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From the Desk of the President

Greetings to all,

If you attended the State IAHCE conference in Effingham, I hope you had a great time. I know that the First Vice President has many of the handouts that the share shop presenters gave out in their share shop. She is providing a copy of those to each county during the District Workshop in August. You will be able to use them in your county if you like.



Thanks to the many counties that provided me with information of their area for me to use in the program on Illinois at the NVON conference. I really appreciate your help.

I want to encourage you to continue striving to increase our membership. It is important for your county and for the state. The State Board realizes that with lower membership in your county means less funds for you to use which also means less funds for the state. We strive also to make cuts in our cost to operate. So invite the public to your countywide programs, let them find out what HCE does and perhaps they will be interested in joining. Always ask guests at your meetings if they interested in joining. Ask your friends, neighbors and newly retired to go to a meeting with you. HCE is a great organization, share it with others.

Please consider applying for one of the positions on the state board: Second Vice-President, Family Issues and Cultural Enrichment. The only way we can have more than one applicant on the ballot, is for you to apply.

This thought by Eleanor Roosevelt I leave with you: "It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."

Enjoy your HCE activities the rest of the year. Have safe travels where ever you go. See you at the August District Workshop.

Blessings,



Marilyn Daughhert
IAHCE State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st Vice President Treasa Brookman

We just came back from our June Board meeting. We welcomed four new members to the board. Donna Richards, Secretary; Peggy Long, Cultural Enrichment; Marge Wilcox, Community Outreach; and Pat Weitzmann, International. All four are great additions to our TEAM of volunteers.

I ask that each of the counties check our website www.iahce.org regularly for updates and additions.

The board discussed how we need to be unified across the state with the same name. We are "Illinois Association for Home and Community Education". We encourage all of you to use the same name.

At the board meeting I "volunteered" to be chair of the 2012-13 Nominating Committee. We are looking to find a 2nd Vice President, Cultural Enrichment, and Family issues officers. I hope you feel compelled to send in an application for one of those. This board is a great one to be a part of. We are a TEAM working together for the betterment of the organization.

With declining membership across the state, the board is cutting expenses where we can. We cut our mileage reimbursement from 45 cents to 40 cents per mile. We are trying to cut the size of our handouts and still get vital information to you. When I was 1st VP back around 1991, we had approximately 30,000 members. Now we have around 9,500. So we have 1/3 the funds to work with.

I wish to thank everyone who came to the 2012 Annual Conference "IAHCE's Garden Of Volunteers". It was a joy to arrange the conference. We hope to see you at the 2013 Annual Conference. Patti Green and her staff are great to work with.

We are preparing for the District Workshops in Aurora, Decatur and Mt. Vernon. I hope to see you at one of them. You still are the "greatest" volunteers in the world.

Treasa Brookman

2nd Vice President Sandra Bechtold



Dear Members.

I hope each one of you is spreading the word about our organization.

One of our members from Saline County will be 100 years old in August and wants to know if she is our oldest member? Please contact me if you have an older member and how long they have been a member.

So let's celebrate our organization and ask others to join in the teaching, caring and sharing with us. I hope to see you all at the District Workshops.....please come and tell us about what you've been doing.

Talk care and may God Bless and watch over you all especially your loved ones in harms way.

Sandy Bechtold



Secretary Donna Richards

Thank you to those who have sent me your roster of county officers after your County Annual Meetings. Please remember to send complete addresses with names. Also include area codes with your phone numbers. Cell phone numbers (unless you do not have a land line) and email addresses are optional. We use your addresses to make mailings.

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If your county has had your Annual Meeting and have not had a chance to send me your roster, would you please drop it in the mail. Remember to mail a copy to your District Director at the same time.

Look forward to seeing you at the District Workshops.

Donna Richards



Treasurer
Jane Chapman

Greetings! I hope all of you are having a great summer! I am aware that my alert in the last newsletter has caused quite a stir. I apologize for any stress

and worry it has caused but, the importance of filing the 990-N was not initiated by me alone. My predecessor also emphasized the importance of filing this form in a timely manner.

Several counties have received their letter from the IRS stating they are no longer considered a not-for-profit organization. At the upcoming workshops in August, I will try to go over the ramifications of losing the not-for-profit status. Questions like: Is there another form that we must file with the IRS? How can I be reinstated as a not-for-profit organization? And several others that have been addressed to me lately.

So until the August workshops, continue to have a great summer! Don't worry, be happy, and laugh a lot!

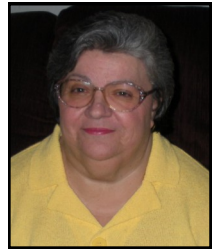
Jane Chapman



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Marge Wilcox



Greetings from Southern Illinois,

I've recently returned from attending my first State Board Meeting. I must say, it was quite an experience. All great! It's nice to really know what goes on beyond the scenes. While the ladies all take everything serious and work hard, they still manage to laugh, get to know each other and most of all work as a team, with everyone contributing. All the other ladies truly made the four of us (new to the board) feel at home, just as a member of the family.

As it becomes time to volunteer to hold a state office or if you are asked to run for an office, I encourage you to volunteer and turn in an application. Most of you have held an office in your unit or on your county board; a state position is no different, just a few more people, which means you can meet and hopefully, help more people. The ladies on the board are truly great people.

Has anyone worked on a Blood Drive? Have you given blood? Have you helped with a Food Drive for a local food pantry? If you have done either of these, please bring some of your ideas or ways in which you did things or encouraged people to give blood or donate food items, paper products, cleaning products or items needed to help an animal shelter, to the District Workshops in August.

Don't forget I'm looking for any special needs in your area, that we can work on. I'm sure that if there is a need in your area, it is something needed throughout the rest of the state. Remember, we are all in this together.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in August.

Any questions or if I can be of any assistance before August, feel free to call me at 618-732-8226 or 618-214-4323.

Marge Wilcox

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CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Hi Ladies;

We just finished with my first board meeting, and it was interesting.

We worked hard, but had fun along the way. It is something more of you need to experience. It made me think and use my brain a little more than it had been used to doing since I retired; it felt pretty darned good.

Kay gave me some tips on how to change the "The Best of Show" for this year's conference, and I also talked to Lucille Michaels, and together, along with the board, we came up with some changes this year. Some of which are: size limits on most items, items must be registered before conference, and if you don't send me a self addressed stamped envelope, you will not get your tickets back. We will start with the participation ribbons again and all ballots to vote will be in your packets. Also, we will be open all day Tuesday, except when we have to close for lunch, to accept your entries. You can bring 8 items, one of which can be a quilt. Deadline for registration will be February 15th due to the earlier date in March for conference. See we do read your evaluations.

We all feel that if rules are made, there is a reason for them, and it isn't fair to everyone else that follows the rules if someone lets it slide. Sooo...you can go online to our website to see all the changes, or you will get a copy at District Workshops.

I believe Kay asked you to bring Show and Tell to District Workshops this year, along with the patterns to share, and I would greatly appreciate it if you still do that.

As for new projects for the year, there are none. Since I am only filling in for the one year, we felt I should not start new projects. Continue on with what Kay had you working on, and maybe support your local theaters, musical productions, art galleries, and museums. We

all are not crafty, but we can all help support our local functions that also need help. All this is also cultural enrichment, so try it, you might just enjoy it. Let me know. You can contact me at home 309-483-6594 or by email - pnjlong@otelmail.com If it is to register something, I would prefer it in email, or typed snail mail. We have had a few complaints about us spelling peoples names wrong. I don't know about you, but I have trouble reading my writing when it gets cold, so I don't expect other people to be able to. If we can't read it, we can only guess, and I guess we don't always guess right.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at District Workshops. We have a few surprises planned for you, so come join us for a fun day!

Peggy Long

FAMILY ISSUES

Norma Korte



Hello from Southern Illinois! I hope you have had a good spring and flowers and gardens are growing well. Planting started a lot earlier this year than 2011. Oh, how things can change in a year! Several people in the southern part of the state need rain. We have started irrigating early this year just to give the crops a good start.

Thank you for your helpful comments on ways to improve the 2013 IAHCE Conference. A list of the winning counties for the Tab Collection and Family Issues Awards were listed in the last newsletter.

During the District Workshops in August, I plan to provide helpful suggestions on ways to complete the Education Award applications. I will also be distributing materials on agencies that are available to assist families who are dealing with autism. The three mothers who shared their experiences during the workshop

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at the State Conference provided valuable background information, but there is much more to learn. I plan to have more information to distribute and discuss at the District Workshops.

Remember to wear your puzzle piece pins for Autism Awareness. Also, please be thinking of a family you can nominate for Family of Year. There is a significant amount of time involved in putting together that application, both from the individuals and their family members. It is a good idea to start early on the application process.

From the Korte family, our prayers for a safe and productive fall harvest!

Norma Korte

INTERNATIONAL

Pat Weitzmann

I attended my first IAHCE Board Meeting in June in Effingham, IL; and I came away with a new appreciation for the extent of work Board members do. I got to appreciate much of the beauty and diversity of our Illinois landscape as I traveled by car from the far Northeast region of our state.



Your contributions to Pennies for Friendship made it possible for IAHCE to donate monies to three youth oriented programs and an organization celebrating international friendship and peace. These donations are from the 15% of Pennies For Friendship monies retained by IAHCE. Donations were given to the Illinois 4-H Foundation, International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), Labo program (Japanese youth summer homestay in Illinois) and the International Peace Garden.

You may want to visit the International Peace Garden. It straddles the border of North Dakota and Manitoba. Besides being a 2,339 acre

Botanical Garden with camping sites, there are Summer Camps on-site that encourage cultural arts and athletics for young people. There's even a musical education session for adults. For information call 888-432-6733 or visit www.peacegarden.com

At least four of our counties participated in ACWW's "Women Walk the World". They are Jersey (District 6), Madison (District 6), Perry (District 7) and Sangamon (District 4) counties. The funds they raised go to ACWW. **If your county participated in "Women Walk the World", please let me know, so I can acknowledge your efforts.**

I look forward to meeting and sharing information with IAHCE members in the counties at the District Workshops in August. There will be more materials, including more recipes, for you on Trinidad and Tobago, the 2012-2013 Country of Study. I'll update you on ACWW projects too.

Pat Weitzmann

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sharon Middleton

Many things were accomplished at our June Board meeting. As newsletter editor and taking care of the website, it is a busy time for me. This newsletter had to be done pretty fast as I will be attending the NVON Conference July 16-18 in Columbia, SC with Marilyn Daughhetee, President IAHCE.



It will be an exciting time traveling to South Carolina and visiting with other members from our state but also with the other states that are involved in NVON. More on this after we return home.

Our upcoming District Workshop will soon be here. I hope that you all are planning on attending in your respective districts. The

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Board members work hard trying to get you the correct information for the position you hold on your county boards. If you have any particular questions, have them ready so that we hopefully can answer them.

I have sent a letter to our state Governor, Pat Qunn for a proclamation proclaiming the second full week of October as HCE Week. I hope to receive it before the District Workshops in August for you to see.

