

**GRMC AUXILIARY  
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**TO:**

**GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL HOSPITAL**





# VISION, VOICE, VOLUNTEER GRMC AUXILIARY

JUNE 2013

**“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”**

Gila Regional Medical Center Auxiliary  
1313 East 32nd Street, Silver City, New Mexico

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...RENNY HUTTON

To be Auxiliaries,

Following are some of my 2012-2013 Presidential accomplishments:

- Developed a 3 year Volunteer Marketing Plan to enlist 30 more Auxiliaries by 2015 with the assistance of Laura Howell in Marketing.
- Documented and implemented a process for GRMC Directors to request volunteer assistance in their Department.
- Designed and implemented a monthly Cancer Center Meal cost tracking process.
- Established the GRMC Auxiliary Nomination Policy and Procedure.
- Developed the Auxiliary's Vendor sales documentation and process which added three additional sales vendors to the yearly schedule. This netted the Auxiliary \$3,244.85 more than last year.
- Provided the Front Desk and ER Auxiliaries with new chairs, using the Hospital's work order process, thanks to Michelle in supplies.
- Documented and implemented the Auxiliary's work order process, allowing access to IT, Dietary and Maintenance online work orders.
- Established the ER Information Desk job location by working with Max, the ER Director, and the ER Volunteer Coordinator.
- Provided department coordinators with an Auxiliary Holiday Schedule Policy and Procedure which encouraged coordinators to share schedules between Auxiliary departments.
- Developed the Gift Shop space needs documentation, which was presented to the GRMC Expansion team. Met with the Expansion Team to encourage a much larger Gift Shop when the Expansion begins in the future.
- Established the Cardiologists' patient process currently used in the Cancer Center.
- Developed the Auxiliary's Special Navigation Committee documentation which is sent to the Hospital quarterly.
- Purchased the Suggestion Box and encouraged volunteer participation.
- Established the raffle drawing process at the monthly members meeting.
- Wrote job descriptions and encouraged coordinators to update the existing ones.
- Provided the Auxiliary with a new style of Newsletter and recruited a great group of monthly team writers.
- Provided the Auxiliary room with a color laser printer, larger monitor, new computer and keyboard, using the work order process, with help from the Marketing Department.
- Provided the Cash Register system requested by the Gift Shop Manager, reduced the overall cost by \$2,624.54, through online investiga-

tion and implementation. Recruited a volunteer to set-up and program the cash register. Provided training manuals to all Gift Shop cashiers.

- Documented, implemented and assigned a volunteer to track eligibility for the Billy Casper Wellness Center Gym reduced rates program.
- Established the bussing table's job in the Cafeteria by working with the Dietary Director.
- Mended the bad feelings between the Marketing Department and past Auxiliary administrations.
- Documented and staffed five new Auxiliary jobs at the Wellness Center; equipment maintenance, deep cleaning, document shredding, filing in education and the rehab check in desk.
- Rewrote the Floral contract per the Gift Shop Manager's needs and worked with Marketing to advance the contract process forward.
- Encouraged the Wish List Coordinator to document all process which will aid future coordinators.
- Documented and provided a process binder of duties while acting as President.

I thank the general membership for allowing me to bring progress to the Auxiliary. For those who appreciated my professional business style of management, I will always remember your encouragement.

Those of you who chose to oppose me by speaking behind my back and in other ways, I will never understand why.

***“However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you If you do not act on upon them?” Buddha***

***“To be great is to be misunderstood.”***  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



*Renny*

# MAX DOES IT AGAIN!!!!



Max Rothpletz, the ER Director wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Auxiliary for this year's Wish List gifts.

Top left is the Video Laryngoscope used to obtain a view of the vocal folds and the glottis. It shows the image on the monitor.

Top right is Max showing his appreciation with a thumbs up.

Bottom right is the System 5 Muticuff BP tools and case. It is used for checking Blood Pressure.

We are pleased that Max and his Team are such a big part of GRMC. They do a terrific job under tremendous pressure.

