

# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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How fortunate I am to have traveled the State of Arkansas for two years representing AHAA. David and I visited 28 Auxiliaries from Mena to Paragould and Eureka Springs to Lake Village. Oh yes! We also traveled from Harrison to Washington, D.C.—twice. David figured we drove close to 16,000 miles.

I hold close to my heart many memories. Auxilians who came to district meetings generated many sparks. When an Auxiliary hosts one of these meetings, decisions are made. It is amazing how creative the ideas become. Malvern had a fire truck outside to greet us and Russellville's CEO gave his greeting in a fireman's uniform.

This year flew by. Dorothy Berley told me it would. I just wish I could stop time in order to savor each and every day. Auxiliaries, thank you for all your planning. Each town in which we traveled made me aware of how proud I am of you, always conscious of the opportunity and responsibility I hold as the President of AHAA.

Remember: "People will not remember what you said, people will not remember what you did, but people will always remember how you made them feel". I would say that Arkansas Auxilians are definitely--





Because National Healthcare Volunteer Week begins April 23, we here at the AHA thought it was a particularly good time to tell you...

*Thank  
You*

...for all you do. Your dedication and commitment to Arkansas' hospitals, patients, families, friends and neighbors is invaluable.

With appreciation from the whole AHA team,

The certificate above is signed by Bo Ryall. What a special recognition from Arkansas Hospital Association. AHAA is very fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with AHA. I am so proud to be a part of AHAA. I just had to share this "Thank You" with friends in other states and got these comments. *Lynn Smith*

**"How lovely! You are very fortunate.**

**There aren't many states that have the support you do."** *Joan Ryzner*

(Joan is Director of Member Relations for American Hospital Association)

**COV Update** *Submitted by: Lynn Smith*

It was my honor to again represent AHAA in Washington D.C. at the COV (Committee on Volunteers) meetings for my 5th consecutive meeting. Jerry Berley joined us for his first COV meeting on May 5th. The days following our COV meeting the SAL's (state auxiliary leaders) came to Washington. Arkansas was well represented at the SAL meetings by: AHAA president, Margaret Underwood, and past presidents Jerry Berley, Dorothy Berley and Lynn Smith. David Underwood also attended the SAL meetings. Below are the five Arkansas attendees at the HAVE Awards Breakfast on May 7th.

Picture: David & Margaret Underwood, Lynn Smith, Dorothy and Jerry Berley



Please join the American Hospital Association campaign **#HAVhope**.

**June 9**, is national day of awareness on ending all forms of violence with a digital media campaign-shared tweets, posted photos and other online efforts. Please get a picture to submit of your auxiliary holding hands along with doctors, nurses, hospital professionals, community supporters, clergy, law enforcement and other associations. Let's support **#HAVhope** (Hospitals Against Violence) in a big way from the state of Arkansas. For more information on where and when to send your pictures go to: [www.aha.org/PreventViolence](http://www.aha.org/PreventViolence)



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# AHAA District News

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## Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent - Little Rock, AR

*Submitted by Karen Baldridge, Auxiliary President*

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and a general meeting and membership luncheon on March 10. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and entertainment. The Mount Saint Mary's Choir was wonderful.

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 SV.

On a sad note, we have had one death, Charlotte Diana Miller Storthz.

The Auxiliary Board had a productive board meeting on April 14.

Several Auxiliary board members attended the Spring AHAA Metro Meeting at UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute on April 12. Everyone enjoyed the meeting.

Wendy Saer hosted a happy hour for the Auxiliary board at her home. Polly Davenport, President of CHI St. Vincent, attended and thanked all the Auxiliary and volunteers for their hard work. Everyone had a marvelous time.

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 24-28. Lunch was provided from Chick-Fil-A and the volunteers also received a gift.

The next general meeting and luncheon will be held on May 12 at CHI St. Vincent. We will award scholarships to students and also have installation of the new Auxiliary board officers.

Our next retail sale is Gold N Vision Jewelry on May 27-28 at CHI St. Vincent. We will also have Masquerade Jewelry on June 1-2 at CHI St. Vincent.

Our Junior Volunteer Program begins June 26 and runs through July 27. They really enjoy this program.

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## Metropolitan

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### Chi St Vincent Morrilton

March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Yard Sale. The Auxiliary members worked all week beginning Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup> with preparing/setting up for the sale and having the sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Yard Sale was a huge success.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Jewelry & Handbag Sale was a huge success.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> CHI St. Vincent Auxiliary met on Monday April 3, 2017 and lunch was provided for National Volunteer Week. Bubba Arnold, CEO attended the meeting and gave an update on the monies raised for the front canopy for the hospital. (photo below)

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Easter Bake Sale held on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



GOLD RUSH JEWELRY was March 31



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## North Central

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs

*Submitted by Mary Propes*

Membership is a key goal in 2017 for Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs. Three new Auxilians have joined us at BHMC-HS Auxiliary and are working diligently in their chosen departments and with recent fundraisers. Additional publicity including a large display board featuring activities and projects of our Auxiliary along with membership applications is being displayed in the lobby of our hospital.

