From Our President:

Hi All,

Spring seems to have come and gone. Summer may not be here officially here but the temperature at my house says--it is here!

The convention plans are coming together. Pat Heinz and her committee are really trying to do, as you all asked last year, on your surveys. If you didn’t complete one, oh well, you can’t complain. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at convention.

Elections will be held for President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor at convention. If you want to help guide AHAA to continue to be the best in the nation, please submit State Nomination Form with Consent to Serve Forms. There are (2) two pages. Betty Spencer needs them ASAP. Serving at the state level is very rewarding!

Please send in New Auxiliary Presidents Form once you elect your local presidents for the coming year. Even if you are serving a second term, we need you to complete the form. (New means--2010/2011 term.)

AHAA Board members voted to suspend the AHAA Scholarship for the coming year. The expenses incurred from convention outweighed the income. As you remember, that plus our state dues funded the scholarship program. We will address it each year as we review our budget. Thanks for all your input.

MedicAlert has been rolled out to seven hospitals, one in each district. If you have suggestions to better the program, please let Shirley or me know what they are. Arkansas (AHAA) is their pilot project for auxiliaries. In October we want all the auxiliaries in the state to be able to participate in the program. The program will help your auxiliary with a rebate on the membership but better still help the constituents in your hospital district. When it becomes successful MedicAlert will use Arkansas as an example for the rest of the nation. State forms are now available on a CD. If you would like one just email or call me and I will forward it to you.

I hope you are planning to attend the Leadership Conference in Harrison. Margaret Underwood has planned a wonderful and informative day for us. Not only will you come away with ideas on how to take your auxiliary forward but connect with friends from other auxiliaries.

Well I think I have rambled on and addressed everything on my mind. Hope you all have a good summer and please let me know if there is anything the Board can do to help.

Smile and Be Safe!

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Medic Alert/AHAA Joint Venture

MedicAlert and AHAA have entered into a joint venture to involve auxiliaries in enrolling clients around the state. One hospital from each district was asked or volunteered to participate in the pilot program. The seven hospitals are: Metro-North Metro Medical Center, North Central-Baxter Regional Medical Center, Northeast-St. Bernards Medical Center, Northwest-Northwest Medical Center, Southeast-Jefferson Regional Hospital, Southwest-St. Joseph’s Mercy Health Center, Valley-Sparks Health System Guild. Representatives from each hospital met with VP of MedicAlert after the May AHAA Board Meeting for information about the program and to receive their MedicAlert brochures. It is very exciting that Arkansas (AHAA) is the pilot program for the entire nation. There is a special code for each hospital. When someone enrolls and uses that code the hospital will receive $5.00 for each recruit and the client will receive a free I D Bracelet. Sounds like a win/win situation for all involved. AHAA and MedicAlert expressed appreciation to AHA President, Phil Matthews, for the endorsement by AHA to get this program underway. We are so excited!!!

AHAA Forms

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AHAA State Nomination Form and State Consent To Serve Statement

Return to Credentials committee Chair: Betty Spencer, 2358 Oyler Rd., Clinton, AR 72031

Administrator of the Year

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Hospital Auxilian of the Year*

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Outstanding Achievement Awards*

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Award of Excellence Criteria*

Return to AHAA President: Carolyn Hannon, 1205 Meadowbrook Dr., Mountain Home, AR 72653

*Submit two copies (typed and doubled spaced) on white letter size paper. Attach a cover page to each copy or application will not be considered.

Please read directions-Remit entries as indicated on 2010 forms--Get the CD it’s great!
In loving memory

Although death has separated us physically, faith and love have bound us eternally. Though we cannot see you, we know you are here. Though we cannot touch you, we feel the warmth of your smile. You have shaped our character, molded our spirits and touched our hearts. You have made an everlasting impact on our lives.

