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From the President



As this will be my last article as your president, I just want to take a few minutes to thank you for the great honor of allowing me to be the 58th AHAA President. AHAA is an awesome organization. I feel so blessed to have been able to serve you. Thanks to the board for your support. Without you I would not have been able to make it. I also want to thank each one of YOU for your support and encouragement. Together I feel we have had a GREAT YEAR!!

I hope that all who plan to attend the Annual Convention this year will go expecting to gain much from being there. We are in charge of our attitude and we only get out of anything in life what we put into it. I know the Convention Committee has worked long hours to make this one of the best conventions ever. There will be informative workshops, great speakers, a variety of vendors and also lots of fun activities.

I would like to close with some thoughts I read about volunteers. I don't know who wrote it, but I feel it describes each one of you. It goes as follows:

Thank You for Making a Difference

Volunteers like you are everyday heroes, by choosing to care, and to give your best, you enhance the lives of many, as you pass their way. Not only do you touch them through your dedication and thoughtfulness, you inspire others to care as well. Your attitude of compassion and commitment brings so much to our team. Your loyal service is your gift to the community, and it is a gift that does not go unnoticed. We greatly appreciate your hard work and are proud to be able to count on you. Many thanks for all you do.

Thank you and may God Bless you as you continue to volunteer and to be a "Ray of Sunlight on a Cloudy Day"!

Dorothy Berley, AHAA President



COV UPDATE

Submitted by: Lynn Smith, COV Chair

What an exciting time for COV members. HAVE Award nominations are being submitted and we are all anxious to read about the programs around the country. Soon we will be judging to see who the winners are for 2016. I am so hopeful that a HAVE AWARD winner will be from Arkansas. Below is a picture of Arkansas winner (NW Medical Center-Bentonville) to bring us good luck. Let’s do it again!



Arkansas HAVE Award Winners in 2014

In October, just as our AHAA Convention ends, I will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to finish up my responsibilities as COV Chair. This year COV will again have our fall meeting in conjunction with the AHVRP 48th Annual Conference & Exposition. The theme this year is:

Visionary Leadership: Dream, Innovate, Create, Become...MORE!

**The AHVRP 2016 Conference is the premier venue for volunteer management education. The four days of the conference is the most cost-effective professional development opportunity you have all year. Trade ideas with peers, learn from today’s foremost leaders and thinkers and evaluate current practices and programs, all while building a powerful community of colleagues, business partners and friends. Apply all this knowledge to your position and impact the patient experience and your organization’s bottom line!*

My year as COV Chair has seemingly “flown” by. Again, I want to say how honored I have been to represent AHAA and Arkansas in this leadership role. Back in 2011, I said the same thing when I was elected to serve as your AHAA president. Your votes, your encouragement, and your support made that possible for me and opened the door for me to serve on COV at the national level. Thank You so much!

** As appears on AHVRP Webpage*



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

2017 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

April 4 th	Valley	Saint Mary’s Regional Med Center - Russellville
April 12 th	Metropolitan	UAMS Medical Center – Little Rock
April 13 th	Southwest	Baptist Health Hot Spring County - Malvern
April 14 th	Southeast	DeWitt Hospital & Nursing Home - DeWitt
April 18 th	North Central	Stone County Med Center – Mountain View
April 19 th	Northeast	Arkansas Methodist Med Center - Paragould
April 20 th	Northwest	Mercy Hospital Berryville – Berryville



In Remembrance

Mary Lynn Watkins	Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR
Ronald Norris	Baxter Regional Medical Center
Charles Reppel	Baxter Regional Medical Center
Geradine Grandmaison	Baxter Regional Medical Center
Louise Calloway	Baxter Regional Medical Center
Frances Wise	Baxter Regional Medical Center
Louise Hale	CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs
Oscar “Buddy” Gloor	CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs
Ms Inez Miller	Dewitt
Norma Hayes	Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Bobbie Burns	Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Ann Wilson	Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Mary Francs	Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

AHAA District News

Metropolitan

Baptist Health Medical Center- North Little Rock

Our next fund raiser will be October 31 and November 1st. The Uniform 2U2 Sale will be back and always promises to be successful.

