



September/October 2014

AHAA NEWSLETTER

A Message from your President:

Labor Day has come and gone and our annual convention is rapidly approaching. With it comes the end of my year as your president.

What a wonderful year this has been – so enlightening, so impressive and so very, very much fun. Several of the past presidents told me, “Sharon, have fun!” I followed their advice and enjoyed myself at all of the activities.

Without this office, I would never have had the opportunity to see so many different areas of this beautiful state. It would not have been possible for me to see and appreciate the hard work and creativity of each and every auxiliary.

I have been so pleased with the way you embrace our state projects and push them to completion with great innovation. I am delighted with all the cheerfulness, positive attitudes and “blooming” that I have seen throughout the state.

Thank you for being so welcoming and kind. I feel we were entertained in a royal fashion.

I look forward to handing out the awards at the Awards Luncheon, but each and every one of you deserves the awards and the applause. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

God Bless and keep Blooming Where You Are Planted!

Sharon Sly

AHAA President 2013-2014



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Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

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SOUTHEAST

Delta Memorial Hospital

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NORTHEAST

CROSSRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Rose Campbell

Pat Stephens, AHAA 2002-2003 President belonged to a former member auxiliary, Medical Park Hospital, Hope, AR. Her daughter is Janet Huckabee.

My -- how time flies. It seems only yesterday that we were at the convention in 2013 and the 2014 convention is just around the corner (Oct. 8-10).

This year has been a rewarding experience for me serving as President-Elect. I have met and made many new friends. The district meetings were overwhelming and as usual each district out did themselves in preparation and implementation.

Sharon Sly has truly been a remarkable president and her theme, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" describes the nature of the work we do as volunteers; willing to take on new tasks and do outstanding work in whatever assignments we are given. I have been blessed to have her as my mentor.

I am truly grateful for the district chairs and their work on the state projects. The Alzheimer's program and HELP seems to be gaining momentum as we continue in these. Let's work together to achieve more in 2015 in these areas.

"Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in what we do for others." --Danny Thomas

Jerry Berley
President-Elect AHAA



2014 Fall District Meetings:

October 20	Southeast	Ashley County Medical Center – Crossett
October 21	Northeast	Forrest City Medical Center – Forrest City
October 22	Metro	Baptist Health Med. Ctr. – North Little Rock
October 23	Southwest	Medical Center of So. AR – El Dorado
October 28	North Central	Baxter Regional Med. Ctr. –Mountain Home
October 29	Northwest	Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville
October 30	Valley	Sparks Regional Medical Ctr. – Fort Smith

REMINDER: Scrapbooks are to be taken to the Spring and Fall District Meetings, not to the State Convention.



2015 Spring District Meetings

April 13	Southeast	Baptist Health Medical Center – Stuttgart
April 14	Northeast	Helena Regional Medical Center – Helena
April 15	Metro	North Metro Medical Center – Jacksonville
April 16	Southwest	Dallas County Medical Center – Fordyce
April 21	North Central	Baptist Health Medical Ctr. – Heber Springs
April 22	Northwest	Northwest Medical Center – Springdale
April 23	Valley	Summit Medical Center – Van Buren



Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

Issue Date 2014	Cutoff Date	Covered Activities	Planned Activities
Nov. /Dec.	Oct. / 31, 2014	Sept./Oct.	Nov. & Dec.

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

Dear Auxilians,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your newsletter editor this past year. I regret that the majority of our members do not take the time to even access the internet to read this very informative material. Even more regretful is the problem of not all auxiliaries submitting items for the newsletter.

Hopefully next year we will be able to improve both of these issues.

Neta Sue Stamps, Editor



Mae O'Donnell, Chair

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - RUSSELVILLE

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by Janet Thurber, President



Donnie Frederic, CEO
Saint Mary's Regional Medical
Center

This has been a sad time for our hospital, Auxiliary and community. Our hospital CEO, Donnie Frederic, passed away on July 4th from a massive heart attack while on vacation in Canada. He was such an encourager to our Auxiliary and even played his guitar and sang at several of our events. Our Auxiliary attended his Memorial as a group and will award several scholarships in his name to hospital employees who are furthering their education in the medical field. He will be greatly missed.

