

OUTLOOK

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Happy New Year!

From your **Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteer Board of Directors**
(pictured with District number in parenthesis after each name).



TAHV Board Members: (L-R) (front) Diane Tubbs (5), JoAnn Goodwin (6) President; Loretta Charles (8), (middle) Mary Ann Blome (5), Sherry Simmons (5), Melva Harris (9), Kathy Jenkin (3), Judi Winslow (6), Janice Allen (6) Treasurer; Barbara Giannotti (9), Roz Shinn (2), Pat O'Toole (2), (back) Sue Kaulfus (8), Norma Burnside (3), Mary Pfeffer (5), Stan Simmons (5), Barbara Wright (8), Sandra Pybus (9) Scty; Julian Payne (4), Gypsie Hufnagle (9) 1st VP; Stephen Apple (5), Pres Elect; Karen Apple (5), Amanda Hurdle (10), Bennie Sue Galindo (9) (Not Pictured: Sue Bickham (3), Pat Fortune (9), Norma Martinez (8))

What's Up?

I can tell you that each and every member has a skill set that is complementary to the functioning of this Texas State Board, which represents volunteers all over our great state of Texas. I can attest that each of these individuals is dedicated to promoting volunteerism in as many healthcare facilities as we can reach. The TAHV organization's stated purpose is **education**. How is this played out in our activities? We are committed:

- To assist in the organization of new auxiliaries/volunteer groups to serve hospitals and other healthcare delivery systems (such as nursing homes and hospices).
- To present new horizons and challenges to members through educational opportunities at District Meetings and Annual Convention,
- To keep members informed on pertinent healthcare matters, and
- To sponsor scholarships for students in the field of healthcare.

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What's Inside?

The holidays are past, but it's never too soon to consider activities for NEXT Christmas. So, there are a number of ideas put forth by our members as to what they do at their facilities. Enjoy and Share!!! Also in this issue are some highlights from the District Meetings, an introduction to who's on the TAHV State Board of Directors and activities that have proved successful for fundraising, junior volunteer activities and community involvement.

Since we learn from one another, don't hesitate to send unique and fun activities that you're doing in the new year, so we can highlight your organization and continue to promote volunteerism. Send volunteer centered articles and pictures to your Outlook Editor, Judi Winslow at mkjudiwinslow@hotmail.com.



The President's Reflections

Where does time go? Seems to be flying. As we say goodbye to 2017 and welcome 2018 with great anticipation, we hope to improve our organization. We really need more board members. Several resigned this year: Virginia Sullivan, Don Newland,

Dave Trzeciak, and Julian Payne. These were very active members and will be missed. The coming year is an "even" year (2018) so we can elect from even districts. Please consider joining us on the board. You'll learn a lot and have fun too.

Last fall Stephen Apple (Pres Elect), Gypsie Hufnagle (1st VP) and I, referred to as the "traveling trio", traveled across Texas (over 2000 miles) visiting hospitals and attending District Meetings. Our first stop, on September 18th, was at the **Medical Center of McKinney** (District 5) with **District Coordinators, Diane Tubbs and Lael Summers** for a hospital tour. **Judi Winslow** (Past President) graciously filled in for Gypsie Hufnagle, 1st VP, for the first four meetings as Gypsie's husband had a 50th reunion of Viet Nam Veterans in Washington D.C.

From McKinney, we drove to the **Northwest Texas Healthcare System** in Amarillo to meet up with Coordinators: **Wyndella Kelly and Sandy Jones** for the District 1 meeting. This district had not hosted a meeting for 3 years nor had anyone on the board to represent them. Amarillo tried something new. The host hospital supplied the place and lunch and coordinated with the smaller hospitals who supplied the beautiful centerpieces, prizes and goody bags. This worked wonderfully and we even gained a new member, **Golden Plains Community Hospital**.

The next meeting, District 2, was hosted by **Midland Memorial Hospital** and the Coordinator was **Kim Modisett**. We were invited to an afternoon social where we met the hospital CEO and volunteers from the hospital. They planned a great meeting for the next day and it was well attended.

