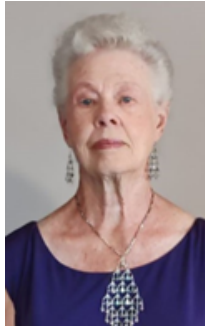


Auxiliaries in Action

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2023 - 2024 AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps

Dear Auxilians,

Spring Greetings!

Mother Nature is beginning to bring the earth to life again. It is so good to see blooms popping up and trees blooming.

How about our roller coaster weather? Isn't it just like our auxiliaries? We seem to either be building up or slowly coasting down. Most of the auxiliaries are back in their hospitals, however many of us are having problems recruiting new members. I would enjoy hearing your "Best Practices" on your most successful recruiting ideas.

President-Elect Charlotte and I are making our plans for the Spring District meetings and we are looking forward to seeing many of you in April.

I hope you remembered to "Spring Forward!"

Happy Easter –

Neta Sue Stamps
AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers Believe

Colors: Purple and silver



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Metropolitan District

No hospitals reporting.



North Central District

Baxter Health

Submitted by Joan Young

Well this will be my last report, Debbie Hess will be taking over as our new Baxter Health Auxiliary President in April.

So far this year we have donated back to our hospital \$20,000 for a new Balance Master for the Physical Therapy Department, \$10,000 sponsorship of the Foundation's for Your Eyes Only Black & White Ball. We were able to give away 20 tickets as a drawing for our volunteers to attend. Everyone had a marvelous fun time. We also purchased new Staxi wheelchairs at a cost of \$8,700. Volunteers and staff both are loving the ease of operating these wheelchairs.

We completed another successful linen sale in February. We will host Dynamic Shopping in March which will include our first on-line sale with them.

We will be making our final \$100,000 installment on the 5 South Surgical Services remodel this year. 2023 marked the \$1 Millionth dollar being donated back to the hospital from the Auxiliary Endowment. We will work with the Baxter Health Foundation on another big project to be discussed in the future, as well as some smaller needs within the hospital.

Our Bargain Boxe thrift shops and the Pink-A-Dilly Gift shop continue to have great sales each month. New product coming in regularly for all the shops.

We held our February General Meeting with speaker Stefany Isham, Coordinator of the Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education. Our March meeting our Speaker will be Melissa Hudson, Coordinator of the Peitz Cancer Support House.

We look forward to attending the North Central District President's Meeting on March 15 and also taking a group to the Spring District Meeting on April 17th both to be held in Heber Springs.

We are also excited to host another auxiliary appreciation banquet in April, where we will install our new officers. Also we are excited to celebrate National Healthcare Volunteer Week with a special gift for our volunteers.

Ozark Health Inc.

Submitted by Deborah J. Sisson

January and February has seen a great deal of planning for 2024 as well as our ongoing work at Ozark Health! We were proud to present a Bladder Scanner to our Med Surg Department in February. We have a great deal of activities planned for the coming months.

Our March meeting will be held at the Clinton Library. We will be hosting an educational program presented by the Alzheimer's Association. The community has been invited to join us for this important program, as well as to learn more about the Auxiliary. March will also see us providing Library Snacks for National Nutrition Month. These snacks will be handed out to children visiting the library. We will also have our first Scrub Sale (The Uniform Place) of the year in March.

April will start with our annual awards meeting. We are excited to be having this at Auxiliary member Dwight Wilson's cabin where he will be cooking lunch for our members. Olivia Blair Designs will hold a sale with gifts to celebrate Moms in April.



Presenting the Bladder Scanner
Pictured from left to right:
John Aldworth, Sharon Tedder,
Charles Worden, Jo Ann Holley,
Carol Davis, and Lonzo Holley.



Northeast District

Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by Faye Caldwell-Steadman

Past Events:

January: Special recognition to Wilma Powell for giving FCMC Auxiliary 19 years of dedicated, kind, caring and fun service - Hats off to you Wilma and Thank You!

February 2024:

Feb 13 & 14 Auxiliary Valentines Bake Sale Fundraiser – Wilma Powell, Chaired the Committee, Faye Caldwell made the flyers and had the article posted in the community section of the Forrest City Times-Herald newspaper on Feb 3 & 9. Our DVS, Shellie Cissell posted on the FCMC FB page and in various FCMC staff locations. Judy Armstrong announced the Bake Sale event on February 12th at the local Forrest City radio station, KXJK with radio announcer Richard Benson, and all the Auxiliary members brought the delicious baked goodies. Thank you all for making this fundraiser a great success! The Valentine Bake Sale generated \$1,150.50 with those proceeds going towards the FCMC/EACC Student Nursing Scholarship Program in late Summer 2024.