It was good to see several of our counties have had their name changed to go along with the rest of the state, Home & Community Education, and even some have changed their year to January through December making reports and dues so much easier to understand.

Please continue to work on membership. The membership number is down so each and everyone of us needs to just ask one person to join. That would double our numbers just like that! They will benefit from the lessons, volunteering for their community and making many new friends. Make it a goal to ask someone to your next meeting.

The next newsletter will contain all the information that you need to register for the 89th IAHCE Annual Conference. Be sure that you receive that issue. The date of your expiration of this newsletter is on the label. Check it out and don't let your subscription expire before the December Conference issue.

Until then have a great summer. We will see you in August!

Sharon Middleton



CVH/SALES

Karen Halicki



Karen Halicki – CHV/Sales

What a wonderful time of the year to volunteer! There are a lot of County Fairs going on around us. I hope everyone has had a chance to see what you can do to help. I just got finished helping with the Macon County Fair in Culinary and Textiles. I was just that extra hand they needed and it was so much fun helping and meeting folks at the fair.

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD A CVH?
Anything that is done for a family member.

WHAT COUNTS AS VOLUNTEER TIME?
The time you contribute without pay to others through HCE (unit, county, state) and activities in other organizations count as volunteer time. You cannot receive any pay for your work, but you can be paid for your "out of pocket" expenses while serving as a volunteer. It is the service to others that must be voluntary.

If you need anything from Sales, just e-mail, write or call. I will be glad to get them to you.

See you at the District Workshops.

Karen Halicki

If you want to contact Eddy for a program :



Eddy Weiss

308-580-6337

308-850-6339

office

Chasing4Life.org

He is available for programs anytime, especially this summer.

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**U of I Extension
Liaison
Jenna Smith**

Hello! I hope all of you have been enjoying your summer. It's certainly been a busy one for me!

I've been working hard in my Nutrition & Wellness Educator role with presenting back-to-back "I on Diabetes" programs and of course, fairs, fairs and more fairs! But my role as IAHCE Extension Liaison has also been an active one. I have developed a registration site for all multi-county Extension units to log in and register their local HCE units for the upcoming telenet lessons for the 2012-2013 year. For a copy of the telenet lesson schedule and to register, please contact your local Extension office. There are some wonderful lessons on that list that I think you will really enjoy!

Also, you can look forward to excellent HCE lessons in the future. I sat in on the 1st Vice Presidents meeting at annual conference and worked with the Family and Consumer Science Educators to decide on new lessons for the 2013-2014 year. You may look forward to hearing "Finance Tips for Retirees in Today's Economy" from Consumer Economics, "Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit" and "Understanding Parenting in Today's World" from the Family Life team, and "Managing a Gluten-Free Diet" and "Cooking with Fresh Garden Vegetables" from the Nutrition & Wellness team. But remember...these won't be given until the fall of next year!

As always, I really enjoyed my time spent with the board at the June Board meeting in Effingham. Besides eating a fantastic lunch and touring the Cross, we brainstormed as a group to discuss what characteristics and skills make a good leader. We recognized that while one person may be weak in one of these characteristics or skills, another person may be strong in that particular characteristic or skill. So working together as a team strengthens your leadership! We then made bookmarks for the person sitting next to us filled with positive

comments about that person. And after that, we played "Musical Paper Bags" to highlight our communication and teamwork skills as well as to have a few laughs!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Jenna Smith

BOARD HAPPENINGS

1. Worked on exciting new plans for District Workshop in August
2. Accepted gift of ACWW pins from Ruth Shaw, Collinsville
3. Accepted gift of signature quilt from Ruth Peverly, DeWitt County, that was used to raise money for Pennies For Friendship
4. Selected recipients of IAHCE scholarship
5. Approved new requirement for Support Fund applications
6. 2013 AC committees reported on work completed at this point
7. Approved International budget
8. Set deadline of February 1, 2013 to receive ads for conference program booklet
9. Discussed dietary needs by members attending conference. Will request on registration form what type of need each has, such as gluten free, allergies, etc. so special cards may be made for serving staff to find recipient
10. Banner display marked by district well received
11. Had to change chairman of nominating committee to Norma Korte
12. Began discussing ideas for 90 Annual Conference in 2014
13. Making reductions to costs to operate such as lowering gas mileage and when traveling for District Workshops, there will be 3 people in one room
14. Secured entertainment for Annual Conference

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Need Officers for 2013

I know we just elected some officers at Annual Conference, but next year we need some more. We need a 2nd Vice president (must have served on the IAHCE executive committee) Cultural Enrichment and Family Issues. Candidates for the IAHCE Board must first have served on their county board.

Second Vice President – Assist the President and 1st Vice President, compile membership reports, visit the counties in the interest of membership and must have served on the State Board previously.

Cultural Enrichment Director – Encourage appreciation of, and participation in the arts, including visual, performing, printed and applied.

Family Issues Director – To provide experiences that improve the quality, strengthen and promote the growth and development of family members.

It is an honor to represent your county on the State IAHCE Board. If you are enthusiastic, energetic and have an interest in one of the positions, please send your application to Treasa Brookman by Oct. 1, 2012. Send application pages 54-55 of the guidebook to:

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Opdyke, IL 62872



GABE'S CHEMO DUCK PROGRAM

THANK YOU for Donating

Throughout the year, many individuals and HCE Units have donated money to Gabe's Chemo Duck program. Thank you for your overwhelming support of this important program! This important program will help children who are facing cancer treatments to more easily cope with the stress involved in the healing process.

The Massac County HCE recently received a thank you for their donation to the program:

Dear MCHCE,

Gabe's My Heart would like to thank you on behalf of the children who benefit from Gabe's Chemo Duck Program. Your donation of \$525 will enable us to continue providing chemo ducks and the supporting educational material to children living with cancer. Funding also assists with the education of parents and the development of new products.

*Thank you,
Gabe's Chemo Duck*

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to this program throughout the year. Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated by all the children who benefit from this important program.

Dear IAHCE Members,
Thank you for all your work and donations to the Gabe's My Heart Chemo Duck Program. From what has been reported to me throughout the state, we have donated enough to purchase 100 ducks.

Norma Korte,
IAHCE Family Issues Director

REPORTS

HCE Member - Dorothy Singley Walker Extraordinaire

Think you're too old to be a regular walker? Meet Dorothy Singley, 90 plus years old, an HCE member AND a faithful walker who has recorded on the average an hour a day for the past year. Almost every day she walks 30 to 105 minutes.

Congratulations to her for her faithfulness to this program! She stated that it is a good time to visit and meet friends along the way. She's had to "slow down" when, after knee surgery, her doctor limited her to walking no more than 20 minutes at a time. She's modified to walking several times during the day.

Dorothy was raised on a farm around Springfield at Auburn, IL. She came to Bloomington to work at State Farm and met her husband, Lloyd, and became a farmer's wife. They farmed five miles northwest of Normal on what today is known as Ropp Road.

Married in February, 1946, Dorothy was approached by neighboring women about joining Home Bureau, now known as Home and Community Education. She joined Dry Grove Unit because it was an all-rural group. Dues were \$1. Their meetings were held in members' homes. At one time, Dry Grove Unit had up to 50 members. When Dorothy hosted the group, they moved furniture out of the living room and her husband would go to the one room country school, Garfield School and get 50 chairs for the meeting. She spoke of some of the lessons being on canning, cooking and cleaning, all things a new bride needed to learn. Home Bureau and the Dry Grove Unit gave Dorothy a way to meet people and get acquainted from her involvement with Farm Bureau Committees.

She worked at the 4-H Fair as Committee Chairman for the Home Economics Projects. Dorothy was a member of the County 4-H Board when Margaret Esposito was hired as Home Adviser. She remembers donating food and working at the "Cook House" at the county fair which was manned by volunteers from the county units. They served 3 meals a day to the hungry 4-H kids and anyone else that was hungry.

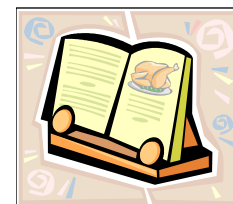
Dorothy remembers that the Dry Grove Unit served lunches for farm sales including Lloyd and Dorothy's dairy farm sale. Dry Grove also took turns with other

units in providing meals for functions at the Farm Bureau Building at the East Locust St., location in Bloomington. She recalls her husband cutting out step stools and women putting them together and staining them for a large sale held at the Consistory as part of a fund raiser. She still has one of the stools in her apartment.

Dorothy and Lloyd moved off the farm in April, 2007 after he had some health problems. She still lives in the apartment in Normal and has lots of area to walk. Dorothy is an inspiration to us all!

Mary Ellen Gottselig,
McLean County Association for Home and Community Education
Family Issues Chairperson

Cookbook for 2014



With our 90th year coming up in 2014, we would like to put together a cookbook of recipes from each county and with some history of your county. The history should be just a few paragraphs such as the date you started, membership, what you did that was special in your county, etc. Do you have a favorite recipe or two from your county that your mom used that you enjoyed?

Maybe you can have a contest in your county to pick the favorite one or two. Just have fun with this. The last cookbook was in 2006 and it had interesting notes on the bottom that is interesting to read.

I love cookbooks but I really love cookbooks with stories in them. Perhaps that recipe you have has some interesting history behind it.

These will be ready for the 2014 Annual Conference and will be a part of the Sales Table and no one will have to sell them. Share a part of your history along with tasty recipes that has been handed down from HCE member to HCE member.

Karen Halicki
IAHCE Sales/CVH Director

2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Faith Danielle Stoner
Shannon, Illinois
Carroll County

If Faith decides to enter the medical field, she wants to have her own practice. She will attend Highland Community College in Freeport, IL. She will be working toward a Bachelor's Degree with Biology major and Business minor.



Eric Douglas Tabing
Pinckneyville, Illinois
Perry County

Eric will be pursuing a career in Ag business with interest in becoming a GIS specialist. He has had one year at Rend Lake College in Ina, IL. and plans to get an Associate Degree in Ag Business.



Kelsey Rae McClay
Oakdale, Illinois
Washington County

Kelsey wants to become a licensed physical therapist. She will attend Maryville University in St. Louis, MO to get a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.



Jacoby Nicole Duckworth
Decatur, Illinois
Macon County

Jacoby wants to obtain an advertising position with country music television in Nashville. She will be attending SIU Carbondale, Carbondale, IL working toward a Bachelor's Degree in advertising with a Psychology minor.

Joel Jerome Vancil
Du Quoin, Illinois
Perry County

Joel plans to operate his grandfather's farm and obtain a position as a district manager for a feed company. He will attend Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS., getting a Bachelor's Degree in Agri-Business.



Patrick Thomas Hoffmann
Villa Park, Illinois
Du Page County

Patrick wants to teach high school. He will be attending the U of I in Urbana, IL. , majoring in General Studies/Secondary Education.



2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Kye John Witek
Steward, Illinois
Lee County

Kye wants to become a community leader and possibly work with extension. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin in Platteville, WI., getting a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education.



