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2017-2018 AHAA President



Schools are back in session and soon the landscape will be awash in gorgeous fall colors. As my year as President comes to a close I am so grateful to have had the experience of traveling throughout our beautiful state to the district meetings. Each of your auxiliaries is unique and your outreach programs and projects are amazing!

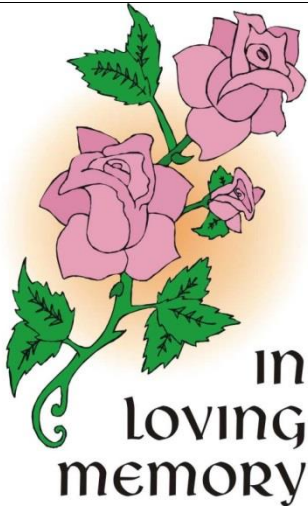
As we welcome the new season I hope you have made your reservations to attend this year's 60th Annual AHAA Convention. We will have educational workshops, a Best Practices session, a joint session at the Marriott to hear the keynote speaker, Carl Bernstein, the Awards Luncheon, a fun and casual Thursday evening social event and the installation of our next president, Susan Hackney, on Friday. Convention is a wonderful way to make new friends and to network with other auxiliaries.

Thank you for all you do for your hospitals and communities. I thoroughly enjoy reading your newsletters. You DO make a difference.

See you in Little Rock!
Darlene



In Memoriam



August 4, 2018
AHAA Past President 1994-1995
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Southwest District
CHI St Vincent-Hot Springs



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
National Park Medical Center – Hot Springs
Ray Kukuk
Chaplain Don Reeves

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
Stone County Medical Center
Nadine Lawrence
Alma Lee Sutterfield

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Margaret Sue Foster

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 met 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 perform 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.**

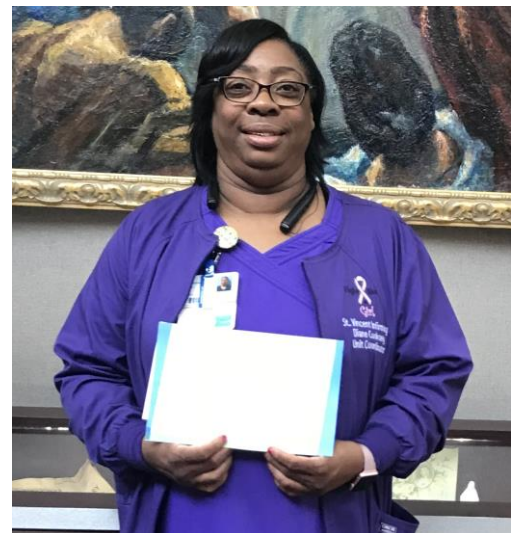


METROPOLITAN

CHI ST. VINCENT LITTLE ROCK / SHERWOOD

Betty Pullam

The Auxiliary Nursing Excellence Scholarship Endowment funded the first scholarship to assist an Infirmary coworker achieve an advanced nursing degree-debt-free. Diane Cooksey is the first recipient of the scholarship and was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to complete her degree.



Jr. volunteers worked during the month of July throughout the Infirmary. At the conclusion of their month of service they were rewarded with a pizza and ice cream party hosted by auxiliary/volunteer services.



Jr. volunteers with Juanita Carr, manager of volunteer and auxiliary services

Jr. volunteer Kylie working in volunteer office



The Dillard sale was held July 17-18 at the Infirmary and was well attended.



Volunteers, employees and Dillard staff

The auxiliary board brunch retreat/meeting was held on August 10 as new board members were introduced and plans were discussed for the year.





Mother/daughter board members at the first board meeting of the new year.

Gratitude baskets were distributed to recipients in three Infirmary departments. A basket making class was held prior to the distribution.

Board members Gerry Goffart and Barbara Bender assembling gratuity baskets.



Children's gift bags were assembled by volunteers and are distributed as needed in the surgery waiting room.



Longtime volunteer (with 17,000 hours) Edith Bowman was honored as Outstanding Rotarian of the Year for 2017-2018. She was honored by the West Little Rock Rotary Club, which meets at the Infirmary.

The auxiliary is proud of Edith and very grateful for her many selfless hours at the Infirmary.

A television provided by the auxiliary was installed in the volunteer office to be used for in-service, orientation and hospital news.

