

May/June 2022



AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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*2021-2022 AHAA President
Carol Evans*

We had our first in person meeting with ten in attendance and eight virtually. Our next meeting will be July 14 in person only at the AHA board office. I want to thank everyone that attended both in person and virtually.

Don't forget to send in paperwork for Auxillian and Administrator of the year deadline is July 1. We will also need the president's report, the annual survey, and the district chair report.

We will be giving a recognition certificate in place of the 5 star. Our hopes are that more hospitals will be opened up and that we will be able to bring the 5 star award back next year.

Carol

AHAA President

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.

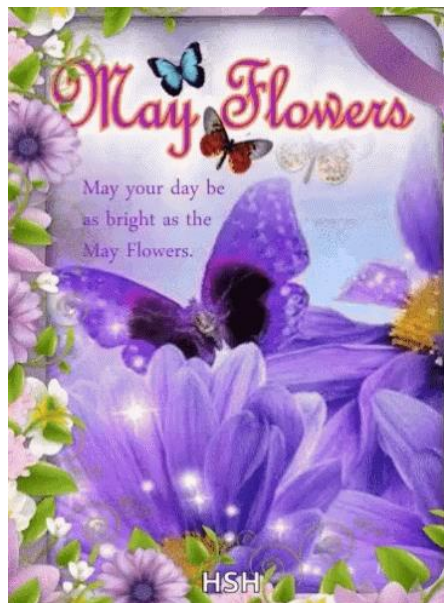
Change: Past presidents of AHAA are barred from serving in an elected office, but may serve in appointed positions and/or may be appointed to complete the term of an elected officer. **They may serve as district treasurer or secretary, but not elected to the district chair position.**

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2022 FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Sept. 20, 2022	Northwest	Mercy Hospital Berryville	Berryville
Sept. 21, 2022	Valley	Saint Mary's RMC	Russellville
Sept. 22, 2022	Southwest	Baptist Health MC Hot Springs County	Malvern
Sept 27, 2022	Northeast	Arkansas Methodist	Paragould
Sept. 28, 2022	North Central	Unity Health White Co.	Searcy
Sept. 29, 2022	Metro	Arkansas Children's Hospital	Little Rock
Sept. 30, 2022	Southeast	Delta Memorial	Dumas

IN MEMORIAM



*Nancy Jo McFarland,
AHAA President 2003 - 2004
St. Bernard's Medical Center*

METROPOLITAN
Baptist Health – North Little Rock
Carole Maxwell

CHI ST. VINCENT INFIRMARY
Virginia Campbell
William Muse
Mary Wagner

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Julie Haught

**NORTH CENTRAL
BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Tom Clark
Marvin Cullison
Rock Engeler
Veronica Kopczewski
Collette LeBlanc
Dottie Lewey
Debra Roberts
Don Sappington
James David Thomson

UNITY HEALTH NEWPORT

Earline Birdsong
John Howell
Florence Stephens

UNITY HEALTH SEARCY

Buddy Muirhead

**NORTHEAST
ARKANSAS METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER**

Eula Faye Hestand
Jimmie Hout
Bill Wyatt

ST. BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER

Katherine McCracken

FORREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER

Betty Jones

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Elizabeth "Beth" Alexander
Dorothy M. Boothe
Peggy Johnston
Lessie Nance
Betty W. Thompson

**NORTHWEST
MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE**

Thelma Hughes

SOUTHEAST
BRADLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
Margaret Black

SOUTHWEST
OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
Linda Broome
Warren Broome
Sally Lott

VALLEY
BAPTIST HEALTH – VAN BUREN
Rose Duffy



METROPOLITAN
BAPTIST HEALTH – NORTH LITTLE ROCK
Submitted by Ara Yanker

Our hospital treated us to a luncheon during National Volunteer Week. We loved getting together for good food, great company and seeing all the smiling faces (without masks!) We have some new volunteers whose faces we have never seen without a mask!



Becky Blackard serves dessert.



NORTH CENTRAL

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Submitted by Michele Wood

Judy Lawrence, District Chair, WRMC Auxiliary



Carol Curtwright, WRMC Auxiliary President



Rachelle Stewart, SCMC Auxiliary President



BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – MOUNTAIN HOME

Submitted by Becky Rose

With the advent of our Annual Banquet on May 3 we have a privileged opportunity to reflect and reminisce over the past two years. During this entire period the COVID pandemic has presented challenges and served to temper our abilities to respond.

