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AHAA President



Darlene Tuohy

At last our cold weather is gone and spring is in the air bringing with it new life. It can be a time for developing new ideas, which may lead to new projects or programs for your auxiliary.

It is also the time of year when we are looking to fill leadership positions in all aspects of our organization – local, district and state. A good leader needs commitment, passion, empathy, honesty and integrity. Good communication skills and the ability to make good decisions are also important.

I encourage each of you to think about assuming a leadership role or to look around you for people you think might be a potential leader. We have many qualified individuals within our auxiliaries but they often choose not to accept a leadership role. Sometimes all they need is a little encouragement and a clear definition of what their responsibility might be. Previous officers are often willing to explain what specific officer's duties entail.

District meetings are coming up soon and I look forward to seeing everyone. If I can answer any questions regarding leadership I will be happy to visit with you or feel free to contact me at dgtuohy43@gmail.com or 479-531-6558.

Thank you for everything you do for your hospitals and communities!

Darlene



2018 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

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

In Memoriam

METROPOLITAN
Baptist Health – Little Rock
Olivia Davis

NORTHEAST DISTRICT
Arkansas Methodist Medical Center
Linda Garner

CrossRidge Community Hospital
Myrtle Bradshaw

VALLEY
Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren
Carl Bruns

NORTHWEST DISTRICT
Mercy Hospital Berryville
Helen Norris

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
Jefferson Regional Medical Center
(Mrs.) Bert Green

Chicot Memorial Medical Center
Ruby Nell Walker
Mary Jane Gee





UPDATE INFORMATION

Rockefeller Cancer Institute change of email address for Auxiliary President Tara Smith

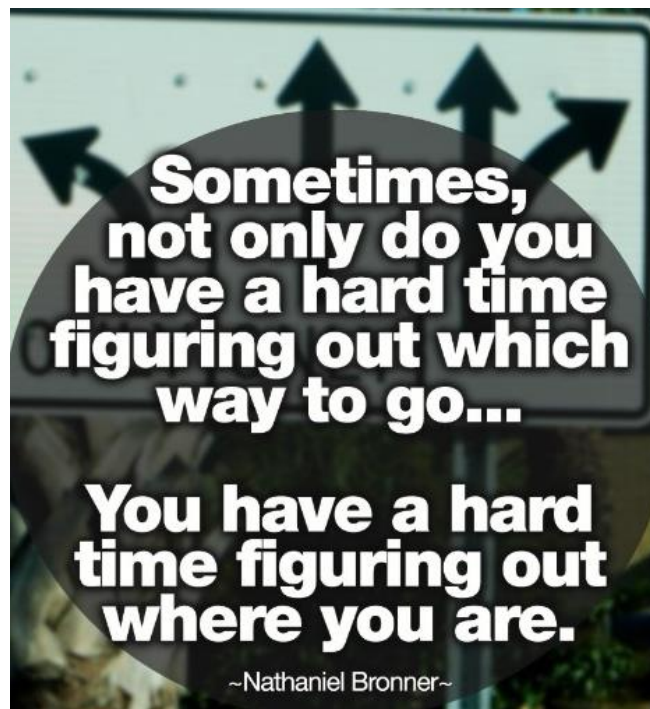
tsmith@pulaskitech.edu.

Update information for Arkansas Children's Hospital: interim contact is Jennifer Selig

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CHANGES TO HANDBOOK

Page 13, Northwest District: Please change Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital to Siloam Springs Regional Hospital



METROPOLITAN

BAPTIST HEALTH CTR. – NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator

The Auxiliary began the New Year by taking down all the Christmas Decorations and returning them to storage. The Ways & Means Committee met to discuss the fund raising sales and activities for the New Year and we had our first Auxiliary Meeting in January. Our special guest was Infection Control Practitioner, Carrie Poston who presented our annual Infection Control In-service to the Volunteers.

The proposed officers for the 2017-2018 Auxiliary year will be presented and voted on in the March 1 meeting with the installation ceremony to be held in May. To celebrate the Volunteer Appreciation Week, a luncheon will be held in April at the end of the week to honor the volunteers.

The AHAA Spring Metro District Meeting will be held at Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR on April 19. The Auxiliary is excited about hosting this event and have enlisted Teresa Conner, Community Outreach Director to be the speaker.

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY LITTLE ROCK

Betty Pullam, President

The January board meeting was cancelled due to inclement road conditions. A planned visit to the Neuro Institute in NLR will be re-scheduled.

Collective Goods/Imagine Nation Books held sales at CHI North on January 30 and on January 30 at the Infirmary.



Volunteers Jan Garner and Carolyn Crockett

The Sweetheart program concluded in February after the group participated in the heart health program at Jack Stevens' Heart Institute and contributed volunteer time at the Infirmary.



The Auxiliary board met February 9 at the Infirmary. Guest speaker was auxiliary member Billie Beauchamp, chairman of Wee Care. The group meets to sew bereavement gowns for premature infants.

Auxilian Billie Beauchamp showing the bereavement gowns made by Wee Care

The students at Holy Souls Catholic School in Little Rock made Valentines for each patient in the Infirmary and North. Over 400 hand-made Valentine's Day cards were delivered on Valentine's Day by volunteers.

