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When the summer weather is upon us it is difficult to think ahead to convention, but it is a little more than two months away. The convention committee has been diligently preparing for a successful event October 3 -5. There are several educational sessions scheduled including the return of 'Best Practices'. The AHA/AHAA Opening Session on Thursday will feature Carl Bernstein, the investigative journalist who, along with Bob Woodward, did much of the original reporting of the Watergate scandal.

There are bylaws changes that need to be voted on at the general business meeting. These changes and the slate of officers up for election are available for your review further on in this newsletter.
I hope you will be able to attend this year. Convention is a wonderful time to network with other auxilians from around the state. The registration forms are available online through our website www.arhaa.org.

In the meantime try to stay cool and continue the wonderful services you provide. You are so appreciated and you do make a difference!

Darlene Tuohy

In Memoriam

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center

Bettye Busby

CrossRidge Community Hospital

Myrtle Bradshaw

Ann Dye

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital

Marye T. Walker Hicken

VALLEY DISTRICT

Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren

Harold White

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Mercy Hospital-Berryville

Michael Tiegland

Winona Walworth

June Hopton

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center

Kathy Fox

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Jefferson Regional Medical Center

Sadie Harris

Drew Memorial Hospital

Lorena Gates

Joan Bordeaux

UPDATE INFORMATION

Pam Henderson – new email – **pam.henderson417@gmail.com**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON STATE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

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

CONVENTION:
https://www.arauxiliaries.org/site/assets/files/1177/2018ahaaannualmeeting.pdf

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Margaret Underwood, Dorothy Berley and Jerry Berley, has certified the eligibility of all candidates for state officer positions.

Their state and district dues have been paid, their nominating form has the appropriate signatures and other uniformly applied requirements as the Board may adopt from time to time have been agreed upon.

These are the candidates for the officer positions:

President-Elect	Jan Gardner
Vice President	Ginny Presgrove
Secretary	Judy Shaffer and Dean Rossa
Treasurer	Ara Yanker
Newsletter Editor	Neta Sue Stamps

For your information, we have also included the following names of the District Chairs which were voted on by their respective districts:

Metropolitan	Ann Scott
Northeast	Amy Peacock
North Central	Kathy Gammell
Northwest	Carol Evans
Southeast	Elizabeth McKinstry
Southwest	Dorothy Stringer
Valley	Pam Henderson

Margaret Underwood, Chairman
Dorothy Berley
Jerry Berley

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☑ Treasurer ☐ Newsletter Editor ☐
(Please check box)

Nominee's Name:	DEAN ROSSA
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E-Mail Address (required):	drossa@suddenlink.net
Phone Number(s):	870 935 1515

Name of Auxiliary:	ST BERNARDS
Name of Hospital:	ST BERNARDS
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years):	12 years
Current District:	North East

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
	(Show the year or years in each position)		
President:			
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:			
Treasurer:			
Newsletter Editor:	2006 - 2016	~~2006~~ - ~~2016~~	2016 - 2018
District Chair:			

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:			

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION
STATE NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

For the Office of: President Elect ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☒ Treasurer ☐ Newsletter Editor ☐
(Please check box)

Nominee's Name: Judith A Shaffer
Mailing Address: 25 Northpointe Dr
E-Mail Address (required): shafferjas@suddenlink.net
Phone Number(s): (870) 405-1200

Name of Auxiliary: Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Name of Hospital: Baxter Regional Medical Center
Auxiliary Member (Total number of years): 11 years
Current District: North Central District

ELECTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
	(Show the year or years in each position)		
President:			
Vice President:			
President Elect:			
Secretary:	4 yrs	2 years	
Treasurer:	2 yrs		
Newsletter Editor:			
District Chair:		2 years	

APPOINTED OFFICES HELD IN AUXILIARY

Position	Local	District	State
Convention Chair:			2013
Legislative Chair:			
Committee Chair:	Ways & Means		

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Please type or print in the space below)

Assistant Treasurer
Selection Committee

Proposed changes to the Bylaws

The following were submitted as the proposed changes to the bylaws. The changes are in Caps and Bold.

Page 31, Article VI, Section 5.

The reason: The March 15th date will give the credentials committee time to review the nomination forms, check if the requirements for the office are meet and return the forms to the district chair in time for the spring meeting vote.

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

Page 34, Article VII, Section 7, e.

The reason: The meaning needs to be clearer as to who sets the dates for the District meetings.

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

Page 34, section 7, d.

The reason: to preform voting the same at the district meetings as done at the annual state meeting in October.

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

Article VII, section 2

Addition of (i): To read as follows.

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

SUMMER

METROPOLITAN

CHI ST. VINCENT LITTLE ROCK / SHERWOOD
Betty Pullam, President

April 27 was the groundbreaking for the Arkansas Neuroscience Institute at the construction site in Sherwood. The auxiliary donated $20,000 to assist in the project and volunteers attended this ceremony.

The May luncheon and installation of officers was held on May 11, 2018.

Scholarships were awarded to three junior volunteers.

Catherine Kirkpatrick, Monroe McKay and Cameron Woeppel

Flowers on Mother's Day and candy on Father's Day were given to patients in Sherwood.

The foundation was assisted by volunteers at the annual CHI St. Vincent Golf Tournament at Chenal Country Club. The tournament raised funds for the ANI project.

