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**From
 the
 President**



Greetings everyone! I hope your summer is going great! It's hard for me to believe that summer is already here, but when I step outside I definitely know it's here! We are just a few months away from our 58th AHAA Convention. I hope you are excited about convention this year. All the Auxiliary Presidents along with the Director of Volunteer Services will soon be getting the Registration Forms. Registration deadline is September 9th, so I encourage you to get them in on time. Also, if you have not already done so, I would suggest you go ahead and reserve your rooms at the Embassy Suites. Their number is 501-312-9000 and the rooms are blocked under "AHA". The convention dates are October 5 – 7th. The convention committee has been working hard to make our meeting both informative and fun, so I hope we can have a good turnout this year.

I have been receiving the Award of Excellence Forms and I am just amazed at all our Auxiliaries do for their hospitals and communities. It makes me proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of Auxiliaries. I appreciate each of you and thank you for your dedication and service. Albert Schweitzer once stated; "One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Helen Keller stated; "The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." And, George Burns was quoted as saying; "When you stop giving and offering something to the rest of the world, it's time to turn out the lights." Thank you for being a "Ray of Sunlight on a Cloudy Day" and remember "The sun always shines a little brighter and hearts feel a little warmer when you care enough to volunteer!"

Dorothy Berley, AHAA President



COV UPDATE

Submitted by: Lynn Smith, COV Chair

Joan Ryzner who heads up COV (Committee on Volunteers) for American Hospital Association has been super busy screening bios to replace 3 volunteers and 1 DOV that are going off the committee. The selections have been made and now must be approved by AHA Board of Directors. Announcements will be made towards the end of the year.

In addition, Joan has recruited fourteen DOV's (from across the country) to screen the HAVE Award nominations. Once that is done the current COV members will judge finalists to determine HAVE Award Winners for each category. **HAVE Award nominations open July 20.** HAVE brochures will be sent to CEO's and state Auxiliary leaders across America. If your CEO doesn't pass it on to your Auxiliary leadership, ask for it or go online and download the brochure. **The deadline to submit an entry is September 23.**

The HAVE (Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence) program was established by the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees to showcase outstanding volunteer programs. We certainly have outstanding volunteer programs in Arkansas (all winners) that should be submitted. I encourage YOU to submit your nomination. HAVE Award program categories include: Fundraising, Community Service, Community Outreach, and In-Service Hospital. *The same categories you have recently submitted for judging in Arkansas.*

For more information you can Google **2016 AHA HAVE Award Winners** and see the winners (pictured below) and read about programs that won last year.



From left, AHA Committee on Volunteers Chair Lynn Smith, June Bergeron (Longmont United Hospital), Molly James (Winona Health), Karen Blandini (Bedford Veterans Hospital), Tina Lyon (Sutter Davis Hospital) and AHA Chair-Elect Gene Woods



State Convention



Embassy Suites: a Change for AHAA State Convention

Is everybody ready for a new adventure? Then come with us to the AHAA Annual Convention to be held this year at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. You are really going to love the accommodations. All rooms have a living room separated from a private bedroom. A complimentary reception is held each night and a complimentary breakfast is available with options of omelets made just for you or grab and go.

Registration forms and information will be emailed in late July. Hotel registration must be made by September 1 and Registration forms must be submitted by September 5. Names for the memorial service are due to Jamie Laughlin no later than September 1.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, October 5th. Volunteers may attend the Vendors Mini Mall prior to attending the General Business Meeting and Memorial Service. That afternoon there will also be Legislative Advocacy and Gift Shop Workshops as well as a “Buyers Only Event” with the vendors.

Thursday morning is always a highlight of the convention when we are invited by the Arkansas Hospital Association to join them and hear their keynote speaker at the Marriott Hotel.

Brian Muirhead, Chief Engineer for the Mars Science Laboratory at Caltech/Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, will speak this year on “High Velocity Leadership: Leadership, People and Innovation.” Brian will use stories, pictures and video to communicate the power of people, innovation and leaders to produce world class results under seemingly impossible constraints.

We will be bussed to the Marriott for the AHA speech. After the opening session with the AHA we will return to the Embassy Suites for our Awards Luncheon followed by a Leadership Workshop. Don’t forget to bid on our Silent Auction items during the afternoon and we will end the evening with dinner and entertainment. This year’s theme will be “State Fair” complete with picture and game booths and entertainment provided by fellow Auxilians and a DJ. Winners of the Silent Auction will be announced at the fair.

Friday morning will end the convention with our Officer Installation where Margaret Underwood will be installed as our new Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association President. The three days promise to be busy, fun, and informative.

