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AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2021-2022 AHAA President
Carol Evans

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. We had our first AHAA board meeting of the year January 13th. It was lively and I want to thank everyone for their input.

Had my second meeting with AHA today and as of this morning just before the 10am meeting our Covid numbers were 1318 up from yesterday. Several at this morning's meeting feel we may be close to peaking for the season. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Thank you,

Carol

AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers are Helping Hands
Colors: Emerald Green and White



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IN MEMORIAM

**NORTH CENTAL
Baxter Regional Medical Center – Mountain Home**

*Jenny Dew
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**NEW DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS FOR
NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – HARRISON**

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METROPOLITAN

ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL

Ara Yanker

We purchased equipment allowing the hospital to establish a new PhotoVoice curriculum-based program for patients. The program allows patients to use photography to express their feelings concerning mental illness and the associated stigma.

We provided holiday gift sacks to each patient in the hospital. The sacks include a card, socks, candy, and \$5.00 spending money. This is the auxiliary's biggest activity each year.

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Becky Blackard

We have 29 volunteers that have returned to volunteer here at BHMC-NLR. That is about 50% that have returned prior to Covid. We lost one of our members this past year Ann Scott.

We are volunteering in the following areas: Gift Shop, OR Waiting Room, Radiology Waiting Room, Golf Cart, Admissions and Special Projects.

A couple of special projects have assisted with decorating the main lobby and chapel here at BHMC-NLR. We also had a Silent Wreath Auction. It was a big success. All monies donated went to the BHMC-NLR Chaplain's Fund. The staff has enjoyed both of those endeavors.

We had one gathering of the active volunteers and that was at Cracker Barrel for an appreciation meal. It was so good to see everyone, to visit and to say thank you for the hours served.

We had a tentative meeting scheduled for January 13 but we have put that on hold due to the rise in Covid cases. We are so looking forward to that day when we can be together. We keep up with each other via phone, email and/or text messages.

Plans for the next couple of months include:

Taking telephone orders for Gift Baskets to deliver to patients.

Printing email from family to patients and delivering email/cards to patients or to patients' nurses if they are in isolation.

We are trying over here. It is definitely a trying time. What we are seeing in the hospital are some very sick patients.

We are so appreciative of the volunteers that are willing to serve.

We are looking forward to better days. Pray the Lord blesses each and every one.

CHI St. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD

Ara Yanker

Covid variants continue to be a challenge. Adjustments are as follows:

1. We are again returning to Zoom Board Mtg. We had been meeting at SVI however, for everyone's safety Zoom is again the meeting option of choice.
2. Fund raising also continues to be a challenge. We continually review creative fund-raising alternatives.
3. We have numerous volunteers who were unable to return to the hospital. We certainly want to recognize those individuals who over the years gave so much of themselves. Because the majority of these individuals fall with the category of very vulnerable to covid, our plans cannot involve any type of personal gathering.

We are asking if anyone will serve in the district position. We are having a hard time finding people to take our auxiliary board positions.

CHI St. VINCENT – MORRILTON

Claudia Riedmueller

CHI SVM Auxiliary met November 1 with two programs *and* our wonderful gill staff prepared a breakfast buffet for us. Our first program was presented by Karen Martin, the hospitals Patient Access Supervisor. Karen reviewed HIPPA Regulations related to us as volunteers and the restrictions and changes brought about in our areas of service by the Pandemic. Craft tables were set up for our second program. Crafts for members to try or view were set up on different tables plus some take home how-to sheets. Gladys Mock created a felt Thanksgiving pin and a wall hanging providing the supplies for members to make their own. Claudia Riedmueller showed a clothes hanger snowflake, a mailbox saddle, and provided supplies for members to make a toilet tissue pumpkin. Margaret Williams set up her Christmas Forest, an alternative for a Christmas tree and offered advice on creating one for our own homes.

We had four birthdays this month. Iva Lee Sledge (my mom) celebrated her 94th birthday! Our Auxiliary collected 43 cans of tuna for the Conway County Care Center's Harvest of Hope Food Drive. Thank you, girls!

Our Pre-Order Bake Sale was scheduled for November 19 with Delores Hartman and Carma Garrett in charge. Their organization and drive are amazing. The Bake Sale was a great success. Our members are very generous when it comes to our bake sales, many making multiple dishes.