Metropolitan
North Metro Medical Center
Danna Scanlan

Baptist Health Medical Center-NLR
John Butler, Dora Lane, Bill Thornton, Bennett Wood

Saline Memorial Hospital
Fern Burruss, Alma Creighton, Mavis Smith, Martha Sowell, Wanda Thompson

North Central District
Baxter Regional Medical Center
Gene Jedlicki, Ida Leschyk, Nancy Leon, Myrtle Ryan, Catherine Shann, James Tipton

Ozark Health Medical Center
Kaye Story

North East District
Five Rivers Medical Center
Betty Hisaw

Southwest District
St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center
Edna Malley Fore

Magnolia Regional Hospital
Betty Reaves *
AHAA State President 1993-94

* Her son wrote “Please know that she treasured each of you and the emails and messages she received. Dad is doing OK, but keep him in our prayers for the days ahead.”

Note: Betty died on May 12. She and her husband Marvin were very active in the Magnolia Hospital Auxiliary when they were able to volunteer. They no longer lived in Magnolia but graveside services were held there on May 17, 2010. Per Daphne Bennett

MEMORIAL ARTICLE
Please submit the following information so that we may memorialize your Auxiliary member(s) in the AHAA newsletter.

District:  Auxiliary ________________________________
Auxiliary Member(s) _________________________________
Mail to: Lynn Smith 250 Forest Lake Dr. El Dorado, AR 71730 lynn.smith@suddenlink.net
Auxiliary News

-Metropolitan District-
Carol Trammel  - District Chair
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Arkansas Children’s Hospital-Little Rock  Fundraiser (unusual):  Arkansas a la Carte was held on April 15th at Chenal Country Club. Twenty-two area restaurants attended providing samplings of their specialty items to approximately 400 in attendance. Guests could bid on silent auction items while enjoying music from Josh Green. The event raised just under $70,000. * Upcoming activities include Miracle Ball in December, Holiday Cared Project this winter, Star Achiever Program starting in August. Two new programs Tooth Fairy and Kids Karing for Kids are to be announced. * The auxiliary has 119 new members for a total of 461 volunteers. Per District Chair

Baptist Health-Little Rock  BHLR held its annual style show and luncheon at the Gilbreath Center at Baptist Medical Center in March. The featured clothing store with Feinstein’s. There were ten models wearing three outfits each. The meal and style show as a huge success. * In March we hosted our Uniform Sale. It again was a huge success, the total sales was over $35,000 and our auxiliary netted over $7000. * We also hosted our memorial service in the Gilbreath Center. (membership 237 volunteers)
Per Jana McKnight, President

Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock  Auxiliary has 132 members and 1 new member. Recent activities include; attending Metro District Meeting, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Community Service Project  Hand washing at BHMC-NLR Preschool

St. Anthony’s Medical Center - Morrilton  We had a Bean and Cornbread lunch in our hospital dining area that was great success. * Also had our Easter Bake SALE THAT MADE US OVER $1000. Assisted with serving dinner to the 400 guests at our Hospital Foundation’s annual fundraiser. Sponsored a Handbag and Jewelry Sale. Provided some refreshments for the Hospital’s Blood Drive. We have 38 members.
Delores Hartman-President

North Metro Medical Center - Little  Our membership has increased by one for a total of 114 volunteers. * Book Fair with vendor Books are Fun was a success. We refurbished the ICU Waiting Room with new window covering, furniture, lights and decoration. Provided twelve (12) TVs for the Emergency Department for the treatment rooms. Entered a team in the Relay for Life event in Jacksonville as a public relations event.
Donald Hicks, President

Saline Memorial Hospital -Benton  We have welcomed eight new members for a total of 95 volunteers. * Civitan is an organization that helps people who are slightly mentally challenged get ready to work and live on their own. They asked if their people could volunteer and they could put this on their resumes, as they seek employment. We in the auxiliary felt that this would be a great outreach program in the community. We didn’t realize that we would be the ones to benefit. We have found them to be so up beat and outgoing that we all learned something from them. They are a great asset to the hospital and the auxiliary. Per Carol Trammel

