



March/April 2015

AHAA NEWSLETTER

A Message from your President:

We can be thankful that the legislature has voted to extend the "Private Option" through 2015. Your district chair will be receiving a list of those who voted in favor of extending it. Please take the time to thank our legislators who voted for SB 101, which houses the appropriation for the Arkansas Private Option and for SB 96. Our hospitals mean very much to all of us as they provide a place for treatment when we need it. Can you imagine what it would be if we had to drive a great distance to obtain this. In many cases immediate treatment means the saving of a life.

In signing SB 96, Governor Hutchinson will create the Arkansas Health Reform Task Force to study the entire Arkansas Medicaid program. Our hospitals are very interested in the Task Force's work and will do all they can to be helpful as it studies the entire Medicaid program and begins to make recommendations on ways for the program to better serve Arkansans. Bo Ryall, AHA President and CEO, has indicated that he may need our help as the task force moves forward. I assured him that we will do all that we can to help in this matter.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the district meetings in April. You are to be commended for the planning, preparation, and putting on great meetings. In addition to seeing you, I am always delighted to learn of the work you are doing in your respective communities for your hospitals.

Let me close with this thought from Danny Thomas: "Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in what we do for others."

Jerry Berley, AHAA President



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I certainly hope everyone has been staying warm and safe during this winter weather and that by the time you are reading this newsletter, there might be a glimmer of spring in the air. Personally, I am looking forward to spring, not only for the warmer weather, flowers, etc., but also it means our Spring District Meetings are just around the corner. Jerry and I enjoy these meetings so much. It is a privilege to get to travel our beautiful state and to enjoy seeing old friends again and also making new ones. We are always amazed at just how much our auxiliaries do for their communities and hospitals as each auxiliary president gives his/her report.

If you are in need of State Project supplies, please let your district chair know and I will bring these to you at the district meeting. This will save you the shipping cost.

As I close, I would like to leave you with "The Secret of Happiness".

If you want to be happy for an hour - take a nap.

If you want to be happy for a day - go shopping.

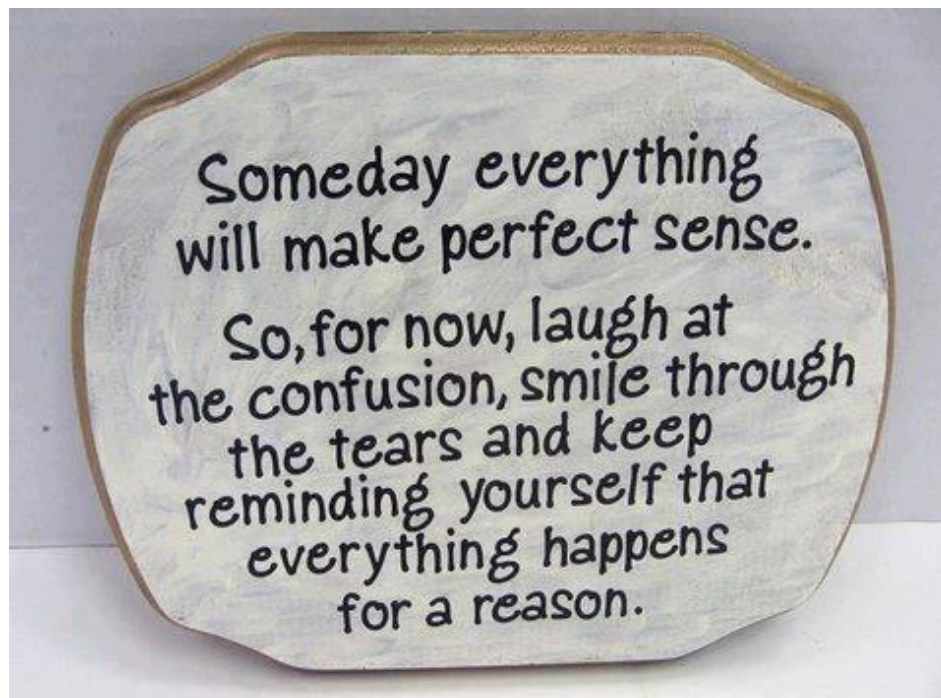
If you want to be happy for a week - take a trip.

If you want to be happy for a year - inherit money.

If you want to be happy for a lifetime - serve others, be a volunteer!!

Remember we are a TEAM and together we achieve more.

Dorothy Berley
AHAA President-Elect



NOTICE

New email address for Southwest District Chairman Jack Losman:
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Mercy Hospital Berryville
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Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville
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Valley

Summit Medical Center
Doris Garner

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center-Russellville
Ernestine Stewart

Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center
Mickey Rowe

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North Metro Medical Center - Jacksonville
Ruth Bankhead
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Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR
Ruby Elkins
Ray Sarmiento
James Kindred

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Baxter Regional Medical Center
Maurice Egger *James De Priest*
Dixie Krutina *Jean Rosh* *Jay Motsinger*

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital – Jonesboro
Alberta (Birdie) Jones

Northeast

Crossridge Community Center
Vernell Brown Smith



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 –Russellville

Submitted by: Diana Stensland, President

Our Auxiliary Members were given special candy bars by Saint Mary's in appreciation of our volunteer services.



