

# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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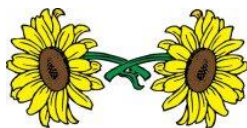
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## From the President



Dear AHAA Friends,

What a wonderfully busy October this has been!!

First, there was convention and what a great convention! I think Jerry put together just the right "TEAM" with Kathy Gammill as the captain. I have heard so many positive comments on the convention. It was full of good workshops, good vendors, good times, good food, and GREAT fellowship! I can tell you that plans are already underway for next year's convention, and I know it will be worth your while if you come. So, please start making your plans now to attend. It will be October 5 – 7, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock.

With only a week to rest up, we then started attending the Fall District Meetings. We have traveled all across this beautiful state going to Jonesboro, Salem, Siloam Springs, Danville, Hot Springs, Warren and Little Rock. Each meeting was just great. The host auxiliaries did such an outstanding job. The decorations were beautiful. I don't think I have ever seen so many sunflowers!! They were perfect. Thank you so much for following my theme! I think Jerry and I both probably put on a pound or two after eating all the delicious food we were served. We always enjoy hearing all that the individual auxiliaries are doing across the state. You are a busy group of volunteers and I'm so appreciative of all you do for your hospitals and communities.

I'm looking forward to working with each of you this year. I know you will be that "Ray of Sunlight" in your hospital, and that the sun will shine a little brighter and hearts will feel a little warmer, because you care enough to volunteer!

- Dorothy Berley ,
- AHAA President



**From  
the  
President-  
Elect**

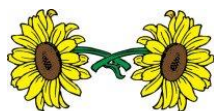
**Berleys & Underwoods  
Attend ALL Fall District Meetings**

Dorothy Berley, AHAA President and I, AHAA President-Elect, attended all seven Fall District Meetings. How wonderful it was to bring greetings from the State, meet new friends, and have meals and meetings in a two-week trek across Arkansas. It is amazing to see how many services the volunteers provide to their hospitals. The president's reports given at each meeting were filled with fund raising, community service, and hands-on projects.

My job as President-Elect is to familiarize each volunteer with our four state projects: Look before You Lock, Scholarships, HELP, and Alzheimer's. If you need any information about obtaining supplies, my email address is [david.margaret.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:david.margaret.underwood@gmail.com). I can have what you need at the Board Meetings, give them to your District Chairs, then they can disperse them to you.

The Berleys and the Underwoods look forward to the Spring District Meetings. These meetings bring fresh ideas to AHAA which can be shared throughout our wonderful state of Arkansas.

- Margaret Underwood, AHAA President-Elect.



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## AHAA Outstanding Achievement Awards – 2015

### Administrator of the Year

100 beds and under	Peggy Abbott	Ouachita County Med Center -Camden
101 bed and over	Kyle Swift	Med Center of South Ark – El Dorado

### Auxilian of the Year

100 beds and under	Deloyce Hart	Ouachita County Med Center- Camden
101 beds and over	Connie Appleby	Baxter Regional Med Center Mountain Home

### Community Service

100 beds and under	SMC Regional Medical Center – Osceola
101 beds and over	Baxter Regional Med Center – Mountain Home

### Fundraiser

100 beds and under	Ozark Health Medical Center - Clinton
101 beds and over	Baxter Regional Med Center - Mountain Home



## Calendar

### ***2015-2016 Calendar AHAA Board Meetings***

January 14, 2016 (Snow Day January 21, 2016)  
 March 10, 2016  
 May 12, 2016  
 July 14, 2016  
 September 8, 2016

### **2016 Spring District Meetings**

April 11th Johnson Regional Medical Center - Clarksville  
 April 12th Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville  
 April 13th National Park Medical Center - Hot Springs  
 April 14th CHI St. Vincent Morrilton - Morrilton  
 April 19th Unity Health-Harris Medical Center - Newport  
 April 20th Chicot Memorial Hospital - Lake Village  
 April 21st SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola

### ***SE Healthcare Volunteer Leaders (SHVL) Conference***

April 24-26, 2016 Jacksonville, FL

**National Volunteer Week**

**April 10-16, 2016**

**National Hospital Week**

**May 8-14, 2016**

## **57TH AHAA BUSINESS MEETING AND CONVENTION**

The 57th annual Business Meeting and Convention was called to order at 2:00pm on October 7, 2015 by AHAA President Jerry Berley.

Neta Stamps, Newsletter Editor, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Seating instructions for voting delegates were given and introduction of the convention chairs, as well as the current board were made.

Registration Chair Shirley VanHorn informed the group that 308 volunteers, representing 50 auxiliaries, registered for convention. Parliamentarian Mary J. Frauenhoff announced that AHAA has 60 auxiliaries in good standing; the number of delegates attending is 60 and a quorum is present.

Roll call was taken by Melissa Williamson, Secretary. A motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting was made by Debbie Borkowski, Baptist Health Medical Center Heber Springs. Kathy Mills, Baxter Regional Medical Center seconded and the motion passed.