# Sally's Sallies #8

Actually, this is trip # 8, #9, and #10!

Our first attempted day trip to Ft. Cummings, north of Deming off of Highway 26, started 3 weeks ago. We got part way there, following our directions on two maps that differed, and after several hours of drifting in and out of ranches, various dirt roads and false alarms, we gave up and headed for the pink Café in an RV park on Hwy 26. Remember when we stopped at Elk's Landing in the Mimbres several months ago? Several guys in there recommended this little café and its really special pizza, so that's why we stopped there. The Border Patrol and Sheriff's Office were well represented and the Staten Pizza (garlic, parmesan, and roasted tomatoes) truly was delicious. We left to try again another day.

The next week we were determined to make it, but the wind was bad and when the dirt started flying on Hwy 180, we reversed course and headed for much better weather near Georgetown, via San Lorenzo. We found a spot for a picnic and for Juneau to run not far from the Georgetown Cemetery. It was beautiful in the trees and calm.

Next week the wind was rather calm, so we decided to try again to find Ft. Cummings. The GPS was on target, and we actually found the right road. After several miles we passed a small herd of cows, but kept going till we got to the Cookes Spring building where the water was sheltered—the only source of water in the area, hence the fort location. Dan got out to take a picture of the sign for posterity and was suddenly joined by the ladies and their calves! Very friendly group, they were, probably expecting food or water. They followed us up the road a bit then wandered back from whence they'd come. We found the remains of the fort, the Butterfield Stage Station, and the Cemetery. It really is amazing to be standing on ground that so many people lived and worked on, and died on. We looked at the pictures on the plaques and realized how sparse the facilities were, and looking up into the black sky with vertical lightning attacking the earth today, we could only imagine what it was like back then, especially if you were in a wagon train.

We soon beat a hasty retreat as the lightning got closer and closer. We decided to keep going home (no pizza today), as the dust was covering Hwy 180. We made it home without having to stop. It really was a fun day. And Juneau didn't herd the cattle as she is wont to do from time to time, she thought about it but I guess she decided it was too much trouble! A good day was had by all.

Bob Rockwell, local Deming raconteur spoke at the annual District IV meeting in Deming last month. He's written many novels on the southwestern desert history. I bought **In the Jaws of the Beast, a Personal Journey**, which tells a story about the Ft. Cummings area. I recommend it for an easy but interesting read.

*By Sally Goss*



La Vera Shoup  
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Frank Niva  
6/2



Martha Choquette  
6/8

Mary Jo Tillman  
6/14



## JUNE 2013 BIRTHDAY'S

### Whit's Witty Reviews

#### Sunbeam Humidifier

Hey ya'll! It's starting to get hot as the dickens outside. The first thing one notices moving from the east coast to the southwest is the lack of humidity. At first, I thought it was nice. My curly hair was less poufy. Normally, I give Texas beauty queens' hair styles a run for their money. Finally, out here when I stood in the shade it was actually a few degrees cooler. Back in Georgia the high humidity makes shaded areas the same temperature; the only difference is there is less sun. But, like all things, the zero humidity here has its drawbacks. I noticed my skin started to dry up and crack, my eyes became red and dry and I got frequent nose bleeds.

That's when I met my new friend, the humidifier. One of the classic solutions for the problem of dry air is a humidifier. A humidifier transforms water into airborne moisture to help add humidity to the surrounding air.

The most common benefits:

1. It can help relieve cold symptoms by making the air you breath moist, which helps keep your lungs more elastic.
2. Reduce susceptibility to infection by keeping the mucus membranes of your throat and nasal passages moist allowing the tiny hairs (cilia) in both to work at expelling foreign objects such as mold, pet dander and bacteria.
3. Relieve and prevent dry, scratchy skin and lips.
4. Keep valuable wood furniture from drying out and cracking.
5. Reduce static electricity, thus reducing the tiny shocks received from touching certain objects and other people.
6. Can help prevent wood floors from buckling and separating.
7. Reduce nosebleeds, as the air you breathe is moist.

