

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2020-2021

AHAA President



Kathy Gammill

Hello Everyone!

This year has, once again, proven to be quite challenging for all of us. We have continued to support our hospitals, our fellow auxiliaries, our families and our friends. The resilience of the volunteer has shown through in so many instances. During this past year we have had to find new ways to support our communities - and we did. We rolled up our sleeves for vaccinations, not only to protect ourselves, but, our families and friends, too. We went back to volunteering, frequently in different areas and with safeguards - but - we were doing what we do best - we helped!

What will the rest of this year hold for us? I haven't a clue, however, I do know that we will adapt, we will continue our support for our auxiliaries, our hospitals and our communities. Because that is what we do.

It has been an honor to serve as your 62nd AHAA President. In the perfect year, I would have had the opportunity to visit with many of you at your District Meetings. I have been around for a few years and have visited many of you at past conventions and district meetings. Your stories of why you volunteer must be shared with others. Some stories have a common thread while others may be different. Share your story - share why you volunteer - do what you do so well - continue helping others.

I look forward to seeing you when our COVID concerns have lessened, and we can safely meet again. I know you will continue to support your 2021-2022 President, Carol Evans, as you have done for me. God bless you and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Your fellow volunteer,
Kathy Gammill
AHAA President, 2020-2021

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**2021 AHAA CONVENTION HAS BEEN
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.**

**2021 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS
AND
2022 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS
WILL BE RESCHEDULED**

Ballots will be sent to each auxiliary president for the designated delegate to vote on the slate of officers and proposed changes to the bylaws.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

President Elect	Judy Shaffer
Vice President	Liz McKinstry
Secretary	Mary Catherine Propes
Treasurer	Charlotte Jackson

The following changes to the Bylaws were approved by the board and are to be voted on by the designated delegates.

President Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 1, letter e. As written: Visits each district at least twice.

New Wording: Visits each district at least twice. **In the event of a catastrophic situation (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.) the district meetings may be canceled by the executive committee.**

President-Elect Duties

Page 34, Article VII, section 2, letter f. As written: Visits each district for the district meetings.

New Wording: Visits each district for the district meetings, **unless they are canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.**

District Chair Duties

Page 36, Article VII, Section 6, letter e. As written: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the President-elect.

New Wording: Conduct district meetings in the fall and spring as scheduled by the President-elect, **unless canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.**

Board of Directors Duties

Page 37, Article VIII, Section 4. As Written: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president.

New Wording: Regular meetings of the board of Directors shall be held every other month or six (6) times a year, at such place and time as directed by the president. **In the event of a catastrophic situation, (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.), meetings may be held telephonic or virtual.**

In Memoriam

Metropolitan

CHI St. Vincent Morriston

Joan Drilling

Mary Joyce Maus

North Central

Baxter Regional Medical Center

John Bruce

Jerome Domek

John Hale

Mel Mills

John Rennolds

Dolores Willems

Northeast

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital (Jonesboro)

Dorothy Jean Coggin

St. Bernards Medical Center (Jonesboro)

Sandra Ackeret

Jean Ahrens

AvaLee Dickson

Maxine Drury

Charlotte Hickox

Harry Hill

Jo Ann Hill

Sue Lee

Mary McDonald

Mary Jane Nash

Lillian Reddman

Helen Reithmeyer

Mary Shaver

Terese Sifford

Hazel Strickland

Northwest

Northwest Medical Center - Bentonville

Frances Lee Scott

Southeast
Jefferson Regional Medical Center (Pine Bluff)
Geraldine Brunson

Valley
Baptist Health - Van Buren
Martha Bolling



ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL BAPTIST HEALTH –
LITTLE ROCK

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY / SHERWOOD

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON
Claudia Riedmueller

SVI Morrilton did not meet in July but resumed monthly meetings August 2. With a new President and Vice President, the group of 18 enjoyed a light breakfast and a program presented by Alicia Hugen from our County Extension office. The program focus was on container gardening and easy to use tools. She gave an excellent and informative presentation. She even brought door prizes!

An outdoor yard sale was planned but later canceled because of the increasing number of Covid_19 and Covid variant cases.

