

**NMHA  
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**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

First, let me thank all of you who have so willingly accepted the task of acting as the electronic contact person from your respective auxiliaries/ volunteer services. As we know, the need to communicate quickly and easily benefits everyone. Your response is greatly appreciated.

As we move into another service year, we are reminded of the necessity to continue recruiting new members. Keeping in mind that our efforts should be positive encounters, while motivating them not only with educational material, the benefit of new friendships, activities, but also reminding them of the personal rewards that come from doing for others. And the follow- up”r” is retaining our present membership. We must continue to focus on assuring that each member is in their own area of expertise and capabilities. Cross training should be encouraged as an opportunity to be able to move around and gain knowledge within the organization, as well as provided a substitute list for other service areas. Flexible hours is another good motivational plus, as is showcasing the organization as striving to be the best in the latest technology, there are others of course, and sometimes it takes a little practice time to work out the glitches.

Soon we will start planning for our 2009 meeting, using the responses from our 2008 meeting to guide some of our decision making in an effort to make the meeting informative, educational, and enjoyable for everyone.

Once again, we will be using the breakout session format in order to reach as many members as possible, as well as offering a variety of pertinent topics. More will follow as we progress with the agenda. I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving.

Anne Felton, President  
NMHA Auxiliary/Volunteer Service

**NEVER FORGET THAT IT TAKES  
ONLY ONE PERSON OR ONE IDEA  
TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER**

## MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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First of all, I congratulate each of you individually and as a group for your outstanding attendance and participation at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the NMHA Auxiliary/ Volunteer Service. With 188 full registrations we exceeded our expectations; and with increased expenses of fuel cost and others, you are amazing!!

I know I speak for the Board of Directors, the Planning Committee and Jo Bowman our Liaison who worked diligently to make the Annual meeting an educational and enjoyable experience, we appreciate so very much your participation in all areas. Talent show, helping with registration, workshops, golf events, beautiful centerpieces, contributions to the registration bags, and of course sponsorships. It takes all of us working together to not only have a worthwhile annual meeting, but also to have a strong organization in New Mexico serving our hospitals and communities all year round- and you certainly did it in 2007-2008.

**Congratulations and thank you!!**

Above all, I personally thank each of you for your support and cooperation during my term as President of the NMHA Auxiliary/ Volunteer Service without which I could not possibly have met the expectations of the position. The lovely gift of Nambe is beautiful, and one which I shall cherish and remember for many years.

And now on to my new job as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Soon I will be contacting presidents/volunteer service chairpersons for input for officers/board members for 2009-2010. Serving at the State level is very rewarding, challenging and enjoyable, you meet such nice people. I encourage you to survey your respective groups for nominees. As a reminder, job descriptions for State Auxiliary Board of Directors are included in your handbooks, which will be updated in the next couple of months. If you have any questions or need for further information please contact me at 575-522-1393 or [chpfeifer@zianet.com](mailto:chpfeifer@zianet.com)

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**“Our Districts”**

**DISTRICT 1: WORKSHOP MAY, 2009**

Espanola-Espanola Hospital; Las Vegas-Alta Vista Regional Hospital  
Los Alamos-Los Alamos Medical Center; Raton- Miners’ Colfax Medical  
Center; Santa Fe-Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center  
Taos-Holy Cross Hospital

**DISTRICT 11: NOT AVAILABLE**

Albuquerque- Lovelace Sandia Health System; Presbyterian  
Healthcare Service; UNM Health Sciences  
Farmington - San Juan Regional Medical Center ;Gallup-Rehoboth  
McKinley Christian Health Care Services

**DISTRICT III: WORKSHOP APRIL 20, 2009**

Alamogordo- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center  
Carlsbad-Carlsbad Medical Center; Clovis- Plains Regional  
Medical Center; Lovington- Nor-Lea General Hospital  
Roswell- Eastern New Mexico Medical Center  
Ruidoso- Lincoln County Medical Center

**DISTRICT 1V: WORKSHOP APRIL 8 ,2009**

Deming- Mimbres Memorial Hospital; Las Cruces- Memorial  
Medical Center ;Silver City- Gila Regional Medical Center  
Socorro- Socorro General Hospital; Truth or Consequences- Sierra  
Vista Hospital

**There are at least four things you can do with your hands:**

**You can wring them in despair;  
You can fold them in idleness;  
You can clench them in anger;  
Or you can use them to help someone.**

