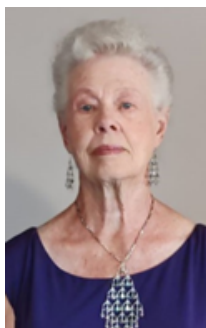


Auxiliaries in Action

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2023 - 2024 AHAA President Neta Sue Stamps

Hello Auxilians,

I think at least some of us have experienced a slight feeling of fall which reminds us that the year is fast ending.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention which I regret to say was scheduled for Halloween. Many may not be in attendance due to this; however, we hope those who do attend will gain useful information and enjoy our "Spooky Mardi Gras" evening.

This is my last letter for our newsletter and this may also be our last regular online newsletter. The website traffic count is extremely low considering the number of members across the state. Our private Facebook page (Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association) is much more "real time" and we encourage you to access that often. You will be required to answer 3 questions in order to be able to see and submit posts.

See you at Convention!

Neta Sue Stamps
AHAA President

Theme: Volunteers Believe
Colors: Purple and silver



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In Loving Memory
(Continued)

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Metropolitan District

No hospitals reporting.



North Central District

Baxter Health

Submitted by Debbie Hess

Greetings Auxilians!

It's Fall Ya'll. Summers over...time to get back to work... recruit some new volunteers.... raise some money.... and enjoy some Razorback football.

The beginning of August, our Hope team got back to work planning for our upcoming Baxter Health Auxiliary General Meetings which are great opportunities for recruiting new volunteers. We encourage our volunteers to invite guests to the meetings to increase awareness of all the volunteer opportunities available at Baxter Health. We still think our greatest recruitment tool is another volunteer. As an incentive, we are going to offer gifts to those volunteers whose guest completes an application online or in person at the meeting. Our September meeting theme will be a fun 60's theme with the catchy tagline of "Volunteer at Baxter Health & Get in the GROOVE!" Our Special Guest Speaker will be Diahanne VanGulick, Coordinator of the MRUK Family Education Center on Aging.

We are also looking to recruit for our 2025-2026 Auxiliary Board and have sent out the Auxiliary Board Nominations Form to our auxiliary members. The nomination form must be returned to the Volunteer Services Office by September 30, 2024.

We have several fundraising sales coming up this fall. Judy Shaffer, our Ways and Means Chair, has arranged for three great sales.... Five Dollar Bling, August 26th-27th, Thomas Linen, September 23rd-24th, and the Uniform Shoppe II, October 21st-22nd. Our Pink-Dilly Gift Shop continues with great sales due in part to new fall merchandise arriving and the logo wear sales...still one of the stores most successful staples. The employees eagerly await buying the new colors and designs. For our volunteers, the Auxiliary Board has approved another uniform option. Although not required, a long sleeve t-shirt will be available to purchase and order through the Pink-a-Dilly gift shop and is considered a fundraising item for the Auxiliary.

It is with regret and sadness that the Auxiliary Board has voted to close one of our two thrift stores which do generate a lot of income for the auxiliary. Our Flippin store will be closing in early September due to a number of reasons with the main one being a lack of volunteers. We are, however, closing out the store with a gigantic sale, "The Dawg Days of Summer Sale", which the community is really supporting. Luckily, our flagship store, the Bargain Box in Mountain Home continues with record breaking sales.

The auxiliary is still so fortunate to be able to give back generously to the hospital. We just purchased another set of six Staxi wheelchairs for \$8,582. We provided a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Schliemann Center's 11th annual fundraiser. This year's event, Hawg Wild Tailgate Party, will be held on the Baxter Health Campus on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

And we made our final \$100,000 payment to the Foundation for the 5 South Surgical Services campaign remodel project completing a \$850,000 commitment by the auxiliary.

Coming up in October, we look forward to the Baxter Health and KTLO Health Fair and Expo on Thursday, October 10th at The Sheid on the ASU-Mountain Home Campus and on Friday, October 11th at The Durand Center in Harrison. The month ends with the AHAA Convention in Little Rock. We are all looking forward to seeing our colleagues, meeting new vendors and Spooky Mardi Gras. See you there.





Pictured on the left:
Debbie Hess, Auxiliary President & Sarah Edwards, Executive Director of Baxter Health Foundation- presenting the last \$100,000 installment of the \$850,000 commitment to the 5 South Surgical Services remodel to the foundation.