At this time, we plan to do a pre-order bake sale for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Our Member of the Month for July was Angela Coffman. Her nickname is Red, and she was born in Morrilton in this hospital! "Red lives in town and likes to care for people and her dog. The three words she chooses to describe herself were Kind, Loveable, and Caring. Angela's service area is the front desk. When asked why she volunteers, she replied, "I care about people"

Shirley Arnold is our Member of the Month for August. Her nickname is Tootles. Shirley was born in St. Louis, Mo. She and her husband ran a trucking business until retiring. Her favorite pastimes are crocheting and flower gardening. Shirley was mother to 7 children! She describes herself as a hard worker, friendly, and cares about people. The Emergency Department and Outpatient Waiting Room are her service areas, and she makes sure our scrapbook committee

gets a copy of our local paper plus the various departments in the hospital every week. Shirley volunteers because she enjoys helping people.

September's Member of the Month is Emma Carothers. Emma was born in Hazen, AR. Emma's career of service with The Red Cross continues with CHI SVI Morrilton. Emma had 4 daughters and she lives in town where she enjoys gardening. She is described as passionate, kind, and independent. Emma prepares the invocation for our meetings as well as an inspirational message and participates in our fundraising activities. Emma volunteers because "We need a good hospital, and it takes more than employees."

SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BENTON)

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

W. P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE



NORTH CENTRAL

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER (HEBER SPRINGS)

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN HOME)

Jim Whalen

Throughout the past 20 months we have learned individually and collectively to accept the age-old sage advice to, "Monitor and Adjust". This has challenged and, in turn, empowered us to confront and modify our planning and deportment.

Once again, we are mandated by circumstances to adjust our group activities that were scheduled in the coming month(s). This includes our Banquet planned for mid-September. When circumstances permit, we will be advised in a timely manner when it will be rescheduled. However, we have some great news to share about the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association. Judy Shaffer has been nominated as the President Elect. She will be installed in October to serve a year as AHAA President-Elect. Judy is currently serving at AHAA North Central District Secretary. Congratulations Judy!

Also, through our fundraising efforts we have donated \$300,000.00 so far this year towards our \$700,000.00 commitment for the 5 South Surgical Services Capital Campaign. Our Bargain Boxes, the Pink-A-Dilly Gift Shop, Ways & Means Special Sales, and our endowment are doing great!! Our volunteers are doing outstanding work at fundraising!

We also want to welcome our new Thrift Shop Coordinator, Karla Tyler to the MH Bargain Box. Karla has a background in thrift shop management and fundraising for non-profits. Be sure to welcome her when you are shopping at the Mtn. Home Bargain Box.

Throughout these uncertain times every member of our Auxiliary should take pride in that the extent of meaningful organizational support extended to our hospital. Each of us is able to draw upon a firm foundation based on our legacy of commitment and dedication that spans almost 60 years of continued service!

OZARK HEALTH INC. – CLINTON

STONE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (MOUNTAIN VIEW)

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER (NEWPORT)

UNITY HEALTH – WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (SEARCY)

WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER (BATESVILLE)



NORTHEAST

ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER (PARAGOULD)

FOREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

HELENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (JONESBORO)

Kathy Miller

District Chair Mary Nell Masterson installed Genny Presgrove as 2021-2022 President at our July 12th meeting.





Auxiliary member, Dorothy Jean Coggin, passed away July 23, 2021. She was dedicated to the auxiliary and is greatly missed.

We welcomed a new member, Roy Xanders to the auxiliary.



Stephanie Taylor, NEA hospital administrator told the auxiliary as of Monday August 26th we would not be allowed to volunteer in the hospital for the next 4 weeks due to the rise of COVID in the hospital. Stephanie said the hospital CEO will reevaluate at the end of 4 weeks and they hope the auxiliary can volunteer. For now, a member of the hospital staff, who was trained by a gift shop volunteer, will run the gift shop 4 hours a day.

Contingent upon the hospital's approval the following events are planned:

Scrubs & Sew Sale, September 23rd & 24th.

Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale, November 18th & 19th

Dillard's Sale, December 9th & 10th

To date there has been no discussion regarding Christmas events.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (OSCEOLA)

Sondra Burnett

Sunday, July 11th, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary hosted a reception for the 9 scholarship recipients. . Left to right. Norma Hicks, Cheryl Bishop, Shirley Stovall, Sonja Burnett, Treva Reeves, Lovonda Carter, Pud Thomas, Paulette Booker.



