



September/October 2015

AHAA NEWSLETTER

A Message from your President:

Someone wrote these thoughts on volunteering:

We live in a society that has always depended on volunteers of different kinds--some who give money, others who give time, and a great many who freely give their special skills, full or part-time. If you look closely, you will see that almost anything that embodies our deepest commitment to the way human life should be lived and cared for, depends on some form of volunteerism.

This year has been truly remarkable. The volunteers, throughout our great state, have taken on the state projects extremely well, the district meetings have been phenomenal, and the enthusiasm from all of you has gone far above what is expected.

May we complete this year by attending the AHAA state convention and sharing ideas, seeing and making new friends, and giving support to all who have worked so hard to make this another great convention.

I cannot convey in words what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your 57th president. My sincere thanks to those who have served on the board and all of you for your support and encouragement. May God bless you as you continue to serve in your hospitals and communities.

Jerry Berley, AHAA President

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



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Can you believe it's almost time for our annual convention? Where does the time go? I can remember my mother telling me when I was a child that "the older you get the faster time flies". At that time I did not understand what she meant, but now I understand perfectly.

I hope every auxiliary will be represented at convention this year and that it will be profitable and fun for all. I would like to encourage all of you, and especially the gift shop buyers, to support the vendors who come to convention. The proceeds we receive from the vendors help to defray the cost of our expenses to come to convention such as registration fees, meals, etc. We want them to feel it is profitable for them so hopefully they will want to return the next year.

We have implemented a new State Project this year, "Look Before You Lock", which I think will have a great impact on our communities. I hope all of you are making an effort to get this information out to the day care facilities and also those of you who have babies born at your hospitals will make it available for all the new parents.

I want to thank you each of you for your hard work, your commitment and dedication in serving our hospitals and communities and would like to close with a little poem I read. It is entitled "Thanks, Volunteer" and it's author is unknown:

Thanks for all the little things,
The "done and then forgotten" things,
The "oh, it's simply nothing" things
That make our days much brighter.

With unobtrusive, friendly things,
And "never mind the trouble" things,
And "won't you let me help you" things,
You've made our hearts much lighter.

Thanks again and let's remember that as a TEAM, we all achieve more.

Dorothy Berley
AHAA President-Elect



STATE CONVENTION NOTES

An official photographer will take pictures at the Awards Presentation. These pictures will be made available to the auxiliaries following the convention. It is requested that the proceedings NOT be held up by members coming to the front to take pictures during the presentations.

Auxiliaries receiving awards should send a jpg photograph of their hospitals as soon as possible to Shirley VanHorn at shirleyahaa@vanhorns.com to be placed on the AHAA website.

The Silent Auction will be from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday. Debit or Credit Cards may be used. Items not picked up by 9:00 Thursday night will go to the next name on the bid list. Items must be picked up Thursday evening.

AHAA BOARD GUESTS



Pictured above are: Dr. Douglas L. Murphy, Dean Ph.D., College of Health Professions; Phyllis Fields, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Health Professions; Krystal Royster, AHAA Nursing Scholarship Recipient and Brenda L. Scission, Executive Director of Development, College of Nursing UAMS.

Ms. Scission and the Deans expressed their appreciation to the AHAA Board for the scholarships which have been provided and spoke about the impact the money makes on students' lives. Ms. Royster is the recipient of not one but two AHAA Scholarships. She has a Master's Degree and is studying nursing with plans to become an instructor of nursing.



Our incoming Newsletter Editor, Dean Rossa, has asked me to inform everyone that the deadline for articles for the November/December issue will be October 31st.

Please send articles and jpg picture formats to: rossapair@gmail.com

Let us all welcome Dean by getting articles from ALL auxiliaries in on time for the AHAA Newsletters!

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METROPOLITAN Pauline, Jegley, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock

Submitted by Robyn Edwards, Newsletter Editor

New officers for 2015-16 were installed. They include Jenny Nash, president; Jana McKnight, president elect; Sharon Heflin, vice president; Lesa Lawrence, secretary; Bobbie Blackshear, treasurer; and Beth Nelson, parliamentarian.

It was calculated that volunteers and Auxilians contributed a total of 55,098 hours in 2014 -- the equivalent of 27 full-time employees.

On April 15, 10 Auxilians represented the BHLR Auxiliary at the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association Metro District Meeting hosted by North Metro Hospital in Jacksonville.

During National Hospital Volunteer Week, April 13 – 17, all volunteers were treated to fresh coffee from the Coffee Corner.

27 students participated in the **A-TEAM** (Amazing-Teens Effectively Active in Medicine) summer youth program. Those participating learned about careers in health care through panel discussions with therapists, nurses, administrators, and support staff. They received CPR certification, watched filmed surgeries with commentary from physicians, and "shadowed" different medical professionals.

Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

Baptist Health Medical Center – North Little Rock

Submitted by Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The Auxiliary hosted a very successful Uniforms 2 U 2 sale in July. The participation was outstanding and as always, the volunteers were essential to the success of the sale.

The summer Volunteer program concluded the end of July with 18 Volunteers participating. The teens contributed 1043.75 service hours and served in various departments of the hospital as well as the Child Care.

August has been busy preparing for the resuming of the Auxiliary meetings in September. The September meeting will host a speaker from the Attorney General's Office sharing tips on avoiding scams designed to take advantage of seniors. The Wellness Center volunteers will also be showcased for their service in the Community Wellness Centers.

The Auxiliary is hosting a Linen Sale in September. This will be a new sale for us with this company and it has generated a lot of interest. We anticipate a successful sale.

October will be a very busy month for the Auxiliary with several volunteers having expressed interest in attending the AHAA Convention in Little Rock and also the Fall Metro District Meeting.



CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock, AR

Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President

We had several junior volunteers and college students who volunteered at CHI St. Vincent and CHI St. Vincent North this summer. They were thrilled to have the prospect to expand their knowledge about healthcare.

On a sad note, we have had one death, Edward Coates.

Our first retail sale was the Dillard's Sale, July 9 and 10 at CHI St. Vincent. It was a huge success. Everyone always looks forward to the Dillard's sales.

The auxiliary board had a kickoff meeting on August 14 at Red Lobster in Little Rock. We are all looking forward to the events and sales that are planned.

Swift Uniforms had a sale at CHI St. Vincent North on August 31 and at CHI St. Vincent on September 2-3. They always do a great job.

CHI St. Vincent is looking forward to hosting the AHAA Metropolitan Fall Meeting on October 29. Planning has begun!



Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS - Little Rock

Submitted by Peggy Mooney, President, and Janie Lowe, DVS

The Cancer Institute Distinguished Honoree Reception honoring Dr. Aubrey Hough was held at the Cancer Institute on April 7. Tara Smith, Dr. Kent Westbrook and Dr. Peter Emanuel participated in the program and introduced Dr. Hough who responded. Johnny Jackson provided musical entertainment for the event.

The joint meeting of the CI and UAMS Auxiliaries was held at the home of Marge Schueck. Terry Collins, Director of the UAMS Trauma Department, presented the program on Level 1 Trauma at UAMS. It was a wonderful program and lunch that was enjoyed by over 70 people.

The Cancer Institute Auxiliary Annual Meeting and luncheon was held on Thursday, May 1, at the home of Lindsey Ryan. Slate of officers elected for the Cancer Institute Auxiliary – 2015-2016:

President	Peggy Mooney
Vice President/President-Elect	Kimberly Pickett
Recording Secretary	Kenan Keyes
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Dillon
Treasurer	Amy Pierce

The UAMS Family Home and Rockefeller Cancer Institute Cancer Support Center had a successful fundraiser, “Afternoon of Wine and Roses” the Thursday before Mothers’ Day at the home of Vicki and Jackie Lackey. Ticket holders were treated to a wonderful buffet in a lovely home and had the opportunity to buy arrangements of roses and to participate in a wine pull. This was the second year for this event and it was quite successful.

The summer teen program was held in June. The teens had a variety of experiences including observation in labs, working in the Patient Support Pavilion, the gift shop and in the clinical waiting rooms.

Partners Card 2015 is off to a great start and should be the biggest yet. Partners Card week will be Friday, October 30 through Sunday November 8. Over 250 stores and restaurants in Central and Northwest Arkansas are participating in Partners Card.



NORTH CENTRAL Linda Conner, Chair

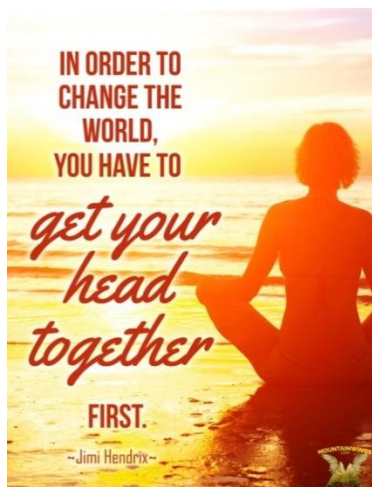
Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs
Submitted by Debby Borkowski, President

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs participated in an Emergency Pandemic Flu drill held July 30 at the hospital.



The volunteers were responsible for the sign in of everyone coming into the hospital, giving them a mask and information regarding the flu. Nurses gave everyone a (fake) flu shot. Some of us were drafted into other stations such as Security, Controller and other pertinent jobs required should this be a real episode. It was a very interesting day.

We will have our annual style show October 30.



Ozark Health Inc. – Clinton
Submitted by Bobbye Bennett, Vice President

At the Hospital Auxiliary meeting in July, the members were treated with “4th” of July cupcakes from the Immanuel Baptist Church Ladies Group. Such a nice surprise.

