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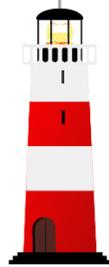
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NEWS FROM YOUR STATE OFFICERS



IAHCE PRESIDENT JANE CHAPMAN

Jane's Jargon



It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, spring has sprung, sun is shining, birds are singing, and all is good! I certainly hope by the time you are reading this we are out of confinement and that all of you did not contract the virus! I feel we are very lucky to have gotten the conference over when we did and as far as I know no one contracted the virus.

Knowing how all of you are such generous, volunteering, and compassionate people I am sure you found ways to contribute to the many requests for aid that have been sent out from the health care workers. Or, perhaps you contributed in some other way such as keeping in touch with others, expressing your appreciation for our grocery store workers, truck drivers, sanitation workers, first responders, the military, and the list can go on. I do want to say one thing, "Thank you Mr. President." That is one person I would not want to be at this time. I could really do without the party bashing that goes on. Please remember "we are one", not a Democrat or Republican, and at all times not just in crisis time, be respectful of our leaders! Please, in the end of year service report form report what you did during the pandemic to help or show appreciation for others.

From the evaluations I will consider the conference a huge success. Many thanks to the chairperson, Pat, and her able-bodied co-chairperson, Ashley. They did a superb job as did the entire IAHCE board, thank you much! I am looking forward to next year, well sort of a little sad too as it is my last year as president. Hopefully I will see some faces next year I did not see this year!

I hope the attendees at the conference have returned to their counties being a "beacon" of positivity, enthusiasm, full of new ideas, and ready to share all of that with the membership. We do have a strong "power from the past" and a bright "beacon for the future" so use what you learned at the conference to strengthen your leadership skills, to become more active in your community, state, country, and world!

In closing I will use the quote again as I did in my president's report at conference and in the program book for conference from Mehet Murat ildan, "if you close your eyes, no lighthouse can help you!" So open those eyes to accept new ideas, step outside that comfort zone you might think you have, laugh often, and most important of all stay safe.

Later,
Jane



Jane's Presidential Speech from Annual Conference

"I cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples," a quote from Mother Teresa.

I hope these past five years that I have served as the IAHCE President that I have caused a few ripples; a few big waves and I hope to create a tsunami in this last year of my term as your state president. I still have some counties to visit to achieve my goal to visit all the member counties of the IAHCE. I have 14 left to visit and I have five of those on my schedule to visit in the next couple months! I will not mention names but have made notes on their president packets that I will feel like a failure if they do not let me visit their county! Not below me to draw attention to people! Right Janel!

As much as I enjoy visiting all the counties in Illinois the highlight of the past year was the trip to Australia and the ACWW Triennial Conference! I cannot find the words to really describe that trip except maybe amazing! I was extremely proud to be representing the state of Illinois and the IAHCE at the conference. I guess I really was representing the CWC/USA too, since they were the reason I wrote and presented the resolution on iron deficiency. Gee I hope I did everyone proudly!

My theme the first three years of serving as president was on teamwork and how much easier it is to accomplish a goal through teamwork. One definition of teamwork is a group of people who believe in and are committed to the value of working together to achieve a common goal in a spirit of cooperation where information is shared and decisions are mutually decided upon. Teams accomplish goals which individuals cannot accomplish on their own. Ladies and gentlemen your IAHCE board is a great example of how teamwork should be. When I had to suddenly return home last August at the beginning of the District Meetings, this team of ladies stepped up and did an excellent job from all the reports I have received from many of you. They make my job as chairperson extremely easy. And I want to say thank-you to them and you have only one year left of my crazy ideas and requests!

The beginning of my second term I got on "change" as my theme. We either change as an organization or die! Change to many is like saying a bad four-letter word but not to me. I embrace change as a challenge and jump in head first to adapt to change or make changes. As an organization we were stagnating and losing ground so I knew we had to start reassessing what we needed to do to survive and flourish as an organization. We as a board knew that the biggest obstacle to overcome was changing the mindset of the membership because change removes one from their comfort zone and creates more of a challenge to an individual.

So, we started this change process by realigning the districts. When you leave here on Thursday you will leave most likely with a new number that you will use from then on. Hopefully you have noticed a change of focus with more focus to the positive side of membership, we emphasize more on the new members each county secured over the past year rather than the losses. We hope that we have also become more accessible to each of you, letting you know that if you need help, we are there! Fun, I hope that has been reinstated into the annual conference and into your counties. A joke now and then is okay! Laughter is good for everyone! Oh, by the way do you know why cows have hooves? The lactose's! Sorry couldn't help inserting a little humor there!

In reading over the service project reports, kudos go to Warren County. They heeded my urging last year to try some new projects. They literally marked on the project report each of the new projects they did last year! Diane wrote "new" by them and that the sheet was not big enough to list all their projects! Diane also noted the grand total of the projects they completed last year and it came to \$7,292.00. To me that really seems outstanding. I am sure that some of the other counties would have similar totals if they tallied theirs, too! Piatt County I would like more info on the "Honor of Home" display you did at the Piatt County Museum! A couple of other projects that stood out to me were from Sangamon county- the sent 700 sanitary pads to a 3rd world country and donated \$300 to purchase books for a high school English class.

I will mention a few, in my judgement, of the outstanding projects completed by the IAHCE membership over the past year. 500 pounds of tabs to Ronald McDonald house, 99 bras to “Women Support Women”, appreciation lunch for the local Extension office personnel, sponsored trophies for 4-H shows, numerous times first responders were shown appreciation, dresses and shorts were made for Africa. 2000 pounds of food donations to the food pantries, \$7200 scholarship donations and over \$6,500 worth of other monetary donations. Nursing homes, libraries, over 1700 books to schools, domestic violence, anti-ouch pouches, military appreciation, and let us not forget our Veterans you aided were just a few of the projects undertaken by the membership of IAHCE.

I cannot pass up the opportunity to express how proud and excited I was when the final tally came in for the water bottle project, we did last year. Over \$8,000 of the \$14,000 plus came from all of you. Again, you are an amazing bunch of people!

The numbers I gave should be a lot higher as I did not get any numbers or amounts on a lot of the service reports and only 37 counties reported. Imagine where the numbers for the CVH and the project reports would be if all counties participated! And, the variety of projects would probably be even greater!

As we go forward, I want you to know that I will do whatever it takes to keep this organization strong, prospering, and growing but we are a team so you must help me. In this day and age what was needed years ago as far as having a successful family life, strong community service, leadership skills, and a purpose in life has not changed. Everyone still has all those needs but in order to fulfill those needs you must approach it differently today than how those needs were approached several years ago. If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't living a quote by Gail Sheehy.

L R Knost once said, “Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. All things can be mended. Not with time, but with intention. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.”

So, help me create that Tsunami this next year! Go Shine Your Beacon for HCE, embrace the need for change with much intention!



QUARANTINED TO THE HOUSE?

Here are some ideas on how to spend your time!



- ~Read books/magazines from your “to read” pile
- ~ Try out some new recipes from cookbooks
- ~Finish those pending craft projects you started
- ~ Play a board game, cards, or do word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, etc.
- ~Color out of an adult coloring book
- ~ Remodel, reorganize, or re-do things in the house
- ~Put together a puzzle

~ Scrapbook or make cards out of scrapbooking material to send to your friends or family.



IN MEMORY



Sandra Broadrick-Allen, Champaign – passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in Sullivan in hospice care. She was born on May 5, 1940 in St. Charles, Mo. She married King Broadrick, associate director of the honors program at the University of Illinois, on July 4, 1975. Sandra is survived by four stepchildren, nine grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics. Received a master degree in guidance and counseling and Ph.D in higher education administration from the University of Illinois.

Sandra was very involved locally with IAHCE and nationally with ACWW. Sandra joined Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation (now Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE)) in 1983. She was a member and was President of the Savoy Unit. In 1988-1990 was elected President of the Champaign County Home and Community Education. In 1993-1995 was District Director for the Illinois Association for Family and Community Education (now IAHCE). In 1997-2000 was elected President of IAHCE. In 1998-2001 was elected Vice Chairman of ACWW United Nations Committee and was a delegate for IAHCE to the 1998 22nd Triennial Conference held in Pretoria, South Africa. And 2001-2003 was elected chairman of ACWW United Nations Committee.

Sandra was campaign manager for state Rep. Helen Satterthwaite in 1982 and 1984. From 1985-991, served as the first city manager for the Village of Savoy. Served as the first woman district governor for District 6490 in 2001-2002. She helped form the Savoy Rotary Club and became their first president. Sandra traveled and circled the globe on numerous cruises for months at a time.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a late date at the McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church.

You can find out more about Sandra by viewing the IAHCE Aim for the Homemaker- 75 years of Education and Outreach 1924-1999 book.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

1s VICE PRESIDENT - Mary Eustace



And suddenly you just know it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings! **THANK YOU** to everyone for your vote of confidence in electing me to this office. I feel very blessed! I will work on your behalf bringing hard work and enthusiasm to our IAHCE team.



Thank you to everyone who brought "old county lessons" to conference for sharing. I will be working with our University of Illinois liaison on new interesting programs that County First Vice Presidents voted on at our conference workshop. Your input was very important. If you have any concerns or ideas that you might like to share, please email me as I would love to hear from you. My email address is maryliz246@aol.com.

Please remember that happiness is a choice. Keep your positive attitude and a smile on your face! We are always looking to find ways to help our membership grow and you plan an important part. The power of the past shows us that we are **all** beacons to the future. Let your light shine!

Mary Eustace

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Norma Korte



Wow! I just got back home from "Power of the Past, Beacon to the Future" IAHCE Conference. Each year I wonder how the conference chair can make the time at the conference any better, then they find a way to do it again. It is so enjoyable when IAHCE members throughout the state can come to this event, learn, share, and renew friendships that have been made over the years. I am always so surprised at how many, "Hi, Norma" greetings I hear. You make a person feel so special!



The class time for the 2nd Vice President was well attended and I hope you received some more ideas to help "Shine your Light for HCE". The handout included some ideas for making your new members feel welcome, including: LISTEN to your member's ideas, TRY new ways/ideas, CALL new members and INVITE them to meetings and activities, and FIND common interests. HAVE FUN! I asked Richland County to share some of their ideas with the other 2nd Vice Presidents. They had 31 new members for 2019. Jasper County was the winner in NET Gain with 16.67%. I was very pleased to hear that some counties had already gained some new members since the beginning of the year. Keep up the **GREAT** work!

I shared with the 2nd Vice President group that a gentleman from the local Kiwanis had called to ask me if the HCE scholarship winners could be included in their count-wide Scholarship Awards Night. This seemed like an ideal opportunity to share with others in the community about the many things HCE has to offer. I mentioned to this gentleman our struggles to get younger members to join HCE who seem to be too busy. His response to me was "Norma, you made time when you were raising your kids; why can't the mothers today?" He is right. Each woman needs to give themselves one or two hours of time once a month for themselves to learn something that can help them in their home and with their family. WE are the Beacon Light for people in the community to see what HCE is and can be. How are you shining your light? As Benjamin Franklin once said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn". IAHCE members: go out to teach and involve current and new members in the future of IAHCE

Norma Korte



EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECRETARY

Cathy Eathington



Hello to everyone. I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Annual Conference. My how things have changed after we left on Thursday. Prayers all of you did not get COVID-19.

Dates to remember:

District 1 and 2 will meet on August 11th, 2020 at the United Methodist Church at 160 Johnson Ave, Sycamore

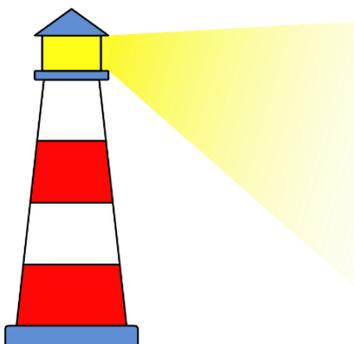
District 3 will meet August 12th, 2020 at the Southern View Chapel – 4500 S 2nd Street, Springfield

District 4 and 5 will meet on August 13th, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church- 901 W Jefferson, Effingham

Remember- you may attend the District meeting that is closest to you. You just need to let your District Director know. Looking forward to seeing many of you in August.

Reminder: After your County's Annual Meeting, please send your county officer information to me as well as to your District Director. The form is in your Secretary Packet your county received at the Annual Conference. You may also submit it by e-mail to cathyeathingtonhce@gmail.com. Please include your e-mail address. If you are sending it to me please print or type.

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Melissa Chitwood

SILENT AUCTION

TERRIFIC is a good word that describes this year's Annual Conference silent auction. Many thanks to all the individuals and counties who contributed such great and varied items. Kudos also to the many generous bidders who made the grand total come to \$2,473. And, many thanks to volunteers Marilyn Devries, Janice Frye, Carla Meyer, and Kathy Peterson for all their hours of work on this endeavor.

Retired Board Members/Co Chairs Bev Combs and Kathleen Emery

P.S. The person who was top bidder of the blue and white lighthouse quilt wants to let the donor know that "it looks perfect in my bedroom".