Volunteers from our Auxiliary participated in a Health Fair at our local Boys and Girls Club. We passed out apples, bottled water and had a raffle for 25+ bicycle helmets. We also provided a helmet sticker for each helmet that was awarded. Over 200 children participated in the event and had a great time.

Our hospital has provided us with a new volunteer brochure to use in recruiting. We had a great opportunity to use this brochure at our local Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in August. We talked with several people interested in joining us in volunteering at Saint Mary's.

George Stensland, Auxiliary Volunteer
at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo



Our Volunteer Roundup to recruit new members is in September. Each Auxiliary member and the person they recruit to volunteer will receive an umbrella with the hospital logo imprinted on it. We are very excited about this Roundup event and hope to recruit a good number of new volunteers for our hospital.

We had a Scrub Sale in early August and will use the proceeds from this event to fund scholarships for hospital employees furthering their education in the medical field.

On August 23rd, our Auxiliary will have a team participating in our local Alzheimer's Walk. We will also be working alongside Saint Mary's Hospital Staff distributing water and other items to those attending this event.

In October, we will be sending two delegates to the AHAA State Convention in Little Rock. We will also be bringing several volunteers to the District Meeting on October 10th at Sparks Hospital in Van Buren.



SPARKS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – FORT SMITH

Sparks Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by Toni Holohan, CVM | Volunteer Manager

I expected a quiet summer, but it has turned out to be quite the opposite.

We started with our current Gift Shop Manager resigning, so that started the job of recruiting for positions to be filled. Fortunately, we had several people who were capable, willing and able to step up and fill those positions. Going thru the process does take some time. Debbie Franklin who was the assistant manager has accepted the position of manager



Greta Russell who was part time has accepted the position of assistant manager. We are really blessed to have individuals who are familiar with the needs and demands of a busy shop. Thanks to Sheri for all she did, Debbie and Greta for stepping up.





SOUTHWEST

Grace Calhoun, District Chair

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - ARKADELPHIA

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia Auxiliary

Submitted by: Grace Calhoun, President

Things have slowed considerably for the summer vacation months with no planned activities for these two months.

Two new members have started their training. However, we have several who are off on medical leave.

Plans for September and October, 2014:

Upcoming plans include attending the AHAA State Convention in Little Rock, as well as the Southwest District Fall Meeting



HOT SPRINGS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER is now BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

BHMC-HSC Auxiliary

Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

In July we hosted AHAA president elect Jerry Berley who install our newly elected officers.

Our 'Pink Lady Gift Shop' won for 'The Best Gift Shop in Hot Spring County' in a "The Best of Hot Spring County" campaign sponsored by The Malvern Daily Record Newspaper.

We gave a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student who is continuing her nursing career.

Orientation of 'BHMC Volunteer Services' was presented to our Auxiliary by Vickie Shuff.

In August we purchased an 'Anesthesia Cart' for our hospital's OR.

Upcoming plans are attending the AHAA State convention in LR and our local Southwest District fall meeting.



MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS – EL DORADO

Medical Center South Arkansas Auxiliary

Submitted by: Peggy Plummer, President

The 2014 Installation Luncheon was well attended by Auxiliary members, MCSA CEO Kyle Swift, and other hospital staff. The new officers were installed by presenting each officer and the responsibilities of their position.



The luncheon kicked off the 2014-2015 theme “Volunteers are a Team” using sport symbols as table décor and red, white and black team spirit colors.



A Candlelight Memorial was held in honor of Verne Harris in tribute to her faithful service.

Pictured: CEO Kyle Swift and Peggy Plummer

The MCSA Auxiliary will host the Southwest Fall District Meeting in El Dorado on October 23, 2014.

Scholarships were awarded to three students for the fall season and an annual sponsorship for a designated MCSA employee training was approved.

In September, we will host a member orientation and it will also be the month for the Annual Book Sale.

