

# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2017-2018

AHAA President



*Darlene Tuohy*

Our 59<sup>th</sup> annual Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association at the Embassy Suites was a big success. Suzanne Hackney and her committee put together a great program with excellent legislative and leadership speakers and informative workshops. Many thanks to Mr. Vincent Liest, CEO at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison, who gave a concise and clear explanation of the current legislative activity and to Kathleen McComber who spoke on using effective tools and resources in leadership.

Suzanne and I attended the fall district meetings in Little Rock, Wynne, Searcy, Monticello, Nashville, Fort Smith and Rogers. In addition to witnessing the gorgeous fall colors I was so impressed with the creativity of our various host auxiliaries. As the presidents gave their reports it was obvious that there are many excellent projects that should be considered for entry for next year's achievement awards. It is not too early to start thinking of next year's convention and planning which projects you may wish to submit.

I am honored to be your 60<sup>th</sup> AHAA President and I look forward to receiving your newsletters. You all do a wonderful job for our hospitals. Thank you for sharing your time in our hospitals and community outreach programs.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Darlene Tuohy



## AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

EMBASSY SUITES

LITTLE ROCK, AR

OCTOBER 4-6, 2017

The 59th annual convention general business meeting was called to order at 1:15 on October 4, 2017, by AHAA President Margaret Underwood.

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Northeast District Chair Shirl Kersey.

Delegate and seating instructions were given by President Underwood. She reminded the delegates that only they were eligible to propose motions and read to them the procedure for making those motions.

After a short welcome, Underwood introduced the convention chair and co—chair and thanked them for the many hours of hard work they have done. She also introduced and thanked the current AHAA Board of Directors and appointed chairs.

Following the introductions, reports from the chairs were made. Missy Williamson gave the registration report, stating that the total number registered is 338 with 48 auxiliaries represented. Parliamentarian Mary Frauenhoff informed the assembly that 53 auxiliaries are in good standing. The number of delegates is 45, with 43 registered alternates. With 27 required, a quorum was present. She also reported that a copy of the Standing Rules could be found in the 2017—2018 Handbook on pages 30—37; there were no changes made.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Wilda Chadick who reported that the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting, as approved by the appointed committee, were printed in the November/December 2016 AHAA newsletter.

Three members have been appointed by Underwood to approve the 2017 AHAA annual meeting minutes. They are:

Mary Pledger North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison, NW District

Katie Sollars Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home, SE District

Jo Ann Whitehead Magnolia Regional Medical Center, SW District

Once the minutes have been approved by the committee, they will be printed in the November/December 2017 AHAA newsletter.

Treasurer Missy Williamson presented the financial report and the proposed budget. She noted that the annual financial report can be found on page 18 of the 2017~2018 AHAA Handbook. Having no questions about the report, President Underwood stated that the financial report would be filed.

Williamson also reported that the AHAA Proposed Budget could be found on page 5 of the handbook. A motion was made by Shirley Sandlin of Delta Memorial Hospital and seconded by Marsha Zachary of Jefferson Regional Medical Center to accept the proposed budget. The motion passed.

Pat Lavender, presenting the Bylaws report, stated that there were no bylaws changes and that policy and procedure changes could be found in bold type on pp. 40-41 of the handbook. Underwood thanked the members of the committee for their work: Mary Frauenhoff, Delores Hartman, Kathy Gammill, Pud Thomas, Malinda Lynch, Nedra White, Dorothy Stringer, and Janet Thurber.

Immediate Past President Dorothy Berley presented the Credentials committee report with the proposed nominees for the 2017-2018 AHAA officers. The nominees are:

President—elect— Suzanne Hackney St. Bernard Medical Center Jonesboro

Vice-president— Barbara Goodwin Jefferson Regional Medical Center Pine Bluff

Secretary- Wilda Chadick CHI St Vincent Hot Springs

Treasurer- Missy Williamson Baptist Health Medical Center North Little Rock

Newsletter Editor Neta Sue Stamps Mercy Hospital Berryville

Mary Nell Masterson, St. Bernards Medical Center, made the motion and Amye Peacock, NEA Baptist Medical Center, seconded the motion to accept the slate of officers. The motion passed.