While researching humidifiers I learned that there are some cons. **Too high humidity** can make your home feel stuffy and can cause condensation on walls, floors and other surfaces that triggers the growth of harmful bacteria, dust mites and molds. These allergens can cause respiratory problems and trigger allergy and asthma flare-ups. Bacteria may grow and multiply in the sitting water. Regular cleaning and sanitizing, following the manufacturer's model-specific instructions, is necessary to prevent distributing the bacteria spores throughout your home. There are many types of humidifiers, but the most common include: Cool mist, ultrasonic, warm mist, steam, console (drum), and furnace. Each has its own strengths and weaknesses.

Today I am reviewing the Holmes HM495-UC Humidifier - Ultrasonic - 2.80 Gal by Sunbeam. I bought ( I mean my uncle bought) this about three months ago from Wal-Mart. The company describes the unit as: A quiet machine that produces a cool mist that can be seen and felt, plus it offers variable mist control with its easy-to-use control dial. A full tank will emit moisture for up to 24 hours, and the permanent filter washes clean easily and can be reused so it never has to be replaced. In addition, the filter traps impurities from the air thanks to its Microban anti-microbial protection, which inhibits the growth of odor-causing bacteria and mold.

In my opinion the humidifier is very quiet and dispenses mist effortlessly. I have one in my bedroom and my aunt and uncle have one in the living room. The only fault I found is there is only one way to refill unit. The reservoir has to be removed completely, turned upside down and filled. I would have liked an opening at the top of unit to make refills easier. It is tall, sleek and works well and does not need a filter which saves money. My aunt has a handy dandy humidity meter which tells us when the house needs more or less moisture. We also clean our humidifiers every couple weeks to prevent mold.



BY WHITNEY GATES



**Donnamarie Spruce**  
6/19



**June Rhoades**  
6/30



**Karen Boyer**  
6/21

**Elma Lieurance**  
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## **JUNE 2013 BIRTHDAY'S**

### **HENRY GARCIA**



Henry Garcia joined the Auxiliary in May and is working at the Gym, doing general maintenance on the Gym equipment.

Henry attended grade school in Hurley and Jr. High in Santa Clara. He attended WNMU with a Business Administration major.

In 1972 he became employed at the Chino Mine in Santa Rita. He has been an avid golfer, enjoys fishing and camping. He continues hunting on occasion. Henry enjoys the outdoors and Silver City is a perfect place for that activity.

**Welcome Henry**

### **Say Hi to Tim O'Donnell**

Tim moved to Silver City in 2004 from College Station Texas. He had retired in 2001 from Texas A&M. He chose Silver City to retire in after visiting for over four years.

Tim enjoys target practicing and checking out software on his computer.

He volunteers with Grant County Search and Rescue and the Food Pantry occasionally.



**Tim O'Donnell**



**FRANK NIVA**

**Please Welcome Frank Niva to the Auxiliary.**

Frank moved to Silver City in 1995, he hailed from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Frank was the owner of Process Controls Operations in Indianapolis. The company supplied many different types of merchandise to local businesses. Frank sold the business in 1995 and by February he had bought a house and moved to SC.

Frank enjoys working out at the Gym, golfing, tennis, X-word puzzles and the online game website [www.lumosity.com](http://www.lumosity.com). It exercises the brain and Frank says - It's FUN.

**ONE OF US**

# VOLUNTEERS

## EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY HEARTS



### WISDOM FROM JOSH

#### Kindness

Most of you have no doubt heard a verse from the Bible, Love is Kind. You have likely also seen a popular bumper sticker, 'Practice Random acts of Kindness.'

Wikipedia defines Kindness as the act or state of being kind, being marked by good and charitable behavior, pleasant disposition, and concern for others. It is known as a virtue and recognized as a value in many cultures.

Research shows that acts of kindness not only benefit receivers of kind acts, but also the giver for it releases neurotransmitters responsible for feelings of contentment and relaxation.

