IAHCE District Newsletter

March, 2025



MAKE TIME FOR IAHCE—2025

The 101th IAHCE Annual Conference was held March 11—13 in Effingham. The conference was attended by 212 IAHCE members and guests. A round of applause for conference chair Carol Harms and co-chair Emily McDowell for a job well done! Attendees enjoyed informative share shops, the Cultural Arts display (in it's new home), silent auction, wonderful speakers, entertainment and the opportunity to meet and talk with fellow members from throughout the state.



Welcome to the IAHCE State Board

During the IAHCE Business Meeting, three new officers and one current officer were elected to fill vacancies on the IAHCE State Board. Alice Grooms, DeWitt County, was elected to serve at 2nd Vice President; Carla Meyer, Stephenson

County, was elected to serve as Secretary; Vivian Gerrietts, Tazewell County, was elected as the Family and Consumer Issues Director; and Becky Belcher, Hamilton County, was elected to serve a second three-year term as the Cultural Enrichment Director. Karen Cahill, Macon County, was voted on at the August Workshop in Springfield to complete her second term as the District Director for District 2.

It's Time to Say Goodbye....

The IAHCE State Board said goodbye to Mary Johnson, 2nd Vice President; Cathy Eathington, Secretary; Eleanor Gregory, Family & Community Issues Director; and Rita Overacker, former District 2 Director. Thank you all for your dedication and service to IAHCE.



IAHCE District Workshops

August 5, 2025—District 3 & 4 —West Salem Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon

August 6, 2025—District 2—Southern View Chapel, Springfield

August 7, 2025—District 1 —Sycamore United Methodist Church, Sycamore

Registration is open to all IAHCE members—more details to come!



Packets, Packets, everywhere! It is important that the Officer packets received at Annual Conference reach the correct officer or director in each county. The information in each packet should also be shared at your county board meeting as well as with all your units. These packets are a vital link between the state board and each and every member. PLEASE take the time to read each packet completely and SHARE IT!

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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 the IAHCE Secretary, Carla Meyer.

Support Fund Applications are due to Melissa Chitwood by June 1, 2025

Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2025.

Open Officer Positions for the IAHCE Board

1st Vice President—Must have previous IAHCE Board experience

Treasurer

Public Relations

CVH/Sales

District 4 Director

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Forms are available at: IAHCE.org

IAHCE is hosting the NVON Conference—July 8-10, 2025—Springfield, IL

Tours, Education Sessions, Speakers, Craft Workshops and more! Get Your Kicks at the Route 66 Car Show! For more information and to print registration forms—visit NVON.org

Registration Deadline is June 1, 2025

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