President Betty Spencer and Helen Dobbins, gift shop coordinator attended the Presidents meeting, July 20th at Unity Health White County – Searcy.

At the August meeting, Monday, August 3rd, with President Betty Spencer presiding, plans for the remainder of the year were discussed. The next event will be the Memory Stroll for Alzheimer’s at Archey Fork Park on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several members of the Auxiliary have signed up to participate.

A uniform sale was held on Thursday, August 6th, the next sale will be in November. There will not be a Bazaar this year.

President Betty Spencer, Vice President Bobbye Bennett, Helen Dobbins, Gift Shop Coordinator and Peggy Rose will attend the AHAA 57th Convention and Annual Meeting in October.

In November, there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner in the Nursing Center.

The Annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held Monday, December 21st.

And as always new Auxiliary Members are always welcome.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Just remember, everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love!

The gift of time is priceless!

All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don’t worry, they can’t last long either.

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View
Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We have been blessed with some cooler weather recently. Still have sickness and vacationing Auxilians but are trying to be sure most areas have workers.

Our Cake Walk during the July 4 festivities was quite a success. Had a lot of fun and great participation from the crowd, lots of good cakes given away and raised \$385.00.

During July and August we sold Butter Braid products and had great success. No definite total at this time but I am sure we will try this project again. Also during August we had a "Fall Bazaar". Pleased with the turnout and raised \$582.00 during this event.

Nothing scheduled for September. Installation of officers will take place at our October auxiliary meeting. State Convention and also the District Meeting will be held in October. Look forward to participating in both these events.

CONGRATULATIONS UNITY HEALTH-WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER!

August 2nd Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported that UH-WHMC has been ranked among the top performing hospitals in health care in the area of infection prevention. *Consumer Reports* rated the hospital third among nine (per patient volume) receiving high ratings in this area.

White County Medical Center is now Unity Health - Searcy

Submitted by Ellen Jordan, Newsletter Coordinator



Several Unity Health Auxiliary members recently participated in Walmart Safety Day. They distributed HELP (Helmet Emergency Labeling Program) stickers to children and parents as a part of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association's state project to help keep children safe.

The 19th annual A Day of Caring was held August 1, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Harding University campus. A Day of Caring is community-wide outreach program, coordinated by Unity Health, designed to help the uninsured and underinsured residents of White County. Free medical, dental and eye screenings are provided to participants; and additional services are offered including haircuts, immunizations, health screening and pap exams.



Twenty-five to thirty Unity Auxiliary Volunteers provided help with this on July 31, Set-up Day and also on August 1 during A Day of Caring.



Buddy Muirhead, Kay Szafranski, Louzelle Langston, Vera Wheeler and Linda Belue attended a private performance of "Smoke on the Mountain" at the Center on the Square. The evening was hosted by Unity Health Foundation as a donor recognition event.

Auxiliary Volunteers will be needed to work at the Unity Health fair booth during White County's Senior's Day at the fair being held September 17.



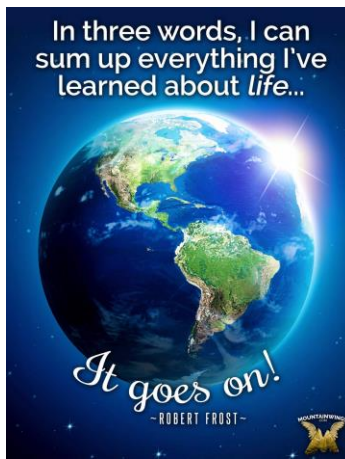
NORTHEAST
Suzanne Hackney, Chair

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

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary does not meet in the summer months, but the work in the clinics continues. The group looks forward to its September 23 meeting after the summer hiatus.

Work will begin soon on the renovations to the hospital cafeteria. The auxiliary gave \$5000 to kick start the much needed changes and will donate more as the project moves forward.

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary sponsors a local scholarship for a person already in the medical community who wants advanced training or wants to switch to a different medical field. The organization changed the scholarship to fit the needs in the community where older adults want to get more training but don't have the resources to achieve that. We have seen several people complete advanced training in their fields and are pleased at the outcome of this change.



NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital -Jonesboro

Submitted by: Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations

Our NEA Auxiliary has been very busy the past two months, and volunteer hours logged have been more than 1,300 for each of the months. We would like to especially acknowledge our junior volunteers who have completed their final assignments and return to school/college. Thank you, Jayme Hutson, Aaron Hong, Cason Idol, Caroline Williamson and Abby Wilson.

The new palliative care program nurse, Samantha Payne, reported at the last auxiliary meeting that the program was well under way, and she had 38 consults for the month of July. Our auxiliary is happy to be able to help fund this position.



The NEA Baptist Auxiliary gave \$500.00 to the NEA Baptist Charitable Foundation for the Dr. Michael Hong Wing in the NEA Baptist Women's Center. It will go toward the work done by the ShareHope Program.