An electronic sale will be held at the Infirmary on August 28-29 and in Sherwood on August 30.

The first general meeting and luncheon will be held on September 14.

CHI St. VINCENT MORRILTON

Tammy Smith

We don't have anything to report for the newsletter for July and August.

NORTH METRO MEDICAL CENTER

Jamie Melson

New officers: Left to right: Jamie Melson, President; Terry Franks, 2nd Vice President; Judy Nicholson, Secretary; Angie Simpson, Treasurer; and Nancy Douglas, Assistant Treasurer



We donated 10 box fans to North Metro's Senior Fan Drive.



We also donated 68 boxes of cereal to the THV11 Summer Cereal Drive hosted by the Jacksonville Fire Department.



School supplies were donated to North Metro's school supply drive.



On Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, North Metro Medical Center Auxiliary, along with help from the Jacksonville Fire Dept. and their bucket truck replaced the American flag on display at the hospital. Several department directors were in attendance. Those pictured with the new flag at half-staff, in honor of Sen. John McCain, are left to right Firefighter/EMT Tyler Johnson, DoV Michele Blocker, Dave Shields of NMMC Engineering, Jr. Past President/Army retired Donald Hicks and Lt. Leo Johnson. Such a privilege to be a part of this group!



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Rich Jannick

During July the H.O.P.E. committee distributed goldfish crackers to all volunteers as quarterly recognition, with the theme "It's O'fish'al, BRMC Volunteers are GOLDEN." July 27th the H.O.P.E. Committees hosted the bi-monthly birthday brunch. This year the birthday celebration was changed from a breakfast at 8:00am to a brunch at 10:00am. This change has been met with great success. Attendance has doubled.

The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Judy Shaffer (who is running for state secretary), hosted two events. In July it was Dynamic Cookware and August was the Geneva Linen sale. Everyone loves the linen sale. This year's linen sale turned out to be the most profitable linen event the committee ever hosted.

August 11th was the ten year anniversary of the Bargain Box thrift store in Flippin, AR. The event featured refreshments, giveaways, and a 1/2 price sale on everything in the store.



The highlight of the refreshments was the specially decorated cookies from a local baker.

August 10-11 the Pietz Cancer Support House sponsored the annual 'Pink for Pietz' rodeo event at the local saddle club arena. This year the rodeo featured the usual events like bucking horse riding, calf roping, and of course bull riding. Added this year were several special events for younger kids. These included barrel racing, bucking ponies, calf roping, mutton busting, and calf chasing. With the addition of the kids events the rodeo had a nice increase in attendance. The volunteers help serve food and drink at the refreshment stand.

The H.O.P.E. committee is busy planning future events like the September general meeting, attendance at the state convention, men's health fair in October, attendance at the fall district meeting, and our hosting of the spring district meeting. The committee hits the ground running in August.

OZARK HEALTH INC. - CLINTON

Helen Dobbins

August 8th and 9th Ozark Health held a Collective Goods sale. This is always a good time to start our Christmas shopping.

Many of our members have been traveling so it makes for a quiet summer.

September is starting out with a uniform sale with Uniforms U2. We put out flyers around town to the different medical offices and clinics.

Ozark is hosting the September presidents meeting on the 21st.

Lots of things are going on to get ready for convention; skits to practice and silent auction items to make.

Several of the gift shop staff are planning a trip to Dallas to the gift shop buyers' market; we literally do shop until we drop.

Hope everyone had a great summer and are ready for the fall season.

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – MOUNTAIN VIEW

Elsie Grozis

We are saddened by the loss of two of our former auxiliary members. Nadine Lawrence on March 20, 2018 and Alma Lee Sutterfield on July 2, 2018.

We had raffles for Easter Baskets, Mother's Day Basket and Father's Day Basket. These were all well received. During July we usually have a Cake Walk at the July 4 celebration but this year we chose to have a Patriotic Donation among our volunteers for the July fundraiser. During August we had a Linen Sale.

Our new slate of officers that will be installed in October are: President-Teresa Linden; First Vice-President-Rachelle Stewart; Second Vice-President-Suzie Mellon; Secretary-Frances Bullard; Treasurers-Carolyn Shipman and Martha Simmons.

We paid \$8,032.92 to the White River Health System Foundation for purchase of several sleep chairs for patient rooms. Patients and families are pleased with them.