Pictured are Secretaries from Holy Souls School



Valentine's Day is a day to express love to those that mean the most to you. We tell our spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and dearest friends how much they mean to us. But it is also a sentiment that can be shared more universally. After all, we are all called to love one another.

Juanita Carr, Volunteer Coordinator at the Infirmary, holds one valentine that a student, Ava, made specifically for the hospital



Volunteer Kimberly Marchant delivered a valentine to patient James Malone (left) who said,
"The Tibetan monks say that when we die, we get to take ten memories with us. This will be one of mine."

The board voted in February to assist Our House, a shelter for the working homeless in the Little Rock area. Supplies, as requested by the shelter, will be dropped off in the volunteer office beginning March 1.

Children in the waiting rooms will soon receive colorful cloth bags filled with a coloring book, pencils and a small stuffed animal as a gift from the auxiliary to help pass the time.

On March 14 and 15 a linen retail sale is scheduled at the Infirmary.

Marcus Carter received a gift basket from the auxiliary.

The hospital and auxiliary assisted his family following a devastating fire which took their home and pets.



Membership chairman Judy Adam speaks to potential volunteers at the Cathedral of St Andrew.

The Gratitude and Bookmark Projects continue to reach out to the staff and patient population as expressions of care from the auxiliary.

The annual membership luncheon will be held on March 9.

CHI St. VINCENT MORRILTON *Tammy Smith, DVS*

St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary held the drawing for the Valentine Basket on Monday, February 12, 2018. The winner of the Valentine Basket is Debbie Keener of Morrilton.



Pictured from left to right: Iva Lee Sledge, SVM Auxiliary; Brenda Sensabaugh, SVM Auxiliary; Debbie Keener - winner; Carma Garrett, SVM Auxiliary and Mary Boren, SVM Auxiliary

Thank you to all that supported the SVM Auxiliary in purchasing tickets for the drawing, these monies will benefit the ongoing construction project at the front of the local hospital.

NORTH METRO MEDICAL CENTER - JACKSONVILLE

Donald Hicks, President

The NMMC Auxiliary had had a very successful Linen sale the end of January. The vender had a very nice selection of sheets, pillows, throws, comforters, blankets and much more. The vender that we used and plan on using again is Geneva Distributing Inc. out of Lansing, MI.

We had to cancel our January General Membership meeting because of icy streets and roads. The selection of a nominating committee for officer for next year had to be delayed until the February meeting.

The General Membership approved the purchase of two ECG Systems for the hospital.

Our Gift Shop buyers recently returned from Dallas Market. New and exciting items are arriving all most daily.



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HEBER SPRINGS

Freda Brown, DVS

The annual Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon was held at Red Apple Inn and enjoyed by all. Every year the Auxiliary selects a charity or a cause to support. This year, we were made aware of an employee that needed some help. We collected money and gave it to her.

Most of our officers will be the same for this year; Mary Catherine Propes will remain as President, Carol Bertalot as Vice President, and Sandy Antonik as Treasurer. Our new Secretary is Jane Morgan.

The hospital received a very nice complementary letter from a patient who is also a doctor and has been in hospitals worldwide. She wrote about her visit and how profession and caring everyone was. She mentioned a volunteer by name, Margaret Milne, and described her as delightful, warm, thoughtful and informative.

We held our annual Auxiliary Bake Sale on Valentine's Day and made over \$400.00. The Auxiliary has many wonderful bakers. The staff looks forward to this event and is very supportive by purchasing their Valentine sweets.

We have two fund raisers coming up in March. Our uniform sale will be on March 6th and Collective Goods is scheduled for March 27th.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in 2018.

Baxter Regional Medical Center – Mountain Home

Jan Adams, President

It was a great day of training for our Auxiliary Board and our H.O.P.E. members.

Who is Who in 2018?



Here's Who!



Back Row from left: Rich Jannick, Louise Pitts, and Jim Whalen.
Center Row from left: Carolyn Hannon, Joan Young, and Barbel Appleton.
Front Row from left: Mary Ann Sladek, Jean Adams, Elaine Leu, Kathy Mills, Edith Harper, Carol Chentnik, and Maureen Rozelle.

We reviewed our Policies and Procedures as well as our Auxiliary Bylaws. Changes were made where needed.

We spent the rest of the day making plans for 2018: new recruitment programs, recruitment contests, uniform changes (allowing navy, black, and taupe). Then we did a re-assessment of last year's programs to find out what worked and what did not. We were gratified to know that we are doing well, and we agreed on all of the recommended changes.

On February 2, we began celebrating birthdays by having a Birthday Brunch instead of a breakfast. Prior to February, we held the breakfasts at 8 a.m. on a bi-monthly basis. However, we were receiving complaints from volunteers who wanted to sleep late on their days off. Now, the Brunch will begin at 10 a.m., and we saw in February that our attendance more than doubled.

