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AHAA NEWSLETTER

A Message from your President:

The article below is from "Volunteer Thoughts, etc." (Author Unknown)

Thank You for Making a Difference

Volunteers like you are everyday heroes, by choosing to care, and to give your best, you enhance the lives of many, as you pass their way. Not only do you touch them through your dedication and thoughtfulness, you inspire others to care as well. Your attitude of compassion and commitment brings so much to our team. Your loyal service is your gift to your hospital and the community, and it is a gift that does not go unnoticed. Your hard work and is greatly appreciated. May thanks for all you do. (Changed by Jerry Berley to fit our association.)

According to the Washington Post, the "Affordable Care Act" is having a devastating impact on our strapped rural hospitals. Since 2010, 48 rural hospitals have closed and 283 are in danger and most of these are in the South. Our role as volunteers is crucial in helping our hospitals survive. Let's continue to work together as a TEAM in our respective hospitals and throughout Arkansas.

With this in mind, let me encourage all of you to attend the AHAA convention, October 7-9, 2015. Plans are being made to make this a convention well worth your time. It is a time for renewing old acquaintances, making new friends, sharing ideas, and having a joyous time together.

Remember that "Volunteers Are A **TEAM**" and "Together Everyone **Achieves More**."

Jerry Berley, AHAA President



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We have just completed our fiscal year for AHAA. As we begin the new year there will be some changes in our State Projects. The decision has been made to discontinue "Medic-Alert" as a state project. This is a good program and if your auxiliary wants to continue it as a local project you certainly may do so. A new state project will be added called "Look Before You Lock". This will be a safety awareness program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the danger of leaving your child in a locked vehicle, even for just a few minutes.

Even on a mild day, a child trapped in a hot car can die of a heat stroke or hyperthermia in just minutes. On average, 38 children die in the U. S. each year from heat-related deaths, after being trapped inside motor vehicles. What is most tragic is that all of these deaths are completely preventable!

This program will not be a great expense on your auxiliary. A brochure is being prepared that gives Child Vehicular Heat Stroke Facts and Prevention / Safety Tips. This brochure will be available on the AHAA Website for you to print off. I hope each auxiliary will adopt this program. The brochure can be given out to all new parents at your hospital and all the daycare facilities in your area. If we can be instrumental in saving just one little life, then this program will be a success!

Thank you for all you do for your hospitals and communities.

Dorothy Berley
AHAA President-Elect

DID YOU SEE THIS?

NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

IF YOU CAN FIND A BIRD IN THIS NEWSLETTER WHICH IS ALSO A VERB, PLEASE EMAIL ME netasue@mail.com WITH THE PAGE AND THE CONTEXT IN WHICH YOU FOUND IT. (May/June AHAA Newsletter)

Either there are no English Majors among auxiliary members, or very few even read the AHAA Newsletter. The only person who contacted me about the above was Dorothy Berley!

This issue, can you find a homonym for an embankment??

Need a hint?



Email your answer – giving page and article where the homonym is used:
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IN MEMORIAM



METROPOLITAN

Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

Betty Gay Shuler

North Metro Medical Center –Jacksonville

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Ruth Bankhead

Gladys Keller

Berl Jones

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Baptist Health Medical Center

Hot Springs County - Malvern

Mildred Patricia (Patsy) McFarlin

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Baxter Regional Medical Center

Kenneth Beebe

Marge Gunter

National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs

Rose Retskey

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital

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VALLEY DISTRICT

Johnson Regional Medical Center – Clarksville

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Sparks Hospital Auxiliary - Ft. Smith

Betty Woods



The following changes to the policies and procedures were approved by the Bylaws Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Page 38. General Information to the Board of Directors.

Add a new #3.

3. Badges will be provided to incoming elected members of the Board of Directors. These are to be worn at all board meetings or the member will be subject to a \$1.00 fine.

Current #3 to #13 will change to #4 to #13.

Page 43. Appointed officers, #3 Historian.

New Copy

- a. Prepares a scrapbook of publicity and pictures pertaining to AHAA.
- b. Presents this scrapbook to the AHAA President at the end of his/her term.

Delete Current Copy

Page 44. Appointed officers, #8 Leadership Chair.

Change wording on “c” – everything else remains the same

- c. Arranges for the forms to be made available as an AHAA publication via the AHAA and the AHA websites.



ADDITIONAL REMINDER:

Our 2015 State Convention will be the last one scheduled for DoubleTree in Little Rock. There will be a new State Project announced - in fact, watch for information on-line under PUBLICATIONS at our website: <http://www.arhaa.org/>



METROPOLITAN Pauline, Jegley, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR

Submitted by Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The installation of the newly elected officers was held at the May Auxiliary Meeting. Each new officer was presented with a different colored flower and a "slate" to represent a new "slate" of officers

It was a beautiful ceremony and the President's reception was held immediately following. Past President Sharon Cagle installed the new officers. They are: Ara Yanker, President; Frances Arnold, Vice President; Jane Farmer, Treasurer; Carolyn Ward, Recording Secretary; Bonnie Bennage, Corresponding Secretary; Carolyn Wenger, Historian; and Jane Farmer, Parliamentarian.

