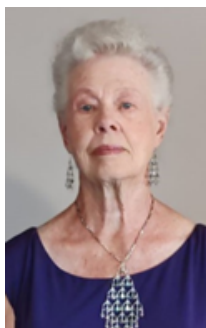


Auxiliaries in Action

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2023 - 2024 AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps

Greetings Fellow Auxilians,

The 2023 AHAA State Convention which was held in Little Rock at the Embassy Suites on November 1, 2, and 3 is now in the history book. The business meeting on Wednesday was followed by the Memorial Service honoring our many auxiliaries, including a number of past presidents, who have died this past year.

Betsy Broyles Arnold gave a very important program on Alzheimer's. Please remember there are many who could use our books. I encourage you, if your auxiliary does not sponsor a program related to this subject, please consider it.

I know there will be a special Convention Newsletter detailing the events. I encourage you to check it out and share with your members.

Thank you to all volunteers -- Volunteers Believe They Can Make a Difference. And you do!

Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year.

Neta Sue Stamps
AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers Believe

Colors: Purple and silver



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Ouachita County Medical Center
Daphne Bennett
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Valley District
Baptist Health - Van Buren
Ann Wagnon



Baptist Health Medical Center - North Little Rock

Submitted by Becky Blackard

Well we have had a busy couple of months. We had our first Auxiliary meeting of the new year in September. Our guest speaker was Lori Bowren. She is a physician liaison between BHMC-LR, NLR and Baptist Health Clinics. She was just amazing. It is so exciting to hear about all the new services and new physicians that are coming to our hospital.

I will include pictures of the volunteers hard at work in the different areas of the hospital. We like to celebrate the volunteers' birthdays. We love having Sunny, our Therapy Dog stop by for a visit. We also presented a church in our community with a donation for their Backpack Ministry. Our Auxiliary also partnered with the Chaplain department and participated in the first annual Trunk or Treat sponsored by Baptist Health Medical Center - NLR, this past Friday night. Many departments participated and there were hundreds who enjoyed the treats. So nice to see our hospital reaching out to the community. We have onboarded four new volunteers.

We have seven that will be attending the AHAA State Convention this week. We are so looking forward to the meeting. We pray all have safe travels. We pray that you all will be blessed beyond measure and have a wonderful holiday season



Above: Lori Bowren speaking
with BHMC-NLR Auxiliary.

Left: Auxiliary attendees.





Left: Becky Finley and Sunny.
Below: Sunny wearing his new vest and patch.
Right: Judy Davis and Gloria Bell.



Bill Brown and Emily Davis



Carolyn Wenger and
Gwen



Above: Frances Arnold
Left: Ara Yanker

Right: Sharon Plate,
Billy Brown, Judy Davis, and
Gloria Bel





Left: Devon,
Billy Brown,
Emily Davis, and
Mel Scott

Right: Judy Davis,
Ara Yanker,
Frances Arnold and
Lisa Sullivan presenting
the donation check.



Ozark Health, Inc.

Submitted by Bobbye Bennett

As I write this “offering for the “autumn publication”, it seems as though Mother Nature has skipped autumn! As we go from hot to freezing weather.

This is the week of Convention, we have twelve registered to attend, but two of our Auxilians scheduled to attend will not be able, they were hit by an automobile in the parking lot of the supermarket where they were shopping. Please keep them in your prayers as they recuperate.

As reported before, the Gift Shop has been open regular hours all this year and sales have been good. The first Wednesday of each month we have continued our “10% off all sales \$10.00 and up”. This has proven to be a very good “bring them in”.

At the July meeting the Auxiliary voted to place a basket with books, puzzles, cards and assorted items in med surg for the patients.

We had a Uniform sale and a Linen sale this past summer. The National Handbag Day sale was a matching fund with Modern Woodmen of America.

Next Monday, November 6th we will prepare “ baskets” for our “Silent Auction for Christmas”. This will continue through the 17th of November.

The Ozark Health Foundation held their annual Golf Tournament, Saturday, October 14th at the Indian Hills Golf course at Fairfield Bay. Kristi King and Bobbye Bennett helped with the tournament.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!
No Act of Kindness is ever wasted!



Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by Faye Caldwell-Steadman

Past Events

September 4 - Gift Shop was closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

September 21 - Blood Drive: Sept 21, 2023, thank you to Wilma Powell and Lavenna Proctor for registering donors.

September 27 - Auxiliary Meeting – 10-11:30 a.m.

Thanks to all the Auxiliary Volunteers for covering various Gift Shop hours for those members on vacations.

October Events:

October 25 - Auxiliary Meeting. Many Auxiliary members received their Flu Shots on site today provided by the FCMC nursing staff.