Submitted by Suzanne Hackney

CREDENTIALS REPORT – JULY, 2016

In accordance with the AHAA Bylaws, Article X, Section 2-C, following is a list of nominees for the 2016-2017 state officers who will be voted on by the delegates at the state convention in October:

Newsletter Editor:	Dean Rossa, St Bernard’s – Jonesboro
Treasurer:	Melissa Williamson, BHMC – North Little Rock
Secretary:	Wilda Chadick, CHI St. Vincent – Hot Springs
Vice President:	Barbara Goodwin, Jefferson Regional – Pine Bluff
President-Elect:	Judy Overton, Northwest Med. Ctr. – Springdale
President:	Margaret Underwood, No. Ark. Regional – Harrison

The above have all met the required credentials as set forth by AHAA.
Jerry Berley, Credentials Chair

AHA Scholarships 2016

Submitted by Pat Lavender- Scholarship Committee, chair.



State Scholarship Awards

Left to right:

Osmonetta Beard, Development Associate, UAMS College of Nursing; Eimear Melton, UAMS College of Nursing scholarship winner; Kellie Flaherty, UAMS College of Health Professions scholarship winner; Donna Smith, Director of Development, UAMS College of Health Professions.

AHAA District Scholarships

Five districts participated and the five recipients were:

Metropolitan District – UAMS

Emily Murphy, attending College of Health Professions at UAMS, L.R.

North Central District – Baptist Health Med. Center, Heber Springs

Leslie Venable, attending Arkansas State Univ., Beebe

Northeast District – St. Bernards Med. Center.

Grayson Grant, attending ASU, Newport

Northwest District – Mercy Hospital Berryville

Abigail Romero, attending UCA, Conway

Southeast District – Chicot Memorial, McGehee

Steven Kyle Rice, attending UAM College of Technology

Each school received \$500 to apply to the students’ 2016 fall semester tuition.

Hand Book Changes

On July 14, 2016 the AHAA board voted to make a change to Policies and Procedures, Under Expense Allowance, p. 41, #10 change to read:

*Prevailing lodging, transportation and meals (not to exceed \$25.00 per person per day) will be allowed for the State President and President-elect when they travel to the spring and fall district meetings, **and for the three (3) days of the SAL Conference.***

Calendar

AHAA Board Meeting	September 8, 2016
State Convention	October 5-7

2016 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

October 13 th	Northeast	St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro
October 18 th	Metropolitan	Saline Memorial Hospital - Benton
October 19 th	Valley	Mena Regional Health System - Mena
October 20 th	Southwest	Magnolia Regional Medical Center - Magnolia
October 21 st	Southeast	Delta Memorial Hospital - Dumas
October 25 th	Northwest	Eureka Springs Hospital – Eureka Springs
October 26 th	North Central	Ozark Health, Inc. - Clinton



In Remembrance

Lynn Watkins	Baptist Health Medical Center	-North Little Rock.	*
Beatrice Smith	Baptist Health Medical Center	-North Little Rock	
Adrian Hardman	Baptist Health	-Little Rock	
Frances Shaw	Baptist Health	-Little Rock	
Bertha Stipsky	Baptist Health	-Little Rock	
Mary Rainwater	CHI St. Vincent	-Little Rock	*
Mary Carlisle	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Elizabeth Corey	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Betty Grant	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Robert Rawls	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Ruble Bailey	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Jan Dougherty	North Metro Med Center	-Jacksonville	
Dick Coe	BHMC	-Heber Springs	
Grace Rimkus	BHMC	-Heber Springs	
Gracie Wheeler	Unity Health	-Searcy	
Myerl Moore	Mercy Hospital	-Berryville	
Mary Tryphena Anderson	Mercy Hospital	-Berryville	
Pat Marts	Northwest Medical Center	-Springdale	
Norma Hayes	Magnolia Regional Medical Center		
Bobbie Burns	Magnolia Regional Medical Center		
Ann Wilson	Magnolia Regional Medical Center		

*Listed incorrectly in last issue

AHAA District News

Metropolitan

Baptist Health Little Rock



Officers: President -Pat Heinz
President Elect- P.J. Donahue
Vice President -Jenny Nash
Treasurer -Bob Plummer
Secretary- Lesa Lawrence
Parliamentarian -Sharon Heflin

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock

Submitted by Karen Baldrige, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and also general meeting and membership luncheon on March 11. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and entertainment. McCafferty School of Irish Dance performed and Debi Fritz and Jason Pennington performed “Joyful Noise”.

The Auxiliary celebrated National Doctors Day on March 30 with cookies and healthy snacks in the doctor lounges. We really appreciate all the doctors who serve the patients at CHI St.Vincent.