Gold-n-Visions sale was held on May 3 and 4. June 7 and 8 were the dates of the Masquerade Jewelry Sale. Both were well attended.

Gratitude baskets were distributed to three departments in appreciation of service. Due to summer vacations the project will resume in August.

The Our House donations were delivered to the Children's Workshop area on June 8.

Volunteers participated in the Go Miles for Health Walk/Run at the Clinton Center on June 16.

Bill Rausch gives treats at Go Mile event

The Pack Shack project was held on June 21 with volunteers working with staff and packing 10,000 meals to be distributed to the needy in the community. The auxiliary donated $ 2500 to this effort.

The Jr. Volunteer program began on June 25 with orientation by Auxiliary/Volunteer Manager Juanita Carr.

The Rollin Razorback luncheon was held on June 29. Funds raised benefit team activities.

The Dillard sale will be held in July.

CHI St. VINCENT MORRILTON
Tammy Smith, DVS

Morrilton hosted a ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 17, to celebrate the completion of their

new front entrance canopy and extended driveway. This project was completed after three years of planning and fundraising by the Morrilton Auxiliary members.

The Morrilton Auxiliary raised more than $150,000 for this project. The group of 40 volunteers raised these funds through raffle ticket sales, beans and cornbread dinners, bake sales and yard sales. In addition to their fundraising efforts, the auxiliary members volunteer approximately 15,000 hours every year to serve the Morrilton community.

Their service and support benefits many and is appreciated by all!

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE – LITLE ROCK
Janie Lowe, CVM

With almost 70 people in attendance, the Cancer Institute Auxiliary Distinguished Honoree, Dr. Peter Crooks, was presented at the WPRCI Auxiliary Annual Meeting and luncheon held at the home of Martha Murphy, on May 17. Tara Smith, Dr. Laura Hutchins and Interim Chancellor, Dr. Stephanie Gardner introduced Dr. Crooks who responded with interesting insight into his research for cancer cure. Prior to the presentation, new officers were elected for 2018-2019:

President	Jake Eddington
Vice President/President-Elect	Sandy Henry
Recording Secretary	Robin Dean
Corresponding Secretary	Cheryl Johnson
Treasurer	Kenan Keyes

Left to Right: Cheryl Johnson - Corresponding Secretary; Sandy Henry - Vice President / President- Elect; Jake Eddington – President; Robin Dean - Recording Secretary and Kenan Keyes - Treasurer

The grants review committee recently awarded over $140,000 in grants and donations. There was one 3-week teen program session June 12-28.

Sandy Henry will be joining the Cancer Institute Volunteer Services Staff on July 2, as volunteer coordinator.
Other staff members welcoming Sandy are DVS – Janie Lowe, Asst. DVS – Susan Jones, Gift Shop Manager – Juli Chrisman and Asst. Gift Shop Manager – Nancy Sink.

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Rich Jannick, President

On April 17 more than 300 attended as the hospital hosted Auxiliary Appreciation Banquet. The event was held at the Baxter County Fairground. This is an annual event at which the new auxiliary board is installed.

2018-2019 Baxter Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Board

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Jim Whalen, President Elect, Louise Pitts, Vice President, Maureen Rozelle, Recording Secretary, Rich Jannick, President, Geneva Edwards, Corresponding Secretary, Joan Young Treasurer, Jean Adams, Advisor

On May 3rd the annual BRMC Foundation Donor Banquet was held at the university conference center and attended by over 400. In addition to the introduction of the new foundation board members and new auxiliary board members, several videos were shown. One video was the introduction of the foundation executive director Barney Larry to the BRMC emergency cardiac care units. He now has firsthand experience of what patients experience. He is now recovering and taking advantage of the newly renovated Cardiac Rehab Unit, which was partially funded by the BRMC Auxiliary. A second video highlighted one of the BRMC nurses who had received a scholarship which made it possible for her to complete requirements for her degree.

May 10th the Woman's Health Fair was held at the Baxter County Fairgrounds.

There were 231 women in attendance. Several vendors were present with free gifts. The auxiliary had a booth and talked with several volunteer prospects.

Booth at Baxter Regional Medical Center Women's Health Forum for Volunteer Recruitment Becky Rose, CVM Director of Volunteer Services

Refreshments, including a sandwich lunch were served. Everyone appreciated the very informative Q&A session.

June 6-7 the Collective Goods fundraising event was held in the Lagerborg dining room. The sale includes books and many children's items. The sale is open to the general public. The sale was very successful.

OZARK HEALTH INC. - CLINTON
Betty Spencer, Past President

We had a lovely installation of officers in May with our very own District Chair, Kathy Gammill doing the honors.

The months have been very busy with the filling out of required forms for the State.

The MASH program just finished yesterday, June 29th at the hospital and we are looking forward to three of the students joining our volunteen program next month. Currently we have seven students to go through the orientation next week and will work in various areas in the hospital, nursing center, marketing areas from July 9th – August 3rd. We hope to utilize these young folks during the month to allow our adult volunteers well deserved vacations.

We have a Collective Goods sale scheduled for August 8th and 9th and just completed a very successful Uniform 2 U 2 Sale Wednesday, June27th.

We are looking forward to convention in Little Rock in October.