After installation of officers in January, we sponsored a Valentine's Day Bake Sale in February, and have just hosted a successful Jewelry/Accessory Sale and a Uniform Sale in April. Doctors were thanked for their continuing service to area communities on Doctors Day, and Auxilians have assisted with Blood Drives. Plans are in place for a Geneva Linen Sale, and Collective Goods will display their wares during the summer and in late fall.

The Volunteer Appreciation Day Reception on April 25<sup>th</sup> was hosted by BHMC-HS and organized by our DVS, Freda Brown. A delicious buffet, festive decorations, a recognition board featuring pictures of volunteers participating at various events, and a "Fun Fact" about each Auxilian was a highlight of the afternoon. Certificates for hours worked during the past year and for years of volunteerism were presented to deserving Auxilians.

During our May meeting, four \$1000 scholarships will be presented to area students entering a medical field of study.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is staying busy and looking forward to continuing our service during the rest of 2017.



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## North Central

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### Baxter Regional Medical Center- Mountain Home

*Submitted by Jean Adams, President*

While the weather may not have been accommodating during the past two months, our volunteers have performed their duties every day on every shift to keep the enthusiasm fires burning! Our thrift stores have earned over \$42,000 so far in 2017. Through March, our Pink-A-Dilly gift shop has recorded over \$68,000 and has done so even with a Valentine's Day sale and a Saint Patrick's Day sale.

We have sponsored sales with Geneva Distributing and the Uniform Shoppe II. Earnings through these sales have brought us almost \$12,000 to be used for equipment and services at Baxter Regional. We were able to purchase a new shuttle which brings the count in our fleet to 4 shuttles which serve patients and visitors.

General Meetings were held in February and March, and the slate of officers was approved for the upcoming year. Elected officers are Jean Adams as President, Rich Jannick as President-Elect, Joan Young as Treasurer, Maureen Rozelle as Recording Secretary, Erma White as Corresponding Secretary, and Kathy Mills as Advisor. These officers will be installed at the BRMC Auxiliary Appreciation Banquet on April 21, 2017.

From January through March, our volunteers have donated 18,604 hours to Baxter Regional Medical Center. While the number of our active volunteers has decreased, we still average a membership of 540 volunteers. Our current theme is "Volunteering at BRMC is...Always in Season." At the March General Meeting we collected non-perishable food items for the Mountain Home Food Basket. People need food throughout the year, and we are trying to address this need.



Picture: Baxter Regional Auxiliary members collected non-perishable food items at the March General Meeting. Pictured on the back row are Mary Ann Sladek, Kathy Bragg, Barbel Appleton, Debbie Hess, Rich Jannick, Elaine Leu, Kathy Mills and Chuck Schlenski. Pictured on the front row are Edith Harper, and Kay Owens works with the Mountain Home Food Basket.

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*North Central*

Ozark Health, Inc – Clinton

*Submitted by Bobbye Bennett, Events Coordinator*

At our March Auxiliary meeting Peggy Zoch, certified Dietary Manager at Ozark Health, spoke to the group. She assumed the role of Dietary Manager in 2013. Peggy attended the ANFP (Association of Nutrition Food Professionals) State Conference, in the fall of 2015. Peggy was elected President Elect that fall and took over the Presidency for the State of Arkansas for the 2016/2017 year, and she has been asked to serve another term for 2017/2018. Ozark Health is blessed to have Peggy Zoch.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, we held a recruitment “Spud Party”, and March 29<sup>th</sup> held a Linen Sale, which should bring in approximately \$700.00

Five Auxiliary members attended the District Meeting at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View. At that meeting we received the “under 100 bed” project award for our “care bags”.

So far this year the Auxiliary has purchased three Hyt TC-320 radios for faster response to patients/residence in need, a Vaportherm unit for the Respiratory Department; a Meridian Icemaker Dispenser for use in the labs, ER and other departments and a Bariatric Trapeze Bar.

May 1<sup>st</sup> officers for the 2017/2018 year will be sworn in at our regular meeting followed by an appreciation luncheon. Officers for the coming year are Betty Spencer, President; Helen Dobbins, Vice President; Linda Ann Rogers, Secretary; Dortha Borecky, treasurer (Debby Collings will assist the treasurer); Linda Appleby and Helen Dobbins will co-chair the gift Shop and Bobbye Bennett will be the Event Coordinator.