We recently helped with a renewal wedding in the hospital chapel for a Hospice patient and her husband. We provided the bouquet and boutonniere for the couple and served cake and punch at the reception.

Our auxiliary will host the NE Arkansas Auxiliary District meeting which will be held in the

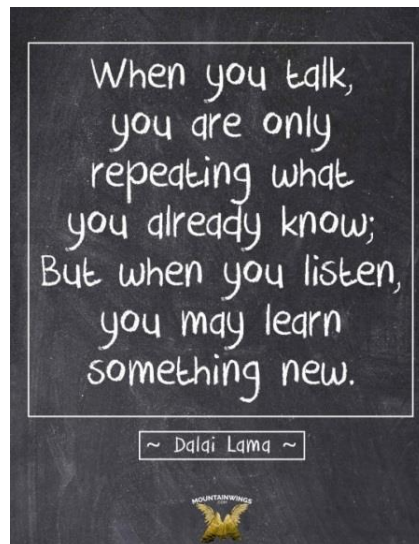
Conference rooms at the NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro on October 19th. We are looking forward to a wonderful meeting with sister auxiliaries. Sunflowers will be in BLOOM that day!

Some NEA Baptist auxiliary members enjoying lunch together. The hospital provides a free meal from the cafeteria for our auxiliary members on the days they volunteer.



The next scrub sale will be September 29 and 30th. All of our fund raisers and gift shop profits go back into the hospital programs we support.

Many of our auxiliary members are also busy in the community and beyond helping with activities and programs through volunteer endeavors. Donna Barker, our treasurer and co-director of our gift shop recently returned from a mission trip to Kenya. Our love of volunteering to help others runs deep!



St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

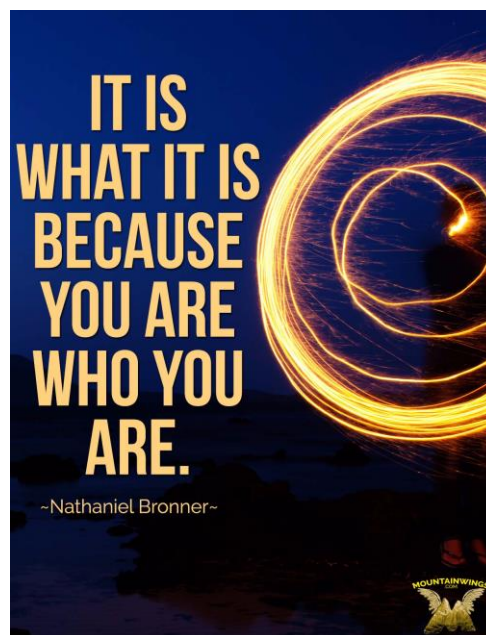
Submitted by: Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor

St Bernards conducted its annual 3-week junior volunteer program in July. Leaders narrowed a group of 82 applicants to 18 participants. Students had special activities on Fridays. Part of the program included certifying the juniors in CPR and First Aid. Other activities included tours of the Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Radiology and the surgery in the hospital basement where all

played with the new DaVinci Robotic Surgery Machine. Other Friday activities included tours of Phlebotomy, Histology, Blood Bank, Cath Lab, Emergency Department, NICU, and Outpatient Surgery, the Wound Healing Center and Total Life Healthcare.



Barbara Keller, Auxiliary program chair, on the far left with participating junior volunteers.



SMC Regional Medical Center- Osceola

Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary

The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary held a reception August 2nd in the Hospital Lobby honoring the recipients of the 2015 Scholarship and their families. This year's recipients of the \$1000.00 Scholarships were David Cole, Felicia Pierce, Brenna Stokes, and Whitney Weathers.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a medically related field. The funds for the scholarships are raised thru sales in the Hospital Gift Shop, bake sales and other projects.



Pictured are David Cole, Brenna Stokes, Whitney Weathers and Auxiliary President Mary "Pud" Thomas. Not pictured, Felicia Pierce.



NORTHWEST Judy Overton, Chair

Mercy Hospital - Berryville

Submitted by: Neta Stamps, Newsletter Editor

Mercy Auxiliary began a new scholarship for second year students from Carroll County who had received a 2014 Mercy Auxiliary scholarship for their first year of college. These students, who are planning to be in the medical field, were invited to apply for two \$1000.00 scholarships which would be awarded for the second year of college.

Each student was required to submit a letter with the summary of the first year in college along with a copy of their transcript.



Anna Blach is attending University of Central Arkansas in Conway. She plans to become a Registered Nurse and later become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.



Hannah Needham attended Southwest Baptist University for her freshman year and plans to pursue a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. She is transferring to Troy University in Alabama for her second year of college.



Estefani Salazar is attending the University of Arkansas in Fort Smith and plans to pursue a career as a Registered Nurse

Mercy Auxiliary congratulates these young ladies and is pleased to be able to support the youth or our county.

