

# AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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*Darlene Tuohy*

Suzanne and I had a wonderful trip traveling to all the district meetings. To see all the far reaches and natural beauty of Arkansas has truly been an education for me, a non-native. It was amazing to see the ingenuity of our hosts as they used my theme for all aspects of each meeting. I thoroughly enjoyed each of the president's reports as they spoke of the various outreach programs and projects within their communities. Each of your auxiliaries is unique and so valuable as you reach out to help others. You really do make a difference!

I wish to thank all of those who have completed their recent leadership positions and to thank those who have accepted a leadership role in their respective auxiliaries and districts. In accordance with our bylaws a slate of candidates for the AHAA board will be in the issue of the July newsletter.

Thank you for all you do each and everyday. Enjoy your summer!

Darlene





## In Memoriam

METROPOLITAN  
**CHI/St. Vincent Morrilton**  
*Billie Surratt*

NORTH CENTRAL  
**Ozark Health Inc.**  
*Jerry Eades*

**Unity Health WCMC – SEARCY**  
*Vera Lee Wheeler*

NORTHEAST DISTRICT  
**Arkansas Methodist Medical Center**  
*Helen Lamb*

**St Bernards**  
*Carolyn Payne*

SOUTHWEST  
**Baptist Health Medical Center**  
**Hot Spring County – Malvern**  
*Frances Lorene (Brady) Fite*

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**Mercy Hospital-Berryville**  
*Michael Lewis*

**Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville**  
*Kay Sumerwell*

**Siloam Springs Regional Hospital**  
*Wanda Lou Shook*

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**Drew Memorial, Monticello**  
*Dorothy Gartman*  
*Betty Collins*  
*Jodie Rash*  
*Joanna Adcock*

**Jefferson Regional Medical Center**  
*Bonnie Jean Brown Rauls*

VALLEY  
**Sparks Medical Center-Van Buren**  
*Delores Doggett*

### A NOTE OF THANKS:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who remembered me as I recovered from the fall that resulted in three very painful broken ribs. All your acts of kindness, the cards, phone calls, flowers, and most of all your prayers meant more to me than words can say! Needless to say, each and every one of you was “my ray of sunlight on a cloudy day”!!

I feel so blessed to be a part of the AHAA family and I love you all!!

Dorothy Berley

### UPDATE INFORMATION

Sharon Sly – New Cell Phone Number - - 479-549-9011

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON STATE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

To ensure correct reservation rates, contact SUSANNE FRITTS at Embassy Suites, Monday through Friday at 501-537-3310

Please see end of this newsletter for more Convention information.



### METROPOLITAN

#### **BAPTIST HEALTH CENTER. – NORTH LITTLE ROCK**

*Linda Scott, Volunteer Coordinator*

In our March Auxiliary Meeting, the new slate of officers was voted on and approved.

The Volunteers were treated to a wonderful meal and a gift in recognition of their hard work and dedication to help celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. Along with a specially prepared meal, they treated to a musical duo for entertainment. They were also recognized hospital wide in the Huddles.

The BHMC-NLR Auxiliary had the honor of hosting the Spring Metropolitan District Meeting on April 19. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. The volunteers from the hospital prepared the table decorations with a wagon wheel in each bucket of spring flowers. These were given as door prizes. Our guest speaker from the Community Outreach Department was Teresa Conner from BHMC-LR. She shared the mission of the Community Wellness Centers and how they are involved in the communities they are in.

The May Auxiliary Meeting will have the Installation of the new Officers for 2018-2019. This will be followed by the President's reception to give everyone a chance to meet and get to know the new President.

### **CHI ST. VINCENT LITTLE ROCK**

*Betty Pullam, President*

The March Membership meeting and luncheon brought new volunteers



Pictured are Tom and Judy Adam/, Mary Mauppin, Barbara Bender and Rasa Gillian a delicious lunch and entertainment by the Mount St Mary Belle Choir.





Auxiliary members assisted the foundation in preparation of packets to be distributed at the L.R. Marathon.

Jan Gardner and Maureen Johnson helping the Foundation prepare for the LR Marathon

Children's gift bags are being distributed in the surgical waiting rooms. Each bag holds a small stuffed animal, coloring book and colored pencils.

Bill Rausch and Jo Ann Martin showing children's gift bag



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The linen Express sale was held March 14 and 15.

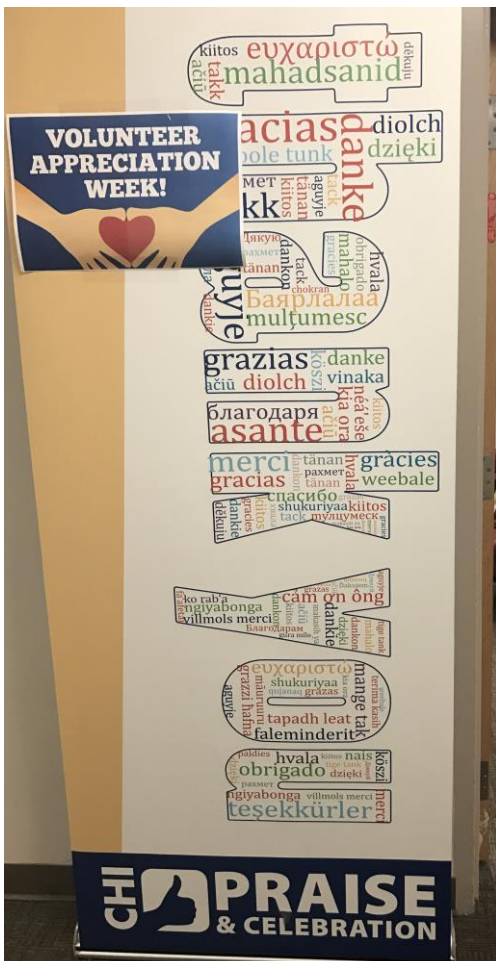
Collection boxes have been placed at both hospitals to assist Our House shelter with the collection of personal items.