Jerry gave the names of the three members appointed to approve the 2015 annual meeting minutes. They are: Liz McKinstry of Bradley County Medical Center, Deloyce Hart of Ouachita County Medical Center, and Norma Hogue from Drew Memorial Hospital. The minutes will be printed in the November/December AHAA newsletter.

Darlene Tuohy, Treasurer, gave the annual financial report and it will be filed for audit. Next Darlene presented the Proposed Budget for 2015-2016. Barbara Goodwin, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, moved the budget be accepted as printed in the handbook. Marsha Scott, Ashley County Medical Center, seconded and the proposal passed.

Bylaws chair Pat Lavender announced there were no changes to bylaws, but that the following changes have been made to Policies and Procedures:

**Page38. 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 #12 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 AHA websites.

Sharon Sly, Credentials Chair, gave the slate of proposed nominees for 2015-2016

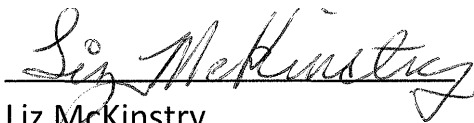
AHAA Board. They are:

President-elect	Margaret Underwood, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison
Vice-president	Judy Overton, Northwest Medical Center, Springdale
Secretary	Melissa Williamson, CHI St. Vincent Infirmary, Little Rock
Treasurer	Darlene Tuohy, Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas

A motion to accept the slate of officers as presented was made by Velma Davis, CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs, and after a second by Phyllis Lawson, Johnson Regional Medical Center, the motion was approved by the delegates. The new board was introduced and the 7 District Chairs who were elected this spring were recognized.

Jerry thanked Convention Chairs Kathy Gammill and Leta Garrison for their work. He also made announcements regarding the Memorial Service. Pages for the event are AHAA Past Presidents Pat Heinz and Sharon J. Huffmire.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.



Liz McKinstry



Deloyce Hart



Norma Hogue

The minutes have been amended to read:

Parliamentarian Mary J. Frauenhoff announced that AHAA has 60 auxiliaries in good standing; the number of delegates attending is **50** and a quorum is present.

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### Handbook Changes

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Page 12 - NE Ark chair address Shirl Kersey street address

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Page 12 - St Bernards president, Carol Hinck, address

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Page 68 - UAMS Medical Center

Add: Tara Caudle - Volunteer Coordinator.

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## In Remembrance

Metro District, Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR  
**Justine Frogge**

Northeast District, St Bernards - Jonesboro  
**Barbara Keller**  
**Liz Smith**

North Central, Baptist Health- Heber Springs  
**Patsy Johnson**  
**Nelia Neil**

North Central, Baxter- Mountain Home  
**Barbara Lawry**  
**Dona Dudgeon**  
**Mary Jane Petty**

Northwest District, Mercy - Berryville  
**Beth Stafford**



**The Committee on Volunteers**, a specialty committee of the American Hospital Association Board, is concerned with the roles, responsibilities, and services of organized volunteers and auxiliaries, as well as the community perspective they provide for the health care field. The committee supports the AHA mission and policy agenda by its activities in public policy development; participating in AHA grassroots advocacy; providing the Association with the benefit of its community perspective on issues related to the health care field; and serving as the selection committee for the AHA's Hospital

Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE Awards).

This committee is made up of fifteen members both volunteers and director of volunteers from across the United States.

It has been my pleasure to represent our great state of Arkansas as a Committee on Volunteers (COV) member for the past three years. I am honored that the American Hospital Association Board recently approved my appointment to be chairman of the COV. This means I will serve as chairman in 2016 and immediate past-chair in 2017.

Our next order of business will be to judge HAVE Award nominations in the next few weeks. I will be anxious to see if we have any finalist from Arkansas...sure hope so!

Please let me know if you have suggestions or ideas about volunteering, and I will be happy to share with the committee.

Thank you for ALL you do!

*Lynn Smith, Chairman American Hospital Association Committee on Volunteers*

# AHAA District News

## **CHI ST. VINCENT, LITTLE ROCK, AR**

Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and its first general meeting and luncheon on September 11. Robin Gabe from the Arkansas State Parks was our guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed her energetic presentation.

Several board members attended the AHAA Convention and Annual Meeting, October 7-9 at the Doubletree. We attended the workshops with Auxilians from all over the state. It was a great opportunity to associate with other Auxilians. Our auxiliary received the 5-star award.

CHI St. Vincent hosted the Metropolitan District Meeting on October 29. It was well attended.

On a sad note, we have had one death, Dorothy Lange.

The Auxiliary will sponsor a Dillard's Sale, November 19-20 at CHI St. Vincent.

The Auxiliary will have a board meeting and also a general meeting and luncheon on November 13. Our guest speaker is Steve Straessle, Principal at Catholic High.

The Annual Christmas Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 11 at the Country Club of Little Rock.