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER – PARAGOULD
Shay Willis, Director of The Foundation/Marketing

The Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Auxiliary installed 2018-2019 officers on Monday, June 18, 2018. Pictured left to right are Treasurer Linda Hoppe, Secretary Shirl Kersey, Vice President Cathy Rowe, President Phyllis Holmblad and Northeast Arkansas District Chair Amye Peacock.

CROSSRIDGE HOSPITAL – WYNNE
George Anne Draper, President

The summer months bring vacations to many, but the work of the auxiliary continues at CrossRidge. The ER waiting room and clinics have stayed busy and the flower ministry has continued. One day in June the flowers were so abundant that we were able to share flowers with people coming through the ER waiting room. Many patients and visitors left the hospital with smiles that day.

The officers met one day in June to discuss our role in the hospital and how we can offer more services. It was a productive meeting and plans for the upcoming year were discussed.

Two CrossRidge Auxilians were given their angel wings. We lost Myrtle Bradshaw, who had been both president and treasurer, and Ann Dye, who had been president after her retirement from teaching. Both will be greatly missed.

With four projects on our plate, the auxiliary is pleased that one of those projects, an information screen, is finally making its way to the front hall. Our administrator Gary Sparks Okayed that purchase recently. When the auxiliary comes off the summer break at the end of August, we plan do a community wide push to get new members.

NORTH EAST ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Patsy Whitney

The NEA Baptist Auxiliary went together with NEA Baptist Hospital to support Susan Komen Race for the Cure this year. We had a large turnout of people, both from the hospital and the Auxiliary

The new van the Auxiliary purchased for the hospital as a shuttle van has arrived and been painted. We are very proud that we were able to furnish this van for the hospital to use to take the people who have trouble walking to their cars.

Marye T. Walker Hicken, 93, of Jonesboro, passed from this life on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. She was born in Detroit, Michigan and spent much of her life in the Chicago, Illinois area.
After moving to Jonesboro in 2006 she began volunteering at the Methodist Hospital in Jonesboro and then the NEA Baptist Hospital where she was recognized for volunteering over 5,000 hours.
Mary was a lovely lady who enjoyed volunteering and being around people.

The hospital presented Out-going President Kathy Gipson a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Our Auxiliary gave Kathy a certificate for a brick to be placed in the Prayer Garden to say “thank you”!

The certificate was presented by District Chair and In-coming NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital President Amye Peacock.

ST. BERNARDS - JONESBORO
Carol Hinck, Newsletter Editor

St Bernards Auxiliary in Jonesboro held installation of officers at the General Meeting in June. The following Officers are pictured:

(Below)Betty Moad, Vice President and In-coming St Bernards Auxiliary President, Jane Orndorff, current President with Suzanne Hackney, incoming AHAA State President.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE
Emma Jean Vance, Newsletter Editor

Summer Heat has arrived so stay cool and hydrated. Drink lots of water! Have a safe and fun summer.

Our Thrift Store is doing well with recent sales and restocking of new merchandise.

We have voted to replace our Thrift Store storage shed that should be in place sometime in July.

In May we had the opportunity to attend Mercy Days at Silver Dollar City.

Neta Sue Stamps represented us at the Relay for life by volunteering to register participants.

Our annual meeting and appreciation luncheon was held June 18th. New officers elected were President Joy McKinney, President-Elect Emma “Jean” Vance and Secretary Leoria Brewer.

President Joy McKinney was installed by Acting District Chair Neta Sue Stamps

Acting District Chair Neta Sue Stamps installed Emma Jean Vance as President-Elect

Our Volunteer of the Year is Juanita Baker, our Thrift Store Chair.

Out-going President Pat Armer presents Juanita with a token of our appreciation.

An Honorary Lifetime Membership was presented to Thrift Store volunteer Sue Bacon for her many hours of service.

Thrift Store Chair Juanita Baker presents Sue Bacon a Lifetime Membership certificate.

We will host a community Blood drive July 6th in our day room at the hospital beginning at 10am and participants will receive a t-shirt

Our Scholarship committee awarded 2 second year scholarships to Azziah Brothers and Cory Bryant.

Scholarship Chair Carolyn Bosshardt Congratulates Corey Bryant for receiving a second year scholarship. Corey is a second year Physical Therapy major at North Arkansas Community College in Harrison.

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST ARKANSAS - ROGERS
Submitted by Christy Blackshear, Secretary

The annual Spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held on May 2nd, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Rogers.

Approximately, 120 members attended this event. Also (below) five individuals who were retiring as volunteers were recognized and presented with certificates and Mercy blankets.

