AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2020-2021 AHAA President



Kathy Gammill

Hello Everyone!

Here we are, going into our third month of the new year and it reminds me of the child in the backseat of her parent's Buick heading to grandmother's house. The young girl says, "Are we there yet?" I ask: Are we there yet??? Not sure about you, but I feel that surely, we must be there by now! This Pandemic has been with us way too long.

Your AHAA Board has been working on scheduling our Spring District Meetings. Many of our auxiliaries have not returned to the hospitals and some have other restrictions (i.e., travel). Your AHAA Board voted today to cancel the 2021 Spring District Meetings.

We are in the planning stage of the October Convention at our new location, the Four Points Sheraton in Little Rock. Of course, we must comply with the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines and are, along with the hotel, working on those safety standards. You will be kept informed of our progress.

In the meantime, as I have asked before, please keep in touch with each other, either by telephone, social media or safely in person. In addition, when you have an opportunity to visit with others, please continue to share your story - why you volunteer.

Your fellow volunteer -

Kathy

THEME: I Volunteer Because...

COLORS: Your Auxiliary Uniform Colors

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NOTICE: ALL SPRING 2021 DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED.





Melissa Lou (Missy) Williamson of Sherwood, Arkansas, drew a last, peaceful breath on this earth in the arms of her husband at Little Rock Baptist Medical Center on January 28. 2021, at the age of 71. She waged a valiant battle with several medical conditions but despite her uncomplaining bravery and determination, she lost the fight. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gary Williamson of Sherwood; daughter Jennifer Kushmick, husband Pete, and grandchildren Abby and Miles Kushmick of Winston-Salem, N.C.; daughter Amy Fink, husband Lance Fink, and granddaughter Addi Fink, all of Fayetteville, AR. And we can't omit the very important cat, Squeak, of questionable age and parentage.

Missy spent the first 44 years of her life as a member of the U.S Air Force family, first as a daughter and then as a spouse of career Air Force members. She loved traveling and as a military wife, she had many opportunities to do so. She and Gary moved ten times during Gary's career as a U.S. Air Force officer and she was normally able to handle the complexities and stresses of the moves with ease and good humor. The single exception to the good humor part was when she had to be dragged kicking and screaming from their two-year assignment in Australia on exchange with the Royal Australian Air Force. Having dealt with frequent moves and absences of her husband on flying assignments, she was highly adaptable and self-reliant. Her approach to life can be summed up by the tattoo she proudly wore on her wrist: "She persisted". Missy graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a degree in accounting but spent most of her adult life working as a dedicated volunteer in several Air Force organizations, Meals-on-Wheels, and lastly in three Arkansas hospital auxiliaries. She was a state officer and board member of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association (AHAA) for over ten years and had thousands of hours of volunteer credit. She was proudest of having been instrumental in the establishment of the AHAA scholarships in nursing and health-related professions at UAMS and of receiving the first AHAA President's Award in 2012 for exceptional service. When not volunteering, she was widely known for her gourmet cooking, beautiful counted cross-stitch, love of animals and friends, and her unwillingness to suffer fools silently. As you would expect from this former "Jeopardy" contestant, she was good with words and enjoyed working the New York Times crosswords, usually completing them before finishing her second cup of coffee She lived a life devoted to caring for her family, helping others, and having fun throughout the journey. Few who met Missy will ever forget her sense of humor and big personality. Her death leaves a large hole in the hearts of her family and friends, but the world is a better place for her having passed through.



METROPOLITAN

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Steve Golník Sarah Jane Williams

NORTHWEST

Mercy Hospital Berryille

Barbara Wilhelm

SOUTHEAST

Delta Memorial Hospital

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR EMAIL CORRECTION

Neta Stamps, editor – correct email is: neta.stamps@outlook.com (Sorry, new computer, new operating system, new email address!) At the March 11th AHAA Board meeting, the following addition was made to ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, page 41 under Telephonic and Emergency Meetings:

(Insert) Any meeting may be conducted by one or more means of remote communication that allows all of the participants to interact with each other during the meeting. Participation in a meeting by this means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

The following changes to the Bylaws were approved by the board and will be voted on at the 2021 State Convention:

President Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 1, letter e. As written: Visits each district at least twice.

New Wording: Visits each district at least twice. In the event of a catastrophic situation (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.) the district meetings may be canceled by the executive committee.

President-Elect Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 2, letter f. As written: Visits each district for the district meetings. New Wording: Visits each district for the district meetings, unless they are canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.

