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Dear IAHCE County Board Members,

The word **Inspiration** has been on my mind the last few months. Jane Chapman, our IAHCE President, shared an article from the Hamilton County newsletter that encouraged all of us to be a beacon of hope during these difficult times. We are all in “different size boats” during this pandemic, but we all need to be on the lookout for “any size vessel in trouble.” We’ve all had to adapt to a changing world, which also corresponds to the challenge Jane presented us with at the end of the IAHCE Conference in March. Each of us (and IAHCE) can inspire others, overcome challenges, and adapt to a changing world.

## IAHCE District Director Workshops

One way the IAHCE Board will adapt and inspire is to continue to offer IAHCE District Workshops this year, even though in a slightly modified form from previous experiences. No travel is required; **each workshop presentation can be viewed from the IAHCE Facebook page (@State Iahce), IAHCE webpage ([www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)), or at [go.illinois.edu/HCEdistrictworkshops](http://go.illinois.edu/HCEdistrictworkshops)**. You can view the workshop presentation on August 10-12, 2020. Workshops will be presented that provide information for each officer position and the Education Director’s focus for the programs this year.

The virtual IAHCE District Director workshops are an opportunity to *invite all members* (not just your County Officers) to participate. Please share with members and non-members to watch the sessions. This will be an opportunity for all to hear what IAHCE offers and share the knowledge we gain by being HCE members.

Your District Directors will see that your county packets are distributed to the counties by attending your Annual or County Board meetings. (DD’s are willing to come to a County Board or Annual meeting to install officers. Keep in touch with them!!) A **survey** will be included in each Officer and Director packet. You must complete the survey in order to be eligible for the conference gift certificate or one year subscription to the newsletter. The **specialty marked survey must be returned by December 1, 2020 to your District Director.**

## IAHCE Nomination Committee

The IAHCE Nomination Committee is accepting applications (page 67-69 of new Guide Book) for President (must have served on the IAHCE Board before), International Director, District 1 & 4 Directors. The guidebook lists the requirements for each position. Please send applications to Sharon Davis (16015 E. 700<sup>th</sup> Ave., Watson, IL 62473, Nominating Committee Chair) by October 1. Special arrangements will be made for the District Director elections.

## 2021 IAHCE Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference theme will be announced during the District Workshop virtual presentations. The 97<sup>th</sup> IAHCE Annual Conference will be held at the Thelma Keller Conference Center in Effingham, IL, on **March 9-11, 2021**. Please encourage *all members* to attend the conference. We are encouraging counties to place an ad in the 2021 Annual Conference Program. If you would like to conduct a “make it and take it” session, please contact Sonya Bishop, Cultural Enrichment Director by email.

### Important notes to share:

- Articles for the upcoming **IAHCE newsletter** are due to Emily McDowell by **July 1**. Encourage your members to subscribe to the IAHCE newsletter. The price is \$10 for three issues per year. Include **pictures and number of masks** or whatever you made and distributed to help with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Have you been able to check out the **New IAHCE Guidebook**? Do you like the smaller books? Are you able to find information easier?
- **Second Vice Presidents:** If you need membership certificates, please contact Norma Korte by July 15 via letter or email ([kortes@kortefarms.com](mailto:kortes@kortefarms.com)). Please include name, number of membership years, county, and date of presentation. (**Please print information.**) The certificates will be included in your county packets that the District Director will get to you. Continue to go out into your county and let your light brightly shine for HCE!
- **Member of the Year Forms:** These forms are included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President packets that will be given to you by the District Directors. Forms are also **available in your new Guidebooks and the IAHCE website**. Be sure to encourage your members to fill these out and turn them in by October 1. One member per District will be selected as a winner.
- Activities are being planned for the **“Road to 2024”** IAHCE 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. If you have something that was made or a special item from the early days of HCE that can be displayed, please contact Kathy Peterson, committee chair.
- Please encourage counties to have two signatures on their **HCE county treasurer accounts** and to have an audit each year. This helps protect the county and treasurer.
- **HCE Week** is October 12-16, 2020. All counties are encouraged to promote HCE this week. Do something each day to promote HCE!
- **International focus** is Zero Hunger/ Zero Waste. Keep collecting in your water bottles to be turned in at the March conference. The donations will be divided 1/2 ACWW and 1/2 for Illinois Hunger.
- **ACWW Women Walk the World** has been moved to **October 15, 2020**. This is also the International Day of Rural Women.

### NubAbility® Donations

Jana Kuhnert was a speaker at the March annual conference who told us all about NubAbility®, an organization that introduces sports to children who are born with imperfect bodies. Jana’s son, Sam, was born with a nub for a left arm but became a very successful baseball player who earned a college scholarship in baseball. It was Sam’s idea to start a camp for children with imperfect bodies to learn different sports. It cost about \$500 for a child to attend these camps, which has grown from one camp at DuQuoin, Illinois, to several camps all over the United States. Jana asked for no fee to speak at conference so the board decided to raise money to sponsor a child at one of the camps.

We are **seeking donations from individuals, unit or county HCE groups**. We have some money already collected, but would like to give others an opportunity to help in this very worthy cause. We hope to raise enough to sponsor at least one camper. If each county in our organization would donate \$10, we could sponsor a child. \$20 would sponsor 2! **Send your donation to Melissa Chitwood**, IAHCE state treasurer, 1408 East 2250 North Road, White Heath, IL 61884. If sending a check, please write it to *IAHCE*. This fundraising venture will end **October 31**. At that time, we will send a check from IAHCE to the NubAbility® organization.

Thank you,  
Norma Korte, IAHCE 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
and IAHCE District Directors

P.S. **Thank you to Karla Belzer and Emily McDowell** for organizing the District Workshop presentation.