The BRMC Annual Masquerade Ball was held on February 10. Our auxiliary was able to be a Royal Sponsor for this event. Approximately \$40,000 was raised to help support our 4 Community Health and Education houses: the Peitz Cancer Support House, the Repelle

Diabetes Center, the Mruk Family Education Center on Aging, and the Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education.

For January, 2018, we had 508 volunteers giving 6,136 hours.

OZARK HEALTH INC. - CLINTON

Helen Dobbins, Vice-President

We have been blessed as most of us have remained healthy during this year's flu season.

A new gift shop committee has been formed to get input from our gift shop employees and other members with retail experience. We will meet after our regular monthly meeting.

Our gift shop coordinator and assistants made a yearly trip to Dallas gift market mid-January and set up product deliveries for the entire year. We invested in several new vendors that we are excited to display.

Feb 7&8 collective goods had a sale which is always a success and many employees love to shop for gifts.

March we will host a uniform 2U2 event, and plan to increase our advertising by putting flyers up at doctors' offices, dental clinics and the health department.

The March meeting will be our annual nomination of officers.

Hope everyone has a blessed year.

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - CLINTON

Elsie Grozis, Secretary

We extend a big thank you to the White River Health System Foundation for honoring us with a Valentine brunch at JoJo's Catfish Wharf. The foundation shows our donations of \$12,417.60 for the year 2017. Our administrator, Kevin Spears was the guest speaker.

We had no fundraiser in January. A no-bake bake sale for February which is always a popular thing to do at the start of the New Year. The gift shop has had 40-50% off on many items so we can get ready for spring.

A \$500.00 scholarship was presented to Heather McClanahan, RN studying for her BSN.

On March 3 we are planning a yard sale. Then on March 23 we have planned for our 2nd Concert at the Gospel Opry. We have several local musicians who are donating their time to entertain us and there will be many door prizes.

As Easter is April 1, we will start our Easter Basket Raffle on March 6 and have our drawing on March 27. We have three baskets to raffle.

Spring District meeting will be April 11 at White River Medical Center in Batesville and we are looking forward to attending.

UNITY HEALTH HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER – NEWPORT

Margrit Person

For the community project our auxiliary has adopted the Jackson County Senior Life Center. On February 13 Vickie Smith and Margrit Person held a “Valentine” party for the fifteen seniors in attendance. Games were enjoyed by all. King and Queen were chosen.



On February 14, Volunteers attended the Prime Times Valentine Banquet which was held at the new Jackson County Senior Life Center. Approximately 80 were in attendance.



Auxiliary meeting was held on February 15. CEO Darren Caldwell and Marketing Director Michelle Foushee were in attendance. Both spoke on the upcoming changes and presented each volunteer with a very nice blanket as a Christmas gift.

On February 28 Channel 15 interviewed Mrs. Vickie Smith and Ms. Margrit Person regarding the awesome opportunities of being a volunteer for Unity Health Harris Medical Center.

UNITY HEALTH - WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - SEARCY

Ellen Jordan, Newsletter Editor

The Auxiliary did Valentine Day Dinner Tray Favors for the patients. Unfortunately no pictures were taken to document this. We will be doing Easter Dinner Tray Favors in the next few weeks.



PHOTOS LEFT: Volunteers who took part in making the red caps for newborns, Kay Hance, Hanah Laughlin, RN and Carolyn Bowman. RIGHT: Timothy Weldon Bomar, son of Kyle and Monica Bomar was born Feb. 5 in the New Life Center.

This year, Unity Health has taken a special initiative to celebrate American Heart Month. “Little Hats, Big Hearts” is a program designed by the American Heart Association in collaboration with The Children’s Heart Foundation, to provide infants with red knit or crocheted caps, born during the month of February.

The Unity Health – White county Medical Center and Harris medical Center Auxiliary will provide new babies with their own handmade hats.

Through this program, not only do babies receive adorable, handmade hats, but parents also receive information regarding heart health for themselves and their new bundle of joy. The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness, provide resources and help inform families of the important issues of heart disease and congenital heart defects.

The campaign began in 2014 in Chicago to increase awareness of the leading killer of Americans, heart disease and congenital heart defects. This project will help parents to be proactive in considering their own heart health and the heart health of their children. Witness these tiny hats making a major difference to patients and families throughout the Unity Health System. To learn how you can help or for more information on the campaign, visit

www.heart.org or call Unity Health Marketing Department at (501) 278-32360 to learn more.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER - PARAGOULD

Sherry Noble, President.

Our auxiliary kicked off “New Year 2018” with an event in our Gift Shop on January 3rd. Nancy Thompson, from Giftcraft, showcased her Earth Luxe products and explained the health benefits of the Coconut Oil and Natural Bee products. Customers were invited to sample her products. Sales were great and our event was a huge success.



Pictured L-R: Betty Franks, Sharon Roswell and Nancy Thompson.

To promote American Heart Month, some of our volunteers knitted red hats for all babies born in February at AMMC. Seventy red hats were donated to our OB Department/Nursery. Volunteers who participated were Daisy Howard, Karin Dudley and Sherry Noble. Aletta Wicker, a friend of our auxiliary, donated 30 of the hats In Memory of Wallace Jackson and In Honor of auxiliary member, Laura Jackson, and The Belle Meade Jackson House.



