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Don't Miss Your District Meeting!!!!

by **Judi Winslow**, TAHV President Elect and District 6 Board Member,
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Do you need a fresh idea for your Auxiliary? Do you need a new fundraiser and don't know what's out there? Do you want a special way to recognize your volunteers? Do you like to see what the most popular items are in other gift shops? Are you excited about a wonderful program offered by YOUR hospital and would be willing to share with your fellow volunteer groups all over the state? Some of you are good at researching on the internet. That's awesome, BUT how much better to know the experiences of other auxiliaries with that business before you 'try them out'? If you don't do internet, how can you find these fresh ideas? **Don't miss your District Meeting!!!!**

This is my first year as a TAHV Officer and thus a part of the '**Traveling Trio**': The TAHV President, President-Elect, and First Vice President, who get together and tour the host hospitals and attend all scheduled District Meetings. I was overwhelmed with the hospitality of the District Coordinators, the special programs from each hospital, and the wonderful speakers we heard from at each stop of our tour. I returned home "rich" with all I saw and heard, not to mention all I ate!!! Every District put together a great meeting. My personal favorite part of every meeting is listening to the reports of the Auxiliary Presidents from the member hospitals in attendance.

In this issue of **The Outlook**, I am highlighting something special I saw or heard from each meeting. This is by no means the *only* thing that impressed me, but space in the newsletter and the time it takes to report on each program are not without limits. I am just hoping to pique interest for *this* fall, when the **2016 District Meetings** will once again dazzle me with great informative programs and innovative activities that benefit our hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and communities with the generosity of our volunteer organizations. **Put it in your plan!** For a nominal registration fee, you will receive far more than what your registration fee can buy!!! I hope to see YOU there!!!



**TAHV and District 2 hope you enjoyed
a blessed Christmas**



(Pictured to the left) The Volunteers at the Medical Center Hospital Odessa (District 2) decorate a beautiful tree every year. THIS year, due to a recent fire, they borrowed a new 12' tree and bought new decorations to be sure all fire codes were observed. Pictured (L to R) are Roz Shinn (Auxiliary President, TAHV Board Member), J'Lynn Collins, and Vickie Branch. Note the Masquerade Jewelry poster ... this fundraiser helps provide for the Childrens Miracle Network, 23 scholarships and 2 large hospital projects.

Alzheimer's Poem

(Author Unknown)

Do not ask me to remember
Do not try to make me understand
Let me rest and know you're with me
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand
I'm confused beyond your concept
I am sad and sick and lost
All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost
Do not lose your patience with me
Do not scold or curse my cry
I can't help the way I'm acting
Can't be different though I try
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me
Love me till my life is done.

COMING SOON...

Convention and Hotel Registration



73rd ANNUAL TAHV CONVENTION

June 5-6-7-8

**Renaissance Hotel, Arboretum
Austin, Texas**

Save the date and join your friends at this year's TAHV Convention. The Convention Committee is working hard to polish the program, manage the meals and find fabulous fun for you in the capitol city. More details and information coming soon to the TAHV website and your local mailbox.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

If your Volunteer Group/Auxiliary participates in unique events or fundraisers, don't keep it a secret? Need to HONOR someone very special in your unit? Please share!!! **Send articles/pictures for the Outlook!!! Let's learn from and celebrate one another!**

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Welcome to the board....



Kathy Jenkin—District 3

Kathy has volunteered at **Driscoll Children's Hospital** since 2009. You will find her at **the Cottage Shop**, the best resale shop in **Corpus Christi**. So far, Kathy has held the positions of Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and Vice President in the Driscoll Children's

Hospital Auxiliary. She has lived in Corpus Christi for 39 years where she worked in banking for over 30 years. She has been married for 38 years and has a daughter and three grandchildren.

Kathy is looking forward to using her talents and experience in representing District 3 on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers. Welcome, Kathy.

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Mary Ann Blome—District 5

Mary Ann Blome, a Pennsylvania transplant became a Texan in 1974. She is a retired nurse, and a wife of 36 years to husband Bruce, a retired radiologist. They have 3 grown children and 6 grandsons ALL Texans!!! Her hobby of cooking and baking has been a creative outlet for her and she even tried Catering. Her cuisine was appreciated, but she loved to give more than to profit from her gift.