No inquiries have been received for the 2015 District Scholarship. Information had previously been placed in the local newspapers



A Gift Shop Inventory Reduction Sale was held August 13th with over \$1000.00 in sales.

Plans are underway for the Alzheimer's Seminar for Caregivers which will be October 2nd at the ECHO Clinic in Eureka Springs. Molly Gay will be the guest speaker.



Our Education Booth at the Carroll County Fair won a blue ribbon.

Five auxiliary members are planning to attend the State Convention.

Plans are underway for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon November 7th. November will also host a Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale and we will have a Nut Sale. A "Sheets and Sweets Sale" will be scheduled for December - if Mother Nature cooperates.

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights"..... I'm just very wise.

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas – Rogers

Submitted by Christy Blackshear, President

Mercy Hospital in Rogers was thrilled to break the records and welcome 78 teens and young adults to our volunteer program. The teens came from as far away as Missouri to participate in our program and spent the summer serving over 2000 hours throughout the hospital and clinics.

Some fun locations of service were reading to children at the Pediatric Clinic in Bentonville, visiting with patients to ask how they were experiencing care at Mercy and working alongside many co-workers in several of our offices and clinics.

The consistent response to the teen volunteers is amazement at their hospitality and willingness to work hard and stay busy. Also, thanks to many of our year round volunteers for training many of our students and making them feel better about how they performed their jobs.

We have to stop and thank our Mercy Knit and Stitch volunteers who supply us with a handmade baby cap for every baby delivered at our hospital. We are keeping them busy and appreciate their busy fingers! In the past 6 months, volunteers in this group have donated more than 800 baby caps!! (WOW!! Says Neta)

Mercy is excited to announce a new role for our volunteers at Mercy Hospital, Dog Therapy. All of the dogs accepted in our program must be certified by one of five local organizations. We have recently had our first six volunteers and puppies oriented and plan to kick off the program in September.



National Volunteer Week, National Nurse's Week, and Doctor's Day were celebrated in various ways this summer. For instance, goodies were provided to volunteers and co-workers as well as discounts in the Mercy Gift Shop.



North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – Harrison
Submitted by Joy Woelbing, CVM

The North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary recently helped with the World's Largest Baby Fair, an educational event for new mothers and expectant mothers.



Our volunteers being a little goofy at the World's Largest Baby Fair

They also helped with the Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year's theme was a Luau.



NARMC Auxiliary President, Bob Johnson (center) presents a check for \$30,000 to CEO Vincent Leist for a new nuclear medicine camera. The Auxiliary has pledged \$186k to fund the new diagnostic camera.

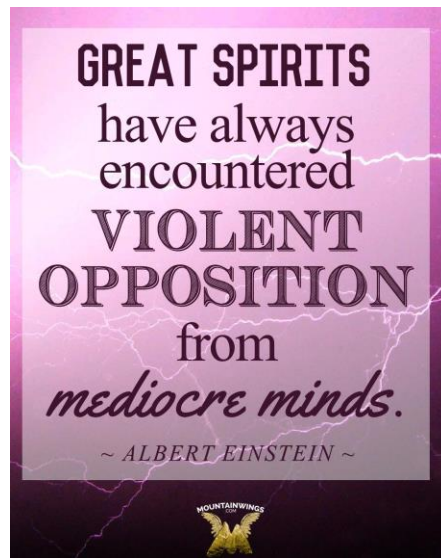


NARMC Auxiliary volunteers recently purchased 12 Staxi Wheelchairs for patient transport. Staff and visitors are enjoying the ease of operation.



NARMC Junior volunteers toured Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter and talked with the crew about possible careers in emergency treatment and transport.

NARMC volunteers are looking forward to networking with other Auxiliaries at the State Convention in October.



Siloam Springs Hospital

Submitted by Sharon Sly, Past President

Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary enjoyed the months of July and August “free of meetings.” Our regular monthly meetings will resume in September.

Our new officers are currently busy with plans for our annual Membership Tea which will be held in the lovely home of past state president, Gloria McEnroe.

Siloam Springs Regional Hospital welcomed our new Chief Executive Officer, Patrick Kerrwood, in July. Mr. Kerrwood has a wife and two children and recently served as Assistant CEO of Northern Louisiana Medical Center in Ruston, LA.

We look forward to seeing many of you when we host the Northwest District Fall Meeting in October.



SOUTHEAST

Barbara Goodwin, Chair

Delta Memorial Hospital – Dumas

Submitted by Shirley Sandlin, President

LifeShare blood drive - another success! Delta Memorial Hospital Auxilians and Mt. Zion #75 Order of the Eastern Star members continue to join together successfully to collect the "Gift of

Life" with LifeShare Blood Services of Monroe , Louisiana. Workers from the two hosts groups were Irene Thomas, Christina Rainey, Juanita Branson, Juanita Moreland, Bonnie Huskey, Maedene Weser, Roseann Bradley, Olene Ferguson, Jessie West, Shirley Sandlin, Bonnie McFalls and Evelyn Murphy.