SUPPORT FUND GRANTS

REMINDER- JUNE 1,2020 IS THE
DEADLINE



Are you planning an activity that could possibly be used by other counties as a learning tool? Will you be reaching a lot of people with your activity? Could you use some financial support for this activity?

If the answer is yes to any/all of the above, consider applying for a grant from the IAHCE Support Fund. The guidelines and application can be found in the Guidebook at www.iahce.org. Read them to see if one of your county/multi-county programs will qualify. Then fill out the application form and submit it to Melissa Chitwood, the newly installed state treasurer. It must be postmarked by June 1, 2020.

The applications will be discussed by the Support Fund State Advisory Committee in August and counties will be notified of their decision by September 1,2020.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Cultural Enrichment Sonya Bishop



Wow, what a crazy turn of events this has been. I am so thankful that our IAHCE convention was scheduled before everything was postponed or cancelled. I pray everyone has been healthy and safe.



My animals have been keeping me busy and have been enjoying my total undivided attention as well. I wish the weather will cooperate so I can get a horse out to ride. The mud makes the footing unsafe for both of us. I hope everyone is taking advantage of their Shelter in Place to contribute safety masks for our extremely important health care workers. Please don't forget others that might not ask for help even though they say they're okay. We can write letters and cards encouraging others. Social distancing is hard on us all and especially hard on the extroverts. I have gone a day or two where I haven't spoken a word to a human being, insert laugh here. We can leave care packages on doorsteps and through the mail. I sent my daughter a care package of toilet paper because she couldn't find any. It was both amusing and sad at the same time. That was one expensive box of toilet paper!

With all the hobby and craft stores closed and our only source (here) is a "not so super" major chain store, I have reverted to online shopping. I much prefer the visual and tactile experience of shopping. I do have enough stocks to get my creative fix in multiples of media. On the brighter side of this is the fact that we have a bit more time to plan and execute our Cultural enrichment projects. Continue to "Bee Aware" of our pollinators and plant flowers, wildflowers and cultivate vegetable gardens. Let us continue to grow in our self-improvement and the encouragement of those around us.

Sonya Bishop
IAHCE Cultural Enrichment Director



*The Lighthouse of the LORD beckons to
all as we sail the seas of life.*

~Thomas S. Monson



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Family and Community Issues- Eleanor Gregory



What a wonderful 2020 IAHCE CONFERENCE!

Those OTHER GUYS certainly made a huge impression! The preschool kids warmed our hearts, and the Mom, Jana Kuhnert, who presented Nub Ability Athletics, made us aware of the athletic program that started in DuQuoin and continues to help children from far and near.

Our 2020 Great American Family, The Griffel Family, shared their difficult moments in life and how their resilience created a strong desire to help others and be involved in their community! As a future 7th generation farm family, they say they do not “own” their farm but are “caretakers” for future generations!

Thanks to all who came to our Family and Community session. We had a “smelling” good time! And again, congrats to all who applied and won Awards! The bingo game was created by going to: wordmint.com

CHANGE, (defined as “make or become different”) is a word that we talk about in HCE to promote new members, new ideas, new learning opportunities, and new ways to serve others. Now we are experiencing a change in our lives we would not even have imagine just weeks ago. Let’s put a positive spin on this change and be thankful for our health and our cell phones so we can talk safely with our family and friends. Let’s use our “quiet time” for reflection and do all of the things we seem to never have time to do, like read a good book, try a new recipe, clean the crumbs out of our silverware drawer, organize our closets, take a walk to enjoy the springtime, and read our Bibles.

All the Best, and God bless!

Eleanor Gregory



Great American Family



Our IAHCE 2020 Illinois Great American Family, Dave and Mary Griffel own and operate a fifth-generation farm started by Dave’s family in 1856. Their mid-size farm operation includes corn, soybeans, and beef cattle. Dave works closely with FFA and many more county and state agricultural organizations. His wife Mary taught K-8th grades in the Mt. Olive School District for 36 years. Mary refurbished the Mt. Olive Public Library along with other community projects. They have two adult sons, Nathan and Jonathan, who work with them on the farm. Jonathan’s wife Kristen, a surgical nurse, joins the family in their commitment to help others. Dave and Mary are proud grandparents of two little girls and one little boy born on December 30th, 2019. Having survived a fierce tornado that destroyed nearly every building on their farm in 1985, they learned about resilience and were recipients of an overwhelming response from the community to help clean up and rebuild. Today they are giving back as their lives are filled with countless community service projects, church activities, along with helping elderly individuals. They claim they are not simply owners of land, but caretakers for future generations!



“The darkest shadows are the result of the brightest of lights” ~Unknown

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

International- Cara Ausmus



International Greetings! I've heard that the handshake will be lost when we unshelter so we will all be at an advantage knowing several greetings in words and manor. In Japan you bow and in India you fold hands to greet, so wonder what will be next for us with NO contact.

I was so glad to see so many in our International workshop and 2 years in a row with the US area ACWW President in our group. Hope you got to speak with Bonnie or her husband Scott at conference as they are fine representatives for us. Scott is an officer in Oregon's FCE (like HCE!).



As we adjust our dates for the future, remember that skits, stories, style shows, color boards, song and dance can all be done by members for International events and for a speaker I'll offer my brother who was in Uruguay last year for the World Angus Secretariat and toured cities, sites, and farms. As IL, IN, and IA are alike and neighbors; Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay are very similar in foods, culture, and customs. So speakers with other passport stamps will work as well. All 3 of these countries claim originator on foods, dances, and customs! Consider some of these as alternate ideas to a speaker.

With the number of county newsletters that I receive I want to SALUTE all the county chairs for a wide and well done job on India. Several of you had events I wished were closer to me and everyone who competed in International for state recognition had SUPER books with lots of pictures and a vast range of activities. I also want to SALUTE all of our members who have open minds and are lifelong learners to learn, see, taste, and experience new countries each year. Think of the thousands we've saved on travel by flying First Class with IAHCe every year!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at District Workshops in August and telling you where we are off to for 2021!! See you in August and call or text (my internet can be twitchy sometimes!) any questions I can help with. Shelter well and stay in touch with those that need you most. Remember those in assisted living and nursing homes. Their spaces are smaller and hats off to those helping via many volunteer projects!! All the time we give boosts both the giver and receiver!! Hope to see you soon!

P.S. The good news reports! FPF (Friendship Projects Fund) collection at conference was \$576.41. Way to go ladies! Also the Zero Hunger/Dimes/Water Bottles are currently at \$2676.90. I have received checks since conference so please send ME a check if you forgot to bring it to conference. Considering we got a late start, YOU have done an INCREDIBLE job with this and WE ARE CONTINUING THIS so grab a bottle and pass it around at your meetings. My unit passes the pig (bank) for FPF and chases that with a water bottle. Someone shared that a cup of coffee for a friend once a week is a good gauge. Most of us wouldn't think a thing of springing for a cup of Joe for a friend, so 4 cups a month and realize home brews and Starbucks are different too! IFFF, your county turned in or mailed dimes money to someone other than me PLEASE call me and tell me who and how as I'd like to have a complete list of participating counties. CONGRATULATIONS on Caring and Sharing! We DO make a difference with these projects!

CVH (CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS)/SALES- Ashley Davis

Hey Y'all,
The 96th IAHCe Conference is over and my puppies were tired (my feet)!! The tired feet and exhaustion were worth it all fun and many memories that were made in just a few days.

These are memories we can look back on for years. I would like to say THANK YOU to all the IAHCe State Board Members for the help and teamwork through this past year of planning. And a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our members that made all the special memories with us. Our Organization is blessed in so many ways.



Thank you to everyone that helped make my first 3 years on the IAHCe State Board rewarding. I am blessed to have an awesome team and HCE members to help me through. I am excited for the next 3 years and to be able to work with y'all for a little longer.



As I received the volunteer hours from each county, I couldn't help to think about all the lives y'all had touched in some way. You took time out of your lives to help so many. It warms my heart to know that each and everyone of you have are touching the lives of others and sharing love. My Momma always told me to share my smile because someone may need it.

I personally want to congratulate everyone on the awards you and your counties received. I am excited and amazed at the final total of volunteer hours for the whole state.

I would like to share the **FINAL** numbers for **2019** with and please be sure to share with your county.

2195 Members turned in hours for the State of Illinois
172,619 HCE Hours were turned in by 60 counties
586,582 hours turned in
64 out of 72 Counties reported hours
Handed out 267 Certificates and 771 Gold Seals
Total CVH Hours Value 586,582 X \$25.43= \$14,915,508.76



Be sure your keeping track of your 2020 Certified Volunteer Hours, lets see if we can beat 2019 final numbers. At the August District workshops I want to explain how I record each member hours and assure all members that you get credit for all the hours you turn in. There is a lot of confusion on the recording of the hours.

In sales I have the elevator cards that was given to each county in the Presidents share shop. If you would like to purchase some, please contact me and I will be happy to send you more.

I am looking forward to being Chairman of the 97th Annual Conference and excited to have Mary Johnson as Co-Chair. Be sure to encourage all your members to turn in their volunteer hours. We all can make a difference in this world or we can make a difference in just one person's life. I am excited to see what 2020 holds for us Volunteers and HCE.

Public Relations- Emily McDowell



Hi Everyone! I am your new State Director for Public Relations! I am so excited to be on your state board and can't wait to share some ideas with you! You will notice a re-formatted newsletter. I do apologize, as it was not my intentions to change what Pat had done, but between the two of us there were some complications getting the right software and materials to simply take out and put in material, so alas; this has been created. I hope you will enjoy it! You will also notice a catchier newsletter title. I look forward to seeing you all at the district workshops and thoroughly enjoyed everyone I met at conference.

P.S. If you keep eye out on the IAHCE Facebook page, I'm doing educational tutorials during these carona times!

A Special Message from Former District 7 Director, Janel

To the ladies of the former District 7:

This is not a goodbye to you all. This is an encouragement for you to continue to make District 5 the very best district ever in IAHCE! You are all awesome and part of my heart is always with you all. Although I will miss your awesome meals at Annuals, I know I will see your smiling faces and feel your warm hugs soon. Stay well and know I thank God for you, for this experience as your District Director, and this wonderful organization.

Best Wishes,

Janel





EXTENSION REPORT



Hello IAHCE Members!

Many thanks to the board for all their hard work in making the IAHCE Annual Conference in March a HUGE success. It was so great seeing many of you and I'm thrilled that we got to "shine our light" during this uncertain time.

As you may know, Extension offices around the state are currently closed. Please stay tuned to your local office Facebook page or website for updates and information regarding office open procedures. At this time, we do know that it will be **after** April 30th. The website address for the University of Illinois Extension statewide page is <https://extension.illinois.edu/>. To link to your local county office, click where we serve, select your county, and click on the "View County Site" button. From there you will be taken directly to our local office webpage.

While all in-person Extension programming through May 31st has been suspended, we will be moving forward with the online HCE webinar lessons – Medical Identity Theft on April 16 and What's New in the Kitchen on May 21st. If your HCE unit registered for either of these lessons, a UIE staff person will be contacting you regarding how to participate in the lesson.

We are working hard at developing the lesson content and schedule for the 2021 Lessons for Living and plan to have the information ready by July 1st. Let the planning begin.

If you have suggestions or comments on FCS lessons through UI Extension, feel free to contact me at kbelzer@illinois.edu.

It is my sincere hope that each of you are staying well, staying positive, and shining your light brightly during this difficult period.

In good health!

Karla Belzer
Family Life Educator
University of Illinois Extension



LIGHTHOUSE FACTS:

- ~The first lighthouse was Egypt's Pharos of Alexandria, built in the third century BC. The lighthouse of Alexandria was made from a fire on a platform to signal the port entrance.
- ~The United States is home to more lighthouses than any other country.

- ~The first keeper in America, George Worthylake, met an untimely death; he drowned, along with his wife and daughter, when returning to the Little Brewster Island lighthouse in 1718.

~With more than 115 lighthouse along The Great Lakes, Michigan boasts the Most lighthouses of any U.S. state.





DISTRICT 1 NEWS



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR - Becky Thomas

Hello Friends,

Another Conference is in the books and 2020 Beacon is off to an amazing start. The Share Shops were interesting and the food was good. I am glad the timing was right for us. The County Annual meetings are not so lucky though, but we need to stay safe. I am an essential worker so I go to work and come home. I made a power point for district meetings. I wanted to do something different and I think the members enjoyed some of it. I know members are volunteering from home and finding a way to help in this together. (Remember the volunteer hours!). I found a quote from **Mehmet Murat Ildan** that I think represents this moment in time

“To be a lighthouse, you must be strong enough to resist every kind of storm, to every kind of loneliness and you must have a powerful light inside.”



We're all in this together.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” ~Psalms 119:105



Becky

Jo Daviess



Well wishes from the Northwest corner of Illinois to all our members around the state. We miss our HCE friends because of cancelled unit meetings, annual meetings and social gatherings. During this time of trial, for all of us, we send a message of hope and courage. Our Members are helping at food pantries, doing wellness checks on community members, and calling our neighbors and friends to make sure all is well.