Feb 23 - Deepest Sympathy sent to the Snider Family for the death of one of our long time wonderful, stalwart Auxiliary members, Eileen Snider, she will be deeply missed.

Feb 28 – Auxiliary meeting at 10:00 special guest, FCMC Announces new Interim CEO, Robert “Bob” Moore. Mr. Bob Moore, has 48 years of medical experience and was previously the Interim CEO at Helena Regional. Welcome CEO, Bob Moore! (Bob was not able to attend the meeting today, due to family health issues).

Upcoming Events:

March

March 1 - National Employee Appreciation Day - will be in the FCMC Cafeteria with a free breakfast being served from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Mar 21 - Blood Drive 11-3 - Wilma Powell and Lavenna Proctor will register donors



Mar 25-30 - Dr Appreciation Week - FCMC Auxiliary Chair, Dorothy Faulkner will be working with the Auxiliary members and our DVS, Shellie Cissell for presenting the Doctors with delicious "Thank You Desserts" on March 30th

April

April 4 - Spring NE District Auxiliary Meeting – hosted by Helena Regional, and held at the Top Knotch Events Venue in Helena, AR. Several FCMC Auxiliary members will be attending.

April 21-27 - Volunteer Appreciation Week – more TBC by our DVS, Shellie Cissell.

May Events:

May 6-12 – Nurse Appreciation Tea – more TBC by our DVS, Shellie Cissell

May 12-18 – National Hospital Appreciation Week – more TBC by our DVS, Shellie Cissell

May 23 – Blood Drive 11-3 - TBC for vol registration of donors



Judy Armstrong



Dot Gores



FCMC Staff Member deciding what baked goodie to buy at the table is: Ronnie Nix and Lavenna Proctor



Wilma Powell, Lavenna Proctor,
Victoria Harris



Below: Group picture at Valentine bake
sale, left to right: Elsie King ,
Ronnie Nix, Dorothy Faulkner,
Lavenna Proctor, Judy Armstrong,
Wilma Powell and Jean Moore.



NEA Baptist

Submitted by Kathy Miller

Monetary donations were made to the following Youth Ministries.



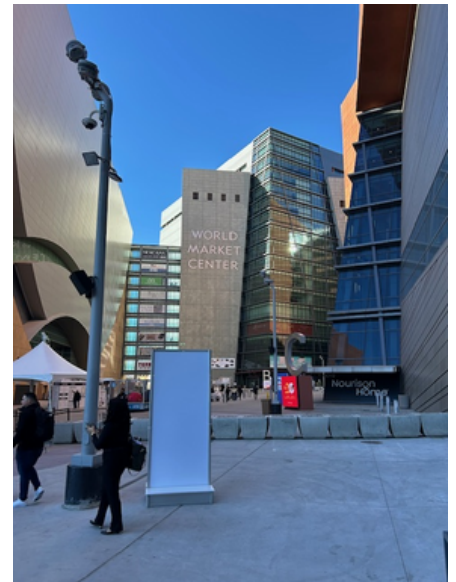
Left:
Geraldine Bagwell
presenting check to
Amanda Smith of
City Youth Ministries.

Right:
Ginny Presgrove
presenting check to
Jonathan Mullins and
Jana Kaskins of
ASU Beck Center for
Veterans.





Left:
Auxiliary member
Faye Haney went to
Las Vegas market and
ordered several new
items for the
NEA Gift Shop



NEA Baptist
celebrated its 10 year
anniversary at its
current facility.



Donna Baker welcomes a
new member, Diane Gibson.



On January 31st, NEA District Chair Ginny Presgrove met
with auxiliary presidents in her district to share
important information.

St. Bernards Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Rossa

Auxiliary Thanks the St Bernards Staff at Christmas

St. Bernards Auxiliary presented cookies to treat the hospital staff on December 22, 2023. It was a good spirit raiser for the staff and for the volunteers who participated.



Pictured at the event, from left to right:
Pat Farmer- Foundation Volunteer Director,
Santa Steve, Jackie Leech- Auxiliary President,
Michael Givens- SB Administrator,
and hospital staff.

