March, 2021

Dear County President and Board Members:

Thank you for keeping things going in each of your counties for HCE membership and community involvement. The IAHCE State Board met March 8 & 9 to say a job well done to our President, Jane Chapman; International Director, Cara Ausmus; and District 4 Director, Sharon Davis, for their dedication and service to IAHCE! We welcomed and installed the new IAHCE Board members: President, Angela Hicks; International Director, Janel Kassing; District 4 Director, Donna Richardson.

Karla Belzer, U of I Extension Liaison, reported good attendance and interest in the 2021 webinars offered by Extension and IAHCE. Despite the limitations COVID presented in 2020, Certified Volunteer Hours reported by the counties were encouraging! (The total for CVH in 2020 was 287,585 hours, and the total number of masks made by IAHCE members was 29,477.

The Educational Scholarship Applications and the Support Fund applications are to be submit by June 1.

It is very important that each county officer/director share the informational materials given to each of you in the officer/director Share Shops. Please pass these packets to the appropriate officer/director as soon as possible, then open and read them. The packets may have time sensitive information and new information that will be helpful for your county to have a successful year!!!

County Officer Installations can be conducted by your District Director. (The IAHCE Board pays their mileage to attend one event in your county per year.) Give her a call and she will do her best to attend your annual meeting to install officers, as well as give a short motivational presentation. Also, please send your new officer list ASAP to not only the District Director but also the IAHCE Secretary.

Membership Challenge: Continue to celebrate HCE by Change is to Grow – Grow is to Become!

IAHCE District Workshops District Directors are still working on arrangements, watch for more info in JUNE.

August 10, 2021 – Districts 4 & 5 – St. John’s Lutheran, Effingham, IL
August 11, 2021 – Districts 3 – Tentatively Southern View Chapel, Springfield, IL
August 12, 2021 – Districts 1 & 2 – Tentatively Sycamore United Methodist Church, Sycamore, IL

Program: Awards Night presentations, Member of the Year, County of the Year, and presentation by your new President (Angela Hicks) and International Director (Janel Kassing). We plan to have a Silent Auction available, too. The program books will include a list of all winners and ads from businesses and counties. New conference pins will be available at the sales table.

Registration has been increased to $25.00 (includes your lunch).