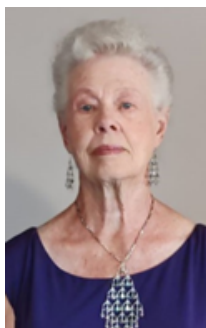


Auxiliaries in Action

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2023 - 2024 AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps

Greetings, Auxilians!

The old adage states that April showers bring May flowers. So, what does May deluges bring? In my area, it brings downed limbs, downed trees and deadly tornados. My very small garden was shredded by hail. Poor tomatoes! I do hope everyone has survived and the damage was minimal in your area.

As we go forward, we want you to know we are attempting to get everything lined up for the State Convention in October. We are attempting to streamline the convention registration, check in of Delegates and first time attendees. More information is on the way – so stay tuned!

Have you visited our Facebook page – Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association? It is really busy with updates. Take a minute and check it out. Send pictures!

As we start the busy summer season, take time to check in with your volunteers.

Until next time,

Neta Sue Stamps
AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers Believe
Colors: Purple and silver



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Bylaw Changes

Please note the Bylaw changes for 2024 - 2025

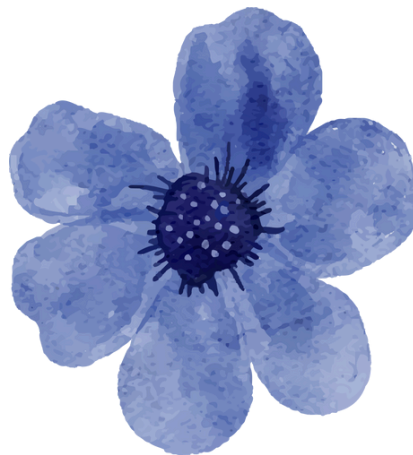
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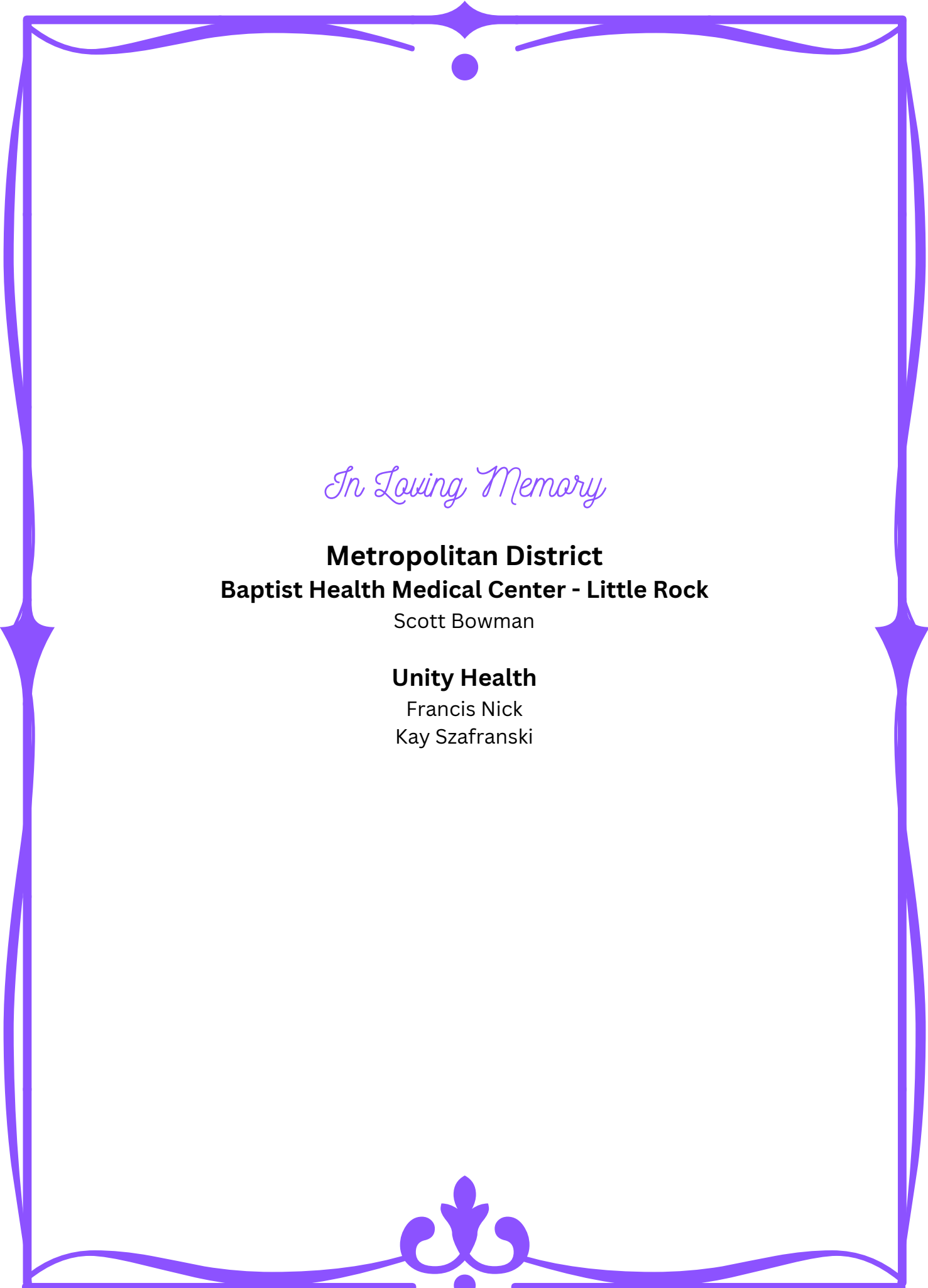
Article VI, Section 10, Reads Now:

