Peggy’s Reflections

As I think of the numerous meanings of reflection I ponder the outcome of HAK for the coming 2 years. Everyone needs goals. That’s how we function by daily working towards accomplishments.

As you see our motto “making a difference” was submitted with a choice of other motto’s to our officers and this was selected. The officers know that the next 2 years is going to be towards working on forms, policies and bylaws. They also know I believe in team work. We work together to accomplish our goals.

What can we do to make things better for you?

I just got back from the National Auxiliary Convention in Dallas, Texas and can hardly wait to pass information on to you on Recruitment and Retention. This subject came up at every district meeting and we listen to you.

Helen Keller once said “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!” I look forward to working with all of you.

If you want your district coordinator or vice president or president to visit your auxiliary meetings send us an email or card. If we have no conflicts that day we would love to join you. After all none of us is smarter than all of us! I am depending on all of you to work together with us to make a difference.

Think something needs changed? Let us know so we can check it out. I’m excited to work with all of you because you are such a valuable and thoughtful group of ladies and gentlemen.

To make a difference in someone’s life you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You first have to care…and I have seen this caring, loving attitude in all of you which is contagious so spread it around. So keep loving and caring and making a difference in people’s lives including your own.

Linda’s Farewell

What a difficult task I have now – it is time for me to say “farewell” and that is both sad and sweet! I have so enjoyed and appreciated being your HAK President! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

This has been such a special year filled with many precious memories.

Volunteers are the best! You have been willing to work – to cross bridges and even build bridges to make Kansas health better. You have exemplified my theme: Volunteers – Bridge to Better Health!

I have been amazed and pleased to hear of your accomplishments. Traveling across Kansas to local meetings and district meetings was such a delight. You gave me a warm welcome everywhere I traveled and I was in awe as I watched and listened to you telling of your accomplishments and involvement in your local hospitals.

It has been a challenge to walk in the footsteps of our past presidents. HAK has been blessed with good leaders and I am thankful for their leadership and guidance. I have also been blessed with support from the HAK Board. I could not have finished this job as president without their help. I also want to thank each of you, auxilians and auxiliaries, for your many cards and notes of encouragement and support.
I am looking forward to our continued working together as we build bridges, cross bridges, stand on bridges, whatever it takes to make better health for Kansans. As I've told you before, you are the heart and the connection to Kansas Health.

I know you will continue to support HAK and our new President, Peggy Ogle, as she leads with “Volunteers Make a Difference”!

Tom Bell
President and CEO

The Rising Cost of Health Care
The Kaiser Family Foundation recently released its 2019 Benchmark Employee Health Benefits Survey. Among other things, the survey showed that the average annual cost of employer-sponsored health coverage broke $20,000 for the first time this year. The cost of covering workers is up 54 percent from a decade ago when a family plan cost $13,375. This compares with a 26 percent wage growth over the same period.

Other survey findings include:

- The average employee with a family plan pays $6,015 toward the premium, or about 29 percent of the total. At the same time, workers covered by lower-wage firms have an annual family contribution of $7,047. Workers at other firms contribute an average of $5,968 annually.
- Nearly half of small business employees and 28 percent of all workers now have at least a $2,000 annual deductible, and 13 percent have at least a $3,000 deductible. Individuals on average paid $1,655 out of pocket on deductibles for their personal care.
- Fifty-seven percent of employers offer health benefits, the same as last year and similar to a decade ago (59 percent). The larger an employer is, the more likely it is to offer health benefits, with about half (47 percent) of the smallest firms (3-9 workers) and nearly all (99 percent) large firms (200 or more workers) offering coverage. Small employers who don't offer health benefits most often cite cost as the primary reason.
- The vast majority (83 percent) of offering employers say they are satisfied with the choice of providers available through their insurance plans. Few (5 percent) say they offer a plan with a narrow provider network, which can help the plan negotiate lower payment rates but also reduces enrollee choices.
- Many large employers (at least 200 workers) report taking specific steps over the past five years in response to the nation's opioid crisis. These include creating or revising an employee assistance program (40 percent); providing health information to workers (38 percent); limiting or otherwise modifying coverage for prescription opioids (24 percent); and asking their insurer or pharmacy benefit manager to increase monitoring of opioid use (21 percent).
- Among offering firms, 60 percent (including 92 percent of large firms) also offer separate dental insurance, while 46 percent (including 83 percent of large firms) also offer separate vision insurance. Employers sometimes contribute toward the cost of these benefits, but employees sometimes are required to pay the full cost themselves.