When we came in to work our volunteer shift, our Volunteer Coordinator, Diana Herrera, and our interim CEO, Mike McCoy, made sure each volunteer received these unique candies.

Mike McCoy, Interim CEO of St. Mary's, presents special candy to Volunteer Dale Boeh

We had our Balloons & Kisses event on February 12-13. Heart shaped balloons tied to festive bags of candy kisses were sold to staff, patients and visitors at our hospital. We sold over 120 Balloons & Kisses. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for scholarships for employees seeking to further their education in the medical field.

Kathy Palmer, Janet Thurber, Wanda Reed, Diana Stensland, Pat Housdan, and Evelyn Denton prepare for the Balloons & Kisses event.



Faithful Volunteer, Ernestine Stewart.

On February 2, our Auxiliary lost Ernestine Stewart, one of our wonderful volunteers. Ernestine had been an Auxiliary member since 1993 and had given 24,500 hours of volunteer service to St. Mary's.

She will be greatly missed.

Our Auxiliary is looking forward to a Scrub Sale on March 30-31. All proceeds from the sale will go to our Scholarship Fund.



Sparks Regional Medical Center Fort Smith

Submitted by: Alice Swaim, President

January started off rather slowly as far as Guild activity goes. Following closely to the holiday season and the extreme cold weather, our members were a little hesitant to get out. Our guest speaker at our regular monthly meeting was Dr. Adjei, cardiologist. He stressed the importance of women's health as it pertained to heart disease. He also invited us to attend the workshop in late February at the Convention Center in Ft. Smith. He will be presenting Heart Disease in Women. I'm sure it will be very informative.

February is the month we do an extra fundraiser for Valentine's. Our membership is asked to

bake all kind of items, especially chocolate and we then have a bake sale. One of our members volunteers to do several hundred chocolate covered strawberries. This year she ordered 33lbs. of chocolate. Sales for strawberries alone were a little over a thousand dollars last year. As you can see this is a very popular item. This is also a good way to get a large part of the membership involved as most ladies like to bake.

March will see us involved helping a hospital sponsored activity for "March Madness Hoop It Up Game". The Physical Therapy Department gets it all together and invites us to help as they donate the money to us to help pay cost of our free valet service.

A really big piece of news we are just now hearing about is the changing of the name of our sister hospital in Van Buren from Summitt to Sparks Hospital Van Buren. I'm sure other changes will come about as time goes by.

April will see us presenting a new slate of officers, and we will have another fund raiser with Masquerade Jewelry. Busy-Busy-Busy, just the way we like it.



Summit Medical Center is now Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren
Submitted by: Sue Walker, President

One of the main things to report is that effective February 17, 2015; **Summit Medical Center's name was officially changed to Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren.** Next month our newsletter will have the new name on it. We are very excited about some of the things they are planning for our hospital.

Our fundraisers for November and December went very well. The wreath contest that was held in November was quite successful. The emergency room department was the top bidder in that contest and won the trophy and a tray of cookies. All of the wreaths were very pretty. The other fundraiser was the Christmas cookie jar silent auction. Cookie jars were filled with cookies and then bid on. Cookies not used to fill the jars were put in containers and sold individually. Candy was also made and sold. We appreciate the staff's participation in these fundraisers.

Our longtime newsletter editor, Carl Bruns, has decided to step down from being editor. We really appreciate all the years he produced our newsletter.

We had a cookie/candy sale for Valentine's Day. We also had some Valentine balloons for sale. We also are planning a membership tea following our February meeting. We plan to have some potential members attending. This is also a good time for our members to visit.

Our scholarship committee has been handing out scholarship applications to the different schools in our county. In April, these applications will be turned in and a decision will be made as to the winners. Our fundraising proceeds go for these scholarships.

We are getting ready to host the Valley District Spring meeting. It will be held in Van Buren at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on April 23rd. Hope to see all the Valley district volunteers there.



SOUTHWEST
Jack Losmann, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia

Submitted by: Belva Hipps, President

The gift shop had excellent sales in December but has slowed for January and February.

There was a scheduled business meeting in January where all enjoyed snacks and birthday cake. Another meeting is scheduled for March 9th.

The auxiliary voted to help sponsor a hospital fund raiser golf tournament. No date has been set at this time.

Our annual Valentine bake sale was a success. The funds will be added to our scholarship fund.

Grace Calhoun, our former president and Southwest Chair is on leave due to surgery.



Baptist Health Medical Center – Malvern



Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Springs County

Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

Our January General Meeting was postponed until February due to weather and illnesses.