UAMS Medical Center - Little Rock  Auxiliary activities: Animal Assisted Therapy Program: Auxiliary purchased a crate. Red Scarf Ambassadors: participated in reception for new UAMA Chancellor Dr. Rahn. * Activities: Purchased universal phone/small electronics charger was purchased for the Family Resource Center. Tape recorder for recording of medical records/listening to books on tape was purchased. Donated $3,300 for patient clothes and toiletries to stock the patient care cabinets. Grant to Case Coordination for patient needs -$20,000. Grant for infant car seats-$2,500. MASH-$3,420 Grant to UAMS Medical Center Family Home -$1,000 Funded healing arts projects including the harpist
-5,000  Emergency Department Recognition-$1,000--The Award will be given in honor of 3 Emergency Department Patient Liaisons who demonstrate to our volunteers considering a career in medicine, the compassionate care we hope they will provide when they become medical professionals.

Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Auxiliary - Little Rock  
**Cooks Tour**  The Cooks Tour Patrons’ Cocktail Buffet was held Friday, April 16, at the home of Mary Kay and Jim East and honored Dr. Robert L. Fincher with 270 people attending.  The Sunday tour was in the Orle neighborhood of Chenal Valley featuring 4 beautiful homes with prominent Little Rock chefs in the kitchen. Almost $40,000 was raised over the weekend.  
* **Cancer Institute Auxiliary Gift Shop**  The Cancer Institute Auxiliary Gift Shop will hold Gift Shop Days on May 13 and 14. For those who have joined or rejoined, are a new member or life member, 20% off purchases over $5.00 will be given in the gift shop on those two days.  
* **Annual Meeting**  The Cancer Institute Auxiliary Annual Meeting and luncheon was held on Thursday, May 7, at the home of Ann Bradley with almost 60 attending.

**Slate of Officers for the Cancer Institute Auxiliary - 2010-2011**

- President: Maria Furcron
- Vice President/President-Elect: Deah Chisenhall
- Recording Secretary: Paula Jennings
- Corresponding Secretary: Marcia Darr
- Treasurer: Tara Smith

**Most Vital Pal Program**  Our MVP’s, or Most Vital Pals, greet and escort new patients on their first day at the Cancer Institute.  The MVP program is already successfully under way with our new myeloma patients, and we will soon expand the program to include the more than 30 new patients who visit the Cancer Institute daily.  
* **Partners Card**  Plans are already under way for Partners Card 2010.  Partners Card will be Friday, October 29 through Sunday November 7.  Stores in central and northwest Arkansas are participating in Card.  
* **Vessel of Hope**  The auxiliary is underwriting the “Vessel of Hope” bronze sculpture by Michael Warrick.  It will be in the garden under the monumental staircase.  Infusion patients will be given a token to toss into the vessel when they complete their treatment.  
* **2009 Cancer Institute Auxiliary Grants & Donations (given in April 2010- $90,000)**  HOPE, Inc. (Helping Oncology Patients Excel) in NW Arkansas for Emergency Assistance Program, Clinical Nutrition, Assistance with the MammoVan. Post-mastectomy bras and pads, Free wig for Cancer Institute female patients who have hair loss, Stretcher Chair at CARTI/UAMS, Start-Up/Safety Kits for Infusion Patients, Large Flat Screen TV for MIRT Waiting Room, Art Therapy for Northwest Arkansas Cancer Support Home, MIRT housing assistance, Pilot project/saliva-based genomic markers/pancreatic cancer.  In addition the auxiliary is purchasing new uniforms for volunteers and continues to supply the waiting rooms with snacks and candy.  
(President-Diana Smithson, President-Elect -Maria Furcron)  
Submitted by:  Director, Volunteer Services/Auxiliary, Cancer Institute- Janie Lowe