These are interesting statistics, and they no doubt tell us a lot about changes happening in the health care system. But the most important lesson from them is not a surprising one. Every poll I've seen shows that, when asked about their biggest health care concern, most people respond with one word—cost.

--Tom Bell

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HAK Sunflower Auxilian Deadlines for 2020:
February 15
May 15
August 15
November 15

New Presidents and Other Auxiliary Leaders
Any time during the year that your auxiliary has a new president, don’t forget to send in a new Form 1 to the President Elect and Membership Secretary and your District Coordinator, so we can be sure to keep in touch with your auxiliary.

Bits And Pieces

Liberal--Southwest Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary

This past year, Southwest Medical Center (SWMC) Hospital Auxiliary has continued its work of “Building Bridges to Better Health” in many ways. Our biggest project of running the Hospital Gift Shop Monday – Friday keeps many of our great volunteers very busy. From ordering merchandise such as home décor, clothing, purses, jewelry and gifts, through selling it on the artistically packed shelves, this takes a considerable amount of time! Additionally, the gift shop sells sandwiches, chips, candy, drinks, as well as the “BEST MILKSHAKES IN TOWN”. The proceeds from the gift shop are invested back into SWMC by purchasing needed and requested patient care equipment. This year alone we were able to purchase two tympanic thermometers, a suture table, two end tidal CO2 modules, two lead aprons and two thyroid shields for the Emergency Department. The OB Department received a Bili Check monitor. A new blood draw chair was purchased for the Lab and the Medical / Surgical Units received a Vital Sign monitor and 12 sleeper chairs for family members staying with their loved ones. The Auxiliary also supports local allied healthcare students by awarding two scholarships each semester to deserving students. The scholarships are funded through our annual membership dues.

In continuing our work, the employees of SWMC were honored during the Annual Auxiliary Christmas Tea. Auxiliary members brought in homemade goodies and punch and each employee attending receives their annual Christmas ornament.

During our January meeting, new officers were installed and hours of service were celebrated by our active members.
In April, SWMC Auxiliary hosted District 6B HAK by having a luncheon meeting. While enjoying delicious chicken salad and cheesecake, attendees were given an update on the status of SWMC by Bill Ermann, CEO. State Representative District 125 Shannon Francis of Liberal provided an update on the work going on in Topeka by the Kansas State Legislature. And, of course, we were thrilled to host our own past president, current State HAK president, Linda Staiger, who shared about her travels around the state as she communicates her vision of “Building Bridges to Better Health” with other HAK chapters.

Six members of our auxiliary were on hand in Wichita at the HAK State convention to assist and support our member, Linda Staiger, as she presided over the conference and continues her mission of “Building Bridges to Better Health”.

**Girard - Girard Medical Center Auxiliary**

The Girard Medical Center auxiliary started the season with a September 16 meeting. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read and the treasurer's report as given.

The current officers agreed to continue in office for the coming year: Barbara Joliet, president; Wendy Strukel, vice president; Mary Gilpin, secretary and Diane Brooks, treasurer. The auxiliary purchased mums from the Girard high school FFA to decorate the hospital. It was agreed to purchase two new exterior flags for the hospital and to look into more exterior holiday lighting. Flu shots will be available on October 21, before the meeting.

Seventeen members attended the October meeting. Peggy Ogle, new HAK president; Sally Emerson, HAK president elect and outgoing district #2 coordinator and Nancy Horn, incoming district #2 coordinator attended the meeting. Sally presented the group with our Gold award. Lunch was catered by the GMC nutritional services department.