In news and activities, our units have been busy. All the Units in the county participated in the “mitten tree project”, in support of the local elementary schools and the food pantries. The tree pictured was displayed at the Stockton Heritage Museum during the Festival of Trees, held in December. Members supplied the mittens, gloves, hats, socks and scarves and board members held their November meeting at the Museum to decorate the tree. The donations were given to the schools and food pantries in the new year.

During the winter months, some of our units move the meeting time to daytime hours, so folks are not driving in darkness. This is the February unit meeting of the Woodbine Unit, where the program on Iron Deficiency was presented. Our hostess, Shirley Hoyer, served up a delicious lunch and after the meeting adjourned members spent time visiting. The March meeting, held right before our social distancing efforts started, offered the program on Leading Ladies of Illinois. This program had been presented by the state officers in 2018 and was a very well received program by members. Thanks to the state officers for this program.



A favorite program of the Hills Unit is teaching 4-H members the fine art of pie making, and again this year the Unit members met with the members at the Scales Mound school to learn the finer points of pie making. Pictured is Jeanette Podnar, Hills member and pie maker expert!



Rock Island

The blink of an eye and we are already submitting another article for the newsletter. Where has the time gone?

In November we held our annual fundraiser, "Playcrafters at the Barn Theatre". Besides selling admission tickets, the units provided hors d'oeuvres that were served prior to the play. This is an enjoyable event.

In December the board held their Christmas party followed by a board meeting. This is such an enjoyable board meeting. What goes better with a meeting than food?

January we started on our other major fundraiser selling geraniums. It might sound early to start thinking Spring, but to find out how many plants we need and get our order placed with the grower is a fast paced operation. We sell high quality flowers that we purchase from a local grower. The 4-H units (that wish to participate) sell geraniums for us and in turn we return a portion of their sales back to their unit. This is a win, win for HCE and 4-H. With Spring fast approaching, we will be off and running planning more events. We will have a glass blowing event in March. We held the class once before and it was a huge success. The board approved holding another bus trip. We go to White Pines Dinner Theatre which serves a delicious buffet followed by a comedy play. The trip is enjoyed by members and their friends/family.



I have to include a couple of pictures and information about a community service project our Town & County unit provides. In addition to Town & Country Unit, all our units provide a service to organizations that have a need.

Carol Stogsdill (pictured on the left) works nonstop putting together baby quilts and lap robes. Once a month unit members get together and spend the afternoon typing quilts. BUT... we start with a potluck. Then we are busy tying quilts and visiting. What an enjoyable afternoon. The baby quilts are donated to the Baby Pantry and lap robes are given to area nursing homes. The recipients are pleased with their gift as we are in being able to provide it. Also pictured is our Board President, Diane Wolf and Board Secretary, Donna Dual enjoying the afternoon.

Sharon Hough



Stephenson

Hi Everyone! After a one year break, I am once again in the position of Stephenson County Public Relations Director. Thank you, Ann Runkle, for your work in this position the past year.

I have lived in rural Stephenson County my entire life- about five miles from the Wisconsin border. I am equal distances from Freeport, Illinois, and Monroe, Wisconsin, so we split our shopping between the two states. My husband and I have two daughters, who are both married with families- one in Oregon, Wisconsin and the other in St. Charles, Illinois. We were dairy farmers for about 35 years until we sold our herd in September of 2011. We still had cattle until 2018, but now we are raising corn and soybeans. In February of this year, we moved into a ranch home about one-half mile from our farmstead, but we are still actively farming.

The Stephenson County HCE board met at the home of Sandra Kubatzke on Wednesday, December 4th for their 9:30 a.m. monthly board meeting. Following the business meeting, everyone enjoyed a Christmas potluck and visiting with each other.



The University of Illinois hosted its annual 4-H Super Saturday on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. at Highland Community College. Our county HCE board president, Carla Meyer, taught two "Mug Meals" sessions. Everyone taking the class got to take home the ingredients for four different ready-to-finish mug meals, recipes, and a mug. When needed, Diana Ethridge, Ann Runkle, and Janice Fryer were there to lend a hand.

Eight members from Stephenson County HCE made the six hour journey to Effingham for the 96th Annual IAHCE Conference (March 10-12). Pictured Back Row: Diana Ethridge, Judy Prasse, Ann Runkle, Carla Meyer and Janice Fryer. Front: Lila Miche, Becky Thomas and Marily DeVries

Several of our members assisted with the silent auction. We went to the Cultural Enrichment display, vendor trade show, and attended informative share shops. During the Tuesday evening Awards Banquet, we were pleased to receive five education awards- one in Public Relations, Special Activities; for the "Electric Cooker Workshop", two membership awards and two volunteer hour awards. As I write this article (March 30th), Illinois Governor Pritzker is on TV giving a news conference on Covid 19. When we left our conference on March 12th, I don't think any of us could imagine how rapidly all our lives were about to change due to this virus. I hope you and your families stay safe and healthy!

Janice Fryer, Public Relations, Stephenson County



"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." ~Unknown

"We think our guiding light is out there somewhere because we cannot conceive that it is "in here". And so we search in vain, until we search within." ~Unknown

DISTRICT 2 NEWS



DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR — Kathy Peterson



Thank you so much for attending the 2020 Conference. I hope what you received from fellowship, share shops, board officers, and amazing entertainment are keeping you strong in-house confinement. When the doors open, please share with your unit and county. Keep in touch, send an email or a phone call. Just remember this quote, "You may think your light is small, but it can make a huge difference in other people's lives".

ROAD TO 100

Thank you for your generosity in the lighthouses each county made and the funds that were donated. Congratulations to the winner, Champaign County. Another big thank you to Sandra Henke (headed purse) from Lake County, Carolyn Fisher (afghan) from Du Page County, and Mari Curless (doll) from Kane County, who provided raffle items for the 100th.

Hope this find you well and safe.



DuPage

Our county continues to make and send "Thinking of You" cards to our Veterans at Hines Hospital. Some members are continuing with this important project at home. We had our annual Christmas Tea that was well attended. Ladies brought can goods for the needy. Some units had a Christmas potluck with a gift exchange. Other winter events were Valentine's Day parties with snacks, card exchanges and games. The Lunch Bunch outings are a time of fun, friends, and fellowship. The lesson on "Inflammation and Arthritis" was given at the Extension Office.

In March we participated in the 4-H International Fair at the DuPage County Fair Grounds. It was very well attended and lots of fun for all. Eight members attended the Illinois IAHCE Conference in Effingham. Members sent items for judging in the Cultural Enrichment competition. Our county received a 2019 Education Award for District 2 Membership Activities. We are celebrating our 90th year. May we continue on until our 100th year!

God Bless!
Mary Lambert, President

Grundy

Hi Everyone,

We just returned from State conference and I thought this was the best time to write about it. Everything was terrific the food was delicious as usual and the entertainment provided was great. We sent a basket to the silent action again this year. We received a certificate for volunteer participation of 96.70% we were beat out by only .10%

The 3 & 4 year old children were a pleasure to watch. The Great American family of the year the, Griffel family, was the best that I've heard for the 6 years that I have been coming. They certainly deserved the award! The program for Elsie Mies banquet was grand. The Other Guys, were a crack up. The share shops are always a good variety of interest.

Our book club has been reading the following books: The Same Sky, At Home in Mitford, The Girls Who Went Away, Angels at the Table, Miss Julia Speaks her Mind, The Red Address Book and It's Always Something. Our lessons so far this year are: Gateway to Gut Health, Impact

of substance abuse on Family Relationships, and How Much does the interest rate matter. We are getting ready for our annual meeting in April and Government day. We will be helping out again at The Gardens, memory unit with bingo. Our three units have several people from the senior home that have no close relatives and throughout the year we send them cards and gifts for their birthdays and holidays.



We try to give them something that they still can do or like. At Christmastime some of us went to Starved Rock State Park for their Christmas luncheon and singing. One person in our group was being serenaded to.

Monica Evans
Grundy County
Public Relations



Kane

Kane County HCE has spent the late winter months planning for activities and events. First the County International, Fund Raising Auction and entertainment that was set for March 19th, next the County's 102nd Annual meeting, May 20; Kane County Fair and 4-H Exhibit Hall Display in July and a Fun Day during HCE week are in planning stages.

As of now our International Uruguay Experience is on hold and we hope to gather in May for Annual Meeting. An in-house lesson by University staff for March 30th was cancelled. The "Raisin Kane" newsletter did get published and sent to members despite the closing of the Extension Office. Snowbird, Ann Rempfer newsletter editor, does the work and sends it online back to Kane County during the winter months. She included valuable information regarding health and wellness to keep us free of the corona virus. Some members across Kane County are making cotton face masks for agencies.



Five members enjoyed our time at the State Conference in Effingham. We were so fortunate to see and network with HCE members from across the state before virus outbreak. Best in show for machine embroidery wall hanging was achieved by Ann Rempfer.

Also 3 education awards and 2 Volunteer Hours Awards Certificates were presented. Mari Curless, Nancy Haire, Naomi Redman and Joan Rossi were authors and compiled these packets for judging at the state level.

Kane County is so pleased to be working with a full slate of officers this year. We do have a call out for candidates to run for offices that have been held for extended lengths of time; our goal being to infuse enthusiasm and innovative ideas into programs and events.

Words for the duration of this virus from Health and Wellness in our “Raisin’ Kane” newsletter: mediate, write actual letters to family and friends, and make a list of things you are truly grateful for. Actually, the list had 45 suggestions to keep you busy as we self-quarantine.

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The photo to the right is of nursing staff at Sherman Hospital in the Cardiac Unit. The masks were made by member Mary Anderson.



Lake

Hello from Lake County. Up here in the northern most part of the state, the flowers of spring are starting to grow. Our county has had a lot going on since the last report. In November, we held our International Day by celebrating the country of India. The International Day committee prepared authentic Indian fare and we learned so much from the two speakers. Our main speaker, Raj Bhatt, told us of his life in India as a young man and how different he found the U.S. when he moved here. Smrti Sura (aka Sue) showed us the components of a sari and how to put them on to wear the final outfit.



Sue, the Sari Dresser and her Models
(Angela Hicks and Pat Weitzmann)

chairperson of the event. One instructor taught people how to make a butterfly using the art of quilling paper and another to make greeting cards using stamps, inkpads, and precut shapes. Beads were also strung for bracelets, which were donated to the “Dress a Girl Around the World” project that our county supports. Lastly, we had eight members attend the IAHCE Conference in March. We will be sharing what we learned at our next board meeting.

Goodbye until next time.

Candace Keegan

Newsletter Editor for LCAHCE



Main Speaker, Raj Bhatt

Our main fundraiser is December’s annual Christmas Cookie Sale. We had great participation from our bakers and customers. Our first lesson of 2020 was a comparison of Cajun and Creole cooking. Two of our members hails from the two areas of Louisiana that cook either Cajun or Creole so we got to taste gumbo made by the experts, as well as learning a lot.

We held “Creative Day” on January 25th. Attendees learned about “The Daily Life of an Australian Farmer” from Pat Weitzmann, our Cultural Enrichment Director and



Butterfly Made by Quilling



“

Let your light shine so that others can see their way out of the dark” ~Timber Hawkeye

LaSalle

Greetings from LaSalle Co. HCE! Hopefully by the time you are reading this Spring has Sprung and COVID-19 has been conquered.

We held our 101st Annual Meeting in November, and thank IAHCE President Jane, and District Director 7 Jannel for trekking up to the northern end of the state to participate in the activities of the day. The County Culture Arts Contest was held in conjunction with the meeting and program. Also during the morning, attendees could craft or complete paper/pencil games. District Director, Kathy Peterson, installed the officers for the 2020-21 year. The Art of Delicious Desserts was presented by Carol Elmore. At the conclusion of the program dessert was served which was the sampling of grunt, slump, buckle, pandowdy, brown betty, clafoutis, crisp and crumble.... Needless to say we left on a sugar high! The highlight of December was the Seneca Morning Unit playing bingo and sharing a nutritious treat with the residents of the LaSalle Co. Nursing Home.

The monthly lessons for this year are: Family Keepsakes, Everybody Needs to Move, Sleep...A to ZZZZ, Pollinator Protection, New Ways to Cut Your Electricity Bill, Eggs: From Farm to Fork, Gateway to Gut Health, Impact of Substance Abuse on Family Relations, Inflammation and Arthritis, and How Much Does That Interest Rate Matter.

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to LaSalle Co. students enrolled in a postsecondary curriculum that is community service related.



Four of our Board members attended the 96th IAHCE Annual Conference. Attending is always a time to reconnect with friends from other parts of Illinois and to learn and participate in activities that can be taken back to our county. Two LaSalle Co. HCE members won Best of Show for Cultural Arts. Eljene Creed exhibited an award winning quilt and Paula Freepartner won for her exceptional embroidery skills.