To help our Historian, a group of Auxilians gathered to help put together the scrapbook. It was really a fun party and the scrapbook was completed in record time. Everyone is so busy, the Auxiliary felt it would be a great help to our Historian if we all pitched in to help.

The Volunteers met for their information meeting in May and began their service in mid-June. They will serve in the different areas until July 30. Eighteen fabulous young people are serving and work four days, eight hours per day.

The Officers Planning Meeting was held in June. Lunch was served and then everyone got down to business planning and discussing ideas to bring in new members and increase the attendance at the Auxiliary meetings. One idea was to have a silly hat day. Everyone will create a hat and the most creative will receive a prize. The group will then head down to the IP Rehab unit to sing and to model their fabulous haberdashery. On a sad note, our Devotional Chairperson passed away May 31st and we are prayerfully considering her replacement.

The Auxiliary will host a Uniform2 U2 sale in mid-July. This is always a very well received sale.



North Metro Medical Center –Jacksonville

Submitted by Jeanette Dahlin, President

North Metro hosted the District Meeting in April and we also contributed to the Special Olympics Area 5.

In May and June we had two fundraisers - Gold Rush Purse and Jewelry and Uniforms 2RU2.

At our May meeting we had a talk by a beekeeper who spoke about the benefits of taking bee products for a healthy life.

June 16th we held our Installation of officers which was a beautiful and moving affair. President Norma Haralson presented a check to CEO Joe Ferrar. This check represents the value of the volunteer hours this past year.



Pauline Jegley, District Chair, installed the officers and did a marvelous job!



Officers are: Jeanette Dahlin-President, 1st Vice-Rita Joyner, 2nd Vice-Jan Dougherty, Treasurer-Angie Simpson, Assistant Treasurer-Kathy Gilboe, Secretary-Judy Jackson and Parliamentarian-Gus Guzman. Also pictured are (far right) Pauline Jegley and out-going President Norma Haralson (in pink jacket).

We are planning a Let's Eat Out Lunch for our July meeting and for our August meeting we will be going to Past President Norma Haralson's home for a picnic.

We are working on plans for speakers and fundraisers for the rest of the year.



NORTH CENTRAL
Linda Conner, Chair

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

Happy Summer to all of you, we are in the middle of a busy one.

We celebrated our volunteers at our annual appreciation banquet, and installation of auxiliary officers. At our memorial service we recognized those volunteers we lost this past year.

Our Volunteers at the Mruk Family Education Center on Aging held their annual “Hang ‘n out in the Hanger” fundraiser. This event is actually held in an airplane hangar at the local airport! The volunteers worked really hard preparing food and gathering items for the Silent Auction and decorating the hangar. This fundraiser supports the services and programs available at MFECO Community House.

Flippin Bargain Box, one of our thrift stores, held a Fashion Show Fundraiser at the Bull Shoals Library with proceeds from ticket and clothing sales benefiting the library. We also had Uniforms 2u2 as well as Accessory Bar Boutique. Coming up is Geneva Distributing and Colligate Sports.

BRMC Auxiliary Volunteers assisted in National Nurses Week. There were several activities during the five day celebration we participated in: donating baked goods for the Cake Walk, popping corn and serving the entrée during the Progressive Dinner to name a few. The nurses had a wonderful week.

The Auxiliary will serve refreshments at the nurses’ graduation next month.

Our gift shop manager will attend the buyer’s market in Atlanta and we are looking forward to what surprises she finds.

Please don’t forget to encourage your Arkansas Congressman to sign RAC Bill, H.R. 2156. For further information on the bill go to voterVoice on arkhospitals.org.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at our next presidents meeting in July.



Ozark Health Inc. – Clinton

Submitted by Betty Spencer, President

At the May meeting the Officers for the 2015-2016 year were installed by District Chair Linda Conner from Stone County Medical Center in Mountain View. The new offices which make up the Executive Board of the Auxiliary are: President - Betty Spencer , Recording Secretary - Linda Ann Rogers, Vice President - Bobbye Bennett, Corresponding Secretary - Ann McKim, Treasurer - Dortha Borecky, Gift Shop Coordinator - Helen Dobbins and Past President - Rena Lynch



(left to right) President Betty Spencer, Past president Rena Lynch, Treasurer Dortha Borecky, Recording Secretary Linda Ann Rogers, Gift Shop Coordinator Helen Dobbins and Corresponding Secretary Ann McKim.



