

Auxiliaries in Action

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2022 - 2023 AHAA President
Judy Shaffer

Dear Friends,

We all recognize that the most sought after human emotion is that of the feeling of Joy. While typically temporary, the one source of joy that provides continuity and consistency is friendship.

The foundation of true friendship is based on the joint commitments of trust and mutual support. These commitments are formed when there is joint involvement in a common endeavor.

Those of us who volunteer can readily relate that the by-products of our combined efforts with others is the entitlement of lifetime friendships that provide a continuing and enduring source of joy.

Members of our Auxiliaries are a true testimonial supporting our theme of *Find Joy and Friendship through Volunteering*.

Each of us, committed to our mission as a volunteer, is a true beneficiary of the joy and friendship resulting from our joint efforts.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year and together we will face the challenges before us drawing strength from our collective and cohesive efforts.

With love, joy and friendship,

Judy



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Theme: Finding Joy and Friendship
Through Volunteering
AHAA

Colors: Yellow, blue and white

64th AHAA BUSINESS MEETING AND CONVENTION

November 9, 2022

The 64th annual Business Meeting and Convention was called to order in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Hot Springs at 1:14 pm on November 9, 2022 by AHAA President Carol Evans.

Jerry Berley, AHAA Past President, from Quachita County Medical Center, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Convention Chair, Charlotte Jackson, announced that 214 Auxilians were registered with 41 out of 52 Auxiliaries represented. There were 33 delegates out of 37 in attendance which constituted a quorum.

Roll call was taken by Mary Catherine Propes, Secretary. Carol appointed three members to approve the 2022 minutes. They are Ara Yanker, Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock, Margaret Underwood, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, and Barbara Brown, Drew Memorial Health System. The minutes will be printed in the November/December newsletter.

Charlotte Jackson, Treasurer, gave the annual financial report which can be found on page 18 of the Handbook. Charlotte presented the 2022-2023 proposed budget which is printed on page 5 in the Handbook. Jerry Jones, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, moved that the 2022-2023 budget be accepted as presented. Diane Miller, Siloam Springs Regional Hospital, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bylaws Chair Mary Frauenhoff presented proposed bylaw changes. President Duties- Page 32, Article VII, section 1, letter e is changed to the following: Visits each district. 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. Similar wording changes concerning catastrophic events are also proposed in the President-Elect, District Chair, and Board of Directors Duties. All proposed changes are in the Handbook and were published in the July Newsletter. The motion to accept these bylaws changes was made by Greg Shaver, Baxter Health. As this came from committee, there was no need for a second. Motion passed.

Credentials Chair Kathy Gammill submitted the slate of nominees for the 2022-2023 AHAA officers.

President-Elect	Neta Sue Stamps, Mercy Hospital, Berryville
Vice-President	Judy Lawrence, White River Medical Center, Batesville
Secretary	Jennifer Baker, Baxter Health, Mountain Home
Treasurer	Charlotte Jackson, Jefferson Regional, Pine Bluff

Ara Yanker moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. Diane Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the delegates. The new board was introduced, and the District Chairs, who were elected at their Spring District meetings were recognized.

Metropolitan District	Becky Blackard
North Central District	Mary Catherine Propes
Northeast District	Betty Moad
Northwest District	Denise McGlone
Southeast District	Liz McKinstry
Southwest District	Janelle Williams
Valley District	Linda Butler

New Business

Carol thanked Charlotte Jackson, Convention Chair, Carol Shoptaw, Convention Co-Chair and committee members for all their hard work in organizing the annual meeting and convention. She reminded everyone that once the doors are closed for the Memorial Service at 2:00 pm, no one will be admitted to the room.

A drawing for a \$100 bill for a delegate in attendance went to Pat Heinz. Drawings for several other door prizes were awarded.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Mary Catherine Propes