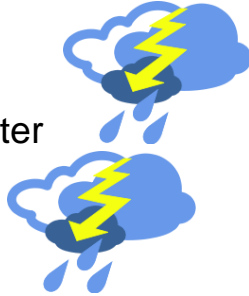
Vickie Shuff, our director, presented the new Baptist Health orientation program in which everyone participated.

At our meeting, we reinstated the Medic Alert program. (Since this is a requirement for the 5 star awards) We also considered two new programs to undertake, 'Helmet Safety' and 'Pennies for Socks'.

Our newsletter "Volunteer Voice" was distributed to everyone. We all enjoyed Valentine treats given to us by Vickie.

Upcoming events are an 'Auxiliary recruitment brunch' in the next few months. We will also have our Cereal Drive in June.

Dallas County Medical Center



Howard Memorial Hospital

Magnolia Regional Medical Center

Submitted by: Lucy Ray, Director of Volunteer Services

In January we provided patient room calendars that were installed in each patient room.

Our Auxiliary attended our annual in-service training.

We met to cut, sew, and stuff 136 comfort pillows for our patients.

We awarded one deserving Auxilian as "Volunteer of the Quarter" and she will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate to her favorite restaurant and be featured in our newsletter.

In March we are planning a uniform sale by Uniforms2U2.



Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

Submitted by: Peggy Plummer, President

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle "Lunch and Learn" on January 7, 2014 featuring Mary Francis Custom Tours. Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers, and Peggy Plummer, MCSA Auxiliary President, greeted guests and assisted with registration.

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle “Lunch and Learn” on February 4, 2014 featuring Chelsea Mansfield, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC. Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers, greeted guests and assisted with registration.



MCSA Auxiliary approved two scholarship applicants and funding for spring sessions. MCSA Auxiliary members attended new programs offered to local community- OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors) and HEAT (Healthy Eating and Tasting) sponsored by MCSA, HealthWorks Fitness Center and South Arkansas Center on Aging.



OWLS, is a monthly wellness program which features MCSA physician health presentations, exercise demos and quarterly birthday celebrations.

HEAT, is a monthly cooking class where guests are treated to a healthy recipe tasting and given a recipe card for that month's dish.

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted birthday luncheon for employees and volunteers. Each guest was treated to lunch and a gift.

MCSA Auxiliary awarded nine members service awards ranging from 50 hours to 19,000.



A new service area has been added in MCSA Women's Center. This station is a wonderful addition to the staff at MCSA.

Recently, MCSA Auxiliary welcomed Sharolyn Givens as a new member



.Mercy Hospital Hot Springs



National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs



Ouachita County Medical Center – Camden

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Volunteers joined many in our county in being thankful and elated that a one cent sales tax was approved by the voters of Ouachita County in support of our hospital on February 10. These monies will be used for maintenance and improvement needs of the hospital and related health care facilities and to pay off existing bonds and help fund new bonds for necessary renovations.

A check for \$20,000 was presented to the hospital during our quarterly meeting in December. This will be applied toward our commitment of \$250,000 for a Central Monitoring System in our emergency room. A balance of \$116,145 remains.

Contributions of \$2,485 were made for our annual Gift of Life in Lights.

The gift shop was open from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. December 19. Sales were \$750.55.

No Smoking signs have been purchased by the auxiliary. These are placed in strategic positions on the hospital campus.

We have once again given aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock. We have now donated 12+ gallon bags.

We have added four new members during January and February. * * * One of our honorary members, Mickey Rowe died December 6.



NORTHEAST
Suzanne Hackney, Chair

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center - Paragould



Crittenden Regional Hospital, West Memphis



Crossridge Community Hospital – Wynn
Submitted by: George Anne Draper, Vice President

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary started the New Year with several new members. We opened the year with a program on HIPPA, TB tests for the volunteers and installation of officers. Everyone was reminded of the heart screening provided by the hospital in February.

At the February meeting the scholarship recipient thanked the auxiliary for sponsoring her. She is an employee of the hospital, and the goal of helping our employees to further their studies is paying off for our hospital. Hopefully, all of the recipients will stay in Wynne and share their new educational credentials with the community, raising our educational standards!

The Auxiliary is looking forward to the remodeling of the hospital cafeteria. The seed money that we provided will be used to start the project, and a report from Joy Shepherd informed the group that work will begin soon.



Five Rivers Medical Center



Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by: Wilma Powell, President

We didn't do much the pass two months, because of the weather. We are planning a "Soup Sampler" fund raiser for March.