At the close of the meeting Mr. Deaton, CEO of Ozark Health Incorporated, presented the 2015 Awards. Shirley Lind received her 5-Year Pin; Receiving 10-year pins were Conie Reamey, Peggy Rose and Mary Ann Roberts. Those receiving "Total Hours" (since joining) were: 500 Hours – Andy Andregg, Ed Roberts, Peggy Rose, Tami Aday, and Sue Williams; 1000 Hours – Carol Davis, Dianna Huie, and Helen Dobbins; 2000 Hours Dortha Borecky; 4000 Hours – Rena Lynch; 8,000 Hours Scott Spencer and for 11,000 hours Betty Spencer.

The Auxiliary served punch and cookies to the Mothers in the Nursing Home on Mother's Day.

The plan is to serve Ice Cream sundaes and "coke floats" on Father's Day, June 21st.

We have donated two oak cabinets along with the register stand to the Nursing Center for their County Store.

Vacation time and a lot of substituting will be changing our work schedules. I hope and pray for safe travel for all our volunteers.



Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We wanted warmer weather and I guess we now have it. We have several auxiliaries on vacation and some sickness and thank all who are working to fill the vacancies. We welcome our new members.

New officers to be installed in October are: Teresa Cheatham, President, Sue Misenheimer, 1st Vice President, Frances Bullard, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer; Bird Cage Gift Shop, Martha Simmons, General Account, Betty Geerts and Secretary, Linda Conner.

In May we had a booth set up at the Business Expo with goodies to hand out and information about our auxiliary, what we do and the money we donate for equipment for the hospital. Also during May we had a Downtown Gift Shop that we used to help reduce gift shop inventory. Thanks to our Hannah Dyke for the use of her building at no charge. We made \$1600.00 and thank Linda Conner, Gift Shop Manager for arranging this sale. No fundraiser during June.

We donated \$17,000.00 to the hospital to help pay for new lights in the OR.

During July we will be in charge of the Cake Walk at the 4th of July celebration at the Fairgrounds. In August we plan a Craft and Bake Sale. We continue our monthly donations to the Food Room.



NORTHEAST
Suzanne Hackney, Chair

Crossridge Community Hospital – Wynn

Submitted by: George Anne Draper, Vice President

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary continues its clinic work during the summer but suspends meetings until September.

Cards still go out to people in the community who are ill and throws and shawls are given to seriously ill patients who are undergoing cancer treatment.

Planning for the fall is the main agenda for the officers during the summer months.



NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital -Jonesboro

Submitted by: Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations

Our auxiliary recently welcomed two new members: Gayle Summit and Madison Rice.

During the June meeting, auxiliary members were presented with their new volunteer hour pins. Special recognition was given to Margaret Radliff who received her 10,000 hour pin for her service to the NEA Baptist Auxiliary. What a remarkable accomplishment! Thank you, Margaret, for your service and dedication!



The auxiliary was honored to present 7 employees with scholarships for the 2015 summer semester. The recipients are continuing their education in the Medical/ Health related field and have met the criteria for eligibility. Those recipients are: Martello Cox, Jeffery Harris, Jessica Nutt, Lyndon Ramirez, Jessica Rogers, Stephanie Sweat, and Michael Throesch.



Two of our members participated in the Butterfly 5K held on May 9th on the NEA campus. Faye Haney and Evelyn Glisson both won 1st place awards in their age categories.



Our auxiliary helped with Nurses Week and Hospital Week activities including serving cookies and Cokes to staff and employees. Auxiliary members, Paula and Joe Gordan won cutest couple contest during the week of activities.



We also held a scrub sale and a jewelry sale in the months of May and June,



We participated in the community Relay for Life



And the NEA Farmer's Market

As well as Cancer Survivor Day



Our Volun"teens" recently went through training to sign up patients for the Baptist My Chart, which gives patients control of their health information.

The NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is looking forward to hosting the Fall Northeast District Meeting. Planning has already begun!



St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor

The St. Bernards Auxiliary Scholarship Committee (Carol Hinck, Barbara Keller, John and Mary Nell Masterson) reviewed 52 applications before choosing ten students to each receive a \$2,000

scholarship for the upcoming 2015/2016 university year. These were presented to Justin Alexander, Yvonne Butler, Kelsie Clark, Barbara Coble, Angel Hamill, Desmond Mills, Shelby Pickett, Chelsea Pierce, Cody Prater, and Logan Riley.

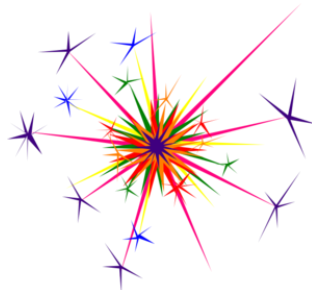


Scholarship winners Cody Prater, Logan Riley, Barbara Coble with Carol Hincks, former committee chair, at Auxiliary June meeting.