Auxiliary Presents Check to Cancer Treatment Center

St. Bernards Auxiliary presented a \$20,000 check to the Cancer Treatment Center on February 19. Funds are used to help fund low cost overnight lodging for cancer treatment patients at St. Bernards.



Volunteers left to right (red coats) in photo: Rebecca Starks, Mary Nell Masterson, Jackie Leech, and Lisa Morris.

Doctors at corners (white coats): Dr Maxel Khalil and Dr. Isam Karim.

Recruiting Volunteers Post Covid

Pat Farmer reports there are 64 new volunteers under the umbrella of the St. Bernards Foundation since November 2023. This includes The Women's Council, Advocates, Cuddlers, Hospice House, etc. as well as Auxiliary. She is working with the hospital on new ideas for the ways we can serve SB. Possibilities include volunteers in Pastoral Care, and in improving the Patient Care Experience.



Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Emma Jean Vance

Mercy Hospital Berryville was honored to be a sponsor of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board Gala, in February, donating Ten Thousand Dollars towards their goal for an in-house MRI to serve our community.

The auxiliary also donated 16 prom dresses to our local high Schools as a community service project.

On March 29 we will host an Easter Bake Sale in the hospital cafeteria.

We also are looking forward to attending the Northwest District meeting April 24 to be hosted by the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary in Harrison.



First row: Pat Kasner, Anita Spearman,
and Shelba Miller

Second row: Carolyn Bosshardt,
Debbie Bryant, Neta Sue Stamps,
and Jean Vance

Third row: Jackie Bosshardt,
Kevin & Robin Butler,
and Jewel Vance



Carolyn Bosshardt (playing heads and tail game)



Jewel Vance, Kevin & Robin Butler, Neta Sue Stamps, Jackie & Carolyn Bosshardt

Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas

Submitted by Darlene Tuohy



December was a busy time for us. The Christmas Craft and Bake Sale was a huge success and our gift shop was very busy throughout the holidays. The Hoot and Holler Cloggers provided entertainment for our Christmas Luncheon.

In December we started assisting the activities director at the Magnolia Place Memory Care facility in Rogers. We helped the residents make Oreo snowmen and spent time with the residents and families during their Christmas party. The residents enjoyed singing and dancing to the holiday music provided by a local entertainer.



Valentine's Day was a great time with good food and more musical entertainment.
Pictured on the right: Joyce Oler and Linda Patrick



Betsy Broyles Arnold continues to facilitate our monthly Alzheimer's Support Group in Bella Vista. We have had many caregivers come and go as their needs change, but we are pleased to be able to offer this service.

Spring has arrived and we are looking forward to the NW District meeting in Harrison on April 24th.



Baptist Health Medical Center - Drew County

Submitted by LeAnne Burch



The Baptist Health Medical Center - Drew County Auxiliary welcomed the first 2024 baby born in the Olivia Faith Beebe Nursery on January 2. A gift basket filled with socks, outfits, toys, a blanket and more was presented by Auxiliary President Barbara Brown, shown here with the proud mom and other hospital staff.

Our 2024 Valentine's Day basket sale was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of several auxiliary members that spent hours shopping, creating baskets, and selling them over the week of Valentine's Day. Shown above are our sales team of Stephanie Wilson and Cherry Cotham. Special thanks to Sandy West for her behind the scenes work on this great fundraiser.

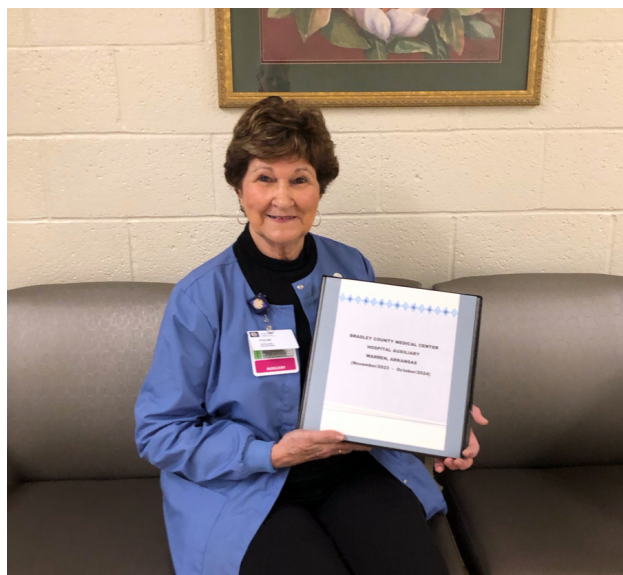


Auxiliary member Susan Sharp Smith shows off her ornament from our December meeting, potluck, and "Dirty Santa" ornament exchange as Auxiliary Treasurer Joni Free looks on .

