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Wow! How busy can a person be? Your President-Elect, Judy Overton, David and I covered the state, visiting all seven of the Fall District Meetings. We went to Jonesboro, Benton, Mena, Magnolia, Dumas, Eureka Springs and Clinton. This was a heavy schedule and itinerary AFTER the amazing Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association's Convention.

The Embassy Suites was chosen for the Convention venue. The Convention Co-Chairs, Leta Garrison and Suzanne Hackney, hosted the State Fair event and when I saw the fun that everyone was having, I thought "our Auxilians are already on fire." Suzanne, along with Ginny Presgrove as her Co-Chair, will chair the convention next October.

Congratulations are in order for all those auxiliaries who earned the Award of Excellence, In-Service and Fundraising awards and special recognition to Arkansas' two Auxilians of the Year: Nina Spencer and Virginia "Ginny" McClain.

I am very proud to be your 59th State AHAA President. If this past month is any indication of what is to come, we certainly are Volunteers On Fire For Our Hospitals.

Margaret Underwood

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Officer Changes

The board regretfully accepted the resignation of Judy Overton from the President-Elect position at the November board meeting.

The credentials committee recommended to the board that the vacancy be filled by Darlene Tuohy.

Darlene has served Auxiliary for 16 years as secretary, president-elect and president of her local Auxiliary. She has also served on the AHAA Board as district chair, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and as convention chair and leadership chair. The board voted to accept the recommendation.

Handbook Changes:

Page 7: Change Northeast District Chair street address to 4500 Phillips Drive

Page 13: Change the Washington Regional President contact to
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2017 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

April 4 th	Valley	Saint Mary's Regional Med Center - Russellville
April 12 th	Metropolitan	UAMS Medical Center – Little Rock
April 13 th	Southwest	Baptist Health Hot Spring County - Malvern
April 14 th	Southeast	DeWitt Hospital & Nursing Home - DeWitt
April 18 th	North Central	Stone County Med Center – Mountain View
April 19 th	Northeast	Arkansas Methodist Med Center – Paragould
April 20 th	Northwest	Mercy Hospital Berryville – Berryville

**58TH AHAA ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
LITTLE ROCK, AR**

The 58th Annual Convention and General Business meeting was called to order at 2:00pm on October 5, 2016 by AHAA President Dorothy Berley.

Afterward, the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Northeast District Chair Shirl Kersey.

Delegate and seating instructions were given by Dorothy. Next, Dorothy introduced current board members, committee chairs, District Chairs and convention co-chairs.

Shirley VanHorn, Registration Chair, reported that 327 were registered, representing 49 auxiliaries.

Parliamentarian Mary Frauenhoff informed the assembly that AHAA has 58 auxiliaries in good standing. The number of registered delegates is 49, with 41 registered alternates, and that a quorum is present.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Melissa Williamson. A motion was made by Jean Adams, Baxter Regional Medical Center, to accept the 2015 annual meeting minutes as witnessed. After a second by Freddie Lipton, Bradley County Medical Center, the motion was approved by the delegates.

Three members have been appointed by Dorothy to approve the 2016 AHAA annual meeting minutes. They are:

Mary Catherine Propes	Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs
Christy Blackshear	Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas-Rogers
Sue Walker	Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren

Treasurer Darlene Tuohy informed us the annual financial report can be found on page 18 of the 2016-2017 AHAA Handbook. The Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 is on page 5 of the book. Dorothy Penix, Dallas County Medical Center, moved the Proposed Budget be accepted. A second was voiced by Shirley Sandlin, Delta Memorial Hospital. The motion passed.

Pat Lavender, Bylaws Chair, told the group there were no bylaws changes this year, but that Policies and Procedure did have some changes voted on earlier in the year. One section of changes was inadvertently left out of the handbook, but an insert listing those changes was

placed in every registration packet. Other changes made to Policies and Procedures are in the book in bold type.

Immediate Past President Jerry Berley presented the Credentials Committee report with the proposed nominees for the 2016-2017 AHAA officers. Those nominees are:

President-elect	Judy Overton, Northwest Arkansas Medical Center- Springdale
Vice-president	Barbara Goodwin, Jefferson Regional Medical Center- Pine Bluff
Secretary	Wilda Chadick, CHI St. Vincent- Hot Springs
Treasurer	Melissa Williamson, Baptist Health Med Center- North Little Rock
Newsletter Editor	Dean Rossa, St. Bernards Medical Center- Jonesboro

Jean Adams, Baxter Regional Medical Center, made the motion and June Trippe, Unity Health White County Medical Center, seconded and the slate of nominees was approved.

Dorothy then introduced the remainder of the 2016-2017 AHAA Board. Those introduced are:

Incoming President	Margaret Underwood, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center- Harrison
ASDVS President	Tammy Batchelor, Saline Memorial Hospital- Benton

Bo Ryall AHA President/CEO

The seven District Chairs, elected this spring at their district meetings, were then recognized.