Board secretary Sue Edwards and Our House Project

The auxiliary voted to donate \$2500.00 to Compassion in Action campaign. The purpose of this donation is to assist the hospital's participation in the Pack Shack project which will provide food for the needy.

National volunteer week was a busy and fun filled experience for all volunteers, who were honored with lunch, treats, and gifts.



(above) Volunteer Fran Fitzgerald enjoying lunch during Volunteer Week.

(left) Volunteer Banner greeting members to the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.

Board members attended the District AHAA Spring Meeting at Baptist in North Little Rock. It was an inspiring event, well attended, and enjoyed by all.



Anita Brewer, Betty Pullam, Jan Gardner, Maureen Johnson, Pauline Jegley, Hazel Wilson, and Gerry Goffart

### **CHI St. VINCENT MORRILTON**

*Tammy Smith, DVS*

St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary held the Easter Bake Sale and drawing for the Crazy Quilt on Friday, March 30, 2018. The winner of the Crazy Quilt is Merlene Tucker of Morrilton.

Pictured are Mary Simpkins and Mazie Wright, members of the volunteer auxiliary and winner Merlene Tucker.



Thank you to all that supported the SVM Auxiliary for coming out to the bake sale and all that purchased tickets for the drawing, these monies will go toward the current hospital project at the front entrance of the local hospital.

As one of the fundraiser events this year, the St. Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary will be having a yard sale in the Hickey Building on Friday, March 16th, from 7a- 3p and Saturday, March 17th, from 7a – 2p..

All proceeds will benefit the ongoing construction project at the front of the local hospital.



## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

### **BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HEBER SPRINGS**

*Mary Propes, President*

Fundraisers, In-Hospital projects, Community Service, Spring District meeting-BHMC-HS Auxiliary has been busy helping to make our hospital the best we can be.

Auxiliary Treasurer, Sandy Antonik, was recognized on her retirement at the North Central District meeting in Batesville and presented a beautiful glass art piece to commemorate her outstanding job as District Treasurer for the past 12 years. She is continuing, however, as BHMC-HS Auxiliary Treasurer.

Recent fundraisers have included a Collective Goods Sale, and Uniforms 2U2 Sale.

Upcoming events are a Paparazzi Jewelry Sale on May 3, “Let’s Celebrate” Silent Auction Baskets on May 10, and Geneva Linens Sale in July.

On Nurse’s Day all nurses will be presented halo oranges with the theme of “Nurses Have Halos” for their service, and Auxilians will continue to assist with hospital Blood Drives approximately every 8 weeks.

Two Auxiliary teams have participated in our ongoing Community Service project by periodically serving at Breakin’ Bread, a local soup kitchen. Additionally, hospital staff working on Easter enjoyed a scrumptious pot luck dinner, compliments of BHMC-HS Auxiliary members. These dinners will continue on various holidays including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

BHMC-HS Auxilians were honored with a beautiful Volunteer Appreciation Reception in the hospital dining room on April 17<sup>th</sup>. A delicious buffet was enjoyed, games were played, prizes were awarded, and much fun and laughter highlighted the event. A large tri-fold board, prepared by DVS Freda Brown displayed pictures of past events and Auxilians at work. Two new volunteers have gone through orientation and have begun working in various departments of the hospital.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Heber Springs!

### **OZARK HEALTH INC. - CLINTON**

*Bobbye Bennett, Vice-President*

At the April meeting officers for the 2018-19 year were elected and will be installed at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The slate is as follows: President – Helen Dobbins; Vice President & Event Coordinator – Bobbye Bennett; Corresponding & Recording Secretary – Peggy Rose; Treasurer – Scott Spencer (assistant – Dortha Borecky).

“Collective Goods” will be at the hospital on Wednesday and Thursday (May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) for their quarterly sale. This is one of our fund raising projects.

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will hold the annual “Mothers’ Day Tea”. In the past, this has been held on Mother’s Day at 2:00 p.m. however, we found that more families wanted to spend that time with the Mothers. This year we changed the day to Saturday so more Mothers could attend.

Ozark Health is sponsoring a community-wide “Big Event” on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with health screenings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Big Event is a combination of our spring fling, County health fair and Hospital and Nursing Home Appreciation Week. The Auxiliary will hold a “Cake Walk” as participation in the “Big Event”.

At our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Jasmine Joseph, director of CASA, spoke at the meeting about their program. They invited the Auxiliary to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Flag Raising at the County Courthouse. April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

We are looking forward to helping at the Foundation’s Golf Tournament June 9<sup>th</sup> and honoring the Fathers in the Nursing Center on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> with Root beer or Coke Floats.