Bradley County Medical Center

Submitted by Phyllis Loomis

Pauline is responsible for the BCMC Auxiliary's Scrapbook. This scrapbook is a record of all the projects, donations, presentations, and everything else to the Auxiliary does. She makes sure any photos or other necessary information is placed in the scrapbook. The BCMC Auxiliary is thankful for Pauline and couldn't function without her and all of our other wonderful volunteers.



Chicot Memorial Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Ann Smith

On February 7, 2024, the UAMS Site Director's Office and Community Center were appreciated for their work.



Pictured on the left is the UAMS Site Director.

Pictured on the right is the Community Center Director.



February 13th, we packed our valentine candy for the big sale held each year for Valentine's. We raised over \$2,000.00 for the hospital. This includes 22 Valentine baskets that were made.



Packing the candy.



Candy packing finished.



February 28th , we sponsored another blood drive and thirteen (13) donors gave blood for the drive. This was LifeShare out of Greenville, MS.



Pictured on the left is the LifeShare Bus and goodies for donors.

Pictured on the right is Nancy Gardner working at the blood drive.



On March 6th , the Dental Dept. was appreciated for all they do.

Coming up next is the district meeting in Pine Bluff April 3rd, and a Health Expo will be held on April 18th in the Catholic Church Parish Hall. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 2nd .

Delta Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Brenda Norman

Community Prayer, a Great start to the New Year

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary first order of business for the New Year was to unite the community in prayer. The Community Prayer on New Year's Day at the Dumas Community Center, brought together local clergy and members of the community for an hour of uplifting, spirit lead prayer.

A welcome was extended by Debra Hawkins, Auxiliary president. She shared the importance of TIME. The same time has been given to all of us, 24 hours in a day to manage. It's how you manage your time that determines your outcome. In this New Year choose to manage your TIME wisely. She was followed by a solo from Alma Burt, accompanied by Lekeisha Joiner. Patty Posey gave the DMH auxiliary prayer. Each Pastor was allotted three minutes for a specific prayer. Pastor Bailey, the family; Pastor Joiner, the schools; Pastor Jones, the hospital; Pastor Gilbreth, the church; Pastor May, city, state and local governments; Pastor Neal, industry; Pastor Cruce, Israel and the community; Pastor McGinnis, evil uses of social devices, and Pastor Alexander closed with an altar prayer for all. Debra Hawkins thanked everyone for their participation, and encouraged everyone to make the TIME and effort to come out and unite in prayer. Prayer changes things.

The next Community Day of prayer will be July 2024.

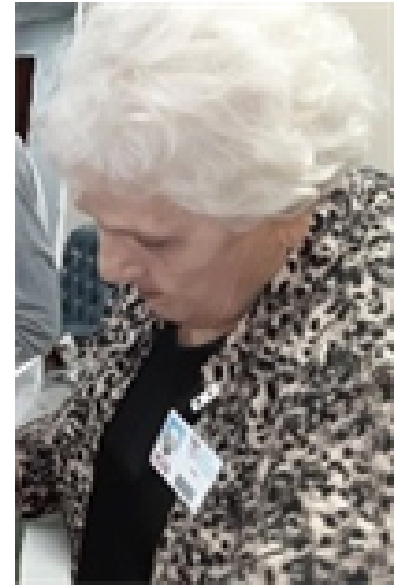


Putting away Christmas

The second order of business for the auxiliary was taking down of the hospital lobby Christmas tree to start making room for Valentine's Day.

What's love got to do with it?

Everything says DMH volunteers. On January 28, volunteers made Valentine's gifts to sell at DMH gift shop. Looks like they were having a good time wrapping up sweet treats. These ladies put in a lot of time giving back to their hospital and community.



Love was in the air at Dumas Assisted Living on Sunday, February 11. There was fun and games, music, gifts, lots of smiles, refreshments, and love to give away on Valentine's Day. Residents enjoyed their families and friends. Thank you DMH auxiliaries for hosting the fun-filled day.



February Meeting

The February meeting was a busy one, ranging from reports to discussions and decisions.

The Auxiliary will purchase gift cards to give to the Doctors and Practitioner for Doctor's Day, March 25. All hospital employees will be honored during Hospital Week in May.