Pictured are (left) Jasmine Ryder of LlifeShare and Bonnita Williams (donor)

Honored for Service

Immediate past president, Maedene Weser, right, and past Treasurer Shirley Teeter, left, were presented certificates of appreciation by Christina Rainey for their many years of service to the Delta Memorial Auxiliary.



In the preceding months the auxiliary helped with the MASH program at the Delta Memorial Hospital and some members of the auxiliary attended a Dementia work shop sponsored by the hospital.

Planned projects: September Scrub Sale and October Sheet Sale



DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home

Submitted by Katie Sollars, President

July we hosted a Hawaiian Luau Ice Cream Social for all hospital and nursing home employees. This turned into a bigger event than we first thought. We were able to also provide ice cream for all nursing home residents and hospital patients. This event turned out to be great with lots of happy residents and workers. When it is 105 degrees Ice Cream is a treat for sure!!

We took our break in June and July from meeting but we didn't take a break from working in our community. The auxiliary has been involved in other local events such as different church fundraisers, working with youth in summer activities and just being a leader in the community when someone needs a helping hand.

August started back with a bang! We found out at our meeting that we have a new administrator for our hospital and for our Nursing Home. Darren Caldwell took a job in Newport. Larry Morse is now our administrator for the time being. We are still in search for someone who is interested in the job for the long haul! Our new Nursing Home Administrator is a lifelong Arkansas County resident and an employee of our hospital for many years and her name is Charlotte Hackney. Charlotte is a member of our Auxiliary and we are so happy to have her as the administrator.

Recently we started an ongoing fundraiser for our auxiliary. We have a flea market booth. Anyone wanting to get rid of clothes, furniture, household items, etc. can price the items and donate them to the flea market booth. The money we make off of this goes into our general fund.

August and September projects are underway. We are currently getting ready to have our local fair and we will have an educational booth there to help inform the community what we are about and the fun things we do.

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! This will be starting Monday September 21st.

Lastly we are in the planning stages of our 3rd annual Christmas Cottage. This is an event held for local craft vendors and other businesses to come set up a booth and sell their goodies. We will have 31 gifts, wood work crafts, baked goods, bbq sandwiches, Pampered Chef and many more fun things this year. We are also working to see about having a free flu shot booth set up there as well. This event will take place at our Fair Grounds on November 7th, 2015 9am-2pm.



SOUTHWEST

Jack Losmann, Chair

Baptist Health Medical Center- Hot Springs County - Malvern

Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

Our cereal/food drive was a big success. R.O.S.E. director divided the cereal/food with 'Open Door' ministries. (This is an ongoing project of collected foods to feed the needy.)

Our 'Pennies for Socks' jar is getting lots of pennies. These pennies will be used at Christmas time to buy socks for needy persons.

We awarded two \$1,000.00 scholarships.

We are looking forward to attending the State Convention in Little Rock in October.

Upcoming events will be our annual 'Christmas Open House Extravaganza' on November 5th. Our 'Gift Shop' will be overflowing with all kinds of Christmas gifts.

We've had two new members who started last month.



Magnolia Regional Medical Center

Submitted by: Lucy Ray, Director of Volunteer Services

On July 21st-we had our Auxiliary Business Meeting at Life Smart Center. AHAA President Jerry Berley installed our officers for the 2015-2016 year. MRMCA Auxiliary officers: President- Susan West, Vice-President- Jo Ann Whitehead, Secretary-Jan Sherman, and Treasurer-Norma Hayes.

We had a very successful uniform sale by Uniforms 2U2 in Conference room 7:00am-4:00pm on August 4th and 5th.

On August 19th we had our Second Treasure's Silent Auction fund raiser from 7:00am to 1:00pm. Total amount raised was \$1,029.00. This event is 100% profit in which the Auxiliary members bring 2 items new or slightly used with a value of \$15.00 or more also baked items were brought.

We continue to make comfort pillows for our patients; to date we have made 1,240 pillows.

Five members are planning to attend the AHAA convention on October 7-9th and are looking forward to it.

We are planning to drop off coke tabs that we have been collecting for the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock while at AHAA convention.



Ouachita County Medical Center – Camden

Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Our auxiliary is a part of the safest hospitals in Arkansas! The hospital was informed it received a score of 68 out of 100, which was the highest in the State, on a rating based upon information collected from all public reporting entities, including CMS. The Safety Score is a summary of the five categories related to hospital safety: Avoiding infections, avoiding readmissions, communicating about medications and discharge, appropriate use of chest and abdominal scanning, and avoiding mortality--both medical and surgical.