As a volunteer, Mary Ann was involved with the **Dallas County Medical Society** and their **Health Fair Program** which administered medical education and screening. In the early 2000s, she became active at the **Medical Center Woman's Club**. She still assists with the collection of seasonal items for **Parkland Health & Hospital System** patients of all ages. Three years ago, she became active with the Executive Board is now in her third year as their **Auxiliary President**. The Parkland Auxiliary has seen many changes as it deals with a new hospital building and has been able to make a difference in its assistance with the new Chapel, Benevolence Program, Scholarship Programs and in many hospital departments.

By participating in the **TAHV State Convention in Dallas**, Mary Ann met many women and men from all over the great state of Texas with the common understanding that volunteerism is not for the crown, not just a time filler, but IS the art of giving the priceless gift of oneself. She is

looking forward to making a difference in her District.

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Sue Kaulfus—District 8

Sue Kaulfus is a graduate of **Southwest Texas State University** with a degree in Home Economics. She lives in **Se-
guin** where in her former life, she taught school for 29 years. Then she worked for the **Texas Education Agency** in Austin administering a

grants program for Texas Schools. Now retired, she volunteers at **Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC)** where she has been **Gift Shop Chairman** for the past 10+ years. She is also a past **Auxiliary President** and **Parliamentarian**. Besides hospital volunteering, Sue is also involved in her church, as well as several other organizations and community committees. In her spare time, she is also a Mary Kay Consultant. She believes "a job worth doing deserves the very best of your ability". She is happy to represent her district on the TAHV Board of Directors. Welcome, Sue!!

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Hello to all of my fellow Volunteers.

It just seems like yesterday that I returned home from Convention where I stepped into my new role as TAHV President. The summer rushed by as plans were made for the upcoming District Meeting Tour for the Traveling Trio. I experienced a new sense of appreciation for all of those who preceded me. As September approached, a wave of panic swept over me. How could I possibly leave my husband, Carl, and travel around Texas for three weeks? With lots of trepidations, and promises from my daughters to come help their daddy survive without me, I packed the suburban with all the stuff I needed (and a lot I didn't) wondering where Judi and JoAnn would put their stuff!!! With that done, I left Corpus Christi on the first leg of the "Tour across Texas."

After arriving in Nacogdoches, I spent a fretful night anticipating my role in the next day's meeting in **Breckenridge**. On arrival at the meeting venue the next morning (a little early), I found a very busy group putting the finishing touches on what would prove to be a very fruitful meeting. Before long, Judi and JoAnn arrived and now our team was complete, and I felt very assured that everything would be okay.

After a restful weekend at Judi's, we set off on our long trek to **El Paso**. I had forgotten how beautiful it is in west Texas. From there we journeyed to east Texas (and the piney woods), picking up JoAnn on the way to **Athens**. Our hostess and fellow Board member, Ruth Lang, allowed us to "impose" on her and her husband, David, for a wonderful weekend on their ranch. Our next stop was **Crockett**, then **Fort Worth**, **Seguin** (where we took the opportunity to visit San Antonio), and the last stop was "home", **Corpus Christi**.

Each meeting was educational and uniquely different, and each hospital group put forth so much effort to make their meeting special. The hospitals we visited (large and small) were impressive, and we were welcomed warmly with opportunities to meet the host volunteer members. We were disappointed that three districts did not host meetings. We actively recruited new host groups for the 2016 Trio Tour. We encouraged making meetings simpler so they are not a financial burden.

After the tour ended in Corpus Christi, Judi and JoAnn spent a night at my home before beginning their long drive back to north Texas. We had a wonderful time together for three weeks, and I will envy them a bit when they begin another tour next year -- without me. Thanks to all who made our tour a success.