Tyler J. Ferree
Havana, Illinois
Fulton County

Tyler wants to be a museum curator and will be attending the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, getting a Bachelor's degree in History

WHO CAN APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

Who can apply for the IAHCE scholarships. Everything you need to know is in the Guidebook. It is online at www.iahce.org Check out pages 56-59.

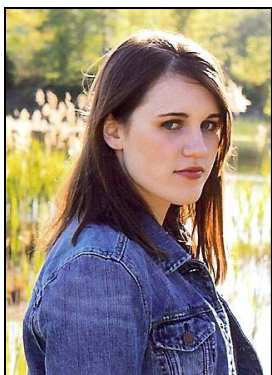
Scholarships are offered with no discriminations to sex, age, years in school, national origin, or whether she or he has received it previously.

Full scholarships of \$500 each up to ten (10) scholarships are awarded yearly if funds are available.

The applicant must be a member in good standing or an immediate family member, child or grandchild of such member of a county HCE/HEA for a minimum of three years. Applications are due May 1st of each year.

You must follow the guidelines of the committee and you too, or a family member may be a winner of one of the IAHCE 2013 Scholarships.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 IAHCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



Shelby Jaleigh Bush
Carbondale, Illinois
Williamson County

Shelby wants to become an actuary. She will be attending Illinois State University in Normal, IL getting a Bachelor's Degree in Actuarial

Science.

Kyle Gene Burke
Marshall, Illinois
Marion County

KYLE wants to run a bookstore and/or work with a publishing house. He has been attending Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN., and wants to finish there for a degree in English Liberal Arts.

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DISTRICT 1 Marilyn De Vries

Hi Everyone!

The District Workshops will be in August. I want to invite everyone to come! It will be in Lake County, August 21st.



With summer comes county fairs. Be sure to step up and volunteer to help at the fairs.

Little Dresses can still be made and sent to Kenya. Keep saving those pop tabs; what a small way to help others and it means so much.

Marilyn De Vries

HENDERSON.....

Henderson County H.C.E. held their annual meeting April 28, 2012 at the Stronghurst Methodist Church. We were privileged to have our state president Marilyn Daughhetee, attend our meeting and install new officers for 2012-2013. She is a very special lady. The church ladies served a delicious brunch before our business meeting.

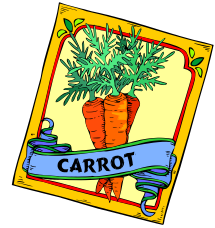
Mara Lefler R.N. gave the program on Africa. She has gone to Zambia with a group of nurses on mission trips, she showed many interesting slides. 83 pillowcase dresses, baby hats, and health items were collected at the annual meeting for Mara to take on her next trip. We also collected aluminum can tabs and money for "Relay for Life". All of these projects will be ongoing for H.C.E. members.

H.C.E. members will be very busy volunteering the next month at Stronghurst 125th celebration and Oquawka Catfish Cookoff, both on June 30th. We will also be volunteering at the

Henderson County Fair assisting judges and hosting project buildings.

Have a safe summer!!

Bev Alecock
Public Relations



JO DAVIESS.....

Jo Daviess County HCE "Garden of Volunteers" are closing one plot and beginning the 2012 Garden. The October 25, 2011 "Friendship Day" brought "QUILTS" to view for our morning event. Members brought their "Quilts and Wall Hangings" and gave the story that went with the quilted item. There were lots of history in these hand and machine quilted heirlooms. Even some current Civil War quilts have been made.

Our First Vice President, Charlice Ofenheiser, attended the March 2012 IAHCE Conference. We received Education Awards in: Public Relations - in providing HCE information to the public; International - on Scotland which we presented in a public event; Family Issues - participation in the Superlative Tab Program (165 lbs.).

April 14, 2012 Tri-County "Heritage Arts Workshop: was held in Carroll County this year, the 15th Annual. Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson County HCE Boards meet in April and November each year to plan and explore how we can work together. Lee County joined us this past year.

"Israel" was the program for our 77th Annual Meeting held April 26, 2012. IAHCE District 1 Director, Marilyn De Vries, was our guest and installed the officers. Reverend Jonathon Singleton of Freeport, took us to Israel via his pictures that told the story of the people and their land. You felt you were really there as he told of his experience on his trip to the Holy Land in 2011.

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We are still making book bags with books that go to a different pre-schools in the County each year. Also, Linus Blankets are being made, plus units make several different items needed for nursing homes in their area.

The two "Old Market Days" at the Market House Historic site in Galena will be June 9th, 44th Annual and September 29th, 57th Annual, this year.

Looking forward to the August 21st District Workshops, when we can meet other IAHCE "Garden of Volunteers".

Marcella Arnold
Public Relations

KNOX.....

May was a busy month for Knox County HCE. Our annual day brunch continued the theme of a "Garden of Volunteers" with a talk by a local volunteer leader on volunteering and its benefits. We remembered our deceased members and celebrated our new members.

We had a very successful "Spring Fling". The sandwich and salad lunch was a hit with the community members that bought tickets. Our program on Hobo Quilts by Debra Henninger was well attended by the public and with good comments. We would recommend this as a ways and means project.

Each of our units plan a "units choice" in May or June and we will share our activities this fall in our newsletter.

For a listing of our 2012-2013 programs and activities, which will be posted after our fall planning meeting, please visit us at <https://sites.google.com/site/kcahce/> We would welcome any exchange of ideas and your lessons/activities for the year. You can email us at knoxcohce@gmail.com.

Lois Hobbs
Public Information

ROCK ISLAND.....

May brought Rock Island County Home and Education units the beauty of spring with the annual geranium sales, one of our money-making events, when they were delivered to all. Once again the flowers were gorgeous and gave us bright, colorful plantings.

Our bimonthly newsletter was published reminding us of all upcoming events to wind up the year. Workdays for preparing for the county fair have been held and continue as we work toward the July 16-21 event. A special session of the paint class began painting a barn scene to be finished on June 12.

On May 19 we were entertained at a Fiesta Celebration sponsored by H.C.E and Extension staff. This special event was a delicious lunch served by El Mariachi Restaurante and followed with a dance performance by the Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico. The dance and colorful costumes exhibited the cultural traditions of the Mexican Americans in our Quad City area and was enjoyed by all attending.

Annual meeting held on June 16 was well attended with guests from Mercer County and Freeport, IL. The "Garden of Volunteers" theme rang throughout the room with floral decorations and door prizes cleverly displayed. Many members wore their sunbonnets to further carry out the theme. Deceased members of H.C.E. were remembered, fifty-year members were recognized and new officers were installed for the coming year. After the business meeting, a program on "Creating a Butterfly Garden" given by Roxie and Dallas De Shane was extremely informative and enjoyed by all. The meeting concluded with a delicious salad/dessert luncheon followed by drawings for raffle and door prizes.

Our next county meeting will be held June 27 with both the old and newly-elected board members present to reorganize and get the new year underway. We are looking forward to the District Workshops in August, followed by our local officer training session.

Lucille Mumma
Public Relations

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STEPHENSON.....

Seven members attended the State Conference. We were happy to have a member from Jo Daviess County join us. Members helped in various ways, such as helping set-up for the Silent Auction, helped with the Cultural Arts display and be a facilitator.

On Saturday, April 14th, we took part in the Heritage Arts Make-It-Take It Workshop. It was held at the Naaman Diehl Auditorium in Mt. Carroll. This workshop is sponsored by HCE of Carroll, Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Lee counties. Workshops included Basket Weaving, Beginning Needle Tatting, Cathedral Quilting, Corn Husk Rose, Crochet Rug, Decorated Cookie Bouquet, Fabric Flower Making, Iris Card Folding, Plastic Canvas Basket and Towel Animals.

In the morning, we also had Betty Obendorf speak on the history of the Underground Railroad.

On May 9th, we had our 89th Annual Meeting at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. Many ladies wore decorated hats. Tables were decorated with spring flowering plants. The business meeting was held in the morning. We honored Pearl City unit as the "Unit of the Year" and Becky Thomas as "Homemaker of the Year". At noon we served a lunch catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken and dessert bars made by the 1st Vice Presidents of each unit.

In the afternoon, we were treated to a style show by the "Nifty Fifty". These two ladies had a program of styles bought from Thrift Stores and garage sales. \$3.75 is the most they spend on one outfit! We saw some really neat outfits.



On June 26th, we had an Officer's Training at the Farm Bureau Building. We heard an interesting presentation from Todd Welch of Stephenson County Sheriff's office. He spoke on "Scams and Frauds". The emphasis was on scams that affect older adults. Following this, each County Officer shared something about their office. We concluded the meeting with a finger food luncheon.

Ann Runkle
Public Relations

WARREN.....

Right now we're all enjoying our summer break through August.

In May, we had our International Brunch, which was so much fun. We're studying Trinidad/Tobago this year, so the tropical theme was very colorful. Many of our members did the limbo, then everyone enjoyed the program and meal, thanks to the planning by Lynne Devlin, International Director.

Our 4-Her's hosted their annual BBQ dinner, including home-made pies donated by all units. Their General Project Show is over, and the Fair will be held July 23-28.

On July 23, all HCE members will be bringing their donated items to the Extension Office for our Veteran's use, as well as books for our regional bookmobile, pop tabs, pill bottles, Box Tops for Education, etc. These projects are supported on a continual basis.

Upcoming events - September 12 is our Warren Achievement Center Party, for some very special clients who love to sing, dance, draw, and just enjoy music; October 18, we hold our WCHCE Annual Meeting; and on November 17, we host our Annual Craft Show/Bake Sale and Home-Based Businesses in Monmouth.

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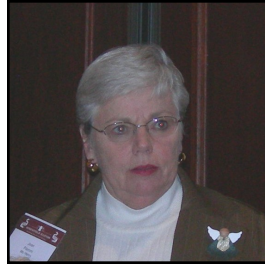
As you can see, we're always doing something for others, supporting our HCE theme "Garden of Volunteers" faithfully.

Peg Chambers
Public Relations

DISTRICT 2/3

Jean Pieroni

We just finished the spring state board meeting in Effingham where we will have the 2013 Annual Conference. Now it's time to look to August for the District Workshops. I hope to see many of your officers there. In the next week, I'll be sending information to your Presidents about that meeting so watch for it.



Now, at the beginning of the second full week of June our ground is pretty dry - hope the rain they're promising will take care of that.

Take care and be well,

Jean Pieroni

Du PAGE.....

The Du Page County 82nd Annual Meeting and luncheon took place at St. Andrews Country Club. Each guest received a white lace rose corsage.

Our State President, Marilyn Daughettee, installed our Officers and Directors, with a garden themed presentation. Marilyn also presented a 50 year membership certificate to Green Valley member, Gail Witt.

After lunch, we had a style show from a local dress shop, that featured colorful and floral outfits. It was followed by a fun and crazy style show.

On display were Du Page County items that were entered in the State Cultural Enrichment "Best of Show" in Effingham. Our Anna Saake took first place in Photography.