Our hospital, Baxter Regional Medical Center, as with all hospitals, was faced with monumental demands of confronting a ravaging abnormal affliction of epidemic proportions. For our Auxiliary, the stabilizing component was the regard that our hospital demonstrated for our membership.

The 60th Anniversary of our Baxter Regional Auxiliary being celebrated this year provides a rich legacy that provides a firm foundation on which to continue to build and expand our mission of support. Our Auxiliary throughout the 60 years and, in particular in recent times has undergone significant challenges. Throughout these periods of trial our membership has been undaunted and emerged whole, united and with renewed commitment.

This month we were able to attend our first AHAA's North Central District meeting in over two years held at Stone County Medical Center.

Standing: LtoR: Judy Shaffer, Ruth Gaines, Jean Adams

Sitting: L to R: Edith Harper, Joan Young, Carolyn Hannon, Louise Pitts, Carolyn Rice



On April 22 we are holding our "Appreciation Drive Through" for each of our volunteers to receive a gift in recognition of their service.

Our Auxiliary and our Hospital is fortunate to be installing our new Board Members headed by Joan Young, President and Debbie Hess, President-Elect on May 3 who bring commitment, vision and energized leadership.

OZARK HEALTH, INC. - CLINTON

Submitted by Bobbye Bennett

The Ozark Health Auxiliary has been holding meetings as scheduled. As of this date, we still abide with the mask ruling. Some of the volunteer services are being put back in action. We have been able to keep the Gift Shop open and with some additional hours. On the first Wednesday of each month the Gift Shop opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m. On the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of each month the Gift Shop is open until 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 2nd was the first day we opened at 7:00 a.m. We gave a 10% discount on all purchases of \$10.00 or more. On March 17th we gave a 10% discount to all items that had a green sticker.

At the March 7th meeting we held the Election of Officers. The officers from last year each retained their position. They are President Betty Spencer, Vice President Helen Dobbins, Secretary Debby Collings and Treasurer Bobbye Bennett.

On March 30th the Auxiliary showed our appreciation to the Doctors on Doctors Day.

At the April meeting the Auxiliary was given a special luncheon in honor of National Volunteer Week. April 6th we held the first uniform sale with a new vendor "Scrubs Elsewhere".

The last Friday of April which is a 5th Friday we will hold a "fifth Friday Sale", with \$5.00 off all \$25.00 or more sale.

This year we will be able to hold our "Mother's Day Tea" and the Fathers' Day ice cream social, with the Nursing Home open again.

Thanks for all the helping hands and praying hearts!

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can!

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

NORTHEAST

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – JONESBORO

Submitted by Kathy Miller

Aux. members Betty Louy, Kathy Goodman and Margaret Samples went to the Dallas Markert to purchase Spring / Summer clothing for gift shop.



Aux. hosted a luxury linen sale March 16th and 17th.

Monthly Aux. Mtg and Appreciation luncheon hosted by NEA Baptist Hospital April 11, 2022





AHAA District Meeting April 14, 2022



ASU Women's Leadership Conference
April 12, 2022



President Ginny Presgrove and Owner, Elayne Smith at the Masquerade & Accessory Sale
April 25th & 26th



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.



On March 15, 2022, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary hosted a retirement party for Shirley Moss, Housekeeping. Shirley retired after 13 years. It was a delightful day for an amazing employee.

Next page - Osceola Auxiliary pictured are: Left to right: Sonja Burnett, Adele Black, Shirley Stovall, retiree Shirley Moss, Lovonda Carter and Pud Thomas.



Thursday, April 13, 2022, Northeast District Hospital Auxiliary had the Spring Meeting Hosted by St. Bernard's Auxiliary at the Harmony Gardens Facility in Jonesboro, AR. There were approximately 65 members present from AMMC, Forest City, NEA Auxiliary, Osceola Auxiliary & St. Bernard's Auxiliary

The meeting opened with a Welcome from Mayor Harold Coppenhaver. It was the first District meeting since Fall 2019, hosted by the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary. He mentioned to always look to your members for Leadership.

Interesting statistics included: on March 13, 2020, the first COVID was reported. The first day that no COVID was reported was April 3, 2022.

Michael Givens, St. Bernards Medical Center Administrator was the guest Speaker. He announced that the State Convention would be Nov. 9-11 in Hot Springs. He informed the group that the Guest Speaker is Ginger of ABC news (Weather). It should be a wonderful convention.

The St. Bernard's Auxiliary presented a wonderful Fashion Show that included a great clothesline from the St. Bernard's Gift Shop. The Spring Meeting was a success bringing all Auxiliaries together.