Louise Dold was our Member of the Month.



Born in the community of St Vincent, 10 miles north of Morrilton on December 25. She will celebrate her 90th birthday this Christmas. She describes her career as “having and raising 10

children” and “I loved my profession!” Her youngest son said the three words that best describe her are “Live, Laugh, and Love.” Louise’s area of service is the Gift Shop. Volunteering gives her the opportunity to be part of our auxiliary and she enjoys meeting the public. *Thank You Louise for all that you do.*

The mood was festive for our December meeting. All brought a favorite finger food, the room was decorated, pictures were made, and the program was excellent. John Phillips MS, LPC talked with us about aging and the challenges we face as we grow older. John came to our hospital thru his work with the charter program Senior Life Solutions, we are proud of this outstanding program in our hospital and John. He is now a CHI St Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary Volunteer.

Tickets were passed out to sell on a gift basket stuffed with lots of goodies from a 17 lb. smoked Petit Jean Ham to a Christmas ornament plus a 2nd prize of a beautiful large handmade quilt in a Star-Point pattern.

Our members were blessed with gifts of Petit Jean Meats Gift Boxes from Catholic Health Initiatives, which we all appreciated.

This has been a year of change, challenge, and uncertainty but ‘the pink ladies’ are back.

W. P. ROKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE

Janie Lowe

The 2021 Distinguished Honoree celebration of Chancellor Cam Patterson, which has been postponed many times and most recently was tentatively scheduled for early 2022, has been postponed once again due to Omicron. It is hoped that this can be held in early spring with an in-person reception.

The committee for Partners Card 2021 is pleased to announce that Partners Card 2021 raised \$135,800 through card sales and sponsors. The digital card, which was available for the first time, in addition to the directory card, was a huge success. The proceeds of Partners Card support the mission of the auxiliary through grants providing vital funds helping amazing programs for our patients! Miki Morrow chaired Partners Card 2021.

The WPRCI Auxiliary Gift Shop participated in Holly Days Boutique Gift Show on Friday, December 3, at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Forty local boutiques were represented and there was no charge to attend. This was a wonderful opportunity to display some of the wonderful merchandise the gift shop carries and proved to be successful.

The Miracle Star program held in December raised almost \$7,500. All monies go directly to our patients through the patient support fund. The social workers use this fund for patients in need of assistance with lodging, food, transportation and medication and have no other means available. Cards in honor or memory of are \$4.00 each.

Work has begun on the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Be a Part of the Cure Walk which will be in War Memorial Stadium on Saturday, April 30. The WPRCI Auxiliary is assisting the Advisory Board with this event.



NORTH CENTRAL

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Jim Whelan

As is typical, the last quarter of each calendar year is compressed with seasonal activities, our day to day responsibilities and making plans for the upcoming year.

Our year end activities include our Ways and Means committee having a site located in our Main Lobby that provides outstanding gift wrapping services for staff as well as members of our community.

Carolyn Hannon wrapping gifts.





Our Pink-a-dilly Gift Shop conducts its annual “ 12 Days of Christmas” sale with featured special daily discounts. Both our Mountain Home Bargain Box Thrift Stores are running seasonal promotions to year-end. It is noteworthy that all three locations recorded record sales during the month of November.

Each member of our Auxiliary received a coupon to be used for a complimentary meal in our cafeteria and members of our hard working HOPE committee distributed to our volunteers a pair of decorative socks with the imprints on the soles, “Always Needed, Forever Appreciated” and an irresistible chocolate truffle.

Plans for the celebration of our Auxiliary’s 60th Anniversary is underway for next year, ably directed by our President-Elect, Joan Young. The event planning for this milestone promises to be memorable with the help of our hospital’s Marketing Team.

Recruitment for new Volunteers will be significantly enhanced for next year with the production of our new recruitment brochures, rack cards and banners strategically located throughout our hospital. We will be engaging all Hospital Staff members to participate in a recruitment contest to be eligible for prizes by referring a volunteer recruit.

Plans are being made for next year’s annual all day Leadership Training Conference held for officers, Board Members, and HOPE Committee. The Conference is to be held on February 3.

In February of next year, we will be receiving a new shuttle as a valued addition to our aging fleet of vehicles. Our shuttle drivers are truly our unsung heroes providing a critical service to so many.

