Washington, D.C. in May. We eagerly wait to hear the outcome!



VALLEY

Mae O'Donnell, Chair



Chambers Memorial Hospital

Johnson Regional Medical Center



Mena Regional Health System



Mercy Hospital Fort Smith



Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by Janet Thurber, President

February was a busy month for Saint Mary's Auxiliary. Volunteers kicked off the month with a scrub sale fundraiser on February 6 & 7, and followed it up with a Balloons and Kisses Valentine's Day fundraiser. Both sales are very popular with employees and were a big success.



Volunteers donated 2500 Hershey Kisses and filled 100 bags with Kisses for our Valentine's Balloons and Kisses Fundraiser.





Volunteers also donated blood at the February Blood Drive and helped set up for the Vintage Club lunch and meeting.



March and April will be busy months for the Auxiliary. In March the volunteers are mixing up some trail mix to place in the Doctors' Lounge to honor our doctors for Doctor's Day. In April volunteers will bake 800 cookies to fill 200 gift bags for our nurses.

We are also working on a new Volunteer Directory for our members that we plan to publish in April. And as if that's not enough, we will be getting ready to host the Valley District Spring Meeting on April 15.

Our Scholarship Committee is also busy advertising for scholarship applications. The Auxiliary will award spring scholarships in late March or early April.

We will elect officers in April and install them in May.

Sparks Regional Medical Center, Fort Smith



Summit Medical Center



SOMEONE(S) KEEP RAINING ON MY PARADE



As you can see from all the umbrellas in this newsletter - - there is a lot of rain falling on this parade by auxiliaries not sending in news. All it takes is a couple of short paragraphs on what you have accomplished the past two months and what you have planned for the next two months. Pictures are welcome also.

THE ONLY INFORMATION UTILIZED FROM AUXILIARY NEWSLETTERS SENT WILL BE NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

The format has been sent to all auxiliaries, I believe, and if you have not received instructions, please contact me and I would love to help you with this. We know you are doing many things to assist your hospitals and we would be pleased to recognize you for all you do.

“Think Spring!!”



2014 Spring District Meetings

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



Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

Issue Date 2014	Cutoff Date	Covered Activities	Planned Activities
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