Metropolitan

CHI ST. VINCENT- Little Rock

Submitted by Karen Baldrige, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary sponsored the Dillard's Sale on July 11-12 at CHI St. Vincent. It was well attended and the employees really enjoyed it.

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

The Auxiliary Board had a kick off meeting on August 12 at Red Lobster. We are all excited about the events and retail sales for the upcoming year.

The next board meeting and general meeting with luncheon will be held on September 9 at CHI St. Vincent.

Our next retail sale will be Swift Uniforms September 14-15 at CHI St Vincent.

Metropolitan

North Metro Medical Center – Jacksonville

For planning, all volunteers working in the hospital will have to have a flu shot or a statement from a doctor stating that you can not take a flu shot. The flu shots should be available around September or October.

North Central

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

The Baxter Regional Medical Auxiliary donated \$15,000 to re-furnish the Cline Emergency Waiting Room. Additionally, the BRMC Auxiliary contributed our fourth payment of \$50,000 toward the renovation of the Women’s and Newborn Center. That means we have only one more payment of \$50,000 to complete our five-year commitment of \$500,000. Also, we have committed \$150,000 toward the renovation of the Cardio-Pulmonary unit of BRMC. This will give us a naming privilege: The BRMC Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Unit sponsored by the BRMC Auxiliary.

We purchased another 5 low-laying beds for the Hensley Behavioral Health Unit located on 6 South of the hospital. We continue to donate clothing from our Bargain Boxes to 6 South, 3 East, and the Emergency Room to benefit patients on these units who may not have clothes to wear home or clothes while being hospitalized.

Our July/August Birthday Breakfast for our volunteers was well attended, and we received \$2,076 from our **Books R Fun** sale.



Front : Rich Jannick - President Elect; Jean Adams – President; Carol Chentnik – H.O.P.E. Chair; Carolyn Hannon – Scheduling Chair.

Back: Barb Klein – Bookkeeper; Maureen Rozelle – Treasurer; Erma White – Corresponding Secretary; Geneva Edwards – Vice President; Hal Appleby – Thrift Stores Manager; Judy Shaffer – Ways and Means Chair; Kelly Dicks, RN – Emergency Room Nursing Director; and Justin Woods – Major Gifts Chair.

North Central

Baptist Health Medical Center - Heber Springs

Submitted by Mary Propes

Baptist Health Medical Center- Heber Springs Auxiliary is busy planning and preparing for the Sixteenth Annual Style Show and Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at Heber Springs First United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

A Silent Auction featuring a variety of themed baskets and other donations will be available for bidding during the show with winning bids announced at the conclusion of the event. Door prize winners will be drawn, announced, and prizes delivered throughout the afternoon. Each Style Show ticket purchase includes one door prize ticket with additional tickets available for purchase the day of the show.

The band, Blue Sky, will entertain again this year, and fashions, including jewelry, will be provided by local stores and businesses.

Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling Mary Catherine Propes, BHMC-HS Auxiliary President (501) 365-6335, or Freda Brown, DVS, (501) 887-3284. The Style Show is our major fundraising event of the year and we'd love for Auxilians from around the state to attend.

A Fall Uniform Sale is also being planned for October 11, 2016 at the hospital, and the "Look Before You Lock" project is in full swing with stickers and hangers being distributed at the hospital and to area daycare centers.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is gearing up for an eventful fall season!

Time for a break.

North Central

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Submitted by: Elsie Grozis, Newsletter Editor

Our Auxiliary has awarded five \$250 scholarships since January to members of our hospital staff.

Our Cake Walk at the July 4 festivities was fun for all. We made \$300 in donations at this event. The Gift Shop has had all summer clothes on sale and we have depleted that stock. We had no fundraising event for August.

We had three participants in our July Volunteer Program. This is our first year for this and our volunteers enjoyed their time at the hospital. We hope to increase that number for next year. A big thank you to all those who helped on this project.