On Mother’s Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will serve the Nursing Home Residents punch and cookies.

And, we are looking forward helping at the Foundation’s Golf Tournament June 10<sup>th</sup> and honoring the Fathers in the Nursing Center on Fathers’ Day with Root beer or Coke Floats.

Looks to be a busy summer.

In this life we cannot always do great things, but we can do small things with great love!

Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.

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*North Central*

White River Health System - Batesville

White River volunteers had a busy April: TB screening April 17-21.

District Meeting in Mt. View was April 18.

Volunteer Appreciate Week luncheon was April 24.



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## North Central

Unity – Searcy

*Submitted by Jamie Laughlin*



Picture: - The Nominating Committee (Mary Anne Gateley, Leta Garrison & Kathy Gammill) encourages volunteers to run for a position on the Auxiliary Board of Directors. Election will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sandra Sills attended the Unity Health Vendor Fair. Associates and volunteers are invited each year to learn more about the services offered by Unity Health. One of the perks is tasting foods that could potentially be offered in the café.

April 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Bunny Tray Favor Workshop! A favorite for volunteers and patients!



Breakfast: Ray Montgomery opened the meeting with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the volunteers for their dedication, hard work and thousands of hours of service they continue to commit to Unity Health. Volunteers enjoyed a full breakfast buffet and a fabulous hour of entertainment by local celebrity, Gary Crain. “Well, Goooooollly,” we had a good time with Gomer Pile, George Strait, Bill Clinton, Elvis, Barney and many more!



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## Northeast

Ark Methodist Medical Center - Paragould

*Submitted by Pat Dowdy, President*

The AMMC Auxiliary has been busy. We assisted with breakfast for Doctors Day, held our annual pot luck meal, hosted the Northeast District Spring Meeting, had a Masquerade Jewelry Sale, and three of our officers attended the Foundation Fundraiser. We voted to purchase another \$10,000 worth of equipment for the hospital. The hospital recognized the Auxiliary during National Volunteer Week with a reception and a nice insulated cup. We will be providing cookies for employees during National Hospital Week



Pictured at NEA District Meeting: Pat Dowdy, Shirl Kersey, Margaret Underwood, Darlene Touchy.

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## Northeast

CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary - Wynne

*Submitted by George Anne Draper, President,*

At the March meeting the CrossRidge Auxiliary presented the hospital with a check for \$3200 to pay for new chairs in the ER waiting room. Bryan Mattes presented a program on the need for the new chairs both in size and style. They will arrive soon and the Auxiliary looks forward to the convenience and improved look of the new chairs.

The CrossRidge Auxiliary has made a few minor changes in our projects. The first one is actually an addition to the clinics that we serve during the week. The hospital has added a Wound Clinic each Monday and because of its large patient load, the Auxiliary has two people at the desk during the day. People in Wynne and nearby communities are taking advantage of this clinic. It is a great addition to the clinics at the hospital.

The Flower Project was started last year and has been successful. As reported at the fall meeting, a local grocery store, Hays Food Town, has generously agreed to share their flowers with the Auxiliary. One of the biggest drawbacks was finding a place to arrange them each Wednesday when the flowers are available. It wasn't always convenient to arrange them at home and transporting them was often a problem. With the help of the hospital, the Auxilians can now arrange them in the hospital and take them to the rooms right down the hall. The hospital provided a room with a table, sink and shelving for the vases and it makes the project much easier to manage.

The Auxiliary has been observing Doctor's Week for some time but always grappling with the best way to honor them. This year we decided to do something a little more healthful than the usual cookies. We bought pistachios in bulk and made gift bags for the 23 doctors in the community. We felt this was a more healthful gift than the sweets we have been providing.

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## Northeast

The Forrest City Medical Center

*Submitted by Wilma Powell, President*

The Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary had a slow past two months. For Valentine's day we had a Cup Cake bake sale. We sold cup cakes on the 13 & 14, and did really well. On Doctors Day we made and delivered brownies and cookies to all the doctors associated with our hospital. We are getting two new members in April.

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## Northeast

Helena Regional Medical Center



Several members attended Northeast Arkansas District meeting at Arkansas Methodist Med Center in Paragould on April 19 were left Peggy Bradley, Nell Sample, Ernestine Davis, Alma Eady, and Jennie Stoner.

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## Northeast

South Mississippi Regional Medical Center- Osceola

*Submitted by Dorothy Crockett, Secretary.*

The SMC Auxiliary held their Pinning Ceremony April 25th in the Hospital Board Room. Special guests were Shirl Kersey, Northeast District Chair, SMC CEO, Chris Raymer and members of the hospital staff.