It is hoped we will be able to have our Spring Tea May 21st. The goal is to attract potential members, and also to have a cultural arts program with Annette M. Baldwin portraying Coco Chanel.

Even if COVID-19 is still prevalent when this news arrives, get outside, sit or take a walk, and smell the flowers!

Carol Elmore,
Public Relations
LaSalle County

Livingston

Five board members from Livingston County enjoyed themselves at the IAHCE Conference in Effingham. Those attending were Arlene Martell, President; Sandi Kimpling, 1st Vice President; Marilyn Edwards, 2nd Vice President; Ellie Bossert, Secretary; and Connie Kostelc, Public Relations/CVH.



Upon returning, the county held a "Super Saturday" with McLean County where several lessons were given including one on this year's international country of study, Australia. Livingston County has also incorporated Woodford County members into their group when the county dissolved their HCE units.

Hope Pregnancy Center continues to be a major project with the board with several units forgoing their Christmas gift exchange and instead bringing items for the center. All kinds of items for babies, toddlers, and pregnant mothers are needed.

As I am writing this article today I and my dog have been quarantined due to my husband who is hospitalized with pneumonia and waiting on results of his coronavirus test. He is doing fairly well. I read this small article written by Laura Kelly Fanucci and thought I would share it:

When this is over,
May we never again
Take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversation with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself
When this ends, may we find that
We have become more like the people we wanted to be.
We were called to be
We hoped to be
And may we stay that way
Better for each other
Because of the worst.

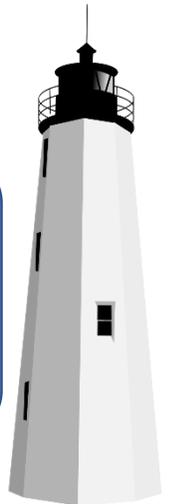


Five of our members attended the 96 Annual Conference in Effingham which they enjoyed. Pictured: Jean Pieroni, Marlene Rader, Judy Corson, Debbie Conklin, and Carol Giammattei. The members have been busy sewing and having work shops. One unit made fleece mittens for children and adult women at Home of the Sparrow in McHenry. Pictured are Karen DeFelco, Christel Mueller and Debbie Peone. We are also working on Fidget Lap Quilts for Valley Hi Nursing Home. Thinking of you all, may we stay health during this pandemic!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

Lighthouse Facts-

Before the development of clearly defined ports, mariners were guided by fires built on hilltops. Since elevating the fire would improve visibility, placing the fire on a platform became a practice that led to the development of the lighthouse.



McLean

Keeping busy during the winter was the practice of McLean County Home and Community Education Members. They celebrated with a Christmas Party December 14 at the Ozark House in Bloomington. 68 members and 6 guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, make it-take it projects, bingo, and a Christmas items sale. Entertainment was provided by the Community Handbell Choir. Individual units enjoyed holiday gatherings.

The February 8 Membership/Friendship Tea brought 66 members and 16 guests together to see Father Dominic, “the Bread Monk” who presented a most interesting program about Stained Glass. We all learned a great appreciation and understanding of stained glass seen in many churches everywhere. We were taught to look at the faces of the people in stained glass to see the expressions representing their feelings in the different settings.



The Cultural Enrichment activity in November was a Cookie Exchange and making “Ribbon Christmas Trees”. January found members making chalk pictures and enjoying a “Play Day”. February a clothespin wreath was made. In March members and guests cancelled lunch and the movie “I Believe”. A basket weaving workshop is scheduled for May 18.

Workshops and classes were ongoing each month –on Community Service day busy hands work on crafts or other special projects – including fidget lap quilts, seat belt protectors, hats, scarves and mittens for local children and Operation Santa stockings for military personnel. This year the Minor Lessons continue each month helping members learn about immigration – from Ireland, Italy and France. Unit lessons continued in January featuring “Communicating with Individuals with Dementia”, February “Senior Safety”, and March “Eggs from Farm to Fork”. The book read and discussed in February was “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. “Lilac Girls” by Martha Hall Kelly is scheduled in April. March 10-12 found 10 members in Effingham at the IAHCE Annual Conference “Power of the Past – Beacon to the Future.” We are very gratified that McLean County HCE won “county of the year” for county of 76 members or more. We also received grand awards in Membership Special Activity, Public Relations and Cultural Enrichment plus another Education Award in International.



Our HCE summer bake sale booth is scheduled at the Downs Village Market, June 17, July 15, August 12 and September 9. Our McLean County HCE members work tirelessly on money making projects because we believe in and want to support our communities and our local 4-H youth programs.

An HCE Spring trip to a Starved Rock Tribute Show” at Starved Rock State Park is anticipated May 6 but may have to be rescheduled/cancelled. As of this writing, McLean HCE is on hold as everyone is trying to help halt the spread of Coronavirus. All Extension AND HCE activities will restart when it is prudent to do so.

Dates to save and come visit: McLean County HCE Annual Meeting July 14 at the Chateau in Bloomington; and the McLean County 4-H Fair is set for August 5-9. McLean County HCE will sponsor Young at Heart Day August 6, 8:30a-12n. Held for 60 year+ participants, this free event presents senior vendor displays, entertainment, refreshments and lots of fun.

McLean County HCE website is: www.mcleanhce.org. Check out events and pictures of events posted on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education>.

Please remember you are welcome to visit any event.

See you in McLeanCounty. Come visit. Barb Jurgens, McLeanCounty Public Relations Team



Will Organized in 1938

Unbelievable how life can change like the flip of a dime. That a microscopic sphere of atoms can have such a devastating effect on humanity is mind boggling. We are all experiencing an event that we only could imagine. With life basically at a standstill, I, of the Will County HCE, wishes good health, safety, and comfort to all our IAHCCE sisters and brothers and their families and friends.

Sitting at the edge of this Pandemic really makes one reassess his/her priorities. There will be a need for great healing both physically and mentally. Hopefully, what will result in the realization that we need to take a step back, appreciate the frailty of life, be thankful for our families, lend a helping hand to those in need, and be prepared for the unexpected. With faith in God, we will get through this.



On the brighter side... three of our Board Members traveled to Effingham to attend the 2020 Annual Conference on March 10th-12th. Gail Shaw, WCHCE President reported that the event was exciting and very well organized. Such great planning was evident in all facets of the event. Gail, Andrea Zoelle, and first-timer Paulette Fries marveled at the food and programs. They especially enjoyed the share-shops they attended, learning everything from organization procedures to what to keep and not, what today's clothes are made of, using herbs and plants in our daily lives, etc.

The three attendees were surprised to see the many different variations of lighthouse creations submitted by each of 52 counties. Of course, they brought a lighthouse crafted by Gail Shaw and Mary Barrett. The "Lighthouse Contest" was a great fundraiser for the 100th IAHCCE Anniversary Conference occurring in 2024. Another highlight shared by the three was meeting their Board-position counterparts and learning about how they approached their positions. They felt they were able to gather information to make **WCHCE** a better organization. They also wish to thank Jane Chapman and the Officers and Directors for an enjoyable experience. It was also evident that many suggestions made last year were implemented this year.



At Home, in Will County, our WCHCE Board has been reviewing the bylaws and rewriting them to better define our procedures and positions. They will be voted upon at our Annual Meeting, which is being rescheduled to a day in June. Our Agenda and guest speaker will be announced as soon as possible.

This year, **WCHCE** has been actively engaged in several charitable projects: **Operation Care Package**, The **Lion's Club Eyeglass Project**, and providing mini stuffed animals to encourage reading in the early grades. The Early Birds Unit is also aiding the Ronald McDonald House. Our members have been very generous in providing items. Pictured is Elaine Czajkoski distributing stuffed animals to Carl Sandburg second graders.



Finally, the Board announced its decision to move our Summer Picnic-Game Day to September 1st when we feel more members are available to participate and we, hopefully, can breathe again!

At the time of this publication, we can only hope that our country is in the processes of healing. Hope all is well with all of you!

Mary Barrett, Will County Public Relations and Newsletter

DISTRICT 3 NEWS

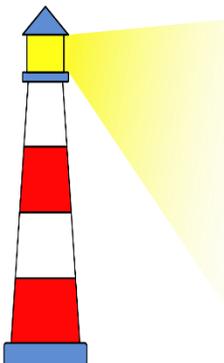


As I sit and write this article in late March, I am amazed at how different our world is today from just a week ago when I left our Annual Conference in Effingham. It's hard to believe that our District 3 meeting would be the last time that any of us could be together in a large group. I pray that when you read this newsletter we are well on the road to recovering from this virus and it's effects on our world.

Even with the uncertainty of what tomorrow will bring, I am amazed at the outpouring of support for our medical community, first responders, grocery store employees, truckers, and for all those people who are simply not allowed to shelter in place. I have seen people, organizations and businesses going above and beyond in this difficult time to help their fellow man. The call went out in the Springfield area for homemade masks for medical personnel in our local hospitals and overnight hundreds of people were working on patterns, material lists, and drop off locations. We've seen schools shut down with little or no notice and teachers and administrators put plans in place to help continue the education of our children. During probably one of the worst times in recent history we see the absolute best in so many.

I hope to see you all soon at your Annual Meetings. I know many will most likely be postponed and rescheduled. When I do see you, let's just cherish the joy of being together. You might not recognize me when you see me. One of the ways I am spending my time at home is baking new and different kinds of bread. For some reason I thought it was a good idea to buy a 50 pound bag of bread flour, I'm thinking I might be gaining a good deal of weight!!

Mary Johnson
District 3 Director



Alexander Mitchell designed the first screw-pile lighthouse. His lighthouse was built on piles that were screwed into the sandy or muddy seabed. (Source- Wikipedia)

The first lighthouse to use an electrical light in 1875 was the South Foreland Lighthouse. They were powered by steam-driven magneto. John Richardson Wigham was the first to develop gas illumination. His gas "crocus" burner was 13 times more powerful than the most brilliant light then known.

Champaign

CHAMPAIGN County will be celebrating our 102nd Anniversary this year at our Annual meeting on May 13th. We also have two units celebrating their 100th Anniversary—Philo Unit and Rantoul Unit.



On November 7th, Canvas & Cork in Monticello came and gave a class on painting and designing with tissue paper on canvas. Several members attending had an enjoyable time making a beautiful canvas. Pictured are Lynn Trotter, Mary Lou Younger, Carol Froeschl, and Luanna Olson.

Our *International Luncheon* was held on Nov. 15th 2019 at the Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium. Our guest



speaker was Manju Baser from Calcutta, India. She demonstrated how to wear a sari, India's traditional dress for women. The sari takes anywhere from 6 to 9 feet of material wrapping around the waist with one end draped over the shoulder. Lunch was catered from Kohinoor Indian Restaurant in Champaign. Everyone enjoyed the India cuisine. Pictured is the guest speaker and HCE member Ceil Costello dressed in a sari.

Our *5th Annual Holiday Trees and Craft Sale* was held on November 22 and 23, 2019. Several HCE Units had beautifully decorated trees and wreaths for sale. The sale of the trees/wreaths were sold by silent auction with proceeds being a moneymaker for the Units. Our vendors were HCE Members and non-members selling their handcrafted items. Our members also make homemade baked goods for the holidays that was sold during the event.



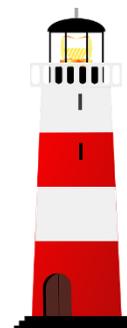
Ten members attended the *IAHCE Annual Conference* on March 10-12, 2020 in Effingham. Our country receive 2019 Education awards for Public Relations on HCE week, submitted by Carol Froeschl; Certified Volunteer hours with the highest number of hours reported (27,342), report submitted by Pat Meriedth; Cultural Enrichment Award Heritage skills with Nancy Mathis, Mayview Unit winning for her embroidered doily. We also participated in the Light House contest and won with the most votes with money collected to go for the IAHCE 100th Anniversary in 2024.

Our County Volunteer hours – members highest hours for 2019.

1000 Plus Hours

Pam Lindell – Bondville/Seymour Unit	2,859
Carol Froeschl – Mayview Unit	2,057
Bonnie Whiteside – Savoy Unit	1,960
Richey Vanderspoo – Bondville/Seymour Unit	1,625
Marge Probasco – Dewey//Fisher Unit	1,540
Rebecca Gatewood – Savoy Unit	1,059
Bobbi McEntire – Dewey/Fisher Unit	1,005

Congratulations and thank you.



Our projects for *Family and Community Issues* continue to support and keep members busy with their monthly sewing days making weighted blankets for autistic children. Eighty two blankets were made in 2019 for autistic children in Champaign County. Four HCE units support Developmental Service Center group homes for mentally challenged adults in Champaign County. Units sponsoring a group home are Mayview Unit, Staley Unit, Rantoul Unit and Bondville/Seymour Unit. The units support the homes with activities for the residents and recognize the residents on their birthday with gift cards and/or non-food items. The project we are going to start this year is filling backpacks with personal items for foster children in Champaign County.

Champaign County HCE continues to encourage our members to invite guests to all our events and through facebook and local community calendars. We had 13 new members in 2019 with a total of 261 members for 2019.