We had a Books Are Fun scheduled for September but it has been cancelled. The Gift Shop is planning a private showing of the new fall and winter clothes and accessories for the employees during September.

October will be a busy month with AHAA State Convention, installation of officers at our October meeting and the Fall District Meeting at Ozark Health.

North Central

Unity Health –Searcy
Submitted by June Tripp



The Auxiliary helped with the community-wide mission –A Day of Caring- to supply school support and supplies for school and medical help. The Auxiliary donated \$3000 this year and 25 members volunteered services at the event.

North Central

White River Medical Center – Batesville

Service Awards

Don Mills	50 hour patch
Dwane Thompson	100 hour patch
Mona Stoneham	1000 hour bar
Peggy Stewart	2000 hour bar
Carol Board	7000 hour bar

Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary
Submitted by Georgeanne Draper

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary has had a successful summer with the newest program, the ER Waiting Room! Auxilians have helped the ER run more smoothly, and they also represent the hospital in a welcoming manner.

The first meeting of the "new" year is September 28 in the CrossRidge cafeteria. It will begin with a brunch at 9:45 with prizes being given to people who bring guests/potential members. Shirl Kersey will be attending to install the officers for the 2016-2017 term.

Northeast

Forest City Medical Center, Forrest City
Submitted by Wilma Powell

What we have done: We had our installation of officers and hosted a bake sale. We gave twelve scholarships to medical students at our local Votech and EACC college. We also hosted a luncheon for the scholarship winners. We are planning a Razorback sale in September.

Northeast

Northeast Arkansas Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro

Submitted by Faye Haney, Vice-President of Community Relations



Ginny Presgrove, outgoing NEA Auxiliary president, was presented with a certificate for a brick to be placed in the hospital prayer garden in her honor. Thank you, Ginny, for all of the time and work you put into the Auxiliary during your time as our president!

The dedication of the Cuddle Cot was made in July. Left: Auxiliary past president, Ginny Presgrove; Jill Cravens, Director/coordinator of Share Hope; Andrea Simpson, Director of Radiology; Robbie Johnson, Director of NEA Charitable Foundation and Kathy Gibson, Auxiliary president.



The dedication plaque was purchased by the widow of Dr. Michael Hong. The Cuddle Cot is only one of four in the state and is a needed addition to the women's unit.

Right: Roy Cooper, Cooper Fanning and Faye Haney helped at the NEA Farmers' Market July 28th. The theme for the market was Maternal Child Care. They passed out our state project brochures and stickers for Look Before You Lock and H.E.L.P.



The NEA Auxiliary awarded sixteen \$500 scholarships to NEA nurses to further their education for the Fall 2016 semester at Arkansas State University.

Northeast

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



Each year the Osceola Auxiliary presents scholarships to Mississippi County students who are currently enrolled in a medical related program. The Auxiliary is proud to have 7 Scholarship recipients this year. The scholarship amount this year was \$700.00. A reception for the recipients and their families was held in the hospital lobby Sunday, July 24th.

L/R: Mariah Franks, Deanna Towry
 Natasha Childers, Auxiliary President
 Lovonda Carter, Rosie Thomas, Feleica
 Pierce and Karley Moore. Not pictured,
 Kelsey Pierce.

Northeast

St Bernards Medical Center – Jonesboro
Submitted by Carol Hinck, President

This year’s Junior Volunteer Program kicked off on July 8th with 16 young students from around the area participating. These volunteers were selected in May from a field of over 80 applicants.



They were assigned to various departments of the hospital, such as ER, wound healing, NICU, 2nd floor, etc., to work two days a week as well as Fridays for touring and training for the month of July. They were a diverse group but really worked well together.

Friday experiences included hands on experience with the DaVinci operating robot, practicing drawing blood, learning emergency room practices, intubating a patient, examining an ambulance and its contents, donning gowns, etc. to tour the surgery dept., practicing with staple guns to close incisions, hands on dissection of a pigs heart, and other tours of the medical complex.

