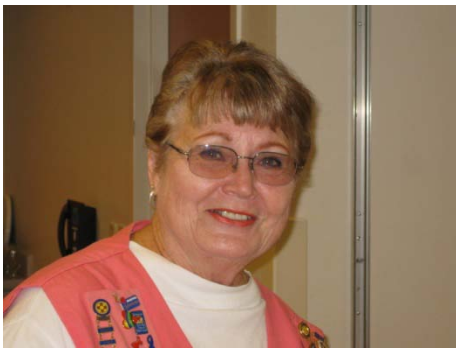


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, what a state conference we had! It was a wonderful year for Paula, and now she can get a well deserved break! As I sit here reflecting on the conference I am still excited about everything and hope that next year's will be just as great. For those that were unable to attend I hope you will be able to do so in the future and be able to meet new Auxilians/Volunteers, share ideas, learn from presenters and enjoy the companionship of others. I do want to **thank all** of you for your **evaluations** as these will assist us in

planning for next year.

There were several issues in the evaluations that I would like to address. Please note that an explanation from the past in making decisions is in bold print.

*Apologies for not recognizing the recognized Auxilian from Espanola, but she was not registered to attend the meeting. This points towards how important registration is. Perhaps in the future someone from the person's recognized Auxiliary could be there in the Auxilians stead. **The membership asked us to stop calling out all the names of recipients who were not present b/c they didn't want to sit there that long (it took an hour; sometimes a little more to announce everyone and wait for them to get to stage; and then there were those who weren't there so a lot of "she's not here" rang out from the audience) Therefore, we did as the membership asked and stopped doing that. If you would like to reinstate this practice, you can certainly do that**

*Desserts: I know that some toward the end of the line were not able to have the selection that those in the front had. Many suggested having desserts on the table. We will remember this as we plan for next year

*Registration: there was a long line which took more time than planned. We will put this on the agenda as we plan for next year.

*Breakfast: there was a mention about having breakfast on Friday morning. It would cost a lot more to have a "sit down" breakfast, especially when breakfast is included in your room rate if we have it at the Embassy again next year.

*Uniforms: I hope you enjoyed seeing all the pink, etc that I did. It really makes an impression on others and shows who we are. **Per the State Handbook, the State cannot require uniforms be worn. However, the President can make the request and hope for the 'sea of pink.'**

*Lunch speakers: these are chosen by the NMHA. Since we share lunch with them, we have no choice but to be considerate and learn as much as we can. **NMHA gives the State Auxiliary just under \$10,000 in support of the auxiliary. The auxiliary needs to reciprocate that support, and this**

is one way to do that. That amount does not include the annual meeting sponsorships that individual hospitals give the state auxiliary.

*Comedy hour: maybe we can continue to have this but at a different time so as not to compete with some of the other sessions. This is another item to be discussed by the planning team for next year. **NMHA determines their speaker lineup – usually AFTER the state auxiliary already has our sessions squared away. The Auxiliary will need to do away with their last session and all auxiliaries be registered for the ‘comedy hour.’ There were 80 auxiliaries registered for 2011 comedy. Do you want the other half relieved of the 2nd session decision?**

*Vendors: thanks for all the positive comments. Many want to be able to buy things from them; however, they are there for the Gift Shop Buyers. Hopefully we will be able to get more vendors in the future to make it more marketable for all.

*Friday morning: suggestions were made to make this a “meatier” morning. The Planning Committee will certainly take this into consideration for the next year.

I am starting the year asking you to feel free to communicate with me in any way you choose. I know that I am new to many around the state and hope to be able to meet as many of you as I can during the coming year. Please advise me of your schedules, events and/or meetings so that I can put you on my calendar. I, along with my husband Wayne, will be traveling all over the state, but we need some dates so I can organize my travels.

Thanks to all of you for all the work you do for the hospital in which you work. As noted this year you are all very valuable and deserve lots of recognition. Hope to see you soon.

“Great is the power of might and mind, but only Love can make us kind.”

Donya Conine, State Auxiliary/Volunteer President



L to R: Peggy Rueb, 1990-91; Carol Searcy, 2000-01 & 2003-04; Marilyn Hathaway, 2001-02; Luella Kramer, 2002-03; Rebecca Diaz, 2004-05; Brenda Knisely, 2005-06; Anne Felton, 2008-09; Kneeling – Linda Rounds- Nichols, 2009-10.

Past State Presidents attending the 2011 Convention

The State Auxiliary would like to recognize the following sponsors of the 2011 annual meeting. Without their continued support and sponsorship we would not be able to provide an annual meeting that benefits so many.