We spent the following night in Abilene, where our Treasurer, Janice Allen lives, so we invited her to dine with us. The next morning, we continued on to **Brownwood Regional Medical Center** (District 6), which happens to be my home group. I must say, I'm a little biased and think my group did great. The Coordinators were **Donna Burleson and Leona Jerden**. Some of Judi's volunteers came, and took her back to Olney after the meeting.

Stephen and I traveled on to Waco to meet up with Gypsie. With no meetings on the weekend, we visited the Heritage

Homestead - a really great place. The people made everything and grew their own food. The women wore 'heritage' dress and wore no makeup or jewelry. Lunch and wonderful homemade ice cream were really a treat. Then on to Seguin, where the **Guadalupe Regional Medical Center** hosted. **Sue Kaulfus**, Coordinator and TAHV Board Member from District 8, took us to the Municipal Power Plant for dinner - always wonderful food and atmosphere. At the meeting the next morning, we learned about a special "perk"

this hospital gives its volunteers. They have a state-of-the-art gym with all great equipment, which the volunteers are free to use. I always enjoy "The Blessing of the Hands" that they do for us at this hospital.

The last district meeting was hosted by **Driscoll Children's Hospital** in Corpus Christi and **Kathy Jenkin** was the Coordinator and is also a District 3 TAHV Board Member. There are no babies born in this hospital, but they have a 45 bed Neonatal ICU that was almost full of tiny babies. Other floors had older children. It was so cutely decorated. This meeting was so much fun and was well attended.

We had meetings scheduled in Beaumont (District 4) and in The Woodlands (District 9), but unfortunately, because of Hurricane Harvey, they had to cancel. All over Texas, I met so many wonderful people. Have you ever thought that your act of volunteering was one of God's spiritual gifts, the gift of service? We are still needing help from someone from District 7, the Austin-Waco area. We need a host for a District Meeting next fall, and someone to consider becoming a board member to represent this district. All the District Meetings were well attended and provided networking and education for their volunteer groups. Thanks to all who had a part in the District Meetings. I am going to miss this part of being president next year.

Now, I want to remind you about the state convention at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, coming up on May 30. A lot of fun and learning is being planned. I hope to see you there!

YOUR DATABASE UPDATES ARE IMPORTANT!

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Who doesn't Love a Parade??

By **Stephen and Karen Apple**, Volunteers at **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**, Dallas, TX, TAHV District 5 Board Members

Volunteers begin the holidays before Thanksgiving at Scottish Rite Hospital. After weeks of preparation, evening volunteers hosted the **Inpatient Parade** on November 13. Volunteer teams built themed floats on our red wagons and march in costume to entertain patients, families and staff. This year pirates, emojis, Disney and Sesame Street characters paraded through the halls, cheered on by all. The patients voted Sesame Street the best float this year.

The four-day **Volunteer Hearts & Hands Holiday Bazaar** followed in the same week. Hundreds of volunteers from the hospital and community groups take part by crafting, building, decorating, donating and serving at this annual event. The hospital atrium was transformed into Candy Land and volunteers staffed the bazaar, bake sale, silent auction and luncheon. The Tuesday and Wednesday Crafters work for several months to make holiday display and home decor items that are best-sellers every year. The pricing committee sorts and prices hundreds of donated items for sale. National Charity League and Junior League members donate to the bake sale and serve at the luncheon. The Silent Auction had 250 items for bid including art, estate jewelry, minks, restaurant gift cards, and sports

tickets. This has been an annual event for over 20 years and is eagerly attended by hospital staff, patient families, volunteers, and the community. Volunteers raise about \$40,000 at the bazaar for the Wish List. This event could not be successful without the full support of hospital executives and the Volunteer Services staff.