President Underwood introduced the remainder of the 2017—2018 AHAA Board. Those introduced were:

Incoming President— Darlene Tuohy Mercy Hospital Northwest AR Rogers

ASDVS President- Toi McMullin White River Medical Center/Stone County Med. Center

AHA President— Bo Ryall

District Chairs:	Ara Yanker: Metro District	Kathy Gammill: North Central District
	Amye Peacock: Northeast District	Judy Overton: Northwest District
	Freddie Lipton: Southeast District	Deloyce Hart: Southwest District
	Pam Henderson: Valley District	

Suzanne Hackney, convention Chair, introduced her committee:

Co—chair— Ginny Presgrove

Registration- Missy Williamson

Seating- Barbara Goodwin

Bylaws- Pat Lavender

Parliamentarian— Mary Frauenhoff

Treasurer/Handbook— Missy Williamson

Vendors-- Debbie Bond

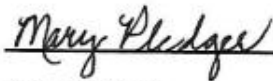
Silent Auction— Linda Butler and David Underwood

50/50 Raffle- Ann Ford

President Underwood announced that the memorial service would begin at 2:00pm and that no one would be allowed to enter the room after that time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

WITNESSED BY:



Mary Pledger

10-6-17



Katie Sollars

10-5-17



Jo Ann Whitehead

10-6-17



## 2018 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Northwest	North Arkansas Regional Med Center - Harrison
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	North Central	White River Medical Center - Batesville
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Northeast	Forrest City Medical Center – Forrest City
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Southeast	Jefferson Regional Med Center – Pine Bluff
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Southwest	Baptist Health Medical Center - Arkadelphia
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Metropolitan	Baptist Health Med Center – North Little Rock
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Valley	Sparks Regional Med Center – Van Buren



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**CORRECTION TO HANDBOOK**

Page 65, CHI St. Vincent Infirmary CVM email address should be: [jcarr@stvincenthealth.com](mailto:jcarr@stvincenthealth.com)



## **AHAA 2017 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

<b>1-100 Beds</b>	<b>Patrick Kerrwood, Siloam Springs Regional Hospital</b>
<b>Over 100 Beds</b>	<b>Eric Pianalto, Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas</b>

### **AUXILIAN OF THE YEAR**

<b>1-100 Beds</b>	<b>Patricia Howard, Baptist Health Medical Center, Heber Springs</b>
<b>Over 100 Beds</b>	<b>Pat Meier, Northwest Medical Center, Bentonville</b>

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

<b>1-100 Beds</b>	<b>Baptist Health Medical Center, Hot Spring County</b>
<b>Over 100 Beds</b>	<b>Unity Health White County Medical Center, Searcy</b>

### **FUNDRAISING**

<b>1-100 Beds</b>	<b>DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home</b>
<b>Over 100 Beds</b>	<b>National Park Medical Center, Hot Springs</b>

### **IN-HOSPITAL SERVICES**

<b>1-100 Beds</b>	<b>Baptist Health Medical Center, Hot Spring County</b>
<b>Over 100 Beds</b>	<b>Unity Health White County Medical Center, Searcy</b>



### AHAA Convention Leadership Session

The Leadership Committee would like to thank each of you that attended the Leadership Session at our AHAA Convention.

Our speaker, Kathleen McComber, spoke on “**Leadership and Self-Awareness**”.

Self-awareness: Being conscious of what you are good at while acknowledging what you still have yet to learn.

Kathleen encouraged leaders (that’s all of us) to embrace five things to be more self-aware.  
1. Never stop learning 2. Context matters 3. Be kind 4. Surrender 5. Begin the process of unlearning.

I hope each of you enjoyed her presentation as much as we did. Kathleen lives in Little Rock and can be contacted at [khmheartgroup@gmail.com](mailto:khmheartgroup@gmail.com)

Leadership Committee: Dorothy Berley, Lynn Smith, and Darlene Tuohy





**Metropolitan**

North Metro Medical Center

*Margie Powell*

**North Central**

Stone County Medical Center

*Mary Branch*

**Valley**

Sparks Medical Center - Van Buren

*Donna Farmer*

*Think of her still the same way, I say;*

*She is not dead, she is just away.*

AWAY

*By James Whitcomb Riley*



# VALLEY DISTRICT

## **Sparks Regional Medical Center - Fort Smith**

*Alice Swain, President*

As September rolls around, ending our lazy, hazy, days of summer, it's time to get busy. Several large activities are immediately ahead of us so planning begins. First Convention, then Fall Valley District which we are hosting. However planning for Valley District started back in July and continues even today.

October saw 3 of our members attending Convention. We all agreed it was altogether a good one with good learning experience, guest speakers were great. We especially enjoyed the keynote speakers for AHA and are grateful they include us in those presentations. We have had an ongoing problem with the floors in our Thrift Shop, and much discussion on how and when to tackle the problem. Returning from Convention at our regular Board Meeting, we decided it was time to do something. One of our members volunteered to oversee finding qualified help and watch over the work. That has now been completed and we have a clean, easy to clean, all the same color, much improved work place for our employee. A huge task was moving all the items out of the room while work was being done.

November we will host the Fall Valley District meeting and we are looking forward to the challenge. The Committee started back in July with planning, meeting regularly, and continues even today. We believe we will have a very interesting and enjoyable program for everyone. Thanks to all our other Auxiliary friends for an early response on reservations. Our free Valet service has been given a "head's up" to expect extra guests that day.