Uniform 2 U 2 will hold their sale on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It is with sadness to report the death of one of our auxilians, Jerry Eades. Jerry went to be with the Lord February 20, 2018. He was born January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1926. His widow Evelyn Eades is a member of our Auxiliary and their contribution, among many, was “running the bingo” for the Nursing Home residents.

Volunteers wear working boots but leave a trail of angel footsteps

In this life we cannot always do great things, but we can do small things with great love!

## UNITY HEALTH WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – SEARCY

*Ellen Jordan Newsletter Editor*

We had 19 Auxilians attend the Spring District Meeting in Batesville, with its great facilities and a very good meal. White River did a great job and made everyone feel welcomed. We elected district officers for the coming year and some of our own were elected. Kathy Gammill was elected District chair, Leta Garrison was elected District Secretary and Ron Rupe, District Treasurer.

We will be having our own election at the May meeting. We have six members running for the five representative positions. Also new photos for the directory will take place and it is scheduled to be printed at the end of this year.



Vera Lee Wheeler went to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Mrs. Vera was serving as current Auxiliary Treasurer. She donated almost 1700 hours in the past 3 years. She has volunteered at the gift shops, CCU/Surgery Waiting, Human Resources and wherever else she was needed. She worked for Unity Health before/during her volunteering at the Registration desk in Admissions. She picked up trash, cleaned windows and whatever it took to “take care” of Unity Health. She loved this place and the people in it. We have lost a precious family member.

### EASTER TRAY FAVOR WORKSHOP – BUNNIES WILL BE HOPPING SOON!



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT

### ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER - PARAGOULD

*Sherry Noble, President.*

In observance of "National Doctors' Day", AMMC administration catered a breakfast at the hospital for all doctors. To show our appreciation for their service, and to say "Thank You", our Auxiliary provided a basket of healthy snacks (nuts, protein and granola bars) at the breakfast.

We welcomed the month of April with a successful Masquerade Jewelry Sale April 5, 6.

Eight members attended our Spring District Meeting at EACC Fine Arts Building in Forrest City on April 12. It was great to see and visit with other Auxilians in our district. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast, informative meeting, and a fantastic lunch. The Forrest City High School Music Department provided entertainment. The members of the Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary did an excellent job of hosting!



Pictured L-R: Janet Woodruff, Pat Lenderman, Clair Donnelly, Shirl Kersey, Sherry Noble, Phyl Hamblen, Phyllis Holmblad, Linda Hoppe



AMMC Administration honored our Auxilians during "National Volunteer Week" with a "Thank You Reception" on April 17. We were treated to a beautiful and delicious cake, fruit and punch. Each member also received an insulated tote bag filled with gifts.

To show our appreciation to the hospital employees during “National Hospital Week”, we will provide homemade “goodies” for them on May 7. Coming in June is our Scholarship and Awards Luncheon, as well as, installation of officers for 2018-2019.



Auxiliary President, Sherry Noble and  
AMMC CEO, Barry Davis

### **CROSSRIDGE HOSPITAL – WYNNE**

*George Anne Draper, President*

Crossridge Community Hospital Auxiliary has returned to the ER Waiting Room now that the flu has “flown.” The hospital was concerned for the health of its volunteers during the heavy flu season, but now welcomes the volunteers to return to greeting people and helping them sign in and get to their destinations.

Doctor’s Week was a success as the recipients seemed especially pleased with their gifts. This year the 22 doctors were given 2 KIND bars and 1 KASHI bar tied together with rope, honoring the western theme for the year. It seemed to be the most popular gift we have presented. The gifts for the upcoming Nurse’s Week have already been purchased. Each will be presented with \$5 Sonic cards, a gift that seems to please them each year.

The flower project continued through the flu season and the patients enjoyed the cheerfulness of flowers in their rooms. It is a project that brings many smiles.

Thirteen Crossridge Volunteers attended the district meeting in Forrest City. It was a great meeting and the group consisted of two new members who enjoyed the fellowship with others.

Since April is Volunteer Month, the hospital treats the volunteers to lunch. This year the venue was Hot Stones, a new restaurant in Wynne. There were over 45 guests attending, and District Chairperson Amye Peacock graciously joined the group, initiating the officers for the year. Each attendee received a plant to take home with the president receiving a lovely hanging plant.

The May meeting’s theme will be Bring a Friend and Win a Prize. The push is to get younger volunteers to join the group. As the median age of members edges closer and closer to the late 70s, there is a need in the organization for younger adults to take up the challenge.

We hope each member meets the challenge and brings a young prospective member.

Three projects are being considered to improve the look and work of the hospital. These projects have been presented to the administration. The first is art work for the cafeteria walls. Discussions are ongoing on what would enhance the cafeteria. Another larger project is the need for a chapel. There was a chapel at one time, but it was closed and used for other purposes. An evaluation has been made of where it could be placed. It is needed as a respite for families who are facing dire medical situations. Another smaller project would aid the people who work in the ER Waiting Room. An automatic latching system needs to be added so that the volunteers and the workers can get in the hallway by pushing a button rather than using a code. It would be particularly helpful for the employees who are often trying to do two or three jobs at once. All of these require funds and that will require more fund raising opportunities for the volunteers.

