

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2018-2019 AHAA President



What a wonderful convention!! Ginny and Pud did such a great job. We had 336 registered and 51 out of 54 Auxiliaries were represented at the convention. All the District Chairs worked really hard selling 50/50 tickets and we netted \$753.00. The Silent Auction brought in \$2,111.00.

Dorothy and Lynn did such a good job with the Best Practices Workshop. It is great to be able to share successful projects with each other.

Please mark your calendars for next year's convention on October 2 - 4 and encourage those who did not attend this year to make plans to be there next year.

As I write this Jan and I are preparing to start our travels to District Meetings. What a great time to travel in our beautiful state. We look forward to visiting with all of you and hearing what is going on in your district. The work that you do is so inspiring. You make such a difference in the lives of so many people and never ask for any recognition or attention. I am so glad that you get to brag on yourselves at Convention and District Meetings. I intend to brag on you all year. I want everyone to know about your unselfish contributions to your hospitals and their patients.

VOLUNTEERS HAVE A HEART OF GOLD.

Suzanne Hackney



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60th AHAA Annual Convention
General Business Meeting
October 3 2018

President Darlene Tuohy called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Shirl Kersey, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, Paragould, voiced a prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegate and seating instructions were given by Darlene. Next, the Convention Chair and Co-chair were introduced, as well as the current board and appointed officers.

The Registration report was presented by Melissa Williamson, with 336 volunteers registered, representing 51 auxiliaries.

Parliamentarian Linda Butler announced the number of auxiliaries in good standing is 54. There are 40 registered delegates and 40 alternates.

Roll Call was taken by Melissa Williamson and she presented the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting. There being no corrections, a motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Amye Peacock, NEA Baptist Memorial Medical Center, Jonesboro. Jamie Melson, North Metro Medical Center, Jacksonville, seconded. The motion was voted on and was approved.

Those selected to approve minutes of the 2018 annual meeting are Eula M. Liddell, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff; George Anne Draper, CrossRidge Community Hospital, Wynne; Annis Cripps, Siloam Springs Regional Medical Center, Siloam Springs. Once approved, the minutes of the meeting will be printed in the November/December 2018 AHAA Newsletter.

Treasurer Melissa Williamson gave the annual financial statement. The Proposed Budget for 2018-19 was presented next. Jamie Melson moved to accept the Proposed Budget. A second was made by Dorothy Penix, Dallas County Medical Center, Fordyce. The motion was passed after a vote.

Mary J. Frauenhoff, Bylaws Chair, gave a report on proposed changes to the Bylaws. Those changes are:

Article VI, Section 5.

Nomination forms for all offices other than president and district chairs must be received by the chair of the Credentials Committee by July 1. **THE DISTRICT CHAIR NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15.** The nominees for the offices of STATE president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor shall be voted on by the delegates at the annual meeting. There shall be no nominations for any office from the floor.

Article VII, Section 2.

Addition of i. to read as follows:

WHEN ORDERING STATE PROJECT SUPPLIES, THE TREASURER MUST BE CONSULTED ABOUT THE IMPENDING EXPENDITURES.

Article VII, Section 7, d.

Conduct elections of district officers who shall be elected by the **PRESIDENT, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, OF EACH AUXILIARY WITHIN THE DISTRICT** at the spring district meeting.

Article VII, Section e.

Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring **AS SCHEDULED BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.**

A motion to accept the changes was made by Amye Peacock. The vote was called for and was approved by the delegates.

Credentials Committee Chair Margaret Underwood announced the slate for the 2018-19 AHAA officers. They are:

President-elect	Jan Gardner	CHI St. Vincent North, N. Little Rock
Vice-president	Ginny Presgrove	NEA Baptist Memorial, Jonesboro
Secretary	Judy Shaffer	Baxter Regional Med. Center, Mt. Home
Treasurer	Ara Yanker	Baptist Health Med. Center, N. Little Rock
Newsletter Editor	Neta Sue Stamps	Mercy Hospital – Berryville

Betty Moad, St. Bernards Medical Center, moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. Eula M. Liddell seconded and by a vote, the motion passed.

Darlene Tuohy announced the remainder of the 2018-19 board.