At this event, we had a successful Silent Auction which benefited our Scholarship Fund.

Our quilting group continues to grow featuring a new pattern every month. The "Quilts for Kids" members have made many colorful quilts for hospitalized children.

Members have been enjoying the Lunch Bunch and recently toured the Du Page County Historical Museum, which featured local heroes from Du Page County during the Civil War.

We also exchanged letters with youngsters from Warrenville Family and Youth Services Quest program. We will be providing craft classes for young girls this summer.

We sent over 250 cards to our veterans at Hines Hospital and collect items for the military overseas.

Our craft day was very successful. Members made plastic needlepoint quilt design magnets, painted wood cardinals for the garden, tissue box covers and satin ribbon greeting cards.

Mary Lambert
Public Relations



Gail Witt and Marilyn Daughettee

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LAKE.....

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education has had an exciting spring. One of our own, Pat Weitzmann, was elected to the IAHCE Board Education Committee as International Director. On April 27 we held our 80th annual meeting at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center. IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughetee, was our guest and installed the LCAHCE officers for 2012-2013. Our board, co-chaired by Sandy Henke and Karen Nuccio, planned a delicious luncheon to follow the business meeting, with dessert brought by the Fireside Unit to celebrate their 50th anniversary as a unit in Lake County. We were treated to an amazing floral demonstration by Sue Glashagel of Prunella's Flower Shoppe and Judie Altman of Altman's Flower and Gift Box. The floral arrangements were raffled off to members attending the meeting.

On May 21 I had the pleasure of attending a regular meeting of the Fireside Unit, which is celebrating its 50th year as a unit in Lake County. It's first meeting was January 23, 1961 in the home of Mrs. Harold Polzer. Members continue this tradition today, taking turns meeting in each other's homes. I was curious as to how the unit's name originated. Speculation is that it may have come from the name of a popular restaurant in Libertyville, IL which early members may have frequented. Current members are proud of their unit's participation over the last fifty years. Ten members have been officers on the county board, the unit has sponsored three 4-H groups, and several members have also been part of the Master Gardeners program. Fond memories include trips to 4-H camp in Monticello, near the U of I and the special lessons that were given over the years, such as caning and basketry. One member commented that she cherishes the sense of community that the Fireside Unit has. Currently the unit has ten members. Aldona Olson, a member of HCE since 1951, is considered the unit historian and

members are grateful for her presence and dedication to the Fireside Unit.

LCAHCE ended the 2011-2012 year on June 11 with a birthday party at our extension office in honor of our association's 80th anniversary. The HCE board hosted the birthday party after its final board meeting of the year. Forty-five members attended the afternoon party. Individual board members each chose a decade, beginning with the 30's and ending with present day, to research and prepare a display and presentation for attendees. We learned what life was like during each decade personally, publicly, and in HCE. Some board members came dressed in clothing reminiscent of the decade they chose. One board member put together a cookbook featuring recipes popular in each decade, and gave a copy to each attendee to take home. Presenters brought a sample of one of those recipes to accompany the decade that they were representing. Same board member also made floral themed napkin rings for the table settings. Outgoing board president, Angela Hicks, made commemorative necklaces for each attendee. Cake and punch was served following the presentations. HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, LCAHCE!!!

Hope you all have a very pleasant summer! Looking forward to next year.

Diane Shearer
Public Relations



La SALLE.....

Hello to all! Summer is here and as I write this today it is HOT & HUMID. We really need rain for our crops and gardens. Weather has not slowed La Salle County HCE "Garden of Volunteers" down ----we have been busy.

Our workshop in April for "Little Dresses for Africa" was a success with the help of our sewing 4-H girls. This workshop project will be continued in July at the La Salle County 4-H fair with a sewing area set up. The total number of

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dresses made will be reported in the next newsletter.

We took a spring trip in May to Rock Island for a dinner and play at Circa 21. We saw "Spreading it Around". Awesome show and day!

In June, we held a pie making workday to prepare for our 4-H fair concession stand. We were dressed in our aprons, plastic gloves and flour and when we were finished there were 24 yummy pies. We also made a donation to pay for 2 4-H trophies.

June 4th was the All Units meeting at the Farm Bureau building. We were delighted with the decorations made by Becky Kendall. Cathy Barnes presented the program "Bring Your Garden Indoors". They had great container planting ideas. Members shared their talents with the cultural arts entries. Scrapbook pages were handed in for our "Garden of Volunteers" book.

Applications for scholarships were received. Three scholarships were awarded. Tyler Jakse and Andrew Sickley of La Salle and Ben Kimes of Mendota were the winners.

June 28th we held our annual meeting at Pitsticks in Ottawa. Homemaker of the year was awarded to Kathleen Jonen of the Farm Ridge unit. Kathleen has been a member for 17 years and has held offices at both unit and county levels. Seneca Morning unit earned recognition as the unit of the year. The program was presented by author/quilter, Debra G. Henninger on "Hobo Quilts". Great time was had by all.

The 2012-2013 program of work booklets are being put together. We will continue to support our food pantries, Danny Branden Center for Children, making chemo hats and blankets to distribute where they are most needed, sewing "Little Dresses for Africa", collecting "Pennies for Friendship", collecting can tabs for Ronald

McDonald House and visiting our nursing homes. I will share our new plans and ideas in the next newsletter.

I am looking forward to the District Workshop in August.

In closing, stay involved with community needs and keep recruiting new members for our great organization.

Penny Carter
Public Relations

LIVINGSTON.....

On April 16th, 2012 Livingston County HCE held their 94th Annual Meeting. Our membership reports 132 members from eight units and eleven mailbox members. We have ten members celebrating fifty years and over and 4 new members this past year.

Several board members who went to State Conference reported about the many different workshops they attended and enjoyed. This is our second year in a row that we have had a "Best Of Show" at the Conference. Yeah for LIVINGSTON COUNTY!!

We are now very busy gearing up for our County Fair. Livingston County Fair opens on Monday, July 16th and concludes Thursday, July 19th. Of course, the weather is always HOT and very BUSY, but I am so fortunate to have great help with all the HCE units and 4-H Clubs.

In August, members will be attending the District 2/3 Workshops.

Michelle Janssen
Public Relations



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Mc HENRY.....

Northern Illinois has had a warm spring and a very dry and hot June. We are all praying for the much needed rainfall that are crops so badly need.

With much regret, one of our six units has disbanded, so now we are down to five. The board decided that we need a new tri-fold colored brochure. Karen Wooten and Debbie Peone volunteered to design and print the brochure. We will be passing them out at the Mc Henry County Fair in August, placing the brochures in libraries and Chamber of Commerce offices. We are hoping that this will spark some new interest.

April 25th our 94th annual meeting was held at the Crystal Lake Country Club in Crystal Lake. We have two ladies, Lillian Tesch and Jeanette Gardner, who have been members for 71 yrs. Jean Pieroni District 2/3 Director installed the new board. See photo below: Leona Rinn, President; Pattie Sautter, and Debbie Peone, 1st Vice President; JoAn Jones, 2nd Vice President; Marian Lang, Treasury; Flo Spesard, Public Relations; Cindy Harris, 4-H; Geri Pondel, International; Jeanette Broughton and Marion Shepard, Cultural Enrichment and Community Outreach. Not pictured, Marlene Rader, Secretary. We were entertained by the Prairie Voices of Sun City Huntley. They sang many songs from the 40s ,50s and 60s.



Our lesson in April was given by Master Gardner Rick Tobias "Getting Your Garden Ready". He talked about composting, organic gardening, preparing the soil fertilizer and natural insecticides.

In June we had a sew day at the University of IL Extension Office where we made stockings for Operational Santa, African Dresses and Quilts for Kids.

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

Will.....

Will County Association for Home and Community Education Annual Meeting held in May was the highlight of our year. Our theme of "Garden of Volunteers" was carried throughout the day by way of the colorful program, floral decorations on the tables, gardening presentation and colorful craft.

We were honored to have State HCE President Marilyn Daughhetee and District Director 2/3 Jean Pieroni present for our meeting and for installing our officers. Recognition of units with 100 percent dues paid, memorials for our deceased members, and a tribute to 50 year members and past presidents made for a memorable day.



L to R: Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHCE President, Marilyn Mc Manimen, International, Joan Fleckenstein, Cultural Enrichment, Jeanette Johnson, County President and Jean Pieroni (District 2/3 Director).

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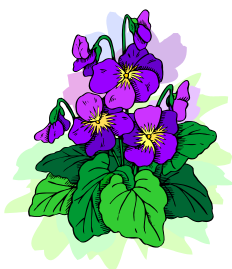
The certificates that Fleckenstein and Johnson are holding were awarded at the state conference in March. They were for excellence in both Cultural Enrichment programs and membership increase in this past year.

Nancy Kuhajda, Master Gardener Coordinator, was the featured speaker. Her knowledge and delightful sense of humor had us all laughing as well as providing us with some helpful gardening tips. A catered lunch and presentations and demonstrations by area 4-H Club members rounded out the day.

Our members continue to donate snack items, clothing and personal hygiene products for our Illinois Veterans home. In addition, our sewing skills are being put to good use in making Chemo Caps for children and adults, shorts for African boys "Britches for Boys" and dresses for girls.

Upcoming events include a Pot Luck Picnic and a Craft Day at which those in attendance will be making crystal bracelets.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Information



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DISTRICT 4 Peggy Ostermeier



Hello District 4!!!

What a great time I had in April, May and June attending your County Annual meetings. It was a pleasure to get to meet so many members. I also enjoy seeing the Illinois countryside and am very thankful for technology. When the road I was to supposed to take was closed all I had to do was push a button and ask for help and I arrived on time. The District Director's job is somewhat like that if you are "lost" or need help push the buttons to my phone number and I will be there with help.

District Workshop is August 22 in Decatur. You should have already received the registration form but if you haven't the form is on the website. I look forward to seeing everyone in Decatur.

Peggy Ostermeier

ADAMS.....

March ended with six of our ladies going to State Conference in Effingham. They all came back with some good ideas.

On April 5th we had a Cultural Arts spring Salad Luncheon. There were 35 ladies in attendance with that many salads and recipes. HCE Bingo was enjoyed by all and everyone got a prize of either a quilted hot pad or homemade body cream. During the month of April some of the units were busy making cookies for Veterans Home and toiletries and food for Catholic Charities.



Donations were also given to the "Dress an Angel" sponsored by the Salvation Army Auxiliary.

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Adams, con't

On April 24th we had our Annual Dinner Meeting at St Brigid in Liberty IL. We had 133 Ladies in attendance. The theme was "Flowers and Plants". The entertainment for the evening was Ken Bradbury. He spoke on the bagpipes. He played several instruments, such as the Keyboard, Accordion, Bagpipes etc.



Awards given were three Scholarships, Volunteers, and Walk Around Adams County. Those gals put on a lot of miles. The new officers were installed. There was also a Basket Raffle in which the proceeds went toward the Scholarship Fund.