Volunteers Angela Reding, Treasurer and Richard Gonzalez, President



Wreaths Across America

By **Norma Burnside**, Volunteer, CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital – South, District 3 Board Member

On this overcast, gloomy and cold Saturday morning several hundred men, women and children representing Boy Scouts, High School ROTC's, baseball teams and several other school groups were out to celebrate the lives of those men and women who gave their lives that we might have freedom. Oh, and hospital volunteers just like you and me! As a former educator, it is heartwarming to see teachers with their students there. My, what a "teaching moment". My hope is that this kind of teaching will be ingrained in these youngsters, so they grow up to have respect for our men and women in uniform.



Norma Burnside and Pat Peavey placing a wreath.

December 16, 2017, was "Wreaths Across America" Day all across America, and the goal is to place a Christmas Wreath at the grave of every American Hero in the cemetery. If you have never attended one of these events, it is very moving. Watching the "Arrival of the Wreaths Presentation", (wreaths supplied by Wal-Mart), the Presentation of the Colors, and the recognition of each military branch by the Veteran's Band playing the theme song of each. This event is a moving tribute to our Fallen Heroes, POW and MIA's.

This is the third year CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital-South, Corpus Christi, TAHV District #3 has participated in this event. One of our volunteers, Kathi Garcia and her husband, Abe are members of the "Patriot Guard Riders". These men and women hold flags around the whole event site during the event. Honoring our fallen heroes was a great way to spend a Saturday morning, giving to those who already gave their all.



Pat Peavey, Kathy Garcia and Norma Burnside.

Christmas Eve Elves

From **JoAnn Goodwin**, Brownwood Regional Medical Center Volunteer, TAHV President and District 6 Board Member



Two of the Brownwood Regional Medical Center Volunteers, Donna Burleson (President) and Leona Jerden (1st VP), bring Christmas cheer all around the hospital: all the Nurses Stations, ER, Lab, and all departments where people are working.



Prioritizing Children's Health in 2018

Ted Shaw, President/CEO, Texas Hospital Association

Because the foundation of an individual's health and well-being is laid in early childhood, programs that invest early in a child's development yield lifelong positive results for individuals and communities. Studies show that children who have health coverage through public programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, for example, achieve long-term positive outcomes not only in health, but also in educational performance, economic well-being and overall economic productivity.

Nonetheless, the 20-year old Children's Health Insurance Program is on the brink of extinction as the U.S. Congress has not appropriated funds for its long-term continuation. Nationally, the program provides low-cost health coverage through a state and federal partnership to more than 9 million children nationwide and about 370,000 pregnant women. In Texas, 400,000 children depend on CHIP for preventive, primary and specialty health care services, and 35,000 pregnant women rely on it for a healthy pregnancy.

Federal funding for CHIP expired at the end of September. The full U.S. House of Representatives and a U.S. Senate committee have passed similar versions of a bill that would fund CHIP for five years through 2022. Unfortunately, the full Congress has only appropriated short-term funding to keep the program operational through March.

In a state that already leads the nation with the most residents without health insurance, Congress risks adding a significant number of children to the uninsured population. More importantly, it risks undermining the long-term health and well-being of our nation's most valuable resource.

Given all that CHIP offers to Texas children, families and health care providers, Congress needs to take quick action to continue CHIP funding.



A Kodak Moment

A Christmas card photo?

Enjoy a Ride with Santa, you just need to supply the reindeer! Where to get your photo? **Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland.**



A Christmas Tradition

By **Melva Harris**, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center Volunteer, TAHV District 9 Board Member

For over 30 years the St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers have decorated patients' trays with a special ornament on Christmas Day.

At our Holiday Luncheon, held the first part of December each year, attendees are asked to bring a non-breakable ornament to be given to each patient on Christmas Day. We strive to make sure we have ornaments suitable for patients of all religious beliefs. At this year's Holiday Luncheon, we collected 280 ornaments!

