



May/June 2015

# AHAA NEWSLETTER

## A Message from your President:

John Wesley wrote the following with good advice for all of us.

"Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as you can."

What John Wesley had to say depicts the very nature of our volunteers. May I take this opportunity to thank the host auxiliaries for all the imagination, talent, long hours and hard work that made the spring district meetings interesting, informative, and fun.

With the spring district meetings behind us, we look forward to the state convention (Oct. 7-9). As outlined in the district meetings, your convention committee is working hard to make this year's convention one you will not want to miss. I hope to see all again at the convention.

Remember that "Volunteers Are A **TEAM**" and "**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore."

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the AHAA President.

Jerry Berley, AHAA President



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Jerry and I certainly enjoyed attending the Spring District Meetings. Every meeting was great and the host auxiliaries outdid themselves. As we travel throughout our state, we are continually amazed at its beauty. Arkansas is small geographically, but so diverse, from the delta to the mountains and everything in between.....each has a beauty of its own.

We are now looking forward to the AHAA Convention in October. I hope everyone who is able will attend. The Convention Committee has really been working hard to make this year's convention the best ever. It will be informative with great workshops planned, but if Jerry has his way, Thursday evening will be FUN!! Hope to see you there!

Thank you for all you are doing for your hospitals and your communities and remember we are a TEAM, and together everyone achieves more.

Dorothy Berley  
AHAA President-Elect

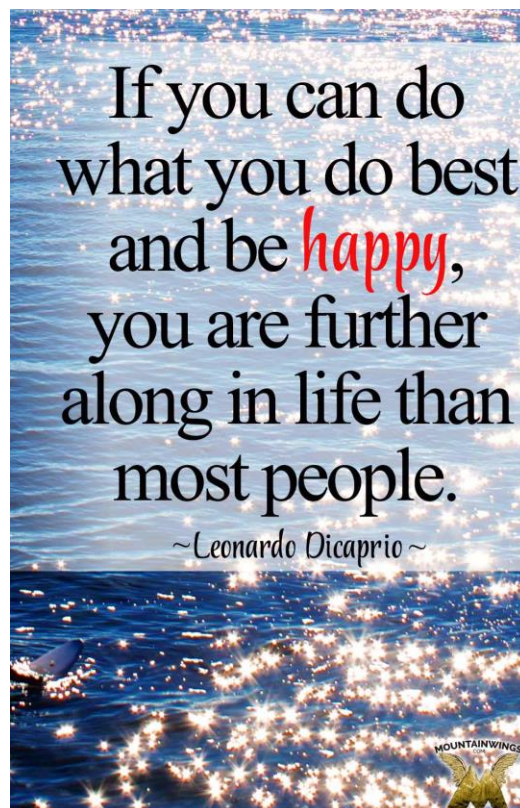
### NOTICE

**New email address for Southwest District Chairman Jack Losmann:**  
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## A MountainWings Moment Issue Number 15127

### Further Along

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# IN MEMORIAM



## *NORTHEAST DISTRICT*

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
MOUNTAIN HOME

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## *SOUTHEAST DISTRICT*

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## *SOUTHWEST DISTRICT*

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - HOT  
SPRING COUNTY MALVERN

Jean West

## *VALLEY DISTRICT*

Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary  
Patricia Presley

Robert 'Bob' Hackney, husband of Northeast District Chair Suzanne Hackney, passed away on  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Memorials may be made to:

William R. Rainwater Memory Center @ St. Bernards Villa  
c/o The Foundation  
400 East Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401 -OR-

First United Methodist Church Care Team Ministries  
801 S. Main Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401



## METROPOLITAN Pauline, Jegley, Chair

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Arkansas Heart Hospital

Baptist Health – Little Rock

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

*Submitted by Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator*

March was a difficult month for us. Due to inclement weather our Auxiliary Meeting had to be postponed by three weeks. When we finally were able to reschedule our meeting with our speaker from the NLR Visitor's Bureau, it turned out to be the best attended meeting we had this year. Also in March, the Auxiliary hosted a Masquerade \$5.00 Jewelry Sale.

In April, we attended the Spring Metro District Meeting hosted by North Metro. Eight Auxiliary members were in attendance. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held the same week. The volunteers were treated to a fabulous lunch and received a gift. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Installation of the new officers will be held during the May Auxiliary meeting followed by the President's reception. In June, the officers will be having a Planning Meeting to help decide on activities and sales for the year and to acquaint incoming committee members and newly elected officers of their responsibilities.

The STAR Summer Volunteer Program will begin in June and serve for six weeks. They will work either Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday.

North Metro Medical Center –Jacksonville

St. Vincent Health System - Little Rock, Sherwood

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

*Submitted by: Delores Hartman, President*

Our Easter Bake Sale was a very successful fundraiser for us and so many happy customers being able to get their holiday goodies. Djuana Fresneda was the winner with the lucky ticket for

the Three Bunny Cakes Family beautifully decorated and wrapped by our own member, Carma.

Six members attended and enjoyed the Spring District meeting in Jacksonville.

Bubba Arnold once again cooked and provided a wonderful Barbeque Lunch for all the staff and volunteers. This has become an annual event that everyone enjoys.

Our hospital provided Lunch for all volunteers during National Volunteer Week and a special treat was singing by the Morrilton Mighty Pups 3rd and 4th grade singers.

May will be busy selling tickets for our Memorial Day Drawing, a 38qt Igloo Wheelie Cooler filled with many items for "Outdoor Fun" plus a Petit Jean Meats Gift Box, WalMart and Kroger gift cards as the 1st prize; then the 2nd prize will be a "Ferris Wheel Hot Dog Cooker" plus 6lbs of Petit Jean Hot Dogs and condiments.

