The 98th IAHCE Annual Conference was held March 15-17 in Effingham. One hundred and ninety-six members attended a wonderful three days of fun, share shops, great speakers and entertainment. Members enjoyed many beautiful and inspiring items in the cultural enrichment room, shopped with our vendors, made fun make-it/take-it crafts, bingo, enjoyed the scavenger hunt and bought items from our silent auction. Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension Educator, reported that IAHCE members reported 333,380 volunteer hours in 2021 with an estimated value of 9.5 million dollars!

THANK YOU!
IAHCE said goodbye to board members Norma Korte, 2nd Vice President, and Sonya Bishop, Cultural Enrichment Director. Norma has served on the IAHCE board in many different positions and will be greatly missed! Sonya is an incredibly talented woman and we appreciate her service to the IAHCE board.

WELCOME
Becky Belcher and Karen Cahill are our two new IAHCE board members. Becky joins the board as the Cultural Enrichment Director. She is from Hamilton County and has a creative bent that makes her perfect for this position. Karen is from Macon County and has served her county in various positions, she has taught many share shops at Annual Conference, and has a heart for HCE. She is the new District 3 Director, replacing Mary Johnson from Sangamon County. Mary was installed as 2nd Vice President. Mary served three years as District 3 Director and looks forward to the challenge of encouraging counties in attracting new members.

IAHCE District Workshops
August 9, 2022—District 1 & 2 United Methodist Church, Sycamore, IL
August 10, 2022—District 3—Southern View Chapel, Springfield, IL
August 11, 2022—District 4 & 5—St. John’s Lutheran Church
Registration is open to all IAHCE members—more details available in June
Program—“Disaster Preparedness”
Your District Director is ready and waiting to come to your Annual Meeting and install officers! Give them a call and get them scheduled to come ASAP! Also, send your new officer list to your District Director as well as IAHCE Secretary, Cathy Eathington.

Support Fund Applications are due to Melissa Chitwood by June 1, 2022

Scholarship Applications should be sent to Cathy Eathington and must be postmarked by May 1, 2022.

Open Officer Positions for the IAHCE Board

- 1st Vice President—Must have previous IAHCE Board experience
- CVH
- Treasurer
- Public Relations

Applications should be sent to the Nomination Chair, Carol Harms, no later than October 1, 2022

Forms are available at: IAHCE.org

IAHCE “Road to 100” Committee

If you are interested in serving on the 100th IAHCE Anniversary Committee please contact committee chairs: Melissa Chitwood or Kathy Peterson. The committee met for the first time at Annual Conference. We are “on the road” to our 100th anniversary in 2024. Join the fun and help make this anniversary one to remember! For more information go to: IAHCE.org

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IAHCE AWARD WINNERS

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Special Activity: Lake & Perry Counties
Grand Award—Madison County
Textiles: McLean & Perry Counties
Heritage Skills: McLean County

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

District 2
Family Living/Safety: Kankakee County
Citizenship/Environment: Kane County
Special Activity: McLean County

District 3
Special Activity: Macon County

District 4
Family Living/Safety: Marion County
Special Activities: Madison County

District 5
Family Living/Safety: Jefferson County
Health/Food and Nutrition: Monroe and Randolph Counties
Special Activities: Perry County

GRAND AWARD CITIZENSHIP/ENVIRONMENT: Massac County
Honorable Mention: Kane County
Honorable Mention: Jefferson County

PUBLIC RELATIONS

HCE Week: Kane and Edgar Counties
Public Relations: Perry—Massac—McLean Counties
GRAND AWARD: White County

INTERNATIONAL

GRAND AWARD—Country of Study: McLean County
GRAND AWARD—Special Event: Kane County
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

2021 County with Highest Total Hours Reported per District
District 1: JoDaviess
District 2: McLean—leader with 24,858 hours
District 3: Sangamon
District 4: Macoupin
District 5: Jefferson

2021 County with the Highest Members Reporting Per District
District 1: JoDaviess
District 2: McLean—leader with 155
District 3: Champaign
District 4: Macoupin
District 5: Jefferson

2021 County with the Highest Percentage of Members Reporting
District 1: JoDaviess
District 2: Grundy and Kankakee and McLean ALL with 100 %
District 3: Morgan
District 4: Macoupin
District 5: Jefferson

2021 County with the Highest HCE Hours Reported per District
District 1: JoDaviess
District 2: McLean—leader with 6,712
District 3: Champaign
District 4: Fayette
District 5: Jefferson

2021 Member with the Highest HCE Hours per District
District 1: Rock Island, Nancy Edlund
District 2: Kane, Marie Curless
District 3: Sangamon, Betty Paul—Leader with 2000
District 4: Madison, Joyce Cornwell
District 5: Jackson, Jean Conrod

CVH GRAND AWARD—COUNTY WITH HIGHEST TOTAL HCE HOURS
District 2—McLean County—10,658 HCE hours