From the President

The Convention of 2013 is now history, but thanks are due to so many who worked very diligently to make it a success; and, to make it different. Mary Frauenhoff and Judy Shaffer deserve applause, for their jobs as convention chair and co-chair are quite time consuming. Other unsung heroes are Melissa Williamson and Pat Lavender. They handled the handbook but also stepped forward to do registration when illness in the family kept the registration chair from serving. There are many, many others who did their tasks quietly and well and I thank each of you.

I was very pleased with the officer workshops and hope each auxiliary member seriously considers stepping up to an office in their auxiliary and to serving on state committees. It is mandatory to get new people trained and ready to assist in any capacity. Remember, an organization is only as good as its members. If the members excel, the organization will also excel.

I just returned from the fall conferences and am amazed at all our auxiliaries do. You are all to be commended for your clever ideas and your work ethic. Some of the small auxiliaries handle wonderful projects with very few members.

I thank all of you for your welcome to me and to Jerry and Dorothy. We had a terrific time visiting with all of you; enjoyed the meetings, the food, the entertainment and the great decorations.

The beautiful fall scenery made the trip even better and each of your locales has a beauty all its own.

Keep up the great work, keep smiling and have wonderful and joyful holidays.

Sharon Sly
A word from our president-elect:

Congratulations to all those who worked hard to make the district meetings informative and fun. It is always good to see friends and meet new volunteers.

I asked the district chairs to gather information from each auxiliary on how they are implementing the state projects (Alzheimer’s, HELP, Medic Alert). Thank you for responding and the district chairs for presenting this information at the state board meeting on November 7. I will summarize the information and get this out. Hopefully, by sharing information and ideas we will all utilize these projects to the benefit of our respective hospitals and community.

Jerry Berley -- President-Elect

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Handbook Changes/Corrections

Page 8 - Bylaws Committee
Pat Lavender, Chair
Add:
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Page 11 - Legislative Chair
Carolyn Hannon
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New Auxiliary President
North Central District.
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Congratulations, Auxilians! With your help Arkansas approved the expanded Private Option Plan which is part of the Affordable Care Act. Did you think you could pat yourselves on the backs, lean back and relax because everything has been taken care of for the future? Think again, friends. We need to reactivate our enthusiasm and get everyone signed up for VoterVOICE. We need to advocate for our hospitals in both 2014 and 2015! If someone has previously signed up for VoterVOICE, it is not necessary to reenroll unless an email address has been changed.
To review instructions and provide tips, the following has been submitted to assist us all.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR VoterVOICE:

1. Go to the AHA homepage at www.arkansashospitals.org
2. Click on "Legislative/Regulatory"
3. Click on "VoterVOICE/Grassroots"
4. Go to "Quick Sign Up" and enter your Email address and Zip Code
5. Click on Sign Up

BE A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR HOSPITAL
(TIPS TO FOLLOW)

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THE DO'S OF LETTER WRITING (E-MAILING)

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BE DIRECT
State your position on a bill or issue and the reasons for your position. Use examples from your own experience to make your point. Urge your representatives to support your position when voting for or against a bill in committee or on the floor. Let them know you’re interested in their position.

BE CONSTRUCTIVE
If you have expert knowledge, share it. A legislator cannot possibly be an expert on every issue.

BE TIMELY
Inform your representatives while there is still time to take action. A letter written after a bill has been reported out of committee or has been voted on is ineffective.

BE COMPLIMENTARY
Legislators are human, too, and appreciate praise from their constituents when they’ve done the right thing.

BE SPECIFIC
Identify the bill or issue. If you don’t know the bill number, describe it by its popular title. Focus on only one issue at a time.

WRITE OR E-MAIL THE RIGHT PERSON
Concentrate on your district representatives. They will want to know their constituents’ views.

BE BRIEF
Your opinions and arguments stand a better chance of being read if they are stated concisely. One page is preferable. Attach only detailed information to this one page letter.
THE DON'T'S OF LETTER WRITING (E-MAILING)

AVOID FORM LETTERS
Form letters often receive form replies. Legislators usually know the positions of lobbying groups but not the individual experiences. The personal letter is better than a form letter, postcard or signature on a petition.

DON'T THREATEN
Don’t threaten, insult, wisecrack, or name call. Such devices rarely intimidate the legislator and may generate an adverse reaction.