Awards Banquet in Pictures

By **Roz Shinn**, Medical Center Health System Volunteer - Odessa, TAHV District 2 Board Member

The theme for the 2017 Awards Banquet, held November 18th at the MCM Fun Dome, was **"United We Serve"**, and awards went to the following volunteer groups at our hospital: A Tu Salud ("To your health"), Diabetes Support Group, Caring Paws, Ector County Hospital District Board, Family Health Clinic Governing Board, MCHS Helping Hands (employee volunteers), MCHS Adult volunteers (ages 18 to 94), Odessa Farmers Market, Pastoral Services, Ronald McDonald Family Room, and Stroke Support Group. The Junior Volunteer group has 107 members and hosts their own Awards Banquet in August. Pat Garcia, DVS, and Jennifer Jones, Assistant DVS deserve our thanks for planning and honoring our volunteers.



MCHS new Board Members, a great group to work with. Board Members (L-R) Ann Ellison, Roz Shinn, J'Lynn Collins, Pamela Andrews, Gracie Sanchez, Vickie Branch, Trisha Sibley (not pictured: Sue Kettle).

The Hall sisters, Barbara (retired school librarian) and Carol (retired teacher), who have served 45 years at Medical Center working pop-corn and the reception desk on Saturdays.



Faye Smith, on the left, receiving her 15-year pin. Faye has worked every weekday, all day, for fifteen years!!! She has accumulated over 37,000 hours! Her favorite service areas are Reception Desk and ICU/Surgery. She is obviously very dedicated and is loved by volunteers and staff.



Honoring Pat Garcia, Director of Volunteer Services, TADVS (Texas Association of Directors of Volunteer Services) State President for twenty years of keeping the flame of volunteerism alive at Medical Center Hospital. She is a wonderful DVS! Pictured is J'Lynn Collins, Immediate Past President with Pat Garcia, and Roz Shinn, Past President, Assistant Treasurer, TAHV Representative



Duke, our pet therapy award winner this year, and his human, Cherie Hensley.

Corpus Christi Junior Volunteer in the News!

Sent in by **Norma Burnside**, CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital – South, TAHV Board Member

An article by **Julie Garcia** in the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* captures the spirit of volunteering in this piece, which highlights **James Martinez**, a 17-year old Junior Volunteer at **CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital – Shoreline**. James spent the last four summers in the Catheterization Lab at the hospital, answering phones and escorting families. There are days when James Martinez must show maturity beyond his 17 years. He has become very professional and knowledgeable through this experience. Gina Cunningham, Volunteer Coordinator, said with the hundreds of hours James dedicated over each of four summers at the hospital and the experience he gained in the hospital environment, he will be a step ahead of some college students when it comes to his amassed volunteer hours. Eventually, Martinez wants to be a general doctor or neurosurgeon.



Richard Peters, a 75-year-old volunteer in the Cath Lab at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Shoreline, and mentor/ trainer to James, checks the patient list for that day. He has been a volunteer at the hospital for 13 years and helps train new volunteers.

The article also describes the value of the hospital's eight-week summer junior volunteer program. Gina Cunningham, Volunteer Coordinator, reaches out to high school counselors to find students in health science programs who are looking to go into the healthcare field. She is quoted as saying: "We have kids that are applying to pharmacy school, physical therapy school, and they need 1,500 volunteer hours just to apply to those programs."

Great coverage for Junior Volunteers in Corpus Christi! To see the full article, go to the link: <http://callertim.es/2wvkedO>



(Photo: Rachel Denny Clow/Caller-Times)

Using Junior Volunteers ... Let Me Count the Ways

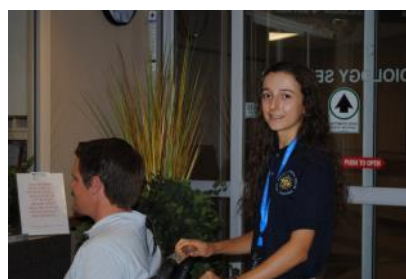
By **Janice Allen**, TAHV District 6 Board Member, Volunteer, Hendrick Medical Center Auxiliary, Abilene

One of the highlights of the Volunteer year at Hendrick Medical Center is the arrival of the Junior Volunteers who serve during the summer. Marsha Brigman, Volunteer Coordinator, polls the different departments of the hospital to find those areas that would benefit from having a junior



Myra Lipps, Kamashea Richardson, Victoria Lipps

volunteer to serve in their department. Each student sends in an application and then calls to request an interview with Marsha. During the interview Marsha asks questions about the student's interests to determine where to assign each junior volunteer. This year we have 69 junior volunteers. Of those sixty-nine, four are back for their third summer and another thirteen are back for their second summer. Their ages range from fourteen to eighteen.