We had a cookware sale March 23-24 at CHI St. Vincent. It was well attended.

On a sad note, we have had one death, Mary Rainwater.

The Auxiliary Board had a productive board meeting on April 8 at Red Lobster in Little Rock.

Several Auxiliary board members attended the Spring AHAA Metro Meeting at CHI St. Vincent Morrilton on April 14. Everyone enjoyed the meeting.

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 11-15. Lunch was provided from Chick-Fil-A and the volunteers also received a gift.

The Auxiliary will sponsor Gold N Visions Jewelry Sale on May 2-3 at CHI St. Vincent.

There was a general meeting and luncheon on May 13 at CHI St. Vincent.

Our Junior Volunteer Program began June 27 and runs through July 28. They really enjoy this program.

Metropolitan

North Metro Medical Center – Jacksonville

New Officers

Donald Hicks, President
Jeanette Dahlin, 1st Vice President
Gus Guzman, 2nd Vice President
Judy Jackson Secretary
Angie Simpson, Treasurer
Kathy Gilboe, Asst. Treasurer
Norma Haralson, Parliamentarian

Metropolitan

Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS Little Rock
Submitted by Kimberly Pickett, President, and Janie Lowe, DVS

Distinguished Honoree

The Cancer Institute Distinguished Honoree Reception honoring Chancellor Dan Rahn, M.D. was held at the Cancer Institute on April 5. Peggy Mooney and Dr. Peter Emanuel participated in the program and introduced Dr. Rahn who responded. Johnny Jackson provided musical entertainment for the event.



Cancer Institute Auxiliary - UAMS Auxiliary Joint Meeting

The joint meeting of the CI and UAMS Auxiliaries was held on March 17. Dr. Jose Penagaricano, Radiation Oncologist at the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Radiation Oncology Center, presented the program on Radiation at UAMS. It was a wonderful program followed by lunch.

Annual Meeting

The Cancer Institute Auxiliary Annual Meeting and luncheon was held on Thursday, May 19, at the home of Stuart Cobb with 70 in attendance. Slate of officers elected for the Rockefeller Cancer Institute Auxiliary – 2016-2017:



- President - Kimberly Pickett
- V P/President-Elect -Tara Smith
- Recording Secretary - Kenan Keyes
- Corresponding Secretary - Cheryl Johnson
- Treasurer -Jake Eddington.

Afternoon of Wine and Roses

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

Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS Little Rock

Gift Shop

Long time beloved gift shop manager, Vickie Gill, retired the end of May. She will be missed. Juli Chrisman is the new manager and hit the ground running!

Teen Program

The summer teen program will be held in July. The teens will have a variety of experiences including observation in labs, working in the Patient Support Pavilion, the gift shop and in the clinical waiting rooms.

Sit and Knit

The Sit and Knit volunteers meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Ford Patient Support Pavilion. It is a group of 15 women who welcome patients and caregivers to join them when they are at the Cancer Institute.

Rock Star Kids

Rock Star Kids, an event for children from toddlers to teens will be held on Saturday, August 27, at Dickey Stephens Park. The children get special shirts and get to go on the field with the Travelers baseball team and run the bases. This is the 5th year for this event and the 2nd one to see the Travelers.

Partners Card

Partners Card 2016 is off to a great start and should be the biggest yet. Partners Card week will be Friday, October 28 through Sunday November 6. Over 250 stores and restaurants in Central and Northwest Arkansas as well as Conway are participating in Partners Card.

Grants and Donations

The grants and donations given by the Auxiliary total over \$170,000 and represent proceeds from the Auxiliary's two fundraising programs — Partners Card and the Auxiliary-run Cancer Institute Gift Shop.

Projects receiving grants are:

- Cancer Institute Supplemental Pantry
- Oncology Massage for Cancer Institute Patients and Caregivers
- Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Screening
- Free Wigs and Caps for Cancer Institute Patients Experiencing Hair Loss
- Subscriptions for Print Materials in Patient Support Pavilion
- Program Support for Northwest Arkansas Cancer Support Home
- Tobacco Cessation Program
- Information and Education Binders for Patients
- Knitting Supplies for Sit and Knit
- Gift Cards for Service Recovery
- Integrative Therapies and for Cancer Patients and Caregivers/Yoga for Healing and Rejuvenation
- Cancer Institute Patient Support Fund
- Palliative Care Education and Bereavement Support Fund

North Central

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs
Submitted by Mary Propes

Two fundraisers, Spring District Meeting in Newport, Doctors and Nurses Day recognition, Scholarship presentations – Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary has been really busy during the early months of 2016.