Helena Regional Medical Center



Lawrence Health Services

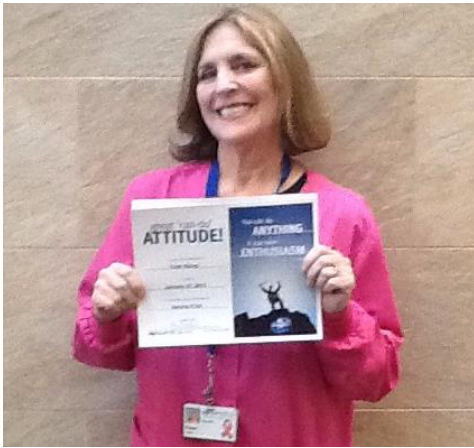


NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital -Jonesboro

Submitted by: Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations

January was an exciting month as the NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital marked the 1-year anniversary of its new medical campus with a birthday celebration on January 12.

The first baby born in the new hospital, Sanai Smith, celebrated her birthday with her family and the hospital staff with her very own cake and gifts from NEA Baptist. The NEA Auxiliary helped to host the celebration for the community, clinic, and hospital employees.



The Admissions Department nominated auxiliary member, Faye Haney, for a "Service 1st" Award. She was presented a certificate by Brad Parsons, CEO, of NEA Baptist on January 27th at the Service 1st ceremony.

The NEA Baptist Auxiliary was happy to award seven scholarships for the spring semester. They were given to Jeffrey Harris, Lindsay Sierra, Jessica Nutt, Ryan Ramirez, Michael Throesch, Deshan Escue Daniels, and Kirk Williamson.

On February 13, our auxiliary hosted a sheet sale from 7-4 in the conference room 1. It was very successful, and the profits will go toward our many projects.



We were saddened by the death of Alberta (Birdie) Jones who passed away on January 12, 2015. She served as President of the volunteer auxiliary several times and retired from auxiliary volunteering in 2010 with over 11,990 hours of service.

The NEA Baptist Auxiliary is looking forward to attending the district meeting in Helena on April 21st.



Piggott Community Hospital

Submitted by: Anita E. Allman, President

The Piggott Community Hospital Auxiliary recently made a donation to the Piggott Community Center. The check was presented by President Anita E. Allman to Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Williams. Anyone interested in making a donation to the community center or

a memorial may obtain more information by calling 870-598 5884. For a donation of \$50.00 or more, your organization's name will be placed on a plaque at the center.



SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola

Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary



A new project for the SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary (Osceola) is the annual decoration of the Hospital Lobby as well as the Christmas Tree.

Pictured are Sharon Ragan and Betty Thompson.

The SMC Regional Medical Center (Osceola) Auxiliary held their annual "SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE" Valentine sale February 12th and 13th in the hospital lobby.





Sue Cantrell and Betty Thompson, Auxiliary members



Lovonda Carter, President Elect.

In addition to the "Sweets" there were bouquets of Roses and Valentine Baskets. The proceeds from the sale will be used for the Scholarship Fund.

SMC Regional Medical Center observed February as Heart Month. The Hospital Staff asked the Auxiliary to participate.



Among the activities were the staff and auxiliary members wearing red February 6th and have their pictures made forming a heart. They also were asked to participate in "The February Walking Challenge". A prize will be given to the individual walking the most miles!



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

St Bernards Auxiliary provides four rooms in the Annex for cancer patients who are being treated at St. Bernards. The rooms are our version of a Ronald McDonald House. These rooms cost little for eligible cancer patients to use. Our "Light Up A Life" program has contributed approximately \$170,000 to this cause since 1990. The annual campaign accepts donations to honor others by hanging ornaments on a tree.

The 2014-year-end campaign netted \$6,935, up over \$1000 from last year. Smaller tree ornaments were used this year making a more attractive tree.



SOUTHEAST Barbara Goodwin, Chair

Ashley County Medical Center - Crossett



Baptist Health Medical Center – Stuttgart



Bradley County Medical Center - Warren



Bradley County Medical Center



Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

Submitted by: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity and Scrapbook

In November, the wreath contest, usually held before Thanksgiving had to be postponed because the classrooms were in use (this is where we put them on display and a silent bid auction is held). The auction was held about a week later and the winning wreath was created by the Pharmacy department. They were treated with a tray of homemade sweets made by the auxiliary.

Our Christmas Tea for the employees of the hospital was held on December 4th. This is the time of the year that the employees love - to get to sample the auxiliary ladies' tremendous talents in cooking and baking. Later in the month, the stockings were filled and were passed out to the patients in the hospital on Christmas Eve morning



The New Year's baby was baby girl, Armani Tanay Russell, 8 lbs., 11 oz. So cute! She was born January 1, 2015 at 12:24 am to Jaleesa Taylor and William Russell. The gift basket, "Compliments of the Auxiliary" was prepared by Betty Shuler. Pictured are Joyce Creel, Jaleesa and baby Armani, and Betty Shuler.



Joyce Creel with anesthetist.

We also honored our anesthetists in January with a gift bag for Employee Appreciation Week.



Anesthetist with gift bag

In February, we made our usual homemade candy for the annual Valentine's Candy Sale. On February 12th, we packed 125 boxes of candy (each box containing 20 pieces of various candies) and sold them for \$6.00 a box. We had to go up this year because of the rising cost of food.