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## Metropolitan

## **CHI St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary**

Submitted by Delores Hartman

We had a successful Beans and Cornbread Lunch and Silent Auction to help us with our pledge to our hospital for a canopy at the front entrance. There are more fundraisers coming up soon as we will have a Handbag and Jewelry Sale on November 10th. Next will be our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on November 20th just in time for all your holiday needs and our community support is great as they really look forward to this sale every year. During December we are all busy selling tickets on our "Christmas Basket" which contains a Whole Bone-In Ham from Petit Jean Meats, Bread & Dessert A Month for six months provided by our auxiliary members plus many more items and the second prize is a Crocheted Afghan and a Colton's Steak House gift card. All these proceeds will help fulfill our pledge and really keep us busy.

Our hospital will honor us with a Christmas Luncheon in December which everyone enjoys very much.

Then this year comes to a close and we look forward to starting over again.

Wishing all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

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## Metropolitan

## **North Metro –Jacksonville**

Submitted by Jeanette A. Dahlin

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, nine members attended the Fall Metropolitan District Meeting at CHI St. Vincent's in Little Rock. Our keynote speaker was Larry Jegley, Jr., son of Pauline and Larry Jegley. Pauline has been our District Chair. Mr. Jegley is the Prosecuting Attorney for Pulaski County, AR, Sixth Judicial District.



**Baptist Health - Heber Springs**

Submitted by Debby Borkowski

We have accomplished much so far this year. What a great way to start with our Spring District meeting. We had 4 new members join. Jewelry sales, uniform sales and don't forget the Valentine's Day bake sale. Everyone has pitched in and done what was asked of them. Just keep on volunteering.

Tamara Wright accepted another position within the Baptist organization and had to step down from the DVS roll. Freda Brown was appointed to replace her.

Sadly, we lost a current member as well as a past member this year, Patsy Johnson and Nelia Neil. Remember their families in your prayers.

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## North Central

**Baxter Regional Medical Center - Mountain Home**

Submitted by: Kathleen Mills, President

We have been busy as have all of you. This covers the last 4 months as our article for the last newsletter is still out there in email cyber space. So here goes.

The Men's Health Forum, sponsored by the Mruk Family Education Center on Aging, was well attended by the men in our community. A panel of doctors discussed challenges to men's health as well as keynote speaker Dr. David Lipschitz. The Wurst Party Ever was sponsored by Schliemann Center for Womens' Health Education is always fun with brats and lots of good food. All of our Community Houses utilize their volunteers to assist in many ways.

Our tri-state wide sale of paramilitary shirts is in full swing. The Geneva Distributing and Colligate Sports fundraisers were a success as were Dynamic Cookware, and Uniforms 2u2. We also have new items in our Pink-A-Dilly gift shop with a wide range of prices. This is the result of our gift shop manager having a successful trip to Market.

We will be having special sales in the Gift shop throughout the next couple of months with lots of gimmicks to attract attention from blank shotgun shells stuffed with discounts to popping balloons with discounts inside. We will have our annual 12 days of Christmas sale.

The Auxiliary served refreshments at the nurses' graduation. The Pietz Cancer Support House held their Rodeo Fundraiser. The Schlieman Center for Women's Health Education hosted the Women's Forum. Both the Pietz House and the Schlieman Center are some of the BRMC Community Houses. We continue to celebrate the Auxiliary members with their Birthday Breakfasts. We assisted with the annual hospital fundraising for our Community Houses, Lend-A-Hand Campaign. This year each of the 4 Houses participated in a progressive dinner, there were vendors set up in tents selling a variety of things in the hospital parking lot, and of course tours through the houses. We will be having a food drive in connection with the General meeting

We were so excited at convention when they announced our Connie Appleby won the Volunteer Award of the year. We were blessed to get the 5 star award as well as the Community Service Award for hospitals over 100 and the Fundraising Award for hospitals over 100. This was accomplished by all of our volunteers working together.

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## North Central

## Ozark Health Inc. Clinton

*Betty Spencer, President*

We had four members attend the AHAA Annual Convention in Little Rock this year. We came away with a Four Star Award and the Fundraising Award for under 100 beds for our Annual Bazaar. The highlight was the Thursday night dinner with all the districts and their wonderful cheerleaders. I want to thank the District Chairs for stepping up to help with the entertainment.

Recently we received an award from our Annual Alzheimer's Walk that took place in Clinton this year. Our Auxiliary won the award for the largest group to walk this year. I am so proud of all the members that could attend this event. At our North Central District meeting we were awarded the Community Service award for under 100 beds for our Adopt a Resident Program. It was a beautiful drive to Salem, Arkansas and I would like to commend their auxiliary on a job well done. This is their first district meeting to host and they did an excellent job.

We are looking forward to our uniform and monogram sale scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Also our Annual Christmas Bake Sale to be held on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

## North Central

### Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

*Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor*

New officers for 2015-2016 were installed by Linda Conner at our October meeting. They are: President- Teresa Cheatham, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Sue Misenheimer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Frances Bullard, Secretary- Linda Conner, Treasurer- Regular Account- Betty Geerts, Bird Cage Gift Shop- Martha Simmons. We opted for a catered lunch during our meeting. We welcome a new Director of Volunteer Services, Toi McMullin.