## **AROUND OUR STATE**

### **DISTRICT I**

#### **ESPANOLA: Espanola Hospital**

Greetings,

This has been a very busy time for our Auxiliary. We have had several of our volunteers either out of town or in the hospital. This makes it especially difficult to find subs. When almost everyone is already doing a double shift for some reason or another. But you know volunteers, they are just like that little pink bunny, they just keep on going and going and...We are almost ready for our largest fund raiser of the year, our Hollyberry Fair. It is Nov.7<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have crafts, baked goodies, silent auction, and a large jewelry and Christmas sale in the gift shop. Some of us put in as many as 53 hours a week. All of us are a little on the exhausted side and then along comes that pink bunny. Our general meeting was so nice, most every one was there and the electing of our new slate of officers went well. If you have a chance to get away and come to our Hollyberry Fair we sure would love to see you.

Thanks,

Sandy

#### **LAS VEGAS: Alta Vista Regional Hospital**

No article submitted.

#### **LOS ALAMOS: Los Alamos Medical Center**

No article submitted.

#### **RATON: Miner's Colfax Medical Center**

No article submitted.

#### **SANTA FE: Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center**

Greetings to you all from the St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Auxiliary!

Since our meeting in Albuquerque we all have been quite busy. There have been three successful clinics, one blood drive and now we are helping CHRISTUS STVRMC gather up jackets for needy kids.

The Breast Cancer clinic was headed by Joyce Martinez and she did an excellent job. There were 70 patients registered, 58 patients seen and 47 mammograms given. The Flu Shot clinic is always fun and the people of Santa Fe appreciate it so much. We gave 3,319 shots at the hospital and 1,597 at a local children's clinic...all between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sally Rodriguez was our chairperson and she did a great job. The Prostrate Clinic saw a total of 156. Everyone is thankful for these services.

The Cozy Coat for kids drive has just started. We hope to gather 465 coats for children at various elementary schools in the area. In addition, the Auxiliary donates \$300 each year. It is a worthy cause.

Our four blood drives for the year yielded a grand total of 126 units. We are also so grateful to the folks that donate.

The year-end is upon us. To each and every one of you, I wish the happiest of holidays and blessings for the New Year.

Sandy Ames, President

STVRMC

#### **TAOS: Holy Cross Hospital**

No article submitted.

## DISTRICT II

### **ALBUQUERQUE: Presbyterian Healthcare Services**

Volunteer Services helped Presbyterian celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by holding three concurrent Volunteer Fairs on October 22, 2008. Volunteers set up tables at Main, Kaseman and Rio Rancho to highlight our accomplishments, demonstrate the many facets of volunteering, and to recruit more volunteers. These were displays of the Stuff 'n' Stuff heart pillows and animals. Lifeline monitors and of course, our dedicated mascot Fuzzy Bear, represented the gift shops along with the book "Good Night, Moon". Volunteers were on hand to pass out flyers explaining the various ways we help the staff and patients. We gave away cookies to visitors as well as balloons and lollipops to the children. A great time was had by all.

Installation of the 2009 incoming board was held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our new chair, Maggie Batsel and all Board members were given a warm welcome by the large number of volunteers present at the Installation. Our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to Diana Jones who has served as Chair for the past two years. Diana has done an outstanding job heading up our many and varied projects.

Carol Aragon, PHS

### **ALBUQUERQUE: Lovelace Medical Center**

Greetings from the Lovelace Auxiliary. It has been very busy since the State Convention in September. In October the Auxiliary hosted a Blood Drive, a Scrub Sale and on Halloween the Medical Center hosted an Employee Benefits Fair. The Auxiliary sponsored a booth and gave away bottles with information about our projects printed on them. In November, we combined our monthly board meeting with our General Membership Meeting and had a lovely luncheon afterwards. In December we will be hosting another Blood Drive and a Masquerade Jewelry Sale. All of Santa's elves will be stuffing and delivering Holiday Stockings to Lovelace Medical Center and Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital patients. Our luncheon will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes for a great holiday season.

Martha Lindborg, President Elect

### **FARMINGTON: San Juan Regional Medical Center**

It's been a busy year with the holidays rapidly approaching, it doesn't look like it's going to change.

Our volunteers were treated to a summer BBQ at Orchard Park in downtown Farmington. Members joined together for fun, food, and music by Donnie Johnson.

Our teen volunteers were ready for a "uniform" change and they really look sharp in their new navy blue polo shirts with the Jr. Volunteer patch.