The minutes of the September meeting and treasurer's report were approved as read. Upcoming fundraisers include Collective Goods on Wednesday November 27 and poinsettia sales which began October 21 to run through November 14 for delivery December 2.

The auxiliary will once again sell ornaments for the Celebration Tree. It was agreed to purchase a new Christmas tree for the hospital lobby.

There was some discussion of what to do with items in our storage closet. Discount sales, donation or the nearest trash can?

Monica Murnan, district #3 state representative gave an informative, entertaining talk. Beginning with an overview of the legislature, the schedule, the people who serve. Learning a bit about how it really works was an eye opener!

The three current "big" issues have been expansion of Medicaid, funding for K-12 education and tax policies. Monica sees her job in the legislature as "taking the message of Southeast Kansas to Topeka". She advised that the best time to contact our representatives is when they are home, to call, email or invite as speakers to groups such as ours.

Ruth Duling, GMC CEO and Karen Wenzleburger, Director of Volunteer services also attended the meeting. Ruth recognized the effort that goes in to earning the Gold Award saying "we know what good work you do". Ruth and Barbara both thanked all the guests for joining us.

Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary

Rooks County Health Center has had a very busy 2019 Fundraising Trunk Shows to date. We are looking for our 4th visit from the Mountain Man Fruit & Nuts Company in October. Our local Stockton Carousel Bakery visited RCH with outstandingly beautifully decorated cookies, cakes, scones, & candies for Valentine’s Day. Many customers were feeling lots of love while carrying home their valentine treasures! Pampered Chef appeared in RCH in April. One can’t get enough of PC items! Shoe Roads Production assisted lucky customers to have happy feet during their presentation. This month Luxury Linens will be a huge draw as college students,
Stub Hub will be showing their wares in October. All monies received from our trunk shows go for our RCH beautiful Phase II Physical Therapy addition. Our grand opening is scheduled in early Fall!!

Photos of a few of our members (included in this article) are shown selling delicious homemade pies at the Paradise Creek Festival in Plainville. We were excited to earn over $1000 for only 3 hours on display. We have wonderful people helping our RCH cause!

We were thrilled to learn that VIRGINIA ENGBORG was selected 2019 Volunteer of the Year last spring!! A very deserving member who is never seen without her sweet smile!

Our blood drives have been excellent this year. Elvera Beiker, Chairperson, reported that we are exceeding our donor numbers each month! YAY!!

Our Rooks County Hospital Gift Shop continues to do well! The smell of Otis Spunk Meyer cookies baking drift through the halls capturing the noses of staff & guests walking by. They follow the tantalizing smells and come in for a cookie or two.

Thinking about HAK President Linda Staiger’s 2019 theme...“Sometimes you are the bridge, sometimes you cross the bridge, and sometimes you even build a bridge”. Our RCH Auxiliary members are finding that we are working on building bridges of compassion, helping & caring for our own members who have chronic health problems, loss of spouses, or have unfulfilled & shattered dreams. Each of our members are so dear to each other. I am so thankful for these wonderful ladies in my life.

Pratt - Pratt Regional Medical Center Volunteers

The Pratt Regional Medical Center Volunteers took their 6th bus trip on August 13th to see the Lego Exhibition at the Wichita Botanical Gardens. The weather was absolutely perfect. The Botanica arranged box lunches for the group so people who had walked enough could sit and enjoy their lunch in the beauty of the gardens. Half of the group went on a guided tour and half ventured on their own.

The bus trips have been a great recruiting tool for us, having gained three new members from them. Volunteers are encouraged to invite others to travel with us. Beyond being a recruiting tool, the bus trips have been a wonderful way for volunteers to meet the rest of their teammates and socialize with them.

The sheets sold in the Gift Shop are Trivesta Linens. We buy them 12 at a time. The website for Trivesta Linens can be found on the internet if you just google Trivesta Linens. We sell the sets any size for $40 each to the public-$35 to the employees and $30 to Volunteers. The sheets sets are $17 each with shipping. Everyone wins!

Warmly, The PRMC Volunteers

The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically.

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Ulysses - Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Auxiliary

We The People

A community is made up of people of all ages and walks of life, from various places, and of all types of personalities and characters.