At the May 8th meeting of the ACHCE Board, the new officers were invited to meet with the outgoing officers for a training session.

All of the units are looking forward to their special outings in June before the two month break.

Some of the units donated trophies to be awarded to the 4-H winners at the Adams County Fair in August.

On June 8th several HCE members will participate in the Relay for Life at Flynn Stadium..

Pat Vaughn
Public Information



SANGAMON

We have been busy with various projects. We made the red and blue scarves for the Special Olympics. The State had already met their quota so we donated them locally. We have been making bibs for nursing home residents, saving greeting card fronts, stamps, can tabs and are making caps for the NICU and new babies in the local hospitals.

Our Annual Meeting was held on April 27th at our new building at the Airport. Katherine Harris did the program on Harriett Tubman and the Underground Railroad. She gave a very interesting presentation. After she spoke, we were able to ask some questions. An excellent lunch was served by some of the local members. New Bylaws and Standing Rules were approved. They hadn't been updated for several years.

We have a fashion show planned at Scheel's to get new members. This will be held on July 21st from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Our Annual Picnic will be held on July 27th and it will be indoors. That way we won't have to contend with bugs or the elements.

Congratulations to two of our members, Glenna Schlemm and Liz Muench. They received the "Heart of Gold" Award on April 18th at the Springfield Good as Gold Ceremony for their commitment to volunteering. The event was sponsored by the University of Illinois Springfield Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center and the Junior League of Springfield. We have many members who put in numerous hours volunteering at various places here in Springfield.

We are busy getting our programs ready for another HCE year. We are trying to take advantage of the PowerPoint lessons offered by the Family and Consumer Economics Team. Our Program Booklets will be handed out at our Annual Picnic in July and should provide each member with an up-to-date schedule for our upcoming year.

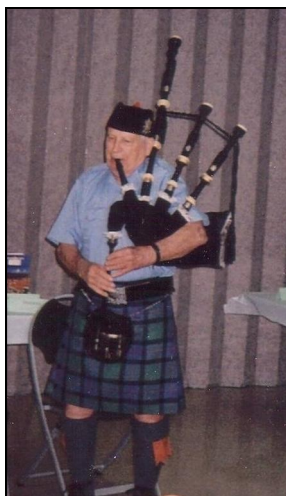
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We are "stepping outside the box" this year and are having our Annual Fall Festival at a brand new location. It will be at the Church of the Nazarene in Sherman and will be the 29th of September from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. We have had this at the Extension Building at the State Fairgrounds for many years. We are excited to have this event at a new location.

Thelma Harms
President

TAZEWELL

Bagpiper, Glenn Sunderland, played several selections providing a fine program for the International Event on Scotland in late April. Glenn shared his experiences from his travels in the country as a member of the Celtic Cross Pipe & Drum Corps. Refreshments included scones and tea, of course.



Some of the Tazewell HCE units participated in four county 4-H "Birthday Bags" project. Festive bags were filled with cake mix, frosting, candles, small gift and other party accouterments. The 4-H members then distributed them to area food banks. The 4-H clubs entered their idea in a national contest and it's featured on the national website.

The annual meeting in May featured guest speaker, Sandy Lutz, MS RN, who presented an inspiring program on laughter and its beneficial effects on the human body. The "Garden of Volunteers" theme was used from name tags to table favors to awards for officers.

Units are collecting Box Tops for Education for a special school in Creve Coeur. IAHCE members may send any they might have to Shirley Kelly, 1027 N. Main, Washington, IL 61571.

Tazewell is more upbeat about the aluminum soda tabs collection this year. Members are attempting to surpass last years' effort; the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield benefits.

Plans are being made to enlist the help of the 4-H Federation in operating the food stand at the 4-H Fair in late July. Aging members have limited the supply of works, so HCE appreciates any help it can get.

Shirley Kelly
Public Relations

DISTRICT 5

Nancy Remmers



I hope all of you are trying to keep cool. Remember to send in your registration for the District Workshops held in August. District 4 & 5 will be held this year at the Decatur Conference & Hotel in Decatur. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Remmers

CLARK.....

Hello to all of the state's HCE members and the struggle of working to keep the units all active in this trying time. We are gaining a number of ladies in our membership and will continue working to gain more with the varied activities that the units strive to achieve.

Our county Community Leader, Seroba Mascher, has been working with the abuse topic of the year by placing articles in the county newsletter on child, adult and elderly abuse and detailing what can be done to prevent it.

Pat Marrs, county Family Affairs Leader, has been working on the topic of autism and preparing to include it in the fall county-wide program.

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Clark, con't

4-H fair preparations are being done by getting the ladies to "building set" for the crafts area. These ladies will be responsible to help keep the building open for viewing. Many have accepted that responsibility.

Virginia Dean, the International leader, is working on the program for the county-wide program to be held in October. This program is to include the background of the country and its people, plus foods of the country will be included for the noon meal. All the county units will have a part of the program to present.

Does this sound like we are working on the state's theme of "IAHCE Garden of Volunteers"?

Monthly programs for 2012-2013 are being worked on by the 1st Vice President, Bobbi Ring. Many interesting ones are being tried. It is becoming harder to work with topics that have not been presented before.

Yes, we are working to improve our county's image of working outside the box.

Deloris Maurer
Public Relations

De WITT.....

Eight members attended the Annual Conference this year in Effingham where they enjoyed stimulating classes, meeting old friends and making new ones, seeing cultural exhibits and vendors offerings, and fabulous food. We were happy that Ruth Peverly was able to be at conference. She is one of our long-standing and most active members.

Since the conference, De Witt County has been busy learning (among other things) about making meals for 1 or 2, digital technology, container gardening, and recently held our annual day with the election of officers. Marilyn Daughhetee installed our officers due to a conflict that Nancy Remmers our District 5 Director had. We were so excited to have her.

One of our local florists of longest standing spoke while he made four beautiful bouquets which he then gave to members of the audience, including a dozen roses bouquet. The catered luncheon was beautifully presented and enjoyed by all.

One of our units (Harp) disbanded and made us sad but another was started up which of course we welcomed. The new one is named "Stitch N Chat" which is its main purpose. It came about from the knitting and crochet classes we held during the spring months. Plaudits to Linda Long and Audrey Brantley. We will have to update our banner for sure now.

We are looking forward to International Day on September 13th with Macon and Piatt counties. On September 18th representative Bill Mitchell will speak at Clinton U. of I. Extension Office at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited. On Thursday evening, October 11th we will hold our fundraiser Card/Game Party. We are hoping for a big crowd this year and are holding it in the Methodist Church's Great Hall in Clinton in order to have more room. There will be prizes given away, a 50/50 drawing, and lots of snacks, for the card or game players. We invite you all to come help make it a successful fundraiser and will thank you for your support.

Rosalie Summers
Public Relations

In the picture below are from L to R are:
Rosalie Summers, Sharon Ryan, Linda Long, Lu Crawford, Alice Grooms, Judie Knoth, and Rozanne Karr and Ruth Peverly seated in front.



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EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE held a countywide lesson in May, 2012 on "Edible Centerpieces" which was presented by Marilyn Daughhettee and Shaun Sullivan at the 4-H building, Paris, IL. There were 43 people in attendance of which 21 were guests. Marilyn and Shaun created 6 different centerpieces using pineapple, melons, grapes, strawberries (some were chocolate covered), blueberries and oranges. They used different shapes and sizes of containers for the centerpieces. They gave them as door prizes at the end of the lesson.



A second countywide lesson was held in June, 2012 entitled "Hanging Gardens". Teresa Bach and Gay Tegler of the Master Gardeners presented the lessons. They presented many ideas on using containers to have a beautiful garden. One idea was an old wooden Coca Cola box filled with succulents and hung on a fence. They had one container called "The Spaghetti Pot" which contained a tomato plant, basil and onion. They gave many ideas of using unwanted items, such as an old dish and even a shoe bag. There were 25 people in attendance which 9 were guests. Each of the guests received a plant or other garden item as a door prize.



Marilyn Daughhettee
Edgar County Public Relations

MACON.....

Without saying, it is hot and dry. From the looks of all the articles, it is that way throughout the state. Here in Macon County, HCE is thriving. Our fair was the first week of June so it is past. But this is the first year in a long while that they had a parade. HCE was there displaying our banner and when the announcer gave a brief description of our organization, the whole grandstand heard what we do for the community. Also, the grand marshal of the parade was IAHCE's Family of the Year, Carol Bork. What a great way to let your communities hear about HCE.

We have been busy organizing our "Tornado" preparedness event being held September 8th. With everyone working in committees together as a team, we will be ready for the residents of the surrounding area to learn how to prepare for disasters along with tornados. Guest speaker, Eddy Weiss will be our speaker. Listening to Eddy at the State Conference made us all want to share the information with our communities.

Other ways we are promoting HCE is the upcoming bake sales that we have during the evening in the park with the Decatur Concert Band. We will be sponsoring classes in the library so that we can make those that visit the libraries aware what we have available during the year. Our 2nd Vice has been making watering can holders for our information brochures and setting them in libraries, senior citizen centers and other locations. She also had a table at the fair with all of our information, posters, scrapbooks and past lessons to view.

We continue to encourage our members to invite and encourage friends and family to join the HCE family.

Macon County's youngest future member, Alyvia with Grandmother, Karen Halicki IAHCE Sales/CVH walking in the parade at the fair.



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Mc LEAN.....

McLean County Association for Home & Community Education keeps very busy with trips, bake sales, and many community service projects. There is a "Quilt for Kids" workshop every month and so far this year, members and other "quilters" have made 110 quilts.

The spring trip to Ottawa on April 17 was very enjoyable. Jane Woods, Special Activities Chairman reported the visit included the very beautiful Reddick Mansion and then viewing the murals on many Ottawa buildings. The Convention and Visitors Bureau presented each person with a red votive candle holder from the Peltier Glass Factory. On the way to Starved Rock the group passed through Naplate where there are many homes converted to restaurants, especially Italian. We saw where white silica sand is mined. At Starved Rock there was a lovely buffet lunch followed by a tribute to Neil Diamond. After boarding the bus there was another surprise - the entertainers boarded the bus and spent time telling about themselves and their musical activities. These trip "extras" made a wonderful trip even more memorable.

Our soldier projects chairman, Leatha Poshard keeps busy with a team of members who send packages to soldiers throughout the year. The soldiers write back how wonderful the packages are. One such letter states: "My husband is a Platoon Sergeant for Baker Company, 2-9 Infantry in Korea. He has approximately 40 soldiers in his platoon and I try to do everything I can to make their stay here a little better. Thank you again for thinking of us and putting together the packages."

We look forward to our 94th Annual Meeting, held on July 10. Our theme, "Garden of Volunteers" will have a special treat with a program on "Butterflies" given by the Master Gardeners. Our Fine Arts & Crafts Contest and Show will also take place during the Annual Meeting.

Pat Pulokas, Barb Jurgens
Public Relations Co-Chairs

PIATT.....