Our hospital has lunch and events planned during Nurses Week and National Hospital Week for all the staff.

Saline Memorial Hospital – Benton

UAMS Medical Center

W. P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute



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*

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary was honored by the hospital with a volunteer luncheon during April at Kelley's Restaurant in Wynne. A large number of members attended and each member was given a potted plant.



Doctors in Wynne who serve the community and the hospital were honored during Doctor's Week with homemade cookies supplied by auxiliary members.

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary's annual spring jewelry sale was held in April and earned the auxiliary over a thousand dollars to help support the scholarship fund.

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary will not meet during the summer months, but members will continue to work the clinics during that time.

Five Rivers Medical Center

Forrest City Medical Center

Helena Regional Medical Center

Lawrence Health Services

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital -Jonesboro

*Submitted by: Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations*

We are happy to announce the addition of 4 new members to our auxiliary team: Janette Baugh, Bill Brown, Tara Nightingale, and Amye Peacock. Our team continued work dedication by volunteering over 1,100 hours each month of March and April.

Julie Hicks retired from the auxiliary after many years and over 5,000 hours of volunteer service. She was recognized by the auxiliary through an engraved brick placed in her honor in the hospital prayer garden and presentation of her 5,000 hour pin.



President Ginny Presgrove presenting retiring Auxilian, Julie Hicks, with her 5,000 hour pin and the brick placed in her honor in the Prayer Garden

The NEA Hospital recognized our auxiliary during National Volunteer Week. CEO, Brad Parsons, spoke to our group and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the hospital for all we do. The hospital provided a catered luncheon for us, gave each one a volunteer bag with our

name, surprised us with a fun slide show and awarded each Auxilian a volunteer pin. A huge "thank you" goes out to Stephanie Taylor, Laura Ward, and Chrisha Harman for making the day so special for us!



Group picture of the NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Auxiliary at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Twelve members of the NEA Auxiliary attended the Spring District AHAA meeting on April 14th at the Helena Country Club. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, and we are looking forward to being the hosts at the fall district meeting in October.

Three members, Ginny Presgrove, Evelyn Glisson, and Faye Haney, assisted with the Alzheimer's Hope Seminar which was held on April 17th in Jonesboro at Southwest Church of Christ.

President, Ginny Presgrove, Faye Haney, and Evelyn Glisson working at the Alzheimer's Hope Seminar





### Upcoming Events:

Our auxiliary is looking forward to participating in and helping with The NEA Mother's Day 5K Run which will be held on the NEA campus on May 9th. The run and events will benefit Share Hope, a program of the NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation. Share Hope is called when a family loses or has an impending loss of a child during pregnancy, at birth or within the first few months of life. They provide support, mementos, clothing, blankets, photographs and other items collected after delivery. In addition, Share Hope helps the family with funeral arrangements and memorial services and funding for low income families to cover funeral costs as needed. "

We will also help with Nurses' Week and Hospital Week in May by providing cookies and soft drinks to our nurses and hospital staff.

Our Scrub Sale will be May 7th and 8th at the hospital.

### Piggott Community Hospital

#### SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola

*Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary*

An Easter Basket was raffled off by the SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. The drawing was held March 2nd. Adele Black presented the basket to the winning ticket holder, Sharron Shaffer of Osceola. The proceeds from raffle will go towards the Auxiliaries Scholarship Fund.



The Northeast District Auxiliary Spring meeting was held at the Country Club in Helena on Tuesday April 14th. Auxiliary Members attending from SMC Regional Medical Center, Osceola were Morris Sue Wood, Betty Thompson, Ann Wallace, Lovonda Carter, Mary "Pud" Thomas and Adele Black.





A Pinning Ceremony was held in the hospital private dining room April 16th during Hospital Volunteer Week. Pictured left to right are Auxiliary members, Betty Thompson, Paulette Booker, Sue Cantrell, Dorothy Crockett, Pud Thomas, Lovonda Carter, Dorothy Booth, Sharon Ragan, Morris Sue Wood, Ann Wallace, Adele Black, Martha England and Shirley Stovall. Not pictured, Melinda Gipson, Treva Reese, Joann Holliman, Norma Hicks, and Melba Shoemake. Collectively, the Auxiliary accrued 1657 volunteer hours this past year.



### St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

*Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor*

At the March 2013 General Meeting, St. Bernards Auxiliary voted to pledge \$200,000 to help in Villa construction costs. We have paid \$120,000 of that pledge in \$40,000 payments (much of this funded by the Gift Shop) since then. The new St Bernards Villa will have a chapel named by the Auxiliary.

Some of our Gift Shop employees worked their shifts during snow days this quarter. This helps keep our volunteer hours up and makes people happy who depend on us being there. It was helpful to hospital employees who were stocking up on toothbrushes and toothpaste for an overnight stay. Thanks to all volunteers who braved the weather.



## NORTH CENTRAL Linda Conner, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs

Baxter Regional Medical Center - Mountain Home

*Submitted by: Kathy Mills, President*

At our March Auxiliary General Meeting we had a presentation on Emergency Preparedness, guests invited. We always encourage BRMC Auxiliary members to bring guest to all general meetings, a great recruitment tool. Our DVS reminds us “there is no better recruitment tool than a happy volunteer”. The Pink-A-Dilly, our gift shop, was closed for several days for renovations, which included new flooring and painting. Hope you have a chance to see the results!!