Northwest

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison



North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary volunteers have been especially busy this summer. In addition to their regularly-staffed positions at the hospital, many of them worked at the Thrift Shop on a “Busy Bee” night to assist the regular staff and volunteers in cleaning, sorting, ironing and displaying the last of the summer clothing items for sale, and preparing fall merchandise to be displayed. They also filled 40 bags with summer clothing donated to victims of the flooding in Louisiana. Six members crocheted booties to present to 71 new babies, and 20 stuffed bears were made to be given to children brought to the hospital for treatment. Additionally, several volunteers assisted with the annual World’s Largest Baby Fair, held at North Arkansas College on Saturday, July 16, and also staffed the annual Skin Cancer Screening.

The group of Auxiliary members who donate large amounts of their time to creating gift baskets for the annual Christmas Sale are hard at work. They expect to create at least 400 baskets for the sale on October 28, and the public is invited to attend the sale to choose from a variety of beautiful baskets at very reasonable prices. Income from this sale is given to the hospital.

Volunteer Coordinator Joy Woelbing supervised 6 Junior Volunteers during July. They are high school students who are interested in becoming medical practitioners. The program gives them the opportunity to learn what education is needed for these practitioners, and observe their daily work at the hospital. These students gave 474 hours of volunteer service.

There are many upcoming events in which Auxiliary volunteers will serve the community. On Monday, September 12, 7:00 a.m. in Conference Room A at the hospital there will be a Home Show, offering name-brand products for the kitchen and home, and community members are invited to attend. On September 24 and 25, volunteers will be assisting with the Puttin’ in Pink golf tournament, which will benefit Parrish Radiation Institute. The month of September is Employee Health Month at the hospital, and volunteers will assist with health risk assessments for over 800 employees of NARMC. September 21 will be Senior Day at the Fair, and volunteers will be there to give free measurements of blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar for senior citizens. And Auxiliary members will again assist the \$20 is Plenty fundraising campaign for Hospice of the Hills.

Northwest

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center-Bentonville

Submitted by Pat Meier, Newsletter Editor & Auxiliary Secretary



This nurse at left was eager to show off the capes!

We recently launched a new project. We are creating Super Kid Capes for the Pediatric unit in our hospital and this month we were able to take 50 capes up to the floor. Since the staff is all about the kids, they were excited to receive them. All patients between the ages of 3 and 8 will get one of these Super capes. We put together kits that contains the material and closures to make eight capes. Our volunteers have been checking out the kits, completing and returning them. We will be making great kids into SUPER KIDS for some time to come!



Southeast

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary - Dumas, Arkansas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin

Recently the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary awarded its annual scholarship to Priya Rana. She was valedictorian of Dumas New Tech High School of 2016.

Shown at left is Karen Irons of Merchants Trust Department , Priya (middle) and Shirley Sandlin, president of the DMH Auxiliary.



Recently when Dr. David Foscue joined the staff at Delta Memorial Hospital he asked the Auxiliary to prepare him a basket filled with newborn needs. A committee of 5 Auxilians was appointed. After brain storming, they decided that a diaper bag would be better than a basket . Shown is Johna Rice and his mother, Hanna receiving a diaper bag filled with baby wash, lotion, wipes, a onesie, toy and baby bottle. Compliments of the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.



Southeast

Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home - Dewitt
Submitted by Karen Sollars, President

Some activities this year:

Dewitt Auxiliary held its Annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper. We've established a Thrift Shop type booth at our local Flea Market. We distributed health care information at our April Spring Fling, donated furniture for the Nursing Home lobby, and made baked goods for Nursing Home Spring Carnival.

Our newest task is publishing a cookbook! We will have a retro section and bring back some recipes from the 1st ever cookbook made by the original Auxiliary.

Death Ms Inez Miller

DHNH President Katie Sollars attended Class Day Ceremony or the local High School and awarded the scholarship to Jr Auxiliary member, Autumn Johnson.