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Revised wording of Article VI, Section 10, to Read:

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In Loving Memory

Metropolitan District
Baptist Health Medical Center - Little Rock

Scott Bowman

Unity Health

Francis Nick
Kay Szafranski

Metropolitan District

Baptist Health Medical Center - Little Rock

Submitted by Terri Morris

We hosted a successful Metropolitan District Meeting in April. Our hospital President, Mike Perkins, welcomed attendees and praised the important work of volunteers and the Auxiliary. AHAA Board President, Neta Sue Stamps, and President-Elect, Charlotte Jackson attended along with a few other Board members. Kristi King, President of Arkansas Society of Directors of Volunteer Service was also in attendance. A representative from Alzheimer's Association facilitated a very helpful discussion. By hosting the meeting, we earned points toward the Award of Excellence that is presented at the State Convention in October.



Metropolitan District Meeting

Annual Meeting

On Thursday, May 30, at 12:15 p.m., our Annual Meeting is scheduled in the SBS Conference Room on the Ground Floor in Café 9601. Kourtney Matlock, President of Baptist Health Rehabilitation and Post-Acute Care is the featured speaker. We are anxious to hear about their healing ministry. Please feel free to bring your lunch and encourage your team members to come with you and join the Auxiliary. There will be several door prize drawings.

Uniform Sale

Read's Uniforms will be onsite for our second uniform sale of the year. We usually do two, but scheduled three this year.

Besides scrubs, they bring handbags, jackets, socks, badge reels, tennis shoes, duffels, stethoscopes, and other things that we can all use. Payroll deduction is available for part and full-time employees who have been employed for at least six months. Debit and credit cards are also accepted. We encourage EVERYONE to come support the Little Rock Auxiliary.



North Central District

Baxter Health

Submitted by Debbie Hess

Spring has arrived at Baxter Health. Our dedicated volunteers have been busy planting recruitment seeds, spreading kindness in their service, and helping to grow some green for Baxter Health. Yes, our volunteers do BELIEVE.

In March we showed our appreciation to our Doctors with thank you letters and included a special discount coupon for our fabulous, fully stocked Pink-a-Dilly Gift Shop. At the general meeting, we approved our 2024-2025 slate of officers and had Melissa Hudson, Coordinator of the Peitz Cancer Support House, as our guest speaker. The theme was Baxter Health volunteers are the best “kind” of volunteers and everyone received a KIND bar in addition to the lite snacks served.

The month of April was filled with several events. First, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation banquet on April 11th with over 200 in attendance. We remembered those who have passed, recognized those achieving monumental years of service and volunteer hours, and drew for numerous gift card door prizes. We also installed our new 2024-2025 auxiliary board officers at the banquet, and in keeping with our AHAA President's theme, each member was awarded their unicorn crown and some glitter. We were fortunate to have several AHAA state officers attend as our special guests. They included Neta Sue Stamps, AHAA President, Charlotte Jackson, President Elect and Mary Catherine Propes, our North Central District Chair.