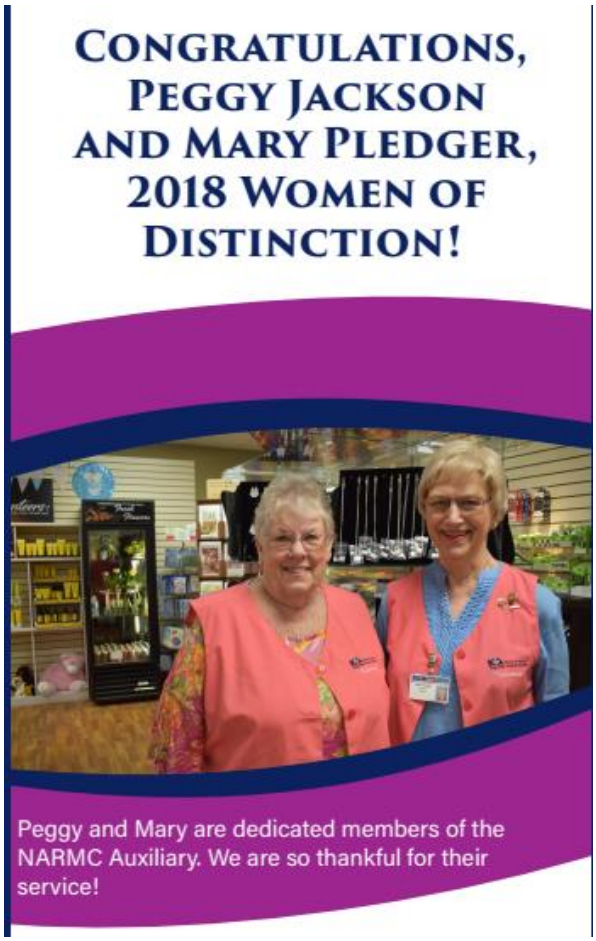
Renovation of the Mercy Gift Shop will begin in August. The store will be expanded to 3000 square feet.

Forty five teens will volunteer in several departments in the hospital as well as clinics this summer.

Darlene Tuohy, President of Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association, installed the Mercy Auxiliary officers for the 2018-2019 year. They are as follows:

President Shirley Long
President Elect Rona Stufflebeam
Vice President Kathy Hardy
Recording Secretary Christy Blackshear
Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Johnson
Treasurer Denise McGlone

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL - HARRISON
Robby Succhi, DVS



Mary Pledger and Peggy Jackson will be honored as Women of Distinction for their service to NARMC and the community.

The Auxiliary at NARMC have been busy in the past couple of months assisting departments in the hospital with various projects.

Volunteers were in-serviced on Customer Service by Human Resources Assistant, Elizabeth Allen, as part of their yearly Care-Learning

NARMC welcomed 2 Jr. Volunteers to the program.

SILOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Annis Cripps, Parliamentarian

In recognition of Hospital week, the Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary provided cupcakes for the hospital break rooms on May 11th. The employees enjoyed them very much.

A fundraiser was held on May 16th – 17th. The Collective Goods vendor offered several new items making this a very successful event.

Each year the Auxiliary awards several scholarships to individuals taking courses in the medical field. This year, the committee selected eight people from the twenty-two applicants we received.

Neta Stamps attended our Auxiliary Awards Luncheon. We were honored to have her in attendance to install our officers for 2018 – 2019.

L to r: Parliamentarian Annis Cripps, Treasurer Jim Grossardt, Secretary Linda Grossardt, Vice President Sharon Harris, President Elect Donna Conger and President Barbara Ferguson

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Jimmie Beauchamp, Director of Volunteer Services

Auxiliary proceeds for April & May: Gift shop $17,343 Fresh flowers & balloons $2,368.

The Auxiliary hosted a Linen Sale on April 17-18. We sold $25,646 and our commission will be $5,129.

The Auxiliary hosted a Dillard's sale on May 8-9. We sold $114,606 in merchandise and our commission will be $11,460.

June15-28 we partnered with the United Way of NWA collecting school supplies for kids Kindergarten – 12th grade.

The Auxiliary made a $7,500 donation to the Make a Difference Campaign – to be used for the Benevolence Fund for Regional employees & to provide mini-grants to various departments within the Washington Regional System.

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER - LAKE VILLAGE
Dean Ann Smith

March, April and May were busy months for Employee Appreciation. We have a committee that works extremely hard and prepare a lot of good food and decorating for this.

March 27, 2018 Doctors' Day

April was the Administrative Office, Volunteers, Lab Workers, and the CEO. In May the EMT'S and Nurses were honored.

Nurses Day May 9th

EMT Day May 20.

This was the second year for the auxiliary to help with the Health Expo held on April 14th.

Despite the rain keeping the attendance down, the expo was very informative. Health screenings were given including blood sugar, cholesterol, prostate and blood pressure. The auxiliary served lunch to the participants.

On April 26th, the auxiliary hosted a dedication open to the public in memory and honor of the late Betty Gay Shuler.

The surgical waiting room was named in her memory. It was her favorite assignment in the hospital auxiliary. She worked in all of the stations in the auxiliary and earned many hours. She is truly missed.

12 Chicot Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary members attended the SE Spring District Meeting in Pine Bluff April 17th

The morning of April 26th, four auxilians went to Lakeside Elementary school where 60 Pre-kindergarteners were shown how to plant flower seeds and how to care for the plants.

Stories were also read to the children on planting flowers.

Our Auxilian for 2017 – 2018 is Jill Wrzesinski.

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – DUMAS
Shirley Sandlin, President

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted a recruitment party, Thursday, May 24, in the foyer of the hospital. Refreshments were served by auxilians along with delicious punch provided by the hospital dietary department. Four ladies joined the auxiliary.

Juanita Moreland

Pat Livingston

A very successful blood drive was held at Delta Memorial Hospital in Dumas Tuesday, June 19. 23 units of life were collected. Pictured below are Jon Walters and Kristi Hogue.

Jefferson Regional Medical Center – Pine Bluff
Bettye Johnson, Publicity

Jefferson Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary hosted the Arkansas Auxiliary Hospital Association Southeast District Meeting in Pine Bluff recently.