The 2014-15 Directory and Handbook was printed and distributed to all members and our hospital liaison. The Auxiliary hosted a booth at the 2014 Head-to-Toe Wellness event in order to promote volunteer opportunities at MCSA.

Informative speakers presented at monthly events: Jill Temple, Executive Director of Interfaith Clinic, spoke on qualifications and benefits for those persons without insurance needing medical care; Ross Korkmas, MCSA ACEO, gave a power-point presentation with updates of the hospital status including statistical data, expansions planned and completed, and awards received.

We welcome new member Nona Sipes who will be assisting in the Uniform Shop.



NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS

National Park Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Sylvia Griffin, President

In July, we finished our project of furnishing the ICU waiting room with six sleeper recliners. We purchased four new wheelchairs for our Escort Service. We also purchased computer parts to repair the computer that controls the TV at the Information Desk in our lobby. We started collecting tabs from drink and soup cans for The Ronald McDonald House and have turned in two gallons of tabs so far and have another gallon or more ready to turn in.

July 23, Our CEO, Mr. Jerry Maybry hosted the Auxiliary at a luncheon at The Hot Springs Country Club and presented information about the building program of National Park Medical Center and what the Medicaid Option means for our hospital. In June, July and August we welcomed six new volunteers to our auxiliary. They are: Ellen Jenkins, Denise Ellis, Linda McCaslin, Joyce Walters, and Sue Mc Laughlin.

August is back to school time and we have presented seven \$600.00 scholarships for the employees who are continuing their education in the field of medicine. Mandy Golleher, our DVS is also a member of the Women's Chamber of Commerce and they are sponsoring a dance for Scholarships in October. Mandy will be dancing at this event, so we have purchased a table for \$500.00 for ten members to attend. The money will go for scholarships and we will get to cheer her on.

September 2nd, we will have our regular meeting and luncheon at the Hot Springs Country Club. Our Speaker for the day will be Dr. Adriane Martin, General Surgeon. She will be speaking about Acid Reflux Surgery. We will be hosting a Sheets Galore fund raiser Thursday, September 18th.to raise monies for the Auxiliary.

October 8-10 six members will be attending the AHAA Convention at the Double Tree Hotel in Little Rock. October 14th we are planning another Volunteer Round-up to get more volunteers signed up.

Happy Volunteering!!!!!!!!!!!!



OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - CAMDEN

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

We are excited that Jerry Berley will be installed as AHAA president in October. He and Dorothy are valued members of our auxiliary.

We have awarded two Eunice Dickson Nursing Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each for registered nurse candidates at Southern State University.

In June our auxiliary contributed financially to a two-week summer enrichment program, "Medical Application for Science and Health" (MASH), hosted by OCMC. Seven area students participated, learning about careers in the medical field and receiving experience by shadowing OCMC employees in different areas of the hospital. In expressing her appreciation to the auxiliary, our CEO commented, "While this was not, by any measure, the largest donation you have made, the scope was perhaps as great and far-reaching as a larger amount might have been." Her commendation was generous.

Our gift shop was open two nights in July and August for 2 and one-half hours each evening. Total sales for the five hours were \$868.34.

Our vice president is moving in September to be near family. She has served faithfully since her retirement from teaching. Although we will miss her tremendously we are also happy for her.

We are again submitting an application for a HAVE award in Community Service. We look forward to a first place this year!!!

We assisted with a Red Cross blood drive--24 units were collected.

We are actively working on our Tree of Life in Lights--our December fund raiser.



SOUTHEAST
Marsha Scott, Chair

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - CROSSETT

Ashley County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Marsha Scott

We have just finished our Banquet to show our appreciation for the Auxiliary workers. Auxilian of the year was Judy Burnett who works at the Courtesy Desk and does a great job. We were happy to welcome new member Cynthia Mosley to our organization.

This year we presented our CEO with a check for \$20,000 towards purchase of a refurbished portable x-ray for Radiology. In addition, this year we purchased a panic button system for the Hamburg Clinic; purchased a TV for the Hamburg Clinic waiting room and also for Radiology waiting room; we purchased a narrow wheelchair for use with Modified Barium Swallow patients for Radiology; furnished balloons and cards for Easter to all the patients; furnished stuffed animals to Radiology, Lab and Emergency Room for children who come in.