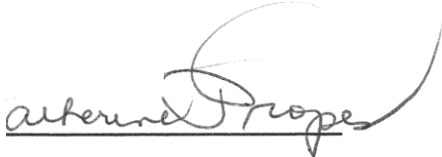
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Convention Chair Leta Garrison made announcements concerning the seating arrangements at the Thursday evening meal. She also gave instructions for those riding the buses to the Marriott Hotel for the AHA Opening Session.

Dorothy asked volunteers to wear their uniforms on Thursday. She then announced that David Underwood, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center and David Hutcheson, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, would be the pages for the 3:00pm Memorial Service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.

WITNESSED BY:



Audrey Tripp



Christy Blackshear



Sue Walker

COV Update

Submitted by: Lynn Smith, COV Chair 2016

COV met in Atlanta in conjunction with AHVRP Conference. I was happy to see five others from Arkansas at the conference. I am sure we all agree the conference was great and we came home with many new ideas to share with our Auxiliaries. Other hospitals represented were Children's Hospital, CHI St. Vincent-Hot Springs and Baxter Medical Center.

One session that was new to me and I found particularly interesting and timely was "Transition". It dealt with a program to transition our senior volunteers to another work place or even knowing when it is time to go home. If you would like more information, I will be glad to share what I learned.

Committee On Volunteers or COV is a specialty committee of the American Hospital Association. The committee is made up of 15 members: Auxilians, Volunteers and Directors of Volunteers, from around the United States. I am so pleased to have a picture of 12 of the 15 COV members. Some were unable to attend due to Hurricane Matthew.



Front row left to right: Barbara Muesing (Volunteer) Fosston, MN --Eileen Mc Conville (DOV) Wilmington, North Carolina--Margie Beadles (Auxilian) Springfield, MO--Deborah Brookshire (DOV) VA Health System-Tucson, AZ --Earlene Kelley (Auxilian) Joplin, Missouri.

Back row from left: Meg Fallows (DOV) Richland, WA--Vicki Holcombe (DOV) Beaumont, TX --Lynn Smith (Volunteer) Hot Springs, AR--Louis Peltier (Volunteer) Bakersfield, CA--Betty Leonard (Volunteer) Ruidoso, New Mexico--Diane Westbrook (Auxilian) River Falls, WI--Kelley Boothby(DOV)Hartford, CT.

Not pictured: Rozen Patterson (Volunteer) Fort Lauderdale, FL Frechia Barrett (Auxilian) Decatur, GA and Angela Smith (DOV) Akron, OH. Angela also served as current AHVRP President.

You might notice I am wearing the kimono jacket that was modeled at our AHAA Conference Gift Shop style show.

Betty Leonard from New Mexico was the judge of our AHAA Outstanding Achievement Awards this year. She said she was most impressed with all the entries and it was hard to name just one winner.

Margie Beadles from Missouri has been approved by AHA Board of Trustees to be COV Chair for 2017. She and I have become great friends while serving on COV. We both served as our state auxiliary presidents 2011-2012.

I am thrilled to announce that our own Jerry Berley has also been approved by American Hospital Association Board of Trustees to serve a three year term on COV starting in 2017. Congratulations to Jerry and AHAA for having another COV member.

*Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!*

Congratulations Jerry! We are so proud to have you represent Arkansas at the national level.

Submitted by: Lynn Smith,

COV Chair 2016



AHAA 2016 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

100 Beds and Over	Chris Barber – St. Bernards Medical Center, Jonesboro
100 Beds and Under	Rex Jones – Bradley County Medical Center, Warren

AUXILIAN OF THE YEAR

100 Beds and Over	Virginia “Ginny” McClain – Northwest Medical Center, Springdale
100 Beds and Under	Nina Spencer – CrossRidge Community Hospital, Wynne

COMMUNITY SERVICE

100 Beds and Over	– Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas, Rogers
100 Beds and Under	– Stone County Medical Center, Mountain View

FUNDRAISING

100 Beds and Over	– Forrest City Medical Center, Forrest City
100 Beds and Under	– DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home, DeWitt

IN-HOSPITAL SERVICE

100 Beds and Over	– NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jonesboro
100 Beds and Under	– Ouachita County Medical Center, Camden



Marian Hill Landen	Baptist Health Medical Center - North Little Rock Auxiliary
Thelma Risk	Baptist Health Medical Center - North Little Rock
Audrey Robson	Baxter Regional Medical Center –Mountain Home
Bernice Woodruff	Siloam Springs – Siloam Springs
Karen Metz	Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren Auxiliary
Mary Weinsinger	Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren Auxiliary
Shirley Kilgore	Mercy - Berryville

Several have asked for a copy of the poem which was read during the Memorial Service at Convention. This poem was written by Shirl Kersey, Northeast District Chair and is printed below:

A Poem of Remembrance

Remember me when I volunteered.
Remember me when I smiled, laughed and cried.
Remember me when I volunteered and walked by your side.
Remember me when the days were good,
We helped all those whom we could.
Remember me when I loved to volunteer,
I wanted only to bring comfort and cheer.
Remember me, I volunteered to do my part.
Remember me and let sunshine fill your heart.