DHNH Auxiliary members planted the new flower garden in front of the large windows of the Nursing Home. Our Annual Ice Cream Social was held to honor all Hospital and Nursing Home employees and the residents! We do a full ice cream bar with lots of toppings and flavors of ice cream.

Left: Tiila Relyea, Sherrie Hargrove, Katie Sollars and Elaine Simpson attended the district meeting in Lake Village.



Right above: All Southeast District Auxiliaries Presidents. Our leader, Mrs Barbara Goodwin, gave us all a gift and thanked us for all we do.



Southeast

Jefferson Region Medical Center - Pine Bluff
 Submitted by Nedra White, Newsletter chair



New Officers 2016:
 Barbara Goodwin- Parliamentarian, Marnell Clement- Treasurer, Shirley Jacobs-Recording Secretary, Shirley Johnson-Corresponding Secretary, Eula Lidell-President-Elect, and David Hutcheson-President.

Southwest

Baptist Health Medical Center-Hot Spring County. Malvern
 Submitted by Opal Morris, Secretary

Our activities since Feb. have been:

Monthly Alzhiemers meetings for anyone in the community who would like to attend.

We donated \$750.00 toward redoing the "atrium area" at the Hospital.

In April we approved donating \$12,667.10 for a BPAB Breathing machine.

We set up a recruiting booth at the Health Fair.

May 31st. ended our cereal/food drive which was a big success. Donated items were divided between R.O. S.E. and Open Door Ministry.

With our scholarship fund, we decided to give three \$1,000.00 instead of two.

In June we approved the revision of our by-laws. Also collected t-shirts etc. and purchased underwear for our local 'Mental Health Unit'.

We approved requests for monies totaling \$16,620.70. (\$10,000 toward purchase of bedside tables, \$3,500 for new ice/water machine and \$3,120 for blanket warmers for patients in pre-op.)

July was installation of elected officers. Jim Gibbons, Volunteer Services Manager at BHMC-LR and past state ASDVS President performed the installation. New officers are: President - Bobbie Keeney, 1st VP - Jan Specht, 2nd VP- June Haynes, Secretary - Opal Morris, Treasurer - Marguerite Cranford and Parliamentarian -Mary Lawrence.

Some of our upcoming projects are "Pennies for Socks" and "Extravaganza".

Southwest

CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs
 Submitted by: Lynn Smith

Our most exciting news is new members have been added to our Auxiliary family!
 Other good news: we are raising money to support the fight to cure cancer and to donate to our hospital. Listed below are two of the fundraisers we have recently sponsored.

Garland County Relay for Life is a special fundraiser that our volunteers have participated in for years. Recently, Auxiliary members sold t-shirts and participated in Garland County Relay for Life. To date \$17,751 (and counting) has been raised for this wonderful cause. At present tickets are being sold for a raffle worth more than \$350.00 for this ongoing fundraiser.



(Relay for Life volunteers: Lisa Clark and Thelma Anoya, Auxiliary President)

Sparkle Life If you like “sparkle” you will love Sparkle Life jewelry. Our auxiliary sponsored the first Sparkle Life Fundraiser in the state of Arkansas. They have beautiful beads (hundreds-imported from Italy) and pendants to choose from. The necklaces (available in 6 lengths: 16”, 18”, 20”, 24”, 28”, 36”) are all the same price and come with a lifetime guarantee. Our employees purchased necklaces, bracelets, and earrings to make it a most successful 2 day sale. If you are interested in more information about booking a sale contact Susan Rima or Terry Creel tcc33@comcast.net. If you look online be aware that the fundraisers get special deals not shown online. Our customers were very pleased! There is a good possibility this new vendor will be at convention for you to see the “sparkle,” buy, and/or book a sale for your Auxiliary.

