

AWARD WINNERS – 2009 TAHV CONVENTION

SCRAPBOOKS:

- 0-65 Beds
 - 1st Place Driscoll Children’s Hospital-McAllen
 - 2nd Place Coryell Memorial Gatesville
 - 3rd Place St. Mark’s LaGrange
- 66-200 Beds
 - 1st Place Seton Northwest Austin
 - 2nd Place Driscoll Children’s Corpus Christi
 - 3rd Place Navarro Regional Corsicana
- 201-260 Beds
 - 1st Place Edinburg Regional Edinburg
 - 2nd Place Wilson N. Jones Sherman
 - 3rd Place Memorial Hermann The Woodlands
- 261-400 Beds
 - 1st Place Laredo Medical Center Laredo
 - 2nd Place Baylor Medical Center Garland
 - 3rd Place Citizen’s Medical Center Victoria
- 401 + Beds
 - 1st Place Memorial Hermann Memorial City Houston
 - Tie:
 - 2nd Place Northwest Texas Healthcare Amarillo
 - 2nd Place Valley Medical Center Harlingen
 - 3rd Place University Medical Center Lubbock

NEWSLETTERS:

- 0-125 Beds
 - 1st Place Lake Granbury Medical Granbury
 - 2nd Place Seton Southwest Austin
 - Tie:
 - 3rd Place Doctor’s Hospital Bridgeport
 - 3rd Place Seton Northwest Austin
- 126-200 Beds
 - 1st Place San Angelo Community San Angelo
 - 2nd Place St. Luke’s Episcopal The Woodlands
 - 3rd Place Good Shepherd Medical Marshall

- 201 – 300 Beds
 - 1st Place Texoma Medical Center Denison
 - 2nd Place Huguley Memorial Fort Worth
 - 3rd Place Wilson N. Jones Sherman

- 301 + Beds
 - 1st Place St. Luke’s Episcopal Houston
 - 2nd Place Houston Northwest Medical Houston
 - Tie:
 - 3rd Place Seton Medical Center Austin
 - 3rd Place Methodist Hospital San Antonio

TRAY FAVORS

- 0-100 Beds
 - 1st Place Lake Granbury Medical Granbury
 - 2nd Place North Texas Medical Gainesville
 - 3rd Place Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
- 101-200 Beds
 - 1st Place Cypress Fairbanks Medical Houston
 - 2nd Place East Texas Medical Center Athens
 - 3rd Place Navarro Regional Corsicana
- 201 – 300 Beds
 - 1st Place Baylor Medical Center Irving
 - 2nd Place Baylor Medical Center Garland
 - Tie:
 - 3rd Place Memorial Hermann Northeast Humble
 - 3rd Place Huguley Memorial Hospital Fort Worth
- 301 + Beds
 - 1st Place Laredo Medical Center Laredo
 - 2nd Place University Health System San Antonio
 - Tie:
 - 3rd Place Memorial Hermann Southwest Houston
 - 3rd Place Shannon Medical Center San Angelo

POSTERS

- 0 – 200 Beds
 - 1st Place Navarro Regional Hospital Corsicana
 - 2nd Place Doctors Hospital Bridgeport
 - Tie:
 - 3rd Place Good Shepherd Medical Marshall
 - 3rd Place Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Dallas

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201 – 250 Beds	1 st Place Huguley Memorial Hospital Fort Worth 2 nd Place Memorial Hermann The Woodlands 3 rd Place Edinburg Regional Edinburg
251 – 400 Beds	1 st Place Harris Methodist HEB Bedford 2 nd Place Laredo Medical Center Laredo 3 rd Place Baylor Medical Center Irving
400+ Beds	1 st Place Memorial Hermann Southwest Houston 2 nd Place St. Luke's Episcopal Houston 3 rd Place University Health System San Antonio

The Gifts and Memorials Foundation has reported the following donations:



DONATIONS

St Luke's -- The Woodlands
Mainland Medical --Texas City
Irving Healthcare Auxiliary -- Irving
Blue Bird Auxiliary – San Antonio

MEMORIALS

In memory of M. Wilson, K. Bernard, and B. Armacost
From Mainland Medical, Texas City

In memory of C. Simmons
From Trinity Medical Center, Carrollton

In memory of Virginia Black
From Gigi Dubois

AUXILIARIES, A LEGACY OF GIVING

“You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.”

—Winton Churchill

Quite literally, without Auxiliaries, some of our hospitals would not exist. In their early days, dedicated women (originally most Auxiliaries were Ladies Aid Societies) raised the funds for hospital furniture, equipment, and even food items, to keep fledgling hospitals going in our communities. Over the years, historical accounts document the fact that Auxiliaries were prevailed upon by hospital trustees to provide vital funds to keep the doors open.

Not only were Auxilians providing day-to-day support in the hospital, they were influential arbiters of local society, and their annual fund raisers were must-attend

events. In their heyday Auxiliaries formed to provide hospital support, organize social and fundraising events, and form knitting and sewing circles. In the early years of their existence, hospitals would have had a much more difficult time without the help of the auxiliaries on whom they depended for providing basic supplies.

Recently, I happened to come across the First Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Methodist Hospital. In 1928, out of a gathering of women at a friendship tea grew one of the largest and most active women's organizations in the City of Houston. Within months of its inauguration, the Auxiliary boasted a membership of 550 women. The organization's 1928 Annual Report states that:

“The object of the organization as set forth in the constitution is. . . to co-operate with the superintendent and trustees of the hospital in securing sufficient supplies so that there may be no money diverted to these purposes from the fund supporting the charity work for the institution . . .”

Clearly, the hospital was dependent on the Auxiliary to provide supplies for maintaining hospital operations while the institution used its funds for patient care. In those early days, the Auxiliary supplied everything from furniture to flowers.

During its first year the Auxiliary's House Committee furnished the hospital with basic supplies, including serving trays, waste baskets, ice boxes, wool rugs, porch furniture, easy chairs and foot stools. The Linen Committee made linen dresser scarves, sheets, towels, pillow cases, draw sheets, wash cloths, bed spreads, ice cap cases, hot pot lifters and bed pads. The Pantry Committee donated 200 glasses of jelly and preserves as well as ice cream and cakes during the summer months. Children were provided sheets, pillow cases, covers for hot water bottles, scrap books, books, cake and ice cream, filled Easter baskets, Christmas tree and decorations, presents and candy, a large ice box, hospital beds and mattresses and redecorated the Children's Ward. The Cut Flower Committee sent flowers to the hospital throughout the year, many coming from the members' own gardens.

In modern times it seems inconceivable that Auxiliary women provided for such basic needs down to the sheets and towels, jam and ice cream. Anything that made patients feel more at home was within their range of duty. The early Auxiliary also took care of nurses by providing furnishings for their rooms, graduation ceremonies and parties, and corsages for each graduating nurse. Christmas gifts were given to each nurse and employee of the hospital.

As more women began working outside the home, the membership of Auxiliaries began to decline. Today, Auxiliaries primarily are comprised of women who are no longer working or raising young children. Another fairly recent evolution is the addition of men to the formerly women-only ranks of Auxiliaries. Many Auxiliaries have changed their bylaws to reflect this, and men are now showing an interest in contributing to the work of the Auxiliaries.

For decades hospital auxiliaries have been dedicated to supporting hospitals. Steeped in a long history of

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