WE are the community...at least, we are a part of it. If we look around our small town, we find a variety of interests and needs and ways to excite those interests and to fill those needs.

That is why organizations like Auxiliary exist: to make things better for all who live in the community. Isn’t that what we do? Our Hospital Auxiliary “bends over backward” to show the clientele of the hospital that we truly care about them.

We do truly care about patients and their families, and we work hard to help them. Pink Ladies greet them at the door, get them where they need to go, and make them feel at home. Our Visiting Angels make those long days brighter by visiting patients who welcome a bit of chatting to break up the inevitable boredom of being confined to a hospital bed.

Our gift shop provides many items of interest for patients and the community. Our shop is one of the very best I have seen (and I always visit hospital gifts shops at every opportunity). In addition, we provide special sales during the year because - out here in the far western corner of our state - there is not every kind of store available.

Auxiliary-type people are kind, industrious, caring, and willing to spend the time and effort to make another’s day a little bit nicer.

Fran Smith
Co-Editor of the BWMGCH Auxiliary Newsletter

Topeka - Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary

Community Leader Receives Distinguished Auxilian Award

The annual meeting of the Stormont Vail Health Auxiliary was held on October 3, 2019. One of the highlights of this meeting was announcing the recipient of the Distinguished Auxilian Award, an honor that is given to an auxiliary member that has been a leader by example but not necessarily by position or title.

This year’s awardee was Jane Metzger, a long-time Stormont Vail Health supporter and community leader. Until retirement, Jane was the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels for more than 20 years and led the organization to amazing heights. Their fundraiser, Sumptuous Settings, raised over $100,000 annually. She served as the Chair of Meals on Wheels Association of America National Board and has served as the President of the Junior League of Topeka. One of Jane’s recent volunteer efforts was to plan and organize a Next to New Sale fundraiser that benefitted the East Topeka Senior Center for more than five years.

Jane served on the SVH Foundation Board of Trustees from 1986-1997. She continued her involvement with Stormont Vail Health when she joined the Auxiliary in 2003. She is an active member of Auxiliary Group 8, served as auxiliary president in 2015, and is a charter member of the Patient and Family Council. You will also see Jane volunteering at the Gift Shop holiday open house, and uniform fundraisers. Jane served as the committee chair when Stormont Vail hosted the HAK District 1 meeting in 2017.

When the Auxiliary celebrated their 70th anniversary at the spring 2019 membership meeting, Jane willingly agreed to portray Jane C. Stormont in a historic dialogue alongside Bishop Vail played by former SVH Board Chair Harry Craig. Jane went to great efforts to dress in attire reflective of the era and drew an audience of administrators, other staff and volunteers. It was an
educational and fun way to learn how Stormont Vail’s long history began.

In her acceptance remarks, Jane expressed that we all have talents. Some are able to sit with the dying with the no one dies alone program while others watch as the newborns take their first breaths of life, others greet visitors and make them feel comfortable in an unfamiliar environment. In a September 16 article by Connie Michaelis, “to have purpose every day that you wake up, something to do and someone to see, is good medicine for the body and the soul.” Jane closed her acceptance by saying that each of us is here because we have purpose…we are not waiting for something to happen, we are making it happen for this organization and ourselves. We are all Auxilians of the Year.

Salina – Salina Regional Hospital Center Service Auxiliary

The Salina Regional Hospital Center has had a busy year so far. We held the annual membership brunch in November to start the new year.

April found us in Junction City for the Dist. 3 meeting with 10 members attending. A skit was presented to invite members to the Dist. 3 meeting in Salina for 2020. Also a Volunteer luncheon was held for the Hospital Volunteer’s and was entertained by The Good News Quartet.

We raise money to support our many projects by Rummage Sales, HCI and Linen Sale. This year’s 3rd annual Parade of Homes is scheduled for December 8th. We are hosting a 1st Annual Bunco tournament on September 28th.

Our newest project is the inclusive playground which will open June 7th on Center Street.