Mary Catherine Propes, AHAA Secretary

Ara Yanker

Ara Yanker

Margaret Underwood

Margaret Underwood

Barbara Brown

Barbara Brown

2022 Administrator of the Year Under 100 Beds



Brian Miller
DeWitt Hospital & Nursing Home

I am pleased to nominate, Brian Miller, CEO, of DeWitt Hospital & Nursing Home as administrator of the year. Mr. Miller has become an integral part of our team since he joined us in January 2019. He is a consummate professional in all of his administrative duties and then goes above and beyond our expectations to support our team, our patients, our community and our mission. Mr. Miller came to us just prior to the onset of the covid pandemic. Our team had undergone many organizational changes and financial struggles over the previous few years before he arrived and it was very difficult to feel like a "team". Employee moral had declined so much we suffered quite a lot of employee turnover during those couple of years. Mr. Miller brought a positive energy to our team to help facilitate improvement in overall culture and mood. From team meetings, to remembering birthdays, recognizing employees with an "I Saw What You Did" recognition board, reinstating "employee of the month," adding a prayer board for employees and their families, to working with our maintenance staff to upgrade patient rooms, resident rooms at the nursing home, break rooms, as well as other outdated areas of the facility, he has taken the lead to boost morale and encourage a positive work environment. In addition to lifting up our employees, he visits each patient daily to ensure their needs are being met and to address any questions or concerns they may have.



Mr. Miller's key accomplishment has been leading us through the covid pandemic with current employee retention and managing staff without resorting to agency use. With some extra financial assistance through the covid pandemic, he ensured we upgraded several pieces of equipment in our ER and ancillary departments and on our med/surg floor, as well as, building upgrades to include four Negative Pressure Rooms. In addition to supplies and equipment upgrades, he was successful in adding a nurse practitioner and part-time and full-time physician to our rural health clinic. He is always brainstorming ways to improve our services and looking for new ways to serve and give back.

He is amazing in supporting the community and our hospital auxiliary. He attends city council meetings monthly to keep them informed about our hospital and volunteers with several local students in teaching baseball lessons, and has done lots of volunteer work to upgrade the high school baseball field.

He supports the auxiliary in everything and recognizes all the hard work and effort put forth by each of the volunteers and is sure to always recognize them in meetings and encourages hospital staff to thank our auxiliary members when we see them.

He has a never-ending drive to give back to the community and encourages us to do so as well! Simply put - we are so very grateful for him and do not know what we would do without him and there is not enough time to list all the positive changes, improvements, energy he brings to our facility that was just before failure just prior to his arrival.



2022 Administrator of the Year Over 100 Beds



Dr. Doug Ross
CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs

Our nomination for Administrator of the Year by some standards could be viewed as a Super Hero. On a "normal" work day he can be seen in the corridors wearing business casual. Then the call for HELP comes and our Super Hero trades in his normal attire for scrub cap and scrubs to cover in ER as needed. Our nominee is president of our facility and also a medical doctor who managed ER prior to being named administrator in 2018.

He supports Auxiliary by attending our meetings to update us on hospital news and accomplishments. He sends thank you notes to select active volunteers each week. He ALWAYS expresses his appreciation for our service and gratitude for money donated to CHI. He cleared his entire morning schedule to speak at our Spring District Meeting. There he welcomed group and expressed appreciation for volunteer presence, smiles, and dedication to cover work stations. He added it became quite evident that you filled a vital role in patient care during your absence due to Covid. You were greatly missed and we are so happy you are back! In closing he added . . . ***you don't realize what you have until it's gone.***

Our nominee makes sure volunteers are treated like staff. At weekly staff meetings there is a white board listing staff for special recognition. He insisted a section be designated for volunteer recognition as well. We receive the same Christmas gift as staff and are included in all hospital celebrations. Unlike staff, volunteers eat free in the cafeteria.



At the onset of Covid he stopped all volunteering in order to protect us. During the time we were unable to volunteer, he mailed out cards to volunteers reading . . .

To all our cherished volunteers,

You are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We want you to know that you are truly at the heart of our ministry. We love and miss you! Please know that your health and safety are our highest priorities. Right now we are not sure when we will be able to safely bring you back into our facilities, but rest assured that we eagerly anticipate having you back with us.

Take care and God Bless

Volunteers were offered Covid Vaccinations at the same time as staff in January 2021. Once we had been vaccinated and Covid died down . . . we were invited back to a post Covid orientation. He had smiling staff standing in corridors that led to the meeting room holding signs which read . . . *Welcome Back! You have been missed! So glad to have you back! We missed you!* Etc. That was truly a warm welcome! As one of the first speakers at the orientation, he personally welcomed us back and told us how much we had been missed.

While none of us volunteer for any recognition . . . it is good to be appreciated "cherished" by staff and administration. **Our caring, Super Hero nomination for Administrator of the Year is Dr. Doug Ross of CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs.**



2022 Auxilian of the Year Under 100 Beds



Debby Collings
Ozark Health, Inc.