Guides

Deadline: 1st day of odd months.

EMAIL editor the material you want included. drossa@suddenlink.net

Preferred documents: MS Office, text docs, or PDF.

Caption pictures.

If space is an issue, pics featuring several volunteers will be given preference over pics having just one subject.

Mention Auxiliary or your hospital name on the subject line to protect editor from opening spam.

AHAA District News

Metropolitan

Chi St. Vincent, Little Rock, Ar

Submitted by Karen Baldrige, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary had a board meeting and its first general meeting and luncheon on September 9. Polly Davenport, RN, D.Sc, FACHE, Sr. Vice President & COO, President, CHI St. Vincent - Infirmary & North was our guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed her informative presentation.

Several board members attended the AHAA Convention and Annual Meeting, October 5-7 at the Embassy Suites. We attended the workshops with Auxilians from all over the state. It was a great opportunity to associate with other Auxilians. Our auxiliary received the 5-star award.

The Auxiliary had a board meeting on October 14 at Red Lobster in Little Rock.

The Auxiliary will sponsor a Dillard's Sale, November 17-18 at CHI St. Vincent.

The Auxiliary will have a board meeting and also a luncheon on November 11.

The Annual Christmas Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 9 at the Country Club of Little Rock.

North Central

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs

Submitted by Mary Propes

Fall is always a busy time of the year- ballgames, fairs, festivals - and the BHMC-HS Auxiliary 16th annual Style Show and Luncheon which has come to another successful conclusion. Stylish fashions and accessories were modeled for the enjoyment of all those attending. The band, Blue Sky, entertained with a variety of music, door prizes collected from area merchants and businesses were distributed, and winning bids on Silent Auction baskets and items were announced. A fun day overall! In addition, the Fall Uniform Sale brought in even more than our spring event.

Auxilians are working in their various departments as well as passing out "Look Before You Lock" stickers and hangers, and assisting with blood drives and the "Look Good Feel Better" program. Current 2016 officers have been re-nominated and have accepted the nomination for the 2017 year. Several members attended the State AHAA Convention in October where we received a 5 Star rating, and BHMC-HS received the Community Service award at the North Central Fall District meeting in Clinton.

Fast approaching in December is the annual Christmas luncheon at the Red Apple Inn where food and home goods will be collected for distribution to a local home for the needy.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is looking forward to and making plans for another successful and rewarding year in 2017.

North Central

Stone County Medical Center-Mountain View

Submitted by Leneil Taylor, Auxiliary Secretary

We had installation of officers for the coming year at our October meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our 1st Vice President, Sue Misenheimer could not continue to serve. Our Auxiliary selected Judy Bishop to fill this position for the new year.

Our gift shop held a private showing of our fall fashions for the employees of the hospital. We received a great response from them. It was a great job by our past gift shop manager Delores Stewart and our new manager Janice Joyner. We look forward to many more great things for our shop The Bird Cage.

State Convention was a fun time for all who attended. Our Auxiliary received the 5 Star Award of Excellence and the Community Service Award for an under 100 bed hospital. Thanks to everyone in our Auxiliary for these great accomplishments.

Everyone who attended the Fall District meeting at Clinton has a wonderful time. Thank you to Ozark Health for a great meeting and meal.

North Central

Unity Health - Searcy

Submitted by Ellen Jordan



Shown left: Linda Ingram, Susan Bolton, Carla Parazine and Kay Winningham are busy cutting out Christmas Stockings. Each baby born during the month of December will be placed in a stocking and presented to their parents after stockings are finished by volunteers,.

This project won Unity Health WCMC Auxiliary the North Central District Community Service Award for Fall 2016



Lester Allen is demonstrating voting machine to Lynda Goldman after our October meeting where he presented a Voter Education program to all in attendance.



Kathy Gammill...Lavern Hess at Annual Barbara Montgonery Memorial Breat Cancer Awareness luncheon in Searcy.
Unity Health - Searcy

Northeast

Crossridge Community Hospital - Wynne

Submitted by George Anne Draper, President



Fall is here. We only know that because October is our busiest month at CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary!! Five people attended the AHAA Convention and our Nina Spencer was awarded the Arkansas Auxilian of the year. We are so proud of her.

