

Auxiliaries in Action

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**2022 - 2023 AHAA President
Judy Shaffer**

Dear Friends,

Neta Sue and I just finished attending the Spring District Meetings on April 27, ending with the North Central District at White River Health in Batesville. We started at Drew Memorial in Monticello on April 11. The meetings were well attended and we enjoyed good food, good entertainment. We also had the great pleasure of getting to know you all better and visiting with you. I want to personally thank the host hospitals for making the meetings a great success. You all did a fantastic job.

This year we will return to doing all the awards we did previous to the Pandemic. Please make sure your auxiliary follows the directions for writing and submitting each award. The deadline for submitting them is July 1, 2023. Be sure to submit them to Carol Shoptaw, Convention Chair, as stated on the directions.

The Award of Excellence is to be returned to me, AHAA President. Again, this information is on the cover page. If you are seeking to run for any State Offices - Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, your nomination forms must be submitted to Carol Evans, Credentials Chairperson, by July 1, 2023 as well.

The 2023 AHAA Convention is back in Little Rock this year at the Embassy Suites on November 1, 2 and 3. The Convention Committee is busy working on Convention's events. Please mark your calendars. Updates will be forthcoming. My theme for the Thursday night event is "Cruising" the world. There will be a trivia game on Thursday night on the history of AHAA.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Convention!

Love you all,
Judy

Theme: Finding Joy and Friendship
Through Volunteering
AHAA

Colors: Yellow, blue and white



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Bylaw Changes

Please note the Bylaw changes for 2023 - 2024

Submitted by Mary J. Frauenhoff, Bylaws Chair

Policies and Procedures section, page 42, number 11, the last part says:

When they travel to the **spring and fall district meetings** and for the three (3) days of the SAL Conferences.

It should read: When they travel to the **spring district meetings** and for the three (3) days of the SAL Conferences.

There is another section: page 42, Newsletter, number 2. The webpage name has changed.
www.arhauxiliaries.org

Linda Butler and I have talked about this and have agreed that this is a change that does not need to be voted on. It is an update of information.

State Projects: The board suggested that it be worded something like this: **None of the state project materials should be sold to the general public, but may be presented as a program by an Auxiliary or member of an Auxiliary and handed out for free.**

The statement be placed on page 50, just under the heading state projects in **BOLD** print.

Page 45, section 7, letter c: Take out **and the AHA.**





In Loving Memory

North Central District

Baxter Health

Shirley Cornue
Joyce Pumford
Barbara Riley
Louella Strong

White River Health

Don Heurer
Gladys "Irene" Shear

Northeast District

NEA Baptist

Melba Gatlin
Margaret Hilburn

Northwest District

Northwest Medical Center - Bentonville

Wayne Hubbert

Southwest District

National Park Medical Center

Bonnie Ervin

Ouachita County Medical Center

Annette Dorman



Metropolitan District

CHI St. Vincent Morrilton

Submitted by Claudia Riedmueller

CHI St Vincent Morrilton Auxiliary members have been busy as usual. Our fundraisers in March and April have been The Lucky Guess, a guess how much money is in the jar contest and baking for our annual Easter Bake Sale. Both were very satisfying fundraising projects.

We have welcomed another new member, Ms. Susan Faith. Very happy she chooses to join us.

In April Carma Garrett celebrated a milestone birthday, 90 years young!

Four members attended the Spring Metropolitan District Meeting at BHMC-NLR. It was a terrific meeting. Thank you, Becky, for all of your hard work. It was great to finally meet some of the people I have corresponded with.

May and June will see a change in officers and one of our favorite fundraisers, the Memorial Day Basket Drawing.



North Central District

Baxter Health

Submitted by Joan Young

Winter has passed, spring is blooming and warm summer breezes are just around the corner and the buzz words around here are “success” and “record breaking sales”.

