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AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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2021-2022 AHAA President
Carol Evans

Just a short note to let you all know that spring district meetings are underway. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone.

AHA was very happy to hear that we were going to be having our meetings and want you all to know that you're very much appreciated.

We are exceptionally happy that the numbers are still going down so let's keep a prayer and our fingers crossed for the decline of covid.

The convention committee is working very hard on putting together a great convention.

See you all soon!

Carol Evans

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Theme: Volunteers are Helping Hands

Colors: Emerald Green and White



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The following changes to Bylaws will be presented at Convention for a vote.

Bylaw Changes for 2022-2023

Reason for the change: The person running for district chair will not be elected until April.

Page 34, section 6, letter d: Reads: The name of the person **elected by the district membership** to be district chair shall be submitted on the proper form to the chair of the Credentials committee before March 15th.

The suggestion by the Credentials Chair is: **The person running for district chair shall submit the proper form to the chair of the credentials committee before March 15th.**

Reason for the following changes: The state voted at the board meeting January 13, 2022, to not have Fall District Meetings. There are several places in the bylaws that reference these fall meetings that we need to change. The following are the sections I found. Please go over the handbook and look for any others.

Page 32, Article VII, section 1, letter e: Reads: **Visits each district at least twice. In the next sentence change meetings to meeting.**

Suggested change: **Visits each district.** In the event of a catastrophic situation (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.) the district **meeting** may be canceled by the executive committee.

Page 33, section 2, letter f: Partially Reads: **Visits each district for the district meetings, unless they are canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section1, letter e.**

Suggested change: **Visits each district at least once** and leave the rest of the sentence as is.

Page 32, section 2, letter g: Reads: **Sets the dates for the fall and spring district meetings.**

Suggested change: **Sets the dates for the district meetings.**

Page 34, Section 6, letter e: Reads: **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.**

Suggested Change: Conduct district meeting as scheduled by the President-elect unless canceled by the executive committee as stated in Article VII, Section 1, letter e.

Page 31, section 3, Reads: District chairs shall be elected by each district at the spring district meeting. If there is more than one (2) nominee for district chair, a vote will be taken by written ballot. District Chairs, duly elected by their district, will be recognized at the annual meeting.

Suggestion 2: District chairs shall be elected by each district in April. If there is more than one (2) nominee for district chair, a vote will be taken by written ballot. District Chairs, duly elected by their district, will be recognized at the annual meeting. In the event of a catastrophic situation (i.e., pandemic, tornado, flood, ice storm, etc.) the district may conduct the election by mail, phone, or email.

Page 34, section 1, Reads: The Board of directors shall consist of the elected officers, the district chairs, the president of the AHA or his representative, the president of the Arkansas Society of Directors of Volunteer Services and the immediate past president of the AHAA.

Suggested change: change his to **his/her**, instead of just his.

Page 31, section 10, Reads: Past presidents of AHAA are barred from serving in an elected office, but may serve in appointed positions and/or may be appointed to complete the term of an elected officer.

Reason for change: People to be district secretary and district treasurer.

Change: Past presidents of AHAA are barred from serving in an elected office, but may serve in appointed positions and/or may be appointed to complete the term of an elected officer. They may serve as district treasurer or secretary, but not elected to the district chair position.

2022 SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

April 12, 2022	Northwest	Washington Regional	Fayetteville
April 13, 2022	North Central	Stone County Medical	Mountain View
April 14, 2022	Northeast	St. Bernard's	Jonesboro
April 19, 2022	Southeast	Unable to Host	
April 20, 2022	Southwest	CHI Saint Vincent	Hot Springs
April 21, 2022	Metro	CHI Saint Vincent	Morrilton
April 22, 2022	Valley	Unable to Host	





IN MEMORIAM

NORTH CENTRAL BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Tom Clark
Collette LeBlanc
Dottie Lewey
Debra Roberts
James David Thomson

NORTHWEST MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE Laverta Rea Colvin

SOUTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER Billie Boyd

VALLEY BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN Rose Duffy



METROPOLITAN

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON

Submitted by Claudia Riedmuller

We are trying a new to us fundraiser during February and March! Suggested by a member, we are selling guesses on a jar of money. They don't win the money but a dining package plus a Petit Jean Meats ham or Gift Box. The fundraiser is going good so far.

We have also invited several guests as part of our membership drive to attend our March meeting so guests can meet us and get a better idea of what we do.

Our program for January was presented by Caroline Tucker of Senior Life Solutions. Ms. Tucker's program followed our theme of self-confidence. Suggesting we all stay open to social contact and physical activity and try new things. Be open to the humor in life. She encouraged us to practice gratitude and positive self-talk (be nice to yourself!). She did a wonderful job and we really appreciate her taking the time to prepare this program for us.