Eight signed up to attend the district meeting in Jonesboro hostessed by St. Bernard's Auxiliary. The wonderful dinner and style show were highlights of the meeting.

CrossRidge held its annual Breast Cancer Luncheon on October 10 with a theme "Let's Scream for a Cure." It was an ice cream social with box lunches and sundaes for everyone. Over 100 attended and each received an apron with the logo and a crystal sundae dish.

The Flower Project where we get flowers form the local Hays Food Town and put them in vases and take them to the patients in the hospital and nursing homes is going full steam. We have a 20 bed hospital and the census usually averages 12, but one week the hospital was full. About 20 women have volunteered their time to get these flowers out every

Wednesday and Thursday, taking turns each month.

Our Auxiliary awarded two \$1000 scholarships to local people who are getting more education. We are happy to help our town by encouraging our employees to improve their education.

Northeast



At left are St Bernards 2016 Scholarship winners (\$2000 each). Back: Charles Kifer, Tom Castilaw, Grayson Grant (also AHAA State scholarship), Jamarcus Brider. Front: Amber Stevens, Bridgette Fender, Sabrina Knight. Absent: Hallie Frederick, Hailey Kee, Leah Young.

Twenty-seven members of our Auxiliary attended state convention in October. At the Arkansas Hospital Association Convention, our CEO, Chris Barber, was named the AHAA Administrator of the Year for hospitals having more than 100 licensed beds. That night we all attended the State Fair themed dinner and had fun with the games, dancing, entertainment, silent auction and line dancing.

Our own Suzanne Hackney was convention co-chair. At Friday brunch, St. Bernards' Dean Rossa was installed for the second year as the AHAA State Newsletter Editor.



The next week, we hosted the Northeast AHAA Fall District Meeting. The auditorium blazed with mums and flames in keeping with the new theme, Volunteers: On Fire for Our Hospitals.



Approximately 120 Auxilians were treated to breakfast

items made by our members. Members from seven northeast district hospitals enjoyed hearing from AHAA President, Margaret Underwood and AHAA President Elect, Judy Overton as well as district and hospital Auxiliary reports. President/CEO of St. Bernards, Chris Barber, told the group about upcoming changes. Next our Gift Shop presented a fashion show. Finally, a luncheon catered by St. Bernards was enjoyed by all.



Picture at left: St Bernards Auxiliary is shown giving a \$100,000 check to CEO Chris Barber on Oct. 28 at the opening of the recently remodeled Ben Owens Cancer Treatment Center.

Northwest

Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary – Mountain Home
Submitted by Jean Adams, President

We were pleased to be part of the reason that Mountain Home was named a Volunteer Community of the Year in Arkansas. So many of our hospital volunteers also volunteer elsewhere in our community, i.e. the Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of our churches, Backpack programs, and the local food banks.

In September, we had our first General Meeting since last spring. The turn-out was tremendous and was the largest number recorded in quite some time. The theme was “BRMC Volunteers Rock & Roll!!!”, and we gave each volunteer who attended a Tervis tumbler with Tootsie Rolls in it. Those in charge served root beer floats, played 50’s music, and dressed in 50’s attire. Even the soda jerks were dressed appropriately.

Fourteen volunteers attended the 2016 AHAA State Convention in Little Rock where we were given a 5 Star Award. From Little Rock, I traveled with my DVS Becky Rose and two additional volunteers to the AHVRP Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Keynote Speaker at the opening session was Dr. Ian Smith, author of the “Shred” weight loss books. Dr. Smith signed copies of one of his books and donated all proceeds to help the victims of Hurricane Matthew. All of the workshops were led by excellent speakers, and we gleaned wonderful information to use in our future volunteer organization plans.

Both of our Bargain Box thrifts shops are exceeding sales expectations for 2016. We have had in-house fundraisers with Books R Fun, Dynamic Cookware, and Geneva Distributing. We are about to complete our \$500,000 commitment for renovation of the BRMC Women and Newborn Center, have contributed \$50,000 to our annual Lend-A-Hand Campaign, and have begun funding our \$150,000 commitment toward the renovation of the BRMC Cardio-Pulmonary Unit.

Northwest

Northwest

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison

Submitted by Joy Woelbing, CVM



This fall has been very busy for North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison as 12 of our members attended AHAA State Convention in Little Rock, where we proudly watched our own Margaret Underwood installed as the State President. Margaret's theme for the year is "Volunteers: On fire for our hospitals". We all strive to be the spark that inspires or encourages and comforts as we volunteer.

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Forty of our volunteers participated in the Farm To You Program at the KHOZ Health Fair. Farm To You is an educational program which teaches K-6th grade children the importance of nutrition for our bodies.

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville

Submitted by Pat Meier

Five of our Auxiliary Board members were fortunate to be able to attend the AHAA State Convention in Little Rock. Much fun was had and much was learned at the informative sessions.

