

From The Auxiliary



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Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

We have grown from tiny beginnings (when nobody knew we were there), to a hospital-wide organization (when, if we are not there, everybody wants to know where we are).

Our tenth birthday was celebrated by a dinner for the Auxiliary membership hosted by the hospital. Dean W. C. Davison and Mr. Frenzel were there to say thank you to the volunteers.

What Have We Done? Maintained eight active services. Contributed \$15,000 to many and varied projects for the hospital. Contributed \$25,000 to the Hospital Chapel Fund. Created Emergency Fund for food, transportation, and miscellaneous items for needy patients. Established a Nursing Scholarship.

How Was It Done? Loyal and faithful volunteers who contribute more than 20,000 hours each year. A cooperative hospital staff and administration.

What Do We Hope To Do? Improve our organization. Expand our services. Enlarge our projects. Promote regional auxiliary cooperation.



Past Presidents of Duke Hospital Auxiliary

- 1950-51—Mrs. Bayard Carter got us “off the ground.” Thorough study of other auxiliaries was followed by our organizational meeting April 11. 242 charter members. Open for business in Baker House April 17. A constant source of original ideas, Mrs. Carter’s choice of cherry pink smock and auxiliary slogan were later adopted nationally.
- 1951-53—Mrs. Watt Eagle established training and techniques for our Coffee Service, which remains our major source of income, and promoted a lasting relationship between hospital and Auxiliary.
- 1953-55—Mrs. Shelton Smith introduced better business procedures for us. She was a member of National Committee on Auxiliaries 1955-58 during which time she wrote their organizational manual “Patterns and Principles.”
- 1955-57—Mrs. Julian Ruffin saw three new services undertaken: Feeding Service for pediatric patients, Registration Service for Kirby Clinic, and the deeply significant Chaplain’s Service.
- 1957-58—Mrs. Alan Manchester brought in many new members, saw us through our problems and needs during building of the new wing and expanded our services throughout the hospital.
- 1958-60—Mrs. Theady Daniel (following Mrs. Walter Seeley who, for health reasons, resigned after three months) kept us on an even keel, saw the opening of our new office and counter, and contributed to the best business report of our ten years.
- 1950-58—F. Ross Porter, Administrative representative and faithful friend. He nurtured the Auxiliary with practical help, wise advice and unflinching support.