Members from Drew Memorial, Delta Memorial Hospital, Chicot Memorial Medical Center, DeWitt Hospital and Medical Center, Bradley County Medical Center, Ashley County Medical Center, McGehee Hospital and Jefferson County Regional Medical Center were in attendance.

The meeting was held at First Baptist Church and the theme "Volunteers-Connecting Hospitals to Communities Through Service" was used to decorate the event space. This is the theme of the State President, Darlene Touhy which incorporates a wagon wheel. The spokes of the wagon wheel symbolizes the different hospitals that come together to support the wheel to move forward through our communities.

Many thanks were given to Charlotte Jackson and Debra Tole for the beautiful decorations.

JRMC Auxiliary President Liddell, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Jefferson Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary. Pine Bluff's mayor Shirley Washington and Ryan Watley, Executive Director of Go Forward Pine Bluff, gave the Welcome from the City of Pine Bluff. Peter Austin, COO of JRMC, welcomed everyone from JRMC.

District President, Freddie Lipton, conducted the business session.

A wonderful meal was served while piano entertainment was provided by Keith Savage.

AHHA President –Elect, Suzanne Hackney, addressed the group on topics concerning the Arkansas State Hospital Association meeting in October 2018 to be held in Little Rock.

JRMC Auxiliary Committee members involved in planning were David Hutcheson, Shirley Jacob, Nedra White, Emma Williams, Betty Rice, Bettye Johnson, Barbara Goodwin , Betty Anthony ,Don Best, Carol Carter, Marnelle Clement, Beverly Cotledge, Early Foreman, Georgia Grigsby, Roy Handley, Barbara Horner, Barbara Hutchinson, Shirley Johnson, Ethell Lee, David Moore, Mary Moore, Michele Nobel, Emma Williams and
Betty Perryman.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – ARKADELPHIA
Debbie Miller

It's been a momentous year for BHMC-Arkadelphia Auxiliary member, Emily Talley. In addition to turning 90 this year, Emily has just finished serving her second term as president of Arkadelphia's auxiliary.

Under her very energetic leadership, the Auxiliary oversaw the design and installation of a beautiful prayer garden at the new Gaithright Medical Center, presented gifts for the 500+ babies born at the hospital, raised $1,000 in bake sales, sponsored the Spring Leadership Conference, assisted with regular community blood drives and was the patient liaison preparing emergency kits for ER patients, and prepared seasonally decorated tray cards with a scripture reading for every holiday. Whew!!!

In addition this year, Emily's children surprised her with a family reunion cruise to Mexico in January to celebrate her 90th birthday! Emily actually turned 90 on June 5th, with nearly 100 family and friends gathered to celebrate with her.

Emily has assured us she will continue to be an active auxiliary member. She has been an inspiration and loving "task master" to us all. Congratulations! And THANK YOU Emily!

Liz Robertson is up to her neck (literally) in newborn infant caps.

Liz Robertson (foreground) Theda Aud, Vice President, (background)

Liz, a BHMC-Arkadelphia member since May 2015, is from Okolona. Liz has been crocheting infant caps to place in the Auxiliary's newborn gift bags. The bags are presented to parents upon the birth of their child. She has made nearly 1,000 caps these past three years. In addition to the many hours she puts in to "cap off" the newborns at BHMC-Arkadelphia each year, Liz also donates the cost of all the yarn she purchases!

Liz started out making just ruffled pink and blue caps, but as times have changed she has started making yellow and green and white and even multi-color! Her camouflage yarn caps are a big seller in the gift shop! When she isn't crocheting caps she makes the most beautiful baby blankets. In addition to the cap, Liz donates a newly made blanket to the New Year babies. Last year's first baby of the New Year was photographed for the newspaper front page, wearing Liz's cap. Every auxiliary member has put in a request for a blanket for his or her future grand and great-grand babies that come along.

When you thank Liz for her most generous contribution to the auxiliary, parents and babies, she quickly replies, "Oh No! It's a blessing from God that I am able to do the caps. I was bedridden and feeling sorry for myself." Liz has a degenerative spine disease. Her spine is collapsing in on her. When she is concentrating on crocheting, she doesn't feel the pain as much. And concentrating she does. With the help of her friend and auxiliary member Pat Gaylord, who did the research for her, Liz has adapted the pattern so that the caps can be used to cover the eyes of the preemies and babies from the light that hurts their eyes.

Liz's mom, Gracie Smith, is an honorary auxiliary member. She drives Liz everywhere: to meetings, to buy yarn, to deliver caps. Liz said, "My mom is such a sweetheart. I couldn't do it without her help". Thank you, Gracie, too.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mid-July
BHMC-Arkadelphia will celebrate its 35th year in the "new" building in mid-July. A big anniversary event is planned. The Auxiliary has been asked to participate and be recognized during the event.

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, MALVERN
Opal Morris, Secretary

The auxiliary voted to give two $1000 scholarships and to continue monthly Alzheimer's meetings as well as the "Look Before You Lock" and "H.E.L.P" (helmet) projects.

In April we elected new officers and to give monies for new passenger van, $25,867; four new carts for housekeeping, $1,868; three "Stop the Bleed" kits, $380 and an ice water machine for radiology, $3,200.

Five members attended the District Meeting in Arkadelphia.

Through May we collected for our cereal/fool drive which benefits several local organizations.