Our Auxiliary has been focusing on helping our new Pediatric Unit to become as 'kid friendly' as possible. We have provided DVR's, TV's, and children's tapes for the unit. We are collecting money by selling handmade baby caps in our gift shop to purchase a hospital wagon. Children need something to look forward to each day, and the wagon will provide that for them. We are also looking forward to the holiday season. A volunteer has graciously donated a large Christmas tree for the unit. Children hospitalized during the month of December will be given an opportunity to make decorations. They can hang them on our tree or take them home for their own tree. This is in addition to the Super Kid Capes that each child already receives. During December, all newborns receive a large red hand-made Holiday stocking from the Auxiliary. We normally distribute 100 stockings.

The Auxiliary Board will hold its annual retreat on November 14, 2016, to plan activities and fundraisers for 2017.

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center - Springdale

Submitted by Lesa Tucker

Congratulations to Ginny McClain, Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association Auxilian of the Year for hospitals over 100 beds.

Ginny has been a volunteer at Northwest Medical Center - Springdale for over 20 years and has accumulated 24,000 hours of service. During the last twelve months, Ginny has provided 2100 hours of volunteer service, which is more than a regular full time employee.

Her most demanding responsibility is chairman of the Auxiliary Guest House. Ginny works Tuesday through Friday and some weekends when no one else is available. There are many times that you can find her cleaning a room in order that a guest may check in. She has also been known to refinish the Guest House furniture that has shown years of wear and tear. We would not be able to provide this service to our guests and visitors without Ginny's leadership.

Some of her other duties include editor of the Notes and Quotes. She is the Auxiliary's representative for Senior Circle. She pops popcorn and serves soft drinks for the monthly movie matinee. She is a hostess for the monthly birthday parties and a committee member for the Auxiliary Grants Committee.



Northwest

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Juanita Baker

"Look before you Lock" project was demonstrated this year at the Carroll County fair in the educational booth department. Lots of hard work and hours produced a blue ribbon and 97 out of 100 points. Those who helped make this possible were Pat Armer, Larinda Armer, Ella Fiveash, Deana Davidson and Juanita Baker. Thank you girls from the Farewell 4-H club for your assistance.

Appreciation for our Carroll County officer's in BLUE took place on October 12, 2016. We wanted to show our law enforcement officers how much we care and appreciate all they do for our community. As a token of our appreciation we delivered cookies to each law enforcement office in Carroll County. Delivering cookies involved Pat Armer, Shelba Miller, Anita Spearman, Leoria Brewer, Ella Fiveash, Mary Jo Vallie, Barbara Wilham, Juanita Baker and Larinda Armer.

Many Of our Auxilians attended the state conference in Little Rock this year. Mercy Hospital Berryville received 5 stars. Our volunteers are all fired up! Those attending the state conference we Pat Armer, Shelba Miller, Leoria Brewer, Anita Spearman, Deana Davidson and Neta Sue Stamps.

In Loving Memory Shirley Kilgore: she was a long standing volunteer member. She will be missed by many.

Northwest District meeting was held in Eureka Springs this year. We listened to a special speaker, Vicki Andert, Eureka Springs Chief Nursing Officer. Also special reports from AHAA President Margaret Underwood and President-Elect Judy Overton. Those in attendance were Pat Armer, Barbara Wilham, Leoria Brewer, Ella Fiveash, Anita Spearman, Shelba Miller, Johnnie Lindt, Juanita Baker and Larinda Armer.

Northwest

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas – Rogers

Submitted by Christy Blackshear, Recording Secretary

There are currently 253 active auxiliary members and 70 volunteers who participated in a summer program. The teens volunteered 1500 hours at a value of \$30,000 in various departments within the hospital including patient escort, lab, pediatric clinics, patient surveys and materials management. Also, the Auxiliary participated in the MASH Program which was a 2 week collaboration with UAMS this July.

LOCAL PROJECTS

1. 8th Street Hotel for the Homeless - This is a community service project which involves Auxiliary members providing meals for 75 residents, books for children, hygiene kits and arts and crafts activities.
2. Reach Out and Read- The Auxiliary has donated \$5,000 to the pediatric clinics within the Mercy System. These funds are used to buy books for children during their well visits to encourage reading for families.
3. Scholarships - The Auxiliary has provided \$4,000 for co-workers thus far this year.
4. Literacy Bags for Students and Families - The Knit and Stitch group of the Auxiliary will be hand sewing literacy bags, puppets and pencil pouches for first graders at Bonnie Grimes Elementary. The kits will include 3 books on each child's reading level, activity books, crayons, pencils, erasers along with the puppets and pencil pouches. This is the third year the Auxiliary has participated in this project. Over the past two years, 180 Literacy Kits for Students and Families have been provided by the Auxiliary
5. Fundraisers - The Auxiliary has participated in the following fundraisers this year: Sipada Jewelry, Shoe Roads Productions, Books Are Fun, and Wendiana. The Dillards fundraiser will be held the first week of December.