Our Jewelry /Accessories Sale with Gold Rush Jewelry was a hit in early April with a sizeable profit. The Uniform Sale later in the month earned a profit of over \$1000 which will be used to purchase needed equipment for various departments of the hospital. Six of those department requests have been approved with the seventh still pending. In April twelve Auxilians traveled to Newport for the North Central Auxiliary Association Spring District meeting where we shared our beautiful scrapbook with area Auxiliary volunteers. Doctors were thanked for their continuing service to the community, and Nurses were appreciated with halo oranges in gift bags labeled “Nurses Have Halos”. The “Look Good Feel Better” program was a success as volunteers assisted hospital employees and a local beautician helping cancer patients.

At the May meeting, five area students entering a medical field of study were honored as they were presented \$1000 scholarships to the school of their choice.

In June our team served dinner at Breakin’ Bread, a local soup kitchen, and volunteers assisted at the hospital Blood Drive.

BHMC-HS has welcomed five new members since the beginning of the year and have sadly lost two, Dick Coe and Grace Rimkus.

Plans are now coming together for our annual Style Show on Saturday, October 22, 2016 in the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Heber Springs at 11:30 a.m. Beautiful clothing and accessories, good food, door prizes, Silent Auction baskets, and wonderful music provided by Blue Sky will be the talk of the day. All Auxiliary members and guests from around the state are invited to attend. Call Freda Brown, BHMC-HS Auxiliary DVS at (501) 887-3284, or Mary Catherine Propes, Auxiliary President at (501) 365-6335 for tickets and information.

Heber Springs Auxiliary volunteers are continuing to enthusiastically work for a positive hospital experience for all who enter our doors.

North Central



North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary – Mountain Home
Submitted by Jean Adams, President

Members of the Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary attended the 2016 AHAA North Central District Spring Meeting in Newport, Arkansas. Including District Chair Judy Shaffer, there were 12 members in attendance. The meeting hosts were Unity Health – Harris Medical Center.

Additionally, the BRMC Auxiliary held its New 2 U Purse Sale on May 16. All purses were donated by staff, volunteers, and people in the BRMC community. Sales totaled \$1,663.75 which was all profit. Our BRMC H.O.P.E. Committee (Hospitality, Orientation, Placement, Encouragement) sponsored the bi-monthly Birthday Breakfast on May 27 for volunteers celebrating birthdays in May and June. There were 40 in attendance, and H.O.P.E. members sang a new birthday song to the volunteers and guests. Door prizes were given.



Picture: Those attending the North Central District Meeting were Carolyn Hannon, Sandy Krepps-Hiatt, Kathy Bragg, Jean Adams, Erma White, Barbel Appleton, Kathy Mills, Geneva Edwards, Raygand Adams, Carol Chentnik, and Rich Jannick.



Some of the volunteers attending BRMC Auxiliary May and June Birthday Breakfast.

North Central

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

We are thankful for our awesome Auxiliary members that give extra time to fill in for those on vacation and help with all our fundraising activities.

During May we drew for the Mother's Day basket. A happy winner said a friend, one of our Auxiliary members, talked her into buying a ticket. Quilt drawing was on May 10 - we made \$1670.00 on this fundraiser. We also had a Used Book and Bake Sale during May. The Gift Shop was open one Sunday afternoon in May and again on the next Monday evening with good sale prices for last minute Mother's Day buying and Teacher's Appreciation Night. The teachers were able to use their percent off coupon throughout the month of May. The local projects committee recognized the nursing staff during Nurses Week with candy bars or baggies of single wrapped candies with an attached motivational message regarding their nursing career.

New slate of officers for 2016-2017 was approved at our May meeting. They are President, Teresa Cheatham, 1st Vice President, Sue Misenheimer, 2nd Vice President, Frances Bullard, Secretary, Leneil Taylor, Treasurers-General Account, Betty Bowen and Gift Shop, Martha Simmons. These officers will be installed at our October meeting.

During June we drew for our Father's Day Bucket. One of our nurses was the winner. We are always happy when one of our employees wins our drawings. The Gift Shop had some great Father's day gift items for sale. Our 2-day yard sale was a great success. We worked hard but had a good time.

We are starting a Volunteering Program in July and are happy to be involved in this.

We will be having a Cake Walk during the July 4 festivities at the Fairgrounds. This is always a great fun time for adults, kids and our auxiliary members. Local projects will again be honoring our veterans during July. Nothing is planned for August.

North Central



North Central

Unity Health White County Medical Center- Searcy
Submitted by Ellen Jordan, Editor



Sadly, one of our auxiliary members, Gracie Wheeler, has recently passed away and will be greatly missed.