Looking forward to the State Convention in October as well as the October District Meeting.

November we will have a Collective Goods sale.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

CROSSRIDGE HOSPITAL – WYNNE

George Anne Draper

The Crossridge Community Hospital Auxiliary doesn't meet in June and July but looks forward to meeting in August to kick off the rest of the year. The August meeting is Bring a Friend Day with prizes being awarded to the people bringing guests. The board members met twice in July and Aug. preparing for the upcoming meeting and revising the by-laws for the organization.

The four projects; the ER Waiting Room, the Clinics, the Flower Project and the Throw/Shawl Project, keep the members busy. Sometimes summer months are difficult with vacations and visitors that keep the members busy, but we "persist."

We are looking forward to the latest improvement to the hospital, an information screen in the front hall to give daily announcements and the cafeteria menu. It will be very helpful and informative for the visitors. The Auxiliary is providing this new addition to the hospital.

October is several months away, but the upcoming Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Dinner is always a big fall event for us. This year the venue is exceptional, a restored building in downtown Wynne that will fit the vintage theme. The next newsletter should be full of pictures of the exciting event.

NORTH EAST ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Patsy Whitney

July 19 was our quarterly Fun Time. For this quarter we looked at old scrapbooks and took a walk down memory lane. For those who do not attend these get-to-gathers, you are really missing a good time. This is the time when all Auxilians can get acquainted with each other. We all work different shifts and different days, so it's hard to get to know each other.

August 14-15 was our scrub sale. We did very well this time. We made \$4,894.94.

September 25-26 we will be having another Jewelry Sale.

October 3-5 will be the annual AHAA Convention. More information will follow.

October 23 will be our Fall District Meeting. It will be in Helena, Arkansas this time.

October 23-24 we will be having another scrub sale.

ST. BERNARDS - JONESBORO

Carol Hinck

Shown are sixteen students from 10 schools in NE Arkansas who participated in St Bernards Junior Volunteers program in July. The program was headed up by Tiffany Horton (St. Bernards) and Shelia Schisler (Auxiliary).





NORTHWEST DISTRICT

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Emma Jean Vance

It seems that summer has passed very quickly. In July we sponsored a community blood drive which was quite successful with 31 donations and each donor was presented a t-shirt. Our wonder Auxiliary cooks provided great snacks.

Tee shirts for July Blood Drive



President Joy McKinney and President Elect Emma Jean Vance at the blood drive



Our thrift store is doing very well and recently had a 25-cent sale. The last day of the sale our area school nurses were allowed to take what clothing they needed for supply closets (at no charge) We also purchased a larger shed for storage.



We recently voted to purchase a new chair for our rapidly growing wound clinic to help expedite care and comfort.

We have partnered with our Senior Life Solutions to monthly host our Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregiver support group in the Senior Solutions Department in our hospital.

In August we sponsored a Collective Goods fundraiser which did very well. Free cookbooks were given with each purchase.



Big Wheel Keeps On Rollin' at the auxiliary education and information booth at the Carroll County Fair.



Coming events include a Community Blood Drive on Sept 21 and we have a group planning to attend the Arkansas Auxiliary State Convention in Little Rock. October plans also include hosting the Spirit Cart for hospital employees and on October 18 a U2U Shoe Sale in the hospital day room.

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST ARKANSAS - ROGERS

Christy Blackshear

There were 45 teen volunteers at Mercy serving in various roles in the hospital this summer.

The Knit and Stitch auxiliary group has constructed 15 fidget blankets and they have been distributed to several local nursing homes. Bags with supplies for pediatric patients have been constructed by the Knit and Stitch members.

Bags for pediatric patients



Fidget & kids kit for pediatric kids



A total of \$1,200 was raised from a book sale in July.

The Mercy Auxiliary donated \$1,000 for the Eighth Street Hotel project which assists homeless individuals to transition from residing at the hotel to living to an apartment or home as well as obtaining jobs.

The auxiliary also donated \$250 to the case managers in order to allow them to purchase children's clothes, books and supplies for the beginning of the school year.

A trip to Italy sponsored by the auxiliary will take place September 12th to September 23rd.

A total of four dogs have been added to the Pet Therapy Program.

The auxiliary is looking forward to attending the AHAA State Convention in Little Rock on October 3, 4 and 5.