Eight Auxiliary members recently attended the AHAA State Convention in Little Rock. The Mercy Auxiliary of Rogers received the 5 star Award of Excellence as well as the Community Service Award for hospitals with 200 plus beds.

Northwest

Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary

Submitted by Annis Cripps

Bernice Woodruff : January 1, 1933 - October 4, 2016

We offer our sympathy to the family of Bernice Woodruff, one of our lifetime members.

We have been busy the last couple of months. On September 9th, we did a Volunteer Orientation (mandatory) for all volunteers in the hospital.

The following week we had our Scrub Sale for two days. This is one of our fundraisers. In October Sharon Sly, Sara Treftz, Kim Kittrell and Annis Cripps went to the AHAA Convention in Little Rock. We enjoyed our accommodations at Embassy Suites. The convention was the best. Seven of our Auxiliary members attended the Northwest District meeting in Eureka Springs on October 25th. Those attending were Barbara Ferguson, Barbara Harless, Glenda Endriss, Sharon Sly, Annis Cripps, Jan Tracy, and Carmella Proffitt.

We are looking forward to our first Thanksgiving Bake Sale, coming up on November 21st and 22nd.

Southeast

Chicot Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary-Lake Village *Submitted by Dean Ann Smith*

On April 6th, a Home and Personal Defense Seminar was taught by a certified bodyguard and enforcement professional, Mr. Bernie Major. Some of the proceeds went to the Auxiliary. A few of our Auxilians attended.



On April 20th we hosted the Southeast District Spring Meeting in our hometown of Lake Village, Arkansas at the Lake Village Country Club. Joyce Creel was our chairman for the gift bags that were given to the ladies attending the district meeting. They were filled with goodies from local businesses such as: Alice Sidney (bags of rice), Southern Aqua Center (catfish cookbooks), Paul Michael's (wreath coupons), Turn-On-Inn (ink pens), and Simmons Bank (note pads and pens). Charles Graham entertained us with hymn-singing while the Auxilians dined.



On May 18th, pink ladies delivered goodies to the Emergency Medical Services Dept.

Our Awards Banquet for the year was also held this day. Beth White is our Volunteer for the Year 2016. Beth always fills in if an Auxilian needs a sub. She is chairman of Children's Goody Bags, Fall Mall, and Scholarships. She works in the Gift Shop, Front Desk, X-ray, and Surgical. Congratulations, Beth!



We held the Razorback Sale August 18th and 19th. This is always a good money-maker for the Auxiliary. The scrub sale was held Sept. 8th and 9th. This is also a good money maker for us.

Beth White coordinated the Fall Mall this year. It was held on September 22nd and was a great success. Only one Razorback quilt was raffled off this year. Butch Sabbatini was the lucky winner.



October was a busy month for employee recognition. We honored Food Services, the Emergency Room Nurses, the Physician Assistants, Pharmacy, Plant Operation and Respiratory. Thanks for all the goodies and help from the Pink

Ladies. Next month we will honor Imaging, Home Health and Surgical.

The State Convention was held October 5, 6, and 7th in Little Rock at the Embassy Suites. This was the first year for the convention to be held at the Embassy Suites. Only three Auxilians attended the State Convention. They were Barbara Harris, Joyce Creel, and Dean Ann Smith. Dean Ann agreed to do the modeling again for

the fashion show and our Auxiliary came home once again with a five-star certificate. This is the highest award an Auxiliary can receive for the accomplishments that it does for that year.

On October 21st, twelve of our Auxilians attended the Fall District Meeting in Dumas, AR.

Pictured from left are Betty Connard, Barbara Harris, Judy Sadler, Margie Smith, Joyce Gregory, Laverne Bariola, Nancy Gardner, Lillian Sims, Dean Ann Smith, Catherine Haverkamp, and Joyce Creel. Not Pictured: Beth White



Southeast

Drew Memorial Hospital - Monticello
Submitted by Barbara Brown

State Convention: Four of our ladies attended the convention on Oct.5-7. The best part was when they announced that our Aux. had been given a 5 START AWARD this year. We had good speakers and the entertainment was fun on the State Fair night.

District Meeting: Nine of our members attended the District Meeting hosted by Delta Memorial Hospital. Our State President, Margaret Underwood, and the State President-Elect, Judy Overton, attended the meeting . The Dumas ladies did a great job, and all nine of us came home with a door prize.