CHI-ST. VINCENT – HOT SPRINGS
Lynn Smith, Historian

Now is the time for all good auxiliaries to complete annual reports. The forms are in for Five Star Award, and nominations for service programs, auxilians and administrators have been made. Good luck to you and us….we are all winners!

Our Auxiliary had a great year and made the following donations. $75,000 towards our $500,000 pledge for Mother Baby Unit, $1,278.00 Newspapers for patients, $2,482.30 Muffins for Surgical Floor Families, $3,019.20 Coffee at various locations, $297.00 Infant car seats, $1,242.09 Pregnancy Pals, $1,202.84 HS Computer Class, $425.23Heart Pillows, $775.24 Blankets for Advocacy Center, $541.90 Christmas family, $100.00 Red Cross Blood Drive, and $202.31 Mercy Lodge. It is exciting to know that our "group effort" made it possible to touch the lives of all age groups in many areas of our hospital and community. Thank you Volunteers for your service and donations of time and money!

Many volunteers (some cancer survivors) participated in the Garland County Relay for Life event on June 1st. Auxiliary president, Thelma Anaya, made 75 t-shirts that were sold at $20 each to staff and volunteers. The event was a great success headed up by our DVS, Susan Rima and other staff members.

We welcome twenty summer Volunteens. They have received their orientation and are roaming the halls. (WITHOUT a cell phone connected to their body. lol) It is so exiting to have young faces and energized legs to reinforce our service areas. Each of them has such great potential to serve and possibly connect to the healthcare field in the future.

We are registered and eager to attend AHAA Convention in October. Hope to see you there!

MAGNOLIA MEDICAL CENTER
Jenni Daniels, DVS

This is slow time for us. Not much going on.

Aug 16th Second Treasures Silent Auction. Each member of the Auxiliary brings 2 new or slightly used items in great condition with a suggested value of $15.00 or more. We display all the items in the Board Room with attached bid sheets.
We even included homemade baked goods. The event starts at 7:00 am and last until 1:00pm. We always make over $1,000 profit.

July 17th Business Meeting

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS – EL DORADO
Peggy Plummer – President

Outstanding nurses were awarded stethoscopes from Uniform Shop.

Scrapbooks, plaques, etc. have been placed with the Historical Society for display. Warner Brown Hospital, Union Memorial and Medical Center of South Arkansas are all included. There will be an Open House soon.

Service hours for May and June totaled 3,124.

Girlfriend Giggles event is scheduled for August. Committee meetings will make plans for a "Ladies Night Out."

Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon will be July 9.

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – CAMDEN
Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

We were delighted that our hospital's CEO/President (and an avid supporter of the auxiliary) was featured in a supplement to the March 30 edition of our local paper. A subtitle of the article was "CEO/President Peggy Abbott brings change to OCMC," and recognition was given for her being a woman and climbing to the pinnacle that is usually scaled only by men. Our buttons were popping!!

A new slate of officers was installed during our annual meeting in June--President, Dorothy Berley; Vice President Deloyce Hart; Secretary, Donna Lowery; Treasurer, Daphne Bennett; Members at Large; Ora Broadnax, Marion Barnes, Ann Scott, and Lil Smith.

Our buyers have just returned from the Dallas market--exciting things should be happening with new merchandise.

Our auxiliary participated in #HAVhope which was a National Day of Awareness of Violence in our Hospitals sponsored by the American Hospital Association.

Uniforms 2U2 will be with us in July--this is always a most successful fundraiser for our auxiliary.

We participated in the LifeShare Blood Drive on May 30th.

VALLEY DISTRICT

SPARKS MEDICAL CENTER VAN BUREN
Pam Henderson, President

At our May meeting our guest speaker was Cheryl Earl, Coordinator of Pulmonary Rehab at Sparks Medical Center – Van Buren. She spoke about the types of patients that require this service. Pulmonary Rehab is designed for those persons who experience lung problems such as: Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, pulmonary fibrosis, etc.

We had a uniform sale on May 2, 2018. We did very well with this fundraiser.

During National Nurse' Week, we distributed popcorn tins to all of the nurses' stations.

We hosted the Valley Spring District Meeting this year on Friday, April 20, 2018.

AHAA State President Darlene Tuohy spoke to the group.

We had a tea for our scholarship recipients after our meeting on April 26, 2018. We had five recipients this year. Some of the families showed up along with the recipient

Recipients: Honey Matavia, Reema Golap, Ryan Hewitt, Layne Bolton and Brandon Cross

At our June meeting our guest speaker was Becky VanHorn, RN with the Quality Department. She spoke about Strokes and the need to be able to identify those persons as fast as possible. She used the acronym FAST and provided a handout for the volunteers. See attached picture.

F – Facial drooping
A – Arm weakness
S – Speech difficulty
T – Time to call 911.

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - RUSSELLVILLE
Janet Thurber, Volunteer

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center honored its Volunteers with an Awards and Officer Installation Lunch on May 7. Officers: Sharyn French, Wand Reed, Carol Shoptaw, Carl Greathouse, and CEO Jim Davidson

Volunteer Director Brenda Harrison really outdid herself decorating for the event with a red, white and blue nautical theme.

Saint Mary's CEO and the Seaworthy Singers dressed up like pirates and sang a rousing pirate song.