Ozark Health Inc. Auxiliary Gift Shop is "THE" best little boutique gift shop in Clinton! Debby Collings is the reason. She brings new products to the shop, she has increased Space for merchandise by growing shelving up the walls, adding display rounds, and decorative arrangements for clothing, shoes, and jewelry.

Debby has an eye for the trends. While volunteering her time to attend the buyers market each year, she looks for fun merchandise to bring to the community. She is also flexible in that she is always willing to special order items the employees or patients request, and this makes her very popular among the shoppers. Debby has worked extra hours to keep the shop supplied with young and trendy merchandise that is considered to be some of the "HOTTEST" items in demand. This dedication often requires her to make trips to Sam's just to keep everyone's favorite snacks in plentiful stock.

Since the Gift Shop provides a major source of income for our Hospital Auxiliary, the revenue it generates helps us to fund hospital equipment purchases and allowed us to pledge over \$10,000 this year. Debby's hard work and dedication to the cause has helped increase our profits to a new all-time level.



Debby Collings values her team and makes each member feel special. Over the past year she has done the scheduling of workers for the shop, and made sure that the Gift Shop was open from 10:00 - 3:00 during the week. When fellow auxilians speak of her they say: a talented lady, insightful, imaginative, fun, and a true leader.

As we have planned for events throughout the year, Debby has helped come up with fun and creative ways of getting customers in the shop and participating in making purchases. Debby contributes her time as our Recording/Corresponding Secretary as well, and takes very thorough and precise notes from our meetings.

Debby is the perfect example of a well rounded volunteer and a giver of hope, love, encouragement and friendship.



2022 Auxilian of the Year Over 100 Beds



Thelma Anaya
CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs

Our nomination for *AHAA Auxilian of the Year* is one of our youngest volunteers who has a very serious heart condition. Her heart is greatly enlarged; not as in the medical condition, cardiomegaly, but as in being a very generous giver. Some might say "she has a big heart". Her condition has benefited our Auxiliary, staff, and patients since she began her volunteer career in 2016 and most especially in 2021.

This past year our Director of Volunteer Services initiated a new patient service which involves a cart, various hygiene items, and assorted items to help entertain patients. Our **Courtesy Cart** is literally a two shelf, rolling utility cart. It is stocked with complimentary items that the patient may have forgotten to bring, or might enjoy while in the hospital. Items on the Courtesy Cart include: combs, brushes, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, phone chargers, tissue, pencils, Sudoku, Word Search, and Crossword Puzzle books for adults, crayons and coloring books for children. At the onset of the program our Auxiliary was purchasing items for the cart. Our nominee rolls the cart from room to room 2 days a week with a big smile on her face. She has been amazed at patient reaction/appreciation once they understand the items are free if needed. As she visited the patients she realized other items were needed on the cart and starting buying them herself. Being a frugal shopper she purchases most items at The Dollar Tree. Now she supplies basically ALL the items and doesn't ask for reimbursement.

She also observed that the two most requested/needed items were charging blocks and cords for cell phones. PANIC TIME is when you realize your cell phone charge is low. Imagine being sick and basically alone in a hospital room and realizing your phone is dead or has a very low charge and you have no way to charge it. This panic brings on stress when you are a patient and that is your only way to communicate with family. This was especially true when visitors were stopped or limited due to Covid restrictions. Cell phone panic applies not only to patients but to staff too that work long shifts. She came up with the idea to buy cell phone charging blocks to be placed at each nursing station. Our nominee saw the need, went to Amazon to find a solution, and then ordered charging stations (for multiple devices) a five port charger stations with power switch to accommodate different phones. Staff and patients greatly appreciate and utilize the charging stations she purchased.

Her giving also extends to the cafeteria where she buys lunch for security personnel and leaves money with the cashier to help anyone needing it. In addition to monetary donations, she gives her time by volunteering 3 times a week and now serves as our Auxilian president. **Our "Big Hearted" nomination for Auxilian of the Year is Thelma Anaya of CHI St. Vincent - Hot Springs.**



State Convention & Annual Meeting

Thank you again to all the were able to make convention this year. I hope you had as much fun as I did! I hope you have the happiest of holidays and a beautiful new year! Again congratulations to Judy Shaffer your 2022-2023 AHAA President!