Pictured L-R: AMMC Women's Services (OB) employee Ashley Ortgiesen, RN; OB Nursery Manager, Tiffany Duty, RN; and AMMC Auxiliary President, Sherry Noble.

Each year our auxiliary supports The AMMC Foundation by purchasing tickets for two volunteers to attend their event. This year Sherry Noble and Lana Smoker enjoyed a fun-filled night at The Foundation Masquerade Gala, which was held February 10 at the Paragould Community Center. They were treated to dinner, music and a silent auction. A drawing was also held for a \$3500 bracelet donated by Sissy's Log Cabin.



Pictured L-R: Lana Smoker, Sherry Noble

One of our March events is a "Tea Party" in our Gift Shop. On March 19 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., customers can sample assorted tea flavors and blends from our recently purchased tea collection. This is our first endeavor with selling tea in our Gift Shop and we're excited to add this collection to our shelves.

Upcoming events in April are Masquerade Jewelry Sale, Spring District Meeting in Forrest City, and Auxiliary Volunteer Appreciation Reception hosted for us by AMMC administration.

CrossRidge Hospital – Wynne

George Anne Draper, President

The flu has put some of the auxiliary volunteering on hold. The ER Waiting Room has been put on hold until the auxiliary gets a green light that cases of the flu have drastically fallen. Wound and orthopedic clinics have continued without exception because patients come in the lobby of the hospital to see the doctors. Of course, the monthly meetings will continue in the hospital cafeteria. The meeting on February 28 will have a special program; Gary Sparks, the hospital administrator, will present a program about the hospital.

A sad note for the auxiliary was the death of a long time member and former treasurer, Myrtle Bradshaw. Ms. Bradshaw was a faithful member until her health prevented her attending. She lived well into her nineties.

Hopefully March winds will blow the flu away and the hospital auxiliary can return to its volunteer duties without hesitation. March will see the ER Waiting Room manned by “pink” ladies (who wear red coats). The ER Waiting Room staff will be happy to have a little help from the volunteers after a 6 week hiatus. The weekly clinics have remained busy, and the flower project has brought smiles to the patients. The Wednesday following Valentine’s Day the auxiliary was able to put roses in 14 patient rooms. It was a lovely day with pink, white, peach, and yellow roses filling the rooms. A lot of people were happy that day; it was Valentine’s Day a week late.

March 30 is Doctors’ Appreciation Day; over 20 local doctors will be honored by the CrossRidge Auxiliary. Decorated sacks of pistachio nuts will be the gifts again this year. The doctors seemed to enjoy the change last year from the usual sweets.

April will be a busier and warmer month! April 3 is the spring jewelry sale in the lobby of the hospital. We hope to make money for a future purchase for the hospital, possibly informational screens placed in strategic places for the visitors. April is also the Northeast District Meeting in Forrest City. We hope to have a large group attend since Forrest City is close. Volunteer Appreciation Week falls in April and Amye Peacock, the district chairperson, will attend the luncheon and initiate the officers. We look forward to a busy spring with a push to reach out to new volunteers within the community.

FORREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wilma Powell, President

The Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary has been busy the past few weeks. We had a two days Uniform sale and a successful two day Valentine’s Day bake sale

We are trying to recruit new members.

We are working on the AHAA NORTHEAST DISTRICT Spring Meeting.

NORTH EAST ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Patsy Whitney

Our Auxiliary has been asked to set with the patients on the fifth floor when they have their meals. You will help by handing them something, salt and pepper, their drink, whatever they need. Also, you can talk to the patients and encourage them.

Our new wheelchairs that we ordered are now on the floor being used. Be sure and watch for the bright pink handles.

Our Bibles have arrived. Each new baby born at NEA Baptist will go home with a Bible.

The Auxiliary will be going in with the hospital this year in our support for the Komen Race for the Cure. The meetings have already started and we are asking anyone who wishes to participate to sign up now.

Save the Date for the 2018 Northeast Arkansas Race for the Cure Saturday, April 28th, 9AM.
Calling all PINK WARRIORS

We have pledged support to The ASU Women's Leadership group with a contribution of \$2,500.00. We are supporting a new Scholarship initiative in conjunction with our hospital which would benefit one medical school student. Our portion of this would be \$2,500.00. We are also purchasing a van to be used on our campus as a shuttle to transport our patients and visitors to and from the parking lot. Of course, the Palliative Care program has been very successful and it's such an honor to be a part of that great program. We have had members participating in outreach for Alzheimer's research as well as joint health and heart education. We are making a difference.