We will continue our Vial of Life program; Happy Project; Chemo Basket; Breast Cancer Awareness program in October. We will be having a scrub sale in September as well as a Bake Sale

We lost members Jerri Thompson; Virginia McMahan; Lois Hopper; and Betty Briggs this year, all of whom resigned due to poor health.

We are getting ready to go to convention and preparing to serve as hosts for the Fall District Meeting on October 20.

We are looking forward to a new year with anticipation.



CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER – LAKE VILLAGE

Chicot Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity and Scrapbook Chair



2014 scholarship winners, Darkera Washington and Fizarian Reggans.

In June, Barbara Harris and Joyce Creel, attended the AHAA Leadership Conference at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. Ray Montgomery, President/CEO of White County Medical Center gave a very interesting presentation. The emphasis was and title of the conference was "What Our Hospitals Need From Our Auxiliary".

We held another blood drive July 17th and it yielded 12 units of blood. Our co-sponsor was AHEC.

We have moved the gift shop into a bigger room! Now, everyone is saying they can see things they didn't see before. Sales have improved too!

Employee Recognition Week is September 15th - 19th and we are honoring our Housekeeping Dept. and Southeast Rehab. Our members bake cookies and other treats and we deliver them with balloons to their departments.



Our upcoming events include our Fall Mall on September 25th, where we sell baked goodies, home canning, plants, homemade items, and more. We will also have a white elephant sale. Raffle tickets are being sold for 2 handmade quilts made by Betty Connard's sister, Joyce Hall. Joyce has been making these quilts for us for several years now. They are a razorback quilt and a deer camouflage quilt. The drawing will be held the day of the Fall Mall.

On October 16th, we will hold a sheet sale, which will be new for us, and hope that this will go over really well.

November 10th is our jewelry sale and December 4th is the Christmas Tea honoring our hospital employees.



DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - DUMAS

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by: Shirley Sandlin, Vice President

Recently a Tasting Party was held in the Delta Memorial Hospital Gift Shop . Shirley Teeter ordered a number of tasty dips while she was at market in Dallas



Josephine Willis and Shirley Teeter



Frances Gibson and Jennifer Gardner

. Finishing first place with the taste testers was Mañana Mexican Dip.

To make this dip:

Mix 1 1/2 cups of sour cream and 1/2 cup of **real mayonnaise** along with the packaged ingredients. (onion, parsley, red peppers, sugar, salt, spices.)

Refrigerate dip for a few hours before serving to guests.

For a savory cheeseball, mix the contents of this package with 16 ounces (2 cups) of softened cream cheese and roll in chopped nuts.

Low-fat instructions: Substitute Low-Fat sour cream and Low Fat Mayonnaise. DO NOT substitute salad dressing for mayonnaise!

Other dips offered at the gift shop are Artichoke Parmesan, Fiesta Spinach and Cheddar Bacon which really go well with chips or crackers.

Also there are directions for making cheeseballs. You will also find Pumpkin Patch, Cinnamon Apple of My Eye, Strawberry and Blueberry which are tasty with fruit. There are directions for making a cheesecake and fruit and dessert dip for these four dips

Carmie's Kitchen was created in Carmie's kitchen when she whipped up what is still the most popular product, the Mañana Mexican dip. After receiving so much positive feedback from friends and family, she and her husband realized a dream. They created Pepper Springs, a line of more than 100 products, now sold nationwide. Their children and even their grandchildren are involved and help make this high quality, full of flavor, unique gourmet dip that is sold today. Come by the Delta Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and check out these mixes! They sell for \$3.75 each.



METROPOLITAN

Pauline, Jegley, Chair

ST. VINCENT - MORRILTON

St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary – Morrilton

Submitted by: Delores Hartman, President

It has been a very busy summer keeping all of our areas covered as many have enjoyed vacations and family time. With fall just around the corner we have several fundraisers planned so we will be gathering items for our Silent Auction that will be held at our Beans & Cornbread Lunch on Oct 30.