After returning home, my thoughts quickly turned to tying up loose ends for our State Board meeting, just a few weeks away. On October 31, part of the Board arrived in Austin for some special meetings regarding Convention and how to reconstruct Traveling Topics to be more beneficial to our membership. We came prepared to celebrate Halloween that evening before the committee work slated for the next day. One motion that passed was a change in the election of Board members by the Districts. **Beginning in 2016, the even numbered Districts will elect a new Board Member in**

even numbered years, and odd numbers Districts in odd years ... just a little simplification.

Now that the holidays have flown by, here we are beginning another year! Lord, help us all to make a difference this year in our hospitals, communities, churches, families, and friends, and to touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact every day.



Happy New Year!
Sue

One Patient's Needs Leads to Another's Blessings

by Judy Waddell, President, Shannon Medical Center Volunteers, San Angelo, Tx

Loretta Sughrue, when a patient at **Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas** found that she needed a place to put the remotes for the TV, the bed control, cell phone, etc. She didn't waste time in designing something to meet that need, and began making **bed caddies** for SMC. She took a great deal of time making sure they were just the right size by measuring a hospital bed and adjusting her caddy to meet those requirements. Loretta was the only person making the caddies until another talented volunteer, **Felipa Vasquez**, saw the caddies and joined in with her sewing skills. Not only do they make them, but they do a very fine job.



The patients receiving these bed caddies are thrilled to have something so handy and made by loving hands just for them.

(*If interested in directions/pattern, contact Judy Waddell at jwmimi2001@yahoo.com) Be sure to put 'bed caddy' in the subject line.



Honoring Those Who Served.....

By Julian Payne, Beaumont Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, District 4 TAHV Board Member



Beaumont Baptist Auxiliary participated in the **Wreaths Across America** event by donating money to purchase 15 wreaths to be placed at **Forest Lawn and Magnolia Cemeteries in Beaumont** and also the **Houston National Cemetery in Houston**. The ceremony is

conducted nationwide the second Saturday in December at 11 AM local time to honor those who served in the military. The volunteers from Beaumont laid wreaths on their loved ones graves.



Correction on Awards Listing from 2015 Convention

Somehow a few awards were accidentally 'excised' in the **Tray Favor Awards** division:

(Bolded awards were missing)

In the 236-320 Bed division:

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1 st Place: | Baylor Medical Center, Irving |
| 2 nd Place: | Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital – WNJ Sherman |
| 3rd Place: | 3rd Place Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital, Humble |
| BEDS 321- UP | |
| 1 st Place: | Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Houston |
| 2 nd Place: | Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena |
| 3 rd Place: | Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen |

District 2—El Paso

**Host: The Hospitals of Providence,
Memorial and Sierra Campus Volunteers**

**District Coordinator: Patricia O'Toole (center) ...
Memorial Campus**

**District Meeting Chairman: Rosa Morrill (right) ...
Sierra Campus**



Though the program was wonderful and the luncheon delicious, I'd like to highlight the Hospitals of Providence Children's Hospital at the Memorial Campus. The hallways had huge painted murals of sea life and panels of VERY colorful flowers as you can see in the photos to the right. Most impressive was their Child Life Program, which "empowers children

and families". **Peggy Schuster** is a **Certified Child Life Specialist**, an expert in child development who works to ensure that life remains as normal as possible for children in health care settings and other challenging environments. She promotes effective coping through play, self-expression activities and age-appropriate medical preparation and education. As advocates of family-centered care, child life specialists work in partnership with doctors, nurses, social workers and others to meet the unique emotional, developmental and cultural needs of each child and family. At this hospital, she covers all areas of the hospital that deal with children. Peggy collaborates with families and other health care providers to:

- ◆ Prepare children for medical procedures or treatment using language that children understand
- ◆ Introduce coping strategies to help reduce anxiety and enhance cooperation with the health care team
- ◆ Provide support and distraction during medical procedures
- ◆ Offer opportunities for play and expressive activities, to encourage normal development and a sense of FUN in spite of challenging circumstances, and
- ◆ Promote family-centered care by providing information, advocacy and support in families of pediatric patients. (To obtain more information on the child life profession, please visit the Child Life Council website at www.childlife.org)

(In the pictures to the right, you can see the 'props' used to prepare children for such treatments as IVs, MRIs, CT Scans, and even transport and aerovac.)