Six attended the State Convention in Little Rock. Our auxiliary won a 5-star award. Very informative meeting, good workshops and all had a good time. We had 10 attend the District Meeting at Fulton County Hospital in Salem. Excellent decor, super food and very friendly and informative meeting. A big THANK YOU to Fulton County for a wonderful time. Ashton Glenn from our Stone County hospital was awarded the \$500.00 State Scholarship to be paid in December for the Spring semester.

We made \$1075.80 on our Butter Braid fundraiser held in August. I am sure this will be a repeat for next year. Our local project committee is continuing their work to recognize each department and all hospital employees. They are also including many people who help us on a daily basis such as law enforcement, EMS, firefighters, local and county offices to name just a few.

We will be having a Books are Fun sale on October 28. In November we will have a booth at the Health Fair handing out information on "Look Before You Lock" and "HELP". In December will be a Gift Shop Open House, serving cookies and punch. Also we will participate in the Christmas Lighting on the Square with our table of cookies and hot chocolate.

## North Central

### Unity White River Medical Center - Searcy

*Submitted by: Ellen Jordan*



Unity Health White County Medical Center Auxiliary Board of Directors pose with Administrators, Ray Montgomery, President & CEO and Stuart Hill, CFO as they present the final installment of the \$200,000 donation to the nursery renovation in the New Life Center.



Buddy, Leta and Kathy enjoyed the opportunity to cut a rug at the AHAA Tailgate Party.

**Unity White River Medical Center- Searcy** *continued from previous page*

**AHAA Memorial**

**14-15 District chairs**

*Suzanne Hackney - NE*

*Linda Conner – N Central*

*Pauline Jegley - Metro*

*Judy Overton - NW*

*Barbara Goodwin - SE*

*Jack Losmann - SW*

*Mae O'Donnell - Valley*



We appreciate all of the time that our volunteers spent to make this a successful convention.



**Leta Garrison and Kathy Gammill, convention co-chairs.**



The memorial service was made even more special with the beautiful harp music by Ellen Jordan, WCMC Volunteer. Ellen plays her harp for hospital associates and guests each week.

*North Central*

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## Northeast

**Arkansas Methodist MC, Paragould**  
Lynda Perry, President AMMC Auxillary

Annual General membership was held in September with TB Test, Flu shots, and Inservice. We were glad to receive 5 new members at this meeting.

Our auxiliary volunteered and help hand out information at both the Men's and Women's Health Fair in September at our hospital. There were over 400 men to come through and about 500 women.

We had five auxiliaries to attend the State Convention in Little Rock. Four of these were first timers. We were proud of our very own member Shirl Kersey who was sworn in as the new Northeast District Chair. We are sure she will do a great job. We also attended the Northeast District meeting held at the NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. We had 15 members to attend this event. Our auxiliary held our annual jewelry Sale fundraising event in October.

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## Northeast

**CrossRidge Community Hospital- Wynne**  
Submitted by George Anne Draper

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary had a busy October. The first event that was a huge success was the Annual Susan G. Komen Dinner at the Tech Center in Wynne. The hospital and the auxiliary collaborate to make this a much anticipated event in October of each year. The theme this year was Fiesta!! and the multicolored decorations made the occasion even more festive.

Three breast cancer survivors spoke to the group of over 100, encouraging mammograms and a strength of spirit. At the end of the dinner and speeches, the attendees gathered in an adjoining room and burst open the pinatas that were full of prizes, including cash. This is a gift to the community, one that raises the awareness of breast health!!

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary also had a jewelry sale fund raiser in October. Most of the auxiliary members participate in the event, volunteering time to work the sale during the daylong event. Almost \$2000 was made in this one day sale; the money will go toward a new floor for the cafeteria, enabling the auxiliary to give a total of \$10,000 to the renovation project.



# Northeast



## **SMC Regional Medical Center- Osceola** *Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary*

Attending the AHAA State meeting were President Mary "Pud" Thomas, District Treasurer, Morris Sue Wood; Mississippi County Hospitals CEO, Ralph Beaty and Delegate Betty Thompson. Their Auxiliary was the recipient of two awards, one, the 5 Star Award for Excellence and the Award for Auxiliaries for hospitals with less than 100 beds, "The Community Service Award Under 100 Beds, 2014-2015"!

The SMC Regional Medical Center (Osceola) Auxiliary participated in The Mississippi County Health Fair which was held Saturday 9-26-2015 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Great River Hospital in

Blytheville. They distributed literature on Alzheimer's, and Medic Alert. They gave away brochures on "Look Before You Lock" which emphasizes "Infant Car Seat Safety".

In addition to the above, they showcased many of the events they have participated in this past year. Pictured below right are Betty Thompson, President Mary "Pud" Thomas and President Elect Lovonda Carter.



## Northeast

### St Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

Submitted by Carol Hinck, President

Seventeen members of St Bernards Hospital Auxiliary attended the Northeast District Meeting held at the NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital on October 19, 2015. The Sunflower theme was carried out beautifully, even with Sunflower cookies. Carol Hinck, President, gave the Auxiliary Report and lit a candle for Liz Smith during the Memorial service. Ginny Presgrove, President of NEA presided over the meeting. Our Auxiliary enjoyed the meeting and looks forward to having the Fall District Meeting in 2016.



The Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association's State Convention was one of the best. St. Bernards Hospital Auxiliary had the largest number present with 19 in attendance. We enjoyed being a TEAM and showed lots of support for the Northeast District cheer team. As usual, we all looked forward to the Keynote speaker at the AHA Convention, and were thrilled to hear Konan Tynan's story and singing. On the final day, we were pleased to watch one of our own, Dean Rossa, be installed as State Newsletter Chair. Suzanne Hackney will serve as Convention Co-Chair for the 2016 state convention.



A group of St. Bernards auxiliaries help decorate the St. Bernards Auditorium for the annual Evening of Music. It is always fun to see how the building can become a beautiful venue.

Our Auxiliary's Light up a Light Campaign fundraiser helps make the rooms in the Annex building available to cancer patients for only ten dollars a night.

A crew stuffed and mailed about 2000 solicitation letters in mid October. Pictured: Ruby Chittenden, Carol Hinch, Patty Lack, Katherine McCracken, Thelma Kern, and Suzanne Hackney.



### AHHA Convention Cheerleaders

NEA Cheerleaders: Front (L-R) Faye Haney (NEA Baptist), Carol Hinck (St Bernards), Ginny Presgrove (NEA Baptist), Back: Evelyn Glisson, (NEA Baptist), Pud Thomas (Osceola), Shirl Kersey (AR Methodist Paragould). This team fired up the crowd at the tailgate party.



## Northwest

### **Mercy Hospital Berryville**

*Submitted by Neta Sue Stamps president-elect, newsletter editor*

Five members of Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary (MHBA) joined over 300 auxiliary members from across Arkansas for the 57<sup>th</sup> annual AHAA State Convention at the DoubleTree in Little Rock October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.



Left to right: Joy Flake, Gift Shop and Blood Drive Chair; Ann Coleman, In-Service Chair; Anita Spearman, President, State Special Projects Chair and Northwest District Secretary; Neta Sue Stamps, President-Elect, Publicity Chair, Newsletter Editor, Scholarship Chair and Northwest District Chair and Leoria Brewer, Secretary and Special Projects Chair.

MHBA was among the auxiliaries receiving a 5 Star Award.

October 21<sup>st</sup> was a busy day with 6 members traveling to Siloam Springs for the Northwest District meeting.



(L to r) District Secretary Anita Spearman, AHAA President-elect Margaret Underwood, AHAA President Dorothy Berley, NW District Chair Neta Sue Stamps, District Treasurer Sandra Vinson; Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital Director of Marketing Cathy Davis and Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital Auxiliary President Diane Winder

Other members held a very successful Uniforms 2U2 sale with a profit of approximately \$600.00. Our Administrator Doug Stroemel will be guest speaker at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary Board will prepare and serve lunch to our hard working volunteers.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> we will have our Pre-Thanksgiving Bake and Nut Sale and the Sweets and Sheets sale will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.



In Memoriam Beth Stafford

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## Northwest

### **Mercy Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary**

**Christy Blackshear**

Mercy volunteers distribute literacy bags for the first graders at Bonnie Grimes Elementary. The bags will contain books, pencils, puppets and notebooks for the students to take home for the summer in order to maintain literacy skills.

Our most recent donations are \$1000 to the Ronald McDonald Family Room located on the 3rd floor of the hospital and \$4000 to the Coworker Scholarship fund to assist with the costs of continuing education for Mercy coworkers.

Mercy was thrilled to break all the records and welcome 78 teens and young adults to our Summer 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 our 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 coworkers 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. Thanks to our 'year round' volunteers for training many of our students and making them welcome.



**Junior Volunteer, Mercy.**

Mercy Hospital Northwest Ark, Rogers

**Christy Blackshear, President, Matt Matthews, Vice President, Jerry Buchanan, Legislative Chair and Darlene Tuohy, State Treasurer. Mercy Hospital, Rogers**

On October 21st, five members of the Mercy Hospital Northwest AR auxiliary attended the district meeting in Siloam Springs. In addition, the Dog Therapy kick off was held on October 27th which was sponsored by the Mercy Health Foundation and Bissell. All dog therapy volunteers have been oriented by the volunteer director, Holli Oliver. Two fundraisers were held including Books Are Fun and Juzo Leg Health Day in October as well. The Mercy Northwest Hospital at Rogers auxiliary members attended the state AHAA convention on October and received the five star Award of Excellence as well as a legislative award. On December 3rd and 4th Dillards will host a fundraiser at Mercy Hospital. Finally, on December 10th the annual Christmas luncheon for volunteers will be held.



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## Northwest

### Northwest Medical Center - Springdale

Senior Circle Notes: Lunch and bingo – September 18 - Bingo was a hoot! We had 36 attendance.

The Perfect Pair-September 22- We had a small group of six to learn about herbs and spices. We were treated to yummy pizzas for lunch...