December: For several years now we have had a "Christmas Gift Wrap" for about 2 weeks prior to Christmas. We wrap all gifts bought in our Gift Shop costing above \$10.00 free and charge for all others according to size of box. This does not make very much money for us because of "free" wrapping, but it does increase sales in our shops. So, we still come out ahead and employees, including female doctors really appreciate the service. We wrap beautifully.

We also have a Dillard's sale scheduled for early December which has typically been very successful; we look forward to another good sale. This requires many Auxiliary members to help

Between now and the next newsletter, we will have 3 major Holiday's coming up, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For each one from our Auxiliary to yours, we wish you the best, celebrating each one with your friends, family, and loved ones. Peace and Happiness to all. We have had a good year!!! God bless us all!!



**Spark's Medical Center – Van Buren**  
*Pam Henderson, President*

Our “Fill the Grill” fundraiser started in late August and was finished by Labor Day. We purchased a grill and filled it with all sorts of grilling equipment and utensils. Floria Reed was the winner of this activity.



In October the auxiliary members worked with the hospital on the Spark's Stampede which is done every fall. There is a 5K and a 10K run. Monies accrued from this event go to the Ovarian Cancer Alliance and the Lymphoma Society.

(left) Dr. Mary Jo Brinkman and Carol Morse putting streamers out for the Stampede

Also appearing at the Spark's Stampede: Carol Morse and John Fant with John's llama.



We have purchased wreaths and handed them out to the various departments within the hospital to decorate. We will pick them up on 11/13. We will leave them out in the lobby through 11/16. This is a silent auction and the highest bidder gets each of the wreaths. The winners will be announced on 11/16. Prizes will be given to the top two selling departments. Also, in November we are going to have another fundraising activity where we sell cards for Domino's Pizza. We sell them for \$10 and get to keep \$5. This will last for two weeks.

In early December we have a cookie jar fundraising activity. We bake homemade cookies and fill the cookie jars. We leave them out in the lobby for about a week. Again, this is a silent auction and the highest bidder gets the cookie jar and cookies.

Also, in December we will have a 50/50 raffle. We sell the raffle tickets through the third week in December. At that time, we will draw a name and that person will get half of the money we made through selling the tickets.



## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

### **Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs**

*Mary Catherine Propes, President*



BHMC-HS Auxiliary recently returned from the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Nine volunteers from the local hospital attended the three day convention hearing presentations on leadership and current legislation under consideration, as well as sharing new projects for community service, in-hospital services, and fundraising. The local Auxiliary was awarded a Five Star rating, the highest attainable, for their hours of service and participation in state and local projects.



Patricia Howard, a volunteer in the Emergency Department, was selected Auxilian of the Year for hospitals with 100 beds or less. This special honor was based on Patricia's hours

volunteering at the hospital, the greatest number of hours in our local Auxiliary, and her participation in a variety of Auxiliary projects. She and her husband, Scott, began a Holiday Pot Luck Dinner project for hospital staff, ambulance drivers, and at times police officers who are on duty during six holidays of the year and are unable to be with their families. She also expanded a project of presenting a small doll and coloring pages/colors to children brought to the ER, substituting Ty stuffed animals to comfort the young patients. Renamed the "Pluffie" project, it continues to be an effective method of easing the anxiety and stress of these children. Assuming responsibility for our Auxiliary scrapbook and dispensing brochures and information at local festivals while encouraging Auxiliary volunteerism have also become her passion.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary continues to be a key component in the effectiveness of health care in the Greers Ferry Lake area. Those interested in being of service to the community, promoting wellness, sharing your talents and skills, and making new friends are encouraged to contact us about joining the BHMC-HS Auxiliary.

### **Ozark Health Inc. – Clinton**

*Helen Dobbins, Vice-President*

Our Auxiliary general meeting was held on October 2, in the hospital conference room. A report was given on the first Bingo event at the Clinton county fair in September, it was well received by those who attended, and we used this event as a recruitment time as we talked with people who were enjoying the fair. The auxiliary hopes to grow this event each year. A new gift shop committee was formed to get input from members with retail experience. We plan to meet in early Jan to plan our trip to the buyer's market in Dallas. We welcome new ideas for products and ways to update the look of our shop. All input is welcome! We really enjoyed this year's convention; we got our entire year set up with the vendors, mainly Collective Goods and Uniforms 2U2. We all attended the leadership meeting and learned a great deal.

Our Christmas bazaar was held on October 12&13. We had a lot of donations to sell along with a bake sale. There were two beautiful handmade quilts offered, one was a silent auction, the other we have been selling raffle tickets on for several months. All proceeds raised from this event were matched by Modern Woodmen up to \$2,500 which we met. The proceeds were donated to the Ozark Health Nursing and Rehab Center for their future memory care unit.