There will be no meetings in June and July, but all the volunteer opportunities will continue throughout the summer.

### **FORREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER**

*Wilma Powell, President*

The FCMC Auxiliary has another new member, Ronnie Nix.

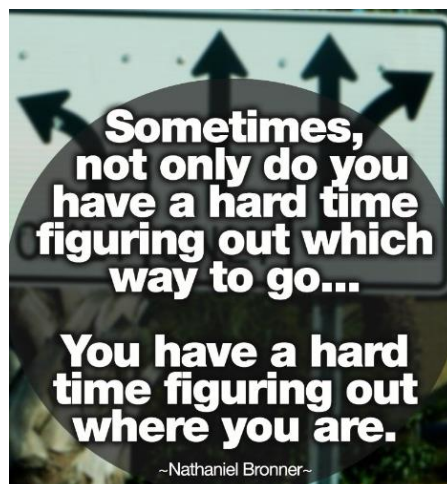
We had a Books R Fundraiser in March.

We hosted the AHAA Northeast District Spring Meeting.

We were honored on Wednesday of Volunteer Appreciation Week with a luncheon provided by FCMC. Each volunteer received a gift. Our monthly meeting is fourth Wednesday of each month, so we were honored then,

We are planning a uniform sale and bake sale in May and also a Tea for the nurses week, and will participate in Hospital week.

In June we will have Installation of new officers.



## **NORTH EAST ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

*Patsy Whitney*

We had a bake sale to benefit our Race for the Cure NEA Baptist team. The bake sale was Thursday, March 28th from 7:00 am until it was all gone. We had three tables set up that day. We had volunteers bring baked goods and help work the tables. We presented Beverly Gober, Pink Strong team captain, with a check for \$915.00 from our bake sale.



On Monday, April 9th following our 9:00 a.m. meeting, the hospital hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. We received a pin and a planter of flowers. This hospital is so kind to us.



Five of our Auxiliary members volunteered at the 2018 Walk MS on a Saturday. Donna, Ginny, Roy, Geraldine, and Amye presented Brittney Hargett of the National MS Society of Arkansas a check from the Auxiliaries “Your Dollar Matters” program. The gift shop raised \$91 in the month of March for this event.

Supporting our hospital and local community; it’s our mission and it’s what we do best! ❤️

We have three scrub sales coming up. The dates are: May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

## **ST. BERNARDS - JONESBORO**

*Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor*



Pictured at NEA District Meeting: Amye Peacock, NEAR District Chair; Jane Orndorff, St.Bernards Medical Center; Ernestine Davis, Helena Regional Medical center; Lovonda

Carter, SMC Regional Medical Center; Wilma Powell, Forrest City Medical Center; George Ann Draper, Cross Ridge Community Hospital; Sherry Nobel, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center; Kathy Gibson, NEA Baptist Hospital.



St. Bernards members attending the Northeast District Meeting were:

Dot Cook, Betty Moad, Gaylor Orndorff, Jo Yocum, Jane Orndorff, Bruce Blackwell, Joyce Schmidt, Carol Hinck, Front: Paula Chlapecka, Lyn Hubbard, Betty Barnett

The Newly Remodeled Heartcare Center consists of 23 rooms and they will have volunteers aiding the nurses with taking ice, readying the overbed-trays for meals, answering call lights and informing nurses of patients' needs, answering the phone at the welcome desk, etc. The volunteers will do extensive walking and must be present or find a replacement.

St Bernards Board Voted to Purchase 10 New Wheel Chairs to help with needs in the hospital.

Carolyn Payne died on January 12, 2018. Carolyn had worked in the Gift Shop. Mary Lou McCray died April 2, 2018. Mary Lou had worked at the Crossover Information Desk for many years. She had earned a total of 5365 hours and was very active until late 2016. Nineteen St. Bernards Auxilians attended her funeral service at First Baptist Church.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Ina Martin

Just a few years ago, Ina gave up her regular active work in the St. Bernards Gift Shop, but she still supplies them with books that she carefully chooses from the Friends of the Library Book Sale. She is an amazing lady and you would never believe that she is 100 years old. Tiny, cute, sweet, smart, a trendy-dresser, and much more describes Ina.

## **SMC REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – OSCEOLA**

*Dorothy Crockett, Secretary*

The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary held their 2018 Pinning Ceremony April 24 in the SMC Regional Hospital Private Dining Room. The awards were presented by the hospital Chief Nursing Officer, Felicia Pierce.

The Auxiliary's 16 members had a total of 4670 volunteer hours. Mary "Pud" Thomas was presented a special pin for having volunteered a total of 6500 hours.



Pictured left to right. Ann Wallace, Dot Pollock, Peggy Johnson, Betty Thompson, Mary "Pud" Thomas, Paulette Booker, Michelle Pignataro, Adele Black, Lovonda Carter, Morris Sue Wood, Treva Reese, Sharon Ragan, Norma Hicks, Dorothy Crockett and Shirley Stovall. Not pictured, Emily Riney.

The Hospital Staff presented each Auxiliary member with a candle and a couple of signs for the Gift Shop. Lunch was also served by the Staff members.



## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

### **MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE**

*Emma Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor*

March 8 was our collective Goods Spring sale and on March 29<sup>th</sup> we had our Easter Bake Sale.