Dorothy Berley installed the New Board of Directors on June 1st. Ron Rupe, Representative, Debbie Bond Representative, Gill Sills Vice President, Kathy Gammill Immediate Past President, Dallie Ricca Representative, Lester Allen Representative. Vera Wheeler Treasurer, Maryann Shaver Secretary, June Tripp President.

Eileen Harrison received her 21,000 hour pin.



Verna Payne was honored as Auxilian of the year.

Apples & Caramels were delivered to every nurse at Unity Health WCMC Specialty Care & Clinics. "Nurses Are the Apple of Our Eye."



Volunteers are a vital part of the patient experience.



Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital
Submitted by Georgeanne Draper

The CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary in Wynne is on "summer hiatus"-----just the meetings, not the work. We aren't movie stars so the "work must go on." The ER Waiting Room Project has been in place for over two months and is successful. New kiosks were added to the room so that patients can sign in quickly, insuring them a place in the queue. The kiosks have made the Auxilians' jobs easier, but helping patients with the kiosks and maintaining a friendly and helpful atmosphere are two of the most important aspects of this volunteer project.

The Auxiliary needs new members. Appeals have gone out in the newspaper and on the radio. Many of our volunteers are unable to work at the clinics or in the ER Waiting Room. Auxiliary needs at least 30 actual volunteers to maintain the two Auxiliary projects. Three have joined recently, so we hope that membership will pick up in the fall. We plan a "BRING A NEW MEMBER DRIVE" at the September meeting. Any member who brings a new member will get her name placed in a box for a drawing for a gift certificate. We are not above bribing!!



Northeast

Northeast Arkansas Baptist Memorial Hospital-Jonesboro
Submitted by Faye Haney, VP of Community Relations



The NEA Auxiliary awarded 5 scholarships for the summer session to Corey Dorman RN, Pricilla Fortner RN, Matthew Harmon RN, Jeffery Harris RN, and Melissa Hudson, Respiratory Therapist.

The Auxiliary placed tubs of scriptures, quotes and inspirational thoughts in each of the family waiting areas , ICU and the Fowler Cancer Center.

Far left: Faye Haney places one tub with June Morse, Director of Hope Circle at the cancer center.

We gave a \$25 gift certificate for the " Find the Brad" contest during Health System Week, a \$25 gift certificate for a door prize at the Cancer Survivors Event, and Alzheimer's Caregivers books at the Aging on Alzheimer's Seminar and to the Share Hope Library. *Above right: President, Ginny Presgrove presents book to June Morse.*



Many NEA Auxiliary members helped out with the Cancer Survivors Day Celebration on June 5th. Left: Member, Judy Lee kept everyone hydrated during the outdoor event.

Northeast District Chair, Shirl Kersey of Paragould, attended the June auxiliary meeting and conducted the induction of new officers.

Right: Shirl is shown with our new president, Kathy Gibson. Other officers are VP, Amye Peacock; Secretary, Kay Roedel; Treasurer, Donna Barker; Past President/ parliamentarian, Ginny Presgrove; VP of Services, Evelyn Glisson; VP of Community Relations, Pat Whitney.



Helping out at the snow cone station for Health System Week.

Northeast

SMC Regional Medical Center, Osceola
Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary



Special guests attending the Installation of officers at SMC Osceola June 28th were April Franks: Med- Surgery Manager; Diane Davis: RN & ER Manager; Ralph Beatty: CEO Mississippi County Hospital Systems, Felicia Pierce: Chief Nursing Officer, and Shirl Kersey: AHA District Chair of Northeast Arkansas.



Officers installed were Lovonda Carter, President; Mary "Pud" Thomas, Vice President; Dorothy Crockett, Secretary; Shirley Stovall, Treasurer and- not pictured- Ann Wallace, Gift Shop Buyer.



The SMC Regional, Osceola, Auxiliary is excited to have a new Service Project. They have teamed up with the Osceola Walmart Store to deliver fresh flowers to patient rooms. Walmart donates the flowers that can no longer be sold but make beautiful arrangements to brighten the patients rooms. Pictured are Vice President Mary "Pud" Thomas and President Lovonda Carter.

Northeast

St Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro

Submitted by Carol Hinck, President & Newsletter Editor

New Members & 50 Hour Pins

Becky Carr has retired from teaching Accounting at ASU and now works in the Gift Shop. Craig Taggart worked in hotel management and is now helping at the Senior Life Center. Donald Barnes is working in the Heartcare Center. Emilie Statler is working in the Gift Shop

50 Hour Pins have been awarded to Diana Zachary, Linda Johnson, Sheila Tipton, Lyn Hubbard, and Linda Foreman.



May 13 was a happy day for the hospital employees. The St. Bernards Auxiliary baked around 60 cakes and cut, packaged and served them with coffee and punch to employees for several hours. We show appreciation this way every year during Hospital Week.