RN Sandy Presley conducted our annual Skills Blitz at the October meeting. Some of the topics included HIPPA regulations, hospital safety and infection control.

November 13, will be our next Uniform 2U2 sale, December 4 will be a Collective Goods fundraiser and December 21 will be the Christmas Bake Sale.





## **Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View**

*Elsie Grozis, Secretary*

We are saddened by the loss of a founding member of our auxiliary, Mary Branch, who entered into eternal rest on July 12, 2017. She served as our membership chairman and wore many other hats. She is sincerely missed.

During August the gift shop held a "Pink Lady" Sale on the square. The fundraiser committee put together a Concert at the Gospel Opry. Musicians donated their time to entertain, lots of door prizes were given out and we had a great turnout. It was a good time to socialize and hear some great music. We made \$750.00 on this event. The auxiliary plans to make this type of concert a yearly event.

President, Teresa Cheatham represented our auxiliary at the State AHAA meeting. We were very pleased that we received a 5 STAR AWARD from AHAA and we enjoy the hard work that goes toward receiving this award.

We held pot luck during our October meeting. Toi McMullin was in charge of the installation of our officers. Officers for October 2017 through September 2018 are: Teresa Cheatham, President; Judy Bishop, First Vice President; Frances Bullard, Second Vice President; Elsie Grozis, Secretary; Treasurers, Carolyn Shipman, General Account and Martha Simmons, Bird Cage (Gift Shop) account..

Collective Goods fundraising event was Oct 17 and 18. We had a good turnout and had an opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. The Gift Shop held a Teacher and Employee appreciation sale on October 23. We will be getting our flu shots at the hospital on October 30.

Six of our members were able to attend the District Meeting in Searcy. Good meeting, fellowship and many thanks to our hosts for their hospitality.

There is a uniform sale planned for November 2. The Gift shop is all decked out for the holiday season and will hold Open House on December 1. The auxiliary will be serving hot chocolate and cookies during the "Christmas on the Square" lighting of the Christmas tree on December 2.



**Unity Health – White County Medical Center, Searcy**  
*Ellen Jordan, Newsletter Editor*



September 2017 Extra Miles Award  
Recipient Verna Payne



Pep Club Committee Members representing the Auxiliary: Jamie Laughlin, Shea Parazine, Maryann Shaver, Verna Payne & Kathy Gammill Pep Club is our internal fundraising committee positive empowered people.

Senior Day at White County Fair 2017: What a great time! Volunteers worked the Unity Health Booth during the event. We were handing out selfie sticks and taking pics!



Earline Birdsong



Gill Sills



Kay Hance



Susan Bolton and Emily Rogers

Our Auxiliary members helped host the North Central District Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>. Physical Therapist Ruth Williams presented our program on exercise.



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT

**Arkansas Methodist Medical Center-Paragould**  
*Sherry Noble, President.*

Auxiliary officers and Directors of Volunteer Services were recognized at the AMMC Annual Corporate Board Meeting and Dinner at the Paragould Country Club on August 21.





(L. seated) Betty Franks, DVS; Sherry Noble, Pres.; Phyllis Hamblen, Sec. & DVS;  
(L. standing) Becky Jenkins, Pres. Elect; Linda Hoppe, Treas.

AMMC hosted their annual Men's Health Fair on September 7 and Women's Health Fair on October 5. Several Auxilians helped by handing out gift bags to participants at registration.

We held our annual Membership Drive/Luncheon September 18 at AMMC. Our delicious meal was provided by our Nutrition Department. Members were given the opportunity to get their flu shots, and TB skin tests. Shannon Walton, Director of Education, Also presented our annual hospital orientation program. Sixty eight members attended this event.

### **CrossRidge Hospital – Wynne**

*George Anne Draper, President*

October was a busy month for the CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary. The annual Susan G. Komen Luncheon was held on October 9 with a large crowd enjoying the theme "Roping for a Cure". Hay, pink bandanas and cowboy hats decorated the tables and cowboy hats and bandanas were hanging from the ceiling. Four survivors told their stories and the theme was supported with bluegrass musicians playing during intervals in the program. Women in the community look forward to this event every year, anxious to see how a new theme will support the idea of finding a cure for breast cancer.

Four members of the auxiliary attended the AHAA Convention the week before the Breast Cancer Luncheon. They enjoyed seeing others from the state who gather to talk about health issues and programs their auxiliaries are providing for their communities.

The Fall NE District Meeting was held in Wynne this year at the Martha Murray Hall in the First Methodist Church. The AHAA President Darlene Tuohy's symbol is the wagon wheel



and the theme is Connecting Hospitals to Communities through Service. The theme was carried out with wheels, cotton, hay, cowboy hats and turquoise bandanas. The decorations "performed" twice this year with one major change. The district meeting called for a switch to turquoise bandanas. One of the auxiliaries, Gail Childers, designed and directed the decorations and they were outstanding. A local businessman built a stagecoach as the focal point of the room. There were over 80 in attendance, and everyone received a gift before leaving. Amye Peacock, the new District Chair, led the meeting with Ms. Tuohy, Suzanne Hackney, AHAA President-elect, Diana Rueswald, Treasurer, and Lisa Morris, Secretary, presenting reports. Wynne will hold the spring meeting in 2021.