Our 102nd Annual meeting for May 13th at 9:30 at the Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium, 801 N. Country Fair Drive, Champaign, will have to be re-scheduled because of the Coronavirus. Our speaker was to be Erin Valle, storytelling on the WCIA ci-Living.

Everyone stay healthy and safe.

Carol Froeschl
Champaign County HCE Public Relations Chrm.



Christian

The members of Center Unit celebrated Valentine's Day early. On Monday, February 3rd before the regular meeting began everyone placed valentines and other treats in decorated valentine boxes and one or two gift bags. (Everyone was asked to decorate a valentine bag at the January meeting). After the lesson and business meeting, Ann Bandy got the party started by calling Valentine Bingo with many winning prizes.



Hostess Elizabeth Bogan provided wonderful refreshments including a delicious three-layer cake. Before going home everyone took time to look at their valentines. Surprise! Four members- Ann Bandy, Elizabeth Bogan, Loelynda Conrad, and Judy Deal-created handmade valentines.

Edgar

We were excited to receive an Educational Award at the State Conference for our Special Activity "Honey M-M-M Good"! We hosted this just before our Honeybee Festival to support the ACWW Project of the endangerment of the honeybees. We had 7 guests that were very interested in this subject and asked very thoughtful questions.



We had a fun activity the first of the year. We hosted a kitchen shower for the 4-H building. This is where we have our only fundraiser which is the food stand during the 4-H fair. The equipment in the kitchen is old and needs to be replaced, therefore we had a shower. We played games and opened presents as a typical shower. Attendance was not a great as we hoped, but we had fun. We received lots of nice things for the kitchen. Many who were not able to attend sent gifts or gave money to buy some big items that need to be replaced. Our spring activities are on hold now as is everyone and hopes we'll be able to resume by summer.

Marge Houghland, Public Relations

"Once the lighthouse is seen, the rest of the sea is ignored." ~Terri Guillemets



Macon



Macon County HCE has enjoyed many lessons/programs since the last state newsletter. We had our Fall Meeting with a good attendance and lots of “peachy” dishes. I published many of our “bragging rights” recipes in our January-February newsletter. Our Cultural Enrichment winners were chosen and our members had an excellent chance to buy homemade crafts at our Craft Sale. It was a wonderful event!

We had a very informative and entertaining lesson about eggs on Thursday, November 21st, an enlightening program about the little known facts of our city of Decatur in December, and an educational round-table discussion about the latest scams in our area for the January lesson.

We continue to work on our pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House as well as organizations around the area that have a need for our pillowcases. At our last pillowcase sewing day on February 24th, we produced over 60 pillowcases. We will be having a day before too long to just match fabrics together and cut the material. We are so thankful for the many people who have donated material to us.

Our Macon County HCE turned in a grand total of 25,969 volunteer hours for 2019. I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful group. They are a very warm and caring group of people who give so much of themselves to help others.



As you all know, our schedules have been drastically changed due to this current virus. Our programs and events, such as our Spring Meeting, have been cancelled and at this time, we are not sure when we can resume our programs. Upcoming programs that were cancelled were Birds Unlimited and Traveling in the Midwest. For our summer programs, we have Biscuit Making, Wand T.V., Creative Ideas for Using Your Sewing Scraps, Quick and Simple Gifts, and a Culinary Lesson. We hope and pray that this virus comes and goes quickly so that our normal lives can resume.

Our Macon County HCE would like to express our thanks to Sharon Middleton, who has given over 10 years of her time to the State Board. She is a wonderful, creative, and devoted lady who goes over and above her duties both at the State Board level and at the local level. Thank you, Sharon, and enjoy some well deserved time off with your family and friends.

Linda Austin, Public Relations for MCHCE

Piatt



Piatt County HCE is beginning this new year by remembering a few of the activities that did not get into the last newsletter. Our Annual meeting was held at the Cisco United Methodist Church on October 28, 2019. As you can see, we had a good crowd for this meeting.



Our guest speaker (Theresa Churchill), shown here with Carol Drayton (our PCAHCE president), spoke about several interesting Lincoln Historical Sites that are available to central Illinois residents without having to travel too far away.



During the month of November, our HCE members helped put together a public display. Becky Wildman, Carol Drayton, and Louise Brewer, (HCE members who were instrumental in organizing our display), are seen here standing beside the Piatt County AHCE exhibit entitled “Celebrate the Home”, a temporary display of kitchen and household items housed at the Piatt County Museum.

Our Piatt County AHCE decided in 2019 to make the local 4-H clubs a special project of interest for the year 2020.



Jan Wenke (our new 4-H Program Coordinator), Carol Drayton, Miriam Seevers, Carolyn Kleven, and Tom Bates (an Honored 4-H club leader) are hoping to make this partnership shine in 2020.



On January 22, as part of the annual Cultural Enrichment Day Celebration, the Piatt County AHCE hosted Josh McGrath, the Decatur Park District Horticultural Superintendent and experienced Bee Keeper. Josh discussed bees and beekeeping. He did a great job! Also during this Cultural Enrichment Day Celebration, our members' creative skills

were on display! Miriam Seevers displayed her Wearable Art, while Carolyn Wolter brought her up-close and personal butterfly Photography.



And now off to the Convention we go! Seven Piatt County HCE members were able to attend the IAHCCE 2020 Convention.



Pictured from left to right are Nora Hanover, Nancy Jo Carle, Miriam Seevers, Martha Lynch, and Carol Drayton. Not pictured is Frances Kurr.

Two of our members won Best of Show in their individual categories:

Jody Burns came home with the Best of Show for her jewelry.



Kathy Gentry received the Best of Show for her table runner.



Now we are doing one of the things that AHCE is known for! We are working in our own individual ways each day to help keep our families, our communities, and our country safe!

May the Lord and the Luck of the Irish be with us All!

Prairie Association

After each conference I repeat myself how much I have learned. Share shop of the ACWW resolutions was an eye opener how the Women of the World work together to make this a better world of the people in need. Women of 72+ countries involved of working together.



In April the Association Board plus HCE members have plans to sew bags for the HONOR FLIGHT VETERANS. People give them notes, letters, cards, etc. and they come home with a bag full of happiness. Our Annual Meeting in April with dedication of the Board officers by our new District 3 manager Mary Johnson. Program by our flower shop lady here in Arthur will give a program of when they took their two adopted children to Pasadena and helped put rose petals on the New Years Day Floats.

These events will take place in the conference room in our new extension building. Beautiful room with lots of tables and chairs. Nice kitchen across the hall to work out of. How can I not remember the light houses created by our own talented HCE ladies?

How could you vote for one special light house?? They really brightened the hallway of the conference. The children were a special gift led by the God given gift of their patient leaders.

Spring has brought out the little crocus' and early flowers. The rain and clouds will pass and there will be sunshine!

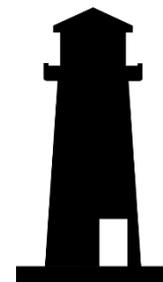
Josephine Marner
P.R.

Sangamon

WOW, What a world we are living in now. Hope this finds you all safe and healthy and practicing safe distancing. I for one am ready for spring and some nice weather as Central Illinois needs it. This has been a busy quarter for us and here are just some of our accomplishments: 400 mail bags for the Veteran's Honor Flight, weighted blankets, quilts, food and clothing drives which keeps a bunch of our ladies busy on Project Day. Linda Sichlau keeps us on our toes with the Lessons for Living she has lined up.



We currently have 123 members and some enjoyed going to the State Meeting in Effingham. We did well in the CHV hours and Cultural Enrichment and are proud of our County Member, Mary Johnson, who is District 3 Director. Our Lighthouse came in 4th with over 50 entries and we enjoyed meeting our counterparts from other Districts and Counties.



Tazewell

Greetings from Tazewell County!

The month of March arrived and we hoped that spring would not be too far behind! We held our second annual "Cabin Fever Day" and had about 25 people attend. We spent the afternoon playing BINGO, assembling jigsaw puzzles, sampling Mocktails & snacks and Kate Schmitgall taught us all how to make a Swedish heart. It was really an enjoyable afternoon and we were glad to spend the time with our county HCE ladies and guests.



The following week six members attended the state IAHCE conference in Effingham. We attended many different workshops and are eager to share our new ideas in our county. We are already excited about returning to the conference next year as it was announced that our District Director, Mary Johnson, will be one of the co-chairs next year. Congratulations, Mary! We've got your back!

Currently, we are all practicing "social distancing" because of the Caronavirus so our plans for the spring may have to be altered. Our annual meeting is planned for the first Monday in May. If we can't have it then, we will work it out! Our health and safety come first and we trust that the Lord will bring us through this, giving us a new respect for our lives and for each other.

Our big event for the summer will be the food stand for our 4-H fair. We hope that we are able to have a fair and that it can be a time of celebration for all of our families to come together and be thankful for all we have.

I ask that you keep your positive attitude and I am praying that everyone is staying healthy and you are able to keep your spirit up as you look forward for great things in the coming months.



Darlene Curry, Publicity

Vermilion

Hi from Vermilion County Association for Home and Community Education. Pray all is staying safe and washing your hands! Please take all precautions!!!

Vermilion County HCE was represented at the IAHCE 96TH State Conference by Jo Anne Gerard and Mary Stampini. They were greeted by many old friends and lots of interesting share classes. Our Light House was on display with about 50 other Lighthouses from the different counties across the State of Illinois.

Hopefully our plans for upcoming events are as follows;

VCHCE will be having their 4th Women Walk the World on Thursday, April 30th, 2020. It will be at Heron Park again and starts at 11:00 with registration, welcome, and some information about Associated Country Women of the World and how our pennies are used. A picnic lunch will be provided and I asked Diane to bring more of her great sandwiches. It was cool and breezy last year, but we had an invigorating time. Dress for the weather and you'll be fine. I'll bring blankets. There is a pavilion. Come watch the birds, walk on the boardwalk, climb the tower, enjoy lunch, and visit with some great people. Bring a friend. Bring some pennies for the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education Friendship Project Fund. Half of our pennies go to ACWW and half to IAHCE. Show up for some FUN and FOOD.

June 9th is our 101st Annual Meeting to be held at East Park Church of Christ. Registration is at 11:00. For information call: President Eleanor White 217-759-7237 or 217-280-5106. August 4th is the International Carry-In-Pot-Luck Lunch. Uruguay is the country of study.

Take care and Prayers!
Judith Diane Reddy PR-VCHCE

“In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must also be present” ~Unknown



DISTRICT 4 NEWS

Hello Ladies!

Well what a GREAT conference we had. A huge thank you to Pat Hildebrand, Ashley Davis, and Patty Greene. They made it very memorable. It was great seeing all of you ladies and making some memorable memories also.

Since we have left the conference seems like everything is falling apart with the virus that I'm sure you are tired of hearing about and wishes it would go away. I myself am on a medicine for arthritis that lowers my immune system so I've been warned to be careful where I go now. Our Extension office is now limited to not having any more than 50 people at an event so I've had to cancel a couple of our events in Effingham County and others we are waiting to see as it gets closer to time. I hope by the time you are reading this it will all be over.

It was great seeing everyone at the District 4 meeting and I'm looking forward to coming to your annual meetings and installing officers. I enjoyed last year coming and I know this year will also be a lot of fun also.

If you need anything or have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. My number is in this newsletter. So until we meet again, stay safe and stay WELL.

District 4 Director
Sharon Davis



Clinton



Clinton County attended the state conference and loved it! We get more and more members to attend every year. We recently had a heart program, a heart doctor came to give the program, along with a dietician on heart health. We also donated \$300 to the county 4-H egg hunt which is open to every child in the county. Our annual meeting which is our 75th anniversary is being planned. We plan on donating money to the two senior citizen lunch program in our county at this meeting. A special event is being planned for this

special occasion. Uncork the Holidays is also being planned. It is our 4th annual wine and food event, to be held Oct. 6 at Carlyle KC Hall. From the proceeds made from this event we also will be donating to the four local libraries in our county that are take part in the "1,000 books before kindergarten". Money from last years Uncork the Holidays will help them buy books for successful readers who make their goal of reading books.

So you see we are busy, and growing in membership, and educating our home and community. Seven Clinton County board members attended the state conference in Effingham.

Clinton County HCE donated \$300 to the 4-H egg hunt. Pictured are board members who are also 4-H leaders along with our county president



Karen Voss, Public Relations

Effingham

Hello HCE Members.

Well a lot of the board and some members attended the Annual Conference and had a really good time. A lot of hard work, but a lot of fun and some great memories. Unfortunately, we don't have a lot to report right now. One of our meetings because of the virus we are cancelling. Our International Day in April we will have to see what is happening with the virus as it gets closer to time. The Extension Office can not hold any events with 50 or more people so that limits us to where we can meet. We also have to remember are ladies and if we get together how this could have an effect on them. Hopefully we will be able to continue to have our board meetings.

This past month we have been taking Butter Braid orders for our fund raiser and those will be coming in soon so we can enjoy them for Easter. So until this virus is gone please stay safe and stay well.