We updated the DMH Auxiliary Scholarship Application.

Jeremy Capps, DMH CEO, informed the Auxiliary that the hospital is in need of chairs for the ER and other waiting areas. We will decide on the donation amount at the next meeting, March 21.

Jefferson Regional

Submitted by Susan Wolf

The Jefferson Regional Auxiliary was excited to donate \$2,632.18 to Jefferson Regional Wellness Centers. This money was used to purchase 21 pairs of dumbbells to be divided between the Pine Bluff and White Hall, two facilities to replenish the supply used in the Les Mills programs.



Pictured below:
Members of the
Jefferson Regional Wellness Center
using the new weights.

Pictured above:
Jefferson Auxiliary presenting a check for
the Wellness Center to purchase
dumbbells. Pictured are
Emma Williams – Auxiliary President Elect,
Wendy Talbot – Jefferson Regional Vice
President and Chief Experience Officer,
Barbara Goodwin – Auxiliary President, and
Nedra White – Auxiliary Parliamentarian



The volunteers who make up the Jefferson Regional Auxiliary support our hospital both directly through volunteering and by fundraising for special projects. The auxiliary was recently able to provide us with cholesterol and blood glucose monitoring machines which will be used at community events.

Pictured on the right:
Auxiliary member John Moore having
his cholesterol and glucose tested
at the Jefferson Regional Medical
Center Community Love Your Heart
event with the
donated cholesterol and glucose
monitoring machines and supplies.



Pictured on the left:
Auxiliary members Shirley Cantrell and Shirley Webber
Preparing to present the cholesterol and glucose monitoring
machines and supplies to Jefferson Regional's Director pf
Marketing and Communications.

Jefferson Regional Auxiliary is preparing to host the District Meeting for the Southeast District on April 3.



Ouachita County Medical Center

Submitted by Linda L. Passafiume

Good bye 2023 - Hello 2024!!! OCMC Gift Shop finished out the year with a pre-Christmas sale December 12-15. Each day during the week a different selection went on sale for 25% off and on Thursday evening and Friday all items sold for 25% off. A drawing for a beautiful

gingerbread house took place on Monday, December 17th. The winner evening shift employee Gailyn Parrish RN walked away with the house. A great big thank you is in order to all the gift shop workers who went the extra mile working so hard during the Holidays. The Auxiliary was also able to donate two (2) bikes to the Lions Club “Bikes for Tots” Christmas Program as part of our Community Outreach efforts.



Pictured on the left:
Gailyn Parrish RN
winner of the
gingerbread house.

Pictured on the right:
Uniform Shoppe
owners and auxiliary
member Tina Raine.



Our 1st 2024 fundraiser was the scrub sale February 22 and 23, 2024. The Uniform Shoppe from Mtn. Home was the vendor. OCMC employees really like the brands carried by the Uniform Shoppe and the customer service provided by the employees.

The board voted in September to donate phone charging stations for the Main and ER lobbies. The stations have been installed. Our President Jerry Berley was recently standing next to the Main Lobby Station but I don't think he's charging his phone. He's just pretending. I think Treasurer Dorothy Berley made him stand there – lol. A big thank you to Sonja Butler and Marilyn Bridges for bringing the idea to the board and OCMC Materials Management for obtaining the information and bids for the project. It's a pleasure to help out OCMC and the community.



Jerry Berley in the
Main Hospital
Lobby in front of
the phone
charging station.

Welcome aboard to the newly appointed SW District Chair, Liz McKay (El Dorado) MCSA. We look forward to attending the AHAA Southwest District Spring meeting hosted by Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Nashville, AR, April 2, 2024 and meeting with District Chair Liz.

Tina Raine, currently Co-Editor for the newsletter, has agreed and been appointed by President Jerry Berley to take on the role of historian/scrapbook chair held by former member Jackie Hern, who passed away on December 20, 2023. We want to give a big thank you to Tina!!! We all appreciate her stepping in and filling that position. Hip-hip-hooray Tina!!!



Pictured on the left:
Tina Raine newly appointed
historian/scrapbook chair.

Pictured on the right:
Spring semester scholarship
recipients Tristen Turner and
Alesia Rhodes and auxiliary
member Donna Lowery.



Scholarship Chair, Donna Lowery informed the members that our fall semester scholarship recipients, Alesia Rhodes and Tristen Turner, LPN students have been renewed by the committee for scholarships for the spring semester. WAY TO GO LADIES!!!