DON'T OVERDO IT
Quality and time, not quantity, are important.

DON'T USE “CANNED” MATERIAL
Material sent by your organization is for your use in formulating a letter to your representatives. Don’t forward a copy of what your organization sent to you, to your representatives. Paraphrase the material in your own words.

TELEPHONING YOUR LEGISLATORS

DON'T HESITATE
The urgency of your issues often requires that you telephone your legislators in regard to pending actions. Don’t hesitate to contact your legislator at home on weekends. Legislators expect and want input from their constituents and know that home calls “go with the territory”.

When calling the Capitol, if the legislator is not available at the moment, leave a clear message. (Example: Please tell Senator Jones that Bill Smith, with his local hospital, called and asked that he vote against HB 1323. This legislation would impose needless regulations on the hospital.) Always, leave a telephone number where the legislator can call you back if more information is needed.

PERSONAL VISITS WITH LEGISLATORS

DO BE PREPARED
The key to a successful personal visit with your legislator is preparation. If you have a solid understanding of the subject to be discussed, chances are you will feel good at the conclusion of your visit?

The first step is to arrange a time and place to visit with your representative. (Make an
(As you both have busy schedules, you may have to rearrange your schedule to accommodate his/hers.

In your meeting, you should be prepared to discuss current topics which may be of interest to the representative. These typically include legislative subjects or their pending business that is currently before the House and Senate. The legislator may seek your advice on an issue.

Information provided by Legislative Advocacy Chair Theda Aud

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – 2013

Administrator of the Year

100 beds and under – Magnolia Regional Medical Center -- Margaret West
101 beds and over – North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison – Vincent Leist

Auxilian of the Year

100 beds and under – NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jonesboro – Dara Jett
101 beds and over – Medical Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado – Jean Coleman

Community Service

100 beds and under – Ouachita County Medical Center, Camden – “Friends and Family”
101 beds and over – Northwest Medical Center, Springdale – “Horse Tales Literacy”

Fundraiser

100 beds and under – Dallas County Medical Center, Fordyce – “Hill Billy Hoe Down”
101 beds and over – Mercy Hospital Hot Springs – “Company Store”

In-Hospital Service

100 beds and under – Baptist Health Medical Center, Heber Springs – “Angel of the ER”
101 beds and over – White County Medical Center, Searcy – “Organ Donation”
In Memorium

Northwest District

Mercy Hospital - Berryville
Vivan Starr
Barbel “Babs” Farmer

Southwest District

Baptist Health Medical Center - Arkadelphia
Sue Frazier

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.”

The Rattler 11-6-2013
At 2:00 p.m. on October 9, 2013, the 55th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association was called to order by President Sharon Huffmire. Jerry Berley gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon then announced that we would have a Parade of Presidents. She also mentioned that those wearing a red ribbon needed to be seated in the Delegates’ Section. She then explained to the delegates how to make a motion.

Sharon welcomed everyone to the 55th Annual AHAA Convention and then introduced the current AHAA Board of Directors and Appointees. Melissa Williamson, Registration Chair, told us that there were 363 people registered representing 53 auxiliaries. David Underwood, Parliamentarian, reported that 62 auxiliaries were in good standing. He stated that there were 46 registered delegates, 43 registered alternates and that 32 was the number needed for a quorum.

Secretary, Margaret Underwood, called the roll, after which David Underwood announced that there was a quorum. Secretary Underwood reported that the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting, as approved by the appointed committee, were printed in the November/December 2012 AHAA Newsletter. The President asked for corrections, hearing none, the minutes will be filed in the archives.

Three members were appointed by President Huffmire to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. They are: Pud Thomas, SMC Regional Medical Center, Osceola; Grace Calhoun, Baptist Health Medical Center, Arkadelphia and Tucky Zima, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison.

Treasurer, Melissa Williamson, read the auditor’s letter and stated that a copy of the Proposed Budget is printed on page 5 of the 2013-14 Handbook. A motion to accept the proposed budget, as listed, was made by Phyllis Mosley, Dallas County Medical Center and seconded by Betty Hester, Harris Hospital. Motion carried.