Nancy Gardner counting the boxes that the candy goes into.

And we also made about 100 Valentine's baskets containing various items such as cans of soda, popcorn, candy, chips and sometimes even a stuffed animal or two. The baskets sold for \$15 and \$16. You had to sign up for how many boxes of candy you wanted to purchase and also for the Valentine's baskets. This way, the auxiliary is prepared to make enough candy for what the people have signed up for. The auxiliary brought in about \$1,600 from the sale.

In our general February monthly meeting, we voted and passed, to purchase a blanket warmer and gel warmers for the Imaging, Obstetrics and Cardiac Units. Also, we voted on and passed, contributing monthly to the purchase of a digital mammogram for the Imaging Unit. The hospital (Foundation Board) is also considering purchasing a sign for the front of the hospital on the highway, and the auxiliary agreed to contribute a one-time amount toward this purchase.

Future activities include a scrub sale on March 26th and 27th, and on March 31st, there will be a jewelry sale. Also, on March 26th, the auxiliary ladies will host a reception welcoming new personnel. We will also honor the doctors on the last Tuesday in March, (March 31st), during Employee Appreciation Week. In April, we will vote on the scholarships at the general auxiliary meeting of the month.



Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas

Submitted by: Shirley Sandlin

A featured speaker at the meeting was DMH CEO Cris Bolin, who presented requested information on the Private Option. The private option was Arkansas's unique answer to the Affordable Care Act's option to extend coverage to lower-income adults beyond the state's current Medicaid eligibility. She further stated that Private Option is in effect an expanded Medicaid program that allows federal dollars to be spent for Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage to pay for medical coverage. This means under the plan, there is a greater chance for hospitals to be paid for patients who have no insurance.

Immediately following the presentation, Auxilians were asked to make contact with state legislators. Members wrote post cards to state lawmakers urging their support for continuation of the Private Option.



A smashing Valentine party was held Thursday, February 12, at Dumas Assisted Living. Nine residents enjoyed a selection of music led by Carolyn Porter. Among the favorites were *For Me and My Gal*, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, *Cruising Down the River*, and *Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue*. Maedene Weser accompanied on the piano.

Jeri Brewer stole the show with her version of "Valentine Bingo". Jeri and Troyce Norris provided the prizes for the winners. You could hear the excitement in their voices as the participants chose their prizes. Scrumptious homemade chocolate chip cookies were made by Christina Rainey, cupcakes were provided by Christina and Diane Fisher, and the punch was provided by Diane for the enjoyment of all. Olene Ferguson and Shirley Sandlin had the dining room looking festive with valentine tablecloths and centerpieces.

Auxilians spreading love at the party were Diane Fisher, Frances Hill, Christina Rainey, Joyce Ater, Maedene Weser, Carolyn Porter, Jeri Brewer, Troyce Norris, Olene Ferguson, Patricia Livingston, Barbara Lenderman and Shirley Sandlin.



Pictured above are Auxilians attending Valentine Party at Assisted Living (Standing) Barbara Lenderman, Patricia Livingston, Maedene Wester Shirley Sandlin

Seated (on floor) Olene Ferguson, Jeri Brewer, Christina Rainey, Joyce Ater, Carolyn Porter, Troyce Norris

The Valentine Cookie Sale was a huge success. Diane Fisher and her sister, Frances Hill, made over 120 dozen cookies. Kudos go to these two wonderful ladies.

In March we have Doctor's Day Scheduled and in April- Membership Recruitment Party



Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home



Drew Memorial Hospital

Submitted by: Leta Taylor, President

Written by State Representative Sheila Lampkin, District 9, who is also a member of our local Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

We would ask for your continued support of the Private Option healthcare system for the working poor. Governor Hutchinson has decided he will support continuing to support it until the end of 2016 in order to have time to further investigate it in order to study how it can be made better, tightened up or abandoned for a new or renamed system. He found it difficult to just drop over 200,000 Arkansans who had never had insurance before. It's also hard to just drop a system that has been so helpful in easing the debt loads of our hospitals. He is hoping to come up with a better plan.

In the meantime his own party, or a certain segment of them, disagree and just want it gone. It seems to be partly the age old problem of the have versus the have-nots.

Regardless, his nephew, Jim Hendren, introduced a bill to keep the Private Option until December 2016, *and* create a Task Force to study the PO for a better plan or further "tweaks." At least sick people and hospitals have nearly two years of "grace." Hendren's bill passed the Senate and will be introduced on the House this week. Pray for Arkansas!

Our state organization, the Arkansas Hospital Association, stands by the Private Option as a means of serving the ill and saving our hospitals. Our own DMH's uncompensated debt load has been eased greatly and CEO Scott Barilleaux supports its passage.