Junior Volunteer, Abilene, Holly Hutton

Areas of service include the Education department, doctors' offices, Hendrick Hospice, Hendrick House-calls, and Accounting where the students provide clerical support. For patients checking in for outpatient tests or surgery,

the juniors transport the patients to their required area by wheelchair. They work in the Emergency Department helping the techs and observing. Some fill in at the Information Desk or work in the Gift Shop, giving our full-time volunteers a break over the summer. Some work as a barista in the First Perk Coffee bar. Others work in Central Supply, wearing scrubs and protective gear, as they fulfill orders for medical

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supplies that different areas of the hospital request. In Pediatrics, the juniors assist the Child-Life Specialist and in the NICU and neo-natal nursery, the students fill bags of goodies for the new mothers. One student who is interested in



Junior Volunteer, Abilene, Loren Moreno

becoming a pharmacist is getting some hands-on experience in the outpatient pharmacy. In the inpatient Rehab hospital, juniors are helping to reorganize a kitchen area, and at the Hendrick Health Club fitness

center, junior volunteers are providing childcare for children during the time their Mom or Dad is working out. Other students take a "snack cart" around through the hospital to waiting areas and nurses' stations, selling drinks and snacks to those waiting with patients or working on the floor. Proceeds from the snack cart are given by the Junior Volunteers to the Children's' Miracle Network during the telethon in August. Over the eight weeks that they will serve, these junior volunteers will provide over 3000 hours of service. We at Hendrick are proud of our Junior Volunteers and grateful for their service!



Junior Volunteers, Abilene, Marisela Rocha, J'Naya Cherry



Junior Volunteer, Abilene, Sedney Brown



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

ETV is looking for Your Power Point Evaluation!

By **Norma Burnside**, ETV Co-Chair, CHRISTUS Spohn South Volunteer, TAHV District 3 Board Member

It's the new year and we are still looking for more **Power Point** evaluations. Hopefully you picked up the ETV flash drive for your hospital and viewed the educational presentations.

We know you have presented one or two and just forgot to send us the evaluation. Or maybe you just went home from The Woodland's Convention 2017 and put it in a drawer and have forgotten about it. Please take it out and plan a presentation time to share with your volunteers. When you do, please send us your evaluation. **Good or bad, we need to get your feedback.**

We have three new presentations coming soon: Recruitment, Leadership/Teaming, and Parliamentary Procedure. Our committee felt we should hold on to them until we are sure what we are designing is of use to our member

hospitals. The **Power Points** will be discussed again at our February 2018 winter board meeting. We are anxious to make them available to you, but we need to know if the first three were useful. Let us know what you think! Use the Evaluation Form or contact me at:

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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!

Send to:
Judi Winslow at
mkjudiwinslow@hotmail.com

“Miracle Babies” Reunion

by **Grace Zuniga**, Coordinator – Volunteer Services,
CHRISTUS Spohn South and Kleberg Hospitals

On November 11, 2017, CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-South held their annual NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) Reunion for our “miracle babies”, where we celebrate those babies who have overcome the odds of prematurity and developmental problems. The NICU alumni and their families reunite with the nurses & doctors who helped them with the prematurity and/or developmental issues that occurred during sometimes critical times at their birth. It was great watching the interaction between the medical staff, these special children and their families.