Valentine balloons were delivered to the residents of Happy Home Nursing Home on February 14 th, by members Tina Raine and Linda Passafiume. OCMC auxiliary brings a little sunshine that hopefully lifts up the residents spirits on Valentine day!!!



Pictured on the left:
Happy Home balloon deliver
with auxiliary members. Tina
Raine and Lisa At Happy
Home.

Pictured on the right:
Tina Raine and
Linda Passafiume picking up
balloons at OCMC gift shop.





Pictured on the left:
Resident
(name withheld) Happy Home.

Pictured on the right:
Tina Raine and resident (name
withheld) Happy Home.



Due to inclement weather and health issues we weren't able to hold a board meeting in January or February so our next community project has been put on hold for the time being. We will be meeting for the quarterly meeting Thursday, March 14th @ 10:00 am in the Green Ctr.

Until next issue – keep up the valuable volunteer work for your medical centers!!!



Baptist Health- Fort Smith

Submitted by Claudia Bratcher

Recipients of Valentine Flowers and Candy!

Our Valentine give-a-way at Jennifer's Gift shops brought joy to two employees of Baptist Health Fort Smith; the Plaza winner was Deanna Thigpen and the hospital winner Caitlyn Baughman. Congrats to both!



Scrubs sale on February 15-16

Jennifer's Gift Shops sponsored the scrub sale for Baptist Health- Fort Smith employees' two days in February. Greta Russell, shop manager, said, "The sales were great, and another sale is planned in September." We love to support our Baptist Health partners in Fort Smith!

February Delivery of 4 Leaf Bags Full of Poly-fill for ER Dogs!

Some of you have been collecting and donating poly-fill stuffing for the homemakers' group of Sebastian County Home Extension in the Barling-Chaffee location. The poly-fill goes to stuff cute little dogs that are made by the homemakers' group for our ER area's visiting children. If you would like to continue donating, please drop-off at the gift shop and we will collect and deliver the bags on behalf of our auxiliary. Poly-fill stuffing from a used pillow must be in an insert/cover and pre-washed with bleach or sanitizer. Thanks for your donations; count your time spent on these type of home events!

Peak Innovations on Friday March 15 at 11:30

I have 13 members signed up for our Peak Innovations visit to meet the group of young ladies that will be the recipients of stethoscopes donated by our auxiliary. A tour of the center and lunch will be provided. Shirley Clark and Sharon Roberts are making transportation arrangements and will offer instructions at our March 13 meeting about gathering at 11:00.

April 22nd – Bake Sale!

Yes, get out your pots and pans ready! We are planning another bake sale on April 22nd for hospital employees. Your skills are required for baked goods, including cookies, brownies, pies, cakes and breads. Our sales always have a great review by employees and help fund our donations. Start thinking about what you can bring, and Sharon and Shirley will discuss more in our March and April meeting!

Spring Valley District Meeting – Tuesday, April 16 – RSVP at our March 13th Meeting!

Remember when we hosted this last year? This year the gathering of Valley District's hospital auxiliaries will take place at Cabin Creek Lookout located at 1464 County Road 2530, Lamar, Ar. It is hosted by Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary from Clarksville, Ar. Everyone is invited to attend, and we hope you will come! They say the retreat (which is also a wedding venue) views are amazing! We will pass a list with info and directions around at our March 13 meeting (I have to turn in on March 15). The sign-up form will be available for you to sign-up and the fee for attending is \$15 (same as we charged). If you want to attend, please sign-up, pay and get ready for a real treat! Plans for gathering and transportation will be discussed at or before our April 10, member meeting.



Optional: Clarksville is also supporting their Needy Paws Animal Shelter. Members who are animal lovers wishing to help support the shelter are asked to donate paper towels, bleach, food, anything dog/cat related to the event.

By-Laws and Policies- Vote on March 13 -

If you attended our last meeting in February, you received a recap of the edits approved by the by-laws ad-hoc committee, a copy of what the recaps look like in writing (underlined/ highlighted) and a copy of the original by-laws and policies from 2023. If you are an active member and did not attend the last meeting, Karen Dodd tried to call you to let you know copies are available to you in the Gift Shop or she made other accommodations for you. The main changes are (2): reinstate term limits of 2 years, and a clearer outline of what is expected of members. If you have questions or need clarification, do not hesitate to call me or Karen Dodd BEFORE the March meeting. We will discuss as needed and then vote for approval on March 13. Members must be present to vote.