The Pink-A-Dilly Gift Shop's sales have been steadily increasing and had a phenomenally great March! We are experiencing the results of Becky Rose, DVS and Debbie Swan, gift shop manager's trip to market in Dallas. New merchandise is coming in weekly and Debbie was able to expand our men's line. Also discontinuing online ordering for Baxter Health logo clothing has been very successful. Everything is now sold onsite in the gift shop. We carry polos, sweatshirts and T-shirts. The short and long-sleeved crew and V-neck t-shirts come in a variety of colors.

Our Mountain Home Bargain Box thrift shop manager Karla Tyler continues to break sales records every month. She recently attended a conference in Tennessee for thrift shop management. She came back with some great resources to implement with our organization.

Volunteer Jackie Broad has stepped up to manage the Flippin Bargain Box Thrift Store, which has relieved Becky Rose, DVS of much needed time to focus on other projects. Thanks for leading the team in Flippin.

Ron Peterson, President and CEO of Baxter Health Systems was the guest speaker at our March general meeting. He recapped what is happening at the hospital and plans for the future.

Carolyn Hannon finished the daunting task of scanning all volunteer records and they are all digitized. We are working towards a paperless office.

Debbie Hess and Becky Rose attended the North Central District's President's meeting in March.

Several volunteers assisted at the volunteer booth, hospitality room and teddy bear clinic at the annual health fair. This was our first in-person health fair in 3 years. We held a one day event in Baxter County and a one day event in Boone County.

We attended the North Central District Spring meeting in Batesville.

Several of us were also able to attend the Donor's Banquet sponsored by The Foundation.

Donations for April included more safe sleep sacks for newborns at the hospital, \$142,000 commitment for one of 4 new ultra sound machines needed for the hospital. The new machines with the advanced technology will make it possible for better diagnostic and keep patients from having to travel for more in-depth testing. We are also purchasing 2 physical therapy tables with the possibility of purchasing 2 more later.

We celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week by handing out car sun visors and had daily drawings for gift cards. We will host our Appreciation Banquet on May 2nd .

Things are looking bright here at Baxter Health Systems.



Left: Judy Shaffer with happy Teddy Bear Clinic attendee and newly repaired bear at Baxter Health's Health Fair



Right: Wendy Sears-Ready & Carolyn Hannon with National Volunteer Week gift-Car Sun Shade.



Ozark Health, Inc.

Submitted by Betty Spencer

In March we had our election of officers for the New Year. In April our District Chair Mary Catherine Propes installed our New Officers for the year. Thank you Mary for being part of our program that day. The District Meeting was held at White River Medical Center in Batesville we had 5 in attendance. I was unable to attend so thank you to Roger Hooper our Vice President for stepping up in my absence. We had a special Mother's Day Event at the end of April for those who wanted to get a head start on planning their gifts for their Mother's.

The 12th of May will be our annual Mother's Day event in the Nursing Center. We are looking forward to a time of fun and fellowship with the ladies in the Nursing Center. In June The Uniform Place will be back to set up a sale in our facility. In June we will also sponsor the Father's Day Ice Cream Social to honor the Father's in the Nursing Center. In July we will be having our first Luxury Linens sale and are really looking forward to the new event.

I want to **THANK** all the volunteers who work for the various hospitals in Arkansas. Please consider stepping up to take on a leadership position in your local, district, and yes even a State Position. We need folks to step up for leadership positions.

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Amazing
THINGS!

Northeast District



Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by Faye Caldwell-Steadman

Past Events:

March

March 21 - Thank you to Wilma Powell and Ronnie Nix for help with registering the donors for the Blood Drive.

March 25-31 – Dr Appreciation Week – Due to some time constraints, FCMC Auxiliary did not participate this year.

April

April 16-22 – was Volunteer Appreciation Week and the FCMC gave all the Auxiliary members a very nice piece of jewelry “Thank You” gift.

April 10 - Auxiliary members met to put together the take home goody bags, registration name tags and finalized all the details for the Spring District Meeting.

April 26 - AHAA District Spring Meeting – held at East Arkansas Community College (aka: EACC). FCMC Auxiliary is giving a huge “Thank You” to Niki Jones, Director of Development/Fine Arts and Josh Rogers, Fine Arts Center Technical Manager for letting us have our District meeting at their beautiful campus and facility and for all the room set up duties they provided.