District Chair Duties

Page 36, Article VII, Section 6, letter e. As written: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the President-elect.

New Wording: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the Presidentelect, unless canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.

Board of Directors Duties

Page 37, Article VIII, Section 4. As Written: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president.

New Wording: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president. In the event of a catastrophic situation, (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.), meetings may be held telephonic or virtual.



METROPOLOLITAN

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL BAPTIST HEALTH – LITTLE ROCK

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD Ara Yanker

A group of volunteers, at CHI St. Vincent North, got together and assembled about 260 small bags of candy and cookies for the staff at North for Valentine's Day to show our appreciation for the hard work they have done during this difficult time.

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON Tammy Smith

We don't have any items to report for the newsletter for November, December, January or February our Auxiliary are still off due to the COVID.

SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BENTON) UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE



NORTH CENTRAL

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER (HEBER SPRINGS)

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN HOME)

OZARK HEALTH INC. – CLINTON Betty Spencer

Not a lot of activity to report in January and in February due to the SNOW we had to cancel our Collective Goods Show, tried to reschedule that did not work so after thawing out we are on schedule to have a Scrub sale in March. We are going to extend the hours of the sale from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and change to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to see if we can generate more interest from employees as well as others in the county.

The Executive Board met and came up with our calendar of events for 2021. Two months into the year and already a number of changes. We have decided to keep the gift shop open the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of the month extended hours 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. We are hoping that will generate sales from the off-shift employees.

We are trying to set up a speaker at our April meeting, topic Security Exchange to go over fraud and schemes targeted toward the elderly. We have Anita's scheduled for April $13^{th} - 14^{th}$ again

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The Foundation is asking for our help with a Phone-A-Thon sometime in April and their annual Fish Fry on April 30th. These are new activities for our auxiliary, so we are looking forward to being able to participate in a new adventure.

From our Auxiliary to all our volunteers – Have safe travel for Spring District Meetings (if they happen), and Happy Easter to ALL.

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN VIEW) Frances Bullard

A group of volunteers, at CHI St. Vincent North, got together and assembled about 260 small bags of candy and cookies for the staff at North for Valentine's Day to show our appreciation for the hard work they have done during this difficult time.

Ms. Rachelle Stewart, our president, learned March 9 that Stone County Auxiliary will host the 2021 North Central Auxiliary Spring Meeting on April 6 at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View. She has scheduled for our Auxiliary to meet on March 16 at the Stone County Bank Pavilion at 2:00 P.M. to discuss the essential preparation for the spring meeting, our yearly itinerary, the Secret Pal activity, and, hopefully, install our officers. We are all looking forward to seeing our AWESOME friends and getting back to work.

We are all so very appreciative of the vaccines and all the medical teams who have administered them and all health care workers in any capacity. Although the pandemic is still present, we all have greater hope that we are closer to returning to our regular hospital schedules. National Volunteer Week will be April 18-24; National Hospital Week will be May 2-8; and National Nurses' Week will be May 6-12.

Ms. Carolyn Shipman, one of our AMAZING gift shop workers, is still opening our gift shop every Tuesday and Wednesday for our employees and customers. Ms. Carolyn, you are so very loved and appreciated! THANK YOU!

WE VOLUNTEER TO HELP OTHERS AND TO SHOW OUR LOVE AND CARE!

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER (NEWPORT)

UNITY HEALTH – WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (SEARCY)

WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER (BATESVILLE)



NORTHEAST

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER (PARAGOULD)

FOREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER Wilma Powell

As everyone knows, because of the Covid 19 Pandemic, nothing much going on with the Auxiliary. We do have six ladies working; five are working in the Gift shop and one in Material Management. The Gift shop is not working full shifts.

HELENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (JONESBORO) *Kathy Miller*

Several members received their first COVID vaccine.

Hospital employees enjoyed shopping in the Gift Shop.

NEA employee Lisa Jinkins

NEA employee Denise Johnson and Bluff City Soap





NEA employee Wendy Bales shopping



President Kathy Goodman sprucing up the Gift Shop



Feb was women's heart health month. Helpful Information was printed in Newsletter: Categories of Blood Pressure level classification chart, Healthy eating habits, Exercise, Don't smoke & lower salt intake.

Jan /Feb birthdays were listed.

Upcoming birthdays for Mar/Apr were listed. We begin adding this due to the fact the Newsletter is printed every other month and current birthdays had already passed. This was members will be able to send cards before the members birthday.

