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AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

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*2021-2022 AHAA President
Carol Evans*

Hello Auxilians,

AHAA had an excellent meeting with excellent attendance on September the 8th. We discussed finalization of plans for convention and also voted to go back to Embassy Suites in Little Rock for 2023.

New District Chairs were introduced to the board and we thank all outgoing District Chairs for their service.

The meeting with AHA this morning was a shortened meeting to go over the financial report.

In my report to them I told them how well our hospitals were coming along and that they were in the process of getting more people back to work. I also thanked them for everything that they had done for us this past year and how appreciative we are of them. They in turn thanked me for my service this year and reiterated how very important the auxiliaries are to the hospitals.

See you in Hot Springs!

Carol Evans
AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers are Helping Hands
Colors: Emerald Green and White



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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	Baptist Health Medical Center	North Little Rock*
Sept. 30, 2022	Southeast	Delta Memorial	Dumas

*Change of location



IN MEMORIAM

NORTH CENTRAL

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Rich Jannick

Peggy Lenard

Lou Talbot

Rich Wortendyke

SOUTHEAST

JEFFERSON REGIONAL

David Hutcheson

SOUTHWEST

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Dot Reese



METROPOLITAN

CHI ST. VINCENT MORRILTON

Submitted by Claudia Riedmueller

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship of a good visit with a lovely brunch when we resumed our regular monthly meetings on August 1, 2022.



We were updated on new and future security changes in our hospital by our DVS Tammy Smith and encouraged to continue wearing our masks as we go out in the public and keep practicing social distancing. Covid numbers are rising.

The Auxiliary will sponsor a Yard Sale on September 16 & 17. Most are well versed in the art of the yard sale. We are looking forward to a successful fundraising event.



NORTH CENTRAL

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Submitted by Becky Rose

More great announcements from **Baxter Health**! Yes, you read that right. New name, new logo! Baxter Regional Medical Center is now Baxter Health! We have gone from serving 2 counties and 2 clinics in 1964 to serving 11 counties and 39 facilities, community houses and services. We are so excited for our new Mission and Purpose Statements and our new values which better represents who we are as a health care system and who we serve. *Compassionate Care Beyond Measure!*

We are very proud to announce that we were honored with the naming rights of our newly \$1.7 million renovation of the 5 South Surgical Services. Our initial commitment was \$700,000 but we were able to contribute \$825,000 through various campaigns. We also had 2 rooms in our name to honor Barney Larry, Executive Director of Foundation and VP of Business Development.

Standing: Tammy Bellettiere, Louise Pitts, Joan Young, Carolyn Hannon;
Sitting: Carol Chentnik, Jennifer Baker



We are very pleased to announce our \$140,000 commitment to purchase two Transportation Vans. This will be much economical, greatly improve the efficiency in transporting psych patients and free up ambulances.

Our Flippin Bargain Box had a “Dawg Days of Summer Sale”. The Mountain Home Bargain Box has been having sales on specific merchandise each week. Both boxes had very successful months. We continue to host on-site auxiliary sales in the Lagerborg Dining Room: T-shirts & More, Collective Goods, & Masquerade Jewelry. The Pink-Dilly Gift Shop manager, Debbie Swan, was able to attend the Dallas Market – the first in person market since 2019. New merchandise is coming in and the customers are excited to see what we have.

We made a \$1,000 donation to the Peitz House's Kick Cancer in the Bass Fishing Tournament and \$1,000 to the upcoming Schliemann Center for Women's Boos and Brews Monster Gala. We are also a \$5,000 sponsor for The Foundation's upcoming Buck-A-Roo Ball in September. This themed event will be based off of the Yellowstone (TV series) with the Auxiliary sponsoring the Branding Station.

The 60th Anniversary of the Auxiliary aka "Yellow Army" is being celebrated in current issue of PULSE magazine.

XL-7TV asked us back to talk more about volunteering at the hospital and our projects. Becky Rose, CVM, DVS, Joan Young President and Debbie Hess President-elect all shared different aspects of volunteering and expanded on local and state projects.