Carol Evans
2021-2022 AHAA President



Past Presidents: (left to right) Pat Heinz, Betty Spencer, Carolyn Hannon, Mary J. Frauenhoff, Lynn Smith, Jerry Berley, Dorothy Berley, Darlene Tuohy, Jan Gardner, Kathy Gammill, Carol Evans



2022 - 2023 Officers: (left to right) Charlotte Jackson, Treasurer; Jennifer Baker, Secretary; Judy Lawrence, Vice President; Neta Sue Stamps, President - Elect; Judy Shaffer, President



2022 - 2023 District Chairs: (left to right) Becky Blackard, Metropolitan; Mary Catherine Propes, North Central; Betty Moad, Northeast; Denise McGlone, Northwest; Liz McKinstry, Southeast; Janelle Williams, Southwest; Linda Butler, Valley



In Loving Memory

North Central District

Baxter Health

Paul Schwarz

Velma Shaw

White River Health

Peggy Stewart

Gwen Thompson

Bill Williamson

Northeast District

South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center

Treva Joyce Reese

Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Margaret Eva Gordan - Locke

Southeast District

Drew Memorial Hospital

Frances Jordan



Metropolitan District

No hospitals reporting



North Central District

Baxter Health

Submitted by Joan Young

The warm days and cool nights of fall bring about thoughts of football, school activities, chili and fun and we are enjoying all.

September brought our General Meeting with special guests Ron Peterson, Baxter Health CEO & President; Barney Larry, Executive Director of our Hospital Foundation and Tobias Pugsley, Marketing, Director, giving us an update on the new hospital values, purpose statement, mission statement, logo, and explaining how and what it means to change our name to Baxter Health.

We teamed up with the Baxter Health Trauma team for the Kiwanis Kids Safety Fair. The ambulance was brought in so the kids could check out the inside and visit with the paramedics. The Nurses set up a bicycle course, passed out helmets and we passed out H.E.L.P. stickers. We all worked together on teaching bicycle safety, hand signals and properly wearing safety gear. Joan Young and Debbie Hess represented the Auxiliary at this event.



We were a \$5,000 sponsor of The Baxter Health Hospital Foundation's Yellowstone (TV series) themed Buck-A-Roo Ball. Several volunteers also assisted in serving dinner, bartending, manning voting tables and the Branding Station. The Auxiliary Board has also voted to do a matching donation up to \$50,000 to the Hospital Foundation Giving Tuesday Event. The Hospital has received two new Van Transport Ambulances that the Auxiliary funded at a cost \$140,000. These vans will make transporting some of our patients long distances for specialized care and helping with local lift assists more efficient in the future.

Several board members were able to attend the AHAA North Central District meeting in Searcy. It is always great to see volunteers and DVSs from other hospitals in the district. Sharing ideas and accomplishments is well worth the day trip.

The Auxiliary had a booth at the Hillbilly Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Bull Shoals Rotary Club. This event gives us the opportunity to share with attendees the joy of volunteering at Baxter Health.

The hospital sponsored a Family Fun Fest & Trunk or Treat for volunteers, employees and their children. Volunteer Suzan Meyer decorated her trunk with a pirate theme, then Joan Young joined her to hand out candy. It was such a joy to see parents and kids dressed up and enjoying family time together.

Our HOPE committee recognized and thanked volunteers by handing out soup packets and thanking them for being Soup-er Volunteers.

The hospital hosted a Medicare Advantage Seminar for auxiliary members with a panel of experts from several areas of the hospital to give those in attendance more information on making informed decisions for purchasing plans.

Our Bargain Boxes and Gift Shop continue to do very well, some with record sales. We have a new supplier for our flowers at the Pink-A-Dilly which has been very successful. Christmas has slowly been put out, but quickly leaving the shelves. The gift shop with great help from our Marketing Department, has recently opened an online store for logo items for employees only at this time. We soon hope to include volunteers and our satellite clinics.

One of the Auxiliary Community Service Projects is a food drive for a couple of local food pantries. We collect goods at our Bargain Boxes and customers who donate can receive an extra punch on their shopping card. Auxiliary members can also bring in food donations to the Volunteer Services Office. We are taking our donations to the Bull Shoals Food Pantry and to the Mtn. Home Food Basket this year.



The Auxiliary hosted a scrub sale with local vendor “Scrubs” Shop. We will be hosting Collective Goods in November. Then during December the Pink-A-Dilly Gift Shop will hold it’s 12 Days of Christmas Sale and Carolyn Hannon will lead our team with our Annual Christmas Wrap Fundraiser.