Following the pinning ceremony, Cheri Blurton, Hospital Administrator presented the program, the Mississippi County Hospital System Standards of Conduct.



Following the program members of the hospital staff surprised committee with a luncheon which was held in the hospital private dining room. Pictured left to right back row, Mr. Rayner, Lovonda Carter, Auxiliary President, Shirl Kersey, Ann Wallace, Betty Thompson, Paulette Booker, Peggy Johnston, Dorothy Crockett, Sharon Ragan, Dot Pollock, Treva Reece, Front row, Morris Sue Wood, Adele Black, Norma Hicks, Shirley Stovall and Mary "Pud" Thomas.



## Northeast

NEA Baptist – Jonesboro  
*Submitted by Patsy Whitney*



On March 17, NEA Clinic sponsored a talk on Preventing Skin Cancer led by Dr Johathan Ledet. Lunch was delicious. There was a Free Skin Cancer Screening Friday, April 21 from 8—12.

Our Pink Ladies (Karen Pearce & Ginny Presgrove) were there handing out information to potential future Pink Ladies. NEA Clinic also had booths.

Our April Meeting was a busy one. We had our regular business meeting,



followed by a baby shower for Hannah Nightingale, followed by a luncheon provided by the hospital for Auxiliary Appreciation Week.



Kathy, Ginny, and I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone that baked, helped or donated funds to our bake sale on April 25th. It was a **huge** success!!! We raised \$764.30 for Team Life Savers! That brings our total team fund raising amount to \$1,293.30. We Are Rock Stars!!!

Again, thanks to everyone for whatever part you played in making this day a huge success!!

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## Northeast

St Bernards -Jonesboro

*Submitted by Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor*

St Bernards Auxiliary members voted to pledge \$100,000 toward the lobby of the new Cancer Center at the March, 2016, Quarterly Meeting. At the Cancer Center, Auxilians check-in patients for scans, radiation or appointments with a physician. Each patient is given a pager and the number is recorded in the computer which allows the staff to see who is in the waiting room. Directions are given to the various areas and often wheel chairs are acquired and used to escort patients. The Auxilians serve as hosts in the waiting room with conversation, offering blankets, maintaining the coffee machine and supplies, monitoring the television and magazines and calling for the shuttle.

At the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting, upon receiving a request from Chris Barber, members voted to pledge **\$200,000** to the Community Room which will overlook the courtyard near the entrance of the new Surgical Tower. This pledge will be paid over a three year period or when funds become available. In our honor, the room will be named **The Auxiliary Community Room.**

St. Bernards Auxiliary has voted to increase the number of \$2000 scholarships annually from **ten** to **fifteen** which means we will give **\$30,000** in scholarships each year!



Twenty -four St Bernards volunteers attended the Spring District Meeting in Paragould on April 19.

From left: Paula Dickson, Linda Scott, Paula Chlapecka, Mary Nell Masterson, Doris Nichols, Suzanne Hackney.



The St Bernards Foundation honored the Auxiliary with a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on April 25. Pictured: Tom and Tommie Reeves.



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## Northwest

Mercy Hospital – Berryville

*Submitted by Pat Armer*

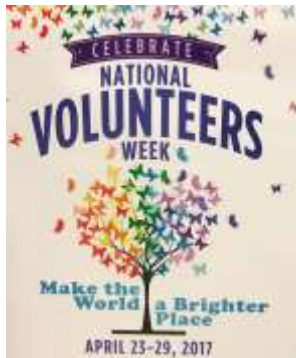


Spring has arrived for sure here in Northwest Arkansas! Its a busy time of the year for Mother Nature and our Auxiliary! We used Thursday March 30, to show our Appreciation to the physicians who serve our hospital and clinics. Healthy food trays were given to the surgery doctors, emergency doctors, and clinic doctors in Berryville, Green Forest, and Shell Knob!

April first, our talented gardeners used their skills to help maintain a corner of Berryville Memorial Cemetery. This section of the cemetery is the final resting place for many infants and young children whose time on our earth was too short.

MHBA volunteers wear aprons made from materials in our thrift store! Aprons were a big hit 7.50 each!

April 20 was the Northwest Arkansas Spring District Meeting! It was our first time hosting this event at the newly renovated Carroll Electric Community Room! With seventy eight members attending we enjoyed networking with each to exchange ideas to help our flame burn even brighter for our hospitals! Our lunch was catered by our own Mercy Hospital Berryville Cafeteria with desserts made by our wonderful volunteers. We have been told we have the "best cooks in the state" in Berryville, and I am proud to say that is true!