The following week on April 17th, we journeyed to beautiful Heber Springs to attend the North Central District Spring Meeting. We were treated to a delicious Italian meal, visited with our colleagues from our district and enjoyed listening and learning from several special guest speakers.

For National volunteer week, April 21-27, we handed out to all our volunteers a lantern gift as a thank you and to remind them that they are indeed a great light at Baxter Health. Then rounding out the month, we had several volunteers, Board and Hope team members attend the Foundation's annual Donor Banquet.

As we look forward in the coming months, we will participate at the Kids Safety Fair at Cooper Park in Mountain Home on May 4th promoting our Look before you Lock and H.E.L.P. helmet safety state project programs. Then on May 17th, we will host the North Central District President's Meeting. On June 1st, we will setup a recruiting table at the Peitz Cancer Support House Outrun Cancer 5k Race and Walk at ASUMH campus and hope to have a team participating as well.

Our Bargain Box thrift stores and Pink-a-Dilly gift shop continue to thrive and break sales records. The gift shop was able to capitalize on the much anticipated solar eclipse event with a custom t-shirt that sold very well. It was of course yellow and had the saying....taking care of you even when the sun doesn't shine Baxter Health.

The auxiliary continues their generosity by giving back to our hospital and foundation. We were able to purchase a brand new shuttle for just over \$18,000. We made a new 3-year \$500,000 commitment to our Foundation for a future hospital construction project. We approved the purchase of a new \$20,000 pizza oven for the Food Services department, a \$1000 sponsorship for the Peitz Cancer Support House annual fundraiser Out Run Cancer, and approved the purchase of vital new equipment hardware/cash register for our Pink-a-Dilly gift shop cash register system for \$3,000.

Our Ways and Means Chair, Judy Shaffer, has also been keeping the auxiliary busy with a full calendar of special sales. In March we had Dynamic Shopping which included our first online sales, the Uniform Shop in April, Paper-pie in May and Simply Lavendar in June.

We will begin to work on our AHAA State forms and get those turned in to be judged. Looking forward to the State Convention coming up in the fall!

Excited for what the next few months have in store for us at Baxter Health.





Officer Installation
Pictured from left to right:
Joan Young,
Tammy Bellettierre,
Maureen Rozelle,
Debbie Davis, Carolyn Rice,
Denise Stewart, Debbie Hess

Ozark Health Inc.

Submitted by Deborah J. Sisson



We are off to a memorable year at Ozark Health!
In March, we presented 7 children's tablets to our
local Van Buren County Special School to aid in
their classroom activities.

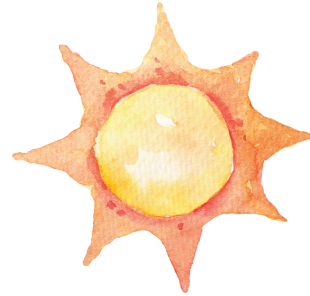
Pictured on the left, from left to right:
Neil Wilkins, Betty Spencer,
and Melissa Leslie

We started off April with an
appreciation luncheon at
Auxiliary member
Dwight Wilson's cabin. Awards
were presented for
years of service and hours of
service.





Members were presented with an eclipse t-shirt and glasses. Auxiliary member Barbara Sisson observing the eclipse in her t-shirt.



In May we are excited to have our annual “Mother’s Day Tea” at our nursing home. Residents always have a great time and auxiliary members enjoy baking and visiting with residents. In June we will honor the men in our lives with our annual “Father’s Day Ice Cream Social” at our nursing home. These guys really enjoy the ice cream floats! We will also offer a raffle of men centered items from our Gift Shop for all those looking for the perfect gift for Dad. Our second Scrub sale of the year will occur on June 19th .



Arkansas Methodist Medical Center

Submitted by Carolyn Valentine

I hope everyone is doing well. Sorry I missed this month's meeting.

I would like to welcome a new member to the Auxiliary, Stacey McFall. She is interested in working in different areas in the hospital. It will be great to see our Auxiliary grow.