Congratulations are in order for our Judy Schaffer who is the President-Elect for our Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association and for our Carolyn Hannah who will be our North Central District Legislative Chair.



As this year comes to a close every member of our Baxter Regional Auxiliary should feel ownership in our collective record breaking accomplishments. Donations for this calendar year will be at a historic high in excess of \$ 640,000 and our Volunteer hours for the year will be in excess of 60,000.

As each of us look to the New Year let each of draw strength from the teachings of Jeremiah 29:11 stating His plans are for good – “For I know that plans I have for you” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

To each and to all our best wishes for blessings for the holiday season and throughout the New Year!!

UNITY HEALTH – HARIS MEDICAL CENTER (NEWPORT)

Margaret Goodman

President Vickie Smith and volunteer Margit Pearson are taking cookies to employees for the “Acts of Kindness” project.



Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser
Left – Jo Ann Mullins
Right – Norma Marchand -

Coat Project
DOV – Margaret Goodman



NORTHEAST

FORREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

Ronnie Nix

Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary has decided to close for a while as there is quite a bit of Covid here. We were working and have had several meetings. The head of the Forrest City Regional Medical Center said we could decide what we want to do. The Gift Shop hasn't taken in a lot of money because we have been closed to the public.

We did decorate a tree and have taken it down now, hopefully things will get better soon.

We have not been able to do a lot of our fund raisers due to Covid.

NEA AUXILIARY – JONESBORO

Kathy Miller

Presentation of Administrator of the Year
(over 100 beds), Sam Lynd CEO, Nov 8,
2021 Aux monthly meeting



Sam modeling his pink vest and tie the auxiliary purchased

Masquerade Jewelry and Accessory Sale,
Nov 18th & 19th. Several aux. members
volunteered to help.





Scrub Sale, Nov 2, 2021

Lighting of NEA Christmas Tree-Nov 21, 2021- The auxiliary served hot coco, hot cider, assorted cookies and candy canes as the Christmas Story was read. Also read T'was the Night Before Christmas, O Holy Night was sung as well as Here Comes Santa Claus as Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived .



Below: Aux Volunteers- Mrs. Claus, Glenda Neff, Betty Louy, Santa, Ginny Presgrove, Kathy Goodman, Kathy Miller and Sandy Hughes



The auxiliary collected several items such as blankets, toiletries, socks, gloves, back packs, bottled water etc., for HUB, a charity that gives to the homeless and needy.

As a thank you to all hospital staff the auxiliary paid for a drive- in movie, "The Star", to be showed on sight in the hospital parking lot.

Dillard's Sale, Dec 9th & 10th at the Dillard's Store in Jonesboro. The auxiliary will have volunteers on site to do NEA hospital employees payroll deduct on their purchases.

Duck Classic, Dec 15th. A fragrance basket was donated for a silent auction. The auxiliary also donated money for a hunting trip to Georgia.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER / OSCEOLA

Sonja Burnett

December 6 & 13, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary wrapped Christmas gifts for employees. American Greetings and the Hospital Employees provided the wrapping paper, ribbons, tissues, and name cards for the event. The ladies present were Pud Thomas, Lovonda Carter, Adele Black, Paulette Booker, Treva Reeves, and Sonja Burnett. It was a fun event for everyone and well-appreciated by the South Mississippi County Regional Hospital employees.





ST. BERNARDS – JONESBORO

Dean Rosa

On December 7, 2021, St Bernards Auxiliary met as a group for its first general (Awards) meeting since January 2019.

Members received new hours pins, ate a good lunch served by Foundation Staff Dana Housley, Kila Owens, and Gail Potgeiter, and received gifts of appreciation from Michael Givens, St Bernards Administrator.

Volunteers with 5000+ hours were recognized:
Mary Nell Masterson, Ann Ford, Ruby Chittenden. (See pic below) Not pictured: Suzanne Hackney, Lynda Hudley, Diana Ruesewald.

Volunteers with over 200 hours in 2020-2021 were also recognized. They included Ann Ford, Mary Nell Masterson, Betty Moad, Beth Norwood, and Diana Zachary.

The Light Up A Life tree ceremony was held on December 2. Money from the fund raiser is used to fund rooms for cancer patients at St Bernards.