April 25, Mercy Hospital Berryville provided an afternoon of games, snacks, and information in appreciation for all our MHBA volunteers. We enjoyed the game of heads and tails as well as sharing favorite memories! Door prizes were also given out.

April 26, Administrative Assistance Day was observed. Deana Davidson, Auxiliary Liaison was honored with a gift card in appreciation for all her hard work. Ms Davidson is truly our Mercy Angel!

April 28 MHBA observed Lab Day but taking fruit and veggie trays to the hospital and clinic lab workers!



Yummy snacks provided during Our Volunteer Appreciation celebration!

Our flame is burning bright with 281 volunteers!

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## Northwest

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### Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary - Rogers

The Auxiliary averaged 266 Volunteers donating 10,500 hours from January 2017 through April 2017. Starting in June fifty high school age volunteers will be added to the Auxiliary for the summer months. Seven Auxiliary members traveled to Berryville for the Northwest District AHAA Spring Meeting, hosted by the Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary. A spring celebration to celebrate the Auxiliary Volunteers at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Rogers on May 17, 2017.

The Auxiliary will award four \$500.00 scholarships to high school age volunteers in May.

Fundraisers: Pic 1: Volunteers Made Easter Cards for patients meal trays. Pic 2: In April the Auxiliary held a bake sale that raised \$650 that will be donated to the building project at the Hospital.



### Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary, Inc. *Submitted by Annis Cripps, President*

Our Auxiliary sponsored a Linen Sale in March. In April, we held an Easter Egg Bake Sale. Each person buying a bake good was given an Easter egg with a piece of candy and a fortune inside. It was held on Wednesday afternoon before Easter. It was planned for Thursday also but due to the great response we sold out on Wednesday.

Sherolyn Elizabeth Sutcliffe  
Margaret Gulley

We lost two former Auxiliary members.  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1930 — February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1934 - March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## Northwest

NARMC - Harrison

*Submitted by Mary Pledger, President*

Twelve of our Auxilians attended the Spring District meeting in Berryville. Mercy Hospital Berryville has some awesome cooks. Pic below



Installation of officers: L to R Margaret Underwood, AHAA State President, installed Mary Pledger, President, Pat Alge-Tres, Dickie Parker-Sec, and Bob Johnson, VP.

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## Northwest

Washington Regional Medical Center Auxiliary - Fayetteville

*Submitted by: Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services*

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas during the months of March & April: Gift shop \$9,873, Flowers & Balloons \$1,857.

The Auxiliary made a \$10,000 payment to the Foundation. This fulfilled their \$250,000 pledge for the Neurosurgical Hybrid Operating Suite. They also made a \$50,000 payment toward their \$250,000 pledge for the Women's and Children's Expansion Project.

The Auxiliary hosted a uniform sale in March with a profit of \$5,321. We also had a Masquerade \$5 sale with Munsona profit of \$1,498

The Auxiliary ran the "canteen" for a Community Blood Center drive on March 7.

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## Southeast

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Chicot Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary - Lake Village

*Submitted by Dean Smith*



**JANUARY** – On January 4th for Employee's Appreciation Day, we honored the anesthetists. Joyce Gregory has replaced Joyce Creel as our new chair for this committee. She is doing a great job. She cooked apple dumplings. Below is a picture of Joyce Gregory with one of the anesthetists.

**FEBRUARY** – Our biggest fundraiser, of course, is our Valentine Candy Sale. The ladies packed in excess of 150 boxes. That's a lot of candy-making! 42 Valentine baskets were made and 40 were sold. These sold at \$15 and \$20 a basket. A total of \$1,850 was made, with \$900 in the candy sale, and \$950 in the baskets sale. Below are pictures from when the ladies were packing the boxes.



**MARCH** – Our scrub sale was held on March 7th and 8th.

**APRIL** - This is also our first year to start selling Easter baskets out of the Gift Shop. Approximately 25 of these baskets were sold. April 22nd, on Saturday, we assisted in a Health & Wellness Rally held at the Old Armory Center. This was held from 10 'til 2. At our general meeting, the pink ladies were presented with a beautiful pin by our president, that was a pink stone surrounded in gold with the engraving Chicot Memorial Volunteer.



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*Southeast*

Delta Memorial - Dumas  
*Submitted by Shirley Sandlin*

30 Auxilians were honored on Thursday, April 20 by the Delta Memorial Hospital. Each Auxilian received a garden flag and holder.