Effingham County President
Sharon Davis

Fayette

Organized 1948

Fayette County appreciates the awards received at the March IAHCE Annual Conference—2nd runner-up for the County of the Year with membership 75plus—Fayette County had 84 HCE members.

The other award received was Fayette County in District 6 had the highest number of HCE volunteer hours—7577.

The annual IAHCE Conference in March was scheduled for the right time—if it had been scheduled later, it would have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 and we would have missed an excellent conference.

Pictured is Connie Green, Donna Blair, Megan Runkel, and Edith Runkel in back and Anna Jean Rhodes in front.

Fayette County members who attended full time were five of the Fayette County HCE officers—President Ashley Davis of the Sefton Unit (who is on the state board); 2nd Vice & Public Relations Anna Jean Rhodes of the St. Elmo Unit; Treasurer Connie Green of the Sefton Unit; Community Outreach/Family Issues/CVH Donna Blair of the Bingham/Ramsey Unit who was a delegate; Cultural Enrichment Edith Runkel of the Vandalia Day Unit who was a delegate; and Edith's granddaughter, Megan Runkel of the Vandalia Day Unit. Attending part time were Flo Allen, a County HCE past president, and Bonnie Kramer, both of the Sefton Unit.

Edith Runkel, Megan Runkel and Bonnie Kramer wore ribbons for first timers and Anna Jean Rhodes wore a ribbon for 50+ years. At the Elsie Mies luncheon the first timers were recognized and received a gift and those with 50+ years were recognized and received a long-stemmed-rose. At the Elsie Mies banquet Rhodes was recognized as having the longest membership of 71 years.

Ashley Davis was installed for her second term as CVH/Sales Director. In the picture on the right- President Jane Chapman is presenting Ashley with a runner-up certificate for county of the year.

Five Fayette County HCE members entered items in the Cultural Enrichment—Donna Blair, Ashley Davis, Connie Green, Anna Jean Rhodes, Edith Runkel Fayette County HCE Board cancelled the March 23 meeting, the April unit meetings, the April 15 annual Get-Acquainted Day, the April 17 program for the public on bees. The April 27 board meeting followed by the semi-annual. Past and Present Officers luncheon may or may not have to be cancelled and May also is questionable. The annual meeting is set for June 18. Fayette County started 2020 with a membership of 84, received a new member in January, and lost a member in March—Helen Wright of the Wright's Corner Unit had been a member 51 years. Anna Jean Rhodes, public relations



IAHCE Annual Conference -First Day report

The 96th Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of Home and Community Education was held Mar. 10, 11,12 at the Effingham Thelma Keller Convention Center with the theme “Power of the Past IAHCE; Beacon to the Future.” To carry out the theme. each county was asked to make a lighthouse and they were on display on tables in the large hallway. Jars were at each one to take a donation. From the 70 county organizations, registration was around 350.

Conference co-chairs were Pat Hildebrand of Jasper County and Ashley Davis of Fayette County. Registration started at 8 a.m. In addition to a lighthouse, each county was to take one or more items for the silent auction, check in the county banner and not more than six cultural enrichment articles to put on display. Trade Show people also were in an area of the convention center. At the 11 a.m. luncheon, preschoolers—ages 3 and 4—sang three songs and gave various hand movements, etc. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect, Patty Greene, director of the Thelma Keller Convention Center, gave a welcome, Effingham Mayor Mike Schutabach gave greetings and Sharon Robby of McLean County gave the meal grace. After lunch, IAHCE President Jane Chapman of Perry County gave greetings.

Attending from Fayette County in addition to Davis, member of the Sefton Unit, were the two voting delegates, Donna Blair of the Bingham/Ramsey Unit and Edith Runkel of the Vandalia Day Unit, and Flo Allen, Connie Green and Bonnie Kramer of the Sefton Unit, Megan Runkel of the Vandalia Day Unit and Anna Jean Rhodes of the St. Elmo Unit. Those attending signed up for 1:30-2:30 and 3-4 p.m. share shops—session 1 and session 2 each had eight various kinds of share shops.

Annual IAHCE Awards Banquet

The annual awards banquet started at 6 p.m. Mar. 10 with Cheryl McHenry of Clay County giving the meal grace. After the meal and greetings from President Chapman, Stephanie Jerabek, president-elect of NVON gave greetings.

Fayette County was second runner-up in County of the Year that has 76 or more members.

Of the 13 counties that filled out the report form, Jackson County was fourth runner-up, Adams County was third runner-up, Jefferson County was first runner-up and McLean County received the county-of-the Year certificate.

In the counties with 75 or less members, 25 report forms were filled out. Piatt and Pulaski/Alexander tied for fourth runner-up, Massac County was third runner-up, Warren County was second runner-up, Monroe County was first runner-up and Jasper County was County-of-the Year. Preceding the County of the Year awards, the other awards were for cultural enrichment, family and community issues, international, public relations, CVH, membership, net % gain and grand awards in each category. In addition to receiving a runner-up County of the Year certificate, Fayette County in District 6 had the highest number of HCE volunteer hours—7,577. After the close of the award meeting, it was a fun night for Make-It-Take It or bingo.

The Make-It-Take-It workshops were the following: Tree of Life necklace by Norma Korte of Massac County; bookmark by Ellen Einhorn of Jasper County; felt bumble bees or bee craft by Emily McDowell of Madison County; string art or foam Easter bunny by Karen Crull, Fran Burns, Eileen Norrin of McLean County; fabric star by Janal Kassing of Randolph County; knitted scrubby by Carol Drayton of Piatt County; embroidery hoop ornament by Ona Day Johnson of Pike County; cricut paper piecing by Linda Byrnes of Kankakee County; and ribbon tree by Katherine McNeeley of McLean County.

Annual IAHCE Business Meeting

Doors opened Mar. 11 at 8 a.m., voting delegates had to be seated by 8:25 a.m. and the business meeting started at 8:30 a.m. sharp. After the Call to Order, colors were presented by the Effingham American Legion Post #120, Rita Overacer of Kankakee County led in the Pledge of Allegiance, Melanie Dion and Emily Dion, 4-H members Newton Community High School, Jasper County, sang the “Star Spangled Banner”, Pat Law of Bureau County led in the Aim for the Homemaker and Chris Hazen of Ford County led in the Mission Statement. After greetings and introductions by President Jane Chapman, remarks from Parliamentary Adviser Dr. Debra Korte, University of Illinois and Timekeeper Georgia Fagerland of Percy County, Becky Belcher of Hamilton County gave an inspirational greeting. Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension Educator, was the U of I Extension IAHCE *liaison speaker*. Business included accepting the proposed budget of \$103,780, accepting the membership report of the seven districts, voting on the by-laws proposals and election of officers. New officers elected were Mary Eustace of Pike County, 1st Vice; Melissa Chitwood of Champaign County, treasurer; Emily McDowell of Madison County, public relations; and Ashley Davis of Fayette County, CVH Sales Director was re-elected for another term. After the president’s report and a memorial, the meeting closed

IAHCE Elsie Mies Day Luncheon

At 11:15 Mar. 11, doors opened for the Elsie Mies luncheon. Elsie Mies (Mrs. Henry Mies) was president of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation 1930-1934 and had helped to get an appropriation from the Illinois Legislature to help pay advisers’ salaries. She died Feb. 22, 1949. County officers had reserved seating according to the county office--those not officers had other seating. On each table was a collection box for the Pennies Project Fund (used to be called Pennies for Friendship). Cara Ausmus, IAHCE International of Mercer County talked about the fund. Norma Korte, IAHCE 2nd vice

of Massac County recognized past state board members and President Jane Chapman of Perry County gave leadership recognition. Grace was given by Mylon Fisher of DuPage County. A program on NubAbility Athletics was given by Jana Kuhnert of Du Quoin County. Her son was born without his left hand but learned to do any sport he wanted to do. They have formed the NubAbility Athletics to help children not accept their handicap and overcome it. Korte then gave recognition to all first timers and 50+ year members. Fayette County members Edith Runkel and Megan Runkel were first time ribbons and each received a gift. Members with 50+ years each received a beautiful long-stemmed rose and one was received by Fayette County Anna Jean Rhodes. Next was greetings from Linda Gause, CWC chairperson of 2018-2020. "BIG-3" Presidents – Bonnie Teeples of ACWW, Linda Gause of CWC and Stephanie Jerabek of NVON installed the officers. Session 3 share shops (eight of them) were 1:30-2:30 p.m. Session 4 share shops 3-4 p.m. were for the county officers.

IAHCE Elsie Mies Banquet

The annual 96th IAHCE Elsie Mies Banquet was held the evening of March 11 with emcee Pat Hildebrand of Jasper County the conference chair. Grace was by Carol Pollo of Macoupin County. Greetings were from County Women's Council Bonnie Teeples, CWC/ACWW area president. Eleanor Gregory of Madison County, the IAHCE Family Issues introduced the IAHCE Great American Family—Dave and Mary Griffel of Gillespie in Macoupin County. Interesting slides were shown by the family-- Dave, Mary and two sons and a daughter-in-law. "The Other Guys"—University of Illinois Men's Glee Club of six acapella singers provided the program. President Chapman gave recognition to the outgoing officers—1st Vice Sharon Middleton of Macon County; Treasurer Beverly Combs of Clark County; Public Relations/Newsletter Editor Pat Hildebrand of Jasper County; District 4 Director Mary Johnson of Sangamon County; and District 7 Director Janel Kassing of Randolph County. Cathy Eathington of Fulton County, the IAHCE secretary gave the registration report—there were 426 attendees Sonya Bishop of Pike County, IAHCE cultural enrichment, showed slides of the cultural enrichment winners in each category. There were 221 entries from 34 counties, It was reported that the 52 lighthouse jars collected \$1119.25 for IAHCE to put in the budget for the 2024 100th Annual Meeting. Champaign's bottle had the most--\$122. Fayette County's bottle had \$89.25. Ashley Davis of Fayette County, the 2021 conference chair and Mary Johnson of Sangamon County, the 2021 conference co-chair, extended an invitation to the 2020 annual conference...it will be held in March at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. Before the food was served, Mary Johnson visited with Rhodes and at the banquet gave her recognition for being an HCE member longer than any of the attendees—She became a Home Bureau member in March 1949—71 years ago. Group pictures were taken after the Mies banquet and those present from Fayette County are in one.

IAHCE Annual Conference Final Day

Counties had to go to their district meetings 8:30-9:30 a.m. There have been districts 1, 2/3, 4,5,6,7 until now—the districts have been reduced to five. Fayette County was formerly in District 6, but now is in District 4, but has the same director, Sharon Davis of Effingham County. Cultural enrichment items had to be removed no later than 10 a.m. Silent auction/sales items had to be picked up and paid for by 12 noon. From 10-11 a.m. there were two share shops and from 9:45-noon, experiencing Effingham tours—Boos Butcher Block, Firefly and Antique Mall. The noon meal was lunch in a box.

Rhodes-Side Gleanings on IAHCE Conference

Since I am a cookbook and recipe collector, one of the share shops I attended was "Biscuits—Then and Now" that was given by IAHCE President Jane Chapman. Another one I attended was titled "Author for a Day" by Kass Fogle. Both were informative and very interesting. After the district meeting Thursday morning, I let another member have my box lunch and I came home. I intended to go to the Lunch Bunch noon meeting, but Sunday afternoon I had a one-hour nap, no nap on Monday because of a UMW meeting in Effingham, no nap on Tuesday or Wednesday so on Thursday, when I got home, I "sacked out." I remember when I was younger, I would get up at daylight, work all day and sometimes work late into the night and don't remember daily naps—some Sunday afternoons I would take a nap. I sleep well at night and sometimes I don't wake up until morning. I am not thrilled that I have to have more "daytime" sleeping because I am getting behind on my reading.

Anna Jean Rhodes, Fayette County

Jasper

The 2020 IAHCE Conference at Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL was enjoyed by all!! Thank you, Pat Hildebrand and Ashley Davis, for planning an awesome conference for all the HCE members from Illinois!!! Jasper County won the 2020 "COUNTY OF THE YEAR" (75 members and under) and Highest Net Gain in Membership in the state of Illinois...16.6% !!!!! Pictured are Judy Millsap, Jane Chapman (State IAHCE President), Donna Richards, Pat Hildebrand (IAHCE Conference planner and Public Relations Chairperson), Martha Allison, Kathy Yager, and Marlene Harris.





Here are pictures from our HCE Plus--Perennials in Your Landscape--Color Throughout the Year" presented by Darlene Richardson and Jeanine Wendling, Master Gardeners on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the Sunrise Community Center in Newton, Illinois. Forty-five people attended!! Seed packets of a variety of garden plants were available for all. Also, a lesson on Landcape Basics was distributed and refreshments enjoyed by all.