This year we had nine Christus Spohn Volunteers assisting at the event. The Volunteers assisted with check-in table registration, graduate tags, and goody bags containing NICU Reunion T-Shirts. Volunteers registered 125 NICU graduates, which does not include their siblings, parents and extended families. Our theme this year was “Ahoy Matey”! We saw little pirates & mermaids roaming our hospital courtyard where the event was held. There were many different games for the children to participate in: Photo booths, musical chairs, face painting, balloon art, food and much more. We had lots of fun watching the children having a wonderful time and enjoying the beautiful weather on a Saturday afternoon.

Until next year, Mateys!!



How They’ve Grown!!!

By **Patricia O’Toole**, The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus, Auxiliary President, TAHV District 2 Board Member

On October 19, 2017, the Memorial Campus Volunteers, in conjunction with the NICU nurses, held the annual NICU Reunion Party. This year 106 “graduates” and their family members were in attendance. This is an opportunity for the nurses to see improvements in their smallest charges, and the looks on their faces say it all. The graduates and their families were treated to visits with “Robbie”, the Board Patrol robot, and “Chico”, the Chihuahua baseball team’s mascot, as well as fun activities like face painting, a cake walk with prizes of cupcakes, a variety of games, lots of picture taking and a brown bag meal. A good time was had by all.

Happy Hundredth, Bea!

By **Patricia O’Toole**, Auxiliary President, **The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus, El Paso, TX** and
TAHV District 2 Board Member



Rosie Moniz with Bea Andrade

On September 10, 2017, the nurses and staff at the Adult Infusion Center of Memorial Campus held a Pot Luck Luncheon in celebration of the **100th Birthday of Bea Andrade**. Bea is a retired nurse and began volunteering several years ago in the Infusion Center. In addition to her duties of taking vital signs of the patients, she kept the linen closet ship

shape, with everything folded and stacked. Bea did trips to the Laboratory, and as her health began to fade, everyone watched over her so that she would not overexert herself. Bea looked wonderful at her birthday party, and said she would still be volunteering if she was able to get a new pair of legs. We all wish she could!

Surviving Hurricane Harvey.....

By **Brandi Neeb**, Volunteer Coordinator, Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas

As we watched the homes of our family and friends in Houston fill with water, I'm not sure we expected what was coming for us in Southeast Texas. Torrential rain came, followed by the opening of dams a little farther north. We just couldn't hold all that water.



Beaumont

displaced family members searching for dry ground. After helicopter, boat, and firetruck rescues were complete, everyone looked around and the wreckage and started making plans for a fresh start.

The help that was needed seemed impossible to provide but the random acts of kindness seemed to go a long way to heal our volunteers' hearts. This came in the form of food for the family members providing clean up, dry clothes and sneakers, and just a message to say we are thinking of you and here for you. Volunteers reached out to their fellow volunteer family to provide whatever comfort they could. The Volunteer Auxiliary also helped by collecting names of volunteers most affected by the storm and offering them a VISA gift card. The card didn't remodel their homes or replace their cars. The recipients of the gift cards sent back notes of thanks for even the smallest needs that were met like a blankets and other basic needs. These items went a long way to bring people normalcy and comfort again. It's not over by any means. The hospital is back up and

The hospital began making a plan to work with limited staff. They sent home all volunteers and any staff they could try to manage without for a short time. This allowed these individuals to make plans for their own homes and families while also conserving the hospital emergency resources. This procedure started the week of August 25th. Volunteers were finally able to return to their duties on September 7th.

With a volunteer force of around 200, many of our volunteers (as well as our staff) suffered great losses. People who lived in the same house for 40 years without a drop of water making inside found their house in 5 to 8 feet of water. Volunteers in their 90s who lived and worked in the same city for most of their lives were faced with the possibility of relocating and starting over from scratch. And people who were blessed enough to escape the storm and flooding, helped with



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running. All but a handful of our volunteers have returned now. They live with relatives, live in homes that have been taken down to the studs and concrete, or new apartments they have moved on to. And still with all of these stresses and disappointments they return to us every week to give of their time to people who need them. We wait for contractors to get to us, plead with SBA loan granters, and remind ourselves to be thankful for all we have.