Seated left, Olene Ferguson, Patty Posey, Juanita Moreland, Maedene Weser, Standing Irene Thomas, Carrie Alexander, Clarice Poole, Patricia Livingston, Lillie Ross, Jeri Brewer, Debra Hawkins, Shirley Sandlin and Christina Rainey.

Thirteen Delta Memorial Hospital Auxilians attended the spring meeting of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association held in DeWitt, Arkansas. The event was hosted by the DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary at the First United Methodist Church. Eight chapters (including DeWitt) were in attendance.

Katie Sollars, president of the DeWitt Chapter, called the meeting to order at 10:00. Laura Essex, treasurer of DHNH, lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph Relyea gave the welcome. Phil Hanna, CEO of the hospital praised the Auxilians for the work that they did. The Auxiliary prayer was led by Mary West. Liz McKinstry conducted the business meeting. District secretary, Nedra White, read the minutes of the Fall District Meeting which was held in October hosted by the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. District treasurer, Christina Rainey, gave the treasurer's report. AHAA president, Margaret Underwood, stressed the importance of the Auxiliaries for the hospitals. Darlene Tuohy, AHAA president-elect, told about the state projects and the availability of materials that can be distributed. A blessing was given by Sherry Hargrove. While lunch was served, we were entertained by a pianist and a vocalist.

An election was held for district treasurer and secretary for the upcoming two years. Liz McKenstry of Warren was elected treasurer and Shirley Sandlin secretary.

Door prizes were won by Clarice Poole, Maedene Weser, Shirley Sandlin, Carrie Alexander, Jeri Brewer, Lillie Ross and Olene Ferguson.



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## Southeast

DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home - DeWitt

*Submitted by Mary West*

March and April of 2017 have been busy months for the DeWitt Auxiliary. Our “Chicken Spaghetti” fund raiser on March 13th was a huge success. It was led by Elaine Simpson. Volunteers prepared chicken spaghetti, green beans, rolls, and cookies. We had our own assembly line to fill the trays. Even though this fund raiser requires much work, the fellowship offsets the work. Our community readily supports our efforts to make this annual fundraiser a success.

March 30, 2017 a linen sale was held at our local hospital. This fund raiser is an easy one. Members basically visit with customers and help carry packages.

For several months, we have been preparing for the “South East District Meeting” to be held in our city. The event was April 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great experience for our Auxiliary. Most of us have never attended a district meeting. Hosting the meeting allowed Auxiliary members to learn more about the purpose of the Auxiliary and meet lots of nice people.

April 18<sup>th</sup> was the DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home’s “Spring Fling”. This is an annual event that not only promotes our hospital but provides the opportunity for DeWitt citizens to give blood and possibly have a free mammogram. Different types of medical screenings were provided also. As always the “Spring Fling” was a success. The hospital and nursing home employees are responsible for organizing this event. Auxiliary members volunteer throughout the day to help wherever they can.



In all our fund raising projects we owe a big thanks to our Junior Auxiliary. These young ladies provide an extra spark with their willingness to serve and their radiant smiles.

Our faithful leader is Katie Sollars. Katie keeps us on our toes and very active in the community. There is never a dull moment with her. Katie is married to Josh Sollars. Their photograph is shown below and their smiles say it all.

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*Southeast*

Drew Memorial - Monticello

*Submitted by Barbara Ann Brown*

We had lots of activities in March and April. We made a donation of \$10,000 to the Hospital Foundation. Pictures were made of the members and published in the Monticello Advance as we presented the check. We are working hard to honor our pledge of \$100,000 over a five year period, and I am sure we will make this goal.

We want to thank our Human Resource Director, Angela Lochridge, for attending our meeting and speaking to us about her position and offering to assist the Auxiliary if needed.

The annual Drew Memorial Spring Luncheon was held April 5 to honor our volunteers. We appreciate so much the support we have from the staff at the hospital, and it was a great day.

Seven of our ladies attended the Spring District Meeting at Dewitt.

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*Southwest*

Baptist Health Medical - Malvern, Arkansas

*Submitted by Opal Morris, Secretary*

Our activities so far this year have been: In January we had our yearly orientation.

February: for Valentines day, we took orders from parents at area schools for gifts. The gifts were then delivered to the school children on Valentines Day.

March: Baskets were made up and delivered to all the doctors for Doctors Day. We collected items for a Spring basket to be given away this month. Any profit will be donated to one of our volunteers who is going through chemo. We participated in the "Pay it Forward" program, which is an "in hospital wide program". We collected (157 items) socks, hats, gloves, coats and scarves for the Malvern Homeless Coalition.

Preparations are now underway in our Auxiliary which will be hosting the Spring Southwest District Meeting here in Malvern.