Southwest


Southwest

National Park Medical Center Auxiliary – Hot Springs

Submitted By Dorothy Stringer-Newsletter Editor


First Impressions: NPMC Auxiliary is purchasing a sculpture for the new heart wing. We have several fundraisers scheduled to raise money in the next four months; September 23rd and 24th –Dillard’s; October 17th and 18th -2U2 Uniforms; November- Wire N’ Rings, and December is gift wrapping for employees.

Get Well Wishes: We have had one of our volunteers out for the last four months- Bettie Loy. She is now back and even picking up and extra day!

New Volunteers:  In our “Give a Hoot, Help Recruit” program, we have gotten several new volunteers in our Auxiliary: Flo White, Sherry Montgomery, Tony Spivey, Joan Sitzenstock, and JoAnn Rhodes. We are extremely glad to see them as we continue our recruitment for the hospital and the new wing.

We have a new secretary, Freda Lucas. We lost Karen Feckler when her mother had to have a major surgery, but Freda is doing a great job!

Fall Scholarships: The NPMC Auxiliary has awarded four \$600.00 scholarships and one \$350.00 for a total of \$2,750.00 this semester.

Heaven’s Tears :  We now have five ladies making bereavement gowns for our “Heaven’s Tears” In-hospital program in labor and delivery. We provide a gown, cap or bonnet, and blanket in white when there is a pregnancy or infant loss. Sometimes the babies weigh ounces and we have had to find people to make the sets for us. We don’t believe that a pretty gown softens the loss; however, we do hope that by supplying these items, it lessens the heartache of searching for clothing for such a small soul and not finding something suitable.

Positive Promotions: The NPMC Auxiliary has provided the Breast Center with mints, pens, and pads to distribute during October’s breast cancer awareness program.

Southwest

Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary- Magnolia

Submitted by Lucy Ray, DVS

In July our CEO Margaret West installed our 2016-2017 officers; President: Jo Ann Whitehead, Vice-President Linda Shepherd, Secretary-Jan Sherman, and Treasurer-Joe Owens.

Also in July we donated four gallons of pop top tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House at Arkansas’s Children’s Hospital.

On July 21st- We had our “Second Treasurer’s Silent Auction” fundraiser in which our members donated slightly used items with a value of \$20.00 or more and our employees come by and bid on their favorite items from 8:00-1:00 pm. The total amount raised was \$1,323.00. August 9th and 10th we sponsored a successful uniform sale by Uniforms 2U2.

Our comfort pillow committee continues to remain very busy with a total of 1,886 pillows to date. We have renamed this project “Pillows are Us.”

In September we will be making plans to attend the AHAA Convention.

In October we are excited about hosting the fall Southwest District meeting on October 20th in Magnolia.

Southwest

Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado
Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle “Lunch and Learn” on July 6th and August 10th. LaShonda Traylor, APN spoke on “It’s Never Too Late to Get Healthy”. Dr. Nwude spoke on “Hospitalists and End of Life Care”. The Auxiliary helped serve food, seat members, and clean up.

The Auxiliary made a \$50.00 donation to the scholarship fund in memory of former Auxilian, Pattie Thomey.

Two students are receiving the Auxiliary Scholarship fund. They will be an RN and a BSN upon graduation.

The Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers was held on July 16, 2016. The meeting was well attended. Mary Francis Dumas conducted the installation of officers and Ross Korkmas was the guest speaker.

The Auxiliary participated in the Head-to-Toe health fair for adult senior on August 25, 2016 to promote the Auxiliary and to support the hospital.

The Auxiliary has one new member, Hettie Yarbrough.

Awards

- Debra Hudson: 7,000 hours
- Billie Nelson: 3,085 hours
- Louise Powel: 93 hours
- Dollie Stratton: 7,017 hours
- Connie Toepel: 111 hours
- Billie Perdue: 3,531 hours
- Lonez Dumas: 4,495 hours
- Nona Sipes: 1,009 hours
- Neva Cheng: 115 hours
- Liz McKay: 152 hours



MCSA Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers 2016



Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden

Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

Ouachita County Medical Center has been recognized by the American Hospital Association's Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET), in the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN). Participating hospitals are able to accomplish great things through the sharing of best practices and strategies among peers by those hospitals who are leading change. Earlier this month, HRET released Case Studies of 11 of their 1,500 participating hospitals, and the Arkansas Hospital Association is proud to note that five of the eleven studies focused on Arkansas hospitals.