New feature will begin in the Mar/Apr Newsletter. Two auxiliary members will be Spotlighted. A picture of them along with a short bio will be printed. This will help us all get to know each other.

The gift shop will be opening for full days M-F, 9 am - 5 pm beginning March 1st. We had previously opened half days, M-F, 10am - 2 pm.

Currently we do not have any community events due to COVID. After our March meeting we may have more to share.

From Kathy Goodman, President

Our gift shop is now open from 9 to 5 daily Monday through Friday. We had our first in-person meeting this month which was so exciting to our group.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (OSCEOLA)

ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER (JONESBORO)

Dean Rossa

St Bernards volunteers participated in the Covid-19 vaccinations in mid-January and many of them had their second shot in early February.

St. Bernards Auxiliary volunteer, Carol Hinck, gets the Pfizer vaccine January 12 at St. Bernards.



One count at the Foundation found that fifty-four Auxiliary members & NICU Cuddlers signed up for the vaccine (1st of two Pfizer shots) January 12-13 at Saint Bernards hospital. Others signed into local pharmacies.

From Diana Zachary, President

St. Bernards Auxiliary members have all had the opportunity to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. We have started having monthly Board Meetings via zoom. St. Bernards Auxiliary is ready to go back to work at our various stations as soon as we are allowed. All of us are really missing being part of St. Bernards Medical Center



NORTHWEST

EUREKA SPRINGS HOSPITAL

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE Neta Stamps



Barbara Ruth Wilhelm, lifetime member of MHB Auxiliary died February 24, 2021 following a struggle with Covid-19 and a series of strokes. She joined Carroll General Hospital Auxiliary in June 1983 and served as Secretary, Telephone Chair, Chaplain and was also on other committees. She was always there if someone was having health problems or just having a rough time with life. She last volunteer hours were recorded in February 2018 after which, due to health issues, she moved to live with her son and grandsons

in Bella Vista, AR.

MHBA is happy to announce that our Thrift Store is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 2 and Saturday 9 to 1. Covid-19 restrictions of masks, age and number of people admitted at one time are in place.

Our donated flag and flagpole have been installed. The flag is certainly getting a workout these windy March days!

We are so happy to welcome back our customers!



Plans are underway to honor our doctors on Doctors' Day March 30 and for Hospital Week in May.

Eight applications have been received for our two \$1000 scholarships and after the committee meets, Zoom interviews will begin later this month.

Committees have been activated to select a slate of officers for 2021 – 2022, Auxilian of the Year and to plan for our annual meeting with installation of officers in June. Herding the ducks and trying to get them in a row early with Covid-19 contingency plans!

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST AR (ROGERS)

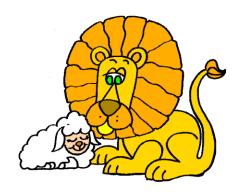
NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (HARRISON)

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER - BENTONVILLE

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FAYETTEVILLE)



SOUTHEAST

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CROSSETT)

BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (WARREN)

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (LAKE VILLAGE)

Dean Ann Smith

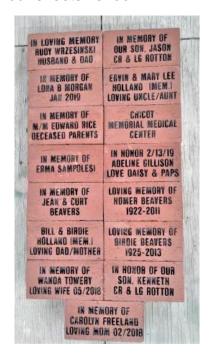
Our auxiliary is still not working physically at the hospital; still waiting for a green light from our CEO. All our auxilians have had both covid shots now.

We are still planning the scrubs sales which are held in the back parking lot of the hospital.

We have awarded five scholarships for the fall and three scholarships for the spring semesters. This is monetarily a total worth \$6,000.

We have done online sales for both Collective Goods and our sheets vendor.

Also, we have sold enough bricks now for the first section to be laid in the courtyard at the hospital. These are to honor or memorialize an individual. Attached is a picture of the bricks that will be laid in the first section.



DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DUMAS) Shirley Sandlin

Shirley Sandlin, Christina Rainey, Olene Ferguson, Clarice Poole, Sybil Tanner, and Lorra Kelley (pictured below) assembled coke packs, candy bouquets and containers filled with candy for sale in the hospital gift shop. A new item this year is a paper unicorn bag filled with various goodies. The auxilians work very hard to do this each year. Selling items in the gift shop is just one of the many ways money is raised for various projects that are sponsored by the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.