-North Central-

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Baxter Regional Medical Center - Mt. Home  
Baxter Regional Medical Center had 18 people attend the North Central District Meeting held in April at the WCMC. We hosted a birthday breakfast for our Volunteers with whose birthdays are in March and April and they are invited to bring a guest. This breakfast is a great recruitment tool for us. Our auxiliary hosted Uniforms of America fund raiser for 2 days which netted us $3700.00. Total volunteers as of the end of April are 636, we added 9 new members for a total 31 new members for 2010 and volunteer hours for the month of April were 10,446. National volunteer week we celebrated with an full page add of our volunteer names in the local paper, thank you cards to our volunteers and radio ads thanking our volunteers for the service to our community & hospital. We are excited to be one of the pilot offices to partner with Medic Alert & the new pilot project. We enjoyed a great banquet to install our new officers; 377 volunteers attended. Carolyn Hannon, our AHAA State President was able to attend our banquet this year. We had entertainment from our local middle school band, directed by Jill Chentnik, and Mr. Ron Peterson, CEO, installed our new Auxiliary Board; Jill
Chandler, President, Pam Wagner, 1st Vice President, Pam Bruce, 2nd Vice President, Connie Appleby, Treasurer, Liz Roberts, Assistant Treasurer, Jackie Mikolaitis, Corresponding Secretary, Mary Lou Zortman, Recording Secretary, and Sharon Huffmire, Advisor.

Remember: “The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Taken from Volunteer Link  (BRMC Newsletter March/April 2010)

Ozark Health Medical -Clinton Our most successful fund raiser, connected to the Gift Shop is what we call the “Purse Frenzy.” About every 6 weeks the Gift Shop coordinator brings into the shop about 60 or more purses. Patrons and employees are notified in advance the date and time of the sale. Within 20 to 25 minutes about half the purses have been sold. Fundraisers and Gift Shop sales grossed $49,000 in 2009. We use this money to help purchase items the hospital may need. * The Auxiliary hosted a Mothers Day Tea Party for all residents and their families in the dining room at Ozark Health Nursing Center. * Our volunteers shop up in other places when they aren’t on duty at the Medical Center. We have volunteers at Foods for Life, Van Buren County Historical Museum, VFW, Senior Citizens Centers, volunteer fire department. First Responders, Lions Club, area schools, and in various activities in connection with their churches. Our Auxiliaries are a diverse group, but the one thread that links everyone together is the desire to serve others and give back to a community that we all love.

Taken from The Pink Pulse of Ozark Health Hometown Heartbeat

White County Medical Center-Searcy White County Medical Center recently had its first Masquerade Jewelry and Accessories Sale which proved to be a very successful fund raiser, netting over $2500 in profits. Hospital associates have asked when another is going to be scheduled. The sale was well run and customers were satisfied with the product quality and selection. * We hosted the Spring Meeting for the North Central District on April 16th. Ninety-three guests were in attendance to travel “Over the Rainbow” on the yellow brick road. We enjoyed fellowship with our fellow auxiliaries over a colorful spread of oranges stuffed with chicken salad, fruit medley and assorted jello cakes. The musical entertainment was breathtaking. Stephanie Turner, sales representative from Bridgewater Candles, was nice enough to give each of our guests a gift bag of three votive candles when they visited our gift shop. We were honored to have received the Community Service Award for our new program, “We CAN Make a Difference”. WCMC Volunteers have been personally donating non-perishable food items at each monthly meeting. The groceries and personal care items have been much appreciated by our local food bank. In March, as the donations were unloaded, the groceries were being issued to needy families. This has been a most rewarding effort. We recommend other Auxiliaries inquire about the hunger needs in their community. * We continue collecting and donating large print and paperback books for our residents of River Oaks Village Assisted Living Center. We recently donated the second $50,000 contribution of our $150,000 pledge to the Cancer Center building fund. We also donated $15,000 to the Foundation for scholarships and $2000 for A Day of Caring school supply purchases. * WCMC is looking forward to another productive season.

Per Jamie Laughlin

White River Medical Center - Batesville Gift Shop sales are up in 2010. Our shop is going “hi-tech” in April. A new computerized cash register/inventory system will be installed with training for clerks to follow. * We are in the process of gearing up for the summer Volunteer Program. * Our annual potluck social and recruitment dinner was in March. It was a fun event with lots of good food an several guests who showed an interest in becoming volunteers. * Once a month we have a dutch treat luncheon, at a local restaurant, to provide volunteers an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow volunteers in a relaxed non-work setting.