In conjunction with this program, volunteers are used only in the activity room where arts and crafts are done. However the Auxiliary funds this program and is

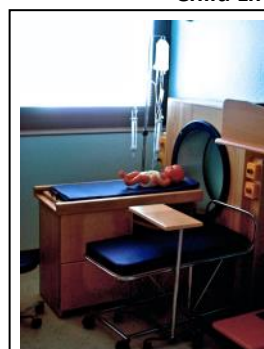


involved in some of our other programs, such as:

- ◆ Escorting therapeutic dogs to hospital rooms
- ◆ Christmas party for chronically ill children – decorating and providing various games, Santa Claus, serving food
- ◆ NICU nannies that help in the NICU unit- holding babies & feeding them
- ◆ They staff the Ronald McDonald room, where families of hospitalized children can get some respite away from the hospital room. They are served coffee, snacks, soups, and soft drinks. There is a TV in the room for the family to watch and also a computer is available for their use.



Information provided by **Peggy Schuster,**
Child Life Services Coordinator.



**Teaching Aids for
Child Life Program**



**Props for teaching
children**

District 3 – Corpus Christi

Host: CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital

System Association of Volunteers

District Coordinators:

Norma Burnside, President, CHRISTUS Spohn South Volunteer Group, TAHV District 3 Board Member

Marissa Carrillo, DVS, CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital System

badges, silent auction, beautiful printed programs and wonderful speakers. **Norma Burnside**, District Coordinator, gathered a great team of helpers (photo: left) to coordinate all the activities at the meeting. Not pictured is her right hand, **Marissa Carrillo**, her DVS.

As for speakers, **Dr Nestor Praderio** (geriatric psychiatry) dazzled the audience of around 130 auxiliaries with great Alzheimer's information and **Donna Howland**, Executive Director of The Villa, a Certified Alzheimer's Unit, shared great communication and care tips. To top off the meeting, we heard from **Kathryn Childers**, a motivational speaker – her topic: "**Do it Scared – The First Step to Courage**". Kathryn's life had also been impacted by Alzheimer's.

For the GREAT tip from this District, check out the article on the **Holiday Card Fundraiser** from **Lizette Saenz**, DVS, from **Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi** on page 14 of this issue.



(Picture above: Cyndi Martinez, President, CHRISTUS Spohn Memorial; Delia Alvarez, President CHRISTUS Spohn Kleberg; Judi Winslow, TAHV President Elect; **Norma Burnside**, President, CHRISTUS Spohn South; Sue Bickham, TAHV President; JoAnn Goodwin, TAHV 1st VP; Olga Bell, President, CHRISTUS Spohn Shoreline; Imelda Gonzalez, President, CHRISTUS Spohn Alice; and Lynne Fleming, Treasurer)

AMAZING!! INFORMATIVE!! PROFESSIONAL!!! So many superlatives apply to this District Meeting!!! It was amazing!!! It was like going to Convention, complete with



(Picture above: ROTC Color Guard, Flour Bluff High School)

Meeting Room - Holiday Inn Downtown Marina, Corpus Christi



District 4 – Crockett

Host: Houston County Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary

District Coordinator:

Pam Ainsworth, President,
Houston County Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary

At District 4, the Trio had a wonderful tour of the hospital by **Jimmie Sue Garrett**.



District Coordinator:
Pam Ainsworth

The meeting was informative and enjoyable. Guest Speaker, **Carolyn Ramirez**, a nurse from **A Pineywoods Home Health Care, Inc** gave us more information on Alzheimers. Who is at greater risk for developing Alzheimer's? Some of those identified were people with head injuries, Downs Syndrome, elevated cholesterol and B12, Depression, Overweight and Diabetes. Unfortunately Alzheimer's

seems to be on the rise, already affecting some 4 million Americans ... and in health care dollars? The cost is over \$100,000,000,000.00 That's 100 BILLION if you don't care to count the zeros! That figure could triple over the next 20 years!!!