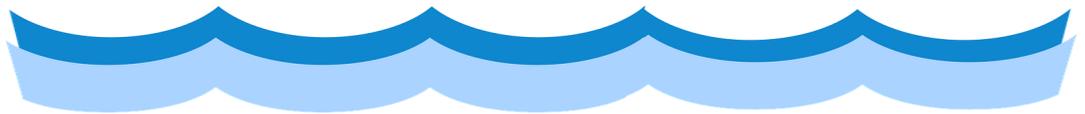
Judy Millsap



Jersey

We started out the year with a craft class on making a heart pin and then a heritage skill of Teneriffe Embroidery on a bread cloth. We enjoyed the lesson "Board Games" by re-living the kind of games we played as a child and with our children and grandchildren. I hope people are playing some of those games with their family now they are asked to stay at home. With the bad weather and now the virus we have had to reschedule lessons until further notice. We are keeping physical distance but not social. Let's keep in touch with each other and brighten their day with a phone call, mail them a card or send a message by Facebook. Please stay safe and healthy. Soon we will all be able to resume our regular lives.

Sandy Bechtold



Macoupin

Happy Spring from Macoupin County. It is my sincere wish that all of you and your families are well. The Coronavirus has put a halt to a lot of Macoupin County's activities but health comes first!!!

First of all, we had a very well attended Cultural Arts activity. Vickie Laughlin, our cultural arts chairperson, spent the morning teaching a large gathering "How to Make Mesh Wreaths". It was a great time and we had a variety of very pretty wreaths. (fall, Christmas, Valentines, and Spring)



The Carlinville Monday Niters presented Dr. Becky Schuchman, superintendent of Carlinville Schools, with a check for \$510. This donation was used for the district's "Rock the Block" program. The program helps children with much needed school supplies, such as book bags, personal hygiene items, shoes, haircuts, physicals, and many other things to help them be ready for the beginning of school. The "Rock the Block" program was a very fun and successful program for both students and teachers. Keep it up, Monday Niters!



Eight board members from Macoupin County attended the IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham. Joyce Duelm of the Mt. Olive Unit was recognized Tuesday night for her 54 years of dedication to HCE. Joyce is also Macoupin County's CVH chairperson. At Tuesday night's award ceremony, Joyce, accepted three awards from CVH chair, Ashley Davis, on behalf of Macoupin County. The awards presented were for the county with the highest percentage of members participating in District 6 (70.20%), the county with the highest HCE hours reported in District 6 (27,319 hours), and the county with the highest number of members reporting in District 6 (85 members).



Macoupin County's highlight of the conference was the presentation of IAHCE's "The Great American Family" award. The David and Mary Griffel Family of Gillespie was nominated for this award by an HCE member from our county. Dave and Mary along with their sons Nathan (daughters AnaBelle and Madeline), Jonathan (wife Kristin and son Jaime) farm their family farm north of Gillespie. Dave is the fifth generation to own and operate the family farm which began in 1856. Mary and Dave don't look at themselves as farm owners but rather a caretaker of their family legacy.



They are caring for their children's and grandchildren's heritage. The Griffel's were nominated because of their commitment not only to their family but also their community, how they inspire others to make the most of family life, how each member has been supported and encouraged, how teamwork and love has been

nurtured in the home, and how the family extends friendship and service to the community. Congratulations Griffel's!!!

Many of Macoupin County's lessons and meetings have had to be canceled. Along with those, the cultural arts lesson on Barn Quilts and our 89th Annual Meeting in May has been canceled. Plans are being made in the fall to celebrate 90 years of HCE in Macoupin County. Also, due to the fact that schools are closed our county project of "Pack the Bag" is on hold. Bags with books, coloring books, crayons, toothbrushes, etc. were to be presented to the Headstart Students in Macoupin County at the end of their school year.

Although, we cannot meet...our board stays connected weekly (sometimes daily) via texting. It brightens our day to hear from everyone and in knowing they are safe. In closing, I would like to share an idea one of our board members, Kay Kalaher, suggested. Kay has gotten us interested in sewing masks for area facilities who may be in need of them. Kay has already taken some to a retirement community in her community and is working on more. Thanks Kay!!



Carol Rimar
Public Relations

The First Known Lighthouse was the Pharos of Alexandria, Egypt. Ptolemy I and his son Ptolemy II constructed it between 300 and 280 B.C. It stood about 450 feet high. This lighthouse was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It was destroyed in stages by invaders and earthquakes, being destroyed in the 1300s.



Madison

If you are thinking like I am, you are thinking this year has already seemed like the longest year ever! From conference to covid, our lives drastically changed in the blink of an eye! I have been stuck working so I am grateful for the opportunity to get out of the house, whereas most of you have probably been cooped up in your houses for far too long! I hope you have been getting online and watching my Educational Tutorials on the IAHCE or Madison County Association for Home and Community Education Facebook pages. We made hand sanitizer, covid19 masks, dry shampoo, kool-aid marshmallows, and talked about how you can keep your organization online during times of distress. If you are in need of the material from any of those lessons, please reach out to me and I will be happy to provide those to you!



Madison County had to cancel our annual meeting and our county trip to Hannibal, Missouri so it's been frustrating. I know when this is all over with though we will come out as a stronger organization and families worldwide will be closer and more connected to God.

In November, we did our first ever Silent Wreath Auction and Vendor Fair. It didn't draw a huge crowd but the wreath auction brought in over \$200 to our local HCE units. We will be doing it again, providing everything goes ok the remainder of this year!

Plans are in place for a wedding show in which we display present and past wedding gowns and talk about wedding traditions. We were supposed to have a speaker talk about life on the Mississippi River, but we are not sure it will take place. We are thinking ahead to fall activities now. Let's hope we will see you all at District Meetings.

Emily McDowell, Public Relations - emhohl@gmail.com

Marion

At the first meeting of the new year Marion County HCE Board Members answered roll call with "What is one thing you will do different in 2020?". 2019 Service projects were reviewed which included making fidget blankets, mailing Christmas cards to veterans, donating postage and items for care packages sent to soldiers serving overseas, collecting cancelled postage stamps for a missionary, and donating funds to the IAHCE Friendship Project.



Our ongoing project for 2020 will be saving throughout the year to Adopt a Family at Christmas. Dimes will also be collected to turn in at the Annual Conference in March and will be split between the Friendship Project and Feeding Illinois which donates to Illinois Food Banks. We'll also be collecting bags to be donated for use by foster children, donating diapers and new items to the local Pregnancy Care Center, and collecting items for soldiers and shipping costs for the boxes sent to them. As in past years we will provide an award for the Outstanding Home Economics member at Marion County 4-H Achievement Night and provide scholarships for college students.

Voting delegates were selected and a room has been reserved for the 3-day conference to be held in Effingham. Board members were reminded to complete registration before January 31 to have the opportunity to get the workshop of their choice and avoid the \$15 late fee. A Nominating Committee was appointed for offices to be filled for 2020-2021 at the April Annual Meeting. A Book/Bake Sale was discussed to benefit the HCE Scholarship Fund. Books from your favorite authors of fiction, non-fiction, self-help, and children's titles will be available for a donation to the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund.

During the month of January, members enjoyed a County Training entitled "Nature's Invaders" by Kathy Kingsley Certified Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist. In February a Training about the History of Quilting was presented by Karil Garrett, President of the Happy Hearts Quilt Guild. It was very interesting and informative and several quilts and tools of the trade were highlighted. Information about how to clean and store quilts was also shared.

The March meeting of the Marion County Board of Home and Community Education was held offsite as the Marion County Extension Office has closed the building to outside meetings through May 31. Due to COVID-19, the Book and Bake Sale to benefit the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund will be held at a date to be determined later. March and April Lessons have been postponed and may be rescheduled at a later date.

Those attending the IAHCE Conference reported regarding the workshops and lessons they attended. Special thanks was given to Paul and Helen Leonhardt for providing a lighthouse made from recycled materials as a table decoration that was requested for the conference. Congratulations to Paula Barksdale who was recognized as a member of HCE for 50 or more years! Paula is currently a member of the Meacham Unit and is a Director on the Marion County HCE Board. She continues to be an active 4-H Leader of Shriver Circle. The Marion County Fidget Blanket Project entry received a score of 100% and took first place in its category. Thanks to Helen Leonhardt for organizing the material for submission and to all in

the County who donated materials and time and worked to assemble the blankets. It was a project that was well received with each school, elderly care center, or individual expressing their thanks for the blankets that were donated to them. It is also noted that, due to the reorganization of Districts in the state, Marion County is now a part of District 4.

Members are reminded that a nomination form for Homemaker of the Year was included with the March newsletter. Mail in your nomination for deserving person so it will reach the Extension Office by April 15. Mark the lower left of the envelope "Homemaker Nomination" and send to Marion County Extension, 1404 E Main Street, Salem, IL 62881. The winner will be announced at the Annual meeting.

DISTRICT 5 NEWS



I am a new director for a new district, and I hope you will be patient with me as I learn the ropes. I just live a few minutes from your fantastic former district 7 director Janel Kassing, and I know she will be very helpful to me as I take on this new responsibility. Not that distance makes much of a difference nowadays. We are all a phone call, email, or text message away, no matter how many miles apart. Please feel free to contact me for anything you need HCE-wise. (see the IAHCE directory)

Since I am a fairly new HCE member, I'll let you know a few things about me. I live with my husband Clifford, a semi-retired farmer, on the Harms family farm outside of Red Bud. Our three children are Curtis (significant other Kayla and her son Bowen) in Red Bud, Cameron (wife Rose and baby daughter Emma) in Rockford, and daughter Christin, living at home. I retired from teaching (speech and English) in 2016 from Belleville East High School, and I now substitute teach at Red Bud HS, stay active at my church, and volunteer at the Red Bud Area Museum. Even though I didn't join HCE until I retired, I grew up an HCE, 4-H, and Farm Bureau girl. My dad, Armin Robert, was a dairy and grain farmer in Monroe County, serving as a 4-H leader and county Farm Bureau board member, and my mom Marlene was a member of the Hecker Home Extension unit. I was a 4-H girl from age 8 to 18 and used to dream of being a U of I Extension person. (Monroe County ladies: Betty Hoffman and Arlin Obst were my heroes!)

I am excited to serve as the District 5 director and look forward to attending your annual meetings and functions, whenever we can get back to those activities.

Hamilton

Hamilton County had a fairly good winter with no extremely cold temperatures and only a little bit of snow. We had lots of dark gloomy days, so the bright sunny spring days with many plants in bloom are a delight.

We started the winter activities with a November lesson on "Christmas Cake Balls". It was a big hit with those who attended.

The December Board meeting was followed by a Christmas party at the Main Street Café. We served cookies and hot chocolate after the community Christmas parade, as we have done for many years. We also sold homemade items at the holiday vendor fair.

Our annual Cabin Fever day was held in January. Organized by Sue Kinder, it featured several different crafts and a place for making valentines for veterans. Both HCE and 4-H members participated.

We also had a vegetable soup luncheon that month with good attendance and several take-outs. That month's lesson, "Signs of the Moon," presented by members Susan Johnson and Pennie Anselment, was very interesting.

We collected many items for the veterans at the VA hospital in Marion. They and the valentine cards made earlier were taken to the hospital by a group of 4-H members.

We are still collecting hard plastic lids, cancelled stamps and soda tabs.

We will give a scholarship to a graduating senior but don't yet know how it will be done as there can be no awards night this year. We will announce the winner in May.

Board members Becky Belcher, Phyllis Parr and Rhonda attended the state HCE annual meeting held again in Effingham.

This is my final article as I have resigned my office. In these uncertain times future meetings are on hold for now. I wish everyone safety and good health and hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations



Here are photos from our Cabin Fever Day where both 4-H and HCE members worked together to create projects.

Becky Belcher



Jackson

The Ladies of Jackson County have been doing their best to stay busy this Winter time. The Winter had been long, rainy and cold. Better days are on the way. Spring is here. Gardens will get planted, walks will get taken, children will be rocked, iced tea will get splashed and the Summer heat will return to give us new life.

Members Kendra Evans, Catherine Ziegler, Jean Conrod and Brenda Jones attended the March Conference in Effingham. The Lighthouses were beautiful and so creative. We brought back many new ideas from the conference. The IACHE State Board members were their usual accommodating and wonderful selves. We are so thankful for their direction and inspiration.

We are moving into Spring and were all getting ready to begin our Annual Meeting and other programming. Then everything became postponed. We like



everyone else are at a standstill with which way to turn. Not sure that our annual meeting will occur! In the face of this postponement, I then began looking at our yearly IACHE Inspirational Slogan "**POWER OF THE PAST BEACON TO THE FUTURE**" and I thought of all of our past members who are no longer with us. So, I decided we needed to pull up our boot straps and get back to work. I thought how can we inspire each other? I decided we needed to challenge one another. So, I took the Challenge to our Jackson County Home and Community Education Face Book Page. I also posted the challenge to the IACHE Face Book Page as well. I challenged others to post inspirational Light Houses to



each of the pages, I hope to get some interesting posts from members. As we look to an uncertain future, we look to our past members for their courage and strength hoping we will be an inspiration to the current members and the future members of JCHCE and IACHE. **“POWER OF THE PAST BEACON TO THE FUTURE”**. May our Past Inspire the Present and grow our Future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Conrod
Jackson County HCE

“People who shine from within, don’t need a
spotlight” ~Unknown



Jefferson

Bonjour, Hole , Guten Tag, Nǐn hǎo, Hallo, Witajcie, and Hello from Jefferson County.