REBECCA A. MORRISON HOUSE

The House, that brings a piece of normality, to a not so normal situation.

The Rebecca A. Morrison House hosted a 25th anniversary celebration on October 4th at the home, 513 S. 8th, Salina. A Salina Chamber of Commerce celebration was also held in the evening.

Over the years the home has served more than 25,000 guests from 517 Kansas communities, all 50 states and 18 International countries. The service is primarily utilized by loved ones of patients at Salina Regional Health Center who come from out of town. In recent years the home also expanded its services to patients from outside Salina who are undergoing outpatient treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

There is no charge for guests who stay at the Morrison House. The service is supported entirely by donation. Salina is very proud of the Morrison and the message we are sending to our out of town guest. We care. The facility can house up to 31 guests at a time, said manager Lisa Hoffman.

“It’s a unique place,” she said. “It brings a little piece of normal to people’s lives that are under stressful circumstances.”

The facility has a staff onsite 24 hours a day, a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities, computer and wireless internet access, televisions, an exercise room, clean and well-maintained private bedrooms and is handicapped accessible. Guests are provided with household supplies such as linens, toiletries, and laundry soap and breakfast foods.
“It’s a home environment where people can cook, relax and share their stories with others,” she said. Find more about the Morrison House by visiting:

www.morrisonhouse@srhc.com

The Morrison House is owned by the Salina Regional Health Foundation in partnership with the Salina Regional Health Center Service Auxiliary.

The SRHC Auxiliary donates $25,000 a year to the Morrison House and helps as needed throughout the year.

**Lawrence - Lawrence Memorial Hospital Health Volunteers**

LMH Health Volunteers our Journey 2019

What a whirlwind of a year we have had here in Lawrence. The New Year brought discussion concerning the name of the volunteer team and the talk of a uniform change. When our volunteers were surveyed we found that there was not a connection with the name Auxiliary. In Lawrence, all of our volunteers are members of the “Auxiliary” just by being volunteers in our organization. There are no dues paid to be a member and student volunteers are considered the same as an adult volunteer. We had many meetings of our Board and the Committees of the Board and finally a vote to our membership. They selected the name LMH Health Volunteers as the name of their organization replacing the LMH Auxiliary name. We have been working on changing the organization by-laws, service descriptions, scholarship names, and so many items too numerous to list. With the name change, came a uniform change too! We are now in royal blue uniforms; vests and polo shirts.

At the same time we were planning for hosting the District #1 meeting here in Lawrence last April followed by the Auxiliary Annual Meeting a week later! We had a spectacular planning committee lead by Joanne Hurst, former HAK District #1 coordinator for the planning of the District meeting. LMH Health had not hosted this meeting in recent memory and were surprised by how involved the process was. Never-the-less our volunteer team rose to the occasion and had a fun experience hosting the District #1 meeting.

As we are redefining our organization name, and our look, we are also redefining our LMH Health Volunteer Board make up and the leadership on the Committees. In our hospital 59% of our volunteers are students. Yet, until recently student volunteers have not been involved in the leadership of our organization. This fall we have added three high school students to our board and just recently completed leadership development classes for volunteers where half of the participants were college student volunteers. We are inviting them to be involved in the existing committee structure but also setting up an advisory group that will help us to learn how to better include our student volunteers in all of our organization processes. This is new territory for us and we are finding our way, but feel that it is important to have our volunteer leadership reflective of our volunteer team in age as well as ethnicity and demographics.

**Lindsborg - Lindsborg Hospital Auxiliary**

FINALLY! The addition to the Family Health Care Clinic and Lindsborg Community Hospital revamping is over! We added more doctor and patient rooms, a walk in clinic, a larger lobby, moved the lab closer to the front, updated the wall color, moved offices closer together, etc. An open house was held September 29, and received lots of kudos!!

The auxiliaries "Gift Nook" is right across from the coffee pot, from which a lot of coffee is poured every day! Our "Gift Nook" is smaller than the "Gift Shop" we had, but sales have been great. The auxiliary monthly meetings are in the new conference room, which makes it handy for hospital staff to share with us about their departments.