Our Auxiliaries Junior Volunteer committee recently narrowed a field of 82 applicants who applied to 18 positions. The program will run in July at St Bernards.

It was a busy spring for St. Bernards. On April 11th, the Foundation thanked Auxiliary with an annual tea. On May 15th, Auxiliary feted hospital employees with dessert. Thanks to the gentlemen standing outside to carry cakes in and to the ladies who baked and served the cakes. On May 27, the Villa held an open house and tour for Auxiliary. Auxiliary pledged \$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).

Our Gift Shop's year to date sales from payroll deduction: \$60,067.67



NORTHWEST Judy Overton, Chair

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

Submitted by: Neta Stamps, Secretary

1 Mile Walkers at the June 13th Ice Cream Social



Auxiliary members taking part in the one mile walk at the 30th Anniversary of Berryville Ice Cream Social were (l to r): Newsletter Editor and Secretary Neta Stamps, President Elect and State Projects Chair Anita Spearman, Membership Chair Pat Armer and President Joy Flake.

Other members volunteering to help with the Walk/Run were: Gloria Beyer, Joe Beyer, Anita Rissler, Mike Rissler, Donna Barajan and Brenda Hamilton

The auxiliary was pleased to have all five of our scholarship recipients at our Annual Meeting on June 15th. The recipients and their chosen areas are listed below the picture.



(l to r) Ciera Foster – Radiology, Harleigh Andrews – ER Nurse, Emily Glassell -Anesthesiology, Felix Yanez – Pharmacy and Abigail Romero the study of disease possibly at CDC. Mercy Auxiliary Berryville is very proud of these young students from our area and we wish them the best in their endeavors.

Annual Auxiliary Meeting

The Mercy Auxiliary – Berryville hosted their Annual Meeting on Monday, June 15th. While attendees enjoyed a potluck lunch, speaker and auxilian, Shirley Pyron, told stories of the history of the auxiliary and hospital. During this meeting, District Chair, Judy Overton, installed officers for the next year and award presentations were made for several deserving individuals. The food and fellowship made for a great meeting.



Top Left: Auxilians enjoy a potluck lunch while visiting with friends.

Middle Right: Barbara Wilhelm (left) presents Shirley Pyron (right) with the *Above and Beyond* award for the 3rd Quarter.

Bottom Left: Judy Overton (Middle) installs officers Neta Sue Stamps (left) as Vice President and Anita Spearman (right) as President for the next year. Not Pictured: Leoria Brewer installed as Secretary.



We were pleased to have Northwest District Chair Judy Overton present at our annual meeting to install the officers for the 2015-2016.

Out-going President Joy Flake (r) presented volunteer Iris Rowe (l) with an Appreciation Plaque for all the years she has volunteered at the Auxiliary Thrift Store in Green Forest.

Iris, now retiring, began volunteering when the auxiliary started the first thrift store.



Mercy Hospital President and Auxiliary Past President Kristy Estrem (right) presented out-going President Joy Flake (left) with the Auxilian of the Year Award.

Auxiliary members below were present to receive time awards at the annual meeting.



An average of 95 members volunteered each month with a total of 25,058.5 hours reported for the year. 588,902.5 total hours have been volunteered since 1982.

With the beginning of a new year, Past President Joy Flake is chair for the Auxiliary Gift Shop and has started a "Taste It Tuesday". Various food items for purchase in the gift shop will be available to "Taste and Tell" if it is something you wish to purchase.

Fundraisers for July and August have not been scheduled as of this date.

Mercy Auxiliary Berryville deeply regrets that due to Corporate downsizing, the office of President of Mercy Hospital Berryville, among other positions, has been eliminated and our friend and auxiliary past president is no longer employed here. We wish her and the others well in their next endeavors.



Mercy Medical Center – Rogers

Submitted by: Christy Blackshear, President elect

On April 15th, 2015 the Mercy Auxiliary in Rogers presented 85 literacy bags to the first grade students and teachers at Bonnie Grimes Elementary School in Rogers. The purpose of this community project was to provide books for the students to have over the summer months. The kits included four books, activity books, pencils with pouches and a puppet. Each bag, pencil pouch and puppet were hand sewn by two members of the auxiliary. The majority of the project was paid for by auxiliary volunteers and co-workers at Mercy Hospital. The teachers and students expressed their appreciation for the literacy bags by presenting the auxiliary with a thank you banner, posters and cards that were constructed by the students.

In addition, National Nurses Week and National Hospital Week were celebrated by the auxiliary providing snacks, balloons and discounts in the Gifts of Mercy Gift Shop for co-workers. Moreover, the auxiliary sponsored store, Sisters, participated in the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" survivor's breakfast with a display. They spoke with 200 survivors, distributed gifts and made appointments for the "Fit Event" held on May 5th. Finally, 50 Volunteers will be volunteering in several departments in the hospital for the summer.

