



Pink Ladies volunteers Jean Pullings and Nicky Rachel laugh and cut up as they deliver newspapers and drinks to a patient's room.

## Pink Ladies make the hospital experience a better one

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**P**ink jackets like the one Jean Pullings of Hobbs wears stand out among the crowd of people in the waiting room and nurses and doctors in white jackets or scrubs at Lea Regional Medical Center.

Pullings' jacket means she's a Pink Lady. No, she doesn't do anything crazy. She's promised to be nice and polite to all those she serves.

And she doesn't cruise around with the T-Birds — in this case they're the Red Men.

The Pink Ladies and Red Men with the Lea Regional Medical Center Auxiliary help at the information desk, gift shop and with hospitality (the juice cart). These volunteers work either a morning or afternoon shift Monday-Friday at the hospital.

Pullings' volunteer shift begins at 9 a.m. every Wednesday. When she first comes in, the hospital has newspapers to be distributed to the patients and various department waiting rooms.

Pink Lady volunteer Nicky Rachel takes care of that job while Pullings sets up the juice cart with containers of coffee and tea, sodas and juices, cups, sugar packets, straws and ice in the kitchen. Once those tasks are complete, the two women start making their rounds.

Pullings and Rachel carry a Manila folder with a chart indicating what the patients can have to drink. They know if there's a stop sign on the door that they can't go in, and they have to sanitize their hands before and after serving the patients.

"What makes our day is being able to give someone a smile and a drink if they can have one," Pullings beamed pouring a drink for a patient.

Members of the Lea Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, comprised mostly of senior citizens, have volunteered at the Hobbs hospital since it opened in 1975. The auxiliary meets quarterly. Currently there are 65 members in the auxiliary, many of which are Pink Ladies. There are only a handful of Red Men.

Auxiliary members volunteer approximately 1,000 hours a

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Pink Ladies volunteer Jean Pulling washes her hands before entering a patient's room.

Pink Ladies volunteers Jean Pullings and Nicky Rachel check each patient's chart to see what he or she can have to drink before entering a patient's room.



## Proudly serving Lea County



Back row left to right: Kathi Case, Chris Williams, Nina Lyles, Zane Bergman, Linda Bailey, Terra Romans and Angela Curtis. Middle row: Renee Carrasco, Barbara Armijo, Selina Avalos, Megan Frost and Magan Miller. Front row: Rosario Quiroz, Mary Martinez, Melissa Martinez and Jessica Gardner.

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