Carolyn Hannon, Acting Credentials Chair, gave the report with the proposed slate of officers as follows: President-elect, Jerry Berley from Ouachita County Medical Center, Camden; Vice-President, Theresa Erwin from Mena Regional Health Systems and Shirley Grady from Crittenden Regional Hospital, W. Memphis; Secretary, Margaret Underwood from North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison; Treasurer, Melissa Williamson from St. Vincent Health Center, Little Rock and Neta Sue Stamps from Mercy Hospital, Berryville. A motion was made by Joy Flake, Mercy Hospital Berryville and seconded by Emma Williams, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, and Pine Bluff, to accept the slate of proposed officers as presented by the Credentials Committee. Motion Passed.

The Credentials Committee consists of Mary Frauenhoff, Betty Spencer and Carolyn Hannon (substituting for Past President, Lynn Smith).
Shirley Grady and Theresa Erwin were asked to approach the podium and state why they wanted to be the Vice-President. Ballots were handed out and delegates were asked to mark their choice for Vice-President.
President Huffmire then introduced the Incoming President of AHAA, Sharon Sly, Siloam Springs Regional Hospital and Incoming President/ASDVS, Juanita Carr, St. Vincent Health System. She also introduced the seven District Chairs that were elected at their Spring District Meeting. They are:

Metropolitan - Pauline Jegley, St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock
North Central - Linda Connor, Stone County Medical Center, Mountain View
Northeast – Suzanne Hackney, St. Bernard’s Medical Center, Jonesboro
Northwest – Judy Overton, Northwest Medical Center, Springdale
Southeast – Marsha Scott, Ashley County Medical Center, Crossett (absent)
Southwest – Grace Calhoun, Baptist Health Medical Center, Arkadelphia
Valley – Mae O’Donnell, Summit Medical Center, Van Buren

Carolyn Hannon, Acting Credentials Committee Chair, then read the new officers for 2013-2014:

President – Sharon Sly
President-Elect – Jerry Berley
Vice-President – Theresa Erwin
Secretary – Margaret Underwood
Treasurer – Melissa Williamson

Mary Frauenhoff, Convention Chair, was asked if she had any convention business that needed to be addressed. She mentioned those that were speaking at the breakout sessions. Mary then introduced her Convention Board members:

Judy Shaffer, Co-Chair
Melissa Williamson, Registration, Handbook and Treasurer
Nedra White, Seating Chair
Vickie Bryant, Silent Auction
Angie Simpson, Vendor Chair
Theresa Erwin, 50/50 Chair
Pat Lavender, State Scholarship Chair
Theda Aud, Legislative Advocacy Chair
Linda Butler, Bylaws Chair
David Underwood, Parliamentarian

Mary then explained the Name Badge drawing and 50/50 raffle drawing as well as mentioning our AHAA $25,000 endowment and scholarships. Theda Aud, Legislative Chair, encouraged those attending the convention to hear Shirley Walters and Senator Bruce Holland who were speaking at the legislative breakout on Wednesday as well as Jodiane Tritt and Paul Cunningham at the Thursday legislative breakout.

Hearing no further business, President Sharon Huffmire declared the 55th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association adjourned.

Submitted by Margaret Underwood, Secretary

Approved by:
    Pud Thomas, Grace Calhoun and Tucky Zima
METROPOLITAN
Pauline, Jegley, Chair

St. Vincent Health System – North Little Rock
St. Vincent Hospital Little Rock
Submitted by Pauline Jegley

OPERATION WALK

On December 7, 2013, as many as twelve deserving persons will receive a new hip, knee or both! This is made possible by the generosity of two Orthopedic Doctors and a crew of nurses, technicians, staff and St. Vincent hospital. On this day the team will begin early in the morning and work until all surgeries are complete. Their work is all donated!

St. Vincent Auxiliary will provide food for these dedicated personnel. We will be on board to escort patients, family and friends. St. Vincent North will provide drinks. Auxiliary members will provide hundreds of sandwiches, cookies and fruit for the workers. More than 50 volunteers will be involved directly or indirectly.

This is the second year we have provided this service. As one happy recipient said last year, "Christmas came early this year"

NORTH CENTRAL
Linda Conner, Chair

Ozark Health Inc. - Clinton
Submitted by Betty Spencer, Event Coordinator

The annual convention in Little Rock was a lot of fun and sharing information with other hospital auxiliaries is always the highlight of the event. This year the memorial service was very moving with the names of Marie Smith, Sharon Baker, and Bill Dobbins honored from our auxiliary. Our auxiliary again was awarded the FIVE STAR AWARD we are very proud of this honor. Sharon Baker is being honored as the “Home Town Hero”, posthumously on November 12th in a local restaurant.