Lunch and Learn-September 23 – Dr. Fontanilla addressed a group of 28 on the subject of diabetes in the elderly....

Birthday Party- September 24 – We had a small turnout of nine this time... Breakfast Club – October 7 – Four members sent in RSVP's. Thirty-five came.

Movie Matinee –October 13 – An even dozen came to see "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel".  
Ginny McClain

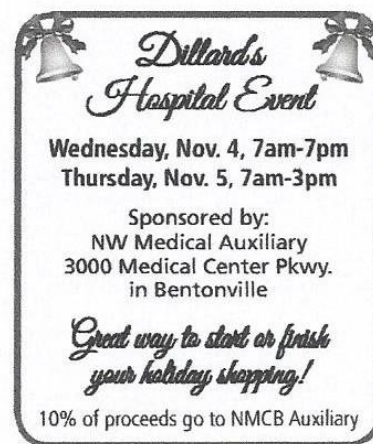
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## Northwest

### Northwest Medical Center Bentonville Auxiliary - Pat Meier

Northwest Bentonville Auxiliary hosted Dillard's Department Store at our hospital for two days recently. It was a complete success and the auxiliary receives 10% of the total sales.

Dillard's would like to come back two times next year!



## Southeast

### Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village

Submitted by: Dean Ann Smith, Publicity & Scrapbook



We are now selling bedding sheets in the gift shop. These are high thread count and very soft. You place your order on a sign-up sheet, pay in front - then they are ordered and picked up later in the gift shop.

Our "Code" room was finished this month. All the furniture was furnished by the auxiliary and the painting titled "Sunset on Lake Chicot" was painted and donated by Wanda Towery. This room is used for the families who have a loved one in the hospital who has died or is seriously injured or sick.

Beth White is our new Chairperson for the Fall Mall and this year it was a huge success. This year we had 3 quilts on raffle. Beth made the "Good Vibrations" quilt and Joyce Hall made the "Razorback" and "Fabulous Fall" quilts. The winner of the Razorback quilt was our own, Mary Hollins-Scott. We made around \$1,000 from the Fall Mall event.

**OCTOBER** - On October 7th, 8th, and 9th, three members, Barbara Harris, Dean Ann Smith, and Joyce Creel attended the 57th annual AHAA State Convention in Little Rock, AR at the DoubleTree Hotel. They brought back with them another 5-star rating for the auxiliary. This is the highest rating you can receive. Next year, the convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock.

Sixteen employees in the X-ray dept. were honored during Employee Recognition Week on Oct. 27th.

On October 28th, eight members of the CMMC Auxiliary attended the Southeast District Fall Meeting in Warren, Arkansas hosted by the Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary. There were about 80 members that attended this meeting from the nine hospitals that represent the Southeast District. Our president, Barbara Harris, who is also the Legislative Chair representing the Southeast District to AHAA, was recognized by Barbara Goodwin, the District Chair of the Southeast District, for her work that she has done in this position. We will host the spring meeting for the Southeast District April 20, 2016.

We would also like to welcome a new auxilian into the fold, Joyce Gregory. Thank you Joyce for the big, big, box of goodies that you provided for Employee Recognition!



Future events include a reception for three new employees on Nov. 12th, a jewelry sale on Nov. 19th. We will decorate the hospital for Christmas on Nov. 30th, the Christmas Tea is on Dec. 10th, and we will hold another Razorback Sale on December 14th and 15th.

## Southeast

**Delta Memorial Hospital , Dumas**  
 Shirley Sandlin, President  
 Breast Cancer 2015

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary joined with the Delta Memorial Hospital and hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Reception in the front hallway of the hospital. Information provided by the Greater Delta Alliance on getting mammograms and doing self breast exams were provided. Tasty punch, delicious cookies and cupcakes were served. The chefs for this event were Olene Ferguson, Diane Fisher, Audrey Edwards and Lisa Dilbeck. The coordinator for the event was Theresa Lock.

Cancer awareness materials were distributed to attendees of the reception. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women of all races. One in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. For men, the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is 1 in 1,000. Early detection is the key to overcoming cancer. Arkansas Saves Packets were available.

Standing Karen Neeley, seated Bonnie McFalls and Shirley Sandlin



Door prizes were won by Heidith Cruz, Carolyn Copelin, Bennie Finch, Karen Donaldson, Annette Shields, Shaquita Jacobs, Charlotte Winchester and Cathy Wheless. Prizes were donated by Shirley Sandlin.



**Shirley Teeter, Shirley Sandlin. And Roseann Bradley**

### Auxilians Wear Many Different Hats

Along with working blood drives, attending meetings, working the gift shop, baking refreshments for different occasions , comes the “back breaking” job of beautifying the grounds at Delta Memorial Hospital. Shirley Teeter spent hours Sunday and most of Monday doing just that!

On Monday Olene Ferguson, Roseann Bradley and Shirley Sandlin helped. The group turned the soil while mixing fertilizer with it, then planted pansies, flowering cabbage known as “Osaka Red” and caladiums.