*Alone we can do so little; together
we can do so much. —Helen Keller*

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The TAHV is constantly working to fulfill and advance these purposes by improving accessible methods of communication.

- ⇒ The **Outlook Newsletter** attempts to have an informative column from Mr. Ted Shaw, President of the Texas Hospital Association (THA), an organization that is politically active representing hospitals and physicians to provide the best in every healthcare system. Starting this year, there will be a new column with a pertinent message from the President of the Texas Association of Directors of Volunteer Services (TADVS), starting in this or the next issue. In addition, YOUR input is welcomed to share programs, activities and recognition from our member organizations and report on programs/activities you learned about at Convention or at your District Meeting.
- ⇒ The **TAHV Website** (www.tahv.org) is undergoing major changes to strengthen communication and promote the mission and purpose of TAHV to member groups and individual volunteers, and to be more interactive and informative. Many forms, informative items, and promotional input from our members will be available to increase networking and mutual support to fellow volunteers. With your help, TAHV can help members explore non-traditional volunteer opportunities outside hospital walls, inpatient hospital activities, community outreach programs and rural health clinics in our constantly changing healthcare system.
- ⇒ **Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers** strives to promote age and cultural diversity within the organization to better reflect both the current volunteer community and the communities served.

Currently, there are 3 districts unrepresented on the Board, and it is imperative that we find representation in these three important districts. **District 1** includes the Panhandle which represents 42 counties and aside from Amarillo and Lubbock, has many rural hospitals that need representation. **District 4** has about 15 counties and encompasses Beaumont, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, and Port Arthur. **District 7** includes our state capitol, Austin, and Waco, Killeen, College Station and Round Rock and embraces 26 counties. Lastly, *under-represented* is **District 10**, embracing around 20 counties and includes Tyler, Longview, Palestine, and Paris. Though we encourage interested volunteers from every district to consider joining our current board members, we are actively searching for interested volunteers in Districts 1, 4, 7, and 10. New Board Members are elected every year: even numbered districts in even years, odd districts in odd years. When there is a vacancy, the President may appoint a new Board Member at any time during the year. **Please check out the website, print out an application, and send the completed form to our President, JoAnn Goodwin (213 Crescent Drive, Early, TX 76802). We need you!!**

TAHV 2018 Convention At A Glance



Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers

WELCOMES YOU TO SAN ANTONIO FOR THE
75TH ANNUAL TAHV CONVENTION!

Marriott Rivercenter Hotel May 30 - June 02

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
TAHV Officers & Committees Board Meeting
(Check in May 30...Don't Miss the Riverwalk)

Thursday, May 31
BYOI, Convention Opening Session, BYOI-Gift Shop, President's Party

Friday, June 01
Concurrent Sessions, Uniform Luncheon, Awards Presentation

Saturday, June 02
Installation of Officers Breakfast

Awards, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Vendor Fair and Much More!
Further Information Coming Soon / See you in San Antonio!!

A leftover chuckle from Convention 2017 (from the program)

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Installation Breakfast
Towncenter South

Call to Order - Judi Winslow - TAHV President
Olney Hamilton Hospital, Olney

Invocation - Don Newland, Past President, TAHV
CHI St. Luke's Hospital, Lufkin

Thought for the Day - Pat Fortune, Past President TAHV
Memorial Hermann Memorial City, Houston

**Introduction of Speaker, Sherry Simmons,
TAHV 2nd Vice President**

Texoma Medical Center, Denison

Speaker - Sara Horton

"A Day in the Life of a Paramedic"

Election of Officers, Judi Winslow

Olney Hamilton Hospital, Olney

Installation of Officers

Sue Bickham - TAHV Past President

Corpus Christi Medical Center NW, Corpus Christi



Passing of the Gravel

Jo Ann Goodwin - TAHV President 2017/2018

Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Brownwood

Adjournment of the 2017 Convention



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