St. Bernards – Jonesboro

Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor

St Bernards had another successful campaign for "Light Up A Life". Thanks not only to those who contributed, but also to the Auxiliary volunteers who gave a day of their time to put together over 2,000 requests for donations. These included: Emilee Slatten, Diane Zachary, Bruce Blackwell, Betty Moad, Jane Orndorff, Katherine McCracken, Jo Wheeler, Dean Rossa, Suzanne Hackney, and Ruby Chittenden. We received \$7,735 this year. These donations help fund the Cancer Support Rooms. The Auxiliary sponsors residential housing and supportive care for patients receiving long term cancer therapy at the Ben E. Owens

Cancer Treatment Center. The cost to patient and caregiver is currently \$10 per night. This housing is now provided at St. Bernards Villa



St Bernards Cancer Treatment Center volunteers: Joy Holt (new), Brenda Ward, Bruce Blackwell (chair), Gaylor Orndorff.

Doctors Day is March 30th. The Auxiliary will show the Doctors their appreciation by filling their lounge in the hospital with homemade cookies. We did this last year and the Doctors dismissed their health food lifestyle for the day and enjoyed their special treats.

A special tribute to our Auxiliary Members is planned during Volunteer Week, April 15th – 21st. On Tuesday, April 17th, the members will be honored at an Appreciation Tea at the St. Bernards Foundation Building. It is a special treat for all of the auxiliaries to gather, share experiences and enjoy refreshments.

The St Bernards Auxiliary members are especially busy during hospital week, May 6-12. On May 8th, the members show their support for the 2000 + employees by baking and distributing homemade cakes to each of them. It is a daunting task, but the smiles on the recipient's faces are worth every minute of the effort put forth. The Masquerade Jewelry Sale takes place May 9th – 10th. A couple of dedicated Auxiliary volunteers keep the Gift Shop open until 9:30 PM on May 10th with specific employee discounts available. The second shift employees seldom get the opportunity to take advantage of the Gift Shop, so this is for them. Hard work, but so very enjoyable for everyone.



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Mercy Hospital – Berryville

Emma Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor

In January a number of auxiliary members cleaned the Special Little Ones area at the local cemetery.

The scholarship committee was privileged to visit with counselors at three local high schools promoting availability of scholarships and our Jr. Auxiliary program.



Berryville High School



Auxilian Jean Vance and
Green Forest High School
Representative Jonie
Standlee



Auxiliary President Pat Armer,
Eureka Springs High School
Representative and State Projects
Chair Anita Spearman

The counselors were also treated to homemade goodies.

Our auxiliary sponsored a table at the annual Mercy Gala and those who attended had a wonderful time. Funds from the Gala will benefit our surgical department.



Picture by Tavi Ellis of the Carroll County News

The thrift store had a great sale. We are thankful for all the community donations and for the honesty of our patrons. Recently during the bad weather our collection box was hit and the person was unable to reach anyone by phone so the patron wrote a letter regarding the incident. The auxiliary board responded to this patron with a letter of appreciation which was printed in the local newspapers.

We were privileged to attend the new Senior Solutions program open house.



Second from left: Mary Jo Vallie, Parliamentarian; fourth from left: Auxiliary President Pat Armer along with staff of Senior Solutions.

We sponsored a blood drive with great results

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST ARKANSAS - ROGERS

Christy Blackshear

As a community service project the Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary distributed 10 fidget blankets to Alzheimer patients at a local nursing home in Rogers recently.

President Kathy Hardy presents the fidget blankets to the nursing home director.



The purpose of this project is to provide sensory stimulation activities to keep the individuals' hands busy while occupying their minds to reduce agitation often caused by this disease. The auxiliary Knit and Stitch group is responsible for hand sewing these blankets.

A total of 16 toddler and baby blankets will be given to Mercy Pediatric Clinics.



200 Valentines were also constructed by auxiliary members for patients on Valentine's Day.

On March 6, a lunch and learn event entitled, "Leaving Your Legacy-Building Meaning out of Time, Money and Relationships," will be held for all auxiliary members at the Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Dr. Nick Ogle, Ph.D., a licensed professional counselor responsible for Mercy's behavioral health operations in Northwest Arkansas will be the featured speaker.

Special activities to recognize Mercy physicians will be held on March 30, National Doctor's Day.

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL - HARRISON

Robby Succhi, DVS

Scholarship Chair,
Margaret
Underwood awards
April White her
\$1000 scholarship
for the
NARMC Auxiliary.





Scholarship Chair, Margaret Underwood with NARMC Scholarship recipients Melody Woods and Kenley Bonham receive their \$1000 checks from Underwood and NARMC Auxiliary President, Mary Pledger.



Pat Alge, Auxiliary Treasurer, received a \$1000.00 check from Exxon in honor of Johnny Hinson for his service to NARMC. Pictured with Pat and Johnny is Barbara Hinson, wife of Johnny.

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER - BENTONVILLE

Jan Dolan, President

On behalf of all our Volunteers, we want to thank the following Departments at NMCB who made "Volunteer Appreciation Week" (February 12 – 16, 2018) so memorable and for putting your "Volunteer Department" in the spotlight! They are Harrison Kiser, COO, Inpatient OR, Human Resources, Outpatient OR, Kathy Koontz, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Services, Imaging, ER, HIM/Medical Records, Cafeteria, Cath Lab, PCCU, Materials Management & Med Surg. The treats, cards, well wishes as workers went by the Front Desk were so very thoughtful, supportive and humbling! By working together, we all make Northwest Medical Center Bentonville a better hospital. I love this quote from Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

We had a very successful fundraiser with Geneva Linen from Lansing, Michigan. Thanks to all who worked the sale and everyone who purchased merchandise. We look forward to having another Geneva Fundraiser in the future!