Then on Tuesday, October 31, the second jewelry sale of the year was held in the lobby of the hospital. Joyce Andrews is the chairperson of that event and many members monitored the sale throughout the day. A large crowd attended and purchased items. The auxiliary has two jewelry sales a year and these sales help provide needed items for the hospital. This year's fall sale brought in almost two thousand dollars.

Plans are being made to wrap Christmas packages for the hospital employees in December. The auxiliary gathers in the lobby of the hospital and wraps packages for staff. It is a way to give back to the staff for a job well done during the year. Also a sheet sale will be held in early December, another way to raise money for auxiliary projects.

### **Forest City Medical Center**

*Wilma Powell, President*

The FCMC Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for scholarship recipients in August. We gave 6 to Crowley's Ridge Tech and 6 to EACC.

The Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary has been honored to have four Volunteers this summer. They worked about 175 hours. They are Haleigh Tirewater, Kezia Henderson, Lauren Story, and Haley Posey. We are proud to have them, as it has been over 20 years since we had Candy Strippers.

We had a bake sale in September and we have a couple members working in our new Wound Care Center.

We had seven to attend the State Convention. We will have our Awards Ceremony and Chili Luncheon on Nov. 16th.

We have a new DVS, Sherry McLaughlin. She is also our H R person.

### **NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital – Jonesboro**

*Patsey Whitney,*

On September 28, 2017 there was a dedication of the new Prayer Cross in the lobby of the NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. It was a beautiful ceremony with special music and special speakers. Our Auxiliary donated \$2,000 toward the purchase of the cross. The hospital put a beautiful plaque on the bottom of the cross mentioning the Auxiliary as helping fund this cross.



Prayer Cross allows anyone to put a prayer concern in the notches to be prayed over by our chaplains.

President, Kathy Gibson, handing Brad Johnson, CEO, a check for \$2,000 toward the purchase of the Prayer Cross.



### **Monogramming Jewelry Sale**

We had a Monogramming Jewelry Sale on October 12 and 13, 2017. Most of the monograms were done on sight. We raised over \$1,800 from this sale.

On November 27 and 28, 2017 we will have another scrub sale. We will be offering a lot of monogramming and accessories at this sale.

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Our big Christmas Tree Lighting program will be held on December 12. This is a big event at the hospital and large crowds are always here.

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On December 12 Dillard's will be setting up shop at the hospital. It will be a great way for doctors, nurses, and workers to buy Christmas presents while having a very busy work schedule.

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Finally, December 20 Santa will be here at the hospital to visit with our patients. This event is really enjoyed by all the patients.



## METROPOLITAN

### **Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR**

*Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator*

September and October have been very busy months for the Auxiliary. We have had two very successful fund raisers and attended both the AHAA State Convention and the Fall Metro District Meeting. The Auxiliary was awarded the 5 Star Award of Excellence at the State Convention.



5 Star Award with (back row left to right):  
Ara Yanker, Carolyn Wenger, Sharon  
Plate (front row left to right): Bonnie  
Bennage, Jane Farmer, Judy Davis, Ann  
Scott

The Collective Goods sale in September was held for two days and turned out to be very successful. In October, the Auxiliary hosted the Masquerade Jewelry sale for two days and were very pleased with the results.

We are planning to host a Dynamic Shopping sale the first week of November. The ladies who have come to be known as the “Fluffers” will begin to set up the Christmas Trees and fluff trees, garland and wreaths in preparation for the decorators coming to put the finishing touches. The last of November will be the Silent Auction of wreaths. These are made and donated by an employee and given to the Auxiliary to have a silent auction to raise money for the Chaplains Fund.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin the official start of the Christmas season at the hospital. The Lights of Love Tree bearing names of those being remembered or honored is lit at the conclusion of the evening. Each light on the tree has a name attached in memory or in honor of a special person. The lights are \$3.00 and an acknowledgement card is sent to the person designated by the giver. The names of the volunteers who have passed are read and a candle is lite in memory of the Volunteer.

During the month of December, the Auxiliary provides Christmas Stockings for each baby born in the month of December. This is an annual tradition and the stockings are large enough for the babies to fit into for pictures. The annual Volunteer Awards and Christmas Luncheon will be held December 8. Hour awards will be presented and a wonderful meal is always prepared to honor the Volunteers.

### **CHI St. Vincent Infirmmary Little Rock**

*Betty Pullam, President*

On September 8 the board met, followed by the auxiliary luncheon. Connie Fails, Director of the Clinton Library Museum store spoke of interesting events at the library and of the historical importance of the Clinton presidency.