At right: Janet Hardin and Diana Zachary serve punch for hospital employees.

Twenty-four St. Bernards volunteers worked 2, 3 or 4 hour shifts at the Health & Fitness Expo at the Convocation Center in April. Their duties included working at the Foundation Booth, the Hospitality Room or the Blood Drive. In addition to being a help and earning hours, many had screenings, gathered information and lots of free pens.

Below: Lynda Hundley, Mary Shaver, Cleo Mann, Mary Lou McCray at St Bernards June General Meeting.



At the June General meeting, Michael Givens announced: In 2016 five physician have been recruited at St Bernards.

NYIT-Com at ASU will start on August 15th with 115 students enrolled, 46% from Arkansas.

St Bernards gets a new machine in July that will permit the first valve replacement by catheter in Jonesboro.

Behavioral Health will have a new Magnetic Therapy machine to treat depression.

A Dialysis Clinic is being set up in Osceola and a Heart and Vascular Clinic.

Phase 1 – of the hospital construction will be complete in October 2016.

Phase 2 – the Heartcare Center will be complete in 2017.

Phase 3 – the New Tower will be completed in 2018-19.

Northwest

Mercy Hospital Berryville
Submitted by Neta Stamps



Gloria Spoon, left, receives the honor of being the 2016 Auxilian of the Year. Congratulation, Gloria!!!!

Northwest

Mercy Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary –Rogers
Submitted by Christy Blackshear



At the Spring Appreciation Luncheon of the Mercy Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary on April 28th, the volunteer of the year was announced by Holli Oliver, Volunteer Director. Margie Rollins (shown at left) was chosen for many reasons. First, she has been a volunteer at Mercy Hospital for 10 years and has served over 8600 hours, 581 hours this year. Margie is an incredibly competent person and has great rapport with our patients and families. What makes Margie so unique is that she volunteers in three different Mercy facilities. She volunteers at Information at Mercy Hospital, also at the Mercy Bentonville Clinic Information Desk, and finally at the Mercy Bella Vista Information Desk. Another amazing fact about Margie is that this year she was suffering from a degenerative eye disease and was instructed by her doctor not to drive. Even though she was unable personally to drive,

her son would pick her up on his way to work at 5am which meant she had to arise at 4am. Then her daughter-in-law would pick her up on those days she volunteered and take her home. Not only was Margie completely dedicated to her volunteering commitment, but her family totally supported that commitment and took it upon themselves to make sure Margie was able to continue her duties. After her surgery, she is once again able to drive herself to her volunteering in three locations. Finally, she is committed to her role and is professional, loving and helpful to our visitors and patients. She is a treasure to our hospital and Auxiliary.

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center- Bentonville
Submitted by Pat Meier, Newsletter Editor



Our Scholarship Committee and recipients enjoyed a luncheon together. We provided \$1000 scholarships to 6 medical students this year.



In the ‘Did You Know’ portion of our newsletter, Board Vice President, Jan Dolan, explained in detail what our Auxiliary does. She listed all of the ongoing projects to benefit the hospital staff and patients, and explained about all the fundraisers that are held. She included the Auxiliary Prayer and Pledge as a means to explain what we are all about. Great Job, Jan.

Northwest

Washington Regional Medical Center Auxiliary - Fayetteville
Submitted by Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

Auxiliary proceeds for April & May: Gift shop \$11,873 Fresh flowers & balloons \$2,955.

The Auxiliary hosted a linen sale, May 17-18. We sold \$25,000 in merchandise. Our commission: \$5,000.

The Auxiliary met for a regular business meeting on May 24. Steve Percival updated us on the various building projects all around the campus. Brian Holt, President/ CEO of Hope Cancer Resources gave a very informative program.

The Auxiliary hosted the ever popular Dillard’s Sale on June 6-7. Prior to the sale – Dillard’s allowed our employees to “Pre Shop” at their store at the NWA Mall. Employees could pick out exactly what they wanted to buy and the Dillard’s employees held the merchandise until the sale and transported it to our lobby for the employee to purchase. Our employees loved it! We sold \$54,726 and our commission will be \$5,472.

Please keep our Auxiliary in your thoughts & prayers. Our Auxiliary President, Butch Clinton is having some health issues that are keeping her from being active at this time.

Our President Elect Richard Birdseye passed away suddenly on May 18. We hope Butch will be up and going in the near future. In the mean time, the Auxiliary’s immediate Past President Dan Webb is filling in when needed.