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL - HARRISON

Robby Succhi

The North Arkansas Regional Medical Center (NARMC) Auxiliary Thrift Store exterior project is complete except for the awning and lighting. During the remodel, the thrift store remains open Monday thru Saturday 9am- 4pm. The 6600 sq. foot interior retail, work and storage space will begin its renovation in the next few weeks.



The Auxiliary at NARMC had the opportunity to hear at its August Meeting the Community Engagement Division of the Harrison Police Department present a session on "Senior Scams". This session is part one of two that gave the Auxiliary some helpful tips on scams that are hitting the area.



WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Jimmie Beauchamp

Auxiliary proceeds for June & July: Gift shop \$8,772 Fresh flowers & balloons \$1,987.

The volunteers were honored at an awards luncheon on August 20. They enjoyed a prime rib meal and each received a portfolio monogrammed with Washington Regional's logo.

I'm very proud to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of men and women.

Fundraisers:

Lobby Sale- Book Fair	July 10	Profit \$716
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Lobby Sale- Electronics	August 6-7	Profit \$7,259
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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.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – CROSSETT

Marsha Scott

Our fiscal year has ended and we are starting a new year for our auxiliary.

The Banquet was a huge success this year and we missed those who could not be present. Commitment to the auxiliary was evident with the hours pins awarded. This year we gave 6,155 hours to the hospital. Sue Pitchford was awarded the Auxilian of the Year. We presented a check for \$16,000 to Mr. Gilmore to pay for the purchase of a birthing bed for the OB Department and a Transcutaneous Bili Meter for the Nursery.

New items are being added to the Gift Shop and we will continue our twice yearly scrub sales.

We will be doing our Breast Cancer Awareness program in October and our Christmas Tree and Wreath Decorating Contest will be in November and December. Our next scrub sale is Wednesday, September 12. We need to have a Bake Sale in October or November or December. We may be needed to work at the Flu Clinics in September at the Health Unit and at Anderson in October.

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – DUMAS

Shirley Sandlin

In July CEO of Delta Memorial Hospital Ashley Anthony installed the following officers:
Seated: Christina Rainey, Legislative Chair; Shirley Sandlin, President
Standing Left: Jeri Brewer, Treasurer; Evelyn Murphy, Reporter; Maedene Weser, Vice President and Clarice Poole, Secretary



Pictured below are three faithful donors: Erma Guy, Dorene Dean and Larry Hillis.



Another donor, Arlyn Kramer, stated that she had donated in each of the auxiliary blood drives. 27 units of blood were donated in this drive. Dumas is a generous community and blood drives have been very successful. Chairing the drives are Evelyn Murphy and Shirley Sandlin.

DEWITT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

Mary West

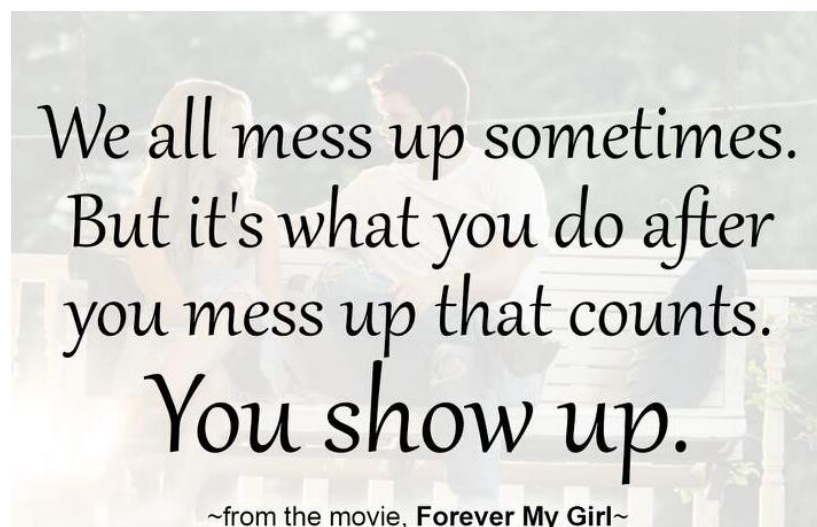
Great things have been happening in DeWitt this summer. Through fund raising the auxiliary has helped to raise funds for new signs at our hospital.