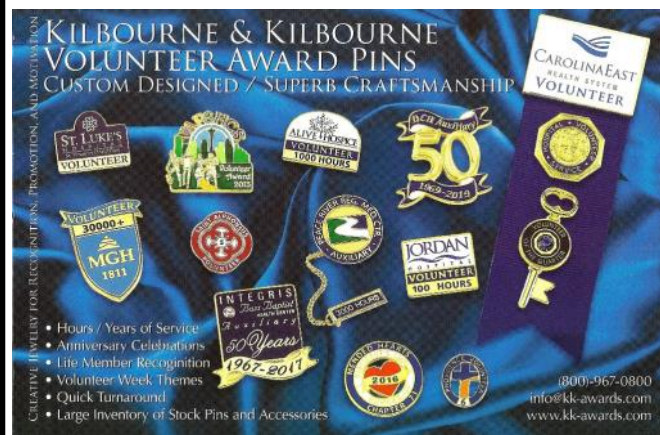
This meeting had the most TAHV Board Members in attendance. (see photo)

Most impressive was the meal service! The 'kitchen crew' (pictured below) were most efficient and served 69 attendees a wonderful Chicken Casserole, Beans and Salad meal with a delicious dessert!!



L-R: Betty Garrett, Betty Gilbert, Bonita Graham, Judy Bane, Pam Ainsworth, and Margie Currie

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TAHV Board Members: Judi Winslow, Dist 6, Pres Elect; Julian Payne, Dist 4, Secty; Melva Harris, Dist 9; Don Newland, Dist 4; Sue Bickham, Dist 3, Pres; JoAnn Goodwin, Dist 6, 1st VP; Dana McGinnis, Dist 4, Database

Line up for a great Luncheon



District 5 – Fort Worth

Host: Texas Health Harris Methodist – Fort Worth

District Coordinators:

Esta Austin, THHMFV Auxiliary President,
Nelda Truesdale, THHMFV Auxiliary, Gift Shop
 Chairman



(L-R) Esta Austin & Nelda Truesdale

Jerry Green, auxiliary member, dazzled the Trio at this impressively large (1000 beds in 8 buildings) yet personal hospital, with such knowledge and history! Especially impressive was the acknowledgment of their auxiliary and donors/benefactors in artful murals. There were names throughout the yellow ribbon of the mural as seen in the photos right. In another part of the hospital,

the "Many Hearts" wall art displays the names of Volunteers (see photos below right).

The Guest Speaker, **Karen Meadows** was the Program Manager for the **Medical Simulation Training Center**. The following description of the program is taken from an April 2014 article about the introduction of this great program from the THHMFV website says it best:

The unique center includes four care environments: the back of an ambulance (pictured below), an operating

Karen Meadows, BBA, BSN, RN



Ambulance Simulator for EMT training



room, a resuscitation room, and an intensive care unit room. Advanced mannequin "patients" respond physiologically to treatment and lead caregivers

through different treatment scenarios. Sessions are videotaped so caregivers can debrief afterward and identify opportunities for improvement. The simulation center gives

Thank you for the great informative tour, Jerry Green



caregivers a good sense of what they may really experience in the field, said Dr. David Smith, Medical Director of Texas Health Fort Worth's trauma program.

"It's very real," Smith said. "These sophisticated dummies actually breathe, they talk, they make facial expressions, they can cry, they can sweat, and they can bleed. This is a great resource that will help caregivers in Fort Worth continue to deliver safe, reliable care."

An amazing innovative program!



Names in yellow ribbon...



Auxiliary names in hearts

Recognizing Auxiliary Members



District 6 – Breckenridge

Host: Stephens Memorial Auxiliary

District Coordinators:

Becky Yancey, Auxiliary President, Gift Shop Buyer

Suzanne Malcuit, Past President, Head Buyer – Gift Shop



Becky Yancey with Sue and Suzanne Malcuit

District 6 was the 'kick off' point of the 2015 Traveling Trio Trip and offered a continental breakfast during registration followed by multiple activities to inform and entertain all present. There was a **Mini-Vendor Fair (Mom's Madness, Indesign Fundraising, and Carson's)** to visit, a wonderful **skit** about Alzheimer's, a **Fashion Show** featuring clothing from their own gift shop, and a wonderful

Photo 1 Vendor: Mom's Madness



speaker, **Mindy Bannister**, a caseworker with the Abilene Regional Office of the North Central Texas Chapter of the **Alzheimer's Association**.