NORTHWEST

Judy Overton, Chair

MERCY HOSPITAL - BERRYVILLE

Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville

Submitted by: Neta Sue Stamps, Secretary

The Mercy Volunteer program ended with the participants doing various tasks for auxiliary members. At the end of the program a pizza party was provided with certificates of participation given to those who were able to attend.



(In back: Cody Qualls, Mercy Foundation Executive Director and Mercy Hospital Berryville President Kristy Estrem) front row: Volunteens Andrew Hudspeth, Elizabeth Hale, Sarah Hale, Charnett Warren and Clarissa Cox.

The auxiliary joined the public in welcoming Dr. Shiva Tadakal to our area. He and Nurse Practitioner Susan Zickler will see patients at the Mercy Clinic Family Medicine in Green Forest.



L to r: Nurse Practitioner Susan Zickler, Dr. Shiva Tadakal and MAB Secretary Neta Sue Stamps



Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville featured the state project “Alzheimer’s” in the education booth for the Carroll County Fair.

Plans are under way for a free public Alzheimer’s Support Group for Caregivers Program to be held the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning September 18th.

The summer kept the auxiliary busy covering volunteer areas during vacations, accidents and health issues. Hopefully the fall will settle down to a dull roar.

We had no summer fund raisers; however, our upcoming fundraisers include UNIFORMS 2 U 2 on October 22nd and our popular Nut Sale in October and November – “till the nuts are all gone”.

Mother Nature cancelled Not Once but Twice last year the Christmas Appreciation Luncheon the board members prepare and serve to our volunteers. With hopes of better weather, it has now been scheduled for November 1st this year.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention October 8th – 10th.

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by Joy Woelbing Volunteer Coordinator and Tucky Zima, President

We had over 500 attend our "World's Largest Baby Fair" and they received much information and many gifts.



North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary helps with the World’s Largest Baby Fair.

We had 9 bright young Junior Volunteers during the month of July. They each completed hospital orientation, CPR and First Aid classes and assisted in our Thrift Store.



Junior Volunteers served over 800 hours during the month of July at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center.

We are very happy to welcome 10 new volunteers these past 2 months. We assisted in a Cervical Cancer Screening and a Skin Cancer Screening. We served at 2 welcoming receptions for 2 new physicians: Dr. Cutler and Dr. Heather Powell. We volunteered 4,881 hours in July and August.



NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER - BENTONVILLE

Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville Auxiliary

Submitted by Jan Dolan, Newsletter Editor

Upcoming fundraisers scheduled are a 2 day Scrub Sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17 and the Annual Book & Gift Sale on Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31. We will also have a Snow Cone Sale on the hospital grounds sometime in September.

Our deepest thanks to all the wonderful kids who served as our Junior Volunteers during the summer! They did a great job and were a joy to have around! Our Junior Volunteers were Sid Dalal, Sranita Devarasetty, Vinita Devarasetty, Amanda Dibee, Jovanny Flores, Paige Francis,

Jahnavi Gattu, Mrudula Gattu, Aaron Gbedey, Bailey Gordon, Vakula Mallapally, Amber McCarthy, Megan Mitchell, Christopher Nepomuceno, Samuel Nepomuceno, Sahithi Parvathareddy, Jada Peten, Amanda Ray, Madeline Richards, Courtney Stokes, Brittany Woodmancy, Megan Wright and Kelly Xia!

We are excited to host the Fall Northwest District Meeting on Wednesday, October 29. Hospitals in the Northwest District are Eureka Springs Hospital, Northwest Medical Center Bentonville, Mercy Hospital Berryville, Northwest Medical Center Springdale, Mercy Hospital Rogers, Siloam Springs Regional Hospital, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Harrison and Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville.



WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Washington Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas: Gift shop \$14,746, Flowers & Balloons \$5,603. We hosted a Blood Drive on July 18th Collecting 26 units for the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. We hosted a Books Are Fun Sale profiting the Auxiliary \$1,222.