Wow! The year has blown by. Piatt County has been busy and that's why. This year the counties of De Witt, Macon and Piatt combined and we are known as the Tri-County group. Each county's lessons are available to all Tri-County members and each county hosts a meeting quarterly where we can share and plan activities together and, most important, get to know and make new HCE friends.

We started out the year with the Tri-County group learning about Scotland at International Day held in Macon County. History, bagpipes, picture tour of the countryside, and of course the food, made for an interesting day. Ten Piatt members joined the Tri-County bus trip to Peoria/Morton area in April. Winery tour and lunch, plus shopping and food demonstrations were enjoyed by a busload of ladies - and a couple of men. We hope another trip will be planned next year.

Other lessons of the Piatt County year were Cooking with Herbs, All About Pasta, Slow Cooking, Lite Meals for 1 or 2, Five Keys to Credit, Going Green, Trees and Shrubs for your Home Landscape and Maintaining Healthy Family Relationships. In December we enjoyed eating out and visiting the Mueller Museum in Decatur.

We celebrated our 82nd year at the Annual Meeting in April. "Garden of Volunteer" was the theme. Twila Mackey, Cisco, was honored for 70 years in HCE. She has seen a lot of changes through the years. The program was "Robert Allerton and His Paradises" presented by Maureen Holtz. We learned more history about Allerton Park and her book was available for purchase.

Our five units in the Piatt County have participated in the Chemo Duck program, purchasing fourteen of these ducks. These ducks are given to children with cancer. A child size duck and items relating to their treatment are given to the child so the child can role play his way through this new experience.

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Several members also attended the IAHCE conference in March held in Effingham. They reported that it was a good conference with learning and fun combined.

Plans are in the works for October Fest to be held Friday, October 19 from 10:00 to 3:00PM at the Monticello United Methodist Church. Crafts and baked goods made by the units will be for sale and lunch of soup, sandwich and dessert will be served. We held this event for many years in the past and are reviving it as our fundraiser this next year.

Nancy Born
Public Relations



DISTRICT 6 Marilyn Schaefer

Hi Everyone!

Where has all our good weather went too, we also could use some rain soon

We just returned from the IAHCE State Board meeting in Effingham, June 10, 11, 12 and 13th to review our state conference for 2013 to be held in Effingham at the Convention Center on March 12, 13 and 14. We are not sure when the tours will be so just watch your newsletters.

I have enjoyed visiting many of your counties and installing your officers. It will take me awhile before I recognize all your faces, it is getting a little easier.

District 6 and 7 Workshops are scheduled for August 23 at Mt. Vernon. I will be sending out all the letters to your President's in the next week with other information in it.

The second week of October is scheduled as HCE week. I know some of you will be starting to prepare for your annual meetings. I still have not heard from some of my counties about scheduling a visit.

I hope to see you all at District 6 and 7th Workshops in Mt. Vernon on August 23.

Keep making those little dresses and shorts for Kenya and keep saving the pop tabs; what a small way we can help others and it will mean so much.

Marilyn Schaefer

CLINTON.....

The Clinton County Homemakers met on Tuesday April 12, 2012, for their 67th Annual Meeting at the St. Rose School Cafeteria in St. Rose. Florence Pingsterhaus was honored as "Homemaker of the Year". The meeting closed with installation of officers. Thanks to Ann Mondt and Pat Spihlmann for their many years of service on the Clinton County Homemakers Board and welcome to Judy Kampwerth and Janet Schmeink. The St. Rose members served as hostesses for an enjoyable evening.

Picture: Florence Pingsterhaus was honored as "Homemaker of the Year". Toots Tebbe presented the award.



Home Extension Association Board of Directors:



1st row: Cindy Niemeyer, Diane Sinclair, Mary Haake, Judy Kampwerth. 2nd row: Janet Schmeink, Ruth Spihlman, Toots

Tebbe, Carol Petermeyer, and Marilyn Schneider. (absent from photo was Annie Duing)

Cindy Niemeyer

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FAYETTE.....

Get Acquainted Day-All seven of the Fayette County HCE (Bingaman/Ramsey, Wheatland, Wright's Corner, St. Peter, Vandalia Day, St. Elmo, and Sefton), were represented at the HCE Get Acquainted Day/Potluck dinner/Auction/Entertainment on April 12, 2012. There were thirty-nine members and seven guests to enjoy and participate in the program and fund-raiser auction. Following the welcome by Cultural Enrichment director, Debbie Swain, Mary Smith asked the blessing for the meal. The entertainment, provided by the Sefton Unit, was received with much laughter as ten members and friends presented a skit in keeping with the theme, "The Perfect Garden". Written by Panzi Blackwell, the skit eventually delivered the worthy and informational message intended, it was preceded by a parody of TV's Jay Leno Show, with the "guests" being famous actresses, caricatured also as vegetables. The ladies were dressed accordingly for the "star" or vegetable they represented (in some cases, enhanced by wigs, fancy dress, and/or inflated pink balloons). The "Sefton HCE Troupers" all gave sterling and hilarious performances. The "Stars" came together to end the skit with the worthy message.

Following the skit, the Make-It Bake-It-Sew-It Grow It Auction began with lively, competitive bidding, officiated by Debbie Swain, in the absence of long-time regular auctioneer, Elizabeth Kasten. The auction also drew a lot of laughs.

FC HCE 64th Annual Meeting: 31 members of the FC HCE Units were present for the 64th Fayette County HCE Annual meeting, held on June 14, 2012. Also present was District Six Director, Marilyn Schaefer, who officiated at the Installation of Officers. Club President, Flo Allen gave the welcome and called on Mary Smith to ask the blessing. The potluck meal was served on tables decorated with many varied teapots, accompanied by floral accents and figurines in keeping with the teapot designs. Joyce Moore, co-2nd Vice President

Led a memorial service for the past year's deceased members. Sandra Runge and Evelyn Probst honored the deceased Hermoine Grandt and Geraldine Casey, respectively. Following the order of reports, Allen gave the nominations reports and officiated at the 2012-2013 election, and introduced District Director, Marilyn Schaefer. Schaefer encouraged the officers to show the community how well-tended to detail their activities are and for each to "do your duties to the best of your ability". She presented each officer installed with a flower.

Anita Smith of Vandalia Day Unit received the "Homemaker of the Year" award. Wright's Corner and Sefton Units both qualified for the "Unit of the Year" award.



Preparing fresh peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Brownstown Free "Summer Lunches for Kids" are: seated-Shirley Klitzing and Connie Green; standing-Flo Allen. The program is being sponsored by the Sefton Unit HCE and is prepared and distributed from the Brownstown United Methodist Church every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., with the exception of July 4th.

The program began last week and will continue until August. All kids are eligible, including high school age. There is no registration or applications. The kids just come to the east door of the United Methodist Church and pick up the ready-to-go bags. Last week's lunch included a fruit juice drink, peanut butter & jelly

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sandwich, pudding cup, snack cake, pop-tart, package of crackers with filling, and a microwaveable macaroni & cheese.

Our Fayette County HCE members are now looking forward to the HCE Workshop on August 23 in Mt. Vernon, when we will see familiar faces and welcome new ones to this great organization.

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

MACOUPIN.....

The Macoupin County HCE held their annual meeting on May 17, 2012, at 6:30 PM. It was a fun evening, starting with a delicious catered meal by Sundae Best. Following the meal was a short business meeting.

Certified Volunteer Award Certificates were passed out to 7 ladies, Rachael DeMartini, Barbara Greaves, Terry Jamison, Melva Reid, Maxine Tonsor, Sue Viccele and Gloria Wiese. Seals were issued to eight ladies, Alice Kulenkamp, Carol Pollo, Margaret Caulk, Joan Anderson, Susan Miland, Joyce Dueln, Norma Lay and Dona Hubert. We are very proud of these ladies. Macoupin County received awards at State for highest number of members participating and highest number of hours in District #6. We hope to keep up the good work.



A memorial service was given by Stitch and Stir Unit in memory of Patricia Gerke from Mt. Olive Unit and Mildred Kime a charter member of Do More Unit. Candles were lit and the poem "There is no Death", by Helen Steiner Rice was read.

Spencer Laughlin, a nephew of Board Member Vickie Laughlin and a graduating Senior of Gillespie High School Class of 2012, performed wonderful music. He wrote some of the pieces

he played for us. He is a very talented young man and will go far with his musical abilities. Cultural Arts/Enrichment made crocheted rugs from plastic bags and fabric flower pins, some of us had a little harder time doing the flowers than others. I intend to have mine done before next month. We will be making button necklaces next time, surely I can do that.

Have a nice Summer, see you at District Workshop.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

MADISON.....

The picture is the poster that Edwardsville A submitted at the annual meeting reflecting the state theme-- "Garden of Volunteers".

Our friends from Monroe County judged the entries. We appreciated all of the talented entries which each unit can use in the future to promote their units in their respective areas. Congratulations to Edwardsville A for a poster well done.



Our annual meeting promoted "Garden of Volunteers" with table decorations and the posters and little venues of garden settings. We welcomed new board members Alice Stille, International; Wendy Brady, Family Issues; Carol Amiri, Cultural Enrichment; and Maureen Betts will finish out Shirley Drexelius term as Treasurer. We will miss Wally Fisher, Edna Head, Anita Cain, Nancy Sakalauski and Shirley. We enjoyed working with them so much. Gloria Blechle, of the Hamel Unit, presented the program on hats! She had hats from the 30's on up and she looked wonderful in all of them. The day ended with a silent auction.

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Madison, con't

Joyce Cornwell and the 2nd Vice Presidents of the Madison County units presented another spectacular Garden Tea! It is one of the most enjoyable evenings as we welcome new members that have joined HCE this past year. jewelry. We have 64 registrants for Saturday. Tag-A-Longs from Belleville were our entertainment. Again, a wonderful reflection of the "Garden of Volunteers" theme throughout the auditorium.

MCAHCE wants to welcome a new HCE Unit-- S.M.I.L.E.S./ Sassy Moms Influencing Life's Events and Enhancing Society. This is a group of young moms meeting in member's homes that has started in Troy, IL. We welcome the group and wish them much success. Our new board member, Wendy Brady has started this new group

Our tour was on May 23 as we boarded the paddle boat "Spirit of Peoria" in Grafton, IL. We then ate at the Grafton Winery, visited the Melvin Price Lock and Dam and Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower! It was a wonderful and relaxing day, due mainly to wonderfully cool and pleasant temperatures as well as great places to see.

With temperatures in the 100's, it is quite appropriate to have our "Summer Cool Down" this Saturday (June 30) at Senior Services Plus in Alton. Second Vice President, Joyce Cornwell, has vigorously worked on this project featuring workshops in counted cross-stitch, calligraphy, basket weaving, beginning knitting, shuttle tatting, beginning quilting, Iris paper folding, cake decorating, Tenerife and paper We will be making some adjustments as the University of Illinois Extension Office will move from Edwardsville Farm Bureau Building to Collinsville, IL. We are trying to make adjustments that will work for our membership for upcoming events and board members as well.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.