Mindy explained that all services provided by the Alzheimer's Association are **FREE!** They accept contributions from all over the world. Many communities sponsor walks or "fun runs" to raise funding for research and treatment of this not so uncommon disease. The "Still Alice" program is a free screening program available through the Alzheimer's Association. This is no small group of affected people. It affects around 5-5 1/2 MILLION in the United States. It affects 1 out of 8 over the age of 65 and is up to 40-50% over the age of 85. There is no cure at the present time, but there are some programs that seem to help. Mentioned were a **Watercolor Art**

Program, and most impressive was the **Music and Memory Program** which decreases agitation and pain. Period music, reminiscent for the individual patient is downloaded and delivered via iPods. The response of the patients was impressive. There is a grant program available. To learn more about Alzheimer's programs, contact any of the 16 locations around Texas or visit the website: www.alzfdn.org

Photo 2 Skit on Alzheimer's



Photo 3 Fashion Show



YOUR DATABASE UPDATES ARE IMPORTANT!

In the month that your Auxiliary changes Officers, an update form is sent to your listed President or DVS. The form can also be downloaded from the TAHV website (www.tahv.org) by clicking on "Contact Us". Use this form to update throughout the year for **HOSPITAL NAME CHANGES, UNPLANNED OFFICER** or **DVS CHANGES**.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE FORM AND CANNOT DOWNLOAD OR PRINT IT, PLEASE CONTACT:

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(A form will be sent to you!!)

District 8 – Seguin

Host: Guadalupe Regional Medical Center

District Coordinators:

Sue Kaufus, District Meeting Chairman, Volunteer Board President (2013-2015), Gift Shop Chairman

Gloria Valdez, District Meeting Registrar, Volunteer Board Secretary

Barbara Cole – Co-Presenter of District Meeting, New President of Volunteer Board



Teresa Laechelin (DVS Seguin), Barbara Cole, Gloria Valdez, Sue, Sue Kaufus,

Another WONDERFUL meeting with a Continental Breakfast during Registration, excellent speakers and a VERY SPECIAL treat!!!

The program was centered around the topic of Advance Care Planning and Bereavement with respect to expanding

Blessing Sue's hands with Pastor Jimmy Flakes and Liliana De La Torre



ing volunteer roles. **Dr. Charles Nolan, Medical Director of Life Care Services for GRMC** has such a passion for assisting persons making informed and sensitive end-of-life decisions. This is a program Dr. Nolan would like to implement in every hospital in America! And volunteers, with some training, can become 'facilitators' to this process. Rather than just having a patient sign a form stating they've been informed about advanced directives and fill

in pertinent information, this sensitive process honors the patient's values, goals and beliefs in making these life-affecting decisions. The process allows for future healthcare plans for any stage of illness to be in play to

guide the medical care. End of life care is thoughtfully planned and not accomplished in the heat of the moment. The full article will appear in the next issue of the Outlook.

Liliana De La Torre, Director of the Advance Care Planning and Bereavement program spoke on "Expanding Volunteer Roles" in light of these life care services.

The VERY SPECIAL TREAT????? "*Blessing of the Hands*" Staff **Chaplain Jim Merket, Chaplain Tom Jones, Liliana De La Torre, and Pastor Jimmy Flakes** truly blessed us with the blessing of the hands that bless others.... Volunteer's hands!! It was very, very special.

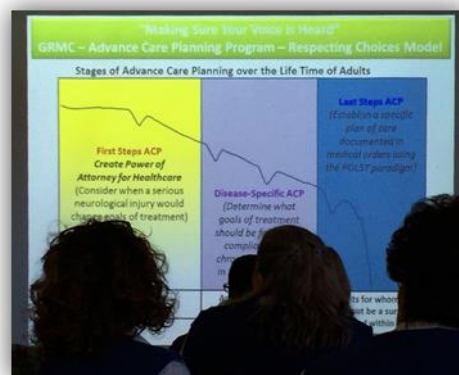
Blessing of the Hands – JoAnn with many hands to follow....