Aristotle in book two of his Rhetoric said it is one of the emotions, which is defined as being "helpful towards someone in need, not in return for anything, nor for the advantage of the helper, but for that of the person helped.

Philosopher Frederick Nietzsche argued that kindness and love are the "most curative herbs and agents in human intercourse".

Kindness is considered to be one of the Knightly Virtues (think Camelot). Kindness is also thought by many to be the lost 11<sup>th</sup> of the 10 commandments "Thou shall be merciful and kind to all creatures that roam the fruits of thy land".

The Talmud claims "deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments".

Get the idea? Kindness is universal. Kindness is timeless. Kindness is not just a word, not just an attitude or a thought. Kindness is an action. Kindness is manifest in deeds. Kindness is something we do.

Kindness is not just reserved for family or loved ones. Kindness is for all; those we love, those we like and those whom we are challenged to live with in harmony.

Kindness is not a role. We are not kind because we are parents, grandparents, or even volunteers at a hospital. It is what we do with the opportunities that these roles provide us that allow us to practice kindness.

It's easy to be kind to people we like. People who look like us, who talk like us, who think like us, who share the same interests as us. Even share our style of dress or wear their hair in a certain manner.

If we are honest, most of us are challenged to be kind to a homeless person who is disheveled, in tattered clothes and long stringy hair. We are challenged to be kind to a person who might be belligerent or testy when we speak to them. We may find it difficult to be kind to a co-worker who doesn't do things the way we would, or doesn't quite meet our standards.

We have all run into patients or visitors to the hospital that are 'difficult'. Do we show kindness to the difficult, those who might be in pain, who are scared, who are lost, who may not quite live up to our standards in so many ways?

Kindness goes beyond what is required. Kindness is not a job description; Kindness is not showing up for your shift. Kindness is what you do when you do show up. Kindness is how you treat others. Kindness is doing the unexpected. Going above and beyond. Kindness isn't always planned, it can and often is random sudden actions. Doing what needs to be done yes, but also having a mindset that allows you to do kind acts without having to think or plan your actions.

Kindness is more than civility, more than being polite. Kindness is more than good manners. Kindness is more than doing the right thing when others are looking. Kindness is doing unto others, as you would have them do onto YOU.

By Josh Kalish

# ENSALADA

## GOODY BAGS

For many years, Goody Bags have been provided at the NMHA Auxiliary/Volunteer Service, Annual Meeting by the local Auxiliary of the current State President. This year will be no exception.

At the April monthly GRMC Auxiliary meeting, Elma Lieurance, past State Officer and past Auxiliary president (2003 and 2006), asked the Auxiliary members to carry on this tradition to support our State President. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to provide 175 Goody Bags at this year's NMHA Annual Meeting, September 25-27, at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

How can I begin to thank the GRMC Auxiliary for this thoughtful gesture, and yes, a BIG surprise! I can't, but I do want to express heartfelt appreciation for the support.

The Goody Bags were ordered immediately, have been shipped, received, and are ready to be given to all Auxilians registered for the Annual Meeting. Registration will take place on Thursday, September 26, starting at 8 a.m. The Goody Bags chosen are white/blue trim with this year's logo - a colorful Hot Air Balloon, and theme - "Volunteers Help Spirits Soar," donated by GRMC Auxiliary. The Goody Bags may not appeal to everyone, or what was agreed to by the Board. Because of this, I will bring a sample to the Installation of Officer's, Auxiliary monthly meeting, Wednesday, June 12 for all to see.

Everyone in the GRMC Auxiliary isto be congratulated for your kindness in your support of the New Mexico Hospital Association Auxiliary by your generous gift of the Goody Bags, and what a compliment to GRMC as well.

Let's continue the "Volunteer Spirit" – it's our job.  
Leda Evert, President  
NMHA Auxiliary/Volunteer Spirit  
2012-13



## NEWS FROM KAREN

To all the Information Desk Volunteers

As you all know, Molly will not be doing the scheduling as of May 31st.

