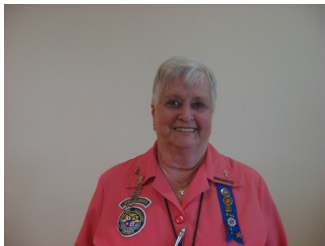


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring is here and am I ever thankful that the cold has gone elsewhere. Our planning committee has been very busy putting together a great annual meeting. I work with a very dedicated group of people: Jo Bowman, Brenda Knisley, Becky Diaz, and Donya Conine . The theme for this year is "VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

The past months have flown by as I have traveled to various hospitals in the state. I have had the privilege of doing installations, attending awards luncheons, Pink Follies and general meetings. What a wonderful educational experience. It is a great opportunity to see how each auxiliary operates. Your volunteer spirit does have a great impact on the hospitals and patients that you serve. The needs are great and your service is very valuable.

We are well on the way to planning the September meeting. We will continue the breakout sessions on Thursday. As you are all aware, the dates and location of the meeting is decided by NMHA and our meeting is held in conjunction with theirs. There will be some changes in the agenda which will appear in the Call to Convention packet when it comes out in July. When you receive the packet, please share with your members so all may be informed.

The District meetings are scheduled as follows:

District I	Taos	April 13
District II	Albuquerque	May 11
District III	Roswell	May 14
District IV	Truth or Consequences	April 12.

These people work very hard to have a meeting that is informative and educational and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

I sent out memos and letters to all the presidents regarding the "GOVENORS AWARD." I know there is someone in your organization that would qualify for this: Auxilian of the Month, Auxilian of the Year. I am hoping for a great response.

Remember the dates for the Annual Meeting is September 27th, 28th, and 29th at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, 1000 Woodward Place, NE. As more information evolves we will keep you updated. Again, the theme is "VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

As your president it is an honor and privilege to serve. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

**Paula Johnston-President
NMHA Auxiliary/Volunteer Service**

District I

Alta Vista Regional Hospital

Alta Vista Regional Hospital Auxiliary held their Installation and Awards Luncheon on January 12, 2011.

We were honored with a state visitation by State Auxiliary President, Paula Johnston, Plains Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Clovis and District I Chairman, Luella Kramer, Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, Taos. They installed our officers: Carol Searcy, President; Adele Nix, Vice President; Janet Time, secretary; Benita Zimmer, Treasurer; Janet Remenyik, Immediate Past-President.

The chief executive officer of Alta Vista Regional Hospital, Maridel Acosta, and the executive team joined us for lunch. Ms. Acosta addressed the group. She is new to our hospital and community. She shared some personal information and her plans for the future of AVRH.

Our hours and awards were presented by Chairman, Connie Mascarenas and Past District I Chairman (2003-04). The auxiliary volunteered 6,396.8 hours for the year 2010. Pins were presented to each member with the appropriate number of hours.

Sue Jones, Public Relations Chairman
Las Vegas

Presbyterian Espanola Hospital Auxiliary

The Presbyterian Espanola Hospital Auxiliary recently purchased an ice maker/ice dispenser and TV monitor for the Radiology Department. The auxiliary also donated monies for the purchase of a water fountain for the Healing Garden at the hospital. This is a project group effort with the auxiliary, the hospital and the Rotary Club.

Our two fundraising events, "Scrub Sales" and "Books are Fun" are scheduled for February and March.

On April 13th our members are looking forward to attending the District I Workshop in Taos.

On April 15th our General Meeting Volunteers Awards and Appreciation Luncheon will be held. Thirty-five awards will be presented as well as seven special awards. The Volunteer of the Year will be named.

Volunteers make the world a better place!

Gabriella Rodriguez, President
Espanola

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Hospital Auxiliary

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Hospital Auxiliary has been quite busy since the Hospital Association meeting in September.

At the Prostate Clinic held in September, 175 men took advantage of the free blood test and exam that was offered.

The Breast Cancer Screening Clinic was held in October. Ninety-two women were examined and 74 low cost mammograms were given.

The cold weather in November did not deter 1,064 people from lining up for their free flu shots. The drive-thru area gave an additional 431 free flu shots and the pediatrics clinic at Arroyo Chamiso gave another 1,200 free flu shots to parents and children.

Auxiliary members served hot coffee and hot chocolate to take the chill off for those waiting in line for their shots. Auxiliary members are quick to volunteer for all these health clinics.

The auxiliary supports the Cozy Coats for Kids program with donations of cash and coats. Hospital employees and friends collected 625 new coats that were distributed to children in need at 20 elementary schools in the Santa Fe area.

The "Santa to a Senior" program provided gifts to seniors who might not receive a gift during the holiday season. The gift shop was the drop off point for over 1,000 gifts donated to fulfill the requests of 475 seniors in the Santa Fe and Los Alamos area. Many days the gift shop office was overflowing with gifts. What a great response we had from the employees and associates of CHRISTUS St. Vincent's!