Per Jo Cudd

-Northeast-
Mary (Pud)Thomas - District Chair
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Arkansas Methodist Medical Center-Paragould  The Auxiliary Cookbook Sales have gone great--profit of $3,440 so far. Cookbooks are available I the gift shop, get one for yourself or for a gift. * Membership voted to make the following purchases for the hospital: 1)money to the lab for kits for children 2) hospital bed outlets 3)two blood pressure monitors 4) a care assist bed for 3-East. This brings us to a total of $30,614.80 of equipment and services for the hospital this year. * The hospital held a reception for volunteers that included delicious cake, fruit and punch. The room was decorated in pink and white. A good time was had by all in attendance. * Our Auxiliary will provided cookies for hospital workers on May 11.

Pat Dowdy, Auxiliary President

Crittenden Regional Hospital - West Memphis Pink Ladies Luncheon was held in May to honor outgoing officers, and introduce new officers. Annual Scholarships were awarded. Volunteers had a chance to meet recipients. It was a very festive event. * Volunteer Week Reception was enjoyed by our Hospital, Hospice, Auxiliary and Foundation volunteers who were honored during the week. A feast of homemade chocolate treats by Food Services and Social Committee. The hospital thanked ALL who dedicated their time and their service to CRH patients and staff. Volunteer News May issue

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro Hospital administration (Paul Betts, Hospital Director, James Kellor Director of HR and Stephanie Pointer, HR assistant) treated Auxiliary members with a delicious and fun luncheon at Western Sizzlin Steak House in recognition of our volunteer service to the hospital. All in attendance received gift bags and several members were given azaleas as door prize gifts.

St. Bernards Regional Medical Center-Jonesboro Seventeen members of the St Bernards Auxiliary attended the NE Ark District meeting April 15 in Blytheville. * Posters advertising our ten $2000 scholarships and packets containing scholarship letters, regulations and the scholarship applications have been distributed. The deadline for applications is May 26. We are also advertising our summer Junior Volunteer program. * The state theme of hats was carried out at our March general meeting with a slide show of Auxilians in hats for various occasions. Volunteers recycled foam cups into miniature decorative hats--with the help of the Weiner art class--to produce table ornaments for the meeting. The addition of 14 new members was announced. The gift shop held a Jewelry sale April 15-16. *St Bernards Foundation hosted an Appreciation Tea for Auxilians on April 22.

Per Dean Rossa, newsletter editor

-Northwest-

Jeri Ferguson - District Chair
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Mercy Medical Center - Rogers MMC has 169 members. Their Gift Shop, sale of used books and cook books brings in revenue for projects. * Baby caps are given to newborns. Toys for inpatient and ER children are provided which include handmade bears. Surgery children are given smiley beanies provided by the auxiliary. District Chair Report

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison Our Auxiliary hosted the Northwest District Spring Meeting on April 20.

St. John’s Hospital - Berryville SJH Auxiliary Thrift Store reopened on March 15, 2010, after undergoing a remodeling process to a very successful sales event. Everyone was very happy with the pleasantly light and airy presentation of the store building. The sales that day were exceptional and we were very pleased with the outcome of the project.* Our Spring Bake Sale in March took in over $500.00 for our group.* Five members attended the Northwest Arkansas District Meeting in Harrison, where everyone had a very interesting time. * We are continuing the “on line” scrub and uniform sales at discounted prices. * We are working on placing a volunteer at the admittance desk hopefully in the near future. We have had a request for a volunteer for the OB department. *We are looking forward to warmer weather and send our Best Wishes to all members across our beautiful state. Per Gloria Beyer, Publicity Chair
NAME CHANGE
Chicot Memorial Medical Center - Lake Village  It was unanimously voted in favor of purchasing new pillow speakers at our regular meeting in March, worth $1,600. * We had 13 auxiliary members to attend the Spring District meeting in McGehee on April 14th. * At our regular meeting, April 21st, we selected 4 students for scholarships totaling $6,000. ($1,500 each) * We held another blood drive on April 22, with the Lake Village Chamber of Commerce as our co-sponsor. Our next blood drive will be June 17th. Our co-sponsor will be Simmons Bank. * To date, we have 73 leaves on the Tree of Life. * Of most importance: Chicot Memorial Hospital, as of May 1st, is now Chicot Memorial Medical Center. The hospital changed hands Saturday, May 1st, in accordance with a lease agreement signed by county officials and Chicot Memorial Medical Center, a non-profit foundation. By becoming a not-for-profit organization, Chicot Memorial Medical Center is eligible for the Special Medicaid Assessment Program, which would provide around $1.6million each year, split into quarterly payments to the hospital. The county would still own the hospital and equipment, but the switch to a not-for-profit, was to help better serve the people of Chicot County. Also, with the extra money provided by participating in the assessment program, the hospital would be able to pay off some of the current debts and possibly bring in more and better services in the future. Also, Chicot Memorial Medical Center will have a new CEO, Mr. Richard Skeens. He will be coming on board May 17th and the auxiliary is planning a reception for him May 18th from 2-4 pm. We are also planning a reception for the new radiologist, Dr. Richard Smith, on May 13th from 2-4 pm.  Per Dean Ann Smith, Publicity