Our auxiliary participated in the annual Alzheimer’s walk in Fairfield Bay on the 14th of September.

We also had representation at the Annual Fairfield Bay Health Fair on the 28th of September.
October was a busy month with the convention and preparation for our Annual Bazaar to be held in early November.

Our auxiliary helped with the Foundation Fall Festival on October 29th. Those involved had a great time with the kids.

Preparations are under way to host the President’s meeting at our hospital on November 19th.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

Stone County Medical Center – Mountain View
Submitted by: Judy Powell, Newsletter Editor

Our New and Used Cookbook and Bake Sale held on September 26 brought in $606.00. Lots of help from the auxiliary members. All baked goods were sold and the leftover cookbooks were donated to Mountain Home for their use.

One scholarship was given out to an LPN going for her RN degree.

October was a busy month. State Convention was enjoyed by all who attended. Our auxiliary received the Community Service Award.

At our October meeting there was the induction of new officers with Judy Powell as our new President. A brunch was provided to us by WRHS with sweets provided by the auxiliary ladies.

Tena Bledsoe, WRHS Director of Volunteer Services introduced to us Mr. Stan Townsend, our new CEO/Administrator for SCMC.

A great time was had at the District Meeting in Searcy. We had 17 in attendance. Fun in the gift shop and the meeting.

Our own Linda Conner is now the District Chair for North Central District.

Upcoming events include Health Fair, Craft Sale and Books-R-Fun, all for a busy November.
October has really been a busy month with the Women’s Fair, State Convention, Sheet Sale and Fall District meeting on Oct. 30th.

The Auxiliary voted to give $1,000 to Project Hope. This is an organization which helps ladies who are uninsured or underinsured. This is a program our hospital supports.

We are working the booth at the Home for the Holidays Cooking Show. All proceeds will go to our hospital for the diabetic education program they offer.

Upcoming events:
- Nov. 05th  Working Booth at Community Center
- Nov. 11th  11:30 board meeting/small dining room, cafeteria
- Nov. 18th  General Meeting, Auditorium
- Dec 2nd   Auxiliary Tree Lighting and Foundation Auction

The AHAA 55th Annual Convention was held October 9-11 at the Double Tree Hotel in Little Rock. The meeting coincided with the 83rd Arkansas Hospital Association Meeting and Trade Show which was held at the Marriott Hotel. Members of the AHAA were invited to attend the AHA’s Opening Session. The Keynote address was Jack Uldrich who spoke on "Why Future Trends in Health Care Will Demand Unlearning".

Among the many activities were workshops on Legislative Advocacy, Alzheimer’s and Travel Safety.

SMC Regional Medical Center - Osceola
Submitted by: Dorothy Crockett, Secretary
Attending from SMC Regional Medical Center Auxiliary (Osceola) were Dorothy Crockett, Lovonda Carter, President Mary "Pud" Thomas, Morris Sue Wood and Mississippi County Hospital Systems CEO, Ralph Beaty

The Northeast District Fall meeting was hosted by The Crittenden Regional Hospital Auxiliary. The dining room was decorated in AHAA President Sly's motif of "Bloom Where You Are Planted". Auxiliary members were welcomed by Vern Truitt, CRH Auxiliary President. District Chair Suzanne Hackney called the meeting to order and introduced the AHAA officers. Special music was provided by Stacy Dougherty. The guest speaker was Gene Cashman, Crittenden Regional Hospital.

Pictured above are the eleven members of the SMC Regional Medical Center (Osceola) who attended the meeting

St. Bernards Medical Center - Jonesboro
Submitted by Dean Rossa, Newsletter Editor

St. Bernards Auxiliary marks 50 years of service in Jonesboro this year (1963-2013). Since 1963, Auxiliary has manned help desks and raised over one million dollars to help the medical center purchase needed equipment, fund scholarships, build the parking garage, Ben Owens Cancer Treatment Center, the Auxiliary House, and Hospice House. Additional funding will help build St Bernards Villa.