VP Hazel Wilson with Connie Fails,  
Director of the Clinton Library Museum

The Swift Uniform sale was successfully held on September 19 and 20. Employees were provided an opportunity to shop for uniforms at reasonable cost and with much convenience. The Memorial Meditation Garden was dedicat3ed on September 26. It is a lovely area fo rest and meditation for employees and was funded by the auxiliary and Infirmmary.



Board members attended the state AHAA convention on October 4-6. CHI St. Vincent LR received the five star award for completion of projects on the state and local level.



Board members Garry Goffart, Jan Gardner, Betty Pullam, and Maureen Johnson with the CHI St. Vincent five star award.

Masquerade jewelry sale was held on October 5 and 6. The sale allowed employees the opportunity to shop for stocking stuffers and other \$5.00 items.

St. Vincent North in Sherwood raised funds for their projects by hosting a successful taco luncheon on September 29.

The auxiliary board approved a grant request for St. Vincent North. A Tr; e C5650 Treadmill and a Site Rite Prevue Vein Finder were purchased for the facility.

Two auxiliary projects were begun this fall. The gratitude Gift project allows the auxiliary to select random departments in which to present a token of appreciation.



Chef Patty received a gift of gratitude from the auxiliary.

The second project is the gift of a bookmark with the CHI St. Vincent logo and auxiliary motto imprinted on the bookmark. These were presented to patients in the Infirmary and at North as they receive their patient guidebook.

Mt. St. Mary students continue to earn volunteer hours by spending time in various capacities under the direction of Juanita Carr, Director of Volunteer Services.

Six board members attended the Fall Metropolitan District meeting at UAMS on October 24.

The November Dillard sale will be November 16 and 17 at the Infirmary.

The November luncheon and program will honor all veterans on the Infirmary staff.

Special cookies will be given out in the surgery waiting rooms on one day during the week of November 6 in honor of veterans.

The auxiliary Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 8 at Little Rock Country Club.

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

*Tammy Smith,*

A Beans, Cornbread and Mimi Bake Sale was held October 26<sup>th</sup> along with a Multi-Color Queen Size Quilt drawing.

### **North Metro Medical Center - Jacksonville**

*Donald Hicks, President*

On 9/11, we had 5 members go to Murrell Taylor Elementary School and read selected stories to the students about first responders. We hoped to honor the first responders and victims of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The students and teachers expressed their gratitude for us giving our time to read to the students.

Later in the month, we had a booth at the Military Retiree Appreciation Day at the Little Rock Air Force Base. We were able to promote the state programs of Look Before You Lock and Alzheimer's. We also had the chance to recruit new members and inform the attendees of some of the things that the auxiliary does for the patients, family members of patients, hospital employees and the community.

Our Auxiliary was represented at the State AHAA Convention and Annual meeting with 10 members.

We also had 10 members attend the Metropolitan District Meeting.

The Auxiliary had 2 fund raisers during the month of October. The semi-annual scrub/uniform sale was a real success. The hospital employees look forward for this sale.

The other fund raiser was our semi-annual book sale.

We look forward to a busy two months ahead with the holidays and more fund raisers.

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We had one deceased member – Margie Powell



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The laboratories of Washington Regional Medical Center, Mercy Hospital Berryville and other clinics and hospitals under the oversight of Dr. Anthony N. Hui, FCAP, extend our congratulations for receiving a College of American Pathologists Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations Dr. Hui!

### **Mercy Hospital Berryville**

*Emma Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor*

Ten members enjoyed attending the state AHAA meeting in Little Rock October 4 – 5.



Attending the opening session of the AHA State meeting were: Emma Jean Vance, Larinda Armer, Pat Armer, Juanita Baker, Anita Spearman, Leoria Brewer, Shelba Miller, Neta Sue Stamps, Joy McKinney (not pictured Deana Davidson)



Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary President Pat Armer received the 5 Star Award from AHAA State President Margaret Underwood.

Our auxiliary presented a "Participation Event" for entertainment Thursday night.



MHBA's version of the Campfire Pokey

In September we purchased an EKG Machine for the Respiratory Therapy Dept. for \$14,257.98. We also donated Nacho Cheese and Chips to the Merlin Foundation for their annual Ragball tournament on Sept 16.

On September 22 we hosted a blood drive with 21 donors and no rejections.

We had a U2U Shoe and Accessory Sale on Sept 29 as a fundraiser.  
In October 46 toys were donated to our Emergency Room.

In October we also voted to purchase a new Tele-rehab VersaCare-Telemetry Monitoring system which will include a computer upgrade and 8 new monitors for Cardiac Rehab.  
Purchase; price \$52,483.