President	Suzanne Hackney	St. Bernards Med. Center, Jonesboro
ASDVS President	Toi McMullin	White River Med. Center, Batesville
AHA Pres/CEO	Bo Ryall	AHA Offices, Little Rock

The following are the seven (7) district chairs elected at their spring district meetings:

Metropolitan	Ann Scott	Baptist Health Med Center, N. Little Rock
North Central	Kathy Gammill	Unity Health-White County Med. Center, Searcy
Northeast	Amye Peacock	NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jonesboro
Northwest	Carol Evans	North Arkansas Regional Med. Center, Harrison
Southeast	Liz McKinstry	Bradley County Medical Center, Warren
Southwest	Dorothy Stringer	National Park Medical Center, Hot Springs
Valley	Pam Henderson	Sparks Medical Center, Van Buren

Convention chair Ginny Presgrove thanked the convention committee members for their hard work. She also spoke briefly regarding the workshops being held later in the afternoon.

Convention Co-chair Pud Thomas gave instructions about the bus trip to the Marriott Hotel for the AHA Opening Session on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Darlene recognized the addition of a new auxiliary to AHAA; the Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock. They will be receiving their charter soon.

Darlene thanked the pages, (Jerry Berley, David Underwood and Larry Evans) for the Memorial Service.

As there was no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

WITNESSED BY:

EULA M. LIDDELL

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GEORGE ANNE DRAPER

George Anne Draper

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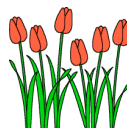
Page 7 – Pam Henderson

Correction on Email

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(Remaining) 2018 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

November 6, 2018	Northwest	Northwest Med Center – Bentonville
November 8, 2018	Metropolitan	Baptist Health - Little Rock
November 9, 2018	Valley	Chambers Memorial Hospital – Danville



2019 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

April 8, 2019	Northeast	NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital – Jonesboro
April 9, 2019	North Central	Baxter Regional Med Center – Mountain Home
April 10, 2019	Northwest	Northwest Med Center – Springdale
April 11, 2019	Valley	Johnson Regional Med Center – Clarksville
April 16, 2019	Metropolitan	Chi St. Vincent Infirmary – Little Rock
April 17, 2019	Southwest	Med Center of South AR – El Dorado
April 18, 2019	Southeast	Ashley County Medical Center - Crossett



AHAA 2018 AWARDS

Hospital Auxilian of the Year (Under 100 Beds)

Vivian Gorton, Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Clarksville

Hospital Auxilian of the Year (Over 100 Beds)

Mary J. Frauenhoff, Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren Auxiliary, Van Buren

Administrator of the Year (Under 100 Beds)

Gary Sparks, CrossRidge Community Hospital, Wynne

Administrator of the Year (Over 100 Beds)

Barry Davis, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, Paragould

Fundraising Award (Under 100 Beds)

Baptist Health Medical Center Auxiliary- Heber Springs

Fundraising Award (Over 100 Beds)

Arkansas Children's Hospital Auxiliary, Little Rock

In-Hospital Service (Under 100 Beds)

Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Magnolia

In-Hospital Service (Over 100 Beds)

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas Auxiliary, Rogers

Community Service (Under 100 Beds)

Baptist Health Medical Center Auxiliary, Hot Spring County, Malvern

Community Service (Over 100 Beds)

Sparks Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Fort Smith



North Central
OZARK HEALTH INC.
LaVerin Zimmerman

Northwest
MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE
Dorthea Keller
Jo Pendleton

Valley
JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Verna Hill
Faye Dunson



2018 CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING

The 60th annual convention was held October 3 -5, 2018 at the Embassy Suites – Little Rock. There were 336 registered from 51 auxiliaries.

Our general business meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3rd, followed by a Memorial Service, with the reading of the names of those Auxilians who have past away in the last year.

Following the memorial service was the Legislative Advocacy and the DVS presentation and Safe Sleep presented by Dr Verona Brown and Ella Shelton. There were 2 educational sessions presented: Managing Social Media by Sheila Mace, PR Coordinator at White River Health System and Protecting Seniors from Medicare Fraud, by Kathleen Pursell, Senior Medicare/Medicaid Patrol (SMP) Program Director. There was also a vendor mini-mall and service organization booths.

Thursday morning we boarded the buses to join the AHA meeting at the Marriott Hotel to hear their keynote speaker, Carl Bernstein, an American investigative journalist and author. The awards luncheon was held following our return to the Embassy. Thursday evening, we had dinner followed by games and entertainment by each district and the DJ provided music for dancing. The theme for the evening was “On The Western Trail”. The silent auction raised \$2111 and the 50/50 raffle netted \$753.

Friday concluded the convention with a brunch and installation of newly elected officers for 2018-2019.