The Auxiliary approved a \$5,000 donation to the Make a Difference Campaign – to be used for the Benevolence Fund for Regional employees.

*South*east

Delta Memorial Hospital - Dumas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin



Lillie Ross - assistant treasurer, Jeri Brewer- treasurer, Evelyn Murphy - reporter, Barbara Lenderman - secretary, Christina Rainey -Vice President , Shirley Sandlin - president and Timothy Jones - hospital board president , Carrie Alexander - recording secretary (absent).



Auxilians Madene Weser, Jessie West and Olene Ferguson assemble "bags for newborns".

*South*east

Drew Memorial Hospital - Monticello



The DMH Auxiliary installed its 2016-2017 officers in June. Arkansas Hospital Association Auxiliary officers were present for the occasion.

L to R: AHAA Southeast District Chair Barbara Goodwin, AHAA President Dorothy Berley, DMH CEO Scott Barrilleaux, President Barbara Brown; Vice President Joy Barnhill; Treasurer Shirley Kizer; Recording Secretary Regina Dunn; Corresponding Secretary Bobbie Everett. Not pictured: Secretary Leta Taylor.

Southwest

Baptist Health Medical Center – Arkadelphia
Submitted by Grace Calhoun, President-elect

May and June: Our Auxiliary had another new member in June and received more applications recently.



The Purse Lady sale in the main hospital lobby was on May 3. National Hospital Week was observed by providing candy bars to all hospital employees. A new slate of officers was presented and approved at our regular meeting on May 9.

Our Auxiliary presented a \$500 scholarship to Morgan Wesley, an employee of BHME –Arkadelphia, in June . Morgan is a second year student in Henderson State University School of Nursing. Pictured are Treasurer Dave Greisinger, Morgan Wesley, and President Belva Hipps.



On 6/22, Auxiliary met at Courtyard Gardens Health and Rehab to fill favor bags for golfers in the Willie Tate Classic Golf Tournament at Degray Golf Course, 62/4. This annual event is funded by local community involvement. Proceeds go to the Alzheimer’s Association.



Pictured above: Our President, Belva Hipps, presented a \$150 check to Robin LeGuin, Alzheimer Care Director (right) and Kathy Barnhill Courtyard Gardens Administrator. (pictured on left).



New officers for the coming year were installed by Dorothy Berley at the June meeting at the Honeycomb Restaurant. Pic at left: Dorothy Berley, Grace Calhoun-President, Emily Talley - Vice-President, Margaret Turner- Secretary, Becky Cowling- Gift Shop Chair and Dave Greisinger -Treasurer.

Since July and August are vacation months, our schedule is light. Our first regular meeting for the new fiscal year is scheduled for Monday, July 11.

Southwest

Magnolia Regional Medical Center - Magnolia
Submitted by Lucy Ray, DVS

In May we added one photo to our 20 year employee Gallery. We purchased an iSumulate for the Nursing Department in the amount of \$7,390.00 which will be used for the ACLS training, mock drills, CPR classes, training new nurses, residents and physicians. The iSumulate will help the participant to recognize and interpret heart arrhythmias so that they can initiate early management of cardiac arrest and arrhythmias.

In June we recognized our Auxilians who have 200 or more volunteer hours a year with a plaque in the hospital.

Our comfort pillow committee continues to remain very busy with a total of 1,846 pillow to date. We have renamed this project "Pillows are Us."

Our plans for July will include our installation of officers and in August we plan to have our annual "Second Treasures Silent Auction" fundraiser as well as our uniform sale by Uniforms 2U2.

Southwest

National Park Medical Center Auxiliary-Hot Springs
Submitted By Dorothy Stringer, Newsletter Editor

First Impressions: The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has decided on the sculpture that will grace the front of the new heart center wing. It will be an abstract heart, looking like a needle threading through itself. The deposit has been made and it is to be done by the time the building is ready for patients.

Rehab Day: June 8th was Rehab Day at National Park. A bowl of candy was delivered to the nurse's station in thanks for their hard work.

Get Well Wishes: **Freda Lucas** lost her battle with a closet door. She had stitches, but was back for her regular Friday PM shifting. **Mike Millwood** had surgery on his shoulder. **Sylvia Griffin** has been in the hospital twice since retiring from the Auxiliary. We wish her well. **Bettie Loy** is having a procedure on her back. Hopefully she will be back soon.

Thank You: We appreciate all the letters of appreciation from everyone who sent them in response to National Park Auxiliary hosting the district meeting. We enjoyed having all the hospitals in Hot Springs.