On May 20th, 2015 the Mercy Hospital of Rogers Auxiliary co-sponsored a lunch and learn with Mercy Hospital. The program was presented by Betsy Broyles, daughter of Frank Broyles and how their lives were touched by Alzheimer's Disease. Barbara Broyles, Betsy's mother and Frank's wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. At that time they didn't know much about the disease or the impact it would have on their lives. The family came together and decided to focus on what they did have instead of what they didn't have. They chose to celebrate their todays and their memories and make the most of each day. As a result of their research and experience, the book, Coach Broyles Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers: A Practical Tips Guide, was written by Frank Broyles in order to assist his fellow Arkansans. With the support of his family and companies the funding needed to make this book available nationwide, free of charge, to anyone wanting information on how to care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease was made available. A question and answer period concluded the program.

On June 22nd, 2015 the Mercy Hospital of Rogers Auxiliary held installation of officers for the 2015-2016 year. Sister Anita de Salvo opened the ceremony with prayer. Holli Oliver, volunteer director, and John Halstead, administrator of Missions and Ethics, spoke to the group and expressed their appreciation for the auxiliary member's service.

Judy Overton, Northwest Arkansas Chair, conducted the officer installation ceremony. Members installed were as follows: Christy Blackshear, President; Kathy Grady, President Elect; Vice President, Matt Matthews; Rona Stufflebeam, Recording Secretary and Treasurer and Carolyn Martin, Corresponding Secretary.



Front row: Matt Matthews, Vice President, Carolyn Martin, Corresponding Secretary, Sister Anita de Salvo, and Holli Oliver, Volunteer Director.

Second row: Christy Blackshear, President, Rona Stufflebeam, Recording Secretary, Judy Overton, Northwest District Chair, John Halstead, Administrator of Missions and Ethics.

Following the ceremony, Holli Oliver, volunteer director, presented the board members gifts for their service.



Siloam Springs Regional Hospital

Submitted by Sharon Sly, Past President

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital was named as one of the top 100 hospitals in its size category for its safe and quality patient care. We were ranked number 52 and were joined by Ouachita County Medical Center as number 90 and Magnolia Hospital as number 97. Congratulations to all three for a job well done.

A spring luncheon was held at Inn of the Springs and a wonderful time was had by all. This luncheon was for auxiliary members to get together and have fun. Our volunteer shifts do not let us see all of the members on a daily basis.

During volunteer week Siloam Springs Regional Hospital treated our auxiliary to a wonderful lunch with gifts for each volunteer.

Our CEO, Kevin Clement has resigned his position. We have an interim CEO, Tom Sledge, from Northwest Health Systems, Springdale. We have been informed that a new CEO has been hired and should be with us in July.

Our annual installation and awards luncheon was held on June 29th at Inn of the Springs. Our interim CEO, Tom Sledge, gave a welcome and all attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch. We were entertained by Jim Grossardt, a volunteer in materials handling, who performed his renditions of **When I Get Old And Live With My Kids** and **The Chicken Song**. He was marvelous and gave us lots of laughs.

Our new officers were installed by Northwest District Chair, Judy Overton. The 2015-2016 officers are: President - Diane Winder, President-Elect –Annis Cripps, Vice-President - Amy Martin, Secretary - Barbara Johnson, Treasurer - Ann Cloud and Parliamentarian - Barbara Ferguson.

Volunteer hour pins were distributed and our special awards were announced. Our Volunteer of the Year (the one with the most hours) is Norma Ballard and our Auxilian of the Year is Fran Hamilton. Congratulations ladies for a job very well done!



Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville

Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

Auxiliary proceeds for April & May: Gift shop \$11,436 Fresh flowers & balloons \$1,198.

The Auxiliary sponsored the ever popular Dillard's of NWA lobby sale on May 4-5. Total sales were \$53,930. The Auxiliary profited \$5,993. May 14-15 brought another very popular sale to our lobby. Masquerade \$5 jewelry and accessories sold \$8,425 with a profit to the Auxiliary of \$1,685. We had a scrub sale June 23-24. Uniforms 2 U 2 did a great job as usual. The Auxiliary profited \$4,942.

The Auxiliary had their quarterly business meeting on May 27. Tim Hudson, Executive Director of the Washington Regional Foundation thanked the Auxiliary for their continued financial support of the hospital. He also presented a great power point presentation on the Women's Center Expansion.

The program was given by Dr. Margaret Tremwel. Her topic "Signs and Symptoms of a Stroke & ways to prevent having one" was very well received.

The Auxiliary approved a \$10,000 donation to the Benevolence Fund. They also approved and pledged \$250,000 – over a 5 year period- to the Women's Center Expansion.