April 10<sup>th</sup> we were represented by nine members attending the Spring District Meeting hosted by North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison.

Back row (l to r): Neta Stamps, Ella Fiveash, Shelba Miller, Jean Vance, Martha Bell and Joy McKinney

Front row (l to r): Leoria Brewer, Anita Spearman and Pat Armer

On April 12<sup>th</sup> we had a U2U Shoe and Accessory Sale fundraiser which was very successful.



Our Scholarship committee interviewed several Carroll county high school seniors planning to major in medical related fields and four were chosen. Chosen were Carolyn "Elizabeth" Loudermilk from Eureka Springs HS (Physician), Rhiannon Robinson from Berryville HS (Radiology Tech), Nora Walker from Berryville HS (Speech Pathology/Speech Therapist, and Jose Armando Sanchez from Berryville HS (Biomedical Engineering/General Surgeon). A reception for the recipients and their families was held April 12<sup>th</sup>.



Left to right - Jean Vance, Jose Sanchez (BHS - U of A), Elizabeth Loudermilk (EHS-U of A), Nora Waller (BHS - Harding), Anita Spearman, Carolyn Bosshardt Not pictured is Rhiannon Robinson (BHS - North Arkansas Community College).

On April 25, Administrative Assistants day, we honored Auxiliary Liaison Deana Davidson with a gift certificate to Pretty Nails.

Pictured left to right: MHBA President Pat Armer, Deana Davidson and Neta Stamps



On May 1 the hospital will honor our volunteers. May 4<sup>th</sup> we will host a community Blood Drive. June 18<sup>th</sup> our annual meeting and Appreciation Dinner will be held.

## **MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST ARKANSAS - ROGERS**

*Submitted by Christy Blackshear, Secretary*

A Raffle Easter Basket was held for all co-workers as an auxiliary fundraiser. 200 Easter cards were made for patients who were in the hospital on Easter Day.

The theme for Volunteer Appreciation Week was, "Mercy Volunteers are Super Heroes". Balloons and snacks were distributed daily, and volunteers were photographed in Super Hero Capes and glasses.



Seven auxiliary members attended the Northwest Arkansas Spring District meeting which was held in Harrison.



(l to r) Rona Stuffelbeam, Darlene Tuohy, Christy Blackshear, Kathy Hardy, Shirley Long, Holi Oliver and Becky Young

On May 1, the Spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held at First United Methodist Church in Rogers.

On May 7, Nurse's Day, "Nurses Have Halos", will be celebrated by providing baskets of halo oranges in lounges and giving a discount for clothing purchased in the gift shop.

During National Hospital Week, May 7-12, discounts on one item in the gift shop will be provided to co-workers.

## **NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL - HARRISON**

*Robby Succhi, DVS*

### **2018 Auxiliary Officers**



(L to R) Jerry Jones, Vice President; Sam Kekaha, President; Helen Kirkham, Secretary And Peggy Jackson, Treasurer

April 16th marked the celebration of National Volunteer Week for the volunteers at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center and Hospice of the Hills. After weeks of planning, the volunteers were treated to an evening in OZ.



New this year was a reception for the volunteers and their guests so that they could mingle and get to know one another and as a treat, a few of the characters from OZ were available for photo opportunities.



Dinner was served to the volunteers by 59 of NARMC staff members.

NARMC President & CEO, Vince Leist spoke about the great things going on with the hospital and the volunteer program as well as giving them an update on the recruitment efforts of physicians and the physician office space as well as the positive impact that the hospital has on this community. Mary Pledger, Auxiliary President gave a brief recap of the year. After dinner, the volunteers were treated to a lip sync performance by the characters of OZ. Volunteers, guests and board members of NARMC and Hospice were taken on Dorothy's journey down the yellow brick road.



Thank you to all the volunteers, guests, administration, board members, and staff that helped to make this evening a magical one!

## **NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER - BENTONVILLE**

*Jan Dolan, President*

The Healing Garden Committee (consisting of Julie Amos, Mary Conrad, Linda Maienschein, Joan Schroeder, Rose Engelken and Jan Dolan) has met with our advisor, Master Gardener Gwen Kerr, to get her ideas in enhancing and improving the Healing Garden, located just off the ICU Waiting Room. We will be pulling weeds, cleaning benches, painting the table and chairs, planting Double Knock-out Roses and Hydrangeas to improve the garden and make it a lovely place to rest or meditate or just sit. We are excited to improve this area and will be providing pictures in the future of all the work that is being done.

The Gift Shop will be having a "Spring Sale" May 22 & 23 from 7 am to 4 pm in the Cafeteria. Please consider volunteering to help us sell excess merchandise!

"Back when I was a kid".... "Kids these days have it so easy"..... I'm sure we are all guilty of saying something similar at some point, but I promise you our future is in good hands if we have a generation full of young adults such as the ones who have applied to be in our summer Junior Volunteer Program. Starting on June 11th, our hospital will have a group of young adults ages 14-18 joining our volunteer program. These "Volunteens" will be assisting different departments around the hospital to gain knowledge and experience in the healthcare industry. Please join me in welcoming our Volunteens and supporting our program which will launch on June 11th and continue through July 31st. Thank You All For All You Do! Beth Bolena, Volunteer Coordinator

Kay Sumerwell passed away last Friday, April 27. She had volunteered at Northwest Medical Bentonville for 12 years in Surgery Waiting and then as Guest Host at the Front Desk. Kay served as Vice President in 2014 and 2015 and then as President in 2016 and 2017. Kay was loved much and will be missed greatly. *"A beautiful soul is never forgotten"*.