Gloria Hartman, Public Relations

ST. CLAIR.....

I hope all of you are having a happy and safe summer. Our area could use some rain! I don't want to be greedy, but a person could get lost in the cracks in our yards.

St. Clair County Home and Community Education had its Annual meeting on May 9, 2012, with a good attendance for our year of the "Garden of Volunteers". Our memorial service for our six deceased members was very moving. We also gained two new members. The meeting started with the "Aim for the Homemaker" and our "Creed". These are always thoughtful words. Our entertainment was the Lady of the Snows apartment band and could they play the buckets and other household items. I am not sure how they made music with these household items but the forty's and fifty's era tunes sounded great. We ending our meeting with each member taking home a beautiful flower or plant grown by the Freeburg FFA.

Our summer project for our county HCE is to help our local 4-H with their supplies for sewing, embroidering, gardening and cultural arts. Each local HCE unit was given a sheet with "recyclables" or no longer being used, but too good to throw away items. This including sewing items, construction paper, craft supplies, plastic containers, cardboard boxes and clay pots. The finished projects should be interesting.

On September 10, 2012, St. Clair HCE will host its fourth Women's Health Issues program. In the past, we have had programs on Breast Cancer, Heart Issues, and Alzheimer's. This program will be on Diabetes. Each program has been very educational for our members.

Fairview Heights HCE unit will host our International Day on October 1, 2012. The menu, table decorations and the speaker always make this a special event.

Jane Kaiser
Public Relations

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DISTRICT 7

Barbara Spencer



It's been a weird spring and start of summer to be sure, but I have loved every minute of visiting the counties in District 7. The theme for 2011 has been a really great one as every County has decorated in such lovely ways. I'm glad I didn't have to vote on one of them. Each had a different type program and all were so entertaining.

I enjoyed getting to see Elaine Wilson again and hearing her play her harp and violin at Pope/Hardin County. Jackson County had a lady with more aprons than you can imagine and a delightful tale to tell. I got to enjoy the Potato Bar at Wayne County as I really look forward to that. In Washington County, I met Lisa Wait and her special friend who is her "diabetic dog". In Franklin County, we had a delightful young lady talk about the pot bellied pig she got as a birthday gift from her "fairly new" husband.

At Hamilton County I heard a special speaker give the meanings of each flower and in Randolph County I listened to lady who had just got back from Scotland tell about her trip, and the pastor of the church where we met, wore his Scottish regalia. Jefferson County had a special lady who demonstrated the new way people display potted plants on their walls and ending in Williamson County, I saw the beautiful quilt made from flowered feed sacks. Special to me, as I learned to sew with those feed sacks.

All in all, a lovely time in all counties I have visited. I look forward to seeing the rest of you. Remember one flower can make a flower arrangement, a group of flowers (Board) will make a bouquet, but it takes all of you to make a garden. Keep planting and growing.



Barbara Spencer

FRANKLIN.....

Since attending the conference, Franklin County has been busy. Every third Thursday, ladies meet to make neck coolers to send overseas. To date, more than 1,400 have been made and sent. Our Family Issues lady has been making scarves for cancer patients after halting the crocheting of caps.

April was also our Annual Meeting. The attendance was a little lower than usual, but all had a good time. Our scholarships were given to Allison Webster and Brent MacDonald, who are both college students who will be starting their third year. Our entertainment was a young guitar player and his wife. She told about the gift that he kept hid from her which was a pot bellied pig.

In May, two of us, Loma Baxter and myself, assisted with the U of I Program called Focus on Youth. We were in a workshop called Welcome to Real World, where 8th. graders learn what to expect when they are in the "job world", and how to budget their money.

We will be hosting the lunch stand one day at the 4H Fair in July. Preparations are being made for a Style Show and salad luncheon in August, and we will attend the District Workshop at Mt. Vernon soon after.

In early September, we will host the annual Family Issues Up-Date and want to invite all counties in our cluster. We alternate with Williamson County in hosting this event which includes informative speakers, entertainment and always good food. Our International lesson will be later in September. We haven't got started on October yet, but we'll probably be getting ready for Christmas Ideas Day.

Our President, Margaret Duncan, who was on the sick list for 3 months, is able to be back with us. In the meantime, we will be collecting recyclable things for the schools, stamps, items for the vets, can tabs, and tote bags for the young pregnant ladies at Angels Cove.

Barb Spencer

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HAMILTON.....

It doesn't seem possible that it is time for another newsletter. Our spring went by so fast and for the past 3 months southern Illinois has been extremely dry with temperatures rising every day.

Hamilton County held their annual meeting on April 26 with over forty ladies attending. Special honors and awards were presented and installation of officers for the coming year was held. A nice meal and program was enjoyed by all. Everyone got to see the beautiful handmade quilt that will be raffled off in the fall.

Our ladies held their annual picnic at Dolan Lake on June 4 with 60 members and guests attending. The weather that day was perfect for an outdoor activity. After enjoying the picnic lunch, the group enjoyed demonstrating and making crafts. Leaf cast birdbaths and butterflies from aluminum cans (minus the tabs) were made to go along with the IAHCE theme "A Garden of Volunteers." Guest for the day was Norma Korte, Family Issues Director. She spoke on the many projects IAHCE is doing this year.

We are still continuing to collect soda tabs and planning various fall activities. Hope everyone survived the heat and dry weather.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JACKSON.....

The ladies of Jackson County have had a busy spring. We began with the county annual meeting and luncheon. The annual meeting was well attended by the membership. We enjoyed a wonderful program on apron history presented by one of the Jackson County HEA members, Sutton Decker. We went back in time discussing the history and memories around the aprons. Members were asked to bring a family apron for the display.

Also at the annual meeting we began a fundraiser with three quilts made by members of the Stitcher's club. One of these quilts was begun by a member years ago who can no longer gather with us. It will be a very special memory for the winner.

A gardening 101 class was held in April with a follow-up class on container gardening in May. We learned many new gardening ideas for our gardens and outdoor space.

Also, in May members gathered and took a train/dinner ride to Centralia in May as well. It was a wonderful evening of new and old friends. In June we enjoyed a take home lesson on healthy meals as we prepared for our summer travels. In July we will enjoy spending time with the 4-H children and their projects as we set up a booth to raise money for 4-H scholarships.

Jean Conrad
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

Hello, my name is Silvana Morss and I live in Waltonville, Illinois with my husband and our 16 year old son. I have two other children ages 33 and 29 along with two beautiful granddaughters ages 11 and 7. I have lived in Southern Illinois for 12 years. It usually is a beautiful place living out here among the corn and bean fields, however the drought and heat we are experiencing this year has taken that away. We are badly in need of rain and looks like we will suffer a few more weeks without it.

My experience with HCE started as a guest in September – December 2011. I became a member of the Waltonville HCE unit in January 2012. In April I became the editor of the Jefferson County HCE Journal, a task I truly enjoy and take pride in doing. In addition I have been newly appointed as Public Relations Director for the Waltonville Unit. I've enjoyed the friendships I've made with people in my Unit

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and those on the County Board. I also enjoy the Lessons and leave knowing more than I did before and even inspired to do more research on some subjects.

We just finished with our sixth lesson of the year, keeping busy sure makes the time fly. In April, our lesson was on "How to Read Food Labels". This is one of those lesson everyone needs to learn, but would rather not. Most the time we are aware of what is not good for us, but when you read the label and see it in print you realize just how bad it really is.

May, was a lesson on "Pawn Shops". Pawn Shops go back thousands of years, and has a very rich history; I think everyone learned something new. In June we had a 'hands on' lesson in card making. That was a lot of fun, even if you didn't have an ounce of creativity in your bones (I speak for myself) you left with some wonderful looking greeting cards.

In July we will not have a lesson so that our members can volunteer to help at the Jefferson County, 4-H Fair.

We've started selling 'quilt tickets' for our annual quilt (which is beautiful) to be raffled off in October, during HCE week.

We continue to help with Blood Drives; our next one coming up in July. It has been a great way to meet new people and save lives at the same time.

I wish all of you a happy and safe summer.

Silvana Morss
Public Relations



MASSAC.....

The Massac County HCE participated in the Celebrate Youth Program, sponsored by the AJMPU University of



Illinois Extension Unit, at Shawnee Community College on May 15 – 16, 2012. The two-day event was designed for junior high age students



to provide an opportunity to learn about various interest areas. A total of 557 seventh grade students attended. The HCE sponsored class entitled, "Snacks in a Snap", a workshop on healthy snack choices that kids can make on their own. Over 200 students attended the 8 HCE sessions.

The AJMPU Mini Conference will be held October 8, 2012, at Shawnee Community College. The Mini Conference will offer workshops, make-it take-it activities, and a guest speaker. Lunch is included in the program. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Norma Korte for additional information.

The Massac County HCE will have their International Night activity on September 20th. The country of study will be Israel.

Thank you to those who baked and brought 10 loaves of bread per unit for the Cancer Survivors Breakfast on May 5th.

HCE also assisted with the Massac County Youth Fair benefit luncheon in April.

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PERRY.....

Greetings from one of the hot regions of the state. April was a busy month for Perry County Home and Community Education Association. Besides the Passport Party that featured the State of Maine and Scotland, Mary Jo Novak, Master Gardener, presented two programs on "Horseradish" which is a major crop in Illinois. A display was set up called "8 Seconds" for disaster preparedness awareness in connection with the Pinckneyville Community Hospital Health Fair. It was well received by the general public.

New officers and directors were installed at Annual Meeting on April 26. Accomplishments and awards were recognized. Jane Chapman held a luncheon in June for the board members as a thank you for the hard work and organization the board put in the past year.

The Bright Minds after school program wrapped up at the end of the school year. On average 13 tutors helped the children read on Mondays after regular school ended. The average number of students helped each week was 22 pupils. HCE supplied both tutors and healthy snacks for the program. It resumes in September. The free summer lunch program for kids has started with Lori Schmidt of Helping Hands Outreach Program in charge.

Many items have been collected for the local food pantries and for the Pregnancy Matters program. Young families can get baby items and clothing for their young ones at no cost.

Our scholarships went to Evelyn Epplin of Cutler and Joel Vancil of Du Quoin. Both high school graduates will be continuing their educations this fall at the colleges of choice. All scholarship applications were forwarded to the IAHCE board for further consideration of scholarship funds.

Many of the HCE members will be helping with local picnics, fairs, and special events this summer. Volunteerism will not take a vacation.

Hours will be recorded for CVH. The board will see everyone at Mt. Vernon for District 6 and 7 Workshop. In September, the County President will attend all the unit meetings to get their input on how HCE can grow in Perry County.

Carolyn Bathon
Public Information Director

POPE/HARDIN

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Pope-Hardin HCE on April 15th was a real treat! For those who were not present, you missed something very special. Miss Elaine Wilson presented a lovely program with her harp and violin. There were classical pieces mixed with Christian and hymnal music. This beautiful mini concert was humbly done with immense talent, training & grace.