Ozark Health Inc.

Submitted by Deborah J. Sisson

We have had a busy July and August here at Ozark Health!

July saw our Paper Pie sale and hosting the North Central District President's Meeting. Both proved to be successful events. August was very eventful. We had a "Split-the-Pot" raffle and hosted our first "Vendor Fair". Four vendors were present for the Vendor Fair: Arts, Kits & More, LLC; Simplicity Lavender; Stacy Jackson's Scentsy Products; and T Bar J Custom Apparel. We also assisted with the Summer Feeding Program in Van Buren County. This program offered weekly food boxes to children in the county until school started back. We helped load bags for students and made a donation to support with the purchase of food for the students



Pictured on the left:
President,
Betty Spencer

Pictured on the right:
Jo Ann Holley
and Roger Rorie



Pictured on the right:
Auxiliary Representatives:
Felicia Perkey, Bobbye Bennett,
Kristi King, Kathy Booher,
Betty Spencer, Lonzo Holley,
Jo Ann Holley, Ramona Rorie, and
Roger Rorie presenting check to
Pastor Brad Moore for the Summer
Feeding Program in Van Buren County.



Our fundraising actions paid off with the
purchase of a Matrix R3xm Recumbent
Cycle for our Therapy Department.

Pictured on the left:
Auxiliary Members Cathy Collings
and Steve Twaddle

In September we will sponsor a Scrub Sale on the 18th and in October we will celebrate National Handbag Day with a handbag sale and Woodmen of the World will offer matching funds for the month. Remember: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless" – Sherry Anderson.





NEA Baptist

Submitted by Kathy Miller

The auxiliary recently made \$500 donations to organizations in our area.



Pictured on the left:
Foundation of Arts
Jagriti Chouhan
Development Director



Pictured on the right:
United Way
Exec Director Heather Coats
and Roy Runyan



Capt. Teri Smith, Capt Charles Smith of
Salvation Army and Sandy Hughes



Admin Asst of City Youth Ministries
Kelsie Harris and Geraldine Bagwell



Pictured above:
Buying trip to Las Vegas, NV Market, Donna Barker and Faye Haney



Pictured on the above:
Auxiliary sponsored Paper Pie Book Fair, Pres. Betty Louy, book fair rep. Tonya Shue, Kay Rodel and Ginny Presgrove



Pictured above:
Buying trip to Dallas, TX Market , Pearline Adams, Sherri Coffman and Kathy Goodman

Our auxiliary has been blessed with several new members.



Pictured on the left:
Michelle Nethercot



Pictured on the right:
Sandra Haustein

Pictured on the right:
Sarah Morris



Pictured on the left:
Carol Morgan

Pictured on the right:
Vickie Terrell



St. Bernards

Submitted by Dean Rossa

Junior Vols

The Jr Volunteers were active July 8 - July 26. Leadership included Tiffany Horton (St Bernards hospital) and Shelia Schisler (Auxiliary).

Sixteen students, sophomores through senior graduates, were recruited from ten area high schools. Applicants were interviewed by Tiffany and Shelia to narrow the list down to sixteen for the volunteer program held each July.

Each volunteer worked from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. three days a week. They spent two days each week in a patient care area. On Fridays, they took part in an Education Day and enjoyed hands-on demonstrations.

Many hospital employees donated their time to talk to them in areas such as HeartCare, Laboratory Sciences, Emergency Department, Nursing, Pharmacy, Blood Bank, Radiology, Surgery and Histology. The students also became CPR certified.



Junior Vols at St Bernards helicopter pad.

We celebrated with food and guests at the summer meeting. Our guest speaker, CEO, Mr. Chris Barber answered questions and updated us on hospital plans.

Gift Shop renovation is still on hold because of other projects. The hospital recently bought a high dollar new linear accelerator that better protects healthy cells during cancer radiation treatment.

Parking plans: Utilities near the Auditorium are going underground. One plan is to remove the dome of the old Jonesboro Sun building and add parking there.

Visitor entry at the hospital is still only at Tower/Admission or at Crossover.

Statistics: St Bernards is the 4th largest hospital in Ark. It employs 4,719 people.



No hospitals reporting.



Baptist Health Medical Center - Drew County

Submitted by Barbara Brown



The Pink Ladies here in Drew County have been busy!