## **SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

*Annis Cripps, President*

Spring has arrived even though some days seem more like winter. Maybe May and June will be different.

In March the Auxiliary donated bottled water for a golf tournament to sponsor the Senior High School Lock In. Also, a donation was made to the hospital to create an open fund to assist patients who cannot afford transportation home or a shelter after they were brought in by ambulance.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> we had a Linen Sale. The proceeds from this goes toward the scholarships the Auxiliary will be giving out in May. It was very successful.

In April five Auxilians, Annis Cripps, Sharon Harrison, Sharon Sly, Karen Smenner, & Jan Tracy, traveled to the Spring AHAA Northwest District Meeting at Harrison. On April 12<sup>th</sup> Kim Kittrell hosted our Membership Tea.

Our election of 2018 – 2019 officers will be coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup>.



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

### **DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – DUMAS**

*Shirley Sandlin, President*

Attending Southeast District meeting in Pine Bluff are (front) Olene Ferguson, Audrey Edwards, Christina Rainey, Roseann Bradley, (back) Patty Posey, Debra Hawkins, Shirley Sandlin, Lillie Ross, Maedene Weser and Irene Thomas



### **DEWITT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME**

*Mary N. Jacobs West*

In March we had a Chicken Spaghetti fund raiser - we raised approximately \$4,200. We purchase a new vitals machine for the nursing home and an awning for the hospital.

JunkTique: Sponsored by the DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary

When: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Arkansas County Fairgrounds DeWitt, Arkansas 72042

Come share the fun and shop, shop, shop

## **DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – MONTICELLO**

*Barbara Brown*

The Chamber of Commerce and community leaders were at the ribbon cutting for our new expanded and remodeled gift shop. Sales for the day were \$2500 with orders taken for items sold out.

The Drew Memorial Hospital honored the Auxiliary with a wonderful luncheon during Volunteer week. Certificates of appreciation were given to each volunteer.

Our State Representative, LeAnne Burch, for District 9 has joined our Drew Memorial Auxiliary. She keeps us updated on the laws and projects of the State. She attends our meetings and helps with all our projects. We are so proud to have her in our membership.



The Drew Memorial Auxiliary honored Norma Hogue (in the middle of the picture) for her dedication and many years for being in charge of our gift shop. Pam Beard (one the left) and Mellie Jo Owen (on the right) have taken on the task to continue moving forward since we have doubled in size and remodeled. We appreciate the hard work from all three ladies.



## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

### CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

*Lynn Smith, Historian*

Most of our board members attended the SW District Spring Meeting in Arkadelphia on April 18<sup>th</sup>.



Baptist Health volunteers were awesome hosts! We received a warm welcome from Clark County Judge Troy Tucker then Mr. Tony Hardage, BHMC-Arkadelphia Administrator and Pastor Ronnie Hardin. The decorations, entertainment, and meal were enjoyed by all. Lynn Smith was elected SW District Secretary to follow Wilda Chadick also from CHI. Wilda also serves as secretary for our local auxiliary and AHAA Board. Thanks Wilda!

Below is picture of the six AHAA Past Presidents from the Southwest District--three currently volunteer at CHI.

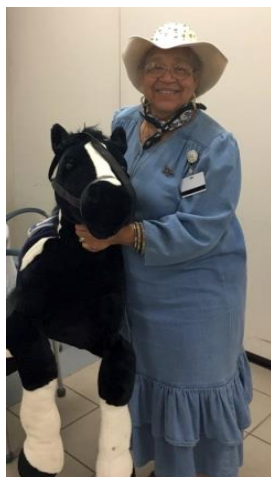


Jerry & Dorothy Berley, Darthy Tyrity, Lynn Smith, Theda Aud, Peg Kunhly



Our celebration continued on April 20<sup>th</sup> at our Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Program. DVS, Susan Rima used Darlenes' wagon wheel theme for the celebration. Susan explained the wagon wheel theme and gave statistics for all AHAA members for 2017

Volunteers came in western attire- jeans, hats, boots, and bandanas. A delicious meal was prepared by the CHI Dietary Staff.



Volunteer Betty Moon brought her trusty horse Rusty.

Auxiliary President, Thelma Anaya presented \$20,000 check to CHI President, Tony Houston towards our pledge for the renovation of the Mother Baby Unit.



The picture below of our Gift Shop window was submitted to AHVRP/American Hospital Association as an entry for 2019 AHVRP Retail Gift Shop Calendar. It certainly looks like a winner to me! Many thanks to the talented volunteers that dress the window and display our new items in the Gift Shop.



## **MAGNOLIA MEDICAL CENTER**

*Jenni Daniels, DVS*

Magnolia Regional Medical Center hosted the MRMC Auxiliary Awards Banquet on Friday April 20th at the LifeSmart Center. A delicious lunch was provided by the hospital for the Volunteers. The MRMC Auxiliary had 26 members present.