This was a pretty busy couple of months for the Auxiliary volunteers!



SOUTHEAST Barbara Goodwin, Chair

Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village
Submitted by: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity and Scrapbook



National Hospital Week was May 10 - 16 and we were presented these bright yellow-gold t-shirts from the hospital.

For Employee Recognition Week, the nurses were honored with goodies and balloons. Pictured Below are some of the nurses with our auxilians, Judy Sadler, Betty Shuler, Joyce Creel and Sara Burnside



Our Awards Banquet for the auxiliarians was held May 20th and hosted by the hospital staff. We were treated to a magnificent steak dinner grilled by Michael Jasay, (Security Staff). The steaks were awesome! The 100, 200, 300, 400, etc. hours pins were presented and our four scholarship recipients were recognized. We had two new scholarships and two renewables. Each scholarship is worth \$1,500 each. Our two new scholarships were awarded to Kyle Rice and Miranda Book. Kyle will be attending UAM and is working toward becoming paramedic. Miranda plans to attend Mississippi State University and plans to major in speech therapy. Our two renewals are Fizavian Reggains and Darkeia Washington and both are attending UALR. Both are planning careers in the pharmaceutical field.

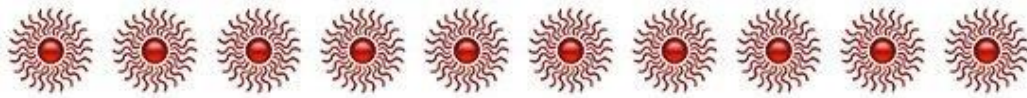


Pictured are from left: Fizavian Reggains, Miranda Book, Darkeia Washington and Kyle Rice.

Our Volunteer of the Year for 2014-2015 is Judy Sadler and she was presented her plaque at the Awards Banquet. Judy is very worthy of this honor. She always steps in and fills a vacancy when asked. She assists Betty Shuler and Catherine Haverkamp in putting together baskets for the various holidays. She also works at all of our stations including the gift shop, surgical waiting room, x-ray, and outpatient.



The auxiliary also contributed \$2,000 towards a new electronic sign for the hospital. It is visible from the highway in the front of the hospital.



Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas

Submitted by Shirley Sandlin, President



Stephanie Godfrey, right, a Delta Memorial Hospital employee, received the DMH Auxiliary Scholarship for 2015-2016, \$500.00 for each semester. She started the RN program at Southark College in El Dorado in January and plans to graduate in December as an RN with an AAS degree. Making the presentations is Maedene Weser, president.

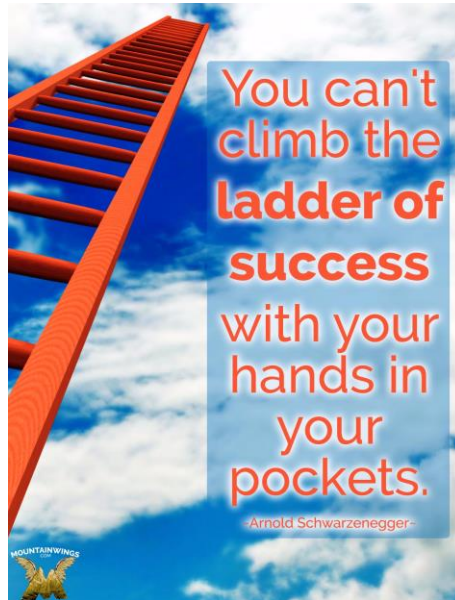
LEADING THE DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY FOR 2015-2016



Installed as officers in the June meeting are, standing from left to right, Evelyn Murphy, reporter, Lillie Ross, assistant treasurer; Jeri Brewer, treasurer, Carrie Alexander, corresponding secretary; Barbara Lenderman, secretary, Christina Rainey, vice president and legislative chair, Shirley Sandlin, president; and Timothy Jones, DMH Board Chairman.

A MountainWings Moment

Issue Number 15194



Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home

Submitted by Katie Sollars, President

The compellation of the Chapel is done! After two years of fundraising and hard work the chapel in the DeWitt Hospital has gone from 1970's décor to modern day décor. We also had a stain glass shadowbox installed. This was installed on March 10, 2015. This chapel is now used almost daily.

DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Spring Fling Event took place on April 21st in the parking lot of the hospital with lots of Health Vendors and the Blood Mobile.

Chicken Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser ~ this fundraiser took place on April 27th at the Arkansas County Fair Grounds in DeWitt. This is an annual event and is a drive thru event.



We serve between 400-500 plates each year. Our plate consists of Chicken Spaghetti, Green
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Beans, Rolls and 2 cookies for \$10. This event allowed us to raise enough money between the plates sold and the donations from individuals in our community that we are buying televisions for the hospital rooms that will work with the new call system.