Farewell Reception: May 6th was Sylvia Griffin's last day. A reception was held for her in the Maurice room. Employees and volunteers wished her well and thanked her for her service to National Park Medical Center and the Auxiliary.

Recruitment: National Park Medical Center Auxiliary had recruitment Friday May 6th in Hot Springs Village during a business expo. Mandy Golleher also made up new volunteer flyers and we have distributed them around town. We got three new volunteers as a result of this.

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More Sympathy: We had Auxilians lose family members. **Shirley Diffe** lost her brother-in-law and **Shirley Southard** lost her husband. **Lowell Gadberry** lost a cousin and mother-in-law.

Summer Scholarships: National Park Medical Center Auxiliary gave seven scholarships for a total of \$4,200.00. NPMC Auxiliary participated in hospital week by giving the employees a 25% discount.

New committees are forming to continue our goals of excellence in our Auxiliary, doing more in-hospital programs, and expanding our community service work.

Donations- The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has made donations to the NPMC nursery, The Caring Place, Methodist Outreach, Relay for Life, the new NPMC heart center, the NPMC rehab dept., summer scholarships, NPMC labor and delivery, for National Doctor’s Day, the Jr. volunteer t-shirts, and indigent prescriptions. This is a total of \$10,511.37 in donations.

Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden

Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

A check for \$20,000 was given to the hospital during our March quarterly meeting to be applied toward the purchase of a Central Monitoring System for our Emergency Department. This leaves a balance of \$56,700 of the \$250,000 commitment. In the meantime, our Emergency Room is expected to move into a newly renovated suite in early July. The word is out, "It is beautiful."

During our annual volunteer reception on April 14, hosted by the hospital, Linda Passafiume was named our ninth Auxilian of the Year by her fellow Auxilians.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was here on May 4.

Jerry and Dorothy Berley have spoken to two local civic clubs about our Look Before You Lock and HELP State projects. They were well received by both clubs.

We have purchased a blanket warmer for our Radiology Department in the amount of \$5,700. This is not the largest contribution we have made, but it was a WARM one--greatly appreciated by staff and patients!

Valley

Johnson Regional Medical Center – Clarksville

Officers

- President – Steve Felkner
- Pres. –Elect – Marsha Zachary
- Vice Pres. – Enid Albat
- Secretary – Vivian Gorton
- Treasurer – Shirley Hudgens
- DVS – Enid Albat



Sparks Hospital Auxiliary- Ft. Smith
Submitted by Alice Swaim, President

May has been a very busy month, at least the first half, starting with our regular meeting, which was special with the installation of officers. Thanks to our Hospital Chairman, Glenda Brown, and the help of Debbie Franklin and Barbara Griffith. The room was decorated beautifully using lots of flowers for centerpieces along with 3 candles placed on large mirrors and then large ferns placed in strategic places throughout. It was then topped off with a wonderful lunch and we then voted in two new members. We also voted 5 new members the month before, so felt we were doing well, and a good time was had by all.

Our District Chairman, Linda Butler, hosted a District President's meeting at Sparks on May 18th, bringing us all the latest from her recent state meeting in Little Rock. We felt this was a very productive time with good information.

Sparks Auxiliary, Ft. Smith voted to join all those districts who currently support "Look Before You Lock". We look forward to promoting this very worthwhile project as soon as hanging tabs are available. I will be making contact with Margaret when I know they are available. We will now adjourn for the summer as far as regular meetings are concerned, but we will continue to work in our gift shop as desired.

June brought the 4th annual Dillard's sale on the 8th and 9th. This has been a very productive special sale event for us, so we look forward to another great year. Our E.R. Department has asked us to be involved in a special event they're promoting about bicycle safety. We have agreed to provide about 200 helmets and could assist with other activity if needed.

July and August will be quiet months for us all to take a much deserved break from the regular activities, but we will be ready when September rolls around for another fun but busy year.



Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville
Submitted by Lynette K. Price, President

On May 2, 2016, we held our 2016 Awards and Officer Installation Luncheon. Award pins for hours served from May 2015 - April 2016 were presented to our volunteers by Mr. Wendell Vanes, CFO. He stated that there was a total of 63,250 hours worked by our volunteers.

Our new 2016-2017 Officers were installed by Mr. Mike McCoy, COO. New Officers are: Lynette K. Price, President; Barbara Boeh, Vice-President; Wanda Reed, Secretary; and Sharyn French, Treasurer.

We had a total of 15 new volunteers in attendance. The Hospital Food Service Department provided excellent food for the luncheon and volunteers were serenaded by Mr. Scott Arnold and Mr. George Stensland, a fellow volunteer, sang a song. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all attendees.