If you need help getting a sub let me know.

Please notify me if you will be gone and have a sub so I can get it on the schedule.

Our new President, Liz Beilue and I are trying to find someone to replace Molly, but for the time being, please contact me until further notice regarding schedule changes.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Karen Boyer  
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# Why Exercise?

## MUSCLES ARE IMPORTANT!!!!

Muscular endurance and muscular strength are two very important components of fitness---everyone should make them part of their lives! I cannot impress upon you enough the importance of weight training and the benefits it brings to men AND women!!!!

Weight training can also be called resistance exercise or strength training. ACSM's 2011 Position Stand on Resistance Exercise is:

- Adults should train each major muscle group two or three days each week using a variety of exercises and equipment.
- Very light or light intensity is best for older persons or previously sedentary adults starting exercise.
- Two to four sets of each exercise will help adults improve strength and power.
- For each exercise, 8-12 repetitions improve strength and power, 10-15 repetitions improve strength in middle-age and older persons starting exercise, and 15-20 repetitions improve muscular endurance.
- Adults should wait at least 48 hours between resistance training sessions.

There are huge health benefits when strength training is employed. There are reduced risks of: obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, muscle loss, and depression-just to name a few. If you need help getting started on a weight training program, give one of us at BCWC a call! It's never too late to start!

Two of BCWC's certified personal fitness trainers who specialize in weight training happen to be a mom, **Liana Ryan**, and her son, **Adam Arrey**. Liana and Adam are devoted to teaching others about the importance of weight training. They are definitely both examples of practicing what they preach, as weight training is a huge part of their lives! The same can be said for **Leo Rodriguez** - another certified personal fitness trainer devoted to teaching clients proper lifting techniques and the value that weight training brings to his clients' lives. These three personal fitness trainers can get you on your way to increasing your muscular strength and endurance! Give them a call at 538-4844 or see their profiles at <http://www.grmc.org/Community/Billy-Casper-Wellness-Center/Meet-the-Wellness-Staff.aspx>

Remember, it's **NEVER** too late to start!!!



Leo Rodriguez



Adam Arrey

Liana Ryan



Brooke brown

# ELAINE'S INTERESTS

## What a Wealth of Knowledge You-Tube Can Provide

For a long time I have gone to *You-Tube* for my entertainment. Without having to spend gobs of money on records I can listen to the music of Elvis Presley, the Beatles, as well as Bag Pipes, Chamber Music and Symphony Orchestras. I have also gotten a lot of enjoyment out of watching cooking demonstrations. But it wasn't until the other day when I watched *10 Fancy Words to Make You Sound Smarter* that I realized just how educational *You Tube* can be.

Sciolist—a fake intellectual  
Pygalgia—a pain in the buttocks  
Graphospasm—writer's cramp  
Mattoid—partially insane  
Spadish—direct and blunt

Okay folks I only gave five of the words---you could go to *You-Tube* and do a search if you want to learn the other words.

When I was in Junior High School one of my classes was *Reading Comprehension*. A big part of the class was the Vocabulary Lists the teacher would give to all us students. Our home work assignment was to look up the words and then write down their definitions and write sentences with them.

I remember once when our teacher Mr. Seymour got irritated and told us it is not a good enough excuse that the word is not in our dictionary. His curt "go to another dictionary" seemed to make sense.

Maybe I can "go to another dictionary" at the library to find definitions of these ten words. In the meantime I have to take on faith their meanings given by the makers of this particular *You Tube* because none

of the words are in my *American Heritage Dictionary* (2011 Fifth Edition).

Also in that class a long time ago in Junior High, Mr. Seymour told us the best way to learn a word and make it our own is to use it soon after learning it. And that particular instruction was one that we all followed. I remember when our new word was 'perturbed.' For a long while we were all going around saying someone was perturbed. No one was ever described as being angry or irate or mad but rather perturbed.