We held our first ever "JunkTique" on June 2nd. This was a great time. This will be an annual event. Many items that did not sell were donated to the Auxiliary to be sold in our flea market booth. This fund raiser will be working for us all year.

In October we are conducting a community service project to help a local girl scout achieve the "Girl Scout of America" Gold Award. Her goal is to raise funds to purchase a special swing for our local park that will be for people with disabilities.

Upcoming on Saturday, November 10, 2018 – The annual Christmas Cottage held at our local fairgrounds. Last year we had vendors selling Christmas T-Shirts, leggings and other clothing, crafts, jellies, soup, casseroles, candies and many other food items, make-up, skin care and many other items. We still have cookbooks to sell. There are food vendors for snacks and lunch. This is a great event and a great time of community fellowship. Please mark your calendars to attend.



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – ARKADELPHIA

Debbie Miller

“Excuse me, but I’m lost!” “Could you help me, please?” “Where is Medical Records?” “How do I find where the new babies are?” “Where do I check in for my sleep study?”

These are just a few of the questions we get almost daily from visitors to our hospital. We don’t mind answering and helping community members, new grandparents and visitors from out of town, but it could be, many of those questions (and some confusion and frustration) will be answered with the latest donation from the Auxiliary.

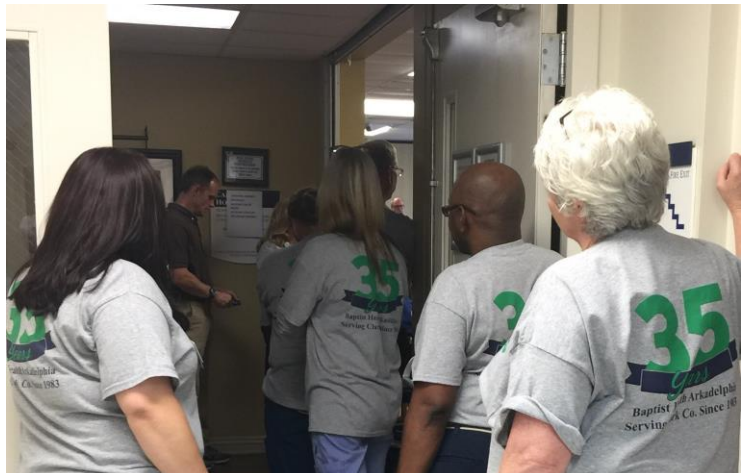
Three new directory signs (one on each floor) will help visitors find just what they are looking for when visiting. The new directories will cost about \$1,000 each.



Emily Talley, left and Vivian Herbert, center pictured here presenting a \$3,000 check to Tony Hardage, Hospital Administrator, for the new directories to be placed on each floor.

BHMCC-Arkadelphia Celebrates 35 Years

It was standing room only on July 23rd for staff looking in on the community members attending the 35th anniversary of the opening of the “new” hospital building.



Administrator, Tony Hardage, welcomed hospital board members among the community members attending. He also made a point to recognize and thank the Auxiliary volunteers for their contribution to the hospital's success these past 35 years.



Two members of the staff, Crystal Phillips and Rhonda Gates, who have been employed for the entire 35 years, were recognized.

Cake, shaped and decorated to look like the hospital exterior, and punch were served.



Tony Hardage, Administrator, (left) Loretta Kilts, Dir. Of Volunteer Services (center) and Daniel Smith, Administrator Assistant (right) helping with refreshments.

This event was considered recognition to all that have been a part of the success of the hospital from its first day of opening to the community until today as this could not have been done without everyone including our community who played a part in the opening of this facility.

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HEBER SPRINGS

Mary Propes

Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs Auxiliary welcomes our new hospital administrator, Kevin Storey, while saying a fond farewell to our retiring leader, Ed Lacy. Auxilians enjoyed both farewell receptions honoring the years of service of Mr. Lacy and a welcome to Heber Springs fete honoring Mr. Storey. We look forward to continuing our congenial relationship with the hospital administrative staff and specifically working with Mr. Storey who has already demonstrated his support of our organization.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary has had a busy summer thus far supporting the hospital's MASH and CHAMPS programs for the youth of Cleburne County as well as assisting with the county-wide Blood Drives. The Fourth of July Potluck cookout for hospital staff working on the holiday was a huge success! Participants included BHMC-HS employees and ambulance personnel. Menu items included hamburgers and hotdogs with all the 'fixins'. The next Pot Luck dinner is scheduled for September on Labor Day. Also in July, Geneva Linens displayed their wide variety of goods including sheet sets, pillows, bedspreads, throws, and baby items for sale in the hospital lobby. Another successful sale resulted with proceeds earmarked for requested equipment by various hospital departments.