How can you help? Contact your legislators, or legislators you know, and encourage them to support Sen. Hendren's bill and give the Private Option a longer chance to prove its effectiveness. We shouldn't throw out the baby with the bath water.

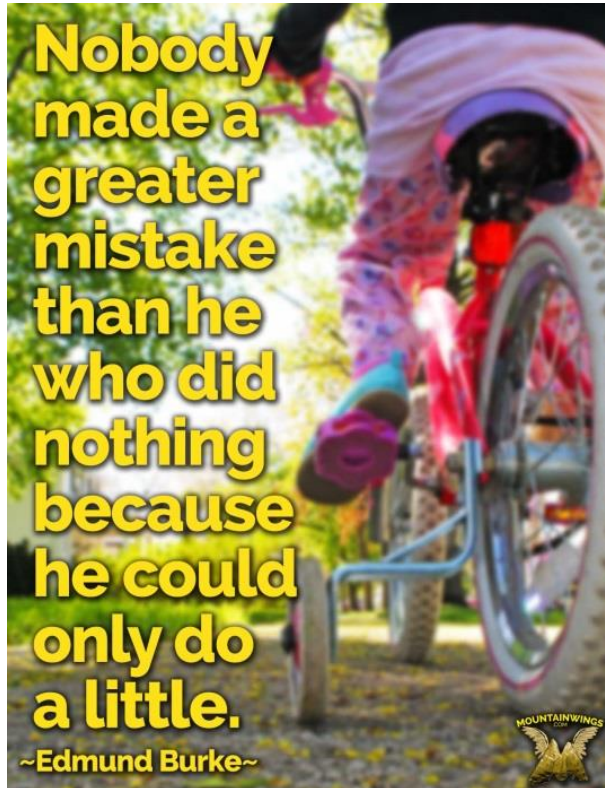
A fast-moving Private Option measure, that calls for the program's end by 2016 instead of 2015 and would create a task force to put together larger health care reforms, heads to a key House committee after its passage in the Senate.

Attempts to shorten the Private Option to the end of 2015 have failed at both ends of the capitol leaving many observers to speculate that the 2016 bill, supported by Hutchinson, will likely pass the House.

Jefferson Regional Medical Center



McGehee Hospital



From Mountainwings.com

NORTHWEST
Judy Overton, Chair



Eureka Springs Hospital

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

Submitted by: Neta Stamps, Newsletter Editor

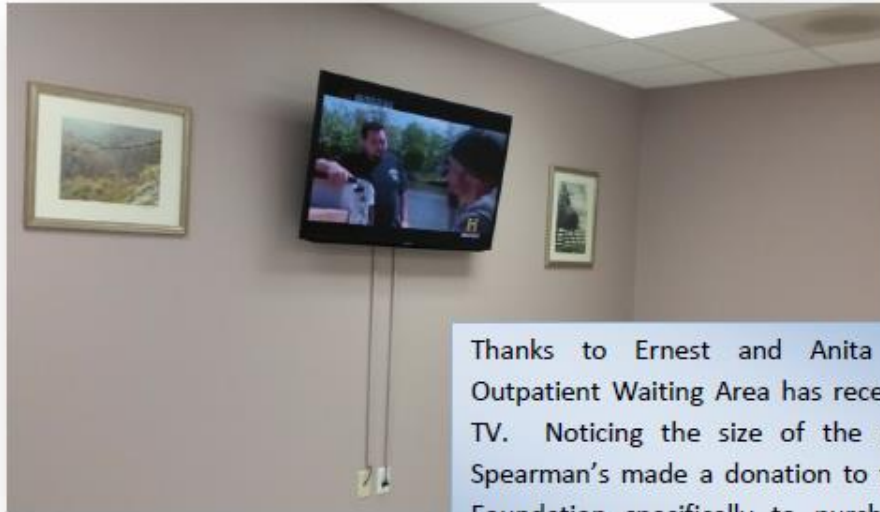
President Joy Flake and Gift Shop Chair Joyce McMullen attended "The Market" in Dallas, Texas.

The auxiliary board voted at the February meeting to purchase ten additional security cameras

to cover outside and inside the hospital.

Thanks to our President-Elect Anita Spearman and her husband Ernie!

Waiting Area Upgrade



Thanks to Ernest and Anita Spearman, the Outpatient Waiting Area has received a big screen TV. Noticing the size of the previous TV, the Spearman's made a donation to the Mercy Health Foundation specifically to purchase a bigger TV more suitable for the size of the room. We appreciate the generosity of Ernie and Anita for this added comfort to our patients and visitors.



Our gift Shop has been closed due to the remodeling project. Our Grand Re-Opening is set to be the week of March 1st.

Volunteers helped create Valentine Sweetheart Candy Bouquets which were sold along with some of the items from our Market Trip.