Dr. Charles Nolan explaining Advance Care Planning Program



Advanced Care Program - great visuals...



District 10 – Athens

Host: East Texas Medical Center, Athens

District Meeting Coordinators:

Ruth Lang, ETMC Auxiliary, Athens; TAHV District 10 Board Member

Fran Wyatt, CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital, Atlanta; TAHV District 10 Board Member



Fran Wyatt, Ruth Lang, Sue Bickham, TAHV President

Ruth and Fran put together a most wonderful district meeting in about 2 months with a delicious brunch provided by the Hospital Food Service, and held it at a local church. It was well attended and the networking - priceless.

Margaret Austin, ETMC Auxiliary President called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the presentation of colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and a wonderful opening prayer by the **Reverend Jason Smith**. **Mr. Pat Wallace**, ETMC Administrator, gave a warm welcome and the meeting progressed complete with door prizes, refreshments and reports from all attending auxiliaries.

Indoor atrium outside patient rooms –
how relaxing for recuperating patients!



Every room a relaxing view... with
JoAnn, Sue, Kevin Jablonski (CNO),



Prior to each District Meeting, the Traveling Trio arrives the day before to meet and greet the Auxiliary officers and District Coordinators, and for a tour of their hospital. We were SO impressed with the **East Texas Medical Center** that we must highlight this well thought-out, incredibly landscaped (inside and out) hospital. Our tour guide was **Kevin Jablonski**, Chief Nursing Officer. Please enjoy!!!

Newborn Nursery...



Beautiful contoured landscaping - note flags in
front reflection



Welcome to East Texas Medical Center - Athens





Nancy Maurer

by Christine Gonzalez, DVS,
**CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Sys-
tem**-(with excerpts from Nancy's
obituary)

I am so honored and blessed to
have called Nancy my friend and
commandant in my role as a Vol-

unteer Director. Nancy was a loving person who could be counted on for any project. She enjoyed participating in matters at the hospital level and with the volunteer organizations she served. Not a day goes by that I don't cast my eyes on Nancy's picture in my office and remember the "good times" we had...for over the last 14 years we grew up together in this arena of volunteerism and auxiliary purpose. We were roommates at several District Meetings and at Dallas Market shopping. It was always great fun. I loved that woman so very much and you must know, writing this article has been very difficult for me, yet she is so deserving of praise and admiration. What Nancy has done for others in her lifetime many people don't even come close.

Nancy Ellen (Winn) Maurer was born on January 7th, 1937. She was taken from us on July 18, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert, two daughters, Anne and Virginia, and a son, Robert II. The loves of her life were her grandchildren.

Her passion for volunteerism started at her children's school. Then, in 1972, she joined the **Santa Rosa Hospital Auxiliary**. Nancy was instrumental in the growth and success of the Volunteer program and held the office of **Auxiliary President** for over 30 years! She was one dynamic volunteer in the Gift Shop, and served as Gift Shop Manager for years. She was also a key person in fundraising activities. Millions of dollars were raised by the auxiliary that benefitted the hospital and continue to do so today for scholarships and hospital requests.

Nancy served on the Board of Directors of the **Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers (TAHV)** from 1986 until 2014. During her tenure, she served on several committees and most notably as **State Convention Chairman** more than once. She also served on the **TAHV Gifts and Memorials Foundation** which provides scholarships for students in health care fields. She also organized a number of District 8 Meetings. In addition to her TAHV activities, she was also a long time member on the Board of Trustees of **Texas Military Institute**.

As a special note, Nancy was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, in April of 2014. She showed incredible strength during the progression of the disease, continuing to do the things she loved for as long as she could. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be missed terribly.

Verneta Baxter

by Jan Temple, **Baylor Medical Center at Garland**, former **TAHV Board Member** (30 yrs)
and **Kim Modisett, DVS, Midland Memorial Hospital**
(with excerpts from Vernetas' obituary)



Verneta was born on June 4th, 1935 in Gatesville, Texas. She departed this life on July 28th, 2015 in Midland, TX. After graduating High School in Gatesville, Verneta attended Abilene Christian College (University) in Abilene, graduated in 1957 and spent the remainder of her rich, full life in Midland. She worked at Humble Oil Company (now Exxon) for several years and taught regular and special education in the Midland schools for several years.