We will be holding our 2 nd Auxiliary Leadership Meeting in December to do some future planning for the auxiliary and to mentor new board members for 2023.

Annual flu shots are in full swing and our mandatory face mask has been lifted except when dealing directly with patients at the present time.

Happy fall y’all!



Suzan Meyer
Trunk or Treat Family Fun Fest



Transport Van
From left to right: Carol Chentnik, Debbie Hess, Barbara Klein, Carolyn Hannon, Jennifer Baker, Louise Pitts, Joan Young, Carolyn Rice, Judy Shaffer, Tammy Bellettiere

Ozark Health, Inc.

Submitted by Bobbye Bennett

Since the last submission, Ozark Health is slowly returning to somewhat normalcy. The Gift Shop is now opened the normal five days a week and at the present time have each day covered by a different auxilian.

The Scrub Sale held September 7th was successful. And we are anticipating holding more sales in the future.

With our Purse Sale, October 10th and “New to You” sale, October 26th we received enough to be matched.

This Monday, November 7th ,the Auxiliary at the regular monthly meeting will prepare “holiday baskets” to be put up for a Silent Auction in November. As you can see we are slowly coming back into action.

And, we are anticipating a busy Holiday Season.

Next week, we have ten members signed up to attend the Conference in Hot Springs.

It is with regret that our long-time member Helen Dobbins had to resign. She is and will really be missed.

As we are coming into the Holiday Season we send out to all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Your talent is God’s Gift to You! What you do with it is your gift back to God!



Northeast District

Anita E. Allman, from Piggot, was born in 1942 and passed away May 28, 2022. She was a Pink Lady Auxiliary Volunteer for several years at the Piggot Community Hospital that closed their Volunteer Services in 2016. Anita is best remembered at past District meetings for wearing a big hat, lots of bling, carrying a big purse, being a comedian, and it was always on her Piggot Hospital wish list for a Gift Shop to be built.

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center

Submitted by Cathy Rowe

1. Christmas aprons and bibs: made by remodeling Candy Strippers Pinafores.
We plan to make our sewing committee a standing committee to repair tears to hospital gowns, and to employee to hem scrubs.



2. Fair booths: We participated in men, women and county fair booths to pass out literature on H.E.L.P., Look before you Lock, and to pass out our Auxiliary brochure to people interested in volunteering at the hospital. Rather than rent our own booth we sat with the AMMC employees at the hospital's booth.

3. Pocket booklet: given to carry in the pocket of our pink jacket with a pen and handy to record all auxiliary activity. It was small, attractive and cheap to make. It will help us to be more accurate in counting our volunteer hours.

4. Blocks and phone tree: Our 28 members were divided in 7 groups by name and phone number with four in a group. Each group was assigned a month to be responsible for bringing food to the meeting that month. (The hospital food and nutrition provides a meal for our first and last meeting and April is potluck for everyone to bring food.) Each group was numbered 1-4. A block chairman will call all four the current month to remind them to bring food. Phone tree: The block chairman will call the number ones on all 7 groups with emergency news (deaths, etc.) and ask them to call the next person in line to pass the news. That way she only has to call seven people and the others only have to call one.

Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by Faye Caldwell

September Past Events:

Eileen Snider gave an update on the Nursing Scholarships: FCMC Corporate Office, determined that due to unforeseen issues the Nursing Scholarship program has been postponed until 2023.

Sept 22 - Blood Drive at FCMC held from 11-3, 16 donors were scheduled and participated and 15 units of blood collected. Thank you to FCMC Auxiliary members Eileen Snider and Faye Caldwell for assisting in the Blood Drive.

Sept 24 - FCMC held a self-defense class and several Auxiliary members attended.

Sept 27 - Fall District Meeting - Paragould, AR

The following Auxiliary members Ronnie Nix, Victoria Harris, Eileen Snider, Tilda Holmon, Dot Gores and Faye Caldwell attended the meeting. Ronnie Nix, Auxiliary President, stated that the Auxiliary had been busy with Blood Drives; Gift Shop sales; A Linen sale; Volunteer recruiting on the local Forrest City radio station and the Auxiliary ran an ad in the local newspaper; Hosted a table at FCMC Community Health/Job Fair and are planning for the Spring District meeting April 26, 2023.

Sept 28 – FCMC Community Health and Career Fair – Ronnie Nix and Eileen Snider hosted the Auxiliary table from 10-2 with information on “What we do as Pink Ladies and recruiting for new Auxiliary Volunteers”.