But I can't think of any way I could work these new words into my conversations. Maybe it is my bias but I don't see myself responding to people by telling them they are a sciolist or a pygalgia. I would like to be spadish with some people, but I can't imagine myself using these words.



**Elaine Carlson-Volunteering  
in the Magazine's department and  
as a Team Writer**

# Senior Health

## Did You Know?

The Senior Life Cycle has been experiencing reduced attendance in the last few months.

We have created a list of potential people and agencies that would be beneficial to the causes affecting seniors in our community. The Hospital Auxiliary is high on that list.

We have benefited so much in the past from the addition of Vera Macgregor and are putting out a plea to the Auxilians. Come join us and share your experience and knowledge of senior issues. One of our faithful attendees rose to the challenge when asked to author one of the "Did You Know?" articles. Thank you Marsha Rippetoe, a community health care worker (promotora) for Hidalgo Medical Services, for the following "abridged" contribution:

### Eighth Issue: Is Home Care Covered by Medicare?

By Marsha Rippetoe

I was recently called upon to research this question for someone with dementia.

What I didn't know was that Medicare only covers some of the costs of home care and only under certain conditions. Home Health is generally for a skilled need by a nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist or a speech therapist. If only help with daily activities (cooking, bathing, etc.) is needed, Medicare will not cover it. However, help with these daily activities may be included along with the "skilled" need, if the doctor orders it. Ap-

parently, I still have a lot to learn about the complexities of home health care options, but I hope this will help others who may have the same "need to know" questions.

Announcement: Come join us! Jump Into Summer, June 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Gough Park. This event, emphasizing staying fit and eating nutritiously is sponsored by Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) and for the first time the Grant County Health Council.

The Senior Life Cycle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 3:30 PM in the Health Council Offices on Black St. next to the County Courthouse. All community members welcome!

By Connie Hostetler





# MAP IT

## BABY PHOTO CONTEST WINNER-ANNETTA

Rushing around running errands, I raced up to the “Pick Up” window at my pharmacy and gave them my husband’s name and birth date. “Sorry, we have no record of filling that prescription.” I responded that the doctor had called it in a week ago or so. She told me that if it had been more that 9 days, I would have to start all over. I went over to the “Drop Off” window and was informed that it was “on hold” and it would take half an hour to re-fill the script. So much for “rushing” and “racing”! However, I did appreciate the “on hold” policy. During this visit, I also learned that insurance companies often change what they will pay on a certain medication from month to month. That’s one of the reasons the pharmacies must “run your card” every time you go for a refill. So, watch for those changes.

Since I had time to spare, I checked out the “over-the-counter” medicine I also needed. The name brand was \$11.99 for 30 capsules at 50 mg each. The “off-brand” was \$4.00 for 100 capsules (not that I needed that many) at 100 mg each. Both labels listed the exact same thing as “active ingredients”. Needless to say, I opted for buying more than I needed to save money. Something is wrong with this picture. Such inequity and such waste!

At MAP, we try to inform our clients about these issues. Some folks go to a particular pharmacy because the service is better. Others refuse to stand in long lines. One client of ours needed delivery service. We all have our reasons. As I have said before, let’s just be smart consumers. Do what we want to do but be aware of all the options.

Last month we saw 6 people and assisted with 7 applications.

**Helpful Hint:** If you have a question, don’t hesitate to ask your pharmacist. He or she has a wealth of information, even about any of the “over the counter” products. I have found them to be so willing to share their knowledge. They can be such valuable resources for all of us.

By Connie Hostetler

Annette matched up the most baby photos and names on the Baby Photo Contest. Congrats Annetta.

Going left to right:

Top left (row 1) is Rufina, followed by Reyna, followed by Shari, followed by Betty.

Row 2, left to right, Wilma, followed by Ruth, followed by Leda, followed by Junella.

Row 3, left to right, Emilie, followed by Christin, followed by Gerry, followed by Annetta, followed by Sally.