48 NE Auxiliary members were in attendance. Dr. Ballard, FCMC CEO and Larry Bryant, Forrest City Mayor were guest speakers and gave community and business updates for Forrest City and both stated the importance of the Auxiliary Volunteer Services in Arkansas.

The NE District Auxiliary Presidents gave reports of what they have been doing to date: Recruiting issues are at the top of the list, the Auxiliaries were involved with bake sales, linen sales, clothing/boutique sales, and gift wrapping for their hospital staff members at Christmas time, (which is a huge success), manned booths at community Job and Health fairs to explain the importance of volunteering.

Lunch was catered by a local vendor, Cajun Express and the entertainment was by Carla Nimocks, who had the NE Auxiliaries play a musical game with winners receiving a keychain and then she sang a beautiful rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

Congratulations were in order for the installation of all the new District Officers (Ginny Presgrove, District Chair, Jackie Leach, District Secretary and our own Wilma Powell, District Treasurer). The meeting was very informative and a good time was had by all attending (See attached pictures).

Upcoming Events:

May

The Nurse Appreciation Tea will be held on May 5, the Auxiliary members will be bringing sweet treats and serving tea. Thank You Nurses for your helping hands, healing and your kindness to all that come through our FCMC doors!

May 25 – Blood Drive

Motion to install New Auxiliary Officers

June

New Auxiliary Officers Installed



Left: Judy Shaffer
and Neta Sue
Stamps



Above: Ms. Tilda Holmon

Right: Dr. Ballard,
Caitlyn Sweet, DVS,
Mayor Larry Bryant





Dot Gores, Neta Sue Stamps,
Judy Shaffer



Wilma Powell, Dorothy Faulkner



Faye Caldwell, Victoria Harris



Carla

NEA Baptist

Submitted by Kathy Miller

Luxury Linens Fundraiser sale, March 14 & 15, 2023



Ginny Presgrove and Maurice Rider
working the Linen Sale.



Linen sale merchandise and
NEA Employees shopping



Auxiliary members at luncheon

Auxiliary meeting April 10, 2023
Ginny, Kay, Betty, and Donna





NEA Auxiliary members who attended district meeting:
Margaret Cook, Sandy Hughes, Geraldine Bagwell, Kathy Miler,
Ginny Presgrove, Dawn Moulton, Evelyn Glisson, and Carol Harp

St. Bernards Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Rossa

Doctors Day St Bernards Medical Center celebrated National Doctor's Day March 30.

Auxiliary purchased 500 cookies from Crumbl for the Doctor's Lounge at the hospital that day in appreciation of the staff.

March General Meeting Shown left are Dana Housley, Volunteer Director and Jackie Leech, Vice president SB Auxiliary, at the March General Meeting. Volunteers were updated on recent happenings and plan were made for upcoming events such as District Meeting.



Dana Housley, Volunteer Director and Jackie Leech, Vice President St. Bernards Auxiliary



Volunteer Appreciation Day
On Tuesday, April 18, the St. Bernards Foundation hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea at the Jonesboro Country Club in recognition of the dedicated service of hospital volunteers.
Thanks go to the Foundation for the gala.

Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Jean Vance and Neta Sue Stamps

In March our Auxiliary presented baskets of snacks to our Doctors. We also hosted an Easter Bake Sale (the first after covid)



Pictured are Carolyn Bosshardt
and Anita Spearman with
Dr. Bill Flake.



Pictured are Kevin and Robin Butler and Lina Blanchard

In April Pat Kasner and Anita Spearman as well as our own Neta Sue Stamps attended the Spring District Meeting held in Rogers.

We are happy to announce that Meredith Loudermilk from Eureka Springs and Kaylie McCarthy have been awarded scholarships for next year.

For Nurses Day in May we will take baskets of snacks to the staff.

Our Annual Meeting will be held June 19th.