Our speaker this month was Knea Morris, she works in Home Health Care at the hospital. She had some good information about her job and the care patients would receive.

The Gift Shop has a new look, thanks to Roseann Livingston, Kim Bowman, and Diane Randleman. When you have time, check it out. Thanks ladies.

Make sure all of you turn in your non-routine volunteer hours by April 30th to Roseann to receive your pins for this year. This means any extra time for cooking, baking etc.

April is Potluck, everyone participates in bringing food. Administration will also be invited to have lunch with us. They may have information of what's going on at the hospital.

The Bake Sale is this Friday, March 29th starting at 7:30 AM- 12:30 PM or until we run out of food. Everyone please participate. Easter Balloons will be for sale also. Everything will be like before, everyone price their own items at even dollars. Let's make this sale bigger than the last two!!!

Please contact me anytime you have questions or ideas of something we can do to make things better. That's what I'm here for.

Forrest City Medical Center

Submitted by Faye Caldwell-Steadman

Past Events:

March

March 1 - National Employee Appreciation Day – A very nice breakfast was served to all FCMC employees in the Cafeteria being served from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Mar 21 - Blood Drive 11-3 - Wilma Powell and Faye Caldwell registered donors, 15 units of blood collected and our Auxiliary member Jean Moore donated.

Mar 25-3 - Dr Appreciation Week – on March 27th , the FCMC Auxiliary Chair, Dorothy Faulkner worked with Judy Armstrong, Faye Caldwell and our DVS Shellie Cissell to put together 22 FCMC Doctor star goody bags with a "Thank You for Being Angels Here on Earth" cards, along with a miniature tea cake and Hershey kisses. Thank you to our Pink Ladies, Jean Moore, Dot Gores and Lavenna Proctor for helping deliver the goody bags.

April

April 4 – Six FCMC Auxiliary Members attended the NE Spring District Auxiliary Meeting – hosted by Helena Regional, held at the Top Knotch Events Venue in Helena, AR. It was a great meeting with lots of information, laughing, food and gifts. It is always a great way to connect with our other Northeast Auxiliaries. Charlotte Jackson, Pres Elect, stated there will be new pamphlets coming out and that the "HELP" stickers do not need to be in helmets, they can be in pack backs and other personal items for children. There will be new flyers that should be given out to new born parents before leaving hospital. All pamphlets that are given out in the Gift Shop e.g.: "Look before you Lock", should not be hung on rear view mirrors while driving.

It was mentioned to please pay attention to all State forms that need to be in before due dates. Dot Gores, Dorothy Faulkner and Faye Caldwell won a few door prizes.

April 21-27 - Volunteer Appreciation Week – Our DVS, Shellie Cissell hosted a very nice Volunteer Luncheon on April 18th for the FCMC Auxiliary. We are so fortunate that FCMC is such a great place to volunteer. Thank you Shellie.

On-going recruiting efforts to bring in more FCMC Auxiliary Volunteers at the local Times-Herald newspaper, local Forrest City Radio Station KXJK, posted on the FCMC FB page and other community organizations that might have perspective volunteers they can refer.

Upcoming Events:

May Events:

May 6-12 – Nurse Appreciation Tea – The Auxiliary will host a Nurses Tea Luncheon on May 6.

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

May 22 – Next Auxiliary Meeting from 10-11:15 held in the Boardroom

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

June Events:

Installation of new FCMC Auxiliary Officers.



Forrest City Medical...

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Exciting News! Forrest City Medical Center announces the appointment of Robert Rupp as our new CEO, effective May 6! With 20 years of experience in rural hospital leadership and a deep commitment to service excellence, Robert will lead us into a bright future.

Join us in extending a warm welcome to Robert!





NEA Baptist

Submitted by Kathy Miller



Welcome our newest member Phyllis Bryant



Auxiliary Dawn Moulton showing rock n roll tee shirts for sale.



Guest speaker AnnPage, clinical manager from the Center of Good Grief -Aann spoke at our March 11th meeting.

NEA Hospital hosted an appreciation luncheon for the auxiliary after our monthly meeting on April 11, 2024.





On April 8 NEA Hospital and some auxiliary witnessed the solar eclipse on hospital grounds.

Pictured below: Auxiliary member Kathy Goodman and Pearlene Adams NEA Hospital staff



Pictured on the left: We welcomed a new member, Sarah Morris. She is pictured with auxiliary president Betty Louy.