Coming events include NW District meeting in Rogers, Appreciation Banquet by the auxiliary board for our hard working volunteers, a booth at Gifts Galore, Thanksgiving Bake and Nut Sale, Sweets & Sheets, and Collective Gifts (Books& Gifts).





State Projects Chair Anita Spearman and Treasurer Shelba Miller prepare to serve active volunteers and guests attending the Appreciation Banquet on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary Rogers**

*Christy Blackshear, Recording Secretary*

There were 35 teen volunteers who helped in various departments at Mercy Hospital this summer. About one third of this group has continued volunteering during the school year. All Mercy Volunteers participated in Regulatory Training.

The auxiliary provided sack lunches for residents at the 8th Street Hotel.

The auxiliary donated \$250 to Samaritans Purse for the Hurricane Harvey Relief as well as \$250 for Hurricane Irma Relief.

Mercy Auxiliary received the following awards at the annual state AHAA Convention held on October 4-6: The Five Star Award of Excellence and Administrator of the Year for hospitals over 100 beds.

Mercy Auxiliary member, Darlene Tuohy, was installed as AHAA President for the 2017-2018 year.

Mercy Auxiliary hosted the Northwest District Fall Meeting on November 3rd.

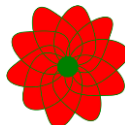
A bake sale will be held on November 21st.

### **North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – Harrison**

*Mary Pledger, President*

We are expecting our new Director of Volunteer Services November 27. This has been a long time in coming. We are preparing for the prostate cancer screening on November 4, the Christmas Basket Sale on Nov. 3, and our bake and craft sale on Nov. 17.

We had a uniform sale in September and a Mature Driving class in October. Another Mature Driving class is planned for December. Several volunteers helped with the County wide flu clinic October 6, and the Twenty is Plenty which raised money for Hospice House.



## **Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville**

*Jan Dolan, President Elect*

We distributed 6,000 pairs of socks to 15 schools and charities in Northwest Arkansas from our Sock-It-To-Me Project. Since we started this project, we have collected and distributed over 17,000 pairs of socks to needy children.

We purchased new pink and blue blankets printed with the hospital logo which will be given to all newborns. This replaces the pink and blue baby t-shirts. New mothers commented that they could use the blanket longer as the baby quickly outgrew the baby t-shirts.

Our candidate, Lucesia Torres-Sanchez won the 2017 \$500 AHAA Northwest District Scholarship. Lucesia is working toward a nursing degree through NWACC.

The Auxiliary coordinated with Northwest's Imaging Department to help raise money for Susan G Komen Team by selling pink ribbons honoring survivors and those currently fighting the disease. The ribbons were displayed on a large wreath in the foyer.

We welcomed our new COO, Harrison Kiser. Thanks to Interim Volunteer Coordinator Lesa Tucker who filled in while we were without a Volunteer Coordinator. We are pleased to welcome Beth Bolena as our new Volunteer Coordinator.



## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

### **Baptist Health Medical Center-Arkadelphia**

*Debra Miller, Secretary*

BHMC Arkadelphia recognizes Auxiliary members helping hospital

Pictured are current Auxiliary members with Hospital Administrator, Tony Hardage (back row, far right and Director of Volunteer Services, Loretta Kilts (back row, far left)



"Just in the last year, the auxiliary at Baptist Health Medical Center-Arkadelphia, which is comprised of volunteers from the community, has provided an incredible amount of support. Members of the auxiliary spent more than 1,400 hours last year volunteering their

time and energy to projects and services that keep the community amazing. The all-volunteer auxiliary collected almost \$14,000.00 that directly benefited hospital services for patients.

The auxiliary members worked with the American Red Cross to bring blood drives to local churches. The members worked to install a prayer garden at the Gathright Medical Plaza to bring comfort and serenity to those visiting and receiving care. One auxiliary member, Liz Robertson, hand crochets newborn baby hats placed in new parent gift bags, which are also donated and prepared by auxiliary members.” (BHMC Editor’s note: that’s approximately 500 newborns per year!)  
-Siftings Herald article



### **Welcome Jamie - Our Newest Member**

Jamie Wilkinson grew up in eastern Arkansas. She moved to Malvern in the 9th grade when her mom was transferred there. She was a nurse for 25 years, most recently at Hot Springs National Park Hospital.

She moved to Arkadelphia last December. Jamie enjoys crafting - Ceramics, acrylic painting and quilting with friends. Jamie loves to volunteer, and we are so happy to welcome her.

### **CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs**

*Lynn Smith, Historian*

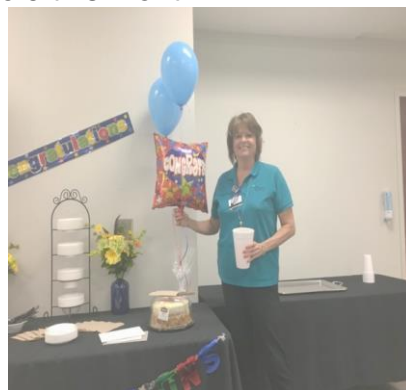
Our Auxiliary looks forward to another great year under the leadership of AHAA President Darlene Touhy and President-Elect Suzanne Hackney.