Next page Right to Left: Lovonda Carter, Sonja Burnett, Paulette Booker, Betty Maupin, Adele Black, & Jennifer Gann



ST BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER - JONESBORO

Submitted by Dean Smith

St Bernards Auxiliary hosted the NEA Spring District Meeting April 14 at Harmony Gardens in Jonesboro. This was our first Auxiliary District Meeting in 2 years.

We heard reports from AHAA President Carol Evans (Harrison) and AHAA President-elect, Judy Shaffer (Mountain Home). Members were welcomed by Jonesboro Mayor Harold Copenhaver and SB Administrator, Michael Givens. Entertainment was a style show.

Pictured at NEA District Meeting: Diana Zachary (St Bernards Auxiliary President), Carol Evans (AHAA President), Judy Schaffer (AHAA President-elect) and Lisa Morris-NEA District secretary.



ICU Waiting Room volunteers resumed duty April 1 after being grounded in fall 2021 by covid precautions.

Gift Shop volunteers returned to all day duty May 1, 2022.

Volunteers helped with the Book Fair at the hospital March 29th, March 30.

Auxiliary made cookies March 31 to support for the hospital staff during a stressful time.

The St Bernards Foundation hosted an appreciation tea for hospital volunteers April 19, 2022. Volunteers enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

Shown left at the Appreciation Tea: Jackie Leech, Sue Westenrieder, Sondra Bostic, Ruby Chittenden, Carol Hinck.



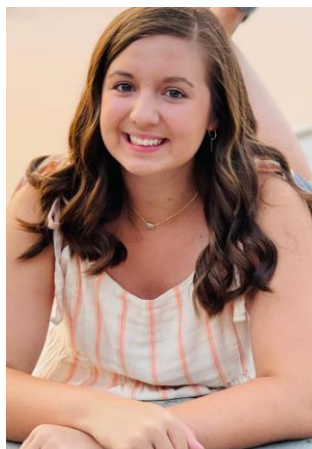
NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Submitted by Neta Stamps

Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary proudly announces the recipients of their 2022 High School Scholarships, Alyssa Lee and Sterling Strait.

Miss Lee attends Berryville High School and plans to attend North Arkansas Community College this fall, majoring in Nursing or Radiographic Technology. She is the daughter of Jay and Janae Lee.



Mr. Strait also attends Berryville High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas majoring in Pre-Med/Biology with long term goals of becoming an Anesthesiologist.

Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards tuition.

We received the following from a former scholarship recipient, Anna Blok (edited)



“Anna! You are too young to be watching that!” my mother exclaims as she is trying to pull my 10-year-old self away from the educational birthing video playing at a science museum. To this day, my mother describes how glued I was to that screen and how I refused to leave until the fetus was delivered. Retrospectively, this story from the woman who brought me into the world provides significant insight into where my journey began and whom I am becoming as a determined future physician.

While growing up, the medical field surrounded me. My grandmother, mother, father, aunt, uncle, and older brother embraced nursing as their vocation. After volunteering in the Berryville Mercy hospital during high school, I was honored to be a recipient of the Mercy Auxiliary Scholarship in 2014 and 2015. My scholarships aided my ability to focus on my undergraduate studies at the University of Central Arkansas.

I attempted to be open-minded about my specialty throughout medical school, yet I was continually drawn to caring and understanding more about female pathophysiology and factors associated with reproductive justice. The summer after my first year of medical school, I spent one-month volunteering at a government clinic in Livingstone, Zambia, where I spent most of my time performing antenatal care. The clinic had few resources, so I was taught to determine the fetal position and heart rate without ultrasound guidance.. During my second-year preceptorship, I worked one-on-one with an OB/GYN, where I fell in love with the gynecology portion of the field. I was able to see the continuity of care between different generations of women.

As the original anecdote showed, I have always been determined to finish what I start and give everything I do 100% effort. I attribute much of these qualities to the relationship I shared with my grandfather and the work he introduced me to on the Yocum Creek Ranch, including assisting many calve deliveries. Currently, I have matched into the Obstetrics and Gynecology program at the Rutgers Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, New Jersey where I will complete another four years of specialized training after my graduation from the UAMS College of Medicine in May of 2022. When I envision myself as an OB/GYN, I imagine creating an environment that fosters open communication, trust, and high-quality patient care. I strive to be prepared to provide for a wide variety of conditions, procedures and hone my abilities necessary for equitable reproductive health justice.