Brandi Cooper of Merle Norman Cosmetics made time in her busy schedule to visit with us for our February meeting. MS Cooper discussed and displayed some spring clothing fashions and colors as well as accessories. That's not all!

She also passed out cosmetic samples and fielded questions on skin care. Ms. Cooper gave a very enjoyable and enlightening presentation.

An updated roster of members was distributed. We have a new member, Mr. Todd Whistler. Thank you for joining us Todd, we look forward to working with you. We also voted on and approved an amendment to our Bylaws.

January Member of the Month is Brenda Sensabaugh and February Member of the Month is Mazie Wright. Both Mazie, a very long time volunteer (she wouldn't let me say how long!) and Brenda volunteer a considerable amount of time and energy to St Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary. Thank you so much, you are special people. Below, Brenda Sensabaugh left, Mazie Wright, right.



We are looking forward to our March meeting and ready for spring to be sprung.



NORTH CENTRAL

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Submitted by Becky Rose

As we progress into the year of 2022 we reflect back on our accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the ensuing months with great anticipation. Last year, despite challenges brought about by the pandemic, we were able to raise and donate a record \$ 674,000 to our hospital and contributed over 64,000 volunteer service hours. While still contending with existing challenges we are setting goals for this year to meet or exceed what we achieved last year.

Recruitment: We recently announced that all hospital employees are eligible to participate in a recruitment contest for volunteers with incentive awards for those who successfully recruit. Though recently announced we already have a high level of interest. We will begin this contest later in the year.

Simultaneously a similar volunteer recruitment contest is being conducted for all Auxiliary members to participate. Our BRMC Marketing Department have provided us recruitment brochures, rack cards and banners to support our efforts.

Leadership Conference: On February 3, we are holding our day long Annual Auxiliary Leadership for Board Members and members of our Hope Committee. Our daylong meeting will be held in our hospital's dining room with a Continental Breakfast and lunch provided. In the evening attendees and spouses are invited to dinner at a local restaurant.

Hospital Tours: After two year suspension we are again began conducting guided tours of our hospital's facilities. This has been a very popular activity in the past and invitations are extended to newcomers to our community and folks expressing an interest in volunteering. Tours are coordinated through our Volunteer Office.

Ways and Means Committee: On schedule the greatly anticipated "Linen" sale for February 14. The committee has 7 more sales events scheduled and will conclude the year's activity with Gift Wrapping concession in our main lobby.

New Shuttle: In the month of February, we are expecting delivery of a fully equipped new shuttle that will added to our existing fleet. The presence of the shuttle continually patrolling our parking areas is greatly valued and appreciated by our many visitors.

60th Anniversary: This year will be the 60th year anniversary of the formation of our BRMC Auxiliary. Feverish preparations our underway to celebrate this benchmark of our organization that will extend through the year. A concentrated effort has been made to recover photos and records of our past that we can proudly display. Our hospital administration has partnered with our Auxiliary to be an active participant in the celebration and recognition of our past.



OZARK HEALTH, INC. CLINTON

Submitted by Betty Spencer

In January our Executive Board met to plan all the activities for the New Year. We have been able to keep our gift shop open and members working at the front desk and outpatient desk. The nursing home has been closed again so we are awaiting the go ahead to continue with our activities in that location.

February we will have Collective Goods fundraiser and try to fill the positions for the new year on our board. We tried to fill with new blood but no one at this time would like to step up to take on any additional responsibility. Our Board will remain the same for the year of 2022 – 2023 so no installation of officers will be held in April. The last week of February our Nursing Home opened for the volunteers to continue supporting special activities.

March we are going to open the Gift Shop on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and offer 10% off of any purchases over \$10.00. This is something new and if it does well we will consider doing it every month. We have purchased a Water bottle with the Ozark Health emblem along with a mask, and sanitizer kit for our Doctor's Day gift.

April we are looking forward to attending our District Meeting and our auxiliary will be given a special luncheon on April 4th to honor them for National Volunteer Week. We also have a new vendor who will set up for our uniform sale on April 6th more to follow after the sale.

I'm ready for some warm weather how about the rest of you?

UNITY HEALTH – HARRIS MEDICAL CENTER NEWPORT

Submitted by Margret A. Goodman

Newport Auxiliary hosted a Christmas party at the local Senior Center. There were approximately thirty seniors in attendance. Several games, such as charades, hit the balloon with the noodle, pick up candy canes, etc. were played. Lots of prizes were handed out.