-Southwest-
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Baptist Medical Health Center - Arkadelphia  Seventeen members are keeping busy to cover volunteer area at BMHC. Due to a bad economy they have lost four members to paying jobs.

Hot Spring County Medical Center - Malvern  The Malvern Daily Record Newspaper had a full page spread to honor HSCMC Auxiliary on April 20. The members were pictured and almost a full page of nice things to say about them. The volunteers have 37 members and have been in existence for over 50 years. It told about their involvement in the WHALE program, The Pink Lady Gift Shop, and fundraisers the have to support projects. The officers were also listed. Congratulations!  What a wonderful recruitment tool and to say the least they are very much appreciated in the Malvern Community. * A new project is to collect travel size soap, shampoo, etc when they stay at motels. Their DVS, Vicki Shuff, will put together some packages for needy family members who might be staying at the hospital and didn’t bring anything to freshen up with. * A request from radiology asking for replacement of a tube in the x-ray machine costing $9,800 was presented to the Auxiliary. Members have pledged to offset this expense for the hospital. Submitted by Opal Morris

Howard Memorial Hospital - Nashville  HMH Auxiliary has welcomed five new members. WOW! A reception was held to install new officers.

NAME CHANGE Magnolia Regional Medical Center - Magnolia  Two new members, and a name change to go along with a new facility. The Auxiliary is “all smiles” as they have settled into their new building. As well they should be, they were very instrumental from start to finish to get the hospital tax on the ballot years ago and much more to see it completed. We congratulate them on a job well done and a new facility to volunteer in. What an auxiliary and they have their priorities in place, a large group took “time out” to load in their van with Lucy Rae and attend our SW Spring District Meeting. Thanks and
Congratulations to some very special volunteers- we are happy for you!  

**Lynn Smith, AHAA  Newsletter Editor**

**Medical Center of South Arkansas - El Dorado**  
We were happy to host a wonderful gathering that included our  AHAA president, Carolyn Hannon and  president-elect, Shirley Potter, along with friends from the nine other auxiliaries in our area  at our SW Spring District Meeting.  To save time and expense we asked guests to wear their own ID Badges instead of providing one for them.  We did provide “Hattitude” name tags to distinguish SW District Officers and auxiliary presidents.  A spread sheet with names of all that paid to attend made registration quick and easy.  Another first for us, we hired MCSA cafeteria staff to cater the lunch.  They prepared a delicious meal that did not include --chicken.  As Chairman of the event I want to praise our Auxiliary for being on various committees  and doing a great job.  Also many thanks to all who attended our party from the SW District.  *  Volunteer hours are down do to renovation of our front entrance lobby and information desk.  Volunteers have been unable work the Information Desk and the Gift Shop and Uniform in the same vicinity had to be closed too.  The “facelift” as we call it is looking good.  Our auxiliary purchased a bubble wall that we are anxious to see and enjoy for years to come.  * We were happy to welcome a new member with all that has been going on and sponsored a successful jewelry sale just before Mother’s Day.  * Hospital Week and Volunteer week provided food, fun and gifts for staff and auxiliary members.  It is so great to be appreciated by your hospital staff and our CEO!  * Hospital administration is asking the auxiliary to take on some new responsibilities to better serve/inform our patients and guests.  Of course, that is what we are there for, so more is better when you volunteer.  