The recipients are majoring in a medical degree field, and each received \$1000 for their tuition. Below: Front row, Left to right: Kaitlyn King, Grace Booker, Paxton Pierce, Caroline Booker Back row: Kylie Jones, Michelle Johnson, Sarah Victory, Lauren Shempert, Noah Brown



ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER (JONESBORO)



NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Jean Vance

Greetings from Mercy Hospital Berryville. We wish you all a very happy fall season and like many of you we are sad we will not meet at State Convention again this year due to the elevated covid levels.

In August our Auxiliary Board met outdoors at a pavilion at the Berryville Community Center and continue to conduct business via email when necessary. We voted to purchase an electronic Posting Board for Surgery



Donated toys were taken to the Emergency Department and members are making other stuffed toys to comfort the children seen there.

Despite the rise in Covid levels and the temporary closing our thrift store again, we continue to strive to serve our hospital and community. We have had an outdoor sale at our thrift store in August and plan to hold another outdoor sale in September.

In September we will attempt to hold our first online sheet sale. We are advertising through our Facebook page at Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary and also throughout the hospital and clinic. We will be taking orders for quality sheets at \$35 per set – all sizes - and arrange deliveries in October. These sheets are comparable to 1800 count sheets and will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

MERCY HOSPITAL NORTHWEST AR (ROGERS)

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (HARRISON)

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER – BENTONVILLE

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE

SILLOAM SPRINGS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FAYETTEVILLE)



SOUTHEAST

ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CROSSETT)

BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (WARREN)

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (LAKE VILLAGE)

DELTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DUMAS)

DEWITT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME
Barbara Goodwin

The Dewitt Hospital Auxiliary ladies (along with the help of a dear friend who smoked 12 large pork loins) fed 140 plus medical staff employees in the hospital, 2 nursing homes and 4 doctor offices in DeWitt. We provided pork loin, BBQ rice, green beans, rolls and homemade desserts. Each meal was individually packaged and delivered.



DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (MONTICELLO)

Barbara Brown

Some of our ladies helped to stuff 180 bags full of items that the Drew Memorial Hospital provided for Teachers at the School in Monticello for the starting of school.



JEFFERSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (PINE BLUFF)

MCGEHEE HOSPITAL



SOUTHWEST

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – ARKADELPHIA

BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

CHI ST. VINCENT HOT SPRINGS

Lynn Smith

Volunteers continue to serve at several of our workstations. The Gift Shop is now open five days a week from 9am to 2pm. Traffic has been enhanced by the fact that only one guest is allowed to visit a patient at a time. The guest waiting area is right outside our Gift Shop.

CHI administration has been giving additional support to the nursing staff by having pizza deliveries. Lunch in the cafeteria is FREE for staff and guests once a week. One of our volunteers furnished gift baskets of snacks that were delivered to each nurses' station and ER.

A thank you note was attached to baskets expressing appreciation for their dedication to the care of our patients.

Pictured are Lynn Smith and Jack Lossman with the gift baskets.



Staff and guests are screened for temperature when entering hospital. Different color screening stickers are used each day. A large sign stands at exit for stickers to be deposited.

A Courtesy Cart is circulating to patient rooms that are approved for guests. Cart includes a variety of items (grooming products, readers, adult coloring books and colored pencils, phone chargers, etc.) that might be needed or left at home. Cart items are furnished by our auxiliary.





Kathy Delaney and her dog Delaney bring smiles to patients as a part of our Pet Therapy Program.

DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (FORDYCE)

HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (NASHVILLE)

MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTH ARKANSAS (EL DORADO)

Janelle Williams

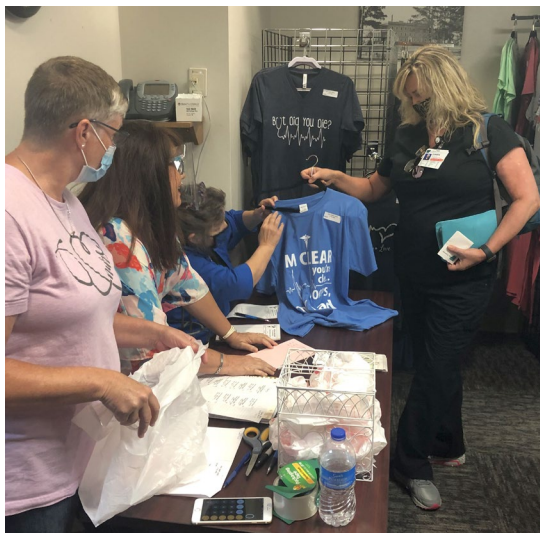
The Auxiliary donated \$3,511.94 for Hospital Week for team members.



