

# NMHA AUXILIARY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE NEWSLETTER

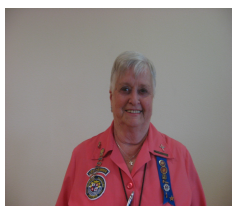
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I want to thank Phyllis Davidson for agreeing to chair the newsletter. The newsletter is a way for organizations to stay in touch and to see what is going on throughout the state. It is important for each organization to participate.

As one state meeting ends the next one begins. The planning committee for 2011's annual meeting is Donya Conine, Becky Diaz, Brenda Knisley, Jo Bowman and myself. Our first meeting is planned for November 10. Letters were sent to all the presidents asking them to suggest topics and speakers/presenters for the education breakout sessions. The education sessions are wonderful opportunities for us to learn and topic suggestions help the planning committee determine appropriate sessions, as well as speakers, for the membership as a whole.

The nominating committee will be looking for new officers and appointed positions. Please consider a position as the experience with the state is very rewarding. Yes, it is a lot of hard work, but worth the effort.

To all board members, please keep track of all your expenses and send the vouchers to Peggy. It is important that we know what all expenses are, even if we go over our budget.

In the months ahead the local presidents and chair persons will be hearing from the different state chairs. Please help each one by responding to their needs for information.

District chairs will be planning for the district meetings. I hope each and every member will plan to attend in your district. The meetings are always very informative.

In the past few years there have been many comments concerning the combined meeting and luncheon with MNHA. Part of the state auxiliary's purpose is to support the NMHA in its mission of representing the health care delivery system on legislative, regulatory and public information issues that affect health care services. This year their additional sponsorship was in the amount of \$12,900.00 Their donations help defray the cost of the annual meeting which exceeds our registration fee.

Please contact me at 575-742-1324 or [rpjohnston@plateautel.net](mailto:rpjohnston@plateautel.net) with your suggestions, comments, or recommendations.

Wishing each of you a Joyful and Bountiful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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### **President Elect Message**

Hello to everyone! Again, I just want to thank all for the confidence you have shown in selecting me to serve on the State Board. To me it is quite an honor to serve in this capacity.

Thanks to Paula Johnston in advance for her coaching and teaching so I can follow in the footsteps of the others that have served before. What "shoes" one has to fill!

I have asked Paula for a schedule of when all the auxiliaries meet as I would like to visit with each one sometime during the year. In this way I will know how your organization works and meet more and more of you. Please send her that information.

Hoping to see you soon!

Donya Conine  
President Elect

### **Eastern New Mexico Medical Center Auxiliary**

For the fall 2010 semester, ENMMC Auxiliary awarded scholarships totaling \$20,778.72 to 16 medical student applicants. The Auxiliary awards \$15,000.00 per semester in addition to the Marilou Malone Scholarship that is included each fall semester.

The current projects for the Hospitality Shop are custom made display cases that will be built in the bistro area outside of the gift shop. This marketing investment will give additional space to exhibit items for sale and provide a marketing tool to enhance and advertise the entire gift shop area.

Coming soon will be the ability for visitors and employees to swipe their charge cards for debit or credit. While payroll deductions have always been available in the gift shop and there is access to a nearby ATM, a card swipe system will add convenience and better serve our customers.

Eleven members attended the NMHA annual convention in Albuquerque, September 15-17, 2010. Laura Jennings was honored as the volunteer with the highest Years of Service Award in the State of New Mexico. Laura joined the Auxiliary in 1955 and continues to volunteer in ACU every Wednesday morning.

Judy Borst, Past President and Hospitality Shop Co-Chair and Lynda Whalen, Director of Volunteer Services, attended the American Hospital Association annual convention in St. Louis, MO on September 29-October 4, 2010. The conference provided the highest quality for networking, sharing ideas, resources and best practices from hospitals across the nation. Judy and Lynda were presenters for one of the forty workshops that were available for the attendees. They spoke on "A Thrift Shop for the Generations", and shared tips and stories about the successful 52-year old ENMMC Auxiliary Thrift Shop and its volunteers.

The Auxiliary is gearing down for a hospital-wide health fair scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2010, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers will staff the Information Desk to greet the throng of visitors and the Hospitality Shop and Starbucks will be open.

The Joint Commission will be visiting ENMMC in November, so Volunteer Services and Auxiliaries are focused on updated policy and procedures and brushing up on emergency responses.

Happy Holidays to everyone from Roswell.

Submitted by Lynda Whalen

### Lovelace Auxiliary

Fall Session for Lovelace Auxiliary is in high gear. On September 29th, we had our General Membership Meeting with luncheon provided by Lovelace. Dr Salim Walji, Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery was our guest speaker. Thanks to Fran Skinner for the great program.

We had a Books Are Fun sale on September 24th at Lovelace Women's Hospital. Also an Apex Jewelry Sale on October 7th and 8th at Lovelace Medical Center. Both sales were a great success.

Our next Books Are Fun Sale will be held at the Lovelace Medical Center on November 2nd. We will also be holding an Apex Jewelry Sale on December 13th and 14th at Journal Center and December 16 and 17th at Lovelace Women's Hospital. Lots of thanks to all volunteers who will participate to help.

Plans are formulating for our big holiday stocking project. All patients at Lovelace Medical Center and Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital will receive a stocking filled with lots of great goodies during the holidays.

Enjoy the glorious fall weather and Happy Holidays to all

Submitted by Martha Lindborg

### Plains Regional Medical Center - Clovis Auxiliary

This is a very busy time of year for the Auxiliary in Clovis.

On November 4th and 5th there was a Books Are Fun Sale at Plains Regional Medical Center.

On November 16 we will hold our annual fall pot luck luncheon at Baxter Curren Hall. Everyone brings a dish with the meat being provided. The entertainment will be a 27 member choir from the public schools. This is a very popular event for our local Auxiliary.

November 19 there will be an Auxiliary Bake Sale at PRMC. The proceeds from this sale will go into our scholarship fund

November 30th will find Auxiliary volunteers putting the Christmas Tree up in the Common Area of the Hospital. Our Tree is always decorated in pink in honor of the "Pink Ladies".

On December 3, the Auxiliary will host our annual hospital employee tea. We do this each December to show our appreciation for all the hospital employees.

Submitted by Phyllis Davidson

### Espanola Hospital Auxiliary

The Espanola Hospital Auxiliary had their Annual Hollyberry Fair on November 5.

The Hospital Auxiliary's Gift shop began opening their Gift Shop on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM as well as their regular week days Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

It will be nice to see what other auxiliaries are publishing to get a feel as to what others are doing.

Submitted by Gabriella Rodriguez

### A personal message from Jo Bowman, NMHA Liason

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your cards, emails, and prayers on the loss of my dad. Upon my return to Albuquerque, I was greeted with a visual of how blessed I am to have so many who care. Sometimes "thank you" just isn't enough; so, I will add to that "God Bless and Keep You."

#### Editor's Note

I hope everyone will enjoy what is going around our state. Please provide a copy of the newsletter to all of your members. If your organization is electing new officers for the new year, please let me know who your publicity chairman will be so that I can contact them for the next issue of the newsletter. The next publication will be in the spring and I hope each Auxiliary and Volunteer Service will be represented.