CEO Jim Davidson installed the new officers and presented them each with a gift and bouquet of flowers. CFO Wendell Van Es and COO Scott Bailey presented yearly and hourly pins. Dr. Vickie Henderson, Chief Medical Officer, shared with volunteers what inspired her

to become a doctor. Dr. Henderson told volunteers that she had been a teen-aged Candy Striper who worked closely with an adult volunteer. The adult volunteer was such an inspiration to Dr. Henderson that she decided to pursue a career in medicine. Mayor Randy Horton stopped by to proclaim it Saint Mary's Volunteers Day and the ATU Men's Sinfonian Chorus sang for our entertainment. Top that off with a delicious lunch and you have a lot of happy volunteers.

Volunteers were back at Saint Mary's on May 8th putting together trays of home-made cookies for Nurses' Day. Volunteers bake hundreds of cookies each year for our hard-working nurses. Cookie Day is an annual event that the Volunteers and Saint Mary's nurses both look forward to each year.

Left to right: Barbara Boeh, Wanda Reed, Diana Stensland & Carol Shoptaw

Volunteer & retired RN Wanda Reed presents a tray of cookies to a Rehab Nurse

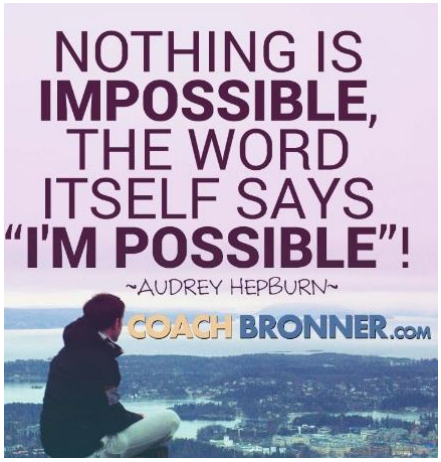
Volunteers also found time in May to hold a Scrub Sale. Approximately $2,000 was raised for our Scholarship Fund.

Laurel Stabler of Saint Mary's Fitness Center was the speaker for our June meeting. Laurel talked about the Silver Sneakers Program and other senior exercise and fitness programs available at the fitness center. She even used a beach ball to get everyone in the meeting involved and demonstrated that it can be fun getting fit.

On June 5th, eleven teen volunteers joined us for the summer. We always look forward to the teen volunteers' arrival. Their help is always much needed and appreciated plus its fun working with this group of young people.

July and August slow down as many volunteers go on vacation. In September we will hold our annual Volunteer Roundup. The roundup is not only our annual recruitment event; it's also the event where we welcome back our volunteers who took the summer off.

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



The Arkansas Connection

By Lynn Smith

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller

Working closely with the Arkansas Hospital Association (ArHA) for more than 60 years, the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association (AHAA) is proud of its long, successful partnership with the ArHA in advocating for hospitals and health care.

The first Arkansas Council of Hospital Auxiliaries was organized in 1955 at the request of the ArHA. AHAA is proud of the fact that Arkansas was the second state to grant a permanent seat on the hospital association's board of directors to the state hospital auxiliary association president. Each year, the sitting AHAA President joins the ArHA's Board of Directors with full participation and voting responsibilities. Likewise, the ArHA President serves on the AHAA's Board of Directors.

We have close proximity to the ArHA leadership and staff at bimonthly AHAA board meetings, held at the association headquarters. A senior member of ArHA's Executive Team attends each of these gatherings, bringing both state and federal legislative updates to the AHAA leadership. We also appreciate the luncheon the ArHA provides at each of these sessions.

Amber Estrada, ArHA Administrative Assistant to the CEO, serves as our ArHA liaison. She works closely with AHAA leadership, seeing to it that all our administrative needs are met and providing a wealth of assistance throughout each year. Her assistance in putting AHAA "on the Web" and then helping us establish our own website have been invaluable.

Amber works closely with AHAA presidents during their term. She orders and sets up our lunch for our board meetings, makes copies prior to the meeting and so much more. Amber is a joy and delight to work with and so appreciated by AHAA. Prior to 2014 when we set up our AHAA website www.arhaa.org, the ArHA provided a section on their web page for our online newsletter. Amber worked patiently with our AHAA Newsletter Editors to get our news posted online.

Joint Sessions Draw Hundreds

Because of the close-knit relationship between the association and our organization, the AHAA's Annual Convention and the ArHA's Annual Meeting and Trade Show have been held concurrently since 1958. The highlight of our AHAA Convention is joining the ArHA for the Keynote Session. ArHA generously provides transportation for all members attending the AHAA Convention to travel across town to attend this joint session, which features special recognition of AHAA members, the honoring of our President and his/her announcement of AHAA's CEO of the Year awards.

The joint keynote session allows AHAA members to learn from nationally recognized speakers – something our budget could not otherwise afford. We greatly enjoy this session and the extra fun its last minutes hold. At the conclusion of the meeting, a drawing is held that features five $100 cash prizes, each going to an AHAA member and provided by the ArHA.

Legislative Advocacy

The spring of 2013 brought a special call to AHAA to rally in ArHA's backing of our state's option for passage of expanded coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Arkansas had a unique plan for meeting the stipulations of the ACA. Called the Private Option and now known as Arkansas Works, the plan required a 3/4 (75 of 100 House members and 27 of 35 Senate members) majority to pass in our state legislature. Everyone knew this would be a laborious and challenging task.