I want to thank all of the convention committee, especially Pud Thomas, convention co-chair, and all the other volunteers who helped with the convention and a big shout out to all those that attended. I hope you all learned a lot, met new friends, had fun AND will return in 2019.

Ginny Presgrove
AHAA Convention Chair 2018





METROPOLITAN

CHI St. Vincent Little Rock /Sherwood

Betty Pullam, President

The September auxiliary luncheon featured Reverend Betsy Singleton Snyder in a delightful review of her book: STEPPING ON CHEERIOS.



The auxiliary joined the hospital in celebrating Heritage Week.



Best Cellar volunteers prepared a Compassion Closet with hospital volunteers. Clean clothing is supplied along with new underwear and socks given by the auxiliary to anyone in need as they enter or leave the hospital. The auxiliary board voted to fund this new project as a community outreach.



Maureen Johnson organizes Compassion Closet

High School volunteers began to assist in various areas under the direction of Juanita Carr, Manager of auxiliary and volunteer services.



Retail sales included electronics and uniforms in September.



AHAA President Elect Jan Gardner, left and CHI St. Vincent Little Rock /Sherwood President Betty Pullam

Jan Gardner was elected president-elect of the AHAA for 2018-2019.



The auxiliary was awarded 5 STARS at the annual AHAA meeting.



The Rehab at Sherwood held a successful taco luncheon, and raised funds for its programs.

The auxiliary board voted to collect personal items, packed in shoeboxes, wrapped and delivered to veteran units during the Christmas season. Volunteers are asked to bring the shoeboxes to the November veteran's luncheon.

Gratitude Baskets continue to be distributed to individuals and staff each month. 6 baskets were given during the months of September and October.



Razorback sales were held at both the Infirmary and Sherwood in October.

The \$5.00 Masquerade Jewelry sale was held at the Infirmary in October.

In November the veteran's day luncheon will be held featuring former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders.

The annual Christmas luncheon will be held on December 14 at the Little Rock Country Club.

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

Tammy Smith

September – we don't have anything to report.

October: we had the beans and cornbread luncheons, mini bake sale and drawing for the quilt.



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs

Mary Propes

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary recently attended the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association Convention held at Embassy Suites in Little Rock. During the Awards Luncheon the group was awarded the highest rating, a 5-Star, on the basis of hours

worked, Community Service, In-Hospital and Fundraising projects sponsored. In addition, the Auxiliary was awarded the 2018 State Fundraising Award for hospitals with 100 beds or less.. The project was a Silent Auction basket sale entitled "Let's Celebrate" and was held in May in the BHMC-HS lobby. Patients, staff, visitors, and volunteers competed as they placed bids on various themed baskets titled "A Dog's Life", "Kitchen Kraze", "Mexican Fiesta", and "Classy Lady", to name a few. A fun and profitable day was enjoyed by all!

On October 23, 2018 BHMC-HS Auxiliary hosted the North Central Fall District meeting at the Heber Springs Community Center. Other Hospital Auxiliaries participating were Baxter Regional Medical Center- Mountain Home, Ozark Health-Clinton, Stone County Medical Center-Mountain View, Unity Health-Harris Medical Center-Newport, Unity Health-White County Medical Center-Searcy, and White River Medical Center-Batesville. Approximately 105 Auxilians from north central Arkansas attended. Mayor Jimmy Clark welcomed guests to Heber Springs and praised the BHMC-HS Auxiliary for its efforts to aid patients and staff as well as raise needed funds to purchase special equipment for the local facility. Vice President and Administrator of BHMC-HS Kevin Storey also offered words of welcome and shared background information about himself and sharing administrative duties between BHMC-HS and Baptist Health in Stuttgart. North Central District Chair, Kathy Gammill of Unity White County Medical Center in Searcy presided over the business meeting with local Auxiliary officers and members organizing, making arrangements, and serving as hosts for the event. State President Suzanne Hackney from St. Bernards in Jonesboro shared her goals and plans for the year and encouraged all Auxiliary members to exemplify the theme "Volunteers Have Hearts of Gold". State President-elect Jan Gardner also attended and encouraged the group to participate in all state projects. An ensemble from the Heber Springs High School Jazz band provided entertainment, and lunch was catered by Arrows Cafe of Heber Springs.

Successful fundraisers including Collective Goods and Uniforms 2U2 Sales have been conducted this fall with a Paparazzi Jewelry/Essential Oils sale coming in November. Also, three new Auxilians have gone through orientation and have begun working various positions in our hospital.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is still going strong as we move into the holiday seasons with a "Treat Table" for Halloween and special potluck dinners for hospital personnel on duty during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary continues to give "All Our Best" as we move forward toward the New Year.