Our president, Barbara Bradshaw, has moved to Greenbrier to be near family. Barbara did an excellent job as our leader, but her replacement, Deloyce Hart, will be just as effective. We look forward to working with her.

Dorothy Berley will be installed as AHAA President at the annual convention in October. She succeeds her husband, Jerry Berley, who has served for the past year.

In May a request was made by our OB-GYN Department to purchase a portable fetal heart monitoring system. This was purchased by the auxiliary at a cost of \$10,800.

Our annual bake sale netted \$735.70. Uniforms 2U2 will be here September 17-18 for a scrub sale.

Since May 30, 2015, we have added six new members, and we lost one member, Verna Lamkin, from complications of Lou Gehrig's Disease.



Medical Center of South Arkansas - El Dorado, AR

Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President

The Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers were on July 13, 2015. Ross Korkmas, ACEO installed the following officers; Peggy Plummer- President, Lonez Dumas-Vice President, Dollie Stratton-Secretary and Deanie Connor, Treasurer.

The Auxiliary attended the Meet & Greet reception for MCSA's new incoming CEO, Robert Rupp.

The Auxiliary Board decided to raise the Scholarship Fund to \$1000.00 dollars a month and is funding two student Med Techs or BSN students.

Several Auxiliary members attended the July and August Senior Circle Luncheon and Learn. The Lunch and Learn speakers were the Director of Cardiac Rehab, Richard Reeves in July and Dr. Alero Nanna MD., from South Arkansas Surgical Specialists in August. Auxiliary staff helped greet and seat the guests.

One new member has joined the MCSA Auxiliary, Liz McKay

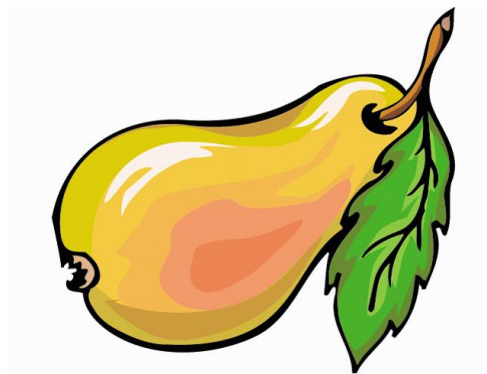
July had 1433 service hours.

MCSA Gift Shop donated door prizes for hospital functions.

Sheets Galore and More Sale is scheduled for September 18, 2015.

The Auxiliary will be having an information and recruitment booth at the Champagnolle Landing Head-to-Toe Health Fair on September 17, 2015.

The Auxiliary has had several representatives serving on the Girlfriends Giggle Fundraiser Committee that will be benefiting the Auxiliary and #TeamCorrie.



VALLEY

Mae O'Donnell, Chair

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center –Russellville

Submitted by: Diana Stensland, President

In July, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center provided a summer ice cream social for our Auxiliary. We had a wonderful speaker, Mandy Golleher, Director of Marketing and Volunteer

Services at the National Park Medical Center in Hot Springs. Mandy talked with us about our hospital's customer service/patient satisfaction initiative and how we can help in this endeavor.



Diane Rose and Charlie Davis enjoy yummy treats at our July Ice Cream Social.

Our Auxiliary had the opportunity to distribute volunteer recruitment brochures and HELP stickers at the annual Business Expo on July 5. Several volunteers helped throughout the day and many folks indicated an interest in volunteering at Saint May's. They were invited to our September Recruiting Roundup to meet our volunteers and hear more about volunteer opportunities.



Lynette Price, Auxiliary Vice President, enjoyed talking with community folks at the Business Expo about volunteer opportunities at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.

On August 29th, Auxiliary members assisted our hospital in participating in the annual Alzheimer's Walk at the Boys and Girls Center in Russellville.

Our Recruiting Roundup will be on September 14th. Volunteers will bring their favorite dishes for a potluck. Potential volunteers have been invited to meet our Auxiliary Members and hear a presentation of how much we enjoy volunteering at Saint Mary's.

Auxiliary members will be involved in the Millard Henry Pediatric Clinic community event. We will be distributing HELP stickers, recruiting brochures and our newly developed "Look before you Lock" hangtags.



Sparks Regional Medical Center Fort Smith

Submitted by Alice Swain, President

Our Auxiliary is dismissed during the summer months so we had no regular meetings or activities. This President however had several meetings to continue the functioning and planning for activities as we resume in Sept.

July did have a Valley District Presidents meeting hosted by our sister hospital in Van Buren, with our District Chair, Mae O'Donnell presiding. I had previously planned to be out of town before being aware of the meeting, so I was absent. Linda Butler, our own Auxiliary member and in-coming District Chair was attending so she filled me in on the latest.

September 4th and 5th we have a uniform sale scheduled. This is usually a very busy sale and I might add a successful one. We, of course like that. Auxiliary members are willing to assist with the paper work. Our regular monthly meeting will then follow the next week so we will become very busy. Lots of planning will start for the remainder of the year.