Have you ever seen one of those bumper stickers on a car that reads "Practice Random Acts of Kindness"? Imagine a world in which each person tried to do one random act of kindness each day. Imagine being on the receiving end of acts of kindness each day. Some philanthropists believe that the act of giving provides them with as much benefit -- and sometimes more -- than the people or organizations they are hoping to help. With each day you volunteer at our wonderful hospital, you are performing not one act, but several random acts of kindness.... And for that I hope you are all rewarded with much happiness. Thank You *All* for *All* You Do, Beth Bolena, Volunteer Coordinator

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Annis Cripps, President

During January we had several Auxilians out due to sickness. It was a busy month with extra shifts for the others that were here.

We made Huggy Bears to give small children who came into ER or had a procedure done at our hospital.

In February we did a Valentine Candy Bouquet raffle. For a community project a donation was made to Meals on Wheels at our February 26th meeting. For March a Linen Sale is planned. After April 1st the scholarship committee will review applications and select candidates to receive the scholarships we provide to further education in the Medical field.

Some of our Auxiliary will be attending the AHAA Northwest District Meeting in Harrison on April 10th. Hope to see you there.

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - FAYETTEVILLE

Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary made profits in the following fundraising areas during the months of January & February: Gift shop \$6,870, Flowers & Balloons \$1,690.

We don't plan any lobby sales/activities in January and February. We did have a very successful Valentine's Day in the gift shop selling \$1,707 in merchandise, flowers and balloons.

We are sponsoring a Scrub sale with Uniforms 2U2 March 12-13. A "Linens and More" sale is slated for April 17-18.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on April 10th at the NW District Meeting in Harrison.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY - LAKE VILLAGE

Submitted by Dean Ann Smith, Publicity

On February 13th, we packed 191 boxes for the valentine candy sale. The display was pretty impressive with an array of different kinds and colors.

The baskets were beautiful.

The candy sale brought in over \$900.

Another huge success!



On April 14th, we will be working and helping with the UAM Health Expo at the Armory Center in Lake Village. At this expo, hosted by UAMS Services, they are offering free health screenings, etc.

For Employee Appreciation in March, we will treat the doctors on Tuesday, March 27th. In April, we will be treating the CEO, Volunteers, Lab and the Administrative Office. We usually provide all kinds of goodies: cookies, pastries, candy, balloons, etc.

We will also be attending the S. E. Spring District meeting April 17th, in Pine Bluff.

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – DUMAS

Shirley Sandlin, President

The first 2018 LifeShare Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Blood Drive was held Tuesday, February 13, in the north wing of the hospital. 26 Volunteers donate 19 Units at LifeShare blood draw at DMH

The precious gift of blood is carefully provided to people in need. Maybe someone fighting cancer or sickle cell needs surgery, or maybe someone is in an accident.

Blood donations can impact the life of those who live in our hometown, someone whom we will meet or our closest love one.

Because of the 26 considerate volunteers who came to donate blood last Tuesday, many lives can be saved.

The next blood drive is Tuesday, April 10.

“Oh, what fun we had!” residents of the Oasis of Dumas Assisted Living were heard saying. Fifteen members of Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted the annual Valentine Party on Tuesday, February 13, in the dining hall of the facility.

Maedene Weser and Jeri Brewer were in charge of the music. Maedene Weser provided piano music for a series of musical selections chosen just for the occasion. In beautifully harmonized voices the group sang “For Me and My Gal,” “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” and other songs.

Next Brewer directed several rounds of Valentine Bingo. Amid squeals of laughter, residents searched on prepared bingo boards for holiday words, such as Cupid, hugs, kisses, chocolate and flowers. Winners were Irene Henry, Eva Adams, Katy Nichols, Clark Valentine, Ardeneal Moore and Betty Brown.

As the games continued, Nancy Jenkins, Jeff Nichols, Ellen Lunsford, and Jerry Edwards were winners in “Numbers Bingo.”

Christina Rainey selected individually specialized gifts for winners of the games. Gifts were presented in pink and red Valentine bags.

Audrey Edwards made certain the room was appropriately decorated for Valentine's Day festivities.

Tables were adorned with white tablecloths with red heart borders. Red and pink roses set in a ring of pink and red hearts were used for centerpieces.

An eye catching buffet boasted of a vase of roses, hearts with cupid arrows that sat on an elegant red lace table runner. Bouquets of live pink and white roses added luster to the overall display.

Following the music and games, auxiliarians served refreshments to the residents. Rose Ann Bradley and Olene Ferguson provided delicious red punch. Shirley Sandlin, Jessie West and Patty Posey provided cupcakes and cookies.

DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – MONTICELLO

Barbara Brown, President

Drew Memorial Auxiliary Hospital Gift shop is undergoing expansion including new flooring, display cabinets and accent furniture.



Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Members putting together new accent furniture. President Barbara Brown, Member Pam Beard, and Mellie Jo Owens



Auxiliary Members Pam Beard and Mellie Jo Owens worked on cabinets for Drew Memorial Hospital Gift Shop. Grand Opening will be soon



Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Members made Baskets, Tubs and Cups for Valentine's Day.



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - HOT SPRING COUNTY - MALVERN

Opal Morris, Secretary

Before December, we collected items (hats, gloves, socks, scarves, blankets etc.) for the "Homeless Coalition in Hot Spring County" This is one of our ongoing projects each year. The "Pennies for Socks" project netted \$488.00, which purchased a large amount of socks for needy persons.

The 'Walking Trail' we helped to finance is being used, weather permitting.

In January, we had our annual Orientation directed by Vickie Shuff. We also gained 2 new members that month.

Continuing projects are 'Helmet', 'Look Before You Lock' and 'Alzhiemers' meeting the third Wed. of each month.

Food items are collected and given to "Open Door Ministry".

We are currently collecting and providing small plush animals for children who are in the ER. Another program we have developed is to honor an auxiliary member each month with a picture and personal information about them, in our local 'Daily Record' newspaper.

CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith, Historian

Rain, Rain, Go Away! On the positive side, umbrella sales are up in the Gift Shop and people are lined up to catch a ride to and from the parking lot. A special thanks to our cart drivers that faithfully come rain or shine. This service is greatly appreciated by all!



Auxiliary president, Thelma Anaya, won first place in the Relay for Life Chili Cook-off sponsored by CHI. Thelma was one of sixteen contestants who paid \$20 to enter their "prizing winning" chili for judging. Staff as well as cafeteria visitors donated \$5.00 to sample (all 16) and cast a vote for their favorite chili. All proceeds will go to The Relay for Life Campaign.

Congratulations! Thelma!

Our Auxiliary members baked up some sweet treats for the **2nd Annual Sweatheart Bakesale**. This most successful event was held in the hospital cafeteria on February 12th. Staff and visitors purchased almost \$800 from the larger variety of sweets from which to choose.

As always, the support of hospital staff for ALL our fundraisers is greatly appreciated!



SWEET!

Upcoming Events:

4/18 Southwest Spring District Meeting hosted by Baptist Health Medical Center-Arkadelphia.

4/20 CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs Volunteer Awards and Appreciation party.



“The day the Lord created Hope is probably the day He created Spring.” *Bern William*

MAGNOLIA MEDICAL CENTER

Jenni Daniels, DVS

In January the MRMC Auxiliary provided MRMC with 40 patient room wall calendars for 2018.

January 16, 2018 we had our January Business Meeting and annual training at Life Smart. We had 28 Auxiliary members in attendance. Chef Joe and staff prepared us a wonderful meal of soup and sandwiches for lunch. The Auxiliary voted and approved the purchase of two new vending machines from Sam's totaling \$7,998.00. They have been ordered and should be arriving next week!!

On February 14, 2018 The Auxiliary hosted Valentine's Day hospitality table. Several of our Auxiliary members made homemade goodies and worked at the table handing them out to employees and visitors. All of the employees and visitors loved it and were very appreciative!!



The Gift Shop has been newly rearranged and we have lots of cute new Easter and Spring items.



Our Facebook page is The Gift Shop at MRMC and we post almost daily. This is a great way to keep everyone informed of the new things we have coming in!

On February 21st Marty Bryan and Jenni Daniel, DVS traveled to Malvern and Benton to visit their hospital gift shops. They were able to visit with their DVS to get ideas for merchandise and how to better utilize space in our gift shop. While they were so close to Little Rock they stopped by the new Ronald McDonald House to drop off coke tabs for the Auxiliary. The Ronald McDonald house is defiantly something to see. It's wonderful to have something like this in our state. Jenni plans to schedule a special tour for the Auxiliary while we are at State Convention this year.



March 15th & 16th 2018 2 U 2 Uniform Sale

March 20th MRMC Auxiliary March Business Meeting Noon at Life Smart – Magnolia, AR

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer, President

Unfortunately, the flu has hit our auxiliary, and hit us hard. The ones we have coming in are toughing it out, but we have a dedicated bunch and we will get through the flu season. More than half our volunteers are out with it and some others are getting new body parts. One of our auxiliaries will be coming back with a new elbow, we have two new knees, one new hip, and frankly I just want a new everything.

We did have a scrub fundraiser and did very well with it even working with less than half the people than we usually do. It took a bit longer and some people had to wait, but everyone was in a good mood and visited while we did the paperwork.

OUCHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - CAMDEN

Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

The OCMC auxiliary hosted a successful scrub sale with Uniforms 2U2 in February. Total sales were \$ 19,744.60. Our employees look forward to this fundraiser.

Dorothy Berley has spent time in a Little Rock hospital and is currently receiving physical therapy following a fall in her home. She broke four ribs, and as anyone knows who has suffered this, she has had terrible pain, but has maintained a positive and upbeat attitude.

Southwest District Chair Deloyce Hart conducted a Presidents' meeting in February. Seven of the nine auxiliaries in the district sent representatives. The OCMC cafeteria served a nice luncheon following the meeting.