Mercy Hospital Berryville auxiliary celebrated Doctors Day by presenting our physicians with baskets of healthy snacks in appreciation for the service they provide for our community and Hospital.



Pictured sitting: Dr. Jonathan Fausett, Dr. Richard Taylor, Dr. Julia Horton-Bertrand. Standing are volunteer Jean Vance, Dr Bill Flake and volunteer Anita Spearman.



Baskets were also placed in the Emergency Room and the Mercy Family Clinic Berryville.

We were happy to attend our Northwest District Spring meeting hosted by Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. Those attending (pictured next page left to right) were Pat Kasner, Surgery Waiting Area Volunteer; Anita Spearman, Surgery Waiting Area Chair; Neta

Sue Stamps, President; Pat Armer President-Elect; Joy McKinney, Secretary and Ella Fiveash, Time/Records Chair.



We are busy planning an informational booth at the Ice Cream Social in June and also planning our annual meeting for June 27 when we will also celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Re-organization of the Auxiliary and our membership in AHAA



SOUTHEAST

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER – LAKE VILLAGE
Submitted by Dean Smith

On March 18th we held the Collective Goods Sale and did very well from this.

On March 23rd, we held our first blood drive in several years with the LifeShare Blood Center. We had nineteen people to give blood.



For the month of April, we started back honoring our dedicated employees of the various departments by observing Employee Appreciation Week. The first week of April we honored the Nurse Anesthetists, the 2nd week - Dental, third week - Registration, Scheduling/Business, and Medical Records. CEO, Lab, Accounting., HR, Admin. and IT. We have four committees that are assigned different departments and we work together to put together bags of goodies to show our appreciation for all that they do.

Anesthetist and Margaret McCrory



Eileen Ward and Dental Staff



Lab Personnel and Auxilians



We also sold about 16 Easter baskets out of our gift shop that were made up by some of the auxiliary ladies.

On April 22nd, five of us traveled to DeWitt to attend the Southeast Spring District Meeting that was hosted by the Ladies of the DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary. The auxiliary ladies of DeWitt outdid themselves in their collaborations of decorating for the activities, the wonderful lunch that was served, and the outstanding entertainment. It was a memorable meeting by far! Those attending this district meeting were: Eileen Ward, Jill Wryzenski, Margie Smith, Laverne Bariola, and Dean Ann Smith.



We will have a Scrub Sale May 10-11th, Blood Drive May 26th. Scholarship selection will be May 11th after board meeting, and we plan to hold our Awards Banquet on May 18th after the general meeting.

DEWITT HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME
Submitted by Katie Sollars



Meal day provided by auxiliary.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING APRIL 22, 2022





Wall of Appreciation

THANK YOU to the DES Art Students & Mrs. Joli Holzhauer for making these precious "Helping Hands" for our Hospital Auxiliary District meeting. We decided they were just too cute not to keep so we brought them to the hospital for display. They have brought a smile to the faces of our employees & definitely brighten our day.



DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – MONTICELLO

Submitted by: Barbara Brown



We had lots of items in the gift shop for Easter.

The Swig sent the gift shop this display shelf as a gift since we are selling their cups.



FLAG
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SOUTHWEST

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER - CAMDEN

Submitted by Dorothy Berley

We are still volunteering as much as we can under the current covid guidelines imposed by our hospital. Our gift shop is still open three days a week for four hours. Even with the limited selling time, sales have been good and we were able to give the hospital \$15,000 in March. This makes a total of \$25,000 that has been given to the hospital since we reopened in March, 2021. It's not as much as we normally give, but under the circumstances we think it's pretty good!

We are able to have auxiliary board meetings, but so far not a full auxiliary meeting. Hopefully that will happen soon!



VALLEY

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

The Mena Regional Auxiliary recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two students who are pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Recipients for the Spring semester were Kassidy Dahlem and Brooke Bates. Congratulations to the recipients!

Marilyn Davenport, Sara Mitchell, Kassidy Dahlem, Donna Montgomery, and Liz Nave



Linda Johnson, Marilyn Davenport, Brooke Bates, and Sara Mitchell.



Auxiliary members Martha Edwards, Cassie Crawford, and Linda Johnson serving popcorn to the hospital staff.



Our gift shop is now carrying "What's Cookin'" a prepackaged mix for making dinners, snacks, sides, and desserts. It is produced and packaged in Nashville, AR at the Howard County Children's Center. Kayla Mendoza is our vendor for these products.