LUAL tree lighting 2021 can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/StBernardsHealthcare/videos/878859662820797>



Pictured are two new members at the December meeting: Rebecca Starks (gift shop) and Peggy Hackworth (St Bernards Village.)



NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Jean Vance

Our December Board meeting was at the home of our President, Neta Sue Stamps. We had a wonderful potluck meal prior to our meeting. We voted to purchase a new Wound Chair for our Wound Clinic. This is the fourth chair we have purchased for this clinic.

The week before and of Christmas, we were able to open the hospital Gift Shop for four part days and two short evening times for the convenience of the hospital employees. We plan to open two part days beginning in January – Covid, health and weather permitting.

In January we welcomed a new volunteer, Carmen Patton, for our thrift store, and we are looking for volunteers for both our gift shop and thrift store. We are so thankful for our love and support of these endeavors.

Due to the increase in Covid cases in our area, we have been forced to again close both the Gift Shop and Thrift Store. Volunteers in the Surgery Waiting Area are allowed to volunteer at this time.

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – HARRISON

Jerry Jones

Volunteers are still working in the vaccine call center and some other areas such as the cancer center and Rehab desk, as well as Human Resources.

Our gift shop has opened to normal hours - 8-4, M-F - and doing good business.

The thrift store showed a profit for previous month so things are looking promising.

Kim Rosson has assumed the duties of DVS, to replace Robby Scucci. she is doing this along with the foundation and marketing duties .



SOUTHEAST

BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – WARREN

Phyllis Loomis

The Auxiliary decorated two trees at the hospital.



The Bradley County Medical Center treated the hospital auxiliary to a luncheon at Warrhouse B in Warren. Twenty-four auxiliary members and three guests were present.



CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER – LAKE VILLAGE

Dean Ann Smith

Our auxiliary had our awards meeting (pictures on next page) at our general meeting on October 20, 2021, since we didn't have it at our normal time which is in May.



The CEO, John Heard, handed out our bars for hours earned in 2019. (2020 was the covid lockdown).



Hilda Lauhon gave us our covid booster shot and flu shot at the meeting. The cafeteria served us a delicious cheesecake after our lunch, with our choice of caramel, cherry and blueberry toppings.

During the week of October 25-29th, we held our PINK OUT WEEK. Everyone was encouraged to wear pink all week. A silent auction was also held in the classroom where we hold our meetings and the staff could bid on baskets filled and decorated by the departments of the hospital and some local businesses, and they could use whatever theme they decided on.



Proceeds from this auction provided mammography to citizens of Lake Village and surrounding areas. We raised an approximate amount of \$4,265.00 for this cause.

Maria Luisa, winner of two baskets!



On November 29th we decorated the hospital for Christmas.

December 2nd, we held the annual Christmas Tea for the hospital staff for the first time since 2019.



We will be starting back our employee appreciation in January. This is where we honor different departments every month with goodies that we make.

We have also gained a new auxiliary member. Her name is Jane Stephens and she is a very eager participant. We are so glad to have her with us.

In February, we will bring back our annual Valentine's Candy Sale. This is another very big fundraiser event and is very popular at the hospital. Everyone is so excited

DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – MONTICELLO

Barbara Brown

Emmett Lewis McClain was born at Drew Memorial Health System on January 2 at 7:14 a.m., making him the firstborn baby at our hospital, kicking off the new year. This beautiful baby boy was delivered by Dr. Shrum and was 18 and a half inches long and 6lb. 9 oz. His mother, Emily Clark, is in awe of her precious addition, and his big brother Emersyn is excited for his new baby brother to come home. Below: PROUD PARENT Emily Clark receives a gift basket from Drew Memorial Health system Auxilian Barbara Brown and Drew Memorial staff in celebration of her son Emmett Lewis McClain, the first baby born at Drew Memorial in 2022.