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## Southwest

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CHI St. Vincent, Hot Springs

*Submitted by Lynn Smith*

Our Auxiliary was honored to receive CHI “Star Hero Award” in March. (article follows)

A bus load of our volunteers traveled to Malvern to attend SW District Meeting hosted by Baptist Health Hot Spring County Auxiliary. Vicki and her Auxiliary hosted a wonderful meeting that was enjoyed by all.

“Volunteers: On Fire for Our Hospitals” was the theme of our 2017 Volunteer Appreciation and Celebration Luncheon on 4/21. The room was beautifully decorated with yellow and orange streamers. Large fire truck shaped balloons hovered over the tables. Beautiful live floral arrangements decorated the food table that was loaded with shrimp, meatballs, sandwiches, fruit, cheese, dips and a multitude of desserts. Auxiliary president, Thelma Anaya, presented \$50,000 check to Patrick McCruden towards our \$500,000 commitment to help renovate the mother baby unit. Members were awarded service award pins ranging from 5 to 25 years of volunteer service. Three firemen attended the meeting and gave a presentation on fire safety. Points to remember: always have an escape plan in case of a fire, check your smoke alarm every month and change the batteries with the 2 time changes. They also gave tips on how to use a fire extinguisher AFTER you have called the fire department.

At least a dozen of our volunteers (also cancer survivors) attended Relay for Life of Garland County ‘Celebration for Survivors and Caregivers’ at CHI St. Vincent on 4/23. Live music, two speakers, delicious food, door prizes and a photo booth made for a wonderful survivor celebration! Our DOV, Susan Rima, was emcee and on the planning committee for the event.

### **Auxiliary Board Members Presentation of \$50,000 check to hospital.**



## Hot Springs Auxiliary Recognized as Service Heroes



Congratulations to the Hot Springs Auxiliary and Susan Rima, Volunteer Coordinator, for being recognized as Service Heroes in Hot Springs. Read a snippet from their nomination below.

“A patient from Hope, AR, came by train to Malvern and traveled to Hot Springs where she spent the night at a local hotel. She said that the hotel put a hold on her card for three times the amount she owed and she had no way to get back home. She stated that she had an appointment with a local physician and they suggested she come to the hospital to see if we could assist her.

After several attempts to find help, Susan Rima was contacted and came to the rescue. A taxi cab was called and Susan and the Volunteers paid for her ride to Malvern to catch the train back to Hope. After talking with her for a little while, I found that she has no family or friends to help her and she works two jobs. I provided her with phone numbers to SCAT and Mercy Lodging for her upcoming surgery. Thanks again to Susan and the Volunteers for all you do!”

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## Southwest

Medical Center of South Arkansas –El Dorado

*Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President*

**Peggy Plummer**



Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted the Senior Circle Lunch and Learn on March 1<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. At the March meeting, Ken Kelley, President and CEO of Pro Med Ambulance spoke to seniors on “Emergency Preparedness and What to Do When You Call 911”. In April, Vicki Milam spoke on “Stroke Signs and Symptoms, Telemedicine and ARSAVES”. The Auxiliary helped seat guests, serve, and clean up.

The Girlfriends Giggle Committee has been meeting to finalize plans for the June 15 event. The MCSA Auxiliary has been chosen for a second year to be a beneficiary of the event. Auxiliary members Virginia Meador and Peggy Plummer serve on the committee.

The MCSA Auxiliary has been asked to help with the registration and the canteen at the American Red Cross Blood Drives that are hosted by MCSA. Several members volunteered for shifts at the March 19<sup>th</sup> blood drive.

The Auxiliary quarterly business meeting was held on April 10, 2017. Members elected new officers and approved two new board members for ensuing years. During the quarterly meeting, Auxiliary members approved to purchase a new bladder ultra sound machine for MCSA. This equipment was suggested by Chief Nursing Officer, Amy Triplet, as MCSA uses the scanners on a daily basis and the ones they have are getting very old with no replacement parts. This machine helps the hospital and patients in many ways including patient safety and cost reduction.

The Auxiliary hosted a very successful jewelry sale fundraiser on April 2 at MCSA.

The Auxiliary Scholarship committee will be meeting soon to interview five potential nursing scholarship recipients for the summer 2017 session.

The Auxiliary will be receiving a general compliance and HIPAA training on May 4, 2017. All members are required to attend.



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## Southwest

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National Park Medical Center Auxiliary - Hot Springs  
*Submitted By Dorothy Stringer, Auxiliary President*

We just finished our latest project. The patio behind the rehab department was dangerous and had to be rebuilt. They asked if we could furnish it for them. We provided two tables with four matching chairs, 8 additional chairs, and plants.