St. Bernards Auxiliary installed 2013-14 officers at the September General Meeting. New officers are John Masterson (Pres.), Peggy Ross (Secretary), Sue Lee (Parliamentarian), Jo Wheeler (Cor.Sec.), Clyde Wilhoite (Treasurer) and Linda Scott (V.P.)
Our future volunteers for mail delivery may have to audition to sing “Happy Birthday.” Volunteers now deliver balloons to patients who observe birthdays in the hospital.

The Light Up a Life committee is working to get fund raising letters mailed.

Happy Thanksgiving

NORTHWEST
Judy Overton, Chair

Mercy Hospital - Berryville
Submitted by Neta Sue Stamps, Newsletter Editor

Six Mercy Auxiliary - Berryville members attended the state AHAA meeting in October. President Joy Flake accepted the Five Star Award for the auxiliary.

As guests of Mercy Hospital – Berryville President Kristy Estrem, auxiliary members attended the AHA dinner at which our own Chaplain Gloria Beyer received a Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations Gloria!

Neta Stamps was elected Newsletter editor at the AHAA Business Meeting.

Fifteen members attended the Northwest District meeting October 21st hosted by Mercy Auxiliary – Rogers. The meeting was held at Crystal Bridges Museum. Gloria and Joe Beyers were door prize winners.
2013 has been designated as “The Year of the Auxiliary” by Mercy Hospital – Berryville. The month of October was full of activities surrounding the celebration of $1 Million in donations to the hospital since the reorganization in 1982.

On October 29th, the auxiliary members were treated to a Celebration Luncheon.

A press conference was held November 4th to accept the check representing the $1 million and to thank the auxiliary and other sponsors for the Capital Campaign to refurbish patient rooms. A tour of unoccupied rooms was led by Mercy Foundation Executive Director Cody Qualls. Donor Plaques have been placed outside each room.

Kristy Estrem, Mercy Hospital – Berryville (l) accepts the check from Auxiliary President Joy Flake.

Our jewelry sale in September netted $328.40.

On October 16th, Uniforms 2U2 held a sale in the Day Room which netted $390.27 for the auxiliary. Shoes, sox, bags, throws, flat irons and numerous other items were available.

Our upcoming fundraisers include:

November 15th  Nut Sale

November 26   Bake Sale & Nut Sale

December 10  “Sheets & Sweets” sheets, throws, Flat Irons, Candy, Cookie, etc. (of course nuts, if any left)
Plans are underway for the Christmas Appreciation Luncheon on December 7th which the auxiliary board prepares and serves to our hard working volunteers who mean so much to us.

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center - Harrison

Submitted by Joy Woelbing, CVM

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison awarded three nursing scholarships for the fall semester to students at North Arkansas College. Pictured is Frances Doshier, Scholarship Chairperson, with the recipients.

North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Auxiliary purchased Power Lift Cots for Emergency Medical Services.
Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville
Submitted by Jan Dolan, Newsletter Editor & Auxiliary Board Member

The Annual Christmas Preview is scheduled for Friday, November 15. The Gift Shop is gearing up for Christmas and getting items ready for sale. The Auxiliary Board has scheduled a retreat on November 11 at Linda Maienschein’s to plan for 2014. A Book Fair is scheduled for December 16 and 17.

NMCB Auxiliary Board Members attending the AHAA Convention in Little Rock are Rose Engelken, B. J. Johannsen, Joanne Hubbert and Jan Dolan.

Pictured above is NMCB Auxiliary Board President Rose Engelken waiting with other Northwest District Auxiliary Presidents to take part in the Parade of Presidents at the October AHAA Meeting in Little Rock.
Delta Memorial Hospital - Dumas
Submitted by: Maedene Weser, President

Ten DMH Auxilians attended the State convention in Little Rock in October. We continue to operate the gift shop and landscape the hospital grounds. In our ongoing project to replace the old hospital beds, we voted at our October meeting to purchase three additional beds at a cost of $18,000. Shirley Sandlin and Audrey Edwards keep our scrapbook current and Maiden Weser provides a much appreciated newsletter with the help of her typist-husband, Gene. Nine of us: Cindy Beverburg, Shirley Sandlin, Carrie Alexander, Maedene Weser, Patricia Livingston, Earnestine Jenkins, Olene Ferguson, Jeri Brewer, and Jeanne Mason chose the team name Pink Ladies as participants in the Walk Across Arkansas which runs from 30 September through 24 November. We collected $580 in donations and T-shirt sale profits to support Race for the Cure.