PLATINUM Level

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center
Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
Gila Regional Medical Center

GOLD Level

Miners' Colfax Medical Center

SILVER Level

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Lovelace Medical Center Auxiliary
Plains Regional Medical Center Auxiliary
Presbyterian Healthcare Services & Foundation
San Juan Regional Medical Center
Socorro General Hospital
Karen & Keith Fox
The Worry Woo Monsters
Kiwanis International

BRONZE Level

Lincoln County Medical Center
Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services
Sierra Vista Hospital Auxiliary

TURQUOISE Level

Espanola Hospital
Document Imaging of the Southwest
Gila Regional Medical Center
Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center

DISTRICT 1

Los Alamos Medical Center, Inc. - Los Alamos

The Hospital Auxiliary of the Los Alamos Medical Center, Inc. participated in the Rodeo Parade the end of August. Twelve of us, in our pink jackets and straw hats, plus one Junior Volunteer carried a Volunteer Sign. It was fun and will do it again next year. September was a slow month except for the State Convention, which 3 of us attended. We thought it was a very good one. Our October was busy. Five of our members worked the Cancer Seminar the evening of October 20 serving a lite supper to 60 attendees prior to the seminar. October 29 was our annual Health Fair given by the Heart Council and fifteen of our auxiliaries helped with the Blood Draw, Flu Shots, Hearing Screening and at the entrance. There were 1,466 checked in at the entrance and this number did not include the many presenters at the booths located throughout Griffith Gym or those of us working with hospital staff and Heart Council members. This event starts at 8:00 and ends at noon.

Carol Pyburn, President
Hospital Auxiliary of LAMC

Espanola Hospital – Espanola

September NMHA Annual Meeting was attended by 15 of our Auxiliary Board Members. The Meeting was very informative and the Auxiliary were very pleased to accept 2nd place for our Scrapbook. We were proud to have our Auxiliary Member Sandra Giron present “How to make your own Sandscapes” (coined by Mary Beth Shymkus, Auxiliary Member).

October 14 – The Auxiliary hosted the Regional Workshop at the San Gabriel Mission Museum. Many good reviews were received on the Workshop, the tours of the Hospital and the Healing Garden.

October 19 – Presbyterian Española Hospital Auxiliary elected their new officers for 2012 and awarded Years of Service Pins. The following new officers will be installed at the January 20th annual Board/General Meeting:

President – Gabriella Rodriguez
President-Elect – Sylvia Salazar
Treasurer – Beulah Sandoval
Recording Secretary – Dolores Roybal
Corresponding Secretary – Mary A. Garcia
Director of Volunteer Services – Nancy Bell
Manager of the Gift Shop – Elizabeth Romero
Manager of the Information Desk – Ida War
Manager of the Youth Volunteers – Doris Wickersham

November 4 – The Auxiliary held their Annual Hollyberry Fair. Flu shots were also given to the Auxiliary Members. Winners of the 8 prize drawings were very pleased with their winnings.

At present, the Auxiliary is in the process of updating our Bylaws and 2012 Yearbook.

Submitted by Gabriella Rodriguez, President

Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary – Taos

We had a wonderful potluck picnic at the Aubrecht’s house in July.



Lunching outside

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Guest Speaker: Cathy Connelly - Ms. Connelly is the Director of Public Affairs and Tourism for the Town of Taos, including municipal information officer and director of tourism marketing. She also served as the lead communicator for Taos during last winter's gas outage crisis.

Our Gift Shop continues to offer our staff and community a wide variety of merchandise, including the latest fashion jewelry, delectable handmade truffles from the Sweet Shop, baby and children's gifts, cards for all occasions, and most recently the addition of Willow Tree angels and figurines & journals from Demdaco. For the holidays we will be carrying new treasures from Victorian Trading Company

Seven of our members attended the State Convention in Albuquerque the end of September: Charlene Tamayo, Mary Ann Hillyard, Luella Kramer, Eleanor Gurule, Pauline Mondragon, Lia Romero y Vigil, and Dorothy Pacheco,

Our Auxiliary continues to support young people in Taos County with college scholarships for outstanding students studying in the medical fields. Currently we are proudly funding the following students: Carrico Torres, Luis Anton Heron Cruz, Feliz Vigil, Elizabeth Estrada, Josephine Heino, Betty Lina Trujillo, and Ashley Branch. Thank you Lia, for your work as Scholarship Chair.