We wrote thank you cards on Doctors Day to the BRMC medical staff thanking them for their commitment to our hospital and community. Some of the officers attended the SHVL Conference in Ashville NC. The wealth of information provided by the speakers in the conference sessions and networking with fellow attendees is well worth your time and money.

We continue honoring the volunteers with their birthday breakfasts.

We have started acquiring applications for the AHAA North Central District scholarships. Our District is giving two scholarships one from our district, and one from the state

April was a busy month for everyone in the medical field.

Ours started off with several members attending the donor banquet sponsored by the BRMC Foundation. We traveled to Heber Springs for the North Central Spring District Meeting where

we won the NC District Community Service Award. The award was given based on the auxiliary's commitment to our 4 Community Houses. The next two days we were very busy assisting with the BRMC/KTLO Health Fair. There were approximately sixty to seventy vendors, BRMC clinics, BRMC Community Houses and BRMC Departments represented. April ended with our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and Officer Installation. The Foundation presented the Auxiliary with a check for \$64,860.00. This was the largest interest check we have received since the Million Dollar Endowment was started.

We will be helping with various activities for the nurses during Nurses Week.

Fulton County Hospital

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

Ozark Health Inc. - Clinton

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

*Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor*

Spring is in the air and we are so thankful for the change in the weather.

We have two new members and another will join us this month.

Our No-Bake sale in February brought in \$421.00.

April 15 will be a "Books are Fun" sale. Drawing for the Quilt Raffle was held at our April meeting. We sold tickets plus donations in the amount of \$2569.00, expenses were \$158.00 leaving \$2411.00 profit for this project. Winner of the quilt is Shirley Collins. This money will go toward helping with payment on the new lights in the OR. We thank all who sold and bought tickets.

We continue to bring items each meeting for donation to the Stone County Food Room.

Congratulations to Hannah Dyke for 4,000 volunteer hours.

We have twelve signed up to attend the District Meeting in Heber Springs on April 21.

In May we will have a table set up at the Business Expo with information for membership recruitment. No fundraiser scheduled for June.

White County Medical Center – Searcy is now  
Unity Health White County Medical Center – Searcy

**Tooth and Nail**

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Hanging on tooth and nail can pull out your teeth and nails.

One aspect of wisdom is knowing when to hang on

....and when to let go.

~A MountainWings Original~



**NORTHWEST**  
Judy Overton, Chair

Eureka Springs Hospital

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

*Submitted by: Neta Stamps, Newsletter Editor*

March was a very busy month for the auxiliary with the Grand Reopening of our Gift Shop. Linda Boyer, local radio personality, broadcast from the shop on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Samples of dips were available.

Right: Linda Boyer with Mary Ruth Hudspeth from KTHS



Auxiliary members provided gift boxes of cookies and veggies with dip to doctors in various areas to celebrate Doctor's Day.





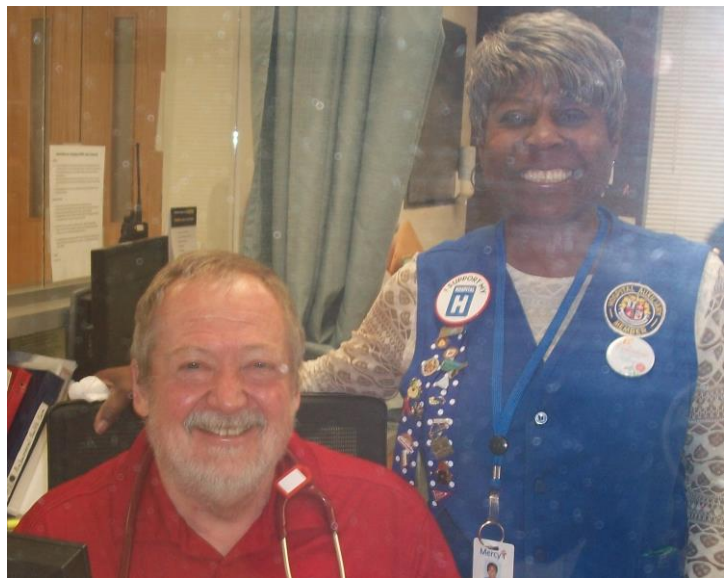
President Elect Anita Spearman with Surgeon Dr. William Flake



President Elect Anita Spearman with Visiting Nephrologist Dr. Avin Rekhi



Dr. Randal Spurgin, Clinic Physician with President Elect Anita Spearman



ER Physician Dr. Milo Warner with President Elect Anita Spearman

Our Pre-Easter Bake sale was held Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with a profit of \$406.00.

Right: Anita Rissler, Debbie Wobbler (purchasing cinnamon rolls) and Joy Flake



On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Mercy provided the auxiliary with treats followed by the yearly In-Service updates.

# Auxiliary Appreciation

During National Volunteer Week, Mercy Hospital Berryville held an Auxiliary Appreciation Celebration in honor of our Mercy Auxiliary Berryville. Berryville has an amazing group of Auxilians that continuously give of their time to benefit our hospital and community. We are so grateful for everything they do!



Above: Jewell Pyron was honored for his many years of service in the Auxiliary. He stands with Joy Flake, Auxiliary President.



Above: Many Auxilians attended the Auxiliary Celebration on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Below: Shirley Pyron, longtime Auxilian, spoke of the ways things used to be in the early beginnings of the hospital.

thank  
you!



Only one from the Auxiliary attended the Spring District Meeting. Anita Spearman, the District Secretary and Mercy President Elect, attended and expressed our apologies for cancelling reservations. It was the same date as the memorial service for a lifetime auxiliary member.