The Auxiliary made contributed \$550 toward the DAISY Award. The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill & compassionate care given by nurses every day. Washington Regional recognizes one of our registered nurses with this special honor eight times each year. We acknowledged and praised our volunteers at the annual volunteer awards luncheon on August 21st.



NORTH CENTRAL

Linda Conner, District Chair

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER-HEBER SPRING

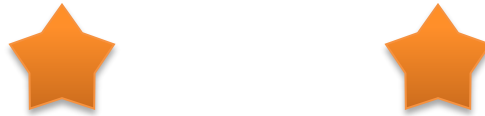
Baptist Health Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by Terri Lee, President

July and August are normally the quieter months for our auxiliary activities as our members are enjoying the summer months with family and friends. However several committees have been busy working on their objectives. The by- laws committee completed their revisions which were presented to the general assembly with approval. The Events and Fundraising committee have been busy establishing a new community service project at the Breaking Bread kitchen. And of course, the Style Show committee has been diligently preparing for our largest fundraiser of the year, the fall Style Show and Luncheon to be held on November 7th.

September will be filled with ticket selling and soliciting sponsorships from local businesses for the Style Show as well as preparing the Silent Auction and Door Prize items.

We are all looking forward to the AHAA State Convention on October 8, 9 & 10th and the Fall District Meeting in Mountain Home on October 28th.



STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – MOUNTAIN VIEW

Stone County Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We are saddened by the loss of our member, Marie George. She was a tireless worker, friend and always had a smile to make you feel special. She will be greatly missed.

The Auxiliary held a cakewalk during the 4th of July festivities at the fairgrounds. Besides making money for the hospital, we had super good time with the children and their parents. We are continuing to do nursing home visits each week. Our Dillard's sale for August was cancelled due to a timing issue.

Plans are for a Used Purse, Scarf, Jewelry and Bake Sale for September. AHAA State Convention is on the schedule in October as well as the District Meeting. Installation of new officers will also be held in October.

We welcome two new members to our auxiliary.



NORTHEAST

Suzanne Hackney, Chair

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER - PARAGOULD

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by: Donna Kingston, President

The months of July and August have been relatively quiet for us. We took this opportunity to clean and straighten the Gift Shop storage rooms, as we kept our regular schedules of working the areas of Information Desk, CCU Desk, Gift Shop and Floor.

We were excited to assist AMMC Women's Health Fair, which was held in the medical center atrium and we are looking forward to helping with the AMMC Men's Health Fair, which will be Held Sept. 4.

Our new year will start with our September Membership Drive. We will be receiving our TB test, Flu shots, and will have a nice lunch prepared by the Dietary Department.

Each month will bring new and exciting projects and activities. We will be busy, busy, busy until spring and enjoying every minute of it!



CROSSRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - WYNN

Cross Ridge Community Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by: Jo Ann Fisher, President

We have had no meetings in July and August due to vacation. However, members have continued to work the Specialist Clinics and visit patients.

Upcoming Plans: Next meeting is September 24, 2014; Jewelry Sale in October; AHAA Convention in October; Fall District Meeting in October.



SMC REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – OSCEOLA

SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary held a reception August 3rd in the Hospital Lobby honoring the 2014 Scholarship recipients and their families. Each student was awarded a \$1000.00 Scholarship.

Each student receiving the award must be from Mississippi County and be enrolled in a medically related program.



SMC Auxiliary President, Mary "Pud" Thomas with Scholarship Recipients Peggy Darty, Rossie Thomas and Linnie Lutton.



ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER - JONESBORO

St. Bernards Auxiliary

Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor

Jr. Volunteers got hands- on education about the St Bernards Health Care System the middle three weeks of July. The process started with Tiffany Horton and Barbara Keller interviewing over 50 solid candidates and narrowing the class to 17.

These students were presented with a taste of the career opportunities that can be found in health care. Each year, the staff in a multitude of different areas of St. Bernards tells the students of their love for what they are doing and about requirements to enter the field.