October Events:

October 26 Auxiliary Meeting: 10-11:30 a.m.

Everyone was encouraged to get their annual Flu shot (provided by FCMC). No Cancer Christmas Remembrance ornament tree this year. 13 Volunteer Thank you Hours/Certificates and Pins – Given by Ronnie Nix

November Upcoming Events:

November 9, 10, 11, 2022 - State Convention meeting held in Hot Springs, AR at the Hot Springs Hotel and Spa. Pending transportation - TBC

Nov – 30th Chili Luncheon (hosted by Wilma Powell) and combined Auxiliary meeting – TBC

December Upcoming Events:

Dec - Holiday Party and combined Auxiliary meeting - TBC

Dec - Auxiliary will decorate the foyer Christmas Tree near the Gift Shop - TBC

Dec - Other community organization donations from Auxiliary - TBC

Dec - No new born Christmas Stockings will be made this year due to logistical issues per Wilma Powell – TBC

2023:

January Upcoming Events: – Gift Shop Hours for 2023 and New Year Baby Gift Basket - TBC

February Upcoming Events:

Feb 14 – Auxiliary Linen Sale – Auxiliary will receive 20% of all sales proceeds. Wilma stated this event needs to be highly advertised to make sure of its success. Caitlyn will work on this agenda item to get it publicized

Feb 14 – Possible Valentine Bake Sale by Auxiliary - TBC

April 26, 2023 - Spring Meeting: hosted by FCMC Auxiliary at EACC (aka: EACC).

The Planning committee will re-convene to start working on all the meeting details – TBC

*Note: Forrest City Mayor, Cedric Williams and FCMC CEO, Dr. Ballard have confirmed for our Guest Speakers.





Forrest City Medical Center Auxiliary being presented with Thank You Certificates and Pins, for dedicated hours of volunteer service.
from left to right: Dorothy Faulkner, Faye Caldwell, Victoria Harris, Ronnie Nix, Minda Brown, Dot Gores, Wilma Powell.

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Kathy Miller



Auxiliary member Judy Lee was honored with a service celebration on September 8, 2022, Judy volunteered more than 12,000 hours over 10 years. Judy had to resign for personal reasons.



Ginny Presgrove
Judy Lee



New member Polly Clark with
Ginny Presgrove





New member recruitment day was held October 5, 2022, at NEA hospital lobby. Auxiliary member Sandy Hughes and President Ginny Presgrove



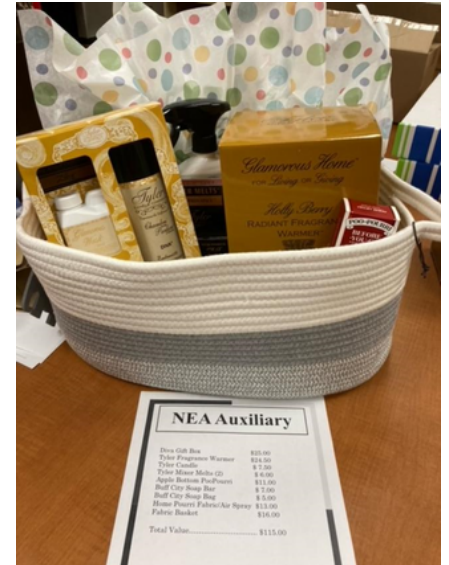
Kathy Goodman, Betty Louy, and Ginny Presgrove participated in the End Alzheimer's Walk on October 15, 2022.



NEA Auxiliary group who attended the Fall District meeting in Paragould.



NEA Auxiliary group who attended the Fall District meeting in Paragould.



The auxiliary donated a fragrance for your home gift basket for the silent auction at the Duck Classic to be held December 13, 2022.



South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center

Submitted by Sonja Burnett

PINK-OUT sponsored by the Osceola Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on Wednesday, October 16. Participants were from SMC Hospital Center and Great River Medical Center (in Blytheville).



Hollie Fourthman, winner of the Osceola Memorial Hospital Auxiliary "Pink-Out" for Cancer Awareness. Hillary sprayed her hair and her skin. She put in pink Contacts, pink hairbow, nails, and scrubs. She was the winner of \$350. The criteria for winning was the person who wore the most Pink.



Participants from SMC Hospital Center. Chris Cross (For his wife who has cancer), Sonja Burnett (Pink Lady Judge), Rachel Bell, Becky Powell, Pud Thomas (Pink Lady Judge), Callie Fincher, Hillary Fourthman, Kadida Riley, & Lovonda Carter (Pink Lady Judge).