Pictured is the MRMC Auxiliary with Rex Jones, CEO and Jenni Daniel, DVS



14 members from MRMC Auxiliary attended the Spring Southwest District Meeting in Arkadelphia on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The MRMC Auxiliary will host a book signing for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Dr. Steve Smart and his new book titled *Fixation* on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Gift Shop at MRMC.

The MRMC Auxiliary is helping sponsor M.A.S.H. (Medical Applications of Science for Health) Program June 4<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. The MRMC Auxiliary will provide refreshments at a graduation reception on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the students that have completed the program.

### **MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS – EL DORADO**

*Pdgggy Plummer – President*

The quarterly meeting was held in April. Volunteers were awarded service pins ranging from 50 hours to 26,000 hours. Officers and two new board members were elected for the ensuing year. Orientation and changes due to forthcoming renovations were presented. Fifty dollar memorials were sent to Scholarship Fund. A cook-out sponsored by First Financial was enjoyed by everyone.

MCSA announces strategic alliance with Arkansas Heart Hospital.

### **NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS**

*Submitted by Dorothy Stringer, President*

The National Park Medical Center Auxiliary has initiated some new programs. We have “Baby Blessings” in Labor and Delivery. Every baby and new mother receives a new hand-made quilt, a knitted hat and bootie set, and a receiving blanket. The mother is given a box of non-perishable snacks like peanut butter crackers and dried fruit in case she gets hungry in the middle of the night. We also put “Look Before You Lock” information in with the baby gifts.

We finally have a Volunteer Orientation in place. All new volunteers will go through it and we are arranging an annual update for all current volunteers. For hospital week we created “Café la Breeze” for the NPMC employees. We took a covered employee entrance and purchased patio furniture, tables and chairs, and purchased cushions and pillows for benches. Now employees have a place to go to eat lunch or just relax outside of the hospital to get away from the hustle and bustle of the job.



The NPMC Auxiliary helped sponsor and volunteered for District 10 Special Olympics. We helped with the children’s sports. The group we had was the tennis ball throw and the 20 meter walk.



We have a volunteer recruitment scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> in Hot Springs Village. Hopefully we will get more volunteers. We have a new volunteer flyer and will be passing out volunteer applications.

## **OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – CAMDEN**

*Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor*

The auxiliary contributed to a beautiful Valentine for some in our community!! We sold approximately 150 fresh roses, which, no doubt, brightened the day for some, and we presented Valentine balloons to the residents in one of our nursing homes.

Proceeds from our annual Good Friday bake sale, \$562, are designated for mammo-grams.

Fourteen attended the Spring District meeting in Arkadelphia. We commend them for a job well done!

We were the honored guests at a beautiful reception hosted by our hospital on April 25. Francella Sanders was named, by her peers, as Auxilian of the Year. Our Dietary Department always does an outstanding job with table decorations, and the refreshments they prepare are beyond description. Administration presented us with a gift certificate to be used in our cafeteria for one meal per day from April 30 through May 4. We felt appreciative, but very humbled.



## **VALLEY DISTRICT**

## **SPARKS MEDICAL CENTER – FORT SMITH**

*Alice Swain*

Lots of activities have been going on these past several months. We finished up March with a uniform sale which is always a welcome one for the employees. We also like it since we benefit from it financially and we like doing things which benefit our employees. During March, we also approved sending our Gift Shop Manager and Co-Manager to Dallas for market. This is always an interesting trip for them to see all the latest items being presented for sale.

As we entered April, the Auxiliary had a request from Hospital staff on whether we might be able to purchase some wheelchairs for our staff to use transporting our patients. Talking with the company we were ordering from, they offered us a real deal if we would order as many as 10 chairs, so we did. Everyone was so happy to receive them, and of course we were happy to help.

Mid-April, we sponsored a Dillard's sale which Hospital staff really enjoyed. Payroll deduct really makes it easy for staff to pay on their items over a period of time and that is good.

Six of our members attended the Valley District Meeting which was hosted by our sister Auxiliary, Sparks Van Buren. It was a good meeting and as usual, good food. It is always interesting to hear what other Auxiliary groups are doing to help their Hospitals

May is the month we install new officers, so that is coming up very soon. We also dismiss our regular monthly meetings for June, July, and August. Our members may continue to work their day in the gift shop if they wish, but are not expected to do if not. Just great to take a step back from all the busy activities and regroup.

June we will be having the Masquerade Jewelry sale which is always a fun thing to do and again our employees really enjoy this activity as well. The Auxiliary members will again come back to assist with this sale as we do with all others.

### **SPARKS MEDICAL CENTER VAN BUREN**

*Pam Henderson, President*

Suzy Reikl from RSVP was our guest speaker In April. She discussed many of the activities that RSVP do to help the senior citizens in our area. Anyone who has questions regarding their Medicare premiums or Part D drug costs or Part C advantage plans may meet with RSVP personnel to obtain answers/help. Suzy also spoke about the CIMA Volunteer Insurance Program and supplied a handout with the information. RSVP personnel have been very busy this spring assisting seniors with income tax preparation. She stated that they had already completed thousands of income tax returns. Suzy also spoke about free online income tax prep at [myfreetaxes.org](http://myfreetaxes.org) for families with income less than \$66,000. The service is free and offers federal and state tax returns.