DEWIT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (MONTICELLO) *Heather Harper*

Meh'lani Reign Harris was the first baby to make her appearance at Drew Memorial Health System this year. Meh'lani, who weighed in at 4 pounds 15 ounces, greeted her mom and siblings, Ry'leigh and Ky'leigh Sheets, along with her mom's doctor, Dr. Kelly Shrum at 6:34 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 2.



A bag of goodies was supplied by DMHS Auxiliary. Although the Auxiliary has not been able to work inside the hospital due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, they are still continuing to help out and provide for patients and employees wherever possible and are sorely missed by DMHS staff.

Welcome to Monticello, Meh'lani.

JEFFERSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (PINE BLUFF)
Vivian Gorton

The Nominating Committee has mailed each member the slate of officers for 2021-2022 ,asking for additional nominations to be made by April 12,2021. Nominations may be made by calling Nomination Committee Chair. In the event of multiple nominations, ballots will be mailed after April 13,2021.

The Membership Committee sent dues notices (with return addressed envelopes) to be returned by July 31,2021...with an additional request for volunteer donations in lieu of not having fund raisers for 2020-2021.

The Scholarship Committee received one application to be renewed.

The Fund Raising Committee had a successful on-line event with Collective Goods. and are organizing an off-hospital campus Used Book Sale.

Marsha Zachary, our Treasurer accepted nomination for Valley District Treasurer for 2021-2022.

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL



SOUTHWEST

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - ARKADELPHIA

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS Lynn Smith

Our volunteers have not yet been allowed to return to the hospital and we will not be able to host the SW District Spring Meetings due to COVID concerns.

The Pfizer- COVID-19 Vaccine was made available to our hospital staff and volunteers in early January. We appreciate CHI Administration for including our volunteers in this effort to protect us. Hopefully, we are one step closer to being able to return to our volunteer positions at CHI.

SW District Chair, Becky Finigan, set up a call-in meeting on February 15th for the Southwest District Presidents. Becky reviewed all the 2021 AHAA Forms that are now available online. Dorothy Berley was helpful to point out any changes in the current forms. This teleconference meeting will serve as our first President's Meeting of the year.

Peg Kuhnly, Southwest District Legislative Chair, set up a teleconference meeting with Jodiane Tritt on March 3rd. All District chairs and legislative chairs for each district were invited to attend as well as presidents in their districts. Jodiane discussed SB410 (Medicaid Expansion) and HB1546 (Soda Pop Tax). Once again, our volunteers are being called upon to support AHA's efforts to protect our hospitals. During the COVID times when we can't be in our hospitals, we CAN be actively advocating for our hospitals by contacting our representatives and senators.

Congratulations to Susan Rima our Director of Volunteers.

Susan is the proud grandmother of precious twin boys (John Stetson and Jax Andrew) born on February 11th at CHI in our awesome Mother/Baby Wing.

DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (FORDYCE)

HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (NASHVILLE)

MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS (EL DORADO)

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER (HOT SPRINGS) Dorothy Stringer

The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has gotten both COVID shots. Our 98-year-old volunteer is getting her first shot tomorrow. She wanted to get her doctor's opinion first. Now we are just waiting to be told when we can come back to volunteer.

The auxiliary has been doing things outside the hospital. We are taking other volunteers to dr. appointments, picking up orders from Kroger and Walmart. Today I am taking one to get her hair cut. We are doing everything to help our fellow volunteers, neighbors, and church family. Some of us have started volunteering at other places, such as our church pantries and organizations where we are not required to be around other people.

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CAMDEN)

Daphne Bennett

Almost a year! Yes, next month will mark one year since our auxiliary has been active, but I am sure you can say the same for your group. With the introduction of the vaccine, it is hopeful that we can soon resume activities, but this will be a call from our Administration--they will not want to take chances!!

Our administration arranged for any volunteer who wished could have the covid vaccine. A central spot was designated, and appointments made for one of each of the injections. Our second injections were on February 25.

Many in the State know one of our volunteers as she has been active as a Southwest District Chair--Deloyce Hart. She is a Hart with a BIG heart--one of those "gold volunteers". We regret she will soon be moving out of state to live with a daughter, but our best wishes go with her.