We are currently working on a recruitment plan to grow our auxiliary and have several fundraisers planned for the coming year.



is the reoccurring theme for the auxiliary of late. Our Director of Volunteers, Susan Rima, celebrated 20 years in her role this month.

Auxiliary Board Members surprised DVS Susan Rima with a banner, balloons, cake, punch and a gift card at our monthly board meeting on 10/15/2017.







Peg Kuhnly was presented an award by AHA Chairman, Darren Caldwell, at AHAA/Arkansas Hospital Association joint keynote speaker session.

The award reads:

***Peg Kuhnly, Most Valuable PAC Player 2016 AHAPAC/AHAPAC***

Ten of our Auxiliary Board Members attended the AHAA State Convention.



Joetta Morgan, Susan Rima, Linda Hought, Jack Losmann, Dorthy Tyrity, Tammie Finnie, Lynn Smith, Wilda Chadick, Thelma Anaya and Peg Kuhnly

## **National Park Medical Center - Hot Springs**

*Dorothy Stringer, President*

We have continued using our Give a Hoot! Help Recruit! It slowed down some over the summer months, but we are recruiting new volunteers with this tool once again. We have gained 7 new volunteers since August.

The NPMC Auxiliary has purchased a larger chair for Respiratory Therapy. The chair we purchased held three of our volunteers and is reported to hold up to 1,000 pounds. Six of our volunteers went to the AHAA convention. It was a great success as far as we are concerned. Everything was planned out and ran smoothly. The meetings were very informative, the menus planned well, and the entertainment was, well, entertaining. We had a great time.

The NPMC Auxiliary got the Five Star Award of Excellence again this year and was extremely proud of it. We also got the Fundraising Award, which had us bouncing in our seats as the fundraiser was being read. That was unexpected and a really nice surprise. We donated \$1,000 to Hurricane Harvey victims. The items were purchased: non-perishable foods, paper products, diapers, batteries, and other needed items. They were personally driven down to the hardest hit area in Houston to make sure they went where they were needed.

We have purchased a "Sarah lift" for Senior Care to help the patients up and make things easier on the staff. The cost was over \$8,500, but we felt it was well spent.

## **Ouachita County Medical Center – Camden**

*Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor*

We had a successful scrub sale in July--our commission was \$5,384.66.

Eunice M. Dickson Nursing Scholarships for the fall semester were given to two LPN candidates--each in the amount of \$1,500.

Our Handbook Committee has completed a revision of our Handbook and the updated handbooks were distributed during our September Quarterly Meeting.

We had eight who attended the State Convention, and eleven who attended the Fall District Meeting. Good comments were received from those attending.

A new in-service program has recently been added. Our attention was called to a new focus on Child Health and Human Development offered through Arkansas Children's Hospital. A "Onesie" has been designed to remind new mothers of guideline to guard against SIDS. On the front is imprinted in bold black letters--THIS SIDE UP FOR SLEEPING" and the back has imprinted "THIS SIDE UP FOR PLAY". A quantity of these has been purchased for our OB/GYN Department.



## CHANGES TO HANDBOOK

### DVS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CHANGES

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At the November 9<sup>th</sup> AHAA Board meeting it was decided that perhaps you would to see what resulted in the awards which were presented at the State Convention. The first award was for Community Service. There were 33 entries from across the state for this category.

Under 100 beds.

Their program was "Happy Hands say NO to Hospital Bed". The target group was second grade students. The program is about educating the children on helmet safety. This is done through a video of Franklin the Turtle and his new bike and a demonstration of an egg being dropped in a bowl of bubble wrap and then of one being dropped into a bowl of rocks. This demonstrates how a helmet can protect your brain. Their goal is to present this to two schools a year until all the schools in their community have been reached. The winner this year is Baptist Health Medical Center, Hot Springs County.

Over 100 beds

Their program "Special Olympics Sun Health Awareness" was started to make athletes who are competing in the Special Olympics aware of the dangers of over exposure to the sun. This includes that they can get too much sun even when it is cloudy. As well as talking to each athlete, they were encouraged to visit the multiple health education areas set up in the gym. They were also taught the proper way to apply sunscreen. The 7 volunteers that participated this year left the event with a full heart and a humble spirit.

The winner this year is Unity Health White County Medical Center, Searcy.



Articles for January/February newsletter should be submitted by December 31. Please report what you did in November and December and what you have planned for January and February 2018. Pictures are most welcome! If possible please send jpeg format and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Office format whenever possible.

Neta Stamps, Editor