Great River Hospital Center participants. (no particular order). Susan Castelanos, Carolyn Foster, Treece Wells, Darlene Freeman, Dian Lucas, Stephane Brents, Michelle Parrott Erin Flowers, Sarah Roberson, Victoria Rolland, Millie Worsham, Hollie Fourthman Shateele Falls, & Lisa Smith.

NEA Fall District Meeting, September 27th in Paragould sponsored by the Auxiliary of Arkansas Methodist Medical Center.



Standing: Lovonda Carter, Adele Black, Sonja Burnett, Shirley Stovall. Sitting: Pud Thomas & Rebecca England.
(Members of the Osceola Memorial Hospital Auxiliary)



Entertainment for the Fall District meeting was an 11-year old Elvis impersonator. His stage name is Zaden J from Jonesboro.

He has been doing his act for only 11 months. He walked with an Elvis swagger with 1 hand in his pocket.

St. Bernards Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Rossa

September General Business Meeting

St. Bernards Auxiliary met September 26, 2022, at St. Bernards Health and Wellness Center in Jonesboro. New elected officers were installed by Sister Mary Clare.



Officers at left are Diana Zachary - parliamentarian, Jane Orndorff - treasurer, Diana Ruesewald - secretary, Myra Deacon - corresponding secretary, Jackie Leech - incoming vice-president, Mary Nell Masterson - incoming president.

Mary Ruth Staudt, Margie Ray, Beth Norwood, Rebecca Starks, Shelia Schisler, Lisa Morris, John Masterson, Ann Ford, and Sondra Bostic are new appointed board members .

NEA Fall District Meeting, Sept. 27, 2022, was hosted by Arkansas Methodist Auxiliary, Paragould, at The Crossing. Representing St Bernards at the September NEA District meeting were Diana Ruesewald, Lisa Morris, Mary Nell and John Masterson, Diana Zachary, Jane Orndorff, Betty Moad, NEA district chair, Mary Beth Williams, Linda Scott, and Rebecca Starks.



Pictured at left: Carol Evans, State AHAA President, Lisa Morris - NEA District Secretary, Diana Ruesewald - NEA District Treasurer.





Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Jean Vance

On September 20 we hosted the NW District Fall Meeting at the Carroll Electric Hospitality Room. There were 6 hospitals represented by 47 members. Special Guests included Carol Evans AHHA State President, Judy Shafer AHHA State President Elect, Diane Miller District Chair.



2022-2023 Officers
Robin Butler President-Elect,
Carolyn Bosshardt President,
Joy McKinney Secretary.



Incoming District chair Denis McGlone, Darlene Tuohy District Treasurer, Neta Sue Stamps District Secretary. Entertainment was provided by the Warner family of Eureka Springs.





Dr. Bill Flake with a new wound chair purchased for the wound clinic by Mercy Hospital Berryville Auxiliary. This is the fourth chair the auxiliary has purchased for the clinic.



Carolyn Bosshardt, our President presented what our auxiliary does to the Berryville Rotary club

We are looking forward to the AHHA state meeting and 6 members plan to attend.

In December we are planning a Christmas Potluck.

We wish to all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas



Southeast District

No hospitals reporting





Southwest District

CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs

Submitted by Lynn Smith

Our volunteer numbers are increasing as volunteers return and we have added new members too. The Courtesy Cart continues to be a hit with the patients. After being discharged, some that benefited from the cart items, have come back to join the auxiliary.

Seven auxiliary members traveled to Malvern for the "final" AHAA Southwest District Fall Meeting on September 22nd. Baptist Health - Hot Spring County Auxiliary hosted a great meeting. Hospital president, Jay Quebedeauz, welcomed us and Candi Edwards, an RN at Baptist Health, entertained the group with two beautiful songs. We enjoyed being together and a delicious barbecue lunch with homemade desserts provided by their auxiliary members.

We look forward to AHAA Convention in November. Hope to see you there!



Our president, Thelma Anaya, giving her president's report at Fall District Meeting.



Back row: Jack Lossman, Susan Rima, Lynn Smith
At table: Linda Houk, Thelma Anaya, Mary Schmuhl, Matt Engebretson



Valley District

Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

In September we had two more winners in our end-of-summer promotion in the Gift Shop.