Our May Meeting is the last meeting we will have until August.

May was Family Night at the local Elementary School and the Hospital Employees had a booth there along with some ladies from Auxiliary. HELP Stickers and Information were handed out at this event.

July we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for all hospital and nursing home employees.

We are also working on another FUNNY Fundraiser event and this will hopefully make us lots of money! Bed Side Potty in your Yard! You will have to pay to get it out of your yard and then you send it to someone else!



SOUTHWEST

Jack Losmann, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Springs County - Malvern

Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

In the month of May, we participated in the Hospital Health Fair.

We honored hospital requests totaling \$30,056.00 for Blanket Warmers, Pro VBE Bike and 3 beds for ICU.

We hosted a 'recruitment brunch'. This netted us six applications which were approved for membership.

Members attended the funeral of Patsy McFarlin.

The 'Helmet Program" was presented at a local school and two helmets were given away.

June is our month for our annual 'Food/Cereal' drive. This is going well.

Our 'pennies for socks' jar is gathering many pennies.

We voted to purchase a bar stool to be used at the hospitals new "Information Desk".



CHI St Vincent Hot Springs

Submitted by Peg Kuhnly

Bless our Volunteers! Inventory in the store room, company store and the gift shop were completed and the “senior volunteers” were not climbing, crawling or counting.

Volunteers, college students, are visiting with patients in two specific areas of the hospital, talking with them about non-medical question about their care. They are especially concerned about things like high risk for falls and how the patients can work with the staff to avoid falls.

The buyers are back from market and the staff is looking forward to more shopping. We haven't mentioned that they were shopping Christmas!!

Our administrator, Tim Houston, attended our June board meeting along with the head of the Foundation, Kathy Taylor. With the new ownership, there a lot of plans for changes and upgrades. We have been asked to pledge \$500,000 toward the cost of changes in the Mother/ Baby Unit to be paid as \$100,000 for the next five years.

If you are Hot springs, please consider stopping by our gift shop!!



Magnolia Regional Medical Center

Submitted by: Lucy Ray, Director of Volunteer Services

Two Auxilians volunteered at the Health Fair Registration desk at LifeSmart.

Purchased plants for hospital patio dining area

Added photo of Physician to MRMC's Doctor's Gallery

We continue making comfort pillows for our patients and to date we have cut, sewn, and stuffed 1,130 pillows.

Planning Installation of Officers in July



Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

Submitted by: Peggy Plummer, President

The Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted the Go Red Luncheon at the El Dorado Conference Center. Auxiliary members greeted and escorted guests.

The Auxiliary threw a "Jewelry is Fun Sale" which had a great turn out. Several Auxiliary Officers and Board Members have been elected for the 2015-2016 Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon that is scheduled for July 13th.

During National Hospital Week, several volunteers received MCSA t-shirts.

The Auxiliary sponsored giving outstanding MCSA nurses new lab coats for National Nurses Week.

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle "Lunch and Learn" on June 3, 2015 featuring the director of Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicines at MCSA, Margaret Holzem. Mrs. Holzem spoke on wound care and the opening of MCSA's new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center. The meeting had very good attendance. MCSA Auxiliary purchased New Mother Bags for MCSA's Women's Center.

MCSA Auxiliary recognized members who have contributed volunteer hours and were featured in El Dorado News Times.



Pictured: Sharon Madison-152 hours, Dollie Stratton- 6,003 hours, Bonnie Weaver- 3,018 hours, Marilyn Riggs- 9,037 hours, Jean Coleman- 11,014 hours, Debra Hudson-6,004 hours and Rebecca Bratton-304 hours. (Not pictured are Gail Bratton with 507 hours and Sharolyn Givens with 121 hours).

Our Reasoning

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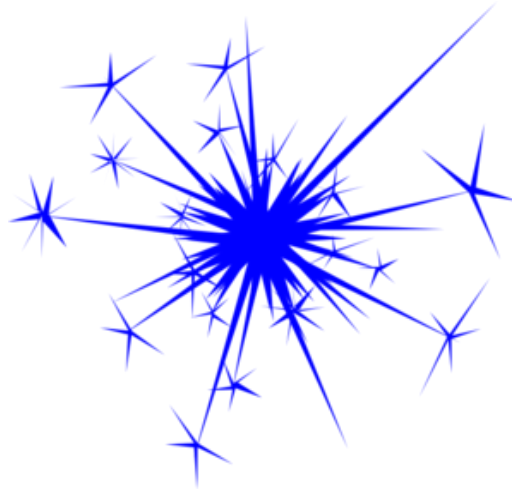
Most of our so-called reasoning
consists in finding arguments for going on
believing as we already do.
~James Robinson~

Ouachita County Medical Center – Camden

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Our officers were installed during our June annual meeting by AHAA President Jerry Berley. A check for \$ 25,800 was presented to the hospital during this meeting to be applied toward the purchase of a portable fetal heart monitoring system for our OB-GYN Department (\$10,800), and the balance to be applied toward the purchase of the Central Monitoring System for our emergency room--a balance of \$89,000 remains.