May 9, 2023

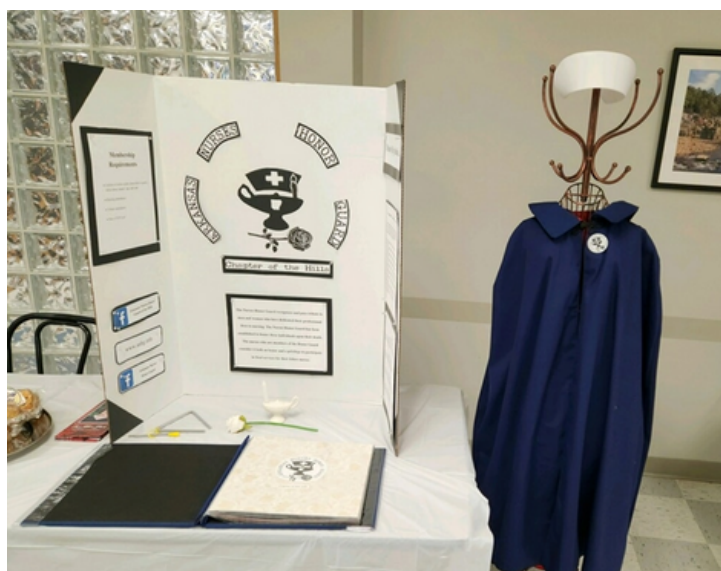
Today members of our Chapter of the Hills; Mercy Hospital Auxiliary President Carolyn Bosshardt, Newsletter Editor Emma Jean Dixon Vance and Parliamentarian Mary Jo Vallie spoke to local nurses about their chapter and our organization.

Thank you Mercy Hospital in Berryville for this wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about what we do!

If you are a nurse in the Chapter of the Hills (Berryville) area and would like more information or to participate in future tributes please join the group below.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/288236326134031/?ref=share_group_link

If you would like to request our presence for a loved one or coworker in Arkansas or have any questions regarding our organization you may message our Facebook page at any time.
www.anhg.info



Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas

Submitted by Darlene Tuohy



Literacy bags were distributed to Bonnie Grimes Elementary first graders and special education students on March 17th at an assembly. The bags contain books, crayons, pencils, sharpeners, activity books and puppets in order to provide literacy activities for students over spring break.

Our Mercy Volunteer Director, Rick Ragsdale, distributed HELP stickers at a Bike Fest in Bentonville on March 26th.

The auxiliary observed Doctor's Day on March 30th by providing goody baskets in the physician's lounges.

Our Knit and Stitch Group continues to supply fidget blankets for dementia patients, baby caps, pillowcases for the pediatric department and bears for the emergency department. The group made Easter baskets for children that were sold in the gift shop.



Rona Stufflebeam and Joyce Oler

On April 20th we hosted the Northwest District meeting at the First Methodist Church in Rogers. There were 60 in attendance. New district officers are Denise McGlone, Chair, Christy Blackshear, Secretary and Darlene Tuohy, Treasurer.

Students from the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) chapter at Bentonville High School provided a program explaining the mission of the international organization which is to empower the students to become leaders in the global health care community, through education, collaboration and experience. The students spoke of their experiences in forensic science, biotechnology, research and numerous other health care occupations.



Mike Mudd, Mercy



Denise McGlone, Northwest District Chair



Sarah, a HOSA student from
Bentonville High School



Vickie Murray
Washington Regional Medical Center

Annual compliance training for volunteers will be held in May.

Mercy Auxiliary made a five-year pledge of \$300,000 for the Mercy Hospital Capital Campaign. The first donation will be made to Mercy Foundation on May 3.

Our annual volunteer spring luncheon will be held May 20th.

Southeast District

Bradley County Medical Center

Submitted by Phyllis Loomis

The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary recently donated \$500 to the BCMC M*A*S*H Program, which is scheduled for June 19-30 at the hospital. Auxiliary members Gingy Cuthbertson, Phyllis Loomis, and Georgia Gray are pictured presenting the check to BCMC's M*A*S*H Camp Co-Director Krissy Morrison.