Baxter Regional Medical Center – Mountain Home *Volunteer Services*

The Pink-A-dilly Gift Shop has an annual trivia contest. The trivia questions ask about activities of the auxiliary. Employees must visit the PAD to deposit their entries as a way to increase awareness of new items in the gift shop and increase in-house sales. All entries with correct answers were entered into a drawing. Five entries are selected for a variety of prizes. The contest is aimed at increasing awareness of the gift shop and the auxiliary and what we do for the hospital. The Pink-A-Dilly will be hosting an Open House on October 31st with the "Take Your Best Shot" sale.

At the beginning of September, the Ways and Means Committee hosted the Razorback sales event. This is a very popular event with auxiliary members, employees, and the general public selecting a variety of items.

Teams of volunteers were formed for a meal package filling contest to be held at the annual Bridge Bash event.

Pictured below are Rich Jannick, Louise Pitts, Carol Chentnik and Jean Adams.



This event is a fundraiser for the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. The event has become so well attended that it has been moved from the Cotter Bridge to the ASUMH campus. The hospital is a sponsor and the auxiliary participates in the fun and helpful meal bagging contest.

The annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ event was held 9/29. This is a BRMC Foundation fundraiser for the Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education. The auxiliary helped support this event by a financial sponsorship and by serving food, directing traffic, and shuttling attendees from and to their cars.

The Men's Health Forum was held at the Baxter County Fairground education building on October 18th this year. The event was hosted by the Mruk Family Education Center on Aging. The auxiliary had a booth at the event for recruiting.

Pictured are BRMC Auxiliary Volunteers Jim Whalen and Chuck Schelinski



The event features several presentations during the morning, lunch, and a panel of seven doctors from a variety of specialties to answer attendees questions. The event was attended by about 100 men. Before the first presentation and during the lunch hour a variety of booths were available to provide information on locally available health care services.

The Hillbilly Chili Cook Off is an annual event sponsored by the Bull Shoals Rotary. The Auxiliary had a booth for recruiting.



Erma White & Debbie Hess

This is one of the most heavily attended events in the fall and one of the best recruiting events we attend each year. We not only try to recruit new volunteers but we also promote the state projects. The cook-off draws people of all ages, so we see both older individuals for recruiting and younger individuals for the Look-Before-You-Lock and H.E.L.P. State projects.

Trunk or treat fun family event is scheduled for October 26th in the hospital covered parking lot. The auxiliary will have a decorated booth and candy for costumed participants of all ages. The event features hospital groups for distributing treats, a costume contest, and variety of games, and a movie. The event is open to all hospital employees and their families.

Our Bargain Box thrift stores in Mountain Home and Flippin are getting ready for Christmas sales beginning in November. We will host an Open House on November 17th at the Mtn. Home Bargain Box. It seems like people shop before Christmas, decorate trees and houses, then donate the items back to the thrift store after Christmas. This way they don't need storage space and can have different decorating themes each year. This is a win-win for everyone.

The Lend-A-Hand foundation fundraiser will be held November 27th. This is an annual event to raise funds for the four BRMC education community houses. The auxiliary is a major donor for this event.

The H.O.P.E. committee is busy planning the December Christmas themed general meeting. This year we will be collecting items for the Adult Behavioral Health Center. The center is preparing a list of items that are needed and appreciated by the patients.

Ozark Health Inc. – Clinton *Bobbye Bennett*

Five Auxiliary members attended the Annual Conference held at the Embassy Hotel in Little Rock. The five attending were President/ Gift Shop Coordinator Helen Dobbins; Vice

President/Events Coordinator Bobbye Bennett; Treasurer Scott Spencer; Assistant to Gift Shop Coordinator Debbie Collings and Past President Betty Spencer.

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, the Auxiliary did not meet in September. We did have Uniforms 2U2 Sale on September 5th.

In October we held a Linen Sale on the 18th, and November 28th and 29th Collective Goods will be here for their before Christmas Sale.

Our last event for the year is our Christmas Bake Sale to be held on December 20th. It is hard to believe that this year is almost over, it has "flown by"!

On a sad note, Betty Spencer received word that LaVerin Zimmerman had died. LaVerin helped establish the auxiliary beginning on January 13, 1998. The minutes reflect the following: "Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., a meeting of the newly formed Van Buren County Hospital Auxiliary met in the hospital conference room with ten potential members, hospital and nursing home administrators were present. Plans were made for organizing and the officer elected were LaVerin Zimmerman, President and Gloria Eddy, Secretary/Treasurer." The 2nd Tuesday of each month was chosen for the monthly meeting with the next meeting to be February 10th at 10:00 a.m.