During the Cancer Reception Tuesday, a number of people mentioned the flowers.



**Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary**

Submitted by Daphne Bennett

Thank You - I would like to say a very sincere thank you to so many who expressed their love, care and compassion during the recent loss of my daughter who was killed in a one-vehicle accident on September 2. Our friendship has meant much to me through the years, and your expressions of concern were a source of joy during a time of sadness. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

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## Southwest

**Medical Center of South Arkansas – 700 West Grove, El Dorado, AR 71730****Submitted by: Peggy Plummer, President**

Dr. Warren MacDonald was the September Senior Circle Lunch and Learn Speaker. He spoke on concussions and the dangers they present to seniors. The auxiliary helped escort and seat guests.

Laurie Eckart and Beth Hines were the speakers for the October breast cancer awareness themed Senior Circle Lunch and Learn. Laurie is with Medical Center of South Arkansas Out Patient Imaging Center and spoke on the breast cancer awareness, facts and the importance of mammograms. Beth is with Comcast and the Drive to inspire breast cancer awareness car. Senior Circle and Auxiliary members got to sign the pink car.

The Auxiliary had a booth at the Head-to-Toe health fair for seniors at Champagnolle Landing. The booth served as a recruitment and educational booth. Volunteers were present.

All present Auxiliary volunteers received HIPPA training, TB skin tests, and flu shots at the October 12 Auxiliary meeting.

The Auxiliary had a very successful and profitable fundraiser with Sheets Galore.

The Auxiliary has 1282 hours for September

Jean Coleman won an award for 13,000 hours of service. Dell Voss-2,000 hours, Nona Sipes 556 hours, Linda McMillian 503 hours.

Several members attended the Arkansas Hospital association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. Our former CEO, Kyle Swift, won Auxiliary nominated CEO of the year. Several members will also be attending the upcoming District Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas

The Auxiliary has continued to be active in planning the Girlfriends Giggle fundraiser benefiting the Auxiliary and a local charity called #teamcorrie, which provides financial assistance to Union County residents that are battling cancer.

Drive to inspire. October 7, 2015. Peggy Plummer and Virginia Meador



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## Southwest

National Park Medical Center-Hot Springs  
Submitted by Dorothy Stringer

National Park Medical Center sent three members of our auxiliary to the State Convention October 7-9, Sylvia Griffin, Maxine Norman, and Dorothy Stringer, held at the Doubletree Inn. We attended several workshops, including the one on legislative/advocacy, gift shop/style show, heart to heart, and best practices. A lot of ideas was shared and lots of new people met. We had a good time meeting vendors during the convention and seeing what was available. Dorothy Stringer won a door prize from 3 Gentrys during the mini vendor mall and Sylvia won a door prize at our brunch/office installation.

National Park Medical Center received several awards at the AHA and AHAA conventions. We are extremely proud of the volunteers and the hospital personnel who participated in the different areas helping us to receive the awards.

We received the Five Star Award of Excellence, the highest award possible to a local auxiliary. This award is based on the activities the hospital participates in within the hospital, the community and the AHAA.

National Park Medical Center also received the IQI award at the Statehouse Convention Center. This is awarded to hospitals that have participated in the program and successfully improved care.

We were awarded the Arkansas Association 2015 Diamond Award of Excellence in hospital marketing and public relations. The "Only Here. Here for Me" campaign.

This been an especially trying few months for some of our volunteers. Joyce Walters had some problems with her heart in August and had just returned when it was discovered she had breast cancer. She had surgery September 25 and is now back with us. Bud Moore had a double bypass August 31. He is expecting a full recovery. Karen Feckler has gall bladder surgery September 15 and is now volunteering again.

During the month of October, all volunteers and hospital employees received a free flue shot.

The auxiliary is participating in the pumpkin decorating contest the hospital is having October 30th. There will be a silent auction for the entries and the proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

We have a fundraiser coming up November 19th in the cafeteria.

During our monthly meeting, Senior Care requested a 50" TV be purchased and the board voted to purchase it.

There will be a Christmas Buffet at the Hot Springs Country Club on Tuesday, December 1, at 11:30.

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## Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary-Camden, Arkansas  
Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Nine members from OCMC attended the state convention in October. The past and present AHAA Presidents are from our auxiliary, and one of our number, Deloyce Hart, was named Auxilian Of The Year. We also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for Hospital In-Service for our purchase of electronic doors into the admissions area. May we add to this that our hospital administrator, Peggy Abbott, was chosen Administrator of the Year. (Each of these was for hospitals with 100 beds or less.) Mrs. Abbott was also elected as Treasurer of the AHA. We are so proud of our auxiliary and our hospital! Our attendees were very complimentary of the 2015 Convention--several indicated it was the best ever for them. \* \* \* Sixteen members attended the out-standing Fall District Meeting hosted by CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs. They are to be commended for the work that went into making this a successful meeting. The meeting place and decorations were beautiful--and the rain almost stopped! \* \* \* We were pleasantly surprised to learn that one of our members left our auxiliary \$8,000 in her will to be used for nursing scholarships. She was a retired teacher and only worked from December 13, 2013 through October 1, 2014, but she joined with a will to work, and she did--part of this time working with our Scholarship Committee. She was a victim of Lou Gehrig's Disease, and died August 21, 2015.. She endeared herself to those who got to know her; she is still missed.