VALLEY DISTRICT

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Linda Johnson, President

During February our gift shop did a \$5 jewelry sale from the 7th- 14th. We were able to clear out quite a bit and after the 14th we reduced it to \$3.

The auxiliary served popcorn for a Valentine's Day treat.



This month we were also able to purchase two vital signs monitors for the Emergency Room.

Emergency Room staff appreciates the new vital monitors!



We had our spring scholarship deadline as February 12, and received 7 applications. The scholarship committee met today and selected three recipients. The scholarships will be awarded at our next meeting, March 14.



From February 19-23, we held a volunteer recruitment in the hospital lobby entitled "Put your Heart into Volunteering!" We had our scrapbook open, light refreshments, volunteers were available to answer questions. We advertised it in the newspaper and on the radio.



We also had flyers sent out to senior citizen center and churches. We are hoping to gain a few volunteers since our numbers are dwindling.

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren *Pam Henderson, President*

Our guest speaker for February was Director of Nursing Services Patty Braun, MSN, RN



We had our Valentine cookie and candy sale this month. Also, Kopper Kettle in Fort Smith donated some peanut brittle and we bought some chocolates and we had a raffle for these items.

Our committee of auxiliaries is hard at work preparing for the Spring District Meeting on April 20th.

Our auxiliary recognized and supported Women's Heart Health this month by purchasing "Red Dress Pins" for the auxiliary and all the female employees at the hospital.

Brandon Morris from New Visions was our guest speaker in March.

Our plans this spring for fundraising are to have a uniform sale in May and a theme basket silent auction in June.

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center - Russellville

Submitted by Janet Thurber, Volunteer

In January volunteers presented Saint Mary's New Year's baby with a special white Christmas stocking and a gift bag of hand-made baby items. A photograph of the New Year's baby appeared on the front page of the local paper along with a description the gifts the volunteers gave.

February was a busy month for the Auxiliary. We prepared for and held our annual Balloons & Kisses Fundraiser, knitted and crocheted red hats for Saint Mary's February babies.

Every year volunteers and hospital employees look forward to the Auxiliary's annual Balloons and Kisses Fundraiser. To prepare for the February 13th & 14th fundraiser, we fill Valentine bags with Hershey's Kisses, tie them with a bow, and add the finishing touch – a red heart-shaped balloon. Proceeds from this year's sale will provide two \$500 scholarships.



Officers were elected in February and scholarship applications were reviewed.



Volunteers partnered with the American Heart Association in February to knit & crochet red hats for all the babies born at Saint Mary's during Heart Month. The "Little Hats, Big Hearts" campaign promotes heart health and brings attention to the number of babies born each year with heart defects. Approximately 90 babies and their mothers received a red hat and a packet of information about heart health.

In March, we will celebrate our doctors and Doctor's Day with snack-size bags of trail mix placed in the doctors' lounge. At our March Auxiliary Meeting, we will award scholarships and listen to a local CPA talk about recent changes to the tax laws. I'm sure we'll have lots of questions for our speaker.

In April we will bring toiletry items to our meeting for donation to the Russ Bus. The Russ Bus is a local organization that provides shelter and necessities to the homeless. Later in April, we will travel to the Spring District Meeting at Sparks-Van Buren.

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WINTER SPECIAL!

FREE HEAT WITH EACH ROOM



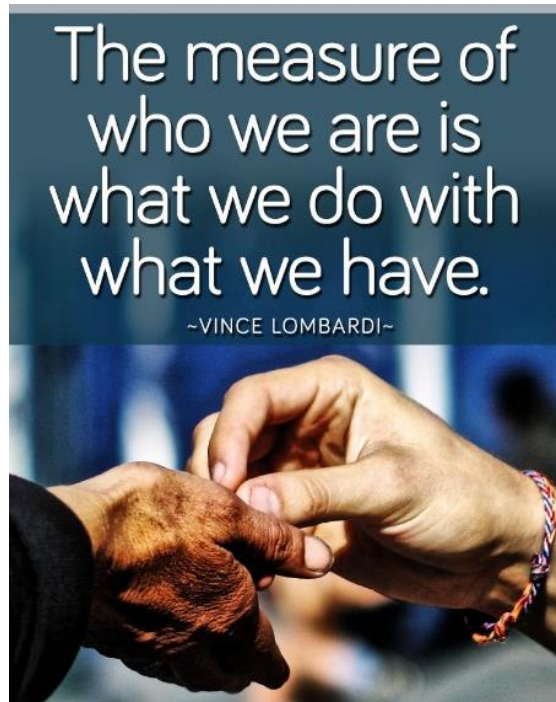
Opportunity is always
where you are.

Any **small change**
that makes you better
Is **worth making.**

~from the book *Intentional Living* by John Maxwell~

Articles for May/June newsletter should be submitted by April 30. Please report what you did in March and April and what you have planned for May and June 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 Open Office format whenever possible.

Neta Stamps, Editor



Auxilians, this is YOUR newsletter. YOU get out of it equal to the effort YOU put into it.