We had our first electronics sale and it went well. We are having them come again. We have our fundraisers planned for the year, leaving a couple places for something extra special. We had our scrub sale April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> and it went well.



Our profit was over \$3,000.00. This will help pay for our patio furniture for the rehab dept. and the phlebotomy chair that we purchased for the lab.

We are already planning for the convention. Our reservations are made, and we can hardly wait.

Our "Give A Hoot! Help Recruit! has been fantastic! We have recruited 12 new volunteers with this recruitment tool in six weeks. The way it works: when one of our volunteers brings in a new volunteer, they get a \$25.00 card to a restaurant of their choice. We also included the hospital employees by giving them a 50% discount on a purchase in the gift shop when they get a volunteer.

We are getting out in the community more also. So far, we have distributed 850 "Help" flyers and stickers to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, grade students in Garland County. Our goal is to get them to every school in Garland county before classes are out. We are also distributing "Look Before You Lock" supplies to daycares in the county.

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## Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden

*Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor*

We were honored on April 26 with a beautiful reception hosted by our CEO/President Peggy Abbott the Hospital Board. Peggy commended us for the contributions we make to the hospital--both in active service and monetarily. We were given a coupon for one free meal a day in the cafeteria from April 26 through May 3. Ann Scott was chosen by her peers as 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

We had a successful scrub sale in February--\$21,732.50 in employee charges and \$6,364.64 in commission.

Fourteen of our volunteers attended the Spring District meeting hosted by the Baptist Health Hot Spring County Auxiliary.

We added two new members in February and April.  
We have a rummage sale scheduled in May--our first!

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## Valley

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren

*Submitted by Pam Henderson, President*

We had our Christmas wreath silent auction in early November. Twelve wreaths were set up for a silent auction. We made \$370.00 on this fundraiser. On December 8, 2016 hospital Administration hosted a dinner for the volunteers. Almost everyone was in attendance. See picture.



Our cookie jar fundraiser began the first week in December. We had 19 cookie jars that were filled with homemade cookies and candy. We made \$809.25 off of that fundraiser.

We also had a new fundraiser in December with a 50/50 raffle. After selling tickets for 2-3 weeks, we made \$446.00. We drew a name from the tickets and wrote a check to that person for \$223.00.



In February we were preparing for our Valentine's Day cookie and candy sale. Auxiliary members baked a lot of cookies and candy. We made \$390.50 on that fundraiser. See Picture.

One person stated we should buy a nice box of chocolates from Kopper Kettle in Fort Smith and sell raffle tickets for it. When Kopper Kettle found out what we were doing, they donated two boxes of their peanut brittle. So, in addition to giving the chocolates away, we also were able to give away two boxes of peanut brittle and we made \$57.69.

Another Auxiliary member brought up another idea for a fundraiser – making theme baskets. We did this the first week of April. Many theme baskets were made – gardening baskets, cooking baskets, patio-grilling baskets, all with a different theme. We sold raffle tickets for this and made \$268.00. We plan to have another one in August.

Six of our Auxiliary members attended the Spring District meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Until next time!!



Sparks Hospital, Ft. Smith  
*Submitted by Alice Swaim, President,*

Looking back, March seems like such a long time ago already. Our Auxiliary was kinda resting following a busy February. We had a busy Uniform sale plus our annual Valentine's "Affair Of The Heart" mostly chocolate bake sale which was also successful. Our employees really get into this bake sale. We are happy about that.

In April, we had 3 members attend the Valley District Meeting in Russellville which we really enjoyed and the entertainment and food were super. Our own Linda Butler was serving as District Chair and rotated off that position at the end of that meeting. Our sister Auxiliary in Van Buren, Pam Henderson did step up to serve in that role for the next year. Thank you, Pam, for agreeing to serve.

We also sponsored a Dillard's sale the 13th and 14th in our hospital and it was quite successful, our employees really like being able to payroll deduct. Our Auxiliary does assist with signing up and checking out the customers.

May will begin with our annual installation of officers at our regular meeting and lunch. We usually try to make this a special time with a special meal and very pretty table decorations. We also started a membership drive in March and will end it at our meeting day. Any member bringing 3 or more new members will receive a \$100.00 gift card to our gift shop. Here's hoping we get several new folks to join us.

We will be voting at our May meeting on starting to support the State AHAA program for Alzheimer's. We discussed this at our Board meeting a little bit and will now take it to our regular members for more discussion and a vote. Seems a lot of discussion was favorable so I anticipate we will be going forward with it.

June will begin our summer schedule of no regular meetings for June, July, or August. We are not required to work in the gift shop, but certainly invited to do so if you wish. Happy summer to all.