Our board voted at the September meeting to donate \$6,000 to Holy Cross for equipment purchases. This money comes from Gift Shop profits!

2011-2012 HCH Auxiliary Board of Directors

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Member at Large: Linda Aubrecht 758-9675

Member at large: Doris Brandon 770-1051(Gift shop Scheduling)

Miners' Colfax Medical Center – Raton

Greetings from Miners' Colfax Medical Center,

In September, installation of the 2011-12 officers was held—Marilyn Wiseman, President; Anna Weybrew, Vice President; Naomi Winders and Barbara Castillo-Velarde, Co-Secretaries; and Donna Hall and Le Ann Smith, Co-Treasurers.

The Fall Awards/Appreciation Luncheon was held on November 3 at Mulligans. After an excellent meal, hour pins and years of service awards were presented. Special recognition was given to Ruth DiLisio who has been a volunteer for many years and has accumulated 11,470 hours. Thank you, Ruth, for your time and dedication to the auxiliary.

Also, Judy Rubinstein and Shirley Faver were selected as MCMC Auxilians of the Year.

Many thanks to Donya and Wayne Conine for attending our luncheon.

Our auxiliary will help hospital employees with a bake sale in November to raise money for the hospital holiday party to be held in December.

Alta Vista Regional Hospital – Las Vegas

Five Members of our Auxiliary attended the New Mexico Hospital Association Auxiliary / Volunteer Services Convention, September 28, 29 & 30. Those attending were: Connie Mascarenas, Janet Remenyik, Benita Zimmer, Sue Jones & Carol Searcy. We conducted the Memorial Service for the Convention. It was well received allowing all Auxiliaries & Volunteer Service groups to recognize their lost members.

Carol Searcy invited all twenty-two Active Past-Presidents to meet for breakfast. It was attended by eight members and decided that we will make it an annual event at the State Convention. (Photo attached to this Newsletter). We are looking forward to Welcoming Paula Johnston for next year's event.

Sue Jones, Public Relations Chairman
AVRH Auxiliary

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center - Santa Fe

The annual health clinics provided by CHRISTUS St. Vincent Hospital were well received by the community. 165 Men took advantage of the free Prostate Screening Clinic. At the Breast Cancer Screening Clinic, 65 women were examined and 54 women received low cost diagnostic mammograms. A total of 2,764 people received flu shots at the Free Flu Shot Clinic. The First Free Flu Shot Clinic was given in October 1992 at St. Vincent Hospital. All Health clinics were conducted on Saturdays. Auxiliary members were present to welcome, register and assist those attending.

St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary recently issued an invitation, to all the departments in the Hospital, to request needed equipment. We will be granting wishes totaling \$40,000 within the next month. Treadmills and a bike for the gym, monitors for orthopedics and diabetes and an adult training manikin for the emergency services are among the requests.

A yearly project for St. Vincent Hospital is the Cozy Coats for Kids Program. This year the goal is 700 new coats for elementary school children. The Auxiliary works with the Hospital staff to reach this goal.

From Santa Fe, St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary wishes everyone a delightful holiday season.

Jean Marrs, President

DISTRICT 2

Presbyterian Volunteer Services -Albuquerque, NM

Following are the new PHS board officers for 2012 on November 15, 2011:

Chair: Joanne Martinico

Chair-Elect: Debbie Cook

Treasurer: Dick Rogers

Treas.-Elect: Esther Reynolds

Secretary: Susan Korbach

In conjunction with NM Donor Services, we had a very successful “Donor Day,” during the National Make a Difference Day on October 21. We made over 300 contacts and registered 25 new donors.

Volunteer Services is supporting the Albuquerque Public Schools’ Title I Homeless Teen Program for one of our holiday projects by providing \$20 Target gift cards to be distributed to the students in this program prior to the Christmas holidays.

We are looking forward to 2012 as we plan activities and projects to celebrate the 60th anniversary of PHS Volunteer Services.

Joanne Martinico

Lovelace Medical Center – Albuquerque

Happy Holidays to all from the Lovelace Auxiliary.

We had nine Auxilians attend the NMHA State Auxiliary Meeting, a wonderful and educational time was had by all. We are getting ready for our big fundraiser – our Jewelry Sales will be held in December. Thank you to Peg Fowler for getting this organized and ready for our holiday shoppers. Lovelace Medical Center acquired the Heart Hospital of New Mexico at Lovelace Medical Center in August 2011. This means that our Auxiliary will be busy doing many fundraisers throughout the year to accommodate all our heart patients with heart pillows.