May 2nd Visit to Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Get ready for the last outing until September! We are visiting Arkansas' River Valley's area medical school. What a wonderful time of year and place for a visit! Karen Dodd will be discussing more about the visit, and we will listen to our guest speaker about the school on March 13. We hope that you will sign up for the tour and a luncheon among fellow members. More to come about signing up, transportation and food!

Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell



Mena Regional Health System is pleased to announce Michael Wood, DPT as our newly selected CEO. He has been an employee at Mena Regional Health System since 2017, serving as the Director of Therapy Services. He has immense compassion for his community and strives to deliver the best care possible.



Forget Cupid, this February MRHS employees are letting our hearts do the talking! Wearing red to celebrate Heart Month – because keeping our hearts healthy is the real love story. In honor of National Wear Red for Women's Health Day, the Mena Regional Gift Shop offered 25% off any purchase over \$3.00, to those wearing red from February 1st through February 9th .



Thank you to our amazing Auxiliary at MRHS! They provided cookies and hot chocolate in January and popcorn in February for all employees as a token of their appreciation!



Pictured on the left:
Auxiliary members, Donna Montgomery,
Peggy Murphy, Cassie Crawford, and
Sheila Graves



Pictured on the right:
Auxiliary members
Marilyn Davenport,
Lisa Rackley, and
Cassie Crawford





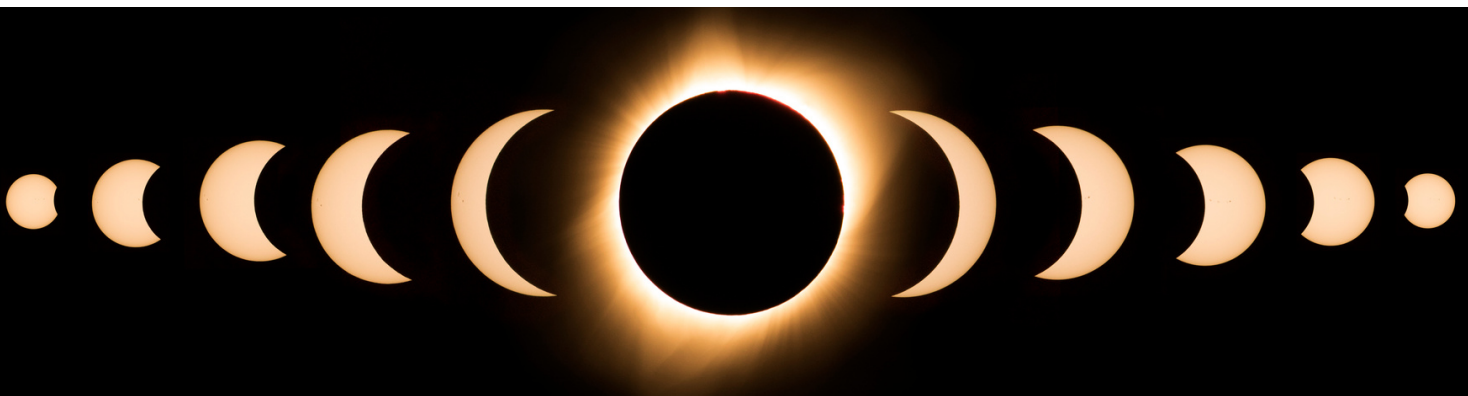
Employees enjoying cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Hospital Auxiliary.

It's that time of year again!! The Auxiliary will award a SPRING SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIP(S) of \$1,000 to a student(s) enrolled in a program related to the medical field! Applications are available at the MRHS Gift Shop and the MRHS Administrative Suite. The application is due February 23, 2024.



Eclipse glasses are being sold in the MRHS Gift Shop.

Shawn Free, ES Director





AHAA 66th Convention and Annual Meeting
October 30 - November 1, 2024
Embassy Suites by Hilton
11301 Financial Centre Parkway
Little Rock, AR 72211

Please submit articles for the newsletter to charlotte.jackson33@gmail.com
The deadline for the May/June 2024 issue is April 30, 2024.

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.

If you would like to receive an email with a link to the newsletter, please let Charlotte Jackson know. The newsletter will still be published on the AHAA website; the email will notify you once it is published and provide a link that will make it easier to access.

“He is not here.
He has Risen,
just as He said.”

MATTHEW 28:6