Looking to the future!

Mary Patrick

**BE THAT ONE!**

Reflection: “Be that one. That one who forgives when deep offense has been committed. That one who loves when no one else does. That one who gives kindness to those who are mean. Be that one who looks past the insult, instead seeing the pain that motivated it. That one who shines light upon those who sit in utter darkness. Because the impact of being that one runs far and wide. It brings healing to the wounded, joy to the sad, and hope to those in despair. Be that one.”
**Garnett - Anderson County Hospital Auxiliary**

Anderson County Hospital in Garnett is in the process of creating a Breastfeeding Support Room for the convenience of hospital employees. To show support for the project, the ACH Auxiliary purchased a small refrigerator in which mothers can store breast milk. Auxilians pictured with the refrigerator are Pam Howarter, president; Shari Friesen, vice president; Joen Truhe, treasurer; and Nancy Horn, HAK District 2 Coordinator.

**Wichita - Wesley Health Care Auxiliary**

Wesley Health Care Auxiliary is thrilled to announce that we have now moved our Children Are Special pediatric pillow program into permanent remodeled quarters! The pillows for children program has been very popular and successful for our auxiliary for many years, with pillows being made by volunteers and distributed to children visiting Wesley Hospital. Pillows are given to children in both the emergency room or full admission, and pediatric cancer patients are given pillows on each admission. Last year roughly 500 pillows per month were being created, and with the opening of the Children’s Hospital, that number has nearly doubled. While remodeling has been ongoing, our work area was temporarily moved to the Ronald McDonald House. In early November, our permanent space on 5th floor pediatrics was completed and our volunteers were all hands on deck to move into the space.

The Children Are Special program is headed by Marcia Rogers, and she is assisted by an army of wonderful and selfless volunteers.

**Council Grove - Morris County Hospital Auxiliary**

We have been keeping busy with various fundraisers and projects around the hospital. Recently we hosted the Mountain Man Fruit and Nut sale for our hospital, and it was very successful. We always have our wonderful gift cabinet stocked full of neat gifts to buy, and we sell Ray’s Gift cards from our local grocery store and get a certain percent of each card sold. Coming up on Nov. 14, we have our annual Sweet Bread Sale in the lobby of our hospital which is always a big hit. Auxiliary members bring in baked goods early, and we wrap them in Saran Wrap and tie fall bows on them with labels and prices. When they are purchased, they can either eat them themselves or give them as a gift for Thanksgiving. The sale is open to the public, and we usually sell out of items by closing time. We also set up a table to sell some of our Rada Cutlery pieces. Our gift cabinet ladies also have a table set up to sell some fall and Christmas items so people can purchase some stocking stuffers or early Christmas gifts for a good price.

Just recently, our auxiliary helped with a tour of the hospital for a group of 2nd graders. This is always a fun time and children seem to really enjoy it. We take them to each department, and they tell them about what they do and show them the equipment they use. We purchase a coloring book titled, “A Visit to the Hospital” to give each child and at the end of the tour and also provide a small nutritional refreshment. It is really educational for
the children. It takes some of the anxiety away from kids if they would ever have to come to the hospital because they see what a kind and caring place it is and how friendly our staff is.

We gave away two $500 scholarships this year, bought 3 new wheelchairs, bought the bedding for the new sleep study rooms, and donated money for the new sonogram table.

We love making money so we can help the hospital purchase some of the things they need. We really appreciate our community also because they are so giving and support our many fundraisers. For being such a small auxiliary, we work hard and seem to do quite well.

Diane Jernigan, President

One of our largest and most rewarding projects is our TROOP PROJECT. We organize and collect items needed by our local troops stationed overseas. Many volunteers and community personnel help in assembling and packing the boxes. This is done to help our troops have a Merry Christmas.

We feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful hard-working, and caring staff at our hospital. It is a joy for our auxiliary to serve them in any way we can.

Lois Brinkman, President

Burlington - Friends of Coffey Health System

Fall greetings from Coffey Hospital Auxiliary! Our auxiliary participates in all the Community Blood Drives held throughout the year. Flyers are distributed, articles are put in the local newspaper, in church bulletins, calls, and appointments are made as needed.