We hope the first three months of 2020 have been kind to all of you. Before I move into 2020, I want to finish up our 2019 year.

Deputy Sheriff Clint Taylor spoke on School Safety on October 25th. We had 12 members and 2 guests in attendance. His program was very interesting and informative and unfortunately much needed information with the number of school and work place shootings going on. Would you know what to do?

In October we delivered the canned goods which were donated at International Night to the food pantry. We helped 29 families plus made a monetary donation which will be used for additional food needed for Thanksgiving. Our HCE week theme “Celebrating Family, Friends and Traditions” kept us in line with our HCE theme and gave all of a chance to get to know our members a little better. We ended the week with a Magic Pillow sewing class, making pillow cases from patriotic themed material for Veteran’s living at the Nature Tails Nursing home, Veterans wing. 20 sets of pillow cases were made and donated in November on Veteran’s day. We also signed thank you cards which will be included in the packets given to the veterans from Southern Illinois who will be on the Honor Flight to Washington DC spring of 2020.



January 2020, we started our celebrations around the world. Each month in our program book a celebration, celebrated in a different country is introduced .Our newsletter will have a page of information of that celebration and country. Our first country was a hot air balloon festival celebrated annually in January in the Swiss Alps. Our lesson on cooking for One or Two gave some useful information especially on dividing the measurements. A number of good recipes were also provided.

In February we were planning on hosting our annual game and soup night, celebrating soups from around the world. Unfortunately the weather cancelled this event. Our lesson, “What is new in the Kitchen, was very interesting. Treasa Brookman made Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce, in her new instant pot, total time one hour, but actual cooking time 35 minutes.

On March 9th JCHCE hosted a very successful fundraiser; we hosted a Barn Quilt painting class. We had 31 ladies sign up. Everyone seemed to enjoy the class and the barn quilts were colorful and creative. The class was such a success we have another scheduled on June 1st. March 12th the board and one HCE member traveled to and enjoyed another IAHCE Conference in Effingham, IL. I’m pleased to announce Jefferson County received several awards, Cultural Enrichment Award, Textiles - for class on how to make a quilt out of your t-shirts. Family & Community Issues, Citizenship – We made magic pillowcases, collected magazines and gave thank you cards for the Illinois Honor Flight for Veterans and Nursing homes. Certified Volunteer Hours - County with the Highest Number of Members Reported in District 7, 2019 County of the Year - 4th place, and JCHCE collected \$64.00 in dimes for the Zero Hunger Challenge. Our board member Treasa Brookman celebrated 50 years of membership!!

Our March lesson was “Communicating with Individuals with Dementia” This lesson covered a lot of ground; it was educational, and very informative. The majorities of us have dealt with or are dealing with, someone with dementia, this lesson was valuable in explaining what dementia is and giving several ways to better cope and understand when helping

someone suffering with this disease.

We are now planning our Annual meeting, have a few community projects in the works and are working on two more fund raisers. Busy as bees as we head into spring.

Arrivederci, auf Wiedersehen, Totsiens, until we meet again, be well.

Barb Shurtz, PR

Silvana Morss, Journal Editor

Massac



We have been very busy over the last few months. In November we collected and made **Donations to Veterans**. This year the HCE council prepared 51 goody bags for the Massac County Care Facilities that have Veterans residing in them. This program has been much appreciated by the Veterans.

Donations to Ronald McDonald House were greatly appreciated. Over \$300 worth of tabs, paper items, cleaning supplies, quilts, personal care items, and food were delivered by Don and Judy Parr to Ronald McDonald House in Nashville, TN. Thank you! Pictured: Judy and Don Parr (right) with a Ronald McDonald House volunteer.



Food Collection: The Massac County 4-H, FFA, and HCE went together to collect yellow and green cans to participate in the CAN Construction event held at Shawnee College

October 25. The young people created an ear of corn with the cans. They spelled out "Massac County" with 800+ cans collected for the project. Thank you to all who donated cans and the 4-H and FFA members who constructed the ear of corn. All the 6,700 cans of food were donated to 15 food banks in the 5 counties.



Fair in Memory of David Gragg. David was the Massac County Farm Advisory for 20 years. (Right: Three of the employees sitting on one of the benches. To the left are members of each organization going through the tabs to bag up to deliver to the place of business that made the benches.)



Collection Drives-HCE, 4-H, FFA, and Soil & Water Conservation District worked together to collect plastic bottle caps and lids. The plastic collected in Massac County went toward the purchase of 2 plastic benches that were placed at the Extension Office and the Massac County Youth



sale on June 26.

Norma Korte, PR Massac County

IAHCE Conference- Two HCE members from Massac County attended the IAHCE Conference in Effingham. We were honored to receive several awards, meet more HCE members, and attend the interesting classes. Plans for the next few months include the Annual meeting to honor our members who have been part of the organization for 50 or more years, recognize CVH members, and install the HCE Board Officers. HCE Scholarship Winners will be announced at the county-wide Kiwanis and Rotary Academic Awards Night on April 16. Massac County HCE is planning a bake



"There are two ways of spreading light, to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." ~Edith Wharton

Monroe

Monroe County's 78th annual meeting was held in November using the theme "Celebrating Around the World with HCE". Officers were installed by District 7 Director, Janel Kassing. Also, in attendance at the meeting was State President Jane Chapman.



Board Members - **1st row:** Carol Postlewait-Treasurer, Toni Blandford- 2nd Vice President, Marlene Kolbe-International, Gracia Schlafly-Community Outreach.

2nd row: Doris Matzenbacher-1st Vice President, Rose Anne Bense – President, Rosemary Yaekel – Co-Cultural Enrichment, Dorothy Kohler-Family Issues, Marie Schroeder-Secretary



Two Long Time HCE Members were honored at the annual meeting. Left to Right: Doris Ripplemeyer – 60 years and Lucille Lang - 65 years

"Women Supporting Women" was a great evening that began with a Potluck Dinner. HCE members brought new, or like-new bras to donate to the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois.

Pictured: Melissa Tutterow -Director of Development, for the Violence Prevention Center, and HCE members Gracia Schlafly and Marlene Kolbe, shown with the donated bras. A total of 93 bras were collected.



It was a fun night where HCE members could make something unique out of old bras and enter the contest "Best Use of an Old Bra". Winners included pictured: Carol Hoffmann- lunch box, Lucille Ohms – Wine bottle carrier, Marlene Kolbe – Winter scene, Rosalie Ries – Purse.



"A lighthouse is not interested in who gets its light, it just gives it without thinking! Giving light is its nature! ~ Mehmet Murat Ildan



Monroe County HCE collected and donated 563 books throughout the metro area for kids to read and keep. In East St. Louis, 360 books went to Kindercottage and the Helen Davis Head Start program. Another 100+ books are scheduled to be delivered to the Children First Learning Center in Columbia. Each book has a new sticker that reads: *"This book now belongs to"* so kids can feel the joy of owning their own books.

Pictured: Rose Anne Bense-President, Representative from Children First, and Gracia Schlafly- Community Outreach



Five HCE Board members attended the state conference in Effingham. Monroe County received 1st Runner Up in their category for "County of the Year" as well as two Education Awards for Our Kids Book Drive and Women Supporting Women (Bra Night) projects. "Best of Show" was awarded for two Monroe County entries at the State Conference. Congratulations to Margaret Brockmeier for her winning afghan in the "Crochet Afghan" category and Sharon Scherer for her afghan, winning in the "Knit Other" category.

Pictured: Rosemary Yaekel, Doris Matzenbacher, Rose Anne Bense, Gracia Schlafly and Dorothy Kohler

Several HCE members helped with a 4-H crocheting workshop in February. 4-H members thanked them for sharing their talent and time in helping. Everyone participating enjoyed it.

Perry

A Look at Perry County



Jane Chapman manning the display at the hospital health fair on iron deficiency in November.

Carolyn Bathon selling quilt chances at the Perry County MarketPlace for the benefit of our scholarship fund



Jane presenting the 500 plus Christmas cards with quarters attached to the Veterans Home in Anna

The ladies that helped cut out the honor Flight lap blankets and conjunction with the Sew for Fun 4-H club.



Annual meeting



Perry County's new HCE officers.



“The right thing to do benefits you and others, Be the lighthouses that you are.”

~ Nina Ferrell



Pulaski-Alexander

It has been “business” as usual this year. Our monthly unit and board meetings are well attended. In January we installed officers with Janel Kassing doing the honors. She also introduced our new director and told us that we are now in District 5, due to some changes.

Our units have had programs on Iron Deficiency, Why 2020 is a Leap Year, and the Full Snow Moon. Our March unit meetings were consolidated into one, with both units meeting at Shawnee College. We had lunch, a brief meeting, and attended a presentation by Craig Radley on Astronomy. This was very interesting. We learned much about the phases of the moon, etc. We continue to collect soda tabs, canceled postage stamps, and P. Farmer milk tops. One member sews for charity making both pillow cases and small quilts for children who are in treatments at hospitals. There was three members who enjoyed going to the IAHCE Conference in Effingham this March; Flora Helman, Emma Dell Bennett, and Martha McMunn.

At Conference we won County of the Year with a 4th place tie; a 2019 Education Award in Membership with a net gain of .33%. Also we placed three baskets of books in the silent auction and displayed our lighthouse. There were 52 lighthouses on display of various shapes and sizes. Quite a show!

Flora Helmann and Emma Dell Bennett pictured with our lighthouse (in center).

There were over 300 ladies in attendance with speakers and programs after each evening meal. We learned in the share shops, voted on cultural enrichment entries, shopped the vendor area, and met new friends.



At dinner – Martha McMunn in center, with two new friends.



Our annual Hillbilly Dinner is slated for April 18th at Caledonia Church, Olmsted, IL. This is a fundraiser for scholarships given to winning applicants from schools in the county.

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Martha McMunn
Public Relations, Pulaski Alexander

Randolph

New from Randolph County

Six of the board members from Randolph County attended the conference in Effingham. Several led the Share Shops. Jane Lucht and Charlene Woods had a session on Trunks and Treasures. Janel Kassing's session was on Read a Good Book Lately? and she also showed how to make a fabric star in the Make-It-Take-It Fun Night.

This was Janel's last event as director District 7. Carol Harms, also of Randolph County, was installed as the new director of which is now District 5. We thank Janel for her dedication while in office and are looking forward to having her as our new director and attending the workshop in August.

Several events had been planned in March, including a presentation by the Randolph County Sheriff on the new marijuana laws and also information on the CBD oils. It had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The annual meeting was to be on April 30 but it will probably also be postponed until a later date.

White

Another week of uncertainty for all of us this spring as I write this, but we must all continue to believe and work together as a team and remain positive, that this time next year we would have had another exciting, entertaining, and knowledgeable IAHCCE Convention to again renew old acquaintances and meet new members. Bring home more good Ideas and be able to express how educational the Conference was.

We have had a busy year here in our White County H.C.E. Starting with a lesson on pretzel making, and T-Shirt quilt making lesson. Taking desserts to our White County nursing homes. Making raffle baskets for our fall fund raiser, taking desserts to the 4-H pork chop dinner. Making plans for a spring salad luncheon fund raiser. Working on plans for our Annual Day in April.

Culture Enrichment Day Chair Ludene Taylor had a very successful day with a large variety of items to be taken to convention. International Chair is working on Uruguay information and recipes.

Many interesting things are coming in the months ahead. Our White County H.C.E. Members are busy helping to make our community that works together for a better place for all of us to live and work.

Thanks for all help received from our volunteers. Without volunteers we could not do most of the community projects that helps our community grow.

Fran Matheny H.C.E.
White County Public Relations.



At Conference: Joy Hoffman, Shirley Smith, Fran Matheny and Ruth Norris

Williamson

HCE of Williamson Co. President, Judy Cox reports that many events for March will be postponed or cancelled. We do plan to have our April 23 Annual Meeting Salad Meeting as a luncheon due to many members who are not night drivers. New district 5 president, Carol Has, will attend and help with installation of officers.

The April 7 Passport Party for 4-H members and families in DuQuoin will also be attended by our county HCE members hoping to sample foods of Uruguay. Our county is to provide strawberry bread if the event is held.

In February, Retired art teacher, Marie Samuel, was assisted by Oleta Massie In teaching 4-H members ages 8-18 how to create acrylic paintings on canvas in the style of artist, Jim Dine. Our county provides lunches at the Lighthouse Shelter for the homeless on the fifth Saturday of each month. So far this year we only had Feb. 29 as a month with a fifth Sat. to serve a luncheon. Different units and the HCE board take turns with this outreach service.

Another outreach is led by board member and president of Little Egypt Quilters, Ann Collins. Tje guild makes Quilts