Pictured on the left:

Auxiliary representatives presented a \$21,000 donation to the hospital.

The Auxiliary members recently shared watermelon and watermelon candies with the entire staff that came through the cafeteria doors!



The entire Auxiliary at a recent meeting. The picture was used in Baptist Health Medical Center-Drew County social media as the hospital celebrated “... a remarkable example of what it means to be Christian women serving our hospital and our community.”



The Drew County Auxiliary as they served, provided lunch, and provided door prizes to a large group of area teachers at a Compassion Fatigue Workshop at SEARK Education Service Cooperative on August 16, 2024.

Bradley County Medical Center

Submitted by Dennen Cuthbertson

The Bradley County Medical Center Auxiliary Thrift Shop received a donation of \$300 from Gary and Wanda Ashcraft, owners of Snow Mountain Shaved Ice in Warren. The BCMC Auxiliary thanks them for their support!



Picture above
from left to right:
Bradley County Medical
Center Auxiliary members
Susie Clement, Freddie
Lipton, Linda Gardner, and
Cecilia Whittemore



Pictured above:
Cathy Hines is a volunteer
that goes to the hospital
once a week and checks the
candy machines.



Pictured on the right:
Linda Reep is one of our
auxiliary members that works
in the surgery waiting room.

Pictured above:
Midge McGinnis is an
auxiliary member that
volunteered to be our
corresponding secretary.
Midge writes a thank you
note to all patients that are
seen at the hospital.

Delta Memorial Hospital

Submitted by Brenda Norman

Summer time is a time for travel, and relaxation. During July and August many of the DMH Auxilians were busy with family reunions, school reunions, vacations and other things that required their attention. However, scheduled events were carried out as planned.



New Officers

Newly elected officers

Vice-president-Donna Beatty, and
President-Patricia May stepped into their new
positions during the July and August
meetings.



Community Day of Prayer was well attended on Sunday, July 28th, at 2 pm. Prayers from several pastors were prayed regarding our city, state, and country. A community that prays together stays together. Debra Hawkins welcomed everyone and thanked Delta Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for hosting the event. Thank you's went out to our mayor, city workers, Sherry's House of Flowers, LeKesha Joiner, Cindy Patton, Jennifer Fisher, Lynn Weatherford and to Clinton Hawkins. The "WORD" is spreading and changing things. One attendee expressed how much they enjoyed the prayers and how much prayers are needed, and they look forward to the next event.

The next community day of prayer is scheduled for New Year's Day 2025.



A Fresh Look

During a recent visit to the hospital, I had an opportunity to examine some of the chairs purchased by the auxiliary. The chairs and tables add a fresh look to each of the waiting room areas. They are attractive, durable, and comfortable. Pictured below are the new chairs and tables in the outpatient waiting room.



Blood Drive

In August, a few Auxilians made phone calls to inform and encourage donors to donate blood during the Delta Memorial Hospital Blood Drive held August 13, 2024.

AHAA Convention

Members of DMH Auxiliary plan to attend the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association 66th Convention and Annual Meeting October 30 - November 1, 2024 at Embassy Suites by Hilton 11301 Financial Centre Parkway Little Rock.



Southwest District

National Park Medical Center

Submitted by Dorothy Stringer

Our Auxiliary had a service awards luncheon August 28th. We gave out awards from new volunteers to our longest serving auxilian, Julie Winningham who has served 39 years. Julie started when our hospital was downtown. She has seen a lot of changes over the years.



Pictured from left to right. Tom Freeman, Tommy Waddell, Tom Miller, Freda Lucas, Philip Velazquez, Julia Winningham, Mike Wunderlin, Dorothy Stringer, Dennis Sharp, and Marty Driggers.

Ouachita County Medical Center

Submitted by Linda L. Passafiume

The Ouachita County Medical Center has been lazy for the past two (2) months as far as community projects and events. We'd like to place the blame the heat being the culprit but the fact is several members have had health issues but are all recovering nicely.

At the June meeting SW Chair Liz McKay installed officers and the member-at-large committee. Better known as “The Pink People Gang”.