One of the five hospitals was Ouachita County Medical Center for work in reducing readmissions. We received \$6,023.49 in commission during a recent scrub sale.

A \$2,000 nursing scholarship has been awarded to an RN candidate completing her studies at Southern State University in Magnolia.

To date we have contributed 20 gallons of aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock.

We are once again applying for the HAVE Award to be presented at the American Hospital Association's annual meeting in Washington, D. C. on May 8, 2017.



Valley

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville

Submitted by Lynette K. Price, President

On Wednesday, August 3rd, we participated in our community Business Expo that was held at Tucker Coliseum located on Arkansas Tech University Campus. We promoted the "Look Before You Lock" campaign by giving out Hang-tag Reminders to be used in an individual's vehicle to promote child safety awareness. We also assisted in handing out "Medical Information Reference Cards". This card allows an individual to have a ready reference of important personal emergency contact information along with a place to list allergies, medical conditions, and medications currently using. In addition, we used this venue to recruit volunteer prospects by handing out volunteer information brochures and applications to interested persons.

C U at CONVENTION



Valley

Sparks Regional Medical Center - Fort Smith
Submitted by Alice Swaim, President

I would like to go back to our June plan for initiating the "Look Before You Lock" program. We will be receiving our hanging tabs when our District Chair attends the State Meeting this month in Little Rock. We're very excited to put our plan in action for dispensing the tabs, as we all know the "hot" summer is upon us. The threat of small children being left in a hot car is very real and anything we can do to decrease those horrible accidents is good.

June was also our month to host our annual Dillard's sale, and again, it was quite successful as we made about \$4,000.00. Hospital employees really enjoy this sale and look forward to it.

July 16th our hospital ER Dept. hosted a bicycle helmet safety fair. We were invited to help with it. We chose to help with purchasing the helmets rather than actually being there to help, strictly due to the extreme heat and we did not want to chance our members getting overheated. We purchased 200 helmets. Any left over following the Fair would be kept in the ER and given away as bicycle accidents patients came to the ER Dept. (This was for children.)

July also sees us continuing to work on our first ever Auxiliay Handbook which I'm so excited about. Our goal for completion is Aug. 1st to be ready for the printers. My hat is off to our member Linda Hansson who has worked tirelessly to put this together by herself, and to Emma Mays who will edit it when complete. Several members have helped to research info and provide that info for Linda.

July and August will sometimes show a decrease in the sales of our three businesses. But so far this summer, sales in our Thrift Shop, "This N That" have been fairly brisk. Our two Gift Shops have continued to do well also. I really appreciate the Manager and Co-Manager, Debbie Franklin and Greta Russell, who do an outstanding job selecting items for sale and staff at the Thrift Shop who display our inventory so well.

In September, we will resume regular meetings and volunteering. Linda Butler will also host a District President's meeting on the 21st at Sparks Hospital. We will also present our new smocks at that meeting which we will wear at Convention. They are burgundy with Khaki monogramming, very different- but are our hospital colors. I think they look very nice. We will also host another Uniform sale in Sept.

October, we will be ready for Convention and the Valley District meeting in Mena. No telling what will come up between now and then unexpectedly.



Valley

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren
Submitted by Pam Henderson, President

Memory frames were purchased to honor our deceased longtime Auxilians. They have been hung on the walls by the Hostess Desk. Nearly everyone who passes through this area stops to admire the pictures and in some cases to reminisce.

The Auxiliary provided trays of cookies to the nurses at various nurses' stations in recognition for National Nurses' Week.

We had a scrub sale in late May. We didn't do as good as we have in the past.
 New officers were installed the first week in July.

A chili and soup lunch will be offered around October 11th as one off our fundraisers. Till next time!