Pictured on the above: Kathy Gibson and Kay Roedel worked the sale.



On April 9 & 10 the auxiliary hosted a Luxury Linen sale hosted by Vicki Robinson (franchise owner)



Pictured in the center: Vicki Robinson and auxiliary president, Betty Louy who worked the sale



A little humor too! Maurice Rider battling the mannequin upon closing the gift shop one afternoon - every time he tried to move her another body part would fall off.



South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center

Submitted by Sonja Burnett

Wednesday, April 10, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary gave a retirement party for Janice Kelly and Shirley Tedford. Janice has been at the hospital for 28 years in Housekeeping and Shirley has been there for 25 years as the head dietician. Both will be missed so much. Their friendly faces greeted everyone daily and brightened the day. These will be hard shoes to fill as they have been a part of the hospital for so long.



Pictured left to right:
Mary Bell, Shirley Stoval,
Rebecca England, Adele Black,
Shirley Tedford, Janice Kelly,
Sharon Ragan, Sonja Burnett,
Linda Holland and Rosie Fleming.

Casey and Randy Swearingen have just completed their largest sale show at the Mississippi County Hospital System. It was a wonderful success with the Hospital Auxiliary enough profit to provide more than 3 full scholarships for students in the medical field at various colleges/universities.

Pictured to the right:
Casey and Randy Swearingen, owners of
Scrubs Mobile Events



May 8, 9, & 10th there will be another sale at the Hospitals with Anita's Accessories. The public is encouraged to come as the items are purses, clothes, shoes, hair accessories and other items. The Osceola sale will be on May 10th, 7-4:00 pm. There will also be a Mother's Day Raffle Basket full of amazing items for a lucky mother. Tickets are 2-\$5.00 & 5-\$10.00. The gift basket will be on displayed in the Gift Shop for those who want the purchase tickets. We look forward to the public supporting this event for the Pink Ladies. All proceeds go toward our scholarship program.



The Osceola Hospital Auxiliary has successfully reopened the Gift Shop after a 4 year closure due to COVID. The shop is opened Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 10-2:00. The public is encouraged to visit and also, we would love to have suggestions as to what people want to see on-sale in the Gift Shop. We are looking forward to an "INDOOR YARD SALE" in the near future, so please be watching for the announcement in the paper.

Pictured to the left:
Mary Bell, President opening the doors.

On April 4th, the NEA District Hospital Auxiliary met in Helena Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary. This is a wonderful opportunity for ladies in NEA to get to know each other better and hear about activities sponsored in other hospital facilities. Those attending were: Rosie Fleming, Sonja Burnett, Linda Holland, Adele Black, and Mary Bell, President. In 2026, the Osceola Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting this spring event.



Pictured above:
Rosie Fleming, Sonja Burnett,
Linda Holland, Adele Black,
Mary Bell



Pictured above:
Adele Black, Linda Holland,
Sonja Burnett, Mary Bell,
Rosie Fleming

In honor of National Volunteer Week, our administration treated the Pink Ladies at SMC Regional Medical Center-Osceola Arkansas to lunch at the Grange in Wilson.

We adore our Pink Ladies. They have truly faced many challenges and have risen above and created a culture of hospitality to our patients and employees at SMC. These ladies love on our patients and employees and will serve in any capacity asked. They are an asset to our hospital organization. There is nothing better than walking through the hallways and catching a glimpse of their pink jackets in action. These ladies are outstanding. Please honor them by recognizing them in your upcoming newsletter. Thank you

--- Kleesha Windle, Executive Assistant



St. Bernards Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Rossa

St Bernards volunteers enjoyed a volunteer appreciation tea April 22 hosted by the St Bernards Foundation. The 24-25 nominated slate of Auxiliary officers was announced. Copies of proposed changes in Auxiliary bylaws were available.

Thank you, Foundation! We enjoyed visiting old friends and meeting new members and staff.

Applications ended for Auxiliary scholarships ended May 1. Students are being interviewed for the Jr Volunteer program that will run in July.

Volunteers helped with the Olivia Blair jewelry sale April 17, Doctors Day activities, and attended NEA District meeting in Helena April 4.