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## Southwest

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Valley

Johnson Regional Medical Center, Clarksville, Ar

Johnson Regional Medical Center has their own Facebook page with news and pictures. It went up on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. It will post reminders for meetings, fundraisers, activities, projects, and the gift shop. And Pictures!  
<https://www.facebook.com/Clarksvillehospital>

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Valley

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Valley District  
Diana Stensland, President

St. Mary's hosted our annual Volunteer Roundup on September 14. We had a western theme and a wonderful potluck. Eighteen new volunteers joined us and are now in our orientation process.

**Dale & Barbara Boeh enjoyed our Volunteer Roundup.**



Our Auxiliary partnered with Millard Henry Clinic at their recent Pediatric Clinic. We prepared popcorn, handed out Look before you Lock hangers/stickers and volunteer brochures. Hundreds in our community attended and a good time was had by all.

**George & Diana Stensland share popcorn with Russellville families.**



Our new volunteers are in training. Pat Housdan and our new volunteer, Mami Yuasa, take a Same Day Surgery patient out in one of our red wagons. The children love these and so do we,

Our Auxiliary developed "Look and Lock" hangers and stickers to use in community events and our New Mom packets at St. Mary's. These have been well received in our community and will definitely be a tool in saving lives.



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Valley



Sparks Hospital Auxiliary, Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Alice Swaim, President

As we resume our regular monthly meetings in Sept. following being off during the summer months, our schedule is rather busy. The By-Laws committee did meet during the summer and have several small changes suggested. These suggestions were shared with membership and will be voted on in Nov. Should they pass, the entire membership will receive a copy shortly thereafter.

October has really been busy and will continue that way for the rest of the month. It started with 6 members of our team attending convention. First, the Ark Hospital Association keynote speaker was absolutely awesome, we really enjoyed hearing him speak as well as sing. Thanks for allowing us to be a part of that program. Next, our cheerleading skills did not win any awards but we were there trying and we had fun. Thanks to the convention committee for a really good time and educational programs. Following close to this, 4 members of our Auxiliary attended the Valley District meeting in Danville on Oct. 22nd. Our own Linda Butler was installed as the valley district chairman, we know she will do a good job. Thanks Linda for stepping up for the job. Thanks also to Chambers Hospital Auxiliary and Pat Pyle for a good meeting, good fellowship, and good food.

Our hospital sponsored a golf tournament to raise funds for an organization called Heaven's Babies. This is an infant loss program and funds are raised to support it. We were invited to participate in this activity as it is something very near and dear to everyone's heart. For babies stillborn or die shortly after birth, we have a place in our Healing Garden where small golden plaques can be placed on a pedestal holding an angel so parents have a special place to visit if they wish.

Sparks, Ft. Smith also sponsored a Fall Associate picnic on the lawn of the Plaza on Oct. 23rd and the Auxiliary members were invited to participate. Thanks to our hospital for inviting us.

The last thing for Oct. will be the planting of a Christmas tree at the main entrance of the hospital. This is scheduled for next week.

Beginning in Nov. we will continue with the Christmas tree. Special plans for the development of Christmas Cards, in memory and in honor of, and will be sold in our gift shop. We will have a special occasion where we will decorate, hang lights, have singing, etc. when the tree is planted firmly in the ground. The tree will continue to grow and each year we will repeat same activities.

Sparks, Ft. Smith will again sponsor a Fall Family Festival at Wild Things Farm in Pocola, Okla. on Nov. 7th, 2015. Sounds like a lot of fun and I'm sure all will have a great time. The Auxiliary will have a very special meeting for our regular meeting on Nov. 11th. We anticipate several special guests and we will serve a special meal, followed by a style show with clothing supplied by Dress Barn. We are asking all members to bring items used as household items, ie: towels, blankets, toilet tissue, kleenex, etc and we will donate to the local Rescue Mission. We all have a heart for these folks especially as winter approaches, so we want to help in a small way. This is usually considered as our Christmas Holiday get together since we are dismissed during Dec.

Nov 12th and 13th we will be sponsoring an electronic sale. This will be our first time for this type of sale and it will be almost everything electronic. (phone, computer, etc.) We will see how this goes.

December will again see us doing "Santa's Gift Wrap". This usually takes place about two weeks before Christmas. All gifts bought in our gift shop is wrapped free, which boosts our sales, and all others we charge to wrap. This takes a concentrated effort with many members helping 5 days a week, but we have lots of fun while staying very busy.

Our last project will be started but not finished this year. That will be the development of an Auxillary Handbook. We are excited with the possibility and two members have already stepped up to say they will co-chair this project. This will be wonderful when finished and I can't wait. We have started gathering ideas already.

Thanks very much, Alice Swaim, President, Sparks Hospital, Ft. Smith Auxiliary