The auxiliary sponsored a table of eight at the Mercy Foundation Black and White Ball held February 21st



Pictured: (l to r) Chaplain Gloria Beyer and husband Joe, Thrift Store Manager Connie Lascano, Gift Shop Chair Joyce McMullen, Treasurer Shelba Miller, Parliamentarian Ron Flake and President Joy Flake. Pictures by Secretary Neta Stamps.

Above and Beyond Award

Alice Patty



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THRIFT STORE

Our next fund raiser will be a Pre-Easter Bake Sale on April 2nd.

On April 10th the seminar 10 “Learning How to Communicate with Someone You Love with Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease” with Guest speakers Betsy Broyles-Arnold & Molly Arnold-Gay This will be free and open to the public.



Mercy Hospital Northwest AR



Mercy Medical Center – Rogers

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison

Submitted by: Tucky Zima, President

We were very excited to award three \$1,000.00 scholarships to three deserving students: Emily Roberson, Janice Barnard and Justin Yoder.

We were also thrilled to present CEO Vincent Leist with a check for \$95,850.00 for new equipment for the hospital. And we have pledged to purchase a Nuclear Medicine Camera in increments of \$50,000.00 starting in June of this year.

In March we will be having our Spring Basket Sale, which we hope will be as successful as our Christmas Basket Sale, which raised \$4,000.00.

A patient support and advocate program, designed to improve patient satisfaction, was piloted during January with good results. Much of the Volunteers time is spent listening to and encouraging our patients. We work closely with the Nurse Manager to solve patient's complaints before they turn into larger issues. We hope to extend this service to other floors as well.

We are looking forward to the Spring District meeting, April 22, at Northwest Medical Center, Springdale.



Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Submitted by: Jan Dolan, Newsletter Editor

Betsy Arnold (daughter of Frank Broyles) will be speaking at our March 9th Auxiliary Board Meeting to share her knowledge and experience with Alzheimer’s and to help our Auxiliary in

creating a new support group for the Alzheimer's patients and caregivers. She will speak to the entire membership in April.

Our Annual Scrub Sale is Wednesday and Thursday, April 29th and 30th.

Our 3rd Annual "Sock-it-to-Me" drive will begin in March and will run through April 22. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for April 24 at The Double Tree Hotel in Bentonville.

Remember the following: ***"When you volunteer, you are not paid in money or recognition, you are paid in love. People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel."***

Northwest Medical Center – Springdale



Siloam Springs Regional Hospital



Washington Regional Medical Center



Happy Easter!! 

NORTH CENTRAL
Linda Conner, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs



Baxter Regional Medical Center - Mountain Home

Submitted by: Kathy Mills, President

We started our year off with the Baxter Regional Center for Integrative Medicine Symposium and Expo held at The Sheid, on the ASU-MH campus. This is a new service which combines a conventional healthcare approach with mind and body practices, including medical and relaxation massage therapy, acupuncture, Tai Chi, Oigong, yoga and nutritional counseling.

Our fundraisers have been a Shirt Sale for gals and guys, and Wire N' Rings. We are looking forward to another Shirt Sale for the gals and guys (first one was great). The shirts were donated to us from a gentleman who had purchased a sewing facility filled with pallets of men's and women's new shirts. Books are Fun is scheduled for April.

The profits from both of our Bargain Boxes and the Pink-A-Dilly gift shop have made the following donations to BRMC possible from the Auxiliary;

Renovation of the Women & Newborn Care Center	\$ 100,000.00
Super "D"	100,000.00
2-New Shuttles	17,245.00
12-New Wheelchairs	2,940.00
Lend-A-Hand Community Fund Drive	50,000.00
Renovation of the Surgery Reception Area	50,000.00
Memorials to Hospital Foundation	1,450.00
Barney Larry Annual Donation	25,000.00
Budget Commitment to Hospital	56,760.00
Dr. Robert Kerr Medical Scholarship	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 404,395.00</u>

In February the hospital sponsored a Leadership Retreat for the Auxiliary Board and H.O.P.E. Committee. We spent the day reviewing Policies and Procedures, By Laws, and Service Descriptions. We also did brain storming on various topics affecting the Auxiliary, including volunteer recruitment. At the end of the day we enjoyed an elegant dinner and fellowship.



Fulton County Hospital

Harris Hospital –Newport is now Unity Health Harris Medical - Newport



Ozark Health Inc. - Clinton

Submitted by: Bobbye Bennett, Events Coordinator

We are into the New Year, 2015, (it seems as though the time passes ever so quickly.) It was reported at the January meeting that the Auxiliary has received a \$10,000.00 donation to buy furniture for the newly renovated Chemo. A committee of those working in Chemo was given the task of purchasing items for the area. This has been accomplished and the Chemo section has been redecorated.

Also, at the January meeting Helen Dobbins reported that Sparky (the newest nursing home dog) had been "fired". A replacement has been donated and is in the process of being trained for the "position". Helen said that would take approximately three months.