On a beautiful spring day made brighter by the sea of colors of hundreds of volunteers in our auxiliary uniforms, many of our members got their first taste of in-person legislative advocacy. The stand we took for ArHA, our hospitals, and the 500,000 uninsured in our state at that time was strong and unwavering. Speeches from leaders from across the state and individual stories from people who were uninsured were delivered on the steps of the Capitol; we heard the message and, knowing the good passage of the Private Option would do for Arkansas hospitals and patients, we enthusiastically carried it forward.

Armed with Talking Points provided by ArHA's Executive Team, we lined the halls of the Arkansas Capitol to meet with legislators from our respective communities. Traversing the Capitol from the Senate side to the House side, we met with our home legislators, often calling them out of legislative meetings and sessions to visit one-on-one. Our representation and rally at the Capitol made an undeniable impression on these elected leaders about the effect the Private Option could have in our home communities. It was a great victory for Arkansas when the Private Option passed in both houses of the legislature. This has allowed our state to lead the nation in implementing a program using Medicaid funds to purchase private health insurance on the marketplace for people who are eligible for expanded Medicaid under the ACA.

Between 2013 and 2016, the number of uninsured individuals in Arkansas declined by 50.1%. What a victory for the uninsured and for our hospitals, which previously were financially burdened by the overwhelming cost of uncompensated care delivered in our state. The Private Option has not eliminated uncompensated care, but it has cut the amount of uncompensated care our hospitals must provide. It also has given previously uninsured people in our communities access to essential health services.

We haven't been called again to the Capitol to rally as a group, but AHAA members stay informed during each legislative session through the ArHA's *Legislative Bulletin*. This is a weekly newsletter from the ArHA's Vice President for Government Affairs, Jodiane Tritt, that keeps us posted on major bills, especially those affecting health care. Through this newsletter we learn about issues requiring local input. We can then engage with our state Senators and Representatives through and our grassroots legislative contact website, voterVOICE, which is a handy tool used by AHAA members and others to make contact easily with our elected officials. When Jodiane tells us a Yes or No vote on bills affecting our hospitals is needed, we respond by calling or sending messages to our legislators through voterVOICE.

We engage at the federal level as well. Each year, AHAA's President, President-Elect and State Legislative Chair accompany Arkansas hospital administrators, trustees, physicians and ArHA staff to Washington, D.C. to take part in visits with each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

Small, but Mighty

The ArHA is made up of 101 of the 106 hospitals across Arkansas. Our hospitals range from 25 to 827 beds. The majority of our small, rural hospitals have fewer than 50 beds, but they are vital to the health care and economies of the communities they serve. Many Arkansas counties are home to hospitals that are among the top five employers in the county. More than 45,000 Arkansans are employed in full- and part-time capacities by hospitals across the state.

AHAA has a membership of 6,619 Volunteers/Volunteens. In 2017, our volunteers donated 898,497 hours, contributed $3,831,348 to support Arkansas hospitals, and supplied scholarships for those entering the health care field. While the hours and the dollars are greatly appreciated, we are finding our advocacy efforts for ArHA may be our most valuable asset.

ArHA and AHAA have built a very cohesive relationship. It's about unity and caring, and it is working well in Arkansas. I encourage you to connect with your state hospital association, because together you can do so much more!

Lynn Smith began volunteering in 2001 at Medical Center of South Arkansas in El Dorado, Arkansas. In 2011-2012 she served as AHAA state president. Lynn is currently serving her 7th and final year on the national American Hospital Association Volunteer Advisory Council (formerly Committee on Volunteers, or COV). She served as COV Chair in 2015-2016. In 2014 she and her husband, Jerry, moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas where she continues to volunteer at CHI St Vincent-Hot Springs.

Articles September/October newsletter should be submitted by July 31. Please report what you did in July and August and what you have planned for September and October 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

Standing Against Violence

On June 8, the second annual Hospitals Against Violence "Hope Friday" (#HAVhope Friday) focused national attention on ending all forms of violence with a digital media campaign. #HAVhope Friday united hospitals, health systems, nurses, doctors and other health care professionals and volunteers from across the country, as well as the local and national organizations with which they work, to highlight the need to stand against violence in our workplaces and communities.

Leaders of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association

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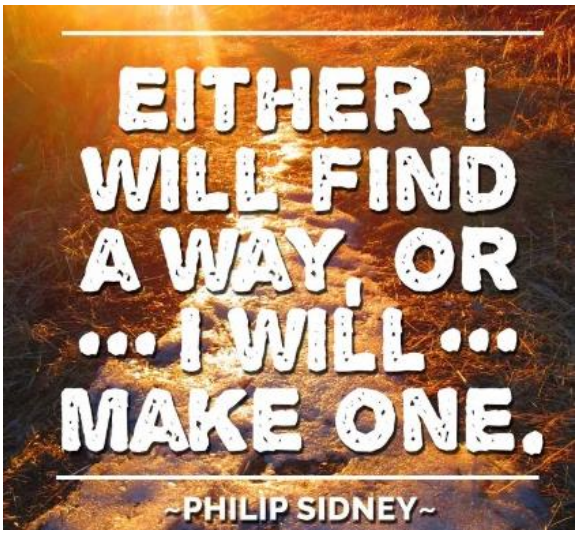

Presidents, remember to send your examples of "Golden Hearts" to President-Elect Suzanne Hackney.