Planned projects: Currently we are selling Christmas tree light cards and looking forward to our hospital’s tree-lighting followed by cookies and cocoa in the hospital foyer, and we hold a contest for the best decorated hospital door. We are considering starting an Alzheimer’s support group.

DMH’s Jeri Brewer, Southeast District Secretary, is seen flanked by AHAA President Sharon Sly, left, and AHAA President-elect Jerry Berley, right, at the October District meeting.
September and October were very busy months for our auxiliary attending the AHAA Convention in early October, planning meetings and preparing to host the Southwest Fall District Meeting.

Three from our auxiliary attended the AHAA Convention in Little Rock held October 9th through 11th.

Patricia Gaylord of BHMC-Arkadelphia Auxiliary prepared our President's banner for the parade of Presidents on Wednesday evening. Good job, Patricia!

The Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, was the venue for the AHAA 55th Convention and Annual Meeting. Dallas County Medical Center was represented by Phyllis Mosley, President (delegate) and Dorothy Penix, Vice President (alternate). This meeting was very informative, educationally, fun-filled and overall ENJOYABLE.
Officers of DCMC Auxiliary attended the Southwest District Fall Meeting held Thursday, October 24, 2013, at Arkadelphia. Those attending were President Phyllis Mosley, Vice President Dorothy Penix, Secretary Carolyn Williams, and Georgia Giddens, Scheduling Coordinator.

Thanks and appreciation to Mr. John Tucker, Hospital Administrator, for keeping the Auxiliary informed about the hospital’s affairs, by attending the monthly meetings and reporting updates.

Recently, we purchased 13 state of the art mattresses for the hospital at a cost of $5,500.00.

We had a very successful “Razorback” fundraiser on October 16-17, 2013. All proceeds generated will be used for scholarships and support of the medical center.

Kudos to our two newest members, Debbie Ritchie and Cathy Brown. Thanks for going the extra mile right away without hesitation.

We are now in the process of preparing to decorate the Gift Shop for Christmas, getting ready for Open House on November 10, 2013. Members will also prepare a variety of hors d’oeuvres for refreshments.

Tammie Gunter, Community Educator for DCMC, will be the program presenter for the November meeting. She will enlighten us on “Surviving Holiday Stress.”

Hot Springs County Medical Center - Malvern
Submitted by: Opal Morris, Secretary

We participated in programs and attending county meetings in getting a 'Hospital Tax' passed.

In June we conducted a cereal drive that benefited Hot Spring County. Over 5,000 items were collected.

Our 'Pink Lady Gift Shoppe' was renovated and enlarged.

An Alzheimer’s Rep. presented a program at our meeting. A rep. from our Auxiliary was appointed.

Eight of our members attended the State convention in Little Rock.

Donations given to our Hospital since June totaled $37,825.65 plus three $1,000 scholarships.
Scholarship Being Established to Help Area Nurses Advance Their Careers

The Magnolia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and Auxiliary Board are establishing a scholarship at Southern Arkansas University in honor of Mary Lucy Martel Ray. When complete, the scholarship will assist nurses at MRMC who wish to advance their nursing careers through one of the degree programs in the Department of Nursing at SAU.

Ray is a nursing graduate of Southern State College (now Southern Arkansas University). When she returned to nursing after a period as a full-time wife and mother, she was appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the hospital. She has served in that capacity for 27 years. In this role she directs the “Pink Ladies” and Auxiliaries and is the buyer for the Gift Shop. She also works with department managers to place volunteers in various areas of the hospital. At MRMC, she has been described as “the lady with the smiling face, the listening heart and the helpful hands.”

In addition to her professional activities, Ray is active in the community and in her church. She and her husband, Bo, are the parents of three children: Kris, Elizabeth and Katherine.

The SAU Department of Nursing offers an Associate of Applied Science Program in Nursing, an LPN to RN Transition track, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, and an online RN to BSN Completion Program. All of the SAU nursing programs are approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). To find out more about SAU Nursing or its accreditations, visit www.saumag.edu/nursing.