Verneta was a member of the **Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** for over 40 years working Mondays in the Patient Admissions area and then in the Hospital Gift Shop. She believed in beginning her week with volunteer service. Verneta was a very devoted and loving volunteer who was totally committed to helping others. It showed in every aspect of her volunteer life. She was always willing to be of service to patients and their families. She loved people. She never met a stranger. She was a master at organizing events and special tasks. So it was no surprise that she served as **President of the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Chairman of Admitting Services**, helped with the **Junior Volunteer** group and was a valuable member of the **Advisory Staff**. She volunteered 11,872 hours carrying out her role with the Auxiliary and as a Board Member of the **Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers (TAHV)**. In addition, Verneta also volunteered countless hours with the **Midland Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC)** where she served as a local and state Board Member.

During her many years on the TAHV Board of Directors, she was **TAHV President 1997-1998**. She developed the **Traveling Topics program**, which is the educational arm of the TAHV, and helped many different hospital volunteer groups. She became the **Editor of the Outlook** for several years and also served on other committees. She left quite a legacy. During this time, Verneta continued to own and operate her late husband's business interests. She was an active member in her church, the Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

We all miss Verneta. She was relentless in her determination in everything she undertook, yet she was unfailingly gracious to everyone she encountered. We know where Verneta is now, and she's likely involved, organizing and caring for others there, just as she did on earth!!!!

Driscoll stars shine at artwork unveiling



Cameras flashed and video rolled as Driscoll patients and their holiday-themed artwork were spotlighted at the Auxiliary to Driscoll Children's Hospital Celebrity Celebration last month. Every year the event kicks off the sale of holiday cards and gifts by the Auxiliary to Driscoll Children's Hospital.

The patient-designed holiday items are a product of Project Artwork, a fundraising program that began in 1988 and has raised more than \$100,000 for scholarships given to Driscoll oncology patients.

The children were treated like stars by family, friends, staff and volunteers. They posed wearing top hats and boas for photos with their artwork, signed autographs and drank chocolate milk out of champagne flutes.

Holiday cards, charms, tree ornaments and t-shirts designed by our patients have become a cherished Driscoll tradition. They can be seen and purchased on Driscoll's website (www.driscollchildrens.org/gift-shop) and at the Carousel Gift Shop. For information, call (361) 694-5013.



Left: Marie Soza, teacher with the CCISD Hospital Program, hugs a holiday card artist.

Below: This group of staff and volunteers took the opportunity to take a "selfie" during the Celebrity Celebration.



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Sunshine Guild's Socks Galore!!!

by Carey Trahan, BA, Auxiliary Programs Coordinator

The Sunshine Guild of Palestine Regional Medical Center had more and more socks galore. The recent **"Socks for Seniors"** sock drive was awesome. The Sunshine Guild

Socks FOR Seniors HOLIDAY SOCK DRIVE

used the lobbies at the east and west campuses of Palestine's hospitals to be the drop off points for donated new socks. **Billie Richardson**, the Sunshine Guild volunteer who headed the drive, said that there were a lot of socks donated this year. Six hundred and sixty-two pairs of socks were donated to be exact. This is more than double the amount of socks donated in 2014. Many area nursing homes benefited from the drive: Ture Care Living Center, Greenbrier Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Palestine Health Care, Elkhart Oaks Care Center, and Cartmell Home for the Aged. This year, Meals on Wheels received a donation of one hundred and forty-five socks to bring to their homebound clients. The "Socks for Seniors" sock drive ended on December 18th, 2015, with the last of the socks delivered on December 23rd. The drive could not have been such a big success had it not been for the involvement of the community, the help of the hospital employees and volunteers and the publicity of the Herald Press. Once again the people of Palestine have not failed to open their hearts to a tender cause. The Sunshine Guild would like to express a genuine thank you to all who participated in this year's "Socks for Seniors" sock drive.





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