Martha Lindborg

San Juan Regional Medical Center - Farmington

Our General Meeting, Installation of Officers and Memorial was held in September, prior to the State Convention. Donya Conine graciously conducted our Installation of Officers, and we were also honored to have Paula Johnston join us.

Our officers include: Sally Pascal, President
Audrey Bennett, Vice President

Judy Menning, Treasurer
Barbara Wilmart, Assistant Treasurer
Norma Brack, Secretary
Richard Menning, Board Representative

We will be hosting the District II meeting in 2012, which will be held on April 28th. We are very excited to host this wonderful event and will be starting planning soon.

Our annual "Gift of Light" fundraiser will benefit Diabetes Education this year, with free A1C testing to those in need. We recently held a Book Fair and proved to be a very successful event. Our \$5.00 Jewelry Sale will be held after Thanksgiving.

Many of our gals are already baking for the annual bake sale in December. This is a highly anticipated event by our staff, and the items sell out quickly. Our Gift Market is already looking very festive and is adorned with holiday items that are already selling.

Have a great day!

Teresa Becker

DISTRICT 3

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center - Alamogordo

Greetings to my fellow Auxilians,

What a good day to write a letter. The temperature is low, the sun is coming up. What a great day to be alive!

Maybe we are just having too much fun! The Auxiliary year is passing by so quickly. That's frightening.

We had a booth at the County Fair this year. This is a good way to show the community the adventures that we have taken on during the past year. It is also a good way to reach the public, as far as getting men and women interested in becoming part of us. We had several sign ups.

In September, of course 29 of us attended the NM State Hospital Convention, and we all had a very good time, learned a lot, and got acquainted with many new people. We were chosen for the Salute of Excellence award for our campus Shuttle program. What an honor. We were also chosen for having the awarding scrapbook and for the Junior Volunteer of the summer program for a 100 bed hospital. WOW! We came home all excited. We also had our semi-monthly Blood Drive. We were able to donate many units of blood.

October brought about our semi-annual book sale, "BOOK ARE FUN". We have been doing this sale for some time now and the community and the employees of our hospital look forward to it. We run this for 3 days and the results were outstanding!

November is the month for our annual one day HARVEST FAIR. You should have seen all of the Auxilians at 5:45 in the AM, in their uniforms, rushing around to get the rooms ready for a 7:00AM

opening. We made it! We had crafts, a stuffed toy table, baked goods, lots of white elephants and our wonderful gently used jewelry table.

December will see us busy again. On the 3rd of December we will participate in the Annual City Christmas Parade. This is another form of exposure for us. We will also have a Christmas sale on the 16th of December. This is a good way to help those shoppers who procrastinate.

January will probably be a catch up month. Getting ready to start to get a roster together for the next officer election in March, April and May.



Photo L to R – Patricia Minjarez, Treasurer; Peggy Andre, Vice President; Milly House, President; Mary Tenski, Secretary; Chris Hamberlin, Assistant Treasurer

Until the next time,
Milly House, President

DISTRICT 4

Mimbres Memorial Hospital – Deming

Mimbres Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Officers 2011-2012: President - Joyce Erickson, Vice President - Mary Hopper, Recording Secretary - Katy Hofacket, Correspondence Secretary - Joan Canady and Treasurer - Alice Dunham.

Our Deming, NM auxiliary has been busy and a long time dream was fulfilled when we moved into our new gift shop the last of September. Many of the members have been working on this move for years and it is now a reality. We moved from a tiny cramped area to a much larger room. This has allowed us to show off our many beautiful items for sale. We had our Grand Opening on Friday, October 28, 2011. I want to thank everyone who worked on this over the years to make it a reality. The hospital staff is very supportive of our shop but we are working on publicity to make it known to the public.

We sent four members to the annual convention in Albuquerque this year. Joyce Erickson, Jennie Burkle, Sherry Whitman and Vicki Uffindell were the attendees. Jennie is a veteran convention participant but it was a first time for the rest of us. We were thrilled to hear that it was the best attended convention in several years. We felt the convention was well put together and we have already encouraged our members to think about attending in 2012.

We had a fund raiser Bingo in October and plan to host our annual Harvest Fair in November. The Bingo was a great success and we expect the same from the fair. Our membership is small but everyone is willing to pitch in whenever needed. I would like to say thank you to all of our members who continue to make us a successful auxiliary.

From our auxiliary to yours - Happy Holidays. Lets all keep up the good work in 2012.
Joyce Erickson, President