Not only did the Auxilians fill the room with laughter they also filled the members bellies with great tasting appetizers. It was definitely a day to be remembered. The volunteers plan on four additional "fun days" in 2022.

*Note: If you would like instructions on these fun games, please feel free to contact the Newport Auxiliary.



NORTHEAST

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – JONESBORO

Submitted by Kathy Miller

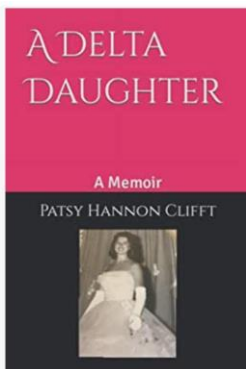
The auxiliary welcomed two new members. Pictured below left to right: Lynn Buckland and Teresa Vinson.



NEA Administration distributed Valentine goodie bags to the hospital and clinic staff as well as the auxiliary.

The event was called Hearts For Hero's. A nice gesture to thank NEA Staff for their hard work.

At right, Donna Baker holding a goodie bag filled with snacks.



Auxiliary member Patsy Hannon Clift published a book- Delta Daughter: A Memoir. All about her life growing up in the Delta.

Hospital Press conference was held February 16, 2022 at NEA. The auxiliary was asked to be in attendance. A donation of 1.6 million dollars by Chris & Kim Fowler was made to NEA for the purchase of a mobile health care vehicle called Big Blue. It will be available in Oct 2022 and will give health care to those who don't have transportation or areas that do not have health care facilities.

Pictured are The Fowlers, CEO, Sam Lynd and photo of Big Blue as well as aux members



Auxiliary Member Evelyn Glisson sewed several blankets for NEA newborn babies.

In January Faye Haney went to Las Vegas market and ordered several new items for NEA gift shop.



Up coming events:

Luxury Linens Sale, March 16 & 17

Masquerade Jewelry & Accessories Sale, April 25 & 26

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – OSCEOLA

Submitted by Lovonda Carter

The SMC Hospital Auxiliary in Osceola made Sweets & Treats for Valentine's Day. Pictured below: Lovonda Carter, Paulette Booker, Betty Maupin, Adele Black, Sharon Ragan, Sonja Burnett, Pud Thomas, & Treva Reese.



NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Submitted by Neta Stamps



Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary continues to provide service during the Covid pandemic by volunteering at the Surgery Waiting Area. Although the auxiliary hospital gift shop, information desk and thrift store have been closed, we have been able to provide service to our hospital.

Pictured is Surgery Waiting Area Chairman Anita Spearman (left) orienting new auxiliary volunteer Robin Butler. In the background is one of the surgical status monitors which the auxiliary has purchased during the shutdown.

MHBA President Neta Sue Stamps (left) and Treasurer Shelba Miller present a check to Mercy Health Foundation Executive Director Cody Qualls. This will purchase one of the herd of 14 COWs the Foundation plans to purchase for Mercy Hospital Berryville. These COWs do not have four legs – they are Computer on Wheels which will monitor patients.



We have recently been able to reopen our thrift store and gift shop part time and have been fortunate to welcome four new members.

Plans are being made to recognize our physicians on Doctors Day and we are looking forward to attending our district meeting in April.

NORTH ARKANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – HARRISON

Submitted by Jerry Jones

We are happy to report that most of our volunteer stations is once again open and volunteers are putting in several hours. For the month of January, the total number of volunteer hours were 1,399.

Our auxiliary meetings are now held in person and the recent February meeting, there were 27 volunteers present compared to only 7-10 joining in for zoom meetings previously.

The thrift store and gift shop are once again showing good activity and are monetarily strong.



SOUTHEAST

CHICO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER – LAKE VILLAGE

Submitted by Dean Ann Smith

In February we held our Valentine's Candy Sale. This is where all the auxiliaries make their homemade candy; then we pack the candy in the little boxes that hold 20 pieces.



Individuals sign up for candy and the number of boxes that they want. These sign-up sheets are located throughout the hospital and in the gift shop. We also sell Valentine's baskets that are made up by a few of the pink ladies and sell them from the gift shop.



After all the boxes of candy and baskets were sold, we took in a total of just over \$2,000.00. We had to go up this year on the boxes of candy sold. They sold at \$10 a box. Baskets sold anywhere from \$8 to \$16 a basket.

All of us who packed boxes of candy. From left: Beth White, Margie Smith, Joyce Gregory, Delorse Dixon, Laverne Bariola, Barbara Harris, Judy Sadler, Jill Wyrezenski, Nancy Gardner, and Rosemary Reginelli.





SOUTHWEST



VALLEY