LaVerin served as President from January 1998 til July 2001. On August 1, 2001, Betty Spencer was elected President. The Auxiliary joined the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association in April, 2001.

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.

Stone County Medical Center - Mountain View

Elsie Grozis,

Jean Speake was spotlighted as Volunteer of the Month for September. She has been a volunteer for over 12 years at our auxiliary and has over 4000 hours as a volunteer. Hooray to Jean and we appreciate all she does for the auxiliary.

Kathy Gammill, North Central District Chair visited our auxiliary to install the new officers at our October meeting. We appreciate all she does for the North Central District.

Our newly installed president, Teresa Linden, gave us an informative recap of the State Convention. Teresa Cheatham accepted the 5 Star Award of Excellence from AHAA for SCMC Auxiliary's performance throughout the year. We so appreciate our outgoing president, Teresa Cheatham, for being the backbone and leader of our auxiliary for the last three years. She will still be active and a part of our auxiliary.

We awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to Jordon Smith, LPN for the January 2019 semester at Ozarka College studying for RN.

We had ten members of our auxiliary attend the Fall District Meeting at Heber Springs on October 23. We had a wonderful time, beautiful community center and aquatic center for our meeting place, good food and fabulous entertainment from the Heber Springs High School Jazz Ensemble.

We have Collective Goods as our fundraiser for November. In December we will again be serving hot chocolate and cookies at the Christmas Tree Lighting on the square in Mountain View. This is always an enjoyable local service project.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

North East Arkansas Baptist Memorial Hospital – Jonesboro

Patsey Whitney,

We had another jewelry sale on September 25th and 26th. We made a little over a \$1,000. It might have been a little better if it had been closer to Christmas, but the calendars on both ends couldn't come up with a closer date.

Our District Meeting will be in Helena on October 23. We have about 13 signed up to go. For new members, try to make the spring meeting. We learn a lot and we have a very good time.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on November 18. For all those who are in the area, we invite you to come out and support this. A large part of our community comes out to support this. We have Santa and Mrs. Claus and the children really love this. Remember December 20 will be when Santa comes to visit. He will visit all the patients and children. They really enjoy this. The children will receive a small gift.

Remember the Duck Classic will be held on December 6. It is one of the biggest fund raisers the hospital has. Let's support it and work it.

St. Bernards

Dean Rossa

St. Bernards scholarships were awarded at the September general meeting. Recipients were Ryan Anderson, Madison Gifford, Sarah Lowtharp, Heather Porterfield, Brody Sheard, and Britten Williams, Wesley Bennett, Jamarcus Brider, and Jeremy Cohen. Other recipients: Sabrina Knight-Freeman, Marshall McDaniel; Katelynne Chastain; Stephanie Judkins; and Tandra Brider and Kendra Moore.

Thanks to Diana Zachary, Scholarship Chairman, and Mary Nell and John Masterson.



Pictured are Diana Zachary, with Madison Gifford and Wesley Bennet at the September meeting.

State Convention 2018



Pictured above: The St Bernards delegation attended the 2018 AHAA State Convention where Suzanne Hackney was installed as president.



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Northwest District is proud of - -



The John Paul Hammerschmidt, Arvest Bank Men of Distinction luncheon on Tuesday October 30th honored 7 local men who were chosen from 90 nominees by the steering committee because of the similar qualities to the late Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt.

Harrison Daily Times promotions and events coordinator Donna Braymer said, "It was so much fun to call these guys and let them know they had been chosen. I think I heard tears in some of their eyes through their voice. It meant so much to them to receive this honor."

Braymer said this year the selection committee made up of community members had a difficult job. "We received more

than 90 nominations and had a lot of great men to choose from. We are blessed to have so many great men willing to serve our community."

This year's men to be honored are Dr. Abe Akel, Craig Campbell, Bob Dodson, Jim Gresham, Dave Morton, Underwood Mitchell and **Col. David Underwood, USAF (Ret.)**.

The luncheon was started to not only honor local men of character and integrity, but to provide a scholarship that will be presented to a man attending North Arkansas College who also demonstrates the character qualities of Hammerschmidt.

Information from Harrison Daily Times, 10-20-2018

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Emma Jean Vance

Fall has arrived, and the leaves are beautiful here. We sponsored a community Blood drive Sept 21 with twenty - two that were able to donate.