In honor of Laboratory Week, Mercy Auxiliary surprised the lab with a gift box of fruit and veggies on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



April 24<sup>th</sup> was the Alzheimer's Seminar with Betsy Broyles Arnold. Over 30 people from the area attended.



The Auxiliary was represented at the Berryville Lawn and Garden Show on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Right: Sherri Plumlee, Pat Armer, Anita Spearman and Joy Flake



Again this year the Scholarship Committee could not choose only two winners. A total of five scholarships were awarded; each scholarship is for \$1000.00. We are proud of our awardees!

Below are the winners from Green Forest High School at Awards Ceremony April 28<sup>th</sup>.



Left to right: Auxiliary President Joy Flake; Felix Yanez who plans to pursue Pharmacy Administration; Emily Glassell who plans to become an Anesthesiologist and Harleigh Andrews who aspires to become an ER Nurse.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> two graduating students from Berryville High School also received scholarships.



Ciera Foster, who plans to become a Radiologist, with Auxiliary President Joy Flake



Abigail Romero, who aspires to study at CDC, with Auxiliary President Joy Flake





Senior Games, May 1, 2015 MAB member Richard Keller was the Sr. Game flag bearer and Auxiliary Past President and Mercy Hospital President Kristy Estrem was the torch bearer.



Left: Anita Spearman, Auxiliary President Elect with Gold Medals in 800 Meter Prediction Walk and Football Throw (No Deflation Gate here!) and Bronze medal in Softball Throw

(Extreme sun burn!) Neta Sue Stamps, Auxiliary Secretary with Gold in Daisy Air Gun Shoot

The auxiliary celebrated Nurses Day May 6<sup>th</sup> by presenting various nursing departments with gifts of fruit and veggies.



Secretary Neta Stamps presents a gift tray to the Surgical Nursing staff.



President Joy Flake and Thrift Store Manager Connie Lascano with Case Management nurses Carolyn Bosshardt and Pennie Mallotte





Gift trays were presented by auxiliary members to the nurses at Mercy Clinic.



Medical/Surgical nurses were presented gift trays by auxiliary members.



Secretary Neta Stamps with Outpatient Services Nurses Vickie Allen and Erin Conard

Mercy Auxiliary Berryville was very proud of our own Erin Conard, RN being nominated as 2015 Northwest Arkansas Best Nurse.

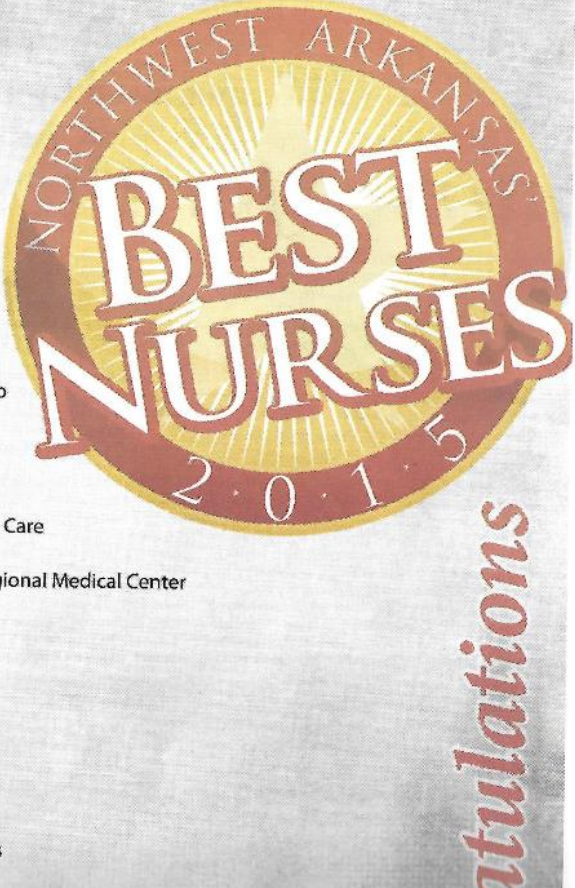
**BEST NURSES 2015**

# 2015 nominees

*The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette would like to honor the following nominees for the 2015 Best Nurses.*

**Diana Wright, RN, The Right Solutions, Tontitown – Winner**  
**Tyranny Ray, LPN, Southern Health Partners, Bentonville – First runner-up**  
**Jay Gresham, LPN, NWA Free Health Center/Global Health Partners, Fayetteville – Second runner-up**

**Kim Baltz, RN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**  
**Freesa Brown, Mercy Clinic Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
**Natalie Cook, RN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**  
**Erin Conard, RN, Mercy Hospital-Berryville**  
**Sharon Cowell, RN, Johnson County Health Department Home Care**  
**Karen Cuevas, Northwest Medical Center-Cardiology**  
**Emily DeVault, Johnelle Hunt Women's Center, Washington Regional Medical Center**  
**Terri Fells, Northwest Medical Center**  
**Kathy Fikes, VA Home-Based Primary Care**  
**Cendy Fite, RN, Mercy Clinic-Rogers**  
**Ruth Gillespie, RN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**  
**Sheri Hawley, RN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**  
**April Holmes, RN, Mercy Northwest Arkansas**  
**Amy Jasay, LPN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**  
**Kelly Morgan, RN, Mercy Northwest Arkansas**  
**Malia Myers, RN, Mercy Northwest Arkansas**  
**Candy Odglen, RN, Plastic Surgery Clinic of Northwest Arkansas**  
**Beth Olejniczak, RN, Parkhill Clinic for Women**



It has been a busy couple of months for the auxiliary and we are also looking forward to the Berryville Ice Cream Social June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A number of members will take part in the One Mile Walk and other members will assist with the registration.