We were so pleased to have Anne Felton join us and install our new officers at our annual Luncheon meeting at San Juan Country Club. A candlelight memorial service was held to honor members who had passed away in the last year. At the board meeting prior to the luncheon it was agreed that the proceeds from this year's Gift of Light Tree would be used to purchase new interview room furniture for S.A.N.E (Sexual Assault Nursing Examinations.) The 2008 Cancer Walkathon was held in October and our auxiliary fielded a team of 7 walkers. These 7 walkers accounted for pledges of over \$ 900.00 and two walkers qualified for special awards by having pledges of at least \$ 300.00!

We're looking forward to the Imagine Nation Books, Ltd book fair, which will be held November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in the hospital lobby. Just in time for the holiday shopping.

We are excitedly awaiting the “unveiling” of our Auxiliary Cook Book on December 5<sup>th</sup> Coinciding with our annual Bake/White Elephant Sale, beginning at 7:00 a.m.. We’re looking forward to brisk sales of the cook book and have learned through past experience that the baked goods and white elephant items go quickly.

From now through CHRISTMAS Eve the Gift Market is conducting a “clerk’s special’ sale. During each 3 ½ hour shift the clerks get to choose an item in the shop to sell at 50% off, and when an item is “gone” ...its “gone “ ..whether it’s sold out or has changed with the shift change !! So far, sales have been brisk!!

We always look forward to the State meeting in Albuquerque and were excited to have 8 of our Auxiliary members make a trip to Albuquerque to attend. They gave excellent reports on the meeting content and presentation.

**GALLUP: Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services**  
Greetings from Gallup,

We have had a very busy fall since going to the State Meeting in September. We really enjoyed the State meeting this year and were especially happy to receive the Salute to Excellence Award.

Our hospital’s fund raising event was October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We are responsible for the decorations of the ball and our auxilian Renee Radosevich- Caviggia did such a beautiful job. Everything was a success. Our schedule has gone like this, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> our General Meeting, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> employee Thanksgiving meal (that we help serve). Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Book Fair, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree set up (three of them) in the hospital, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Balloon Breakfast and Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner.

Congratulations to Linda Rounds-Nichols on her election and installation as President-Elect. Also congratulation to Bobbie Orr as District 11 Chairman. We will be having the district Workshop in Gallup in May. A definite date will be given in January.

I hope everyone has safe travels for the holidays and all stay well. We would love to have people visit us from other districts just let me know if you are coming this way.

Sincerely,  
Shari Hammond, President  
RMCHCS AUXILIARY

**ALBUQUERQUE: University Health Sciences Center**  
Things have been very quiet at University Hospital of late but now we are preparing for our annual holiday bazaar, held the first Friday in December. It is our biggest money maker of the year.

We lost one of our long time members in late October, Barbara Winslow. She was a most loyal member.

We want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a very prosperous new year.

Anna Allen  
UNM Hospital Service League

### DISTRICT III

**ALAMOGORDO: Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center**  
Greetings from Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in Alamogordo.

We've had a great start to our year with two major fund raising projects completed. We held a silent Auction for four new recliners that were donated to the Auxiliary and raised over \$1600. Our Harvest Fair, featuring crafts, baked goods, a white elephant sale, a used jewelry sale and a lovely tea, raised over \$2300. Donya Conine, our Jr. Past President, coordinated both the silent auction and the Harvest Fair. Great Job! Our Holiday Sale is coming up in December and will include crafts, baked goods and used jewelry, as well as items from the Gift Shop. We're well on way to our scholarship target of \$10,000.

Twenty seven members attended the State Convention and came away energized by the exciting workshops and keynote speaker. We are taking steps now to ensure that our policies and procedures manuals are up to date, and critical information is not lost as members retire. We are also implementing some of the workshop ideas in our fund raising activities and other operations. It was great to see Kathy Moses be recognized for her 50 years of service to our auxiliary. Thanks to GCRMC CEO Jim Heckert who escorted Kathy to the stage to receive her award.

We will be facing a daunting renovation project during the next 15 months that involves significant relocation of departments and services. The auxiliary members staffing the information desk will serve as critical points for hospital users and are gearing up to deal with change, change and more change! A significant benefit of the renovation project to the auxiliary is the enlargement of the Gift Shop to more than twice its present square footage. Gail Sorum, our chief buyer, and her staff are looking forward to the expansion.

Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season.

Peggy Fischer, GCRMC Auxiliary President

**CARLSBAD: Carlsbad Medical Center**

No article submitted.

**CLOVIS: Plains Regional Medical Center**

No article submitted.