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



Jennifer Philpot is the winner of the fourth gift bag given away by the Mena Regional Gift Shop!



SHERRY LEE was the grand prize WINNER of our end of summer drawing giveaway.



Wednesday, September 21, four members of the MRHS Auxiliary attended the AHAA Valley District Fall Meeting hosted by St Mary's Regional Medical in Russellville.



Linda Johnson, Marilyn Davenport, Sharon Jewell, Martha Edwards

Some of the Mena Regional (Hospital) Auxiliary members helped at the Health Fair this year. It was great to see everyone, and we were able to recruit some new members.



Paula Galvan, Cassie Crawford, Linda Johnson, Marilyn Davenport



The Mena Regional Auxiliary recently awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Congratulations to the recipients!



Sara Mitchell, Auxiliary Member, Scholarship Recipients McKenzie Spurgin, Janie Hawthorne, Abbie Sparks, and Marilyn Davenport, Auxiliary Member.

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Gift Shop had several different items all of which were designed to promote awareness of the disease.



Sara Mitchell



Gayla Crowley



Heather Tinnell

Our Auxiliary hosted a Linen Sale on September 28th and September 29th . This was a great fundraiser.

We are planning on having a Christmas Open House in our gift shop in November and our annual Christmas Breakfast fundraiser on December 1st .



In Memoriam 2022

Metropolitan District

Baptist Health Medical Center – North Little Rock

Verlin Leroy Hendricks

Carole Maxwell

Ann Scott

CHI St. Vincent Infirmmary

Virginia Campbell

William Muse

Mary Wagner

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

Norma Calhoun

Deana Edwards

Betty Swope

Ann Welcher

Lonnie Wilson

CHI St. Vincent North

Elener Britton

Pauline Helton

UAMS W. P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Julie Haught

Gloria Redman

North Central District

Baptist Health Medical Center – Heber Springs

Betty Christ

Bendona Conrad

Patricia Uecker

Baxter Health

Marvin Cullison

Kay Davis

Jenny Dew

Jerome Domek

Rock Engeler
Rick Fairlamb
John Hale
Rich Jannick
Veronica Kopczewski
Collette LeBlanc
Peggy Lenard
Dottie Lewey
Mel Mills
Dorothy Ortlip
Jo Painter
Gail Pool
John Rennolds
Debra Roberts
Don Sappington
Marilyn Sherwood
Kay Sims
Terri Sullins
Lou Talbot
James David Thomson
Dolores Willems
Frank Willett
Rick Wortendyke
Jan Yurkowski

Unity Health Newport
Jeannine Walton

Unity Health Searcy
Earline Birdsong
David Crouch
Don Diffine
John Howell
Buddy Muirhead
Florence Stephens

Northeast District

Arkansas Methodist Medical Center
Eula Faye Hestand
Jimmie Hout
Bill Wyatt

Forrest City Medical Center

Betty Jones

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital

Dorothy Jean Coggin

South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center

Elizabeth "Beth" Alexander

Dorothy Mae Boothe

Lessie Nance

St. Bernards Medical Center

Jane Atwood

Ruth Blackwell

Jana Garcia

Lyn Hubbard

Kathryn McCracken

Nancy McFarland, AHAA Past President 2003 – 2004

Joy Rapert

Nettie Whitehead

Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Laverta Rea Colvin

Thelma Hughes

June Ham

Mary Ellen Chaney

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas

Barbara Lee

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center

Carl Bushfield

Larry Gervais

Joyce Jackson

Willie Jones

Lois Kekaha

Stewart Knoles

Dorothy Leelman

Mary McKay

Carolyn Moffett

Sara Yawn

Marilyn "Tucky" Zima

Northwest Medical Center Bentonville

Frances Lee Scott

Southeast District

Bradley County Medical Center

Billie Boyd

Margaret Black

Delta Health System

Jesse West

Jefferson Regional

David Hutcheson

Southwest District

Ouachita County Medical Center

Linda Broome

Warren Broome

Arena Hayden

Sally Lott

Velma Slaughter

Valley District

Baptist Health – Van Buren

Martha Bolling

Rose Duffy

George Fisher III

Mamie Mann

Carol Morse

Johnson Regional Medical Center

Betty Riable

Billie Smith

Viola Stone

Mena Regional Health System

Melba Lewis Head

I Thought Of You Today

I thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories
and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
with which I'll never part.
God has you in His keeping,
I have you in my heart.
~ Author Unknown