2014 Jr. Volunteers with Margaret Aycock and Ann Ford, Auxiliary members

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so

Love the people who treat you right. Pray for those who don't



BIOGRAPHIES FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

LEGISLATIVE

THEDA AUD is past president of AHAA (1999-2000). She was appointed to a three-year term on the American Hospital Association's Committee on Volunteers in 2003 and named Chair of the AHA Committee on Volunteers in 2005. Theda has been a hospital volunteer for 25 years at Atlanta Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, TX and Baptist Health in Arkadelphia.

JODIANE TRITT joined the AHA executive team, as Vice President for Government Relations on October 4, 2010. Before joining AHA, Jodiane was Executive Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at UAMS. Prior to that position, she was Director of Community Support for the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). In her work at ADH, she was responsible for their legislative agenda and advocating on their behalf with legislators. She graduated from Hendrix College with a Biology degree and earned a law degree from the William H. Bowen School of Law. She and her husband, Jamie, have three children and live in Little Rock.

THRIFT SHOP

Harold (Hal) and Connie Appleby have been in the business of selling used and new merchandise since 1975.

Hal is currently the Thrift Stores Manager for Baxter Regional Hospital Volunteer Services. He is the volunteer manager for the daily operation of the Mountain Home Bargain Box. Connie is the volunteer manager of the Flippin Bargain Box.

Hal and Connie have operated several businesses over the years selling antiques, collectibles, gift ware and all types of used and new merchandise. They conducted estate sales and sold at antique shows before moving to Arkansas.

They started with the Flippin Bargain Box when it opened 6 years ago and have expanded it twice to accommodate the great growth in donations and resulting sales. Hal and Connie expect the two thrift shops will gross approximately \$250,000 in 2014.

GIFT SHOP WORKSHOP

Susan Rima is the Director of Volunteer Services and Gift Shop Manager at St. Vincent, Hot Springs. She has been with the hospital for over 16 years.

Susan is a past president of the Arkansas Directors of Volunteer Services and a past state representative for Southeastern Health Care Volunteer leaders. Susan was chosen as the SHVL DVS of the year for 2014.

Vickie Shuff and Lucy Ray will also be presenters. Bios not received at this time.

ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOP

Betsy Broyles Arnold didn't need much time when she was told of her mother's Alzheimer's Disease. Living near Houston, TX, at the time, she and her family packed up and moved back to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Betsy knew her place was at her mother's side. A year later, Betsy

and her family moved into her mother's house to help care for her 24 hours a day. This experience changed her and her family forever.

Betsy's father decided they could help more people, if they wrote a book for caregivers, "Coach Broyles Playbook For Alzheimer's Caregivers" To date they have distributed 800,000 copies all over the world, 600,000 free. It has been translated into 11 languages that can be downloaded from their Caregivers United website. Their website has been visited by people from over 140 countries, showing the worldwide need.

They have taken their own caregiving experience and translated it into a simple, relatable training; so caregivers can understand how the disease works and how to care for someone suffering from Dementia including Alzheimer's in a positive way. Betsy's favorite saying is, " Lots of people have compassion but when that compassion turns into passion, it propels action." That is why they love to speak to caregivers. They have lived it and understand it. Molly and Betsy are qualified to train CEU for hospitals, assisted living facilities, social workers, etc. and have trained over 100 times across the country. They are concentrating their efforts back in Arkansas.

After Molly Arnold Gay's grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, her family moved in with her grandfather, college football coach, Frank Broyles, to help with care giving. It did not take long for the family to realize how little information was out there on care giving. As a 14 year old watching her family struggle through some tough, but love-filled years, Molly realized how important communication in tough times like these is. The third generation affected by the disease, grandkids, is not talked about much. Molly hopes to change that by speaking at numerous events and seminars all across the country where she discusses the third generation perspective, taking care of the caregiver, daily tips and strategies, and family dynamics.

Caregiving has become a passion of hers and she wants to share the information she has learned with everyone who can benefit from it. Molly is qualified to train in hospitals, assisted living facilities, all healthcare professionals. Her sincerity and perspective continues to capture the hearts of audiences wherever she speaks.