Upcoming events include a much anticipated fundraiser with Collective Goods in late September and a fall Uniform Sale with Uniforms 2-U-2 in October. The Auxiliary will also be represented during the annual Health Expo at Heber Springs Community Center. We eagerly anticipate the fun and fellowship of the 2018 State AHAA meeting at Embassy Suites in Little Rock in early October.

BHMC-HS Auxiliary is looking forward to hosting the North Central Fall District meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church in Heber Springs. "Hearts and Flowers" will be the theme of the day as we join with other North Central Auxilians in welcoming our State President, President-elect, and other dignitaries to celebrate the joy of being hospital volunteers. "All Our Best" continues to resonate as the commitment of the Baptist Health Medical System and is a motto that we in Heber Springs wholeheartedly support.

CHI-ST. VINCENT – HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith



Our Auxiliary is heartbroken over the death of Darthy Tyrity.

Darthy volunteered at St. Joseph/Mercy/CHI St. Vincent for (35) thirty-five years. She served as AHAA President in 1994-95. Her theme was "A New Beginning" and her



emblem was a butterfly. I will quote Wilda Chadick in her announcement to AHAA board members.

“As most of you know, Dorthy has been a pillar in the hospital volunteer community for decades, serving in many AHAA board positions including presidency. She was a fountain of information about anything “volunteer” particularly gift shops, vendors, etc.”

On 8/22 at our monthly CHI St Vincent Board Meeting the Auxiliary Board voted to rename our Gift Shop “Dorthy’s” as a lasting tribute to a very special volunteer and friend.



NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS

Dorothy Stringer

We have lost two members of our NPMC Auxiliary family, Ray Kukuk and Chaplain Don Reeves. Both lost their long battles with illnesses, but they fought well and they fought with honor. Chaplain Reeves had been with our Auxiliary for 15 years and continued to take care of our patients until days when he lost his own battle. Ray Kukuk had been with the Auxiliary for three years and was a golf cart driver. He always had a joke to tell and a cup of coffee in his hand. I never saw him without a big smile or the cup of coffee. We will miss Ray and Don.

We are getting a new register system. The one we had lost its battle. Frankly, if I had had a baseball bat, the old girl would have been gone long ago. I believe it was a left over from WWII. They tell me not, but I am not too sure.

We have started a new program in the Nursery that is taking off like a wild fire. It is called “Baby Blessings”. Everyone is enjoying it. We pass out survey sheets to get opinions and they were all positive.

We did our first volunteer orientation and it went extremely well. Policies were gone over, questions asked and answered, and our new Volunteer Manager ordered a fantastic meal.

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER – CAMDEN

Daphne Bennett

We were encouraged recently by a surprise donation of \$4,000 to the auxiliary from an anonymous donor.

We gave a \$2,000 scholarship for the fall semester to two licensed practical nurses who are

pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Total sales were \$18,323.29 from our scrub sale on July 12-13, and our commission was \$4,580.82.

We continue to support the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock with aluminum pull tabs--to date we have contributed 43 gallons.

We assisted with the LifeShare Blood Drive on July 25.



VALLEY DISTRICT

SPARKS HOSPITAL – FORT SMITH

Alice Swain

July and August have been very quiet for our Auxiliary this summer. We normally dismiss thru the summer months as far as regular meetings and working in the gift shop goes. Some members choose to continue their shift in the shop and that is always great. Our last extra fund raiser was the Masquerade sale in early June and that is always fun.

Our big news for July was we were informed our Hospital had sold to the Baptist Hospital Systems in Little Rock. This had been talked about for several months and finally was announced on July 18th, 2018. Lots of conversations as well as anxiety for some on how this will affect each person. Some feel this is a very positive thing, so we will see.

September will see us resuming our monthly meetings and working our shift in the Gift Shop. This is a fun activity and members really enjoy working.

October of course starts off with Convention on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We are looking forward to another year of eventful, educational, and fun activities. We have 3 members attending.