Our annual meeting with election and installation of officers will be a potluck on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Mercy Hospital Northwest AR

### Mercy Medical Center – Rogers

*Submitted by: Christy Blackshear, President elect*

The auxiliary sponsored an electronics fundraiser and raised \$2,000 additional dollars for the Reach Out and Read Program which is supported in our Bentonville Pediatric Clinic. Every child between the ages of 6 months and 5 years who comes in for a well visit is given a book. In addition to a book, the physicians have a conversation with parents about the importance of reading aloud to children at a very young age. Mercy Auxiliary has donated \$9,500 in the past year in support of this great program.

Since Sister's opened, 212 fittings for bras, and prosthesis and post-surgical garments have been completed for breast cancer survivors and newly diagnosed patients. The auxiliary also welcomed two new co-workers to our Sister's team. Susan Earnest is a registered nurse and



served as a breast navigator for 8 years in Washington County, and Becky Young comes to us with a wealth of experience from the Walmart Home Office.

Six hundred stickers have been distributed to be placed on helmets reinforcing bike safety by the Mercy Auxiliary partnering with local bike shops. In addition, the auxiliary has participated in a Community Education project with the YMCA to promote bike safety.

The Mercy Auxiliary partnered with Dillard's to offer complimentary bra fittings in support of Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer research. Dillard's donated \$1 for every fitting provided at Mercy Hospital on March 11 and March 12.

Auxiliary members made Valentine's Day cards for patients on February 14. Cards were placed on patients' food trays. This project was so successful that members also made Easter cards for patients.

The auxiliary purchased 100 books by Betsy Broyles in which she details how her family took care of her mother who had Alzheimer's. These books on being a caretaker for individuals with Alzheimer's were given to case managers, physicians and to the emergency room department.

The following fundraisers have been held by the Mercy Auxiliary: Dillard's, two bake sales, linens, jewelry and electronics

The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary in Rogers held its' annual spring volunteer appreciation luncheon for 2015 on April 27th at the Doubletree Inn.





John Halstead, Mercy VP of Missions and Ethics, provided the group with an overview of Mercy Hospital's long range plan including growth, building projects and the addition of physicians. Sister Anita Desalvo gave the opening prayer. In addition, Joe McDermott, led a 1960's and 1970's trivia music game for the audience. The special guests were the Dazzling Diamonds Chorus who performed several musical selections.

Holli Oliver, director of volunteer services, and Matt Matthews, auxiliary president, made a presentation about the projects that the auxiliary has been involved in for the 2014 and 2015 year. Following this presentation Ms. Oliver announced volunteer service awards for individuals who served 50, 100, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 6500, 10,500 and 14,500 hours.



Peggy Blaylock, volunteer of the year with Holli Oliver.

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison

Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Northwest Medical Center – Springdale

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital

Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville

*Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services*

Auxiliary proceeds for February & March: Gift shop \$9,610 Fresh flowers & balloons \$2,142.

3,154 volunteer hours were recorded for March & April.

The Auxiliary sponsored the first lobby sale for the year on April 1. Gold N Vision out of Lufkin Texas sells 14k and Sterling silver jewelry as well as watches. We sold \$5,477 with a profit to the Auxiliary of \$1,190.

Nine volunteers traveled to Springdale on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to attend the NW District Auxiliary Meeting hosted by NW Medical Center.

During the first quarter of 2015, seven new volunteers have been trained and are on the job!

We hosted a blood drive on March and had a better than usual participation from our employees and the community. 32 registered to give and we received 28 viable units. The goal was 20.

We were pleased to be recognized at a luncheon hosted by the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks on April 28 as a Special Distinction Hospital for 2014.

## **A MountainWings Moment**

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### **Hearing**

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**Hearing is automatic  
...but listening takes skill**

~Rodney B. Jackson~



### **SOUTHEAST**

Barbara Goodwin, Chair

Ashley County Medical Center - Crossett

Baptist Health Medical Center – Stuttgart

Bradley County Medical Center - Warren

*Submitted by Phyllis Loomis, Editor*

Jane Weier, a local Warren resident, is making and donating bears to be given to all the children that come through the ER.

President Freddie Lipton, asked the members to thank our legislators for passing the "Private Option Bill." This bill helps individuals get insurance and the insurance can, in effect, pay the hospitals.

The new officers for the Auxiliary are President, Phyllis Loomis; Vice President, Charlotte McClelland; Recording Secretary, Sherry White and Treasurer, Freddie Lipton.

The hospital Auxiliary members had a total of 2,653 hours for 2014.

The Spring District Meeting was held in Stuttgart, Arkansas, on Monday, April 13th. Warren Auxiliary will host the District meeting in October, 2015. Kay Robinson has volunteered to prepare the meal for the meeting.

## Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

*Submitted by: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity and Scrapbook*



On March 26th, we held a welcome tea for the new personnel at the hospital. Dr. Coleman was not there as he is still in the hospital, but Autumn Bennett was welcomed as our new Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. There is now a Women's Clinic at CMMC, and Autumn Bennett is heading it and specializes in all health concerns for women.

Pictured are: Autumn Bennett and Auxilian Lillian Sims.

The scrub sale held on March 26th and 27th did very well.

On Monday, March 30th, we honored Doctor's Day with a gift bag of homemade sweets and sourdough bread. Margie Smith is our sourdough bread maker and she is the best! They all loved it!