Pictured above:

St Bernards volunteers attending the NEA District meeting
in Helena on April 4 were left to right:
Cristy Tyler, Jackie Leech, Rebecca Starks,
Jane Orndorff, and Pat Farmer.



Northwest District

Mercy Hospital Berryville

Submitted by Emma Jean Vance



March 28th we honored our doctors in Emergency room, Hospitalists, Surgery and Surgery Clinic, Family practice clinics with baskets of snack.

Pictured left:
Dr. Beam & Anita Spearman



On March 29 we held our Spring Bake Sale and netted over \$700 which will be used for our local hospital needs

Pictured right:
Carolyn Bosshardt &
Pat Kasner



We also restarted our monthly tray favors to our in-patients.
Pictured left:
Tray favor Lambs
Pictured right:
Irish Blocks





April we had 6
attend the Northwest
District meeting hosted by
Northwest Medical Center
Aux. in Harrison.

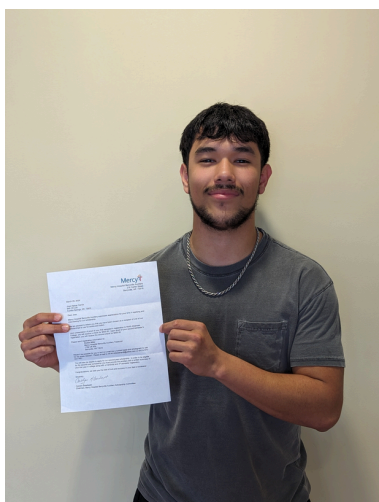
Pictured left:
Robin Ella Pat & Anita

The Scholarship committee honored 2 Carroll County Residents with Scholarships. Presley Gordon from Green Forest will pursue a degree in Nursing from North Arkansas Community college in Harrison and Jose Alpizar Garcia will attend North Arkansas community College to obtain a Licensed Practical Nurse degree.



Presley Gordon

We are blessed to have 3 new volunteers this past month. In May we plan to honor our Nurses on Nurses day. Our Annual Meeting will be held in June and we will also have a booth at the Berryville Ice Cream Social.



Jose Alpizar Garcia



Southeast District

Bradley County Medical Center

Submitted by Dennen Cuthbertson



Pictured on the the left:
Spring District Meeting
April 3, 2024
Pine Bluff
Hosted by
Jefferson Regional

Pictured left to right:
Mary Barringer, Kim O'Neal,
Sommer Johnson (BCMC
Senior Care Unit),
Pauline Wolfe, Jane Weier,
Linda Reep, Shirley Stover
(Auxiliary Volunteers), and
Jamie Wolfe (BCMC Chief
Nursing Officer).



The BCMC Auxiliary volunteers are sewing bibs, busy placemats, fidget sleeves, bags for individuals using a walker, crocheted hats, gloves, scarfs for cancer patients, plus dolls that have a washable marker to be placed in ambulances and the Emergency Room. The dolls are so a child can draw on the doll where they are hurting. All of these items are being used with patients at first station, senior care, home health, and occupational therapy.



Pictured left:
Deena Cornish and Aimee
Morgan of the BCMC Home
Health Department with a
sewing project.



The BCMC Auxiliary put together a "Front Porch Party" where employees could come get some free refreshments and visit with each other out on the front of the hospital or just inside the building. The Auxiliary wanted to show the hospital employees how valued they are during National Hospital Week.



Pictured above from left to right:
Linda Reep, Pauline Wolfe,
Freddie Lipton, Cecilia Whittemore,
Linda Gardner, Georgia Gray,
Linda Warrick, and Phyllis Loomis.

Pictured left:
Linda Reep and Linda Warrick

Chicot Memorial Medical Center

Submitted by Dean Ann Smith

Pictured on the right:
On March 20th, ten employees were honored for Employee Appreciation - Medical Records and Registration.

Pictured below:
On April 3rd, nine auxiliarians attended the Spring District Meeting held in Pine Bluff, AR.



Pictured on the right:
On April 17th, we honored the Lab Dept. for Employee Appreciation.





Pictured on the left:

On April 18th, several auxiliaries worked the Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by the East Campus of UAMS. It was held at the Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. A good attendance came out for the fair.



Pictured on the right:

On April 24th, Professional Offices was honored for Employee Appreciation - this includes Accounting, IT, HR, Admin, the CEO and CFO offices.