After such a fine start, the meeting moved along with roll call of the units. The Cultural Enrichment Show consisted of 30 outstanding entries from extremely talented members. District 7 Director Barbara Spencer conducted the installation around the theme of "The Centerpiece", presenting each officer with a silk flower. Ms. Spencer also brought greetings and information from the District and State IAHCE. The memorials for this past year included Charlotte Belford, Ruby Eppenheimer, Verly Healy and Rae Evelyn Lenardson. Each of these treasured ladies will be sorely missed by this organization and their community. A Chinese Auction was enjoyed by all. The entire meeting was capably conducted by Chairwoman Helen Gallamore.

Prior to Memorial Day, a trunk load of new clothing, toiletries and supplies were delivered to the Veteran's Center at Marion, IL compliments of all of the Pope-Hardin Home and Community Education ladies and their families - our heartfelt thanks to all of our veteran's!

Joanne Martin & Ramona Martin
Public Relations

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SALINE.....

Our Saline County Homemakers Association tried something new this year. It was "Arts in the Park". This new program was successful and was in the Harrisburg City Park from 8:00AM to 2:00PM on a Saturday. It was a fun day for the kids and a perfect day it was.

Saline County 4-H served breakfast from 7:00AM to 10:00AM. The Gallatin County Scouts served lunch and drinks until closing. This was a lot of entertainment and activities. The Board had been planning and working on this for about a year. The committee had contacted several vendors to bring their products and we also had a live band.



We advertised in the papers and put flyers out. The Board all worked and had some extra family members helping with all the games, cupcake walk was every 1/2 hour, face painting, potholder making, ring making, coloring, other crafts, washers and two large play areas with slides and gym bars for small kids. We used the shelters at the park for the activities. The County units each made a large basket and donated to a Silent Auction for the county profit.



This year we also have a Homemaker member who will be 100 on August the 19th. She is very alert. She is a member of Country Friends unit and we are putting her picture in the newspaper and asking friends to send her a card so she can get 100 cards for her birthday.

She has been a long, long time member. If anyone would like to send her a card, send it to Margaret Hatcher, %Saline Care Center, 120 S. Land St., Harrisburg, IL 62946. She would love it!

Georgia Murphy
Public Information

WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members have endured the hot, dry weather and watered their flowers and gardens this summer and still produced vegetables and flowers. A Yard/ Garden tour held in the Nashville, IL area showed beautiful flowers earlier this year due to the unusual weather, and he does have to water them!

An HCE member, Bernice Hemminghaus, displayed her vegetable and flower garden. As you can see in the photo, her chair is not for sitting; she has flowers growing on the chair placed in her garden area,. She is truly a garden volunteer as she tends flowers and shrubs throughout the town and is a member of Okawville Garden Angels Garden Club.



The Washington County Master Gardeners held a plant swap at the Nashville Public Library parking lot where HCE members participated in distribution of the plants and members could also swap plants to take home.

The Master Gardeners presented a slide show of container hanger gardens/ One Master Gardener, Leora Mc Tall, wrote the following article. "Gardens in the Morning, I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses". Those words of a favorite hymn reminded us to stroll through our flowers and gardens.

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WILLIAMSON

Washington, con't

A meeting was held at the Nashville Extension office, led by Chelsie Keene, Program Coordinator with the Agriculture Resource of U of I Extension, to discuss beginning a community garden in the future due to the late date and dry, hot weather this year.

The campus at Illinois Eastern Community College is involving students in planting fruit orchards, vineyards and vegetables which they will sell. So, HCE members are volunteers as members of garden clubs, Master Gardeners and individual gardeners.

The WCHCE members received their certificates and seals for their volunteer hours at the annual meeting held April, 2012. With the meeting theme "Garden of Volunteers".

The members displayed and sold raffle tickets for the hand quilted quilt which will be raffled at the November Christmas Special.

HCE members volunteer as judges and recorders at the 4-H shows. Our programs for the coming year were planned by our Vice Presidents with Helen Leonhardt, Program Coordinator of U of I.

Our WCHCE Week will be October 15-20, 2012 with the International program on the countries of Trinidad and Tobago, so get your dancing shoes on to do the limbo or the zumba. Various activities will mark the HCE Week such as visits to the farmers market and collecting produce for the food pantry.

So lets enjoy the summer days, eat ice cream, watermelon, peaches and fresh vegetables and keep cool!

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations



Williamson County has plans to feature the "feedsack" quilt in our November 3RD Fall Bazaar with a raffle ticket event. This beautiful quilt is the creation of our Cultural Enrichment Chair. Barbara Eastwood is a retired first grade teacher who also is a crafter and painter. Jo Barger, County Treasurer for HCE, donated the pretty printed feedsacks which had been laundered. Several board members helped lay out the design which features white sashing to set off the colors.

Barbara hopes to compile a booklet of stories and memories from members who have worn feedsack garments. We also hope to feature possible entries for the state conference cultural enrichment displays at the fall bazaar as well as many crafted items for sale.



September craft day is planned to offer hands-on encounters and ideas for crafts for the bazaar. We will offer ideas to make Christmas ornaments and more out of sewn yo-yos. Other crafts will be featured also.

Our annual meeting was held in Crab Orchard with displays from the conference, the raffle quilt on display, and a theme of the "Garden of Volunteers" with pretty decorations. Many delicious dishes were brought to share and new dues were explained. We hope to get in line with the state calendar and change to a Jan-Dec. dues schedule beginning in 2013.

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 6

EFFINGHAM.....

Effingham County HCE held a workshop on April 30 to sew dresses for girls and shorts for boys of Kenya. The project coincided with the IAHCE "Dresses for Africa" project.

One of our members, Linda Schmidt of Altamont, gave a talk about the program she and her husband, Don are working with in Kenya. They were to deliver the dresses and shorts to children in poverty stricken areas during their trip in June. Approximately 35 dresses were made by those attending and some were taken to finish at home.



Plans are being made to sell Culvers ice cream at the Effingham County Fair in August. This will be the second year to participate in this fundraiser.

Under the leadership of our First Vice President, Anita Backhus, and input from the unit First Vice Presidents, the lesson programs for 2013 have been planned.

We hope our members will look forward to learning something new about a variety of topics.

As we take a break from meeting in July and August, our thoughts turn to planning HCE week and our annual meeting in the fall.

Jean Sporleder
Linda White
Co-Public Relations

District Director Barbara Spencer attended and encouraged us to continue volunteering. Awards were presented for over 500 hours to Juanita "Jo" Barger who has kept records for several years and to Marie Samuel for one year. Past HCE Williamson County President, Ursulla Richey also received a certificate.

Barbara Eastwood (right) with Williamson Co. HCE members at the annual meeting in May viewing the "feedsack" quilt for our November 3rd raffle event at the Fall Bazaar.

Marie Samuel
Public Relations

"Lazy Days of Summer"

Summer means sandy beaches,
The kites on windy days.
Seagulls soaring through the air
Glistening in the sun's rays.
Children dipping in the surf,
Running and playing tag.
With the rhythm of the waves,
As forever they zig and zag.
The lazy days of summer
Short lived and if you think,
They're just a prelude to Autumn
Because summer is gone in a wink.

By Erna Gwillim

Sent in by Adeline Blumhorst from Washington County. Thanks, Adeline.



What a place to have a meeting...in New Hampshire in the fall. CWC/USA Area Meeting will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire September 23 - 24th. If you are not sure what CWC is, you can go to their website for more information at www.cwcusa.org IAHCE is a part of CWC who also is under ACWW. From their website it states "The Council works actively to promote international understanding through such specific projects as Pennies for Friendship and through its participation in activities of certain agencies in the United States. Spend a few days at the conference and get to know about the "other" organization that we belong to.



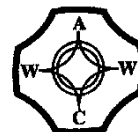
2012 CWC/USA AREA MEETING Registration Form

September 23-25, 2012

Radisson Hotel - Manchester, New Hampshire

Registration Deadline ---Postmarked by August 1, 2012 (Wednesday)

All fees are transferable but **NOT** refundable.



Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State (spell) --- -- Zip _____

Spouse Guest Name _____

Vegetarian meals request _____

Special needs request _____

First time Conference Attendee _____ YES _____ NO

REGISTRATION FEE – required for each person attending meetings or tours.

_____ Full Time: \$198.95 includes sessions & meals on Monday & Tuesday \$_____

(Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

_____ One Day: \$124.00 Monday _____ Tuesday _____ \$_____

_____ Late Fee: \$10.00 after August 1, 2012 \$_____

TOURS: Spouse/guests welcome

_____ **Sunday 9/23** all day (includes lunch) \$75.00 \$_____

"Exploring New Hampshire's Seacoast"

_____ **Tuesday 9/25** Men's Tour \$40.00 \$_____

"Research at UNH" (includes box lunch)

TOTAL \$_____

Check payable to: NHCHF 2012 Committee

Mail to: Janet Schofield

59 Little Pond Road

Concord, NH 03301-3014

E-mail confirmation: _____

Please include me in the list of all attendees: _____ YES _____ NO

I would like a list of attendees: _____ YES _____ NO

TRAVEL PLANS: Auto _____

Plane _____ Carrier _____ Flight# _____ Arrival Time _____

DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

August 21-23, 2012

The upcoming District Workshops will soon be here. The traveling board will be starting the workshops in the north in Aurora, IL. on August 21st. The workshop will be held at the Aurora Advent Christian Church, 905 E. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora 60506

Then on to Decatur where the workshop will be held August 22nd at the Decatur Conference & Hotel, 4191 W. US Hwy. 36, Decatur, IL 62522

To the south, the workshop will be held on August 23rd in Mt. Vernon at the Holiday Inn, 222 Potomac Blvd., Mt. Vernon 62864

Be sure to register by the August 10, 2012 deadline. A copy of the form is on the website.

The workshops at all locations will have the same agenda with registration between 9:00 to 9:30AM. The meeting itself will begin at 9:30AM sharp.

Traveling with the board will be Ruby Lingle, our former Liaison with the U of I Extension. She will be speaking on the "Importance and Recognition of Volunteers".

Also with us will be our current Liaison, Jenna Smith, U of I Extension.

Share shops will begin at 10:30 to 11:30AM during which time each officer of the State Board will have information for each of the county officers.

After a short break we will have lunch, reveal the theme to the 2013 State Conference and then each District will meet in the afternoon with more information for your counties and, if it is a time to elect new District Directors, that will also be done. Networking among members is how we learn of new ideas to promote our organization.

Now is the time to help your officers know what they are to do in their positions on the county level. We will see you in August.

Safe traveling.

UPCOMING DATES

2012 IAHCE Workshops

District 1 & 2/3 August 21, 2012
Aurora

District 4 & 5 August 22, 2012
Decatur

District 6 & 7 August 23, 2012
Holiday Inn

2013 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 12-14, 2013 at the Effingham Hilton Gardens

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 16-18, 2013 in Frankfort, Ky.

CWC (Country Women's Council USA)
September 23-25, 2012 in Manchester, New Hampshire

ACWW September 26-October 2, 2013
Chennai, India.

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