Volunteers set up for Doctor's Day in the Doctor's lounge on Monday, 3/26/18. Fresh fruit, crescent rolls, and chocolate eclairs were available for our physicians. Many thanks to Carol for setting this up.

We hosted the Spring District Meeting on Friday, April 20, 2018. About 50 volunteers were present. Our guest speaker, Laura Caldwell, with “New Starts for Children and Families” spoke about what they do for children and families in this area. Volunteers had many questions and seemed genuinely interested in her organization and activities.



On Wednesday, April 26, 2018 we had a reception for our scholarship recipients. We were able to give five scholarships this spring.

We had a uniform sale on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. We sold many uniforms and did fairly well with this fundraiser.

Volunteers handed out tins of popcorn from Van Buren’s What’s Popping! to the nurses in ICU, ER, Outpatient Surgery, Inpatient Surgery, and the 2-North Nurses Station.



ER Nurse



Outpatient surgery



2 North Nurses Station

## SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - RUSSELLVILLE

*Janet Thurber, Volunteer*

April was another busy month for Saint Mary's Volunteers. First, we welcomed Megan Knox as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Megan replaces Diana Herrera who left us to begin her nursing career. We are so proud of Diana and wish her well.

Tena Hunt, Director of the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association of Little Rock, presented the program at our April Auxiliary Meeting. Volunteers learned a lot of useful information about dementia and Alzheimer's and had a lot of questions for our speaker. Several volunteers shared their personal experiences with loved ones who had Alzheimer's.



Volunteers brought toiletries and used cell phones to the April meeting. Several boxes of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. were delivered to the Russ Bus to use in their work with the Russellville homeless. The used cell phones were donated to the Battered Women's Shelter.

Pictured at left: Kathy Palmer, Carol Shoptaw, Volunteer, Kathryn Kinsey, Barbara Boeh, Sheila Gosnell, Wanda Reed, and Evelyn Denton



Volunteers recognized Saint Mary's doctors during Doctor's Week. A big basketful of home-made Trail Mix was placed in the doctors' lounge – a quick and easy snack for our busy doctors to grab while on-the-go.

Picture with basket from left: Carol Shoptaw, Kathryn Kinsey and Janet Thurber

Nine volunteers traveled to Sparks-Van Buren for the April 20 Spring District Meeting. We heard from State President Darlene Tuohy and enjoyed seeing volunteers from other Auxiliaries and hearing what they have been doing in their Auxiliaries.



District meeting from left:  
Paulette Ridings, Darlene Tuohy, George  
Reed and Wanda Reed



District meeting from left:  
Evelyn Denton, Sharyn French, and Pat  
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May is looking like another busy month for our volunteers.  
On May 3 & 4 we will hold a scrub sale for our scholarship fund.  
On May 7 volunteers are invited to Saint Mary's Volunteer Auxiliary Officer Installation and Service Awards Lunch. In keeping with the nautical theme, volunteers are asked to wear red, white, or blue.

Later in May, volunteers will bake hundreds of cookies for our annual Nurses' Appreciation Day. May 8 will see trays and trays of delicious, home-made cookies distributed throughout the hospital to our hard-working nurses - just our way of saying "Thanks for what you do."

Things begin to slow down in June as we get ready to welcome our Volunteers in June and July. But that doesn't mean volunteers will be idle.

There's still lots of baby hats to knit and crochet for the December babies born at Saint Mary's and volunteers will still answer the call for help throughout the hospital.

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

Articles for July/August newsletter should be submitted by June 30. Please report what you did in May and June and what you have planned for July and August 2018. Pictures are most welcome! If possible please send jpeg format and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Open Office format whenever possible.

Neta Stamps, Editor



## MEMO

**To:** AHAA Auxiliary Presidents

**Date:** May 18, 2018

**From:** Dorothy Berley and Lynn Smith, AHAA Leadership Committee

**Subject:** AHAA Leadership Workshop

*Thank you for your willingness to serve as your Auxiliary President. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated.*

*This year the AHAA Leadership Session will include "Best Practices" and we NEED YOUR HELP to develop part of the program. Please submit a program (**Community Service, In-Hospital Service, or Fundraising**) that you are (or have) participated in to share at the Leadership Workshop at Convention in October.*

***Please return to your District Chair by July 1<sup>st</sup>.***

*You may submit more than one, but please submit at least one program.*

*Our committee will review entries and select the ones to be presented at the workshop. The remaining ones will be posted on the AHAA Website so everyone can still have access to them. Programs chosen, **at least one from each district** will be presented at Convention by someone from the auxiliary who is familiar with the program. You will be notified in plenty of time to have someone prepare a short presentation at the workshop.*

***One criteria for the programs submitted is that they can be duplicated by any of our auxiliaries.*** We realize some programs cannot always be duplicated especially in some of the smaller auxiliaries. We want the information given at the workshop to be beneficial to everyone in attendance. The program should be submitted in a brief written format giving the following information:

- 1) What prompted the program?*
- 2) What were the goals and/or expectations of the program?*
- 3) How did you go about initiating the program?*
- 4) How does the program benefit the service recipients, the health care organization and/or the Community?*
- 5) How many volunteers were involved in starting and/or maintaining the program?*
- 6) Did you achieve or exceed your goals for the program?*
- 7) Is the program unique and/or innovative?*

*Thank you in advance for your help!*