Delta Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Brenda Norman

DMH Auxiliary honors Physicians during "National Physician Week", March 25-March 31"

Members of the Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary acknowledge and express sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of doctors, who provide medical services for patients in our area. It is a true feeling: "Doctors are our everyday Heroes" quoted Evelyn Murphy, Auxiliary Reporter.

In observance of the week, the Auxiliary provided gift certificates for physicians and medical personnel of Delta Memorial Hospital as an expression of gratitude.



Pictured Debra Hawkins, President and Alice Branson, Assistant Treasurer present Jeremy Capps, DMH CEO with \$100 gift certificates for the full-time physicians and \$50 gift certificates for the Mid-Level physicians and personnel.

Southeast District Hospital Auxiliary Spring Meeting

Thirteen members of DMH Auxiliary attended the Southeast District Hospital Auxiliary meeting held at the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Wednesday, April 3.

Guest auxiliary members were greeted by members of the host chapter, Jefferson Regional Auxiliary. All in attendance received a gift bag. A huge assortment of breakfast food items was available for refreshments. An informative program and a delicious luncheon with entertainment was enjoyed by all. The theme was "Volunteers Believe". Our Auxiliary reported more than 3,000 volunteer hours.

The Southeast District includes auxiliaries for eight hospitals. They are Ashley County Medical Center, Baptist Health Medical Center, Bradley County Medical Center, Chicot Memorial Medical Center, Delta Memorial Hospital, Dewitt City Hospital and Nursing Home, Jefferson Regional Hospital and McGehee Hospital.



Spring District Meeting



Pictured left to right:
Jeremy Capps, DMH CEO; Christian
Rainey, Debra Hawkins

Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Donates \$25,000 to hospital

Jeremy Capps, DMH CEO is presented check from Christian Rainey, Dumas Women of the Year and Debra Hawkins, DMH Auxiliary President.

The 33 Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary volunteers raise money throughout the year running the Gift Shop within the hospital, collaborated bake sales, scrub sales, and supported negotiations to help make a difference for our beloved hospital.

During the April meeting, we voted to donate \$25,000 for needed furnishings within the hospital. These funds purchased new chairs for the Emergency Room, outpatient waiting, front lobby waiting, and other areas of the hospital. Jeremy Capps, DMH CEO, is always very appreciative for whatever the Auxiliary does to help the hospital.

Southwest District

Ouachita County Medical Center

Submitted by Linda L. Passafiume

The Auxiliary held a Scrub Sale on February 22nd and 23rd. Total sales were \$13,360.03 and our commission \$2,939.03. A big thank you to Donna Lowery and Judy Foster for working Thursday and Dorothy Berley working Friday. President Jerry said he was helping Dorothy by doing very little (chemo treatment a few days before really wore him down). Prayers for Jerry!!!

At the Auxiliary quarterly meeting on March 10, 2024, according to the by-laws, officers for 2024-2025 were elected. Officers agreeing to serve – President Jerry Berley, Vice President Greta Davis, Secretary Donna Lowery, Treasurer Dorothy Berley. A Member-at-large sheet was passed and 4 members agreed to serve – Sonja Butler, Marilyn Bridges, Tina Raine, and Linda Passafiume. Nominations for MAL will also be taken from the floor at the quarterly meeting in June and voted on at the meeting prior to the installation of officers.



President Jerry presented a check at the March quarterly meeting for \$8,000.00 to CEO Ms.

Peggy Abbott. The check paid off the Auxiliary's \$300,000.00 commitment on new beds and equipment. There was a clapping of hands. We had finally paid off this long overdue debt while still managing to commit to smaller projects during this time.

The Auxiliary held their Annual Bake Sale on Good Friday, March 29, 2024. Workers - Chair Marilyn Brooks, Sue Kimbell, Janie Crouse, Lil Smith and Dorothy Berley arrived bright and early on Friday to set out the baked goods members had prepared and dropped off in Administration the day before. Dorothy reported baked goods sold out by 10:30 am. In addition monetary donations were received for a total of \$708.55. The Auxiliary is grateful for the support of all the employees, friends and community residents who participated in our scholarship fundraising event.