No Cancer Pink Ornament Tree hosted by the Auxiliary this year due to some FCMC guidelines.



A special Birthday celebration held on site at FCMC for Auxiliary member, Tilda Holmon, who turned 92 on October 25 and has been an active Auxiliary member giving 5,307 volunteer hours over many years.

October 14 - American Cancer - Relay for Life Run from 3-11 p.m. held at the Forrest City High School Stadium. (Recap on total funds received from the Bake Sale and T-Shirt sale raised from FCMC with the help from the Auxiliary baking and manning the booth was \$1,283). One FCMC Auxiliary member, Dorothy Faulkner showed up at the Race to cheer on all who participated. Thank you, Dorothy!

October 23 - FCMC Health Fair – 11 a.m. The Auxiliary did not host a booth this year, but Dot Gores and Jean Moore, Auxiliary members did attend and were impressed with all the hand out informational literature given regarding the many community resources available, the event was well attended. Dot won the door prize of an electric clock. Thank you, Dot and Jean for representing the Auxiliary.

November Events:

November 1-3, 2023 - Reminder: State Convention at Embassy Suites in Little Rock.
Attending: Ronnie Nix, Wilma Powell, Dot Gores and Victoria Harris.

November 23 & 24 - Gift Shop will be closed for Thanksgiving.

November 29 - will be the next Auxiliary meeting along with the Hours/Pins/Awards Ceremony combined with the annual Chili potluck (Wilma Powell has won the Chili cookoff award/trophy over the past few years given by FCMC CEO, Dr. Ballard).

December Events:

Auxiliary members to decorate the FCMC Foyer Christmas tree.

December 14 - Auxiliary Holiday Party will be held at the Crazy Donkey Restaurant with a member gift exchange.

December 25 through January 4, 2024 – Gift Shop closed for the Holidays.

January 2024 – Happy New Year All!

Always practice random acts of KINDNESS! It will look marvelous on you!

NEA Baptist

Submitted by Kathy Miller

Our president, Betty Louy has asked that the auxiliary put together a binder of "how to " steps for each members specific duty, such as how to order from vendors, inventory items in the computer, how to close out the register, this will assist everyone in the event the regular member isn't available to do their duty.

Right: Our auxiliary member, Evelyn Glisson, celebrated her 85 birthday on September 10th! A big milestone. Evelyn also has over 14,000 volunteer hours!



Left: Auxiliary member Sherrie Coffman shopping at the Little Rock market for Fall clothes for our gift shop.

Right: President Betty Louy, NEA hospital associate administrator, Stephanie Taylor and some members of hospital staff at United Way Day of giving, 9-29-2023.



Auxiliary participated in Alzheimer Week- a walk was held on October 7th. President Betty Louy, and members, Ginny Presgrove and Gerladine Bagwell handed out brochures on the signs of Alzheimer's. Betty and Geraldine participated in the hula hoop contest and Geraldine won.



The Auxiliary hosted a Scrub Sale on October 18 & 19 at NEA hospital in the conference rooms.



Left: Elmer and
Chaplain Steve

Right: Sandie and
Chaplain Claudia



The Auxiliary presented the hospital chaplains, Steve Tipton and Claudia Brown with an appreciation gift for Pastoral/ Spiritual Care month.

Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Jean Vance

On October 20th we had a sheet and sweets sale (homemade baked goods) that netted over \$1000 to be put towards equipment needs in our hospital.

Meanwhile at our Mercy Thrift Store Green Forest some of our volunteers had a little fun.

November will be busy with several volunteers attending the State Meeting in Little Rock. On November 21 we will host a Blood drive and sell Nuts.

December we will have a Bake Sale and Lavender sale.

Nancy Olrech, our new gift shop chair, is busy buying and increasing sales in the gift shop and gave away a beautiful bowl in a raffle.