Right: Margie Smith and Barbara Harris with Dr. Burge







Margie Smith and Barbara Harris with Dr. Kelly,



Margie Smith and Barbara Harris with Dr. Mayfield.

Tuesday, March 31st, we held another jewelry sale. During the third week of April, we will honor the EMS and the Lab employees.



On Monday, April 13th, eight of our ladies attended the Southeast District Meeting held at the new convention center in Stuttgart. Pictured are from left: Beth White, Nancy Gardner, Patsy Selby, Betty Shuler, Judy Sadler, Margie Smith, Barbara Harris, and Laverne Bariola.

At our general meeting in April, we reviewed and voted on scholarship applicants. They will be introduced at our May Awards Banquet on May 20th at 5 pm.

We will assist at the Lunch & Learn Programs that the hospital is conducting once monthly. Various speakers on different health topics come and speak to anyone interested in learning more about a specific illness or condition. The next Lunch & Learn will be May 8<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, April 10th, we lost one of our own, Marlys Turnage. She died peacefully at her home. Marlys was very active in the auxiliary until several years ago, when she fell ill to a stroke. Even after her stroke, she continued to visit others in the nursing home. She was very active in her community and loved helping others.





## Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas

*Submitted by: Shirley Sandlin*

Five prospects attended the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's recruitment event held April 9th at DMH.



Member Jessie West talking with guest Bonnie Johnson

Members and guests were served delicious cookies made by Jessie West, Christina Rainey, Troyce Norris and Diane Fisher. The group enjoyed “mouthwatering” punch made by Lisa Dilbeck of the hospital dietary department.



Our upcoming events are: Nurses Day Celebration May 6, 2015 and Health Fair May 14, 2015

After President Maedene Weser explained to the guests the mission and policies of the auxiliary, Elizabeth Goad, Juanita Moreland and Juanita Branson joined the auxiliary.

They were welcomed by the group.

The Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary celebrated Doctors' Day March 30th by placing a basket filled with “goodies” in the doctors' chart room. Serving on that committee were Diane Fisher, Frances Hill and Troyce Norris.

Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home

Drew Memorial Hospital

Jefferson Regional Medical Center

*If Pride goeth before a fall, what follows?  
A trip to the ER?*



## **SOUTHWEST**

Jack Losmann, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia

Baptist Health Medical Center – Malvern

Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Springs County

*Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary*

In March four members attended the Presidents/District Chair meeting in Arkadelphia.

We approved one new applicant for membership; adopted the new 'Helmet' program and 'Pennies for Socks' program; made plans to attend the Spring District Meeting at Fordyce and attended the funeral for one of our members.

In April, we voted to honor the hospital's request for a Popcorn Machine @ \$483.94, a PICC cart @ \$2,848.52, to Upholster Chairs in Physical Therapy @ \$650.00, buy Inspirational Wall Quotes for hospital wall decorations @ \$621.43, and a new cart for Vickie Shuff to use in the Pink Lady Gift Shop @ \$100.00. We also voted to buy the new pink uniforms. A container is in the Gift Shop to collect 'Pennies for Socks' that will be used in November for the Jones Mills Mission.

A new program we have going is, two days a week, one of our members goes to the patient's room and has a prayer with them if they wish it. The April newsletter 'Volunteer Voice' was distributed. We approved two \$1,000.00 scholarships to be given this year. We are also participating in the 'Cereal Drive' in June.

## CHI St. Vincent – Hot Springs

*Submitted by: Peg Kuhnly*

Spring is the season of special events with the District Meeting, which was hosted by Dallas County Medical Center. It was a very nice event with good food (as always), good entertainment and a great chance to visit with friends throughout the district. We were proud of “our” District Chair, Jack Losmann and pleased when he noted the four past presidents of AHAA in our district along with the state president and president elect, who are also from the Southwest District.

Our annual awards meeting was held at the hospital and our new hospital president, Tony Houston, was there to meet us and to thank the volunteers for all they do for the hospital and community. He also thanked us for the check that was given to the Foundation.

The surgery waiting room is more than busy and we have added a children’s corner with tables and toys to try to take some of the stress off family members, (and our volunteers). People seem to appreciate the coffee, tea, hot chocolate, muffins and fruit that the auxiliary makes available in the surgery waiting room.

We look forward to the arrival of our Junior Volunteers; we appreciate their smiles, enthusiasm and their computer skills.

## Dallas County Medical Center

## Howard Memorial Hospital

## Magnolia Regional Medical Center

*Submitted by: Lucy Ray, Director of Volunteer Services*

We sponsored a very successful uniform sale on March 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> by Uniforms 2U2.

The President and DVS attend the Southwest District President’s meeting in Arkadelphia on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary annual awards luncheon was held at the LifeSmart Center. Each volunteer was awarded a golden label star for each year of service and a pin for each five year increments.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, fourteen Auxilians attended the AHAA Southwest Spring meeting in Fordyce hosted by Dallas County Medical Center Auxiliary.

We continue making comfort pillows for our patients and to date we have cut, sewn, and stuffed 1,010 pillows.

Our Auxiliary is collecting and donating pop top tabs for the Ronald McDonald house in Little Rock.



## Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

*Submitted by: Peggy Plummer, President*

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle “Lunch and learn” on March 4, 2014 featuring Johana Zama, MD, South Arkansas Pulmonology Associates. Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers, and Peggy Plummer, MCSA Auxiliary President, greeted guests and assisted with registration.