At the Senior Health Fair, we had a recruitment booth. We distributed application forms for those wishing to become a volunteer. We helped with the annual health conference and donated items to be given away.

An on-going project is Care Line Clothing for the ER. We originally donated $500 to start this project. As more funds are needed, we are informed and donate as needed. This covers the purchase of clothing needed for emergency situations.

The HaysMed Volunteers recently held their Annual Volunteer Bazaar. This is always a great event that the crafters put a lot of time and energy into throughout the year. They meet as a group at HaysMed twice a month. Many new things were made this year and the Bazaar was a huge success! One of the new items that the crafters purchased this year is a Heat Press Machine. This heat press machine was used to create custom t-shirt for the Bazaar. In addition, we have purchased labels for different department to label their scrubs and gowns. This has worked out great and it is fun to play with a new “toy”.

The Corner Gift Shop is a busy place, especially this time of year! We have transitioned from Halloween, Fall and Thanksgiving into Christmas! Our Holiday Open House was held November 7-9 with an all LED Event on Thursday, November 7th. Our Corner Gift Shop came alive with all the lighted items. It was so much fun and customers enjoyed cookies while they shopped. We did a Facebook “Live” video and highlighted items in the gift shop. This brought in a lot of traffic! If you are on Facebook, you can keep track of what’s going on by liking the HaysMed Corner Gift Shop page!
**Sabetha - Sabetha Hospital Guild**

This has been a successful year for the Sabetha Hospital Guild. We have had several fund raisers to purchased small equipment pieces for the surgery department and the physical therapy department. Our most profitable fund raiser is our gift basket raffle held, in August, at Old Time Saturday Nite downtown. We had 4 baskets full of items with themes of: college, insta-pot, summer fun, and ice cream. We raised over $1800 with this.

For a membership drive we invited all who attended our Fall Tea to join. We explained the organizations goals and expectations and in the booklet for the tea was a membership form. Our treasurer was available as they left if they wanted to join that day, which a couple did! We have monthly meetings and always encourage members to invite a friend. Lunch is provided by the hospital and is free of charge.

We had 2 employee recognition days. In the spring we served homemade cookies to each department thanking them for their hard work. In late summer we did a ice cream sundae bar. The ladies who served this really got into it and had a bell they rang as they went down the hall just like the ice cream truck. The employees really appreciated this.

Teresa Deckinger  
President Sabetha Hospital Guild

**McPherson - McPherson Volunteer Services**

The last six months have been very busy for the Volunteers at McPherson Hospital. In July, our Gift Shop had its annual summer blow-out sale; August was Legion Family Night fundraiser; along with attending the HAK State Conference in September, we held a successful scrub sale; and, a jewelry sale fundraiser and Gift Shop Open House were held to kick-off the holiday season. In late November, we recognized all McPherson Hospital Employees by presenting them with a package of popcorn and a note saying “Just Popping In To Say You’re Appreciated.” And to finish out our year, we are having our yearly Candy and Cookie Sale. We are a very busy group of volunteers and are certainly blessed with dedicated individuals who support the hospital.

We are working hard planning the 2020 District 4 Meeting that we will be hosting. So, all District 4 members be sure and SAVE THE DATE for Thursday, April 16 at the McPherson Museum. Rita Prieb, President

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**Hospital Auxiliaries of Kansas 2020 ~2021 Board**

Back row from the left: Kathleen Harr, Topeka, JoAnn Morse, Hays, Floyd Joliet, Girard, Judy Crapser, Eureka Gwen Gately, McPherson, and Barbara Hammond, Larned. Middle row from the left: Rose Stroud, Wichita, Judie Ellis, Andover, Nancy Horn, Garnett, Jeannette Butler, Salina, and Shirley Van Loenen, Prairie View, Front row from the left: Diana Holloway, McPherson, Peggy Ogle, Fredonia, Sally Emerson, Garnett and Linda Staiger, Liberal. Not pictured: Pat Martin, Fredonia

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