Our Spring Workshop in February presented the required educational information each Auxiliary member must have in order to volunteer in the hospital. HIPAA, AIDET, Safety, Infection Control and the TB Test were presented. The workshop was held at the Elks Lodge in order to accommodate the 126 Auxiliary members who attended.

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary will be 60 years old this year. In 1951 a group of 17 women started the Auxiliary. Now close to a third of our members are men. All of us work together to help the hospital and the community.

Jean Marrs, President
Santa Fe, New Mexico

DISTRICT III

Eastern New Mexico Medical Center

The year 2010 was a busy one for the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center Auxiliary. First, we installed three beautiful glass display cases in our lobby in what used to be empty brick squares holding artificial greenery and immediately got positive feedback (and sales) from staff and visitors walking by. Second, we contracted with Wells Fargo to install our first-ever card swipe machine in the Gift Shop and it has been a rousing success. Third, we began putting together a photo-directory of all our Auxiliaries, something we had been discussing for a long time. Fourth, we were pleasantly surprised to find out that the year 2010 was a banner sales year for our Thrift Shop, with amounts far exceeding expectations. And last but not least, we are going to host the 2011 District III Workshop here in Roswell. We'll see y'all then!

Bob Shepard, President
Roswell

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center

The members of the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center (GCRMC) Auxiliary held their exciting and thoroughly enjoyable second annual presentation of the "Pink Follies, a Showcase of Local Talent." This year's presentation of the "Pink Follies" consisted of a program filled with outstanding local talent for your enjoyment and entertainment. This showcase of local talent was provided by volunteers from throughout the county which included medical professionals, students, well know local musicians, comedy skits by auxiliary volunteers, Misses Alamogordo and Otero and many more. Our evening program had something memorable for everyone no matter their age. Ticket prices were \$10.00 each and were available for purchase at the GCRMC Gift shop, Saturday evening at the Flickinger Center and even delivered to your place of business or home in the Alamogordo area upon request. We sincerely hope you were able to join us at the Flickinger Center on Saturday evening, March 5th.

All proceeds from this event go to the GCRMC Scholarship fund which is available to all eligible students from Otero County who will be pursuing further education in medical-related studies. Last year's "Pink Follies" contributed to 24 scholarships awarded. Not only were generous scholarship funds raised, the evening's program was great family entertainment and enjoyed by all.

We hope you, your family, and all your neighbors were able to enjoy the evening with us.

Joan Lenzo, Pink Follies Chairman
Alamogordo

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary formed an exploratory committee in January to see if the Auxiliary feels that a youth program might be viable. Information is already being gathered about other youth volunteer programs.

Ten new members have joined the auxiliary since June. This is wonderful; however, we still have a great need at the Thrift Store and Gift and Gab for more volunteers.

An Auxiliary Bake Sale and Christmas Luncheon were held, and the Gift and Gab was cleaned out and a brand new wood floor was installed there.

Patty Covington
Ruidoso

Plains Regional Medical Center Auxiliary

Plains Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is in the middle of a very busy springtime. We awarded twenty-two \$1,000 spring semester scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the medical field. This is one project of which we are very proud.

We are now planning our FIRST "Pink Ladies Tea and Style Show" to be held on April 16. We have our models all lined up and are moving forward with this very exciting project.

Our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on March 22 which is always a fun affair. We will assist the Therapy Center with their "Daffodil Days" on March 24, and then hold our bake sale on March 25. There will be an Auxiliary Breakfast on April 12.

We are looking forward to the District Meeting in Roswell in April and are encouraging all members who can to attend this meeting.

Phyllis Davidson
Clovis

District IV

Gila Regional Medical Center

Gila Regional Medical Center honored its auxiliary with the best luncheon ever. We enjoyed a sumptuous feast served by GRMC staff, who also participated in the hour's awards ceremony. The lovely floral centerpieces were distributed to members through a drawing. Ruth Giegerich, Secretary to our CEO, sang and played her guitar. Then she gave each volunteer a copy of her CD.

The hospital also placed a plaque in the courtyard in memory of all auxiliary members who have died. Many members, both current and associates who can no longer volunteer, attended the dedication ceremony.

Under the leadership of Ruth Monzingo, our bake sale earned over \$700. In addition, with Patsy Miller in command, the gift shop has done very well, especially in Christmas sales. Hospital staff purchased many gifts on payroll deduction. One week, sales topped \$2,300. All the profits help with the medical related scholarships and purchase of medical equipment. We were able to award 13 scholarships for a total of \$16,000. We were able to fund a least one request from each hospital department that submitted "wish list" items, totaling about \$13,000 in equipment. In addition, with the leadership of Leda Evert, 53 handmade baby blankets were presented to the Nursery.

All members have completed the annual required training for this year. Most attended one of four half-day sessions presented by the Education Department. Those who could not attend read material and completed a test. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Boyer, is an organizing superstar who accomplishes this every year in addition to many other volunteer tasks.

GRMC invited all staff and volunteers to a Valentine's Day ice cream social in the courtyard. We appreciate being considered "caregivers" along with every person employed by GRMC!

It is exciting to see so much service being accomplished by Auxiliary members....smiling and happy to be involved.

Silver City