**Medical Park - Hope**  
Medical Park Auxiliary has 22 members.  They had a very successful quilt raffle and made almost $700 dollars.

**National Park Medical Center - Hot Springs**  
NPMC welcomed a new member to give them a total of 72 volunteers.  * April was work and play.  They had a fundraise with Books & etc. and enjoyed a cruise dinner for volunteers.  

**Dist Chair Report**

**Ouachita County Medical Center - Camden**  
At our March quarterly meeting, we gave the hospital $12,000. Of this, $10,000 was the last payment on the transport ambulance ($110,000), and $2,000 was applied toward the purchase of a second ambulance.  * Twenty-one members attended the Spring SW District Meeting in El Dorado.  * Our annual Good Friday bake sale netted $1,075.75 ($269.50 more than last year!).  * Our hospital honored volunteers with a reception on April 22. Margaret Chandler was chosen Volunteer of the Year.  * Three new members were added in March and April.  

**Per Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor**

**St. Joseph’s Mercy Health Center-Hot Springs**  
The Spring Awards celebration was a wonderful meeting and the theme “Hat’s Off to Volunteers” was a great success. As always, our hospital provided us with great food and made the day very special for all of us. Awards were given for hours worked in the last year and mention was made of several volunteers who have given many (in one case) 25 years of service to the hospital. Our president, Jack Losmann presented a check for $25,000, as another payment toward our commitment of $250,000 toward the purchase of the daVinci surgical system. This system has been purchased and is now in use at St Joe.  * We will be one of the pilot auxiliaries in the Medic Alert program and are looking forward to having the opportunity to make our community more aware of that outstanding program.  

**Per Peg Kuhnly**

**Note:**  
**St. Joseph’s Mercy Health Center takes the prize for SW District for recruiting 12 new members.  Congratulations!**

**-Valley-**

June Clabo - District Chair  
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**Chambers Memorial Hospital -Danville**  
Volunteers enjoyed an Appreciation Tea given by the hospital
staff during National Volunteer Week.  Pat Pyle, president, reports that have added a new member which brings them to ten volunteers.  

District Chair Report

Mena Regional Health System - Mena  Recent fundraisers include:  annual uniform sale and annual St. Patrick Day Plant Sale.  *  MRHS participated in MRHS Annual Health Fair.  They are currently raffling a BBQ Grill.  The winning number will be picked in May.  Nancy Weber is auxiliary president and they have 37 volunteers.  

District Chair Report

Johnson Regional Medical Center - Clarksville Johnson Regional Medical Center Auxiliary had 14 members attend the Valley’s Spring District Meeting at St. Edward in Fort Smith.  *  On May 4th the installed new officers. Our newly elected president, Dorothy Spencer, outlined her plans for the year. She proposed two new in hospital services. Both of which met with great approval from the staff as well as the membership.  *  The Hospital and the Auxiliary will celebrate National Hospital Week. There is a full week of activities planned. Monday the hospital will give all employees and volunteers specially designed t-shirts. Tuesday they celebrate Nurse Day and the auxiliary will pass out popcorn to anyone who stops by the machine. Wednesday the hospital has a health fair and the Auxiliary will present each Department with a large balloon that says "You're Special" anchored by a bag of candy. Thursday the hospital managers make Banana Splits for everyone. They begin at 12:30 Wednesday night so they can catch the last shift and of Friday employees, volunteers, hospital board and staff are treated to a big bar-b-que.  *  Oh yes, by the way, The hospital selected Dorothy Spencer as the "Volunteer of the Year” and Mary West was selected by the Auxiliary as “Volunteer of the Year.”  