October will be a busy month as we get ready for convention.

We are excited about the fall style show as we are getting in lots of new things for fall. Debbie

Franklin, manager, and Greta Russell, assistant manager, are doing a wonderful job with our gift shop and supplying us with a great assortment of "goodies". I can't wait to see what they will have for modeling.

We're also looking forward to convention and seeing, doing, and learning lots of new stuff.



Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren

Submitted by: Sue Walker, President

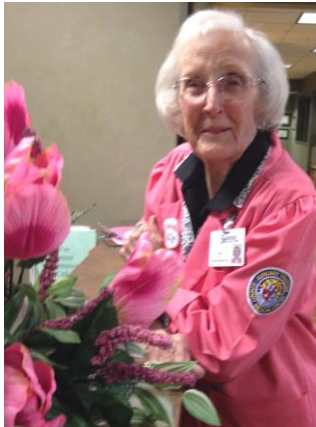
The garage sale we held in July turned out well. Our long time organizer informed us that this would be the last one she would help organize for the auxiliary. That was quite a disappointment, but we could certainly understand. That is a lot of work. Someone has suggested possibly having one next fall on a much smaller scale. We plan to look into that.

The auxiliary is planning to co-sponsor along with the hospital another Sparks Stampede. This is a 5K race which will be held on October 24, 2015. The proceeds from the race will be for the benefit of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the River Valley Ovarian Cancer Alliance. There was good participation for the race last year. Hopefully it will be bigger this year.

At our meeting in August, we honored one of our members, Rita Bowen, who is no longer able to volunteer due to health. She had been our 2nd Vice President several times and was responsible for scheduling our volunteers to work in the gift shop and at the information desk. When she couldn't find someone to volunteer for a particular shift, she would just "fill" in herself. She also greeted people who were coming to driver's class one Saturday a month. We proclaimed last Thursday "Rita Bowen Day". In the 10 ½ years she volunteered, she has accumulated 6092 hours.



L to R: Tressa McBride, Daisy Bruns, Shane Pitchford, Sue Walker. Rita Bowen is in the front.



One of our other volunteers, Lois Silva, also retired after 11 years.

Both of these ladies will really be missed.

Hopefully we will see several of you at the convention in Little Rock in October.

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



District Meetings

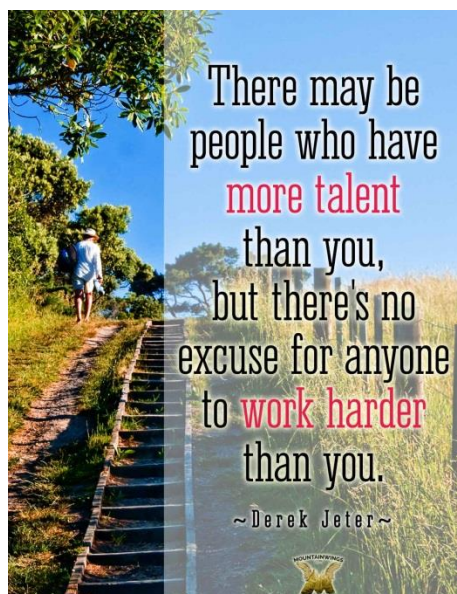
October 19, 2015	Northeast	NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro
October 20, 2015	North Central	Fulton County Hospital - Salem
October 21, 2015	Northwest	Siloam Springs Regional Hospital - Siloam Springs
October 22, 2015	Valley	Chambers Memorial Hospital - Danville
October 27, 2015	Southwest	CHI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

It has been my pleasure to serve as Newsletter Editor these past two years. I do apologize for all the errors you have found and also for my weird sense of humor which is often displayed.

I hope I have offended no one with the use of Mountain Wings Moments as I have found these to be inspiring, amusing and instructive to me.

My best wishes to our new Editor, Dean, and I am sure everyone will do everything possible to make the job of keeping up with all the auxiliaries as easy as pie! (Or is that π ?)

Neta Stamps, Editor



Failure

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Failure doesn't mean you are a failure,
it does mean you haven't succeeded yet.

Failure doesn't mean you have accomplished nothing,
it does mean you have learned something.

Failure doesn't mean you have been a fool,
it does mean you had a lot of faith.

Failure doesn't mean you have been disgraced,
it does mean you were willing to try.

Failure doesn't mean you don't have it,
it does mean you have to do something in a different way.

Failure doesn't mean you are inferior,
it does mean you are not perfect.

Failure doesn't mean you've wasted your life,
it does mean you've a reason to start afresh.

Failure doesn't mean you should give up,
it does mean you should try harder.

Failure doesn't mean you'll never make it,
it does mean it will take a little longer.

Failure doesn't mean God has abandoned you,
it does mean God has a better idea!

~Robert Schuller~



Bye-bye!