Auxiliary News: We participated in the Ground Breaking in August for the new Hospital wing. We also voted to pledge \$100,000 to the Hospital Foundation to help with the expenses of the new building and other department needs in the hospital. We are so happy that when the new wing is finished, our gift shop will be much larger so we can have more items to sell. We also rode the Hospital float and helped with the booth at the county fair.

We have purchased new automatic doors for the Allied Health Wing, and we are anxious for them to be installed. This will be so helpful for our handicap patients.

We have hosted a Razorback sale in September, and we have the jewelry sale on Nov. 7 and 8th. Our uniform sale will be December 14 and 15.

Our annual OMELET BREAKFAST will be on November 5th at First Baptist Church. We had to move the Breakfast from the hospital because of Health and safety guidelines that require things we could not supply in the cafeteria. We are counting on all our members to sell their tickets and to help cook and serve at the breakfast. Remember this is one of our largest money makers, and we need everyone to participate if at all possible.

Our flu shots and TB tests will be given to our members at our Nov. meeting. We appreciate Barbara Barnes for doing these for us. We also thank Jenny Guthrie for her presentation for us at the October Meeting about the HIPPA Regulations.



Southeast

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary- Dumas
Submitted by Shirley Sandlin, president.



Seated (from left) Olene Ferguson, Troyce Norris, patty Posey, Lillie Ross, Jessie West, and Clarice Poole discussing final plans for District Meeting to be held in Dumas on Friday, October 21. 114 people have registered to attend. Patricia Livingston is in charge of door prizes, Troyce Norris is chair for table decorations and Carrie Alexander is chair for food.

Christina Rainey, Shirley Sandlin and Jeri Brewer recently attended the State Convention in Little Rock. Also pictured is Shirley Sandlin receiving 5 star award for Delta Memorial Hospital Auciliary.



CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs
Submitted by Lynn Smith

We are proud that the Southwest District has been well represented at the state level by our two past AHAA Presidents, Jerry and Dorothy Berley. We offer our CONGRATULATIONS to Dorothy Berley for a most successful AHAA year.

AHAA Convention was enjoyed by all, especially our Director of Volunteer, Susan Rima. She was emcee for the Gift Shop Workshop Style Show and the State Fair event. We were happy to have twelve members attend convention. We like the new hotel with free breakfast and a large place to gather and visit. Change is good!

CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs "In The Pink" luncheon was held Friday October 14th in the Hot Springs Convention Center. The event included a fashion show featuring cancer survivors, a silent auction and presentation from Merideth Sanders, MS CGS, a regional medical specialist at Preventive Care Myriad Genetic Laboratories. Merideth spoke on the importance and role of genetics in breast cancer. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to provide wigs, camisoles, bras and other needed items for breast cancer patients. Three of our Auxilians, Carol Ecklund, Linda Houk, and Joetta Morgan modeled a variety of items from the Gift Shop.



Medical Center of South Arkansas – El Dorado
Submitted by Peggy Plummer, President

Medical Center of South Arkansas hosted Senior Circle "Lunch and Learn" on September 7th and October 5th. At the September meeting, a representative from GenWealth Financial advisors spoke to the group about "Managing Your Retirements and Investments". In October, the new APRN from South Arkansas Center on Aging, Tiffany Lucas, spoke on "Aging Well, Healthy Living, and Senior Resources in El Dorado". The Auxiliary helped seat guests, serve, and clean up.

Two volunteers received awards. Katherine Brewer had 20,036 hours. Jim Mullins was awarded 3,001 hours, and the Auxiliary has 1,139 hours reported.

Four Auxiliary members attend the District Meeting in Magnolia.

The Auxiliary's fall fundraiser sheet sale made a good profit and was successful

The Auxiliary's continues to contribute to several causes including Hope landing, Nursing Scholarship Fund, MCSA Employee Benevolence Fund and daily newspapers for hospital patients.

The Auxiliary received the 5 Star Award of Excellence at the Arkansas Hospital Association.

Auxiliary members completed their required TB testing and received their optional flu vaccine.

Southwest

National Park Medical Center Auxiliary - Hot Springs

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer, President



The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary commissioned the new heart sculpture located in front of the new heart center. The NPMC Auxiliary has been busy with fundraisers to pay for this beautiful sculpture. We brought Dillard's and a 2U2 Uniforms to the hospital and raised \$5,001.26 in three weeks. We have a holiday tea tasting in November, gift wrapping in December and another Dillard's sale December 9th to raise more money for it.

We had our Christmas stocking meeting and are ready for our December and New Year's Babies. September 26th meeting was successful and we completed the stockings. Thank goodness for Lou English, our Chair, she has been doing this for 12 years and has it down to an art.

We are now able to take credit and debit cards in our gift shop. This has made a noticeable difference in our sales. We can take sales over the phone and accommodate more of our customers.