October 3-5 we attended the State Auxiliary in Little Rock with ten attending.

It was a great meeting and our own Leoria Brewer won the 50/50 drawing. She bought the last ticket sold by our own Neta Sue Stamps.



A great time was had by all while there, especially our skit: "I Want to be a Cowboy Sweetheart."



Above: Sally Perkins, Sweetheart Shelba Miller, Leoria Brewer, Neta Sue Stamps and Pat Armer

We were happy to come home with a 5-Star award.



We also presented in the Best Practices program, explaining the quarterly Spirit Cart program.

October 11, we held a fund raiser, U2U Shoes and accessories, making a little over \$300.

On Halloween our Jr. Auxilians passed out candy on the Berryville city square to trick or treaters. They also be gave out cards to invite others to join our Auxiliary.

Coming events include attending the NW District Meeting in Bentonville November 6th.

We will participate in the Green Forest and Alpena Christmas parades, Gifts (Christmas Boutique fundraiser) Galore at Carroll county Fairgrounds and our Annual Thanksgiving Nut and Bake Sale all in November.

In December we will have our Annual Sheets and Sweets Sale, Collective Goods Sale and host a community Blood Drive. We also continue to have our monthly Alzheimer's group support Meetings.

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – Harrison

Robby Scucchi

Nineteen of North Arkansas Regional Medical Center's Auxiliary traveled to Little Rock for the 60th Annual Convention and Meeting October 3rd-5th.



Three days of wonderful educational sessions, a beautiful Memorial Service, vendors, lots of auction items to bid on, installation of new officers where NARMC Auxiliary Member Carol Evans was installed as District Chair.



The Auxilians attended an opening session at the Marriott with the hospital administrators on Thursday morning and back to the Embassy Suites that afternoon for an awards luncheon and with some very deserving awards being given out. NARMC Auxiliary received a Five Star award for 2017-2018.

Over the next two months, the NARMC Thrift Store will continue to show progress on the renovations.



Phases I and II have been completed to include new flooring, paint, LED Lighting, and new dressing rooms. Phase III includes opening up the retail space by removing roughly 5 walls, opening the doorway installation of a customer bathroom, relocating the office, new floors, paint, and LED Lighting. Once completed, the entire 6600 sq. feet of space will have been remodeled. This project started back in August and is slated to be completed in Mid-November.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home

Mary West

Start your Christmas shopping at – DeWitt Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas Cottage

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Arkansas County Fairgrounds DeWitt, Arkansas

Vendors with products including but not limited to T-Shirts, wooden door hangers, hand crafted items, wooden and metal decorative items, clothing, cookbooks, AND FOOD – BBQ, Fried Pies, all kinds of baked goods, gourmet popcorn, pretzels and spiced nuts.



The annual Linen Sale was held in the Outpatient area at the DeWitt Hospital. We raised approximately \$1,800.



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs

Lynn Smith

September 28-October 2 Susan Rima and I attended AHVRP Conference in Chicago. Celebrating 50 years the theme was **Golden Opportunities Patients, Community, You!** The highlight of the conference for me was the HAVE Award Breakfast. Volunteers can now join AHVRP for just \$50. If you would like to join go to www.ahvrp.org and download an application form.

October 3-5 Most of our board members were able to attend the AHAA Convention. Thank you to all that teamed up to make it a very successful convention. It was both educational and fun. It is always so good to see other volunteers from around the state and exchange ideas.

Ten of us traveled to Camden on October 26th for the SW District Fall Meeting hosted by (OCMC) Ouachita County Medical Center. There were 78 in attendance on a beautiful fall day. We all enjoyed the meeting, entrainment and lunch. OCMC Volunteers we appreciate your hospitality!

As the year comes to an end we are having one fund raiser after another. As always, the support of staff to purchase is constant. A new vendor, Shoe Roads Productions, www.shoeroads.com that Susan met at AHVRP Conference came from St. Louis with boots and shoes. This sale was a great success.

The Dillard's Sale is next followed by a jewelry sale. Our Gift Shop/Boutique has had record sales with the wonderful items Susan found at market. Dot's pretzels continue to be a hit...I think our shoppers are addicted.

We are happy to announce that we are adding new members to the point that we are having orientation two times a month. It is always nice to welcome new volunteers!

We look forward to a new year under the leadership of AHAA President Suzanne Hackney. Her theme, **Volunteers Have Hearts of Gold** rings so true across the state.

Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado

Peggy Plummer

We participated in "Our New Look" dedication and celebration of the opening of the new conference center. The MCSA Auxiliary donated \$25,000.00 to furnish the Board Room, and honored Dr. Robert Tommey with a plaque.

Two \$50.00 memorials were placed in the Scholarship Fund. One applicant, pursuing a BSN degree, received scholarship funding.

Four volunteers earned service award pins.

Volunteers participated in the Wellness Fair, receiving TB Skin Tests and Flu Shots.

National Park Medical Center

Dorothy Stringer

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

A check for \$15,000 was presented to our hospital President/Ceo during our September quarterly meeting. This was applied toward our \$300,000 commitment for the heart monitoring system and state-of-the-art beds, leaving a balance of \$152,800.

Eight attended the State Convention in October. Good comments abounded concerning this event. We are already encouraging others to plan to attend in next year.

OCMC hosted the Fall Southwest District meeting on October 26. Seventy-two from eight of our nine auxiliaries in the District attended, and thirty-six from our own auxiliary attended. Peggy Abbott, our hospital president/CEO and her administrative assistant, Debbie Smith were our guests, as well as our county judge, Robbie McAdoo, who welcomed our guests and applauded all auxiliaries for the job we do--all in such a sincere way. Also, the preacher from Cullendale First Baptist Church greeted our guests and led prayer. We enjoyed having our State President and President-Elect with us, and our District Chair Dorothy Stringer did a commendable job. If we can 'toot our own horn,' our decorations were tastefully and beautifully done, carrying out Suzanne's theme of "Volunteers Have a Heart of Gold" with gold and red being dominant.



VALLEY DISTRICT

Mena Regional Health System

Sharon Jewell

Mena Regional Health System Auxiliary presents \$4,000 in scholarships. Auxiliary Members Linda Johnson and Ewanta Turner presented Julie Brown, Mandy Ryals, Kayla Anglin and Catherine Lewis each a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with expenses in their pursuit of a degree in the field of medicine.



Auxiliary President Linda Johnson, Julie Brown and Mandy Ryals, Scholarship Recipients and Ewanta Turner, Auxiliary Scholarship Committee Member.



Kayla Anglin, Scholarship Recipient and Ewanta Turner, Scholarship Committee Member



Catherine Lewis Scholarship Recipient and Ewanta Turner, Auxiliary Scholarship Committee Member.

Mena Regional Health System Health Fair was held Saturday September 15, 2018. The Hospital gift shop was open plus the auxiliary had a booth selling cook books and handing out information and applications on becoming a volunteer at the hospital. An Autumn canvas wall art shown by auxiliary member Sharon Jewell was given away as a door prize.



Auxiliary members Marilyn Davenport and Melba Head



Auxiliary members Martha Edwards and Linda Johnson

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, several MRHS departments dressed up for "Crazy Pink Day!"

The Auxiliary Gift shop was well stocked with items to help promote breast cancer awareness.

'Fishing for a Cure' Congratulations to Medical Records for winning the contest. Their department was presented with the traveling Pink Panther trophy.



A special "Thank You" to several ladies from the Mena Regional Auxiliary for volunteering their time to judge the event.

From left: Sue Powell, Betty Collinsworth, Sharon Jewell, Linda Johnson and Sue Wigger



Several MRHS leaders and volunteers attended the opening of the 88th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Hospital Association in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Front to back: CEO Jay Quebedeaux, HR Director Chandler Cox and CFO Karey Kesterson

Linda Johnson, Auxiliary President; Sonya Maye, Director of Marketing and Sue Wigger, Auxiliary member



Auxiliary President Linda Johnson accepts the Award of Excellence from AHAA State President Darlene Touhy.





Monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events:
 Christmas Open House Will be November 16th and 17th.
 Scrub/Uniform sale is planned for November 28th and 29th.
 Our annual Christmas breakfast fundraiser will be December 6.

Sheets Galore fundraiser was held October 15th - 17th.

We have gained 6 new members in September and October.
 Brandilyn Bingham, Claudia Brown, Paula Galvan, Sara MacKelvey, Peggy Murphy and
 Janee Sweeney.

Sparks Regional Medical Center - Fort Smith
Now Baptist Health – Fort Smith (As Of November 1, 2018)
Alice Swain,

September got us back in the swing of things, coming back from our Summer break, and resuming all our regular activities. Most of us were ready to see our Auxiliary friends and resume working in our Gift Shop. Always interested in seeing what we have in the shop we can't live without. Lots of anticipation all around regarding the sale of our Hospital to Baptist Health Systems of Little Rock. Our uniform sale scheduled for Sept. was placed on hold until we know for sure all the colors Baptist wants their staff to wear. We were also looking forward to the State AHAA Convention in Little Rock.