Pictured from left to right:
Chair Marilyn Brooks, Sue Kimbell, Janie Crouse, Lil Smith, and Dorothy Berley.



Auxiliary members Tina Raine, Sonja Butler, Marilyn Bridges, Sue Kimbell, Linda Passafiume and Janie Crouse attended the Spring SW District meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The meeting was hosted by Howard Memorial Hospital and held at the Extension Service Building in Nashville. Lunch was provided by the Howard County Extension Service and serviced by members of the 4-H club. Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, and 2 types of desserts. Janie Crouse and Linda Passafiume won door prizes. The SW District meeting is always a great way to meet and greet members from the hospitals in the area. We met our SW District Chair Liz McKay from El Dorado and visited with AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps and President-Elect Charlotte Jackson. We heard all the happenings from the hospitals in the SW District and learned how they are meeting their commitments in the community. Thank you Howard Memorial and SW District Chair Liz McKay for the excellent job all of you did!!!

Seated AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps and AHAA President-Elect Charlotte Jackson.
Standing left to right – Tina Raine, Sonja Butler, Marilyn Bridges, in green blouse SW District Chair Liz McKay, Sue Kimbell, Linda Passafiume and Janie Crouse.



Volunteer Appreciation Day was observed on April 25, 2024 from 2:00 till 3:30. Forms were sent to members to vote for volunteer of the year. The last Volunteer Appreciation Day was in April of 2019 prior to Covid closing down Auxiliary functions. Auxiliary liaison Shannon Parker presented a plaque to Volunteer of the Year Sue Kimbell. 21 members were in attendance and employees filed in to thank the volunteers for their service. Dietary made delicious finger foods for all to enjoy. CEO Peggy Abbott spoke to the valuable contribution the Auxiliary makes to the hospital with their time, support, dedication and fundraising. She mentioned the members who had passed in 2023-24 and recalled those from years ago. We the OCMC Auxiliary are grateful every day we can be part of our community.



Volunteer of the year, Sue Kimbell.



Pictured above and below:
Members attending Volunteer Reception.



The Auxiliary still saves tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Members are encouraged to Save!! Save!!! Save!!! and bring their tabs to the back room of the gift shop!!! Hard to believe that such a small item means so much too so many. The Berley's will deliver the tabs on one of their many trips to Little Rock.

Community projects were discussed at the March meeting and all agreed on spring/summer items to be donated to the "Women's Crisis Center". The area schools will be contacted to see if clothing items are needed for the fall community project.

Valley District

Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell



The Mena Regional Auxiliary recently awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Recipients for the Spring semester were Avery Bowling, Kynsie Brown, Andi Maechler, and Caroline Cannon. Congratulations to the recipients!

Our auxiliary recently organized a linen sale fundraiser, and the money raised from the event will be used to provide scholarships and help purchase items for the hospital.



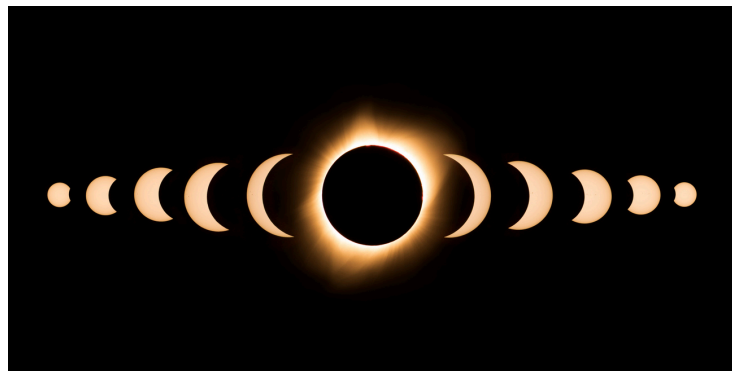
Five of our Auxiliary members attended the Spring Valley District Meeting in Clarksville, Arkansas, on April 16, 2024. Those attending were Sue Wigger, Paula Gaven, Linda Johnson, Sheila Graves, and Marilyn Davenport.

Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary was a great host and it's always interesting to hear what other auxiliaries in our district are doing.





Our team has been working on several projects lately, including providing new wheelchairs for the hospital and serving trays for the dining room.



Several employees took advantage of the opportunity to witness the 2024 Total Eclipse.



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 June 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.

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