**ROSWELL: Eastern New Mexico Medical Center**

This year our Auxiliary celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a group picture taken and two big articles in our newspaper; one about our Auxiliary and one on the Thrift Shop. On Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> we had a Health Fair at ENMMC. About ten auxiliary members handed out important information about improving our health. Every year the Kiwanis put on an All Civic Luncheon. This luncheon gathers all of the civic groups here together to say thank you for everything these groups do for the community. This year about 20 of our members will be attending. On December 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a Christmas luncheon. It is going to be in ENMMC cafeteria. Our dietary department always makes this luncheon a very special event. ENMMC Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We all are looking forward to a great 2009.

Judy Borst, ENMMC Auxiliary President

**RUIDOSO: Lincoln County Medical Center**

The LCMC Auxiliary is busy planning their holiday fundraisers. On December 5<sup>th</sup> we will have our bake sale which usually brings in around \$800. Our Christmas luncheon is on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Members always bring an unwrapped toy to the lunch and then the toys are donated to the local Santa's Helpers for needy families. This year members will spend the day after our luncheon actually volunteering with the Santa's Helpers organization sorting and packing boxes for local families.

**The new Physical Therapy building is almost complete. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Auxiliary, Physical Therapy has \$200,000 “state-of-the-art” equipment for patients. A grand opening is planned after the holidays and the Auxiliary will play a big part in that event. This is an important service to the Ruidoso community. Patients can have all or most of their rehabilitative therapy right in their own town.**

**Our gift shop has undergone some changes and is doing well, and our thrift shop is thriving. Donations continue to come in and sales are increasing, probably due to the tough economic times. Membership stays steady. There are some very dedicated members that accomplish a lot of work.**

**Our LCMC Auxiliary extends the blessings of the holidays to you all.**

**Joan Pelkey, LCMC Volunteer Coordinator**

**LOVINGTON: Nor-Lea General Hospital**  
**No article submitted.**

#### **DISTRICT IV**

**DEMING: Mimbres Memorial Hospital**  
**No article submitted.**

**LAS CRUCES: Memorial Medical Center**  
**Priscilla Sanchez, MMC Auxiliary Volunteer, received the “summer-only” program Youth Volunteer of the Year Award at the NMHA Auxiliary/Volunteer Service Annual Meeting in September. Priscilla, her family and thirteen members of the Auxiliary attended an Awards dinner where Priscilla received this award. Auxilians in addition to attending the dinner also enjoyed the workshops meeting.**

**Over 140 Auxilians and Pastoral Care volunteers attended the October Fall Orientation on October 9<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting they were updated on hospital policies and procedures and flu shots were given. At the end of October Auxiliary members along with many MMC staff Volunteered to help with the MMC Annual Free Flu Clinic. Over 4,000 residents received Their flu vaccine at this clinic.**

**On the fun side, Auxilians attended a potluck and movie event at the hospital on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They are now looking forward to celebrating the holidays at the Auxiliary’s annual Holiday Luncheon in December.**

**Katherine Fusco, President**  
**Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary**

**SILVER CITY: Gila Regional Medical Center**  
**No article submitted**  
**SOCORRO: Socorro General Hospital**  
**No article submitted.**

**TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES: Sierra Vista Hospital**

The long and much anticipated wait for the mammography equipment is now over as it has been installed and appointments are now being made. This quest started three years ago, and we wish to thank the Wolslager Foundation, the Rotary Club of Truth or Consequences, the Quilter's Club, Elephant Butte Red Hat Ladies, Mel and Myra Tepper and Senators Jeff Bingamen and Pete Domenici for co- sponsoring funds through the Omnibus Bill, which helped to complete the challenge grant and make this happen.

The Radiology Department offers a full compliment of studies now with our Ultrasound (general ) taking place each Tuesday. Doppler and Vascular studies taking place every other Tuesday and Eco's being done once a month. Sierra Vista Hospital is very proud of this new service being offered to the public.

The SVH Auxiliary is partnering with Radiology in sponsoring an Open House, not only to showcase the new equipment, but to offer an opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. The lobby which has been newly carpeted will be used to set up the tree and display all the items the gift shop have displayed for sale to the public.

Mary Moyers

**ATTENTION PLEASE!!!!**

**Calling all Auxiliaries who sponsor a Thrift Shop. We would like to present a session for our September 2009 meeting and thought this is a good way to showcase some of our Auxiliaries thrift shops.**

**For more information please contact me at.**

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**Thank you,  
Anne Felton, President  
NMHA Auxiliary/ Volunteer Service**