9 volunteers received service awards



The auxiliary accepted a new project to supply shirts to all newborns at Medical Center of South Arkansas. The newborn shirts will be imprinted with “I was born at MCSA”.

The Auxiliary purchased a sound system and wireless microphone for conference room.



Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle “Lunch and Learn” on April 1, 2014 featuring Sandesh Pokharel, MD, South Arkansas Center on Aging. Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers, greeted guests and assisted with registration.

Four volunteers attended Spring District meeting in Fordyce, AR.

MCSA honored MCSA Auxiliary on National Hospital Volunteer Week with reception and gift.

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

MCSA Gift Shop donated door prizes for hospital functions.

A grand opening reception and ribbon cutting was held at MCSA Outpatient Therapy Services and MCSA Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center on Thursday, April 23. Virginia Meador, Director of Volunteers, and Peggy Plummer, MCSA Auxiliary President, greeted guests and assisted with registration.



Virginia Meador and Peggy Plummer at Open House

Mercy Hospital Hot Springs

National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs

Ouachita County Medical Center – Camden

*Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor*

A check for \$12,145 was presented to the hospital during our quarterly meeting in March to be applied toward the purchase of a Central Monitoring System in our emergency room. A balance of \$104,000 remains.

Our Good Friday Bake Sale netted \$735.70; these funds will be used to pay for mammograms in accordance with the Susan B. Komen guidelines.

On April 15, the hospital hosted another beautiful reception to honor our group. The table was decorated with a fresh bouquet to have been given to the Volunteer of the Year. Barbara Bradshaw was selected to receive this honor in 2015 by her friends in the auxiliary.



Our Dietary Department honored us with all sorts of goodies, which were shared with all employees. We were also honored by our Administration with free meals in the cafeteria from April 15 through April 30.

Nineteen from our auxiliary attended the Spring District Meeting in Fordyce hosted by Dallas County Medical Center Auxiliary.

ON A CHURCH SIGN AT PINDALL

*A good pill to swallow is Pride.*



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 had a very successful Scrub Sale on March 30-31. Funds from this sale will go toward scholarships for hospital employees seeking further education in the medical field.

Three \$500 scholarships were awarded to hospital employees during our April Auxiliary Meeting on April 6.



Mrs. Donnie Frederic presents the Donnie Frederic Memorial Fund Scholarship to Francis Poole.

Two additional \$500 scholarships were given to hospital employees, Ashley Baker and Diana Herrera

To honor our doctors on Doctor's Day, Auxiliary members made trail mix, packaged it with decorative bows, and delivered it to the Doctor's Lounge for doctors to enjoy.

Our Volunteer Services Administrator and her staff surprised volunteers with a "Cafe Switchboard" during Volunteer Week. Every day, volunteers were served gourmet coffees and pastries and given a special cup made just for each volunteer with their favorite items painted on the cup.



## Sparks Regional Medical Center Fort Smith

*Submitted by: Alice Swaim, President*

Our March regular meeting was cancelled due to ice covering the ground. We had just finished our Board meeting when we discovered sleet was falling so we quickly notified members. This was an unsafe condition and the board members also quickly left to get home before things got worse.

Later in March, the Physical Therapy Dept. sponsored a "March Madness" contest with which we were asked to assist. This was set up in our large Educational Room, with a goal post, etc. This was mostly hospital employees, but anyone could participate. The person who made the most baskets consecutively would win a very nice gift. Would you believe a woman shot 27 consecutive baskets and won first place? Money made was donated to the free valet service which our Auxiliary provides for our patients, their families, and all other guests.

I was able to attend the March Valley District President's meeting, hosted by our sister Sparks Hospital, Van Buren, Ark. Thank you May O'Donnell, for all you have done for our district, as you have served as Chairman. You have done a good job.

Sparks Hospital Auxiliary, Ft. Smith is very fortunate to have our own Linda Butler volunteer to serve as Chair for the next year. Should she be chosen, I know she will do a good job.

We welcomed April with a Masquerade jewelry sale which we felt was a success. We love the \$5.00 assortment of "goodies". We also have 16 members signed up to attend the Valley District Spring meeting at our sister hospital in Van Buren. We look forward to seeing everyone as we support our sister auxiliary.

Our gift shops and thrift shop are all doing well as we continue to pay for the free valet service. We did have a door shot out with a BB gun over one weekend, along with 21 other businesses, but those men were arrested.

New officers will be installed at our regular meeting and luncheon in May. This officially will end our regular meetings for June, July, and until school begins in August.

We will do a Dillard's sale in June which employees really enjoy. For those who can, we invite them to continue working their day in the gift shop, otherwise we use the summer to rest and get ready for the next year.

## Summit Medical Center is now Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren

*Submitted by: Sue Walker, President*

Our membership tea was held after our February meeting. We acquired one new member from the tea. We are delighted to have her. We plan to continue working to increase our membership.

The scholarship committee has received fourteen applications. We will be awarding 4 \$1000.00 scholarships this year. The applicants must be going into the medical field. The judges on the

committee certainly have some hard decisions to make. The scholarships will be awarded at our May meeting.

We honored our doctors with a brunch and presented them with a boutonniere on March 30th, Doctor's Day.