Our buyers once again attended the Dallas marked the latter part of June. We will enjoy a new look and, hopefully, increased sales in our gift shop as the new merchandise is added. Linda Passafiume has been added to our 'gift shop team', and we look forward to a pleasant association with her.



VALLEY

Mae O'Donnell, Chair

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center –Russellville

Submitted by: Diana Stensland, President

We had our annual Officer Installation and Awards celebration on May 4th. Volunteers received pins for years of service recognition. The theme this year was colorful candy - very festive and fun.

St. Mary's volunteers enjoy our Awards Celebration

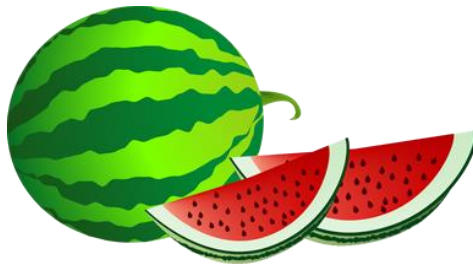


Several of our members received 20+ year awards. Delphine Zydzik was given a special award for serving 40 years at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. She received a plaque from Mike McCoy, our CEO, and was highlighted in a very nice article in our local Courier newspaper.

We were privileged to have Mae O'Donnell, our Valley District Chair, attend our celebration.

Our fifteen Teen Volunteers reported for orientation on June 1st. They are delightful and help us so much in the summer.

Mandy Golleher, Director of Marketing and Volunteer Services at National Park Medical Center in Hot Springs, will address our Auxiliary on our hospital's customer service/patient satisfaction initiative at our July meeting. Our hospital will provide an ice cream sundae bar for our volunteers.



Sparks Regional Medical Center Fort Smith

Submitted by Alice Swain, President

May activities brought about a wonderful spring regular meeting and the installation of new officers. Carla Thibodeaux, DVS, graciously volunteered to do us the honors. We do adjourn for the summer with regular meetings, but some do continue volunteering in the gift shop. We will resume in Sept.

Thanks to Mae O'Donnell for providing us with a good Valley District President's meeting held at Sparks, Van Buren, on May 29th. Most hospitals were present. She introduced Linda Butler

from Sparks Auxiliary, Ft. Smith. She will become the new District Chair. We look forward to working with Linda and know she will do a good job.

Sparks Auxiliary, Ft. Smith was saddened by the death of Betty Woods several weeks ago. She had been a long time member and was very active when her health permitted. We will certainly miss her.

Our only activity for June was a Dillard's sale which was enormously successful. We had great participation from our members assisting with it.

No activity planned for July or August; we will be back to hit the road running getting ready for Fall District meeting and Convention.



Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren

Submitted by: Sue Walker, President

I reported in the newsletter in April that we were going to award four scholarships at our meeting in May. As it turned out, we were able to award five \$1000.00 scholarships instead. We were very happy about that.

We also elected new officers in May for the upcoming year. The new officers are as follows: Sue Walker: President, Pam Henderson: 1st Vice-president, George Fisher: 2nd Vice President, Daisy Bruns: Recording Secretary, Barbara Wilson: Corresponding Secretary and Mary Fraenhoff: Treasurer. The new officers were installed at the June 25, 2015 meeting. My theme for the year is: VOLUNTEERS ARE HELPING HANDS. Volunteers are always willing to assist in any way they can, thus the reason for the theme. We are looking forward to another good year.



George Fisher was nominated for "Auxilian of the year" by the administration.

Our advisor, Norma Shults, prepared a wonderful installation once again. Complete with cup-cakes punch and gifts provided by the hospital.

Several of us received jellybeans for volunteering over 400 hours in the auxiliary year. To receive the jellybeans and belong to the Jellybean Club is quite an honor.



New "Jelly Beans "

We are planning a garage sale for the 3rd and 4th of July. Our garage sale organizer, Gail Ragsdale, is very good at doing this. We are anticipating a good turnout. This will be the 3rd year for our garage sale.

The next time the article is written, we will all be preparing to go to State Convention. See you then.

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Easier

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The unfortunate thing about this world is that the good habits
are much easier to give up than the bad ones.

~W. Somerset Maugham~

from The Mountain:

The good habits are also harder to form.

But it is our habits that greatly influence our results in life.

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



LAST REMINDER

Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

Issue Date 2015	Cutoff Date	Covered Activities	Planned Activities
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

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Decisions

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Today is a day for decisions!

....or is it.

Neta Stamps, Editor