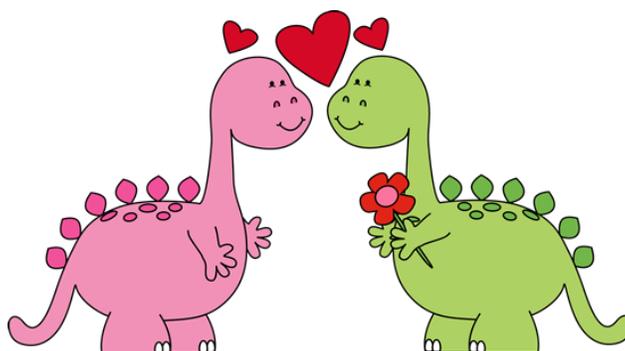


The hospital's volunteer Auxiliary provides the parents of the first baby born at Drew Memorial each year with a basket of gifts to celebrate their new arrival. This year's basket included a baby blanket, socks, outfits, toys, washcloths, and many more items. Auxilian Barbara Brown presented the gift basket on behalf of the organization. The Auxiliary provides thousands of hours of volunteer service each year to the hospital in most departments and holds fundraisers to support the hospital's mission of providing quality health care in the region.

Drew Memorial Health System serves a population of 200,000 in Southeast Arkansas. The hospital offers childbirth and breastfeeding classes for expectant parents.

The Drew Memorial Hospital Auxiliary assembled 400 New Year gift bags for the Hospital Key Club Members. Each bag was filled with items for them to enjoy. The hospital foundation provided the items and the Auxiliary. Members put them together.





SOUTHWEST

CHI St. VINCENT-HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith

CHI gave all the volunteers Petit Jean Meat Assortment or a Petit Jean ham for Christmas just as they did the staff. It's nice to be appreciated!

Christmas Sales in the Gift Shop were awesome. Now staff is shopping after Christmas sales up to 75% off. Our DVS, Susan Rima, has ordered new items that are arriving daily. We continue to appreciate CHI staff for their overwhelming support of the Gift Shop and Scrub Shop. Together we make a great team - we sell and they buy.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce this will be my final news article for CHI St. Vincent in Hot Springs. My time at CHI has been a great experience and I value the new friends that warmly welcomed me here almost eight years ago. As most of you know, my husband died in 2020. It finally feels right to move on to the next season of my life. I purchased a house in Conway to be near my youngest daughter and only granddaughter. I am trusting God to guide me to my next volunteering opportunity and a million other things.

Wishing each of you a wonderful New Year!

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CAMDEN)

Dorothy Berley

The OCMC Auxiliary is trying to remain as active as our hospital will allow under the current COVID guidelines. We are assisting in Admissions and at the Information Desk and our Gift Shop is allowed to be open three days a week for four hours. Even with the limited hours, we had very good sales during the Christmas season. Our Gift of Life in Lights fundraiser that we usually do during the holidays was canceled again this year due to covid restrictions. However, we were able to sponsor a Food Drive during the holidays at the hospital. This proved to be very successful as we collected nine large boxes of non-perishable food items which were delivered to one of our local food banks.

We have continued to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital in Little Rock. To date we have delivered 52 gallon bags and currently have five gallons ready to be delivered.



VALLEY

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Sharon Jewell

Mena Regional Auxiliary inc. is accepting applications for new members!

The Mena Regional Auxiliary hosted another wonderful, successful Christmas Breakfast!



Mena Regional is so very thankful for the Auxiliary and all they do for the benefit of the hospital. Proceeds from this breakfast are used toward scholarships for local students in healthcare fields. Special thanks to the celebrity servers, the dietary department for preparing a delicious meal, and of course to all of the generous guests!

Auxiliary members pictured below.



Mena Christmas Parade, Best in Show 1st place: Mena Regional Health Systems. Mena Regional Health System had a great time welcoming the holiday season in "Cowboy Christmas" style at the Mena/Polk County Chamber of Commerce annual Parade of Lights!

Best in Show 1st Place



B3- Owen Smith Approval



The Auxiliary sponsored a scrub sale in November.
In January we will start taking applications for spring scholarships.

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.
We are prepared to take off into the New Year.
Please make sure that your positive attitude and gratitude
are secured and locked in the upright position.
All self-destruct devices such as pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment
should be turned off at this time.
All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away.
Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight,
look up, reach up and pull down a prayer.
Prayers will automatically be activated by faith.
Once your faith is activated, you can assist other passengers
who are of little faith.
There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.
Heavenly Father has cleared us for takeoff.
Jesus Christ our pilot is at the helm.
Our destination – Greatness.
We will be arriving soon with New Hope, New Joy and New Beginnings.
We welcome you to 2022.