Laura Tournkett was awarded a Chris Alexander Scholarship at the January meeting. Daphane Brown made a request for a scholarship to go toward her studies for a BSN Degree. After a unanimous vote, Daphane was awarded the Scholarship.

Evelyn Eades said the Nursing Home was in need of bingo prizes. Suggestions: jewelry (especially necklaces and bracelets) for the Ladies and lotions and colognes for the men.

The Valentine Bake Sale was held on Friday the 13th of February. Over \$550.00 was raised to go toward the Chris Alexander Scholarship Fund.

Events Coordinator Bobbye reported a uniform sale is scheduled for April 10th and in June a book sale.

The Auxiliary's district meeting this year is in Heber Springs on April 21st.

At the March meeting a slate of officers for the coming year will be presented for vote. Induction of the officers will take place at the May meeting.

And as always new Auxiliary Members are always welcome.

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. Volunteers are love in motion!



Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

A big thank you goes to the White River Health System Foundation who treated us to a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on February 12 at the Skillet Restaurant in Mountain View. We had a wonderful meal, good time visiting with one another and had some awesome door prizes.

We did not have a fundraiser planned for January. For February we had a “No-Bake” Bake Sale, each of us making a donation for what we would normally spend on ingredients, shopping and our time.

On Valentine Day, Saturday February 14 we distributed a bag of candies and a silk rose to each patient in the hospital. The leftover candies were given to the nursing staff and the ER staff.

Our President, Judy Powell, Linda Conner, District Chair and our district scholarship representative attended the President’s meeting in Mountain Home. The Scholarship committee finalized the application form for our district. Good productive meeting and a super lunch.

During March and April we are having a Quilt Raffle. This is a hand quilted queen size quilt made by Marie George, former auxiliary member. Drawing will be on April 14. Ticket sales started in February and are going well.

We are looking forward to the Spring District Meeting in Heber Springs on April 21.

White County Medical Center – Searcy is now
Unity Health White County Medical Center – Searcy
Submitted by: June M. Tripp, president

White River Medical Center



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Arkansas Children’s Hospital



Arkansas Heart Hospital

Baptist Health – Little Rock

Submitted by: Robyn Edwards, Newsletter Coordinator

The **A-TEAM** (**A**mazing-**T**eens **E**ffectively **A**ctive in **M**edicine), an exciting new summer youth program at Baptist Health in Little Rock, filled all available slots as of Feb. 17 and closed the program to further applicants for 2015. This program is geared toward young people with a serious interest in the medical field and has a decidedly educational slant. Those participating will attend sessions from 8 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for six weeks and learn about careers in health care through panel discussions with therapists, nurses, administrators and support staff. They will receive CPR certification; watch filmed surgeries with commentary from the physician who performed the procedure and "shadow" different medical professionals, while touring high profile hospital areas and the Baptist Health Schools. The **A-TEAM** takes the place of the more traditional summer volunteer program, although there will be a limited number of teen volunteer opportunities to work in the Nutrition and Food Service area of the hospital and in the Activities Department of Parkway Health Center.



Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR



North Metro Medical Center –Jacksonville



St. Vincent Health System - Little Rock, Sherwood

Submitted by: Jan Gardner, Auxiliary President

In February, the CHI St. Vincent Auxiliary held an Electronics Sale for one day at CHI St. Vincent North and 2 days at CHI St. Vincent Infirmary.

We will be selling season tickets to Magic Springs February 18-20th.

In March we will be having our annual Membership Luncheon. We are having members of the Arkansas Historical Museum perform and also we will be presenting a new slate of officers for the Auxiliary. At the end of March we will treat our Doctors to healthy snacks to show our appreciation of them.

April will bring in Altar's Jewelry sales, again 1 day at CHI St. Vincent North and 2 days at CHI St. Vincent Infirmary.

Also, in April we will vote on new officers, treat our Nurses and present 3 scholarships.



CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

Submitted by: Delores Hartman, President

February was a very busy month as we had numerous baked items for sale in our Gift Shop for Valentine's Day. We sold tickets for a large Valentine Basket of various items and gift certificates and this was a success.

Our Beans & Cornbread Lunch was well attended and the Silent Auction raised some extra funds also to help meet our pledge to our hospital.

Next we will have our Easter Bake Sale which has always been a good fundraiser as people look forward to buying the baked goods for their Easter dinner.

The Handbag & Jewelry Sale had to be cancelled because of the snow and ice.



Saline Memorial Hospital – Benton



UAMS Medical Center



W. P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute



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

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

Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

<u>Issue Date 2015</u>	<u>Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Covered Activities</u>	<u>Planned Activities</u>
May/June	April 30, 2015	Mar./Apr.	May/June
July/Aug.	June 30, 2015	May/June	July/Aug.
Sept./Oct.	Aug. 31, 2015	July/Aug.	Sept./Oct.



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(**noun**): condition in which you think of something you want to look up, then forget what it is by the time you get to the computer



Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."