Ouachita County Medical Center - Camden
Submitted by: Daphne Bennett, Newsletter Editor

How proud we were of the Southwest District during the Awards presentation during convention. Ouachita County Medical Center Auxilian/District Chair Dorothy Berley gave her leadership to our nine auxiliaries and we received seven out of nine Five-Star Awards of Excellence. Three of six Outstanding Achievement Awards were received by auxiliaries in Dallas County Medical Center, Mercy Hospital (Hot Springs) and Ouachita County Medical Center. Magnolia Regional Medical Center’s administrator (Margaret West) won the Administrator’s Award for hospitals with
beds less than 100; and Jean Coleman from the Medical Center of South Arkansas won the Volunteer of the Year Award for hospitals with beds over 100.

Jerry Berley from OCMC Auxiliary was installed as AHAA President-Elect.

Nine members of the OCMC Auxiliary attended the State Convention, and ten attended the Southwest District meeting in Arkadelphia.

Uniforms 2U2 had a successful (for us!) scrub sale on September 24-25.

Our gift shop will open on November 4, fully decorated with all the splendor of Christmas.
Volunteers are also looking forward to the Christmas Lunch Saint Mary’s hosts for the volunteers in December.

Janet Thurber, Theresa Erwin (Valley District Chair), and Diana Stensland Show off Saint Mary’s Auxiliary 5 Star Award.

Auxiliary members enjoy lunch at the Fall Valley District Meeting.

Cleaning martini glasses for the Mammograms and Martinis event

Auxiliary Members present the Scholarship recipients with their checks
In September, our Auxiliary participated in RSVP Food Drive in observance of 9/11 “Day of Caring and Remembrance” Items donated to be used for St. John’s Episcopal Church’s daily sack lunch program for the homeless and needy. Also in September, several members worked at the Crawford County Fair passing out food for our Hospital.

State Convention was attended by 6 of our members. Our compliments to Mary Frauenhoff for an outstanding job as State Convention Chair. Mary is a member of our Auxiliary. Another of our members was presented as the new Valley District Chair.

We had eleven members attending Valley District Meeting at Mercy Hospital on Oct. 22nd. The food was delicious and decorations very pretty in keeping with President Sharon Sly’s theme of “Bloom Where you Are Planted”. The lovely center pieces were given as door prizes at the end of the meeting.

A first time fundraiser for us of selling Butter Braid frozen pastries was conducted during the month of October. This went very well.

November and December will be a very busy time for us. We start with our annual Wreath Decorating Contest. The Auxiliary furnishes undecorated wreaths to the various Hospital Departments: when the wreaths are decorated, they are put on display and a Silent Auction is held. Prizes are given for first and second place which is determined by the amount each has raised.

For the third year we will have our Christmas Cookie Jar Auction. Cookie jars are filled with homemade cookies and put on display for a Silent Auction. We also have bagged cookies and candy for sale. This is a real fun event.

We are looking forward to both the Hospital Christmas Party (Auxiliary members are always invited) and our Auxiliary Christmas Party to which we bring non-perishable food items and paper goods to be donated to Compassionate Ministries.

A Jewelry Sale is also scheduled for Dec. 17-18.
2014 Spring District Meetings

April 14th  Northwest  Northwest Arkansas Regional Med. Ctr. – Harrison
April 15th  Valley  St Mary’s Regional Medical Center – Russellville
April 16th  Metropolitan  Baptist health – Little Rock
April 22nd  North Central  White River Medical Center – Batesville
April 23rd  Northeeast  CrossRidge Community Hospital – Wynn
April 24th  Southeast  McGehee Hospital - McGehee

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A Sneer

A sneer is the weapon of the weak.

~James Russell Lowell~

Notes from Neta
Thank you to those auxiliaries sending newsletters. I regret that they are too large to include in the bimonthly AHAA newsletter.
Please send a one or two page synopsis of what your organization has accomplished the previous two months and what activities you have planned for the upcoming two months.
I will do my best to use all information sent to me, - I am just NOT comfortable picking and choosing from your newsletters what YOU might want reported for your auxiliary.
Thank you for your patience with a “newbie”.

Neta Sue Stamps, Editor

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# Newsletter Schedule/Reminder

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Note: The easy way to remember cutoff dates is to get articles in by the last day of every EVEN month! PLEASE include your district, hospital name, city and name and title of person sending items for the newsletter.

Neta Sue Stamps, Editor