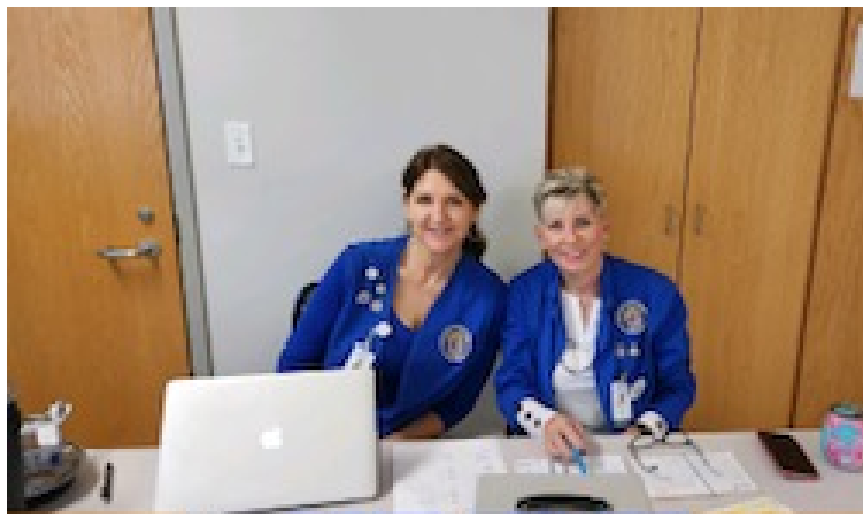
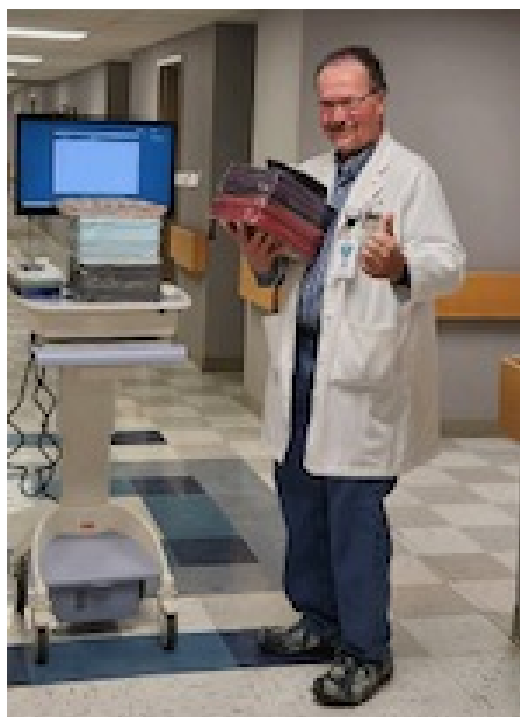
Right: Barbara Kelley

Below: Barbara Kelley and Mindy Disheroom





Left: Lina Blanchard,
Anita Spearman and Gina Hall



Above: Lina Blanchard and Robin Butler

Left: Dr. Richard Taylor

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Southeast District

Bradley County Medical Center

Submitted by Phyllis Loomis



Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary member Linda Warrick goes to Chapel Woods Health and Rehabilitation every Wednesday and sings for the patients there. Peggy Saunders plays the piano for Linda as she uses her talents to entertain the patients. The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary would like to recognize and say thank you to Linda for taking the time to go out there every Wednesday as the BCMC Auxiliary is making a difference not just at the hospital, but in the community.

Thrift Shop Ladies Christmas Sale
Photo: The Bradley County Medical Center Thrift Shop will have its annual Christmas Sale starting Wednesday, Oct. 4 and it will last until December. The BCMC Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on every Wednesday and Friday. The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary members who work the shop are Freddie Lipton, Linda Gardner, and Susie Clement.





Auxiliary Eagle Democrat Photo: The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary hands out issues of the Eagle Democrat at the hospital every Wednesday. It's just another way the volunteers of the Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary help out at the hospital! Phyllis Loomis of the Auxiliary is pictured with BCMC's Patrice Boswell.

Chicot Memorial Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Ann Smith

We designated August 21 - 25 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week. On August 23rd, 14 participants agreed to a free blood test for prostate cancer. Pictured below are two participants getting their blood drawn. Free Subway lunches were given to participants for participating.



In September, our Fall Mall was held on September 21st. Items are sold where auxiliaries bring their goodies such as homemade jellies, casseroles, breads, cakes, cookies, candy, plants, etc. We brought in a little over \$2,000 for the hospital.

Also in September, Employee Appreciation resumed and Housekeeping and our Outpatient Therapy or (Rehab) depts. were honored.

October is our busiest month of the year. We honored seven depts. for Employee Appreciation. Our Breast Cancer Rally was held on October 19th in the parking lot in the front of the hospital. It was a nice day, although a bit windy. But everyone managed to have a good time. Our baskets were brought outside and final bids were made on them. Pictured are two of the 29 baskets entered in the silent auction bidding. The baskets just get better every year! The rally was a huge success for the hospital.



In November we will have the Christmas Wreath Silent Auction Bid Contest to be held on November 13 - 17th. These should be amazing! Also, in November we will honor three more departments for Employee Appreciation.

November 27th we will decorate the hospital for Christmas and on December 7th, we will host the Christmas Tea for the employees at the hospital.

Southwest District



Ouachita County Medical Center

Submitted by Linda L. Passafiume

The quarterly meeting was held Thursday, September 14, 2023 in the Green Ctr. 23 members and 3 guests were present. This was the largest attendance since the Covid pandemic back in 2020.