VALLEY

BAPTIST HEALTH – FORT SMITH Alice Swain

Although Volunteers have not been allowed to work our regular schedule in the Hospital since mid-March, we have been working on several projects. As Covid-19 was just beginning to have a serious effect on Fort Smith, and we had our last meeting, we were asked by the Hospital to help financially in the development of a 4 bed Pediatric unit being developed. At that meeting, the Auxiliary voted to contribute \$25,000.00 toward that development, primarily for furniture for the rooms, playroom, exam room, and beautiful wall decorations. Shortly after that meeting, we were asked to discontinue our volunteering service temporarily. The project continued and was completed in December, a few volunteers were invited to tour the area when finished. It is a very nice child friendly unit with lots of brightly colored furnishings. We were so happy to have been a part of this project.

Following this project, another challenge was given to us by our President, Kim Miller. She asked if the Auxiliary would be interested in the refurbishment of an area in the Medical Plaza. This was not a patient centered area, but lots of foot traffic went past daily, and it had been neglected for a long time. The Auxiliary Board decided we would agree to tackle this area. Our President had several requests that she would like to see done, one was the presence of a cross and a bible verse on the wall from Matthew;11;28. Linda Butler agreed to volunteer leadership in accomplishing this goal. We had Karen Dodd, Shirley Harrod, Hospital Chaplain, and Alice Swaim agreeing to help. Linda found a wonderful Business willing to accept the challenge, and I might add, did a wonderful job with scrapping old paint and re-painting a very difficult area to get to. Although a work in progress, we now have the painting done, Cross in place, lots of greenery in place, and Baptist Logo and the Bible verse will be ready shortly to place on the wall on each side of the Cross. I have kept the Auxiliary members appraised of what is happening with these projects via newsletters. Once again, the Auxiliary is very happy to be able to help with these fun projects and look forward to when we can once again be allowed to go back to our normal activity inside the Hospital.

BAPTIST HEALTH - VAN BUREN

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM Sharon Jewell

Mena Regional Health System is thrilled to welcome the first baby of 2021! Proud parents are Natasha Ward and Charles Cogburn of Glenwood, Arkansas. Baby Lyla Lashay Kay Cogburn was born on January 5th at 8:09AM weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces and measuring 19 inches at the time of her birth. Baby Lyla was delivered by Dr.Rocha.

Below pictured from left are Rick Billingsley CNO, Minta Milam RN, Chole Waggoner, Charles Cogburn, Natasha Ward, baby Lyla, Amber Taylor RN and Leah Cannon RN with the New Year Baby Welcome Basket, an MRHS tradition.



Thank-you to local business who donated items to help welcome the New Year Baby: Allbaugh's Florist, Gabriel Clothing Co., Janssen Avenue Florist, K&K Cleaners, **Mena Regional Auxiliary**, Nordyke Photography, Papa Poblanos, Union Bank, The Fair Lady and Washburn's.

MRHS participated in the American Heart Association's GO RED FOR WOMEN movement! Participants of this movement advocate for more research and swifter action for women's heart health. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. That's approximately one woman every minute! American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends, and communities involved. The biggest part of living healthy comes down to simply making healthy choices! Visit with your primary care provider regarding your personal risks!



CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DANVILLE)

JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (CLARKSVILLE)

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (RUSSELLVILLE) Janet Thurber

Saint Mary's volunteers haven't been able to volunteer or meet at the hospital since COVID-19 restrictions were put into place last March, but that doesn't mean volunteers haven't been supporting St. Mary's from home.

To celebrate babies born at Saint Marys in February, volunteers knitted and crocheted red hats for all the new babies. The little red hats were packaged in a cellophane bag, with a special message for the new moms and tied up with a pretty red ribbon. (Pictured below is volunteer

Janet Thurber with a little red hat.)



After such a stressful pandemic year, volunteers decided our hospital employees deserved a special thank you and treat for Valentine's Day. Several volunteers donated bags of Hershey's kisses and met to put Valentine bags together for Saint Mary's employees. Over 400 Valentine bags were made and distributed to hospital employees. Our employees were thrilled to be remembered and, of course, loved the chocolate.



The Auxiliary's Scholarship Committee met in March and selected three 2021 Spring Scholarship recipients. Scholarships are \$500 each. We are also planning a linen sale to help fund future scholarships.

Plans are currently underway for volunteers to begin volunteering at the hospital on March 15. Volunteers will perform COVID screening of hospital visitors and will make deliveries around the hospital and to the lab.

Weather permitting, volunteers also continue to meet each month at the Lake Dardanelle State Park for lunch and fellowship.

Articles for May/June newsletter should be submitted by April 30. Please report what you did in January and February and what you have planned for March and April. Pictures are most welcome! If possible, please send jpeg format and actual size – not reduced size and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Office format whenever possible.

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