(from L to R): Gingy Cuthbertson, Krissy Morrison, Phyllis Loomis,
and Georgia Gray



Southwest District

Ouachita County Medical Center

Submitted by Linda L. Passafiume

Ouachita County Medical Center – Auxiliary – Southwest District – April 27, 2023

The Auxiliary collected socks, underwear and pj bottoms for County schools for emergency use, for the little children. Members brought in new items during the month of February for distribution to the schools the beginning of March.

The Auxiliary held their first quarterly member meeting since Covid arrived. 19 members attended the meeting and were so happy to see one another. Officers were elected, members signed up for the positions as Members-at-Large. Election will take place at the Annual meeting in June. Two (2) members agreed to be co-editors of the newsletter and the hospital provided lunch. We were saddened to learn long time member Annette Dorman passed away on March 10, 2023 and that member Murdis Sanders lost her husband Elijah, a few days after the meeting.

On Good Friday, April 7th the Auxiliary held their annual bake sale for the 1st time since 2019. Member numbers are down but the active members rose to the baking needs for the sale and honorary members made monetary donations. Chair Marilyn Brooks opened the sale at 7 am and completely sold out by 10:30 am. The Sale brought in a whopping \$709.00.

Eight (8) members attended Southwest Spring District Meeting held April 14th at the Magnolia Regional Medical Center. All Auxiliary volunteer numbers are down since Covid. At the meeting it was wonderful to see old friends and meet new ones, once again.

May is a time to celebrate National Nurses Week, National Hospital Week and Doctors Day. Our gift shop will be offering a variety of items for these occasions as well as specialty items for Mother's Day, Graduation and to celebrate Memorial Day.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho in June it's off to Market we go!!! Gift Shop Coordinator Jill Steelman is taking her entourage to the Dallas Market - members Donna Lowery, Jackie Hern and Linda Passafiume. These ladies will review new trends and old favorites, browse, order and learn every step of the way. Check back next time to read about what adventures they had at market.

The Annual meeting will be held on June 8th in the Green Center at OCMC. Officers will be installed and Member-at-Large representatives will be elected. Lunch will be provided by the medical center.

OCMC Auxiliary members attend SOWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE held at the Magnolia Regional Medical Center on Thursday April 14, 2023



Standing left to right: Jackie Hern, Jerry Berley, Marilyn Brooks, Marilyn Bridges, Donna Lowery, Dorothy Berley, Linda Passafiume and Tina Raine.
Seated left to right – Southwest District Chair Janelle Williams, State President-Elect Neta Sue Stamps and State President Judy Schaffer.

Valley District

Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

Mena Regional Health System was honored to be chosen as Chamber Member of the Year! We love being a part of this community.



Chamber Member of the Year

The Mena Regional Auxiliary recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a student who is pursuing a career in the field of medicine. The recipient for the Spring semester was Cortney Coon. Congratulations Cortney!!



Pictured from left: Marilyn Davenport, Auxiliary Member; Cortney Coon, Scholarship Recipient; Sara Mitchell, Auxiliary Member.

Wednesday, April 19th , six members of the Mena Regional Auxiliary attended the AHAA Valley District Spring Meeting in Fort Smith, hosted by Baptist Health Auxiliaries of Fort Smith and Van Buren.

Donna Montgomery, Cassie Crawford,
Linda Johnson, Doris Wells, Mary Ann Zachary,
Paula Galvan



April we elected officers for 2023-2024. The installation of officers will be held in May.



Pictured from left to right:
Donna Montgomery, 1st Vice-President
Linda Johnson, President
Ewanta Turner, Treasurer
Paula Galvan, Secretary
Marilyn Davenport, 2nd Vice-President



Fonda Miller— Auxiliary Member

New merchandise in our gift shop

Three beautiful ladies modeling our
new jewelry and purses for spring/summer



Katie Armstrong— HR



Doris Wells— Auxiliary Member



*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how you made them feel"*
~ Maya Angelou