President Jerry Berley welcomed all present. Karen Coons led the group in prayer, and Dorothy Berley led the pledge. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Hospital Liaison, Shannon Parker by President Berley. Our auxiliary has presented OCMC \$30,000 thus far in 2023.

Holly Lucas, Infection Control was the guest speaker. She presented a program on education information for volunteers. She reminded members that the flu clinic will begin the first of October, stressed the importance of hand hygiene, discussed TB risk assessment and OSHA respirators. A group test covering the topics was administered.

Minutes were read by Secretary Jackie Hern and the Treasurer report for August was given by Treasurer Dorothy Berley.

Membership reported 27 active, 3 associates, and 21 honorary members as of the meeting. Additional reports were given by the Member at Large Chair, Donna Lowery; Vice President, Greta Davis; Careline, Dorothy Berley; Gift Shop, Jackie Hern; Admission and Telephone Committees, Sue Kimball; Sunshine Fund, Francella Sanders; Historian, Jackie Hern; Newsletter Co-Editor Tina Raine; and Scholarship Chair, Donna Lowery.

The quarterly project, underwear and pants, for elementary schools concluded. Two boxes were prepared and both Camden-Fairview and Harmony Grove Elementary schools were presented items by Jackie Hern. The next community project may be for the Women's Crisis Center. The Berleys will look into the project and report at the November board meeting.

Mention was made of reinstating the "Volunteer of the Year" in April. Further discussion will take place at the next Quarterly meeting on December 7th. No uniform is required at the December meeting since this is the Christmas meeting. Wear your Holiday attire, if you want. Hopefully Mrs. Abbott will be available and favor us with the annual Christmas song.

State Convention is on schedule for November 1-3 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Auxiliary members registered to attend: Jerry and Dorothy Berley, Jackie Hern, Donna Lowery, Linda Passafiume and Tina Raine.

Jeffrey Franklin led us in a closing prayer and President Jerry Berley adjourned the meeting to enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the OCMC cafeteria.

Future Projects

Donations for the Camden Women's Crisis Center in December; 3-month sale of Gift of Life in Lights tickets proceeds apply to the scholarship fund; Employee Uniform Sale in February proceeds funding the Auxiliary.



President Jerry presenting check to OCMC Administrative Secretary Shannon Parker.



Members attending Quarterly meeting: left to right: Francella Sanders, Murdis Sanders, Ora Broadnax, Addie Edwards, Barbara Bradshaw and Marilyn Bridges.



Volunteer Linda Bragg filling out "Getting to Know Your Fellow Volunteer" application.



Jackie Hern presenting community project items to staff at Camden-Fairview Elementary.



Sonja Butler
"Fellow Volunteer".



Picture of Jackie Hern presenting community project items to nursing staff at Harmony Grove Elementary.



Valley District



Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

Auxiliary Member Amisha Mosely and Sara Mitchell had a great time serving root beer and coke floats to patrons at the Mena-Polk County Senior Center. Information was shared about Senior Behavioral Health, Cedar Haven and the upcoming Health Fair.



A SCRUB SALE hosted by
MRHS AUXILIARY!!

New items in the gift shop!



Shawn Free



Lisa Rackley

Razorback, new soaps that smell amazing, and candles. Welcome our new auxiliary member Lisa Rackley.



Alyssa Hunter



Mena Regional Health Fair 2023
TACKLE YOUR HEALTH! We had so much fun and so thankful for the response and support of our vendors and our community!

Below: Sharon Jewell & Linda Johnson



Left: Auxiliary Members
Marilyn Davenport, Linda Johnson
and Moppy Billingsley served
popcorn to the hospital staff one
day in October.



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 Fall semester were Avery Bowling and Andi Maechler. Congratulations to the recipients!

Left: Sara Mitchell, Avery Bowling and Marilyn Davenport
Right: Sara Mitchell, Andi Maechler and Lisa Rackley



Marilyn Davenport

Pink, pink and everywhere pink in the Mena Regional Gift Shop!



Doris Wells

October
WE WEAR
PINK



Linda Johnson

The gift shop celebrated pink for the whole month of October. The week of October 2-6 all pink items over \$2.00 were 30% off. In the following weeks in October customers got a ticket with each purchase for a weekly drawing.





AHAA 66th Convention and Annual Meeting
October 30 - November 1, 2024
Embassy Suites by Hilton
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Please submit articles for the newsletter to charlotte.jackson33@gmail.com
The deadline for the January/February 2024 issue is December 31, 2023

There will be a *Special Edition* newsletter that will cover only the convention and will be published once the minutes have been approved, signed and a copy has been received by the newsletter editor.

AHAA now has a private Facebook group, Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association. The purpose of this group is to share pictures and news from your auxiliaries.

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

~ Maya Angelou

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