We had four people go to the state convention. We got the Five Star Award of Excellence. We had a great time and a big thanks to CHI St. Vincent's -Hot Springs DVS Susan Rima for hosting Thursday night. She did a great job.

NPMC Auxiliary also went to the district meeting in Magnolia October 20th. The food was wonderful and everything was great. It was exciting to meet all the newly elected presidents and visit with everyone present. We stocked up on state supplies and what they didn't have they promised to send.

The Auxiliary has a new person doing payroll deduction, Sue McLaughlin. We also have a new historian, Joyce Walters. We are excited about them volunteering for more duties.

Southwest

Ouachita County Medical Center Auxiliary - Camden

Submitted by Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

We had nine from our Auxiliary who attended the State Convention in October, and twenty-four attended the Fall Southwest District Meeting in Magnolia.

In September we gave \$12,700 to OCMC as partial payment of our \$250,000 commitment for a Central Monitoring System in our Emergency Room. The balance is \$44,000.

Our gift shop will be closed November 4 and 5 to decorate for Christmas. We are anticipating a rewarding Christmas sales season.

OCMC is now seeing non-emergency patients in an ExpressCare facility located near the hospital. Reports are this is an excellent facility and is serving our patients well.



Sparks Hospital Auxillary -- Ft. Smith, Ark.
Submitted by Alice Swaim, President

Although our Auxiliary takes the summer off from regular meetings and activities, we were invited to take part in a bicycle safety program sponsored by our Emergency Dept. Since this was taking place during the last part of August, heat was a factor for our ladies. We felt for their safety that they should not be outside in the parking lot where this was taking place, so we elected to just purchase the helmets for them. Our President Alice did go up that morning to check things out and found several children riding bicycles and wearing the safety helmets. Several pictures were taken and the children along with their parents seemed to be having a good time. All helmets not given away that day would be kept in the ER and given to children who came to the ER following a bicycle accident, possibly even concussions. We felt this was a very good cause and we were happy they asked us to participate.

In September, we resumed our regular meetings and working in the gift shop. Several ladies had chosen to continue working their regular day throughout the summer. Through the summer, several of us had worked on developing our first ever Auxiliary Handbook. It contains a lot of good information, history of what had been three lady's organizations, starting in 1887, hospital history from 1886, many of our projects, addresses, phone numbers, emails of all sustaining and active members of our Auxiliary. A wonderful bit of information for new members who may not be familiar with how we started and how far we've come. Each member will get one. They will be updated every year. My grateful appreciation goes to our members, Linda Hansson who volunteered to compile the entire book and Emma Mays, who edited for us. It is a great project in my estimation and I'm really proud of it.

October started with 3 of us attending Convention, one had to cancel at the last minute and we really enjoyed it all. Good information, good friendship, and good food. We also attended the Valley District meeting hosted by Mena. Four of us attended that and it was a good meeting as well. We finally got our new project off the ground, "Look Before You Lock". We were able to discuss with our Newborn Nursery on ways to dispense these hanging tabs and stickies. Each baby born at Sparks, Ft. Smith, is given a discharge packet when leaving the hospital, so it was agreed with that supervisor to also include those two items in that packet. That will get out in the public approximately 100 hanging tabs a month and we felt that was a way to be consistent in dispensing and goes to a lot of families.

At our Oct. regular meeting, we voted on 3 new ladies wishing to become members of our Auxiliary. Very happy to have them.

November will bring about our special meeting we have each year. This involves our luncheon and a style show. We have 6 ladies modeling clothing from Dillard's and 2 children, twins who are Godchildren of our own Linda Butler, a boy and girl, 4 yrs. old, should be a lot of fun. We are inviting our State President, President Elect, our sisters from Van Buren Auxiliary, Hospital CEO, our sustaining members and several other special guests. Looking forward to it.

We will also be sponsoring a new special sale as a fund raiser, "Something equivalent to Bed, Bath, and Beyond". This is our first time for this so it will be a learning process.

The word "Valley" is written in a stylized, cursive font. Above the letters, there is a horizontal line with decorative dots and a small diamond shape in the center.

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren

Submitted by Pam Henderson, President

We had a chili and soup luncheon on October 18th as one of our fundraisers. We did very well and cleared \$375.00.

Six members from our auxiliary attended the Fall District Meeting in Mena, Arkansas on October 19th.

We are going to start a 50/50 raffle and will sell tickets until December 12th. At that time, we will draw a name and some lucky person will have extra money to use for the holidays.

We will start our wreath fundraiser November 4th. The different departments in the hospital will make a wreath and submit back to us. We will then have a silent auction for the wreaths as a fundraiser.

We plan on having our cookie jar fundraiser during the first week in December. Auxiliary members will bake cookies. We will fill the cookie jars and then have a silent auction.
Until next time!!