Auxiliary member, Belinda Cook working the Masquerade Jewelry sale fundraiser



Below: Auxiliary President Janelle Williams and Auxiliary member Sharon Taylor working T-shirt sale fundraiser.



NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER (HOT SPRINGS)

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (CAMDEN)



VALLEY

BAPTIST HEALTH – FORT SMITH

Alice Swain

Hello from Baptist-Health Auxiliary! Everything is fairly quiet from our point of view. Of course, we have had no group meetings for quite some time, but several BOD meetings to discuss business questions. We have 2 Gift Shops and a Thrift Shop able to function and meet expenses. Employees are very busy and not able to do much shopping as they are everywhere, I'm sure. We as a group do not normally work in the shops during the summer, but we have several who are choosing to do so. Don't expect much to change for the next few months. Take care everyone until this crisis passes.

We have received the message about cancelling Convention and Fall District Meeting.

BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Sharon Jewell

Thank-you to Auxiliary members Sue Powell and Donna Montgomery for serving popcorn to hospital employees in July. We appreciate all you do.



The Arkansas National Guard had close to 1000 soldiers stopping in Mena the first few days in July. A comfort station was set up for the soldiers providing drinks, snacks, and a place to cool off while they refueled. The refreshments were provided by local people and businesses. Mena Regional Health System was happy to play a part in showing patriotism to Guardsmen from the 39th Infantry Combat Team as they made their way to Fort Polk, LA.



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

The Auxiliary is such an important part of our hospital, and we are all so thankful that they each take time to volunteer and contribute to the well-being of our staff and our hospital!

The Auxiliary will award a FALL SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIP(S) in the amount of \$1,000 to a student(s) enrolled in any area of healthcare! Applications are available in the Mena Regional Admissions or Administration Offices or can be printed from this post! The scholarship is due Friday September 24, 2021!

Due to the increase of covid cases in our county and hospital we suspended our volunteer activity during the month of August. We will reevaluate the situation in September. Stay safe

CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DANVILLE)

JOHNSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (CLARKSVILLE)

Vivian Gorton

We will not be printing a newsletter for September.

Our Gift Shop is still open; however, business very slow and receiving merchandise also very slow...Our membership still remains well.

MERCY - FORT SMITH

SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (RUSSELLVILLE)

Janet Thurber

On July 19 Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center hosted the annual Volunteer Awards and Officer Installation. Volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch as well as the big bouquets of yellow sunflowers that were placed on the tables and throughout the room. Following the lunch, CEO Bob Honeycutt welcomed the volunteers and thanked them for their service to the hospital. Carol Gore, Chief Nursing Officer, introduced the new volunteers and recognized the previous year's committee members. COO Scott Bailey and CFO Will Jones were also in attendance. Volunteer Director Belinda Farmer presented the Yearly Service Awards and Hourly Service Awards and recognized the volunteers for all the ways they serve Saint Mary's. Belinda also introduced the new 2021/2022 Auxiliary officers. The 2021/2022 officers are President – Beth Hetzer, Vice President – Kathy Williams, Secretary – Sheila Gosnell and Treasurer – Janet Thurber.

We held a fundraiser on August 14 hoping to attract some of the bargain hunters during "Bargains Galore on 64." We called our fundraiser "Used Books Galore on 64" and sold used paperback and hardback books. In just a few hours we raised \$315 for scholarships.

We are still working on Christmas stockings and hats for the December babies born at the hospital in December.

Upcoming:

October: We have a scrub sale scheduled.

November: Our volunteer recruitment event has been postponed due to COVID visitor restrictions at the hospital.

The 2021 Fall District Meeting at Saint Mary's has also been rescheduled to the 2022 Spring District Meeting.

If nothing else in this past year, we have learned you have to be flexible, and nothing is set in stone!



Articles for November/December newsletter should be submitted by **October 31**. Please report what you did in July and August and what you have planned for September and October. Pictures are most welcome! If possible, please send jpeg format and actual size – not reduced size and give information on the occasion and the names of those in the picture. Please use Word or Office format whenever possible.

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