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - RUSSELLVILLE

Janet Thurber, Volunteer

At our July Meeting, Saint Mary's Volunteers welcomed Teen Challenge representative Shannon Aycock as guest speaker. Teen Challenge is a local faith-based residential center offered free of monthly tuition for adult women struggling with life-controlling issues including addiction, abuse, eating disorders and depression.

President Carol Shoptaw,
Shannon Aycock from Teen
Challenge, and VP Carl
Greathouse



Saint Mary's volunteers Irma Jackson and Jane Hradek handed out apples and volunteer applications at the August 8th River Valley Business Expo.

Saint Mary's Volunteers took the opportunity to recruit new volunteers at the August River Valley Business Expo. Volunteers passed out applications and explained the duties of a volunteer. Everyone that visited our booth left with a healthy treat – a shiny, red apple.

At our August meeting we began working on our Christmas Stocking Project by cutting out red stockings for the 100 babies we anticipate will be born at Saint Mary's in December. Volunteers took the stocking home to sew with instructions to return them to our November Meeting. Each baby will receive a stocking and a Christmas hat that was knitted or crocheted by a volunteer.



Barbara Boeh has coordinated the Christmas Stocking Project for over 20 years.



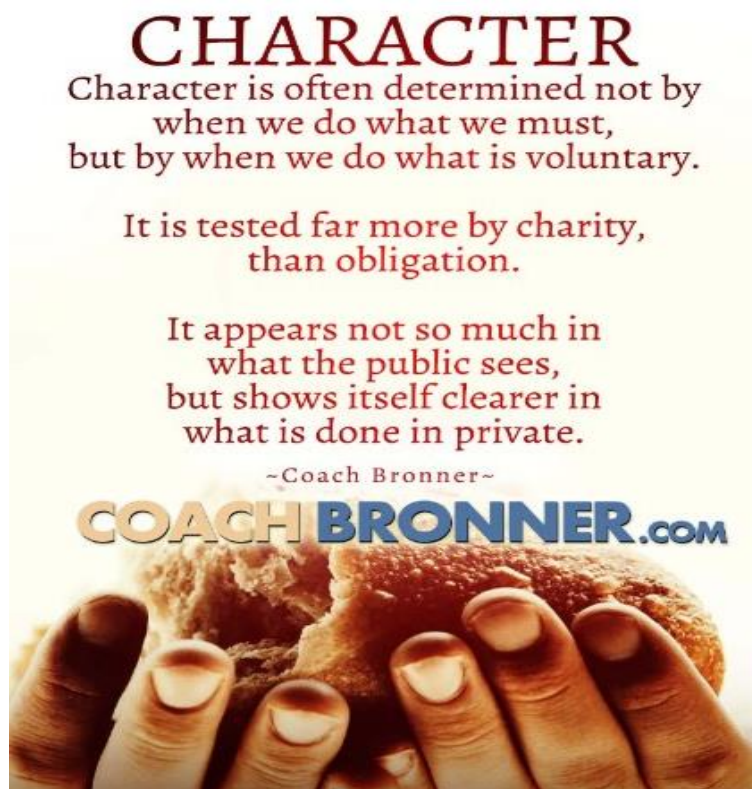
Tracy & Jane cut out stockings.



VP Carl Greathouse

In September we hold our annual Volunteer Roundup lunch where we welcome back volunteers who took the summer off and recruit new volunteers. In preparation for the Roundup, we've designed and printed a new volunteer brochure and handout. The brochure explains our purpose; the benefits of being a volunteer; lists projects, meeting information; and includes other useful information a new volunteer might need.

In October we're looking forward to attending the Fall District Meeting and State Convention.



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



Please attend: “Best Practices” Session

Thursday, October 4th following the Awards Luncheon

Topics:

Overview of current programs you might want to implement at your hospital ...1 from each district

Pop Ups!

Simple programs every Auxiliary can promote

Tips for writing entries for Outstanding Achievement Awards

HAVE Awards

Understanding how they are judged could make you a winner

Table Talk

Serious interaction with peers--your table could be a winner!

Prizes- Drop your “winning” ticket stub in your District’s gift bag

Drawing by districts--You must be present to win.

No handouts..all information will be available on AHAA Website. (Arhaa.org)

We hope to see you there!