District Chair Report

St. Edward Mercy Medical Center - Ft. Smith  Plans are underway for our December Dinner Dance as well as planning our 2010-2011 year.  *  Next week on May 11 we will be having our Installation of Officers at Hardscrabble Country Club. We now have a total of 138 members which is the most we have had in some time.  *  We are looking forward to being lead by our new President Jeri Moffett and look forward to a very successful year.  We look forward to our summer break which is coming quickly.  

Pat Moore, President

Saint Mary’s Regional Medical Center - Russellville  Our Jewelry Sale was fun and successful.  We have added two new members for a total of 72 volunteers.  *  We had a Recruitment Tea, Up-dated Committees, New Member Orientation and Reviewed by-laws for Revision.  

Sparks Hospital Guild- Fort Smith  President, Alice Swain, reports that the Guild now has 112 members. Twenty-four volunteers attended Valley District Spring Meeting hosted by St. Edwards in Fort Smith. St. Edward’s is to be commended on a very enjoyable meeting. The food was great, entertainment enjoyable and attendance at an all time high. We look forward to hosting the Spring meeting in 2011.  *  Our community project along with the Women’s Board of “Making A Difference, One Kid At A Time” is ongoing and enjoyed by 3rd and 4th graders at a local elementary school.  This program is directed toward childhood obesity.  We are currently in our second year and I know it is not only successful, but fun also.  

District Chair Report

Sparks Womans Board  Thirty-three members at present.  This and That Thrift Shop is our ongoing project.  

Drucilla Hughart, president

Summit Medical Center- Van Buren  SMC had a good representation at the Spring District Meeting. It is always interesting to hear what other groups are doing and often we come away with a new project. Of course we enjoyed the food and fellowship.  *  Physicians enjoyed all the smiles, hugs, food and appreciation shown by the auxiliary and hospital staff at the Doctor’s Day Recognition Brunch.  *  Our open house was a success.  We moved excess items out of the Gift Shop along with the donation of Maggie Jenkins jewelry and made almost enough for an additional scholarship.  

President Betty Havens

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On June 15, 2010, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary in Harrison, AR will host the State
Leadership Conference.  ($20.00 per person-includes meal)

Topics discussed will be how to lead those in your auxiliary who are “not exactly like you” and how we can repair some sore spots in our auxiliaries.  These issues will be handled by two professional speakers from Tulsa, OK.  Also there will be a workshop on True Colors—Personality Text, given by a member of the North Arkansas College faculty.  We all have taken this type of test, however, we all do change—as we mature.

Every Auxiliary President and Vice-President should attend as well as any volunteers who would like to take part.  Bring a car full of auxilians who might want to also visit Harrison, Eureka Springs and/or take in a shopping trip or show in Branson.

Invitations/Reservations have been mailed.  So, plan a trip in June and attend the State Leadership Conference in Harrison, AR.  The Conference will be held in the new Tower of the hospital after which you may want to tour our Gift and Thrift Shops.  You will want to also enjoy the luncheon and entertainment at the Conference.  Hope to see you in June.

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Remember to practice the “Auxilian Be Attitudes” everyday.

    Be kind and considerate.
    Be polite.
    Be a team player.
    Be timely.
    Be industrious.
    Be of service.
    Be a confidant not a gossip.
    Be the best you can be at your assigned duties.

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From the Editor, Lynn Smith

The following is the best news we have ever received from our CPA....I wanted to share it with my auxiliary friends around the state.

**IMPORTANT READ**  
Subject: NEW Aspirin - **Bayer Quick Release Crystals**

Something that we can do to help ourselves. Nice to know! Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve under the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets.

Just a reminder to all: purchase a box, keep one in your car, pocketbook, wallet, bedside, etc.

**Why keep aspirin by your bedside?**  
**About Heart Attacks**  There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently.  
**Note:** There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If this should happen--**immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth** and swallow them with a bit of water.

**Afterwards:**
- **CALL 911**
- say “heart attack!”
- say that you have taken 2 aspirins...
- phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by
- take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and...
- **DO NOT lie down**

We did not know that you should not lie down while waiting for the EMT.

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