***I HONESTLY THINK IT IS BETTER TO BE A FAILURE AT SOMETHING YOU LOVE THAN TO BE A SUCCESS AT SOMETHING YOU HATE.***

***GEORGE BURNS***

GRMC Auxilian of the Year  
2013

It’s time, now that we have our officers selected, to nominate the GRMC Auxilian of the Year candidate. After the Auxilian of the Year selection has been made, the name will be submitted to the NMHA.

The Nominating Committee is in charge of making the selection, but we’d like the membership to participate. So starting next Wednesday, the ballot box will be again at the front desk. Please nominate the person who most personifies the qualities we admire in an Auxilian. There will only be two weeks to nominate, then the committee will select the winner and name him/her at the June meeting.

Sally Goss



### GRMC Auxiliary Members Meeting April, 2013—1:00 (Conference Room)

The meeting was called to order by President Renny Hutton at 1:00--Pledge of allegiance led by Jerry Friedler—prayer by Annetta Pena-- Mission statement read by Renny Hutton. Thirty-five auxiliary members were present.

**Guest Speakers:** (1) **Terry Timme** from the Town of Silver City Office of Sustainability spoke about **recycling issues**. Besides curbside pickup within the town there are drop-off locations within the county at the town landfill, Mimbres, Gila, Bayard, Tyrone, and Grant County Administration Building. Things not for recycling are: styrofoam, alkaline batteries, and plastic that contained hazardous compounds. Electronic recycling drive for battery operated or plugged in items will be held on April 20 at the parking lot adjacent to Gough Park from 10-2:00. (2)

**Janice Varela** Health Information Management /privacy officer gave a short “refresher” on patient information/privacy. Patients have a right for an “*opt out choice*” when registering. *This means that no one can even acknowledge that they are in the hospital!* As of March 23, fines can now go up to \$1.5 million. This is due to too much disclosure of information around the country. If patients agree to be placed on the religious census, then clergy who have identified themselves with a particular religion would be given the *names of that particular religion only. They may not be given the census as a whole.* In the E.R. if a pastor comes in to see a patient—call the charge nurse, and tell him/her that the pastor is here to visit a patient, charge nurse will then see if it is appropriate time etc. for pastor to visit. The clinical care givers will make the decision.

**Treasurer’s Report** : was approved and will be filed for audit.

**Secretary’s Report:** minutes from March were approved with no changes.

**OLD BUSINESS Committee reports** (are placed at the front desk by the newsletters) **Medical wish list** Eileen reported that 4 items have arrived, but are not yet paid. **Standing Rules** Karen reported that copies are available. **By-Laws** still have to be approved by Board of Trustees and the State, and then we will publish them. Draft copies of By-Laws can be obtained from Karen. Eileen Smith is now our new **Magazine/Book coordinator**.

**Nominating Committee** chairperson, Sally Goss, reminded members that we still have one more month to nominate for offi-

cers or the Board. Presently there is one person for each position but there may be others to nominate, including yourself! Voting will be by members who are present at the May meeting. No new **phone for ER** because of the logistics of where the table is located.

**New Business: Gas mileage**—the Board has changed the policy from \$.50/mile to gas receipts only for three or more volunteers riding in the car to State & District Conventions. Exceptions for travel would be for merchandise purchasing. That would not need three volunteers in vehicle, but gas receipts only policy would apply. Produce gas receipts to treasurer to get the money.

**Announcements: March meals** for the members from the cafeteria averaged \$3.37. **Planetree Steering Committee**--Charles Mossburg has now taken Marilyn McCracken’s position as representative. Elma suggested showing support and pride for our state president Leda Evert. Motion was approved to supply **“Goodie bags” with Leda’s logo for the State Convention** with an expenditure up to \$250. Ruth reminded members of the **Bake Sale on Friday**. Items may be brought to the auxiliary room on Thursday. **Drawing winner** of a massage was Maria Laurent.

President Renny, “If you have questions about how we are doing business, please talk to your coordinator, or Karen, or myself. Do not go to hospital employees to ask them how to do our business.” Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jean Sida, Auxiliary Secretary