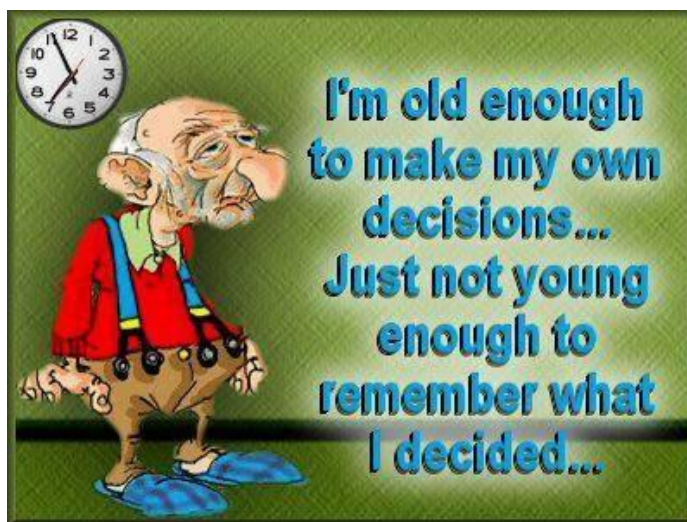
The volunteers were honored with a luncheon for Volunteer week on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This was arranged by our advisor, Norma Shults and the hospital CFO, Anthony Brooks. We were also presented with a plant. We really enjoyed the luncheon.

A successful scrub sale was held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The company putting it on certainly had a lot of merchandise.

This was our year to host the Valley District Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Van Buren at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. We were honored to have State President, Jerry Berley, and President-elect, Dorothy Berley, with us. Jerry's presentation was on Teamwork and working together. We had decorated in red and white and used the Razorback theme. Our lunch was catered and was very good. Tammy Tumlinson provided the entertainment. There were about 65 people attending.

Our officer installation will be in June. We have a garage sale scheduled for July. Every month our auxiliary sponsors an AARP driving class.

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



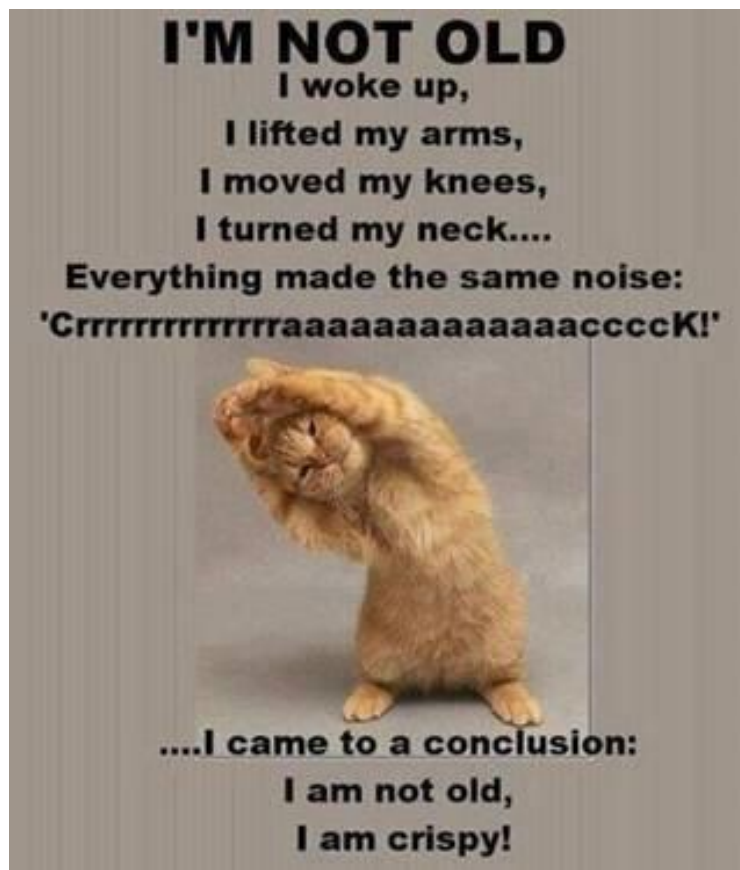
#### Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

Issue Date 2015	Cutoff Date	Covered Activities	Planned Activities
July/Aug.	June 30, 2015	May/June	July/Aug.
Sept./Oct.	Aug. 31, 2015	July/Aug.	Sept./Oct.



# District Meetings

October 19, 2015	Northeast	NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro
October 20, 2015	North Central	Fulton County Hospital - Salem
October 21, 2015	Northwest	Siloam Springs Regional Hospital - Siloam Springs
October 22, 2015	Valley	Chambers Memorial Hospital - Danville
October 27, 2015	Southwest	CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs - Hot Springs
October 28, 2015	Southeast	Bradley County Medical Center - Warren
October 29, 2015	Metropolitan	CHI St. Vincent - Little Rock



## When I'm An Old Lady

When I'm and old lady, I'll live with my kids,  
I'll make their life happy and filled with such fun---  
I want to pay back all the joys they have provided,  
And, oh, I'll watch as they get so excited!  
.....When I'm and old lady and live with my kids.

I'll write on the walls with red, white, and blues,  
And bounce on the furniture still wearing my shoes.  
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out;  
I'll stuff all the toilets, and oh, how they'll shout!  
.....When I'm and old lady and live with my kids.

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,  
I'll get into things like syrup and sugar and bleach.  
Oh, they'll snap their fingers, and then shake their head.  
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed.  
.....When I'm and old lady and live with my kids.

When they cook dinner and call me to meals,  
I'll not eat my green beans or salads congealed.  
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,  
And when they get angry, I'll run as fast as I'm able.  
.....When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,  
I'll cross both my eyes to see if they'll stick.  
I'll take off my socks, and throw one away,  
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day.  
.....When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

And later in bed, I'll lie back with sighs,  
Thank God in prayer, and then close my eyes;  
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,  
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping."  
.....When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

*Submitted by Dorothy Berley*

### NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

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