We had 4 auxiliaries honored a Heroes with Halos Award. Sandy Skidmore and Hazel Strayer, both volunteer at the Mountain Home Bargain Box. Peggy Fazio (this is her 2nd time to be recognized) and Stan Stankus both enjoy volunteering at the Outpatient Surgical Center.

Several of us were able to attend our District's Presidents meeting in Newport.

Our Selection Committee has been meeting monthly to recruit and vet potential candidates for future auxiliary board members.

Our H.O.P.E. committee is also back in action after the summer break. We are looking forward to hosting another General Meeting in September.

OZARK HEALTH, INC.

Submitted by Betty Spencer

The auxiliary has been very busy trying to fill in for those on vacation and just an overall shortage of volunteers.

Kristi King our Volunteer Coordinator is working on a way to recruit new members. She is working on a new pamphlet and new pictures to post in hospital entrances.

We have a scrub sale scheduled for September 7th followed by a handbag sale in October with a "New To You Sale" at end of October.

We will be working on putting together gift bags for a silent auction to be held in November. We have Collective Goods scheduled for December.

If you have an acquaintance or friend living in Van Buren County that you think might be a fit for our auxiliary please contact them and ask them to consider volunteering at our hospital. They can come into the front desk and ask for an application we would love to have the help. You know those memories that make you laugh out loud? We hope you can join us to make many new ones for our auxiliary.



NORTHEAST

NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Kathy Miller

Celebrated National Health Care week , May 8th-14th with Ice Cream for hospital employees.



Below: auxilians Donna Barker, Judy Lee and Lynn Buckland serve ice cream.



Employees were given a 25% discount on the clothes purchased for Fashion Show.



Day of Giving May 12, 2022- Auxiliary donated \$5000 to hospital Mammogram Fund and \$1000 to Hospital Employees assistance fund. Below auxiliaries Lynn Buckland, Leah Christian and Ginny Presgrove present the checks.



Auxiliary volunteered at the Cancer Survivors luncheon. Judy Lee, Kathy Miller and Geraldine Bagwell were servers at the luncheon.

Auxiliary also donated 2 baskets for door prizes



Auxiliary sponsored a Scrub Sale at the hospital June 2, 2022; we received 20% of sales



Stephanie Sinor, new scrub representative



NEA Auxiliary was featured in the June issue of Premiere Magazine.



Election of Auxiliary officers for July 2022-June 2023: Pres.- Ginny Presgrove, Pres. Elect- Betty Louy, Vice Pres.- Sandy Hughes, Secretary- Teressa Vinson, Treasurer- Donna Barker, Vice Pres. for Service- Karen Pearce, Co-Vice Presidents for Community Relations- Faye Haney and Kathy Miller
Scrapbook - Faye Haney and Newsletter - Kathy Miller

In August we welcomed two new members, Sue Martin (left) and Carol Marsh.



ST BERNARDS MEDICAL CENTER - JONESBORO

Submitted by Dean Rosa

St, Bernards Auxiliary's Junior Volunteers Back in Action



After being benched for two years because of COVID, the Junior Volunteer program at St Bernards was back in full swing this summer. Eighty students applied, from which 16 were selected. The program provides high school students, ages 15 to 18, with hands-on emergency department and EMS experience. There were students from eleven different schools in our region plus one from Texas.

In a three week session in July, each student completed 24 hours of education each week. They also volunteered at various stations in the hospital and had 576 hours of total service.

They participated in hands on demonstrations each Friday in areas such as radiology, emergency, pharmacy, surgery and more!

Tiffany Horton, St. Bernards Employee Engagement Manager, and Auxiliary Junior Volunteer chair Shelia Schisler spearheaded the program.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

NORTHWEST

MERCY HOSPITAL BERRYVILLE

Submitted by Emma Jean Vance

Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary exhibited a booth in the Carroll County Fair Educational displays. We are celebrating 40 years the reorganization of the auxiliary and as members of the AHHA. In our booth we had handouts concerning the LOOK Before you LOCK, HELP, Our Alzheimer's Support Group and applications to Be a Gem and join our Auxiliary. Those in charge of setting up the booth are (left to right: Jewell Vance, Newsletter Editor Emma Jean Vance, Paula Vance, President Carolyn Bosshardt and Surgery Inservice Chair Anita Spearman.



We are excited that our booth was awarded a blue ribbon.



We donated formals to the Green Forest High School for young ladies in need of special attire such a prom or pageant.

Our hospital gift shop located is gearing up for Fall with new merchandise arriving after a two year covid shut down. Due to shortage of volunteers, we are only able to be open two days a week.



In October, our Thrift Store in collaboration with the Green Forest United Methodist Church will sponsor a winter coat giveaway. We also have some lap robes that will be given to residents of a Carroll County Nursing Home.

We are looking forward to hosting Northwest District Fall Meeting and in November attending the AHHA State Meeting in Hot Springs. We hope to see you there!



SOUTHEAST

CHICOT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER – LAKE VILLAGE

Submitted by Dean Smith

On May 26th, our second blood drive was held. We made the quota for blood donations. Fifteen people donated blood.



SOUTHWEST

NATIONAL PARK MEDICAL CENTER

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer

The NPMC Auxiliary is getting ready for Fall with the Holiday items coming in the gift shop. We are looking forward to building our Auxiliary back up. We have a recruiting scheduled and hopefully will get new volunteers.

Our fundraisers are starting up and going well so far. Some of our suppliers have gone out of business so we are finding new ones and discovering that there are a lot of good ones out there that we can tap for events.

Our oldest volunteer, Dona McKewen, has been with National Park Medical Center for 40 years. She will be 100 in November. Last year we tried to beat the year before with the number of Birthday cards she got and we did. We are going to do it again this year. She still comes in every Tuesday. Freda Lucas, our Vice-President picks her up and takes her home each week. We really appreciate Freda doing this.

One of our projects we sponsored this summer was the Girls and Boys Club. They needed 5 children sponsored and we supported all five of them.

OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Submitted by Dorothy Berley

We are happy to report that we have gained one new volunteer! This is our first new volunteer since Covid reared its ugly head!

We just sponsored a drive to collect snack items for the "Backpack Program" at our local schools. We partnered with the employees of the hospital and together we collected eight large boxes of snack items. We had enough to donate to three schools in our area.

Two of our auxiliaries will be attending the State Convention in November. We usually have more attend, but so many of our members are still being very cautious about being in a crowd.



VALLEY

MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

MRHS staff were treated to Root Beer & Coke floats by the Mena Regional Auxiliary! Pictured below: Cassie Crawford, Marilyn Davenport, Linda Johnson & Paula Galvan



Summer promotion in the Gift Shop:

When you make a purchase greater than \$2.00 your name will go in a drawing for a gift basket that will be drawn every two weeks between July 18 and September 12th. Your name will stay in the drawing for the grand prize that will be drawn on September 12th!

Congratulations to the three winners so far.

Mary Peters



Carol Lane



Amber Taylor



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! The scholarship applications are due Tuesday, September 20, 2022!

Auxiliary Member Sara Mitchell and Brandi Sachs served root beer and coke floats to patrons at the Mena-Polk County Senior Center and shared information about services offered at Senior Behavioral Health and Cedar Haven.



MRHS hosted the Mena/Polk County Chamber of Commerce Connections breakfast in August.



CEO Robert Rupp spoke, briefly introducing himself and sharing some insights on rural healthcare and our hospital.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to network and hear from community leaders. Some of the auxiliary members attended. Pictured below: Auxiliary member Doris Wells, Vicki Hughes & Auxiliary member Sara Mitchell



Our gift shop is 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. Pictured right is Doris Wells.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.



Happy Life Lessons