In October we had 3 members attending convention. We all thought it was good and Educational Sessions were extremely good. We also were very proud and happy to win a 5 star award and also the special award which was written about our Auxiliary being involved in the Community with the Crisis Intervention Center. We were extremely happy to receive both awards as we are very interested in serving our community and the spotlight was focused on our Thrift Shop, "This N That". We donate clothing to clients as they are discharged from the Center if they need them. We also donate to the Jail ministry and several other worthwhile organizations. We were very happy for our sister Auxiliary in Sparks Van Buren for their own

Mary Frauenhauf for winning the "Auxilian Of The Year Award". We also received two new members to our Auxiliary in Oct.

November starts with Baptist taking over on Nov. 1st. I'm sure it will take some time for everyone to find their niche and begin to feel comfortable and secure in their job role. We know our name will change, having been Sparks over 100 years, and that will be tough for some of us oldies, but time moves on and change happens. We will wait to see what we will be called.

In December we will omit our regular monthly meeting. We will again do Christmas gift wrapping for about a week before Christmas. This is a very small fund raiser but it provides a much appreciated service for mostly our employees. We wrap everything bought in our gift shop costing above \$10.00 free and charge for all others. This does increase sales so we benefit on the back end rather than front end I guess you could say. We do wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful and thankful Merry Christmas.

We are looking forward to a great 2019.

Spark's Medical Center – Van Buren

Now – Baptist Health Van Buren (As Of November 1, 2018)

Pam Henderson

Our guest speaker for our August meeting was Beth Puckett, RN, Infection Control Nurse at Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren Hospital. She discussed Lupus which is a systemic autoimmune disease that occurs when our body's immune system attacks your own tissues and organs



We began our "Fill the Grill" fundraiser on August 1st and it continued through August 30th. In addition to auxiliarians purchasing items for outside grilling, a \$50.00-dollar gift certificate from Butcher Boys in Van Buren was included.

We purchased a new wheel chair with calf protectors and an anti-theft device which would prevent the wheel chair from being folded.



We had a short celebration after our meeting for Peggy Lewis who has worked as a volunteer for 40 years. Cake and punch were provided.



Our guest speaker for September was Bob Freeman, Mayor of Van Buren. He discussed some of the new additions during the last couple of years in Van Buren. One of these was the new park area next to the train station in old Van Buren. It also included a splash pool for children. Another new addition was the Veteran's Memorial

Our guest speaker in October was Blanche West, Founder of the River Valley Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

She discussed the facts about ovarian cancer, the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and when to contact your doctor



Four of our auxiliaries attended the AHAA Convention in Little Rock October 3-5.

One of our auxiliaries, Mary Frauenhoff, was named Auxiliary of the Year for hospitals over 100 beds. This is a highly prized recognition and an honor for our organization and the community.



Also, we received a 5-Star Certificate again this year.

Six of our auxiliaries plan on attending the Fall District Meeting in Danville on November 9th. Also, we will have our wreath contest this month.

We will have our cookie jar and cookie silent auction and sale in December.

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center – Russellville

Janet Thurber

Summer is over and it's time for Saint Mary's Annual September Volunteer Roundup and Potluck. We said goodbye to our teen volunteers and welcomed back our volunteers who took the summer off. The Roundup was also our chance to recruit new volunteers. Thanks to our Roundup, we're happy to report we collected applications from two potential volunteers!.

Volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch.



We were entertained by St. Mary's own Carrie Pelfrey who sang some country favorites. Carrie also sang at the State Convention on Thursday night. We're happy to share Carrie with the rest of you and know you enjoyed her as much as we do.



Some of our volunteers jumped at the opportunity to sing Cowboy Karaoke.



President Carol Shoptaw



Paul sings karaoke

Those of us not brave enough to sing, clapped and cheered them on.



In October, several of our officers and volunteers attended the AHAA State Convention. On October 13 you'll find us at Millard- Henry Clinic's Kids' Health and Safety Fair helping out. In November, volunteers will attend Annual Competency Training and enjoy a lunch provided by Saint Mary's. Also in November, volunteers will bring back the Christmas Stockings they sewed for our December babies. We'll also be working hard on finishing up the knitted and crocheted hats for our December babies.

Our December Meeting will be our annual Christmas Luncheon.



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 2019. 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