Pictured on the right is
“The Pink People Gang”



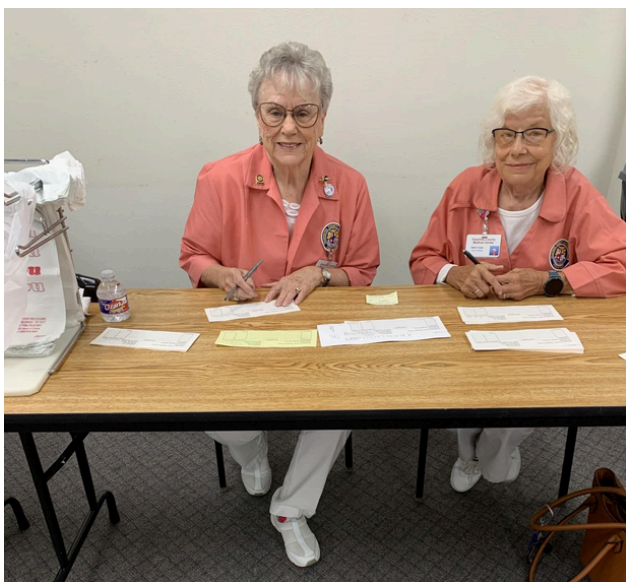
We delivered our May/June community items after the June meeting to the Women’s Crisis Center in Ouachita Co. Members agreed at the meeting to donate to the Crisis Center as one of our yearly community projects. The July/August community project is underwear and shorts/pants for the local schools for both boys and girls in sizes 6-12. Before the meeting items could be dropped off in Administration. Items could also be bought to the September Annual meeting. Delivery will be made after the meeting.

The Scrub Sale fundraiser was held on July 25th from 7-4 and July 26th from 7-2. We engaged the Uniform Shoppe from Mtn. Home as our vendor. The employees just love the special attention they received from Tammy and Chris the owners. Auxiliary members working Thursday – Donna Lowery, Janie Crouse and LaDonna Savonell. Friday workers – Donna Lowery and Dorothy Berley and enjoying the day out our President Jerry Berley.



Pictured on the left is
Tammy and Chris,
owners of the Uniform
Shoppe





Auxiliary members working
Thursday's Scrub Sale –
Donna Lowery and Janie Crouse
(not pictured LaDonna Savonell).



Friday workers – Dorothy Berley
(not pictured Donna Lowery and
Jerry Berley).

Donna Lowery managed to dress the gift shop window in honor of the Summer Olympics and also put a small display for back to school in the shop. This is while still working the Scrub Sale. Our hats are off to Donna for all the hard work!!!



Gift Shop window honoring the
Summer Olympics.



Small back to school area
in the gift shop.



Next fundraiser “Olivia Blair Design” is scheduled to be held on September 27th. Auxiliary members and employees eagerly await this event. Everyone loves jewelry. Don’t we!!!

The AHAA registration and hotel reservation forms are on the State website. OCMC Auxiliary will have four (4) members attending. President Jerry Berley and Treasurer Dorothy Berley. Both are Past AHAA Presidents. Historian Tina Raine and Newsletter Co-Editor Linda Passafiume will be in attendance as well. Can’t wait for “Spooky Mardi Gras” themed night on Thursday!!! SEE ALL OF YOU ON HALLOWEEN!!!



Mena Regional Health System

Submitted by Sharon Jewell

Thank you to our amazing Auxiliary for providing yummy ice cream sundaes to all the hospital staff! We appreciate everything you do!

Auxiliary Members: Peggy Murphy, Cassie Crawford, Sheila Graves, Donna Montgomery, & Sue Powell.



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The Mena Regional “Healthcare Squad” attended a good old-fashioned game of Bean Bag Baseball at the Mena-Polk County Senior Center! While in attendance the MRHS team was SQUASHED by the Base Invaders! Not once but TWICE!



Pictured above: Both Teams (Senior Center & Hospital Team)

Sara Mitchell, an auxiliary member and a hospital employee from the Senior Behavior Health and Cedar Haven departments, treated everyone to delicious root beer floats.





We're thrilled to share that our CEO, Michael Wood, has been featured in the latest issue of the Arkansas Hospitals Magazine! His visionary leadership and commitment to the employees of MRHS and our community continue to inspire us all.

We have been working in the gift shop! Fall and Razorback gifts are starting to arrive.





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

Please submit articles for the newsletter to charlotte.jackson33@gmail.com
The deadline for the Convention 2024 issue is November 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.

A scenic photograph of a lake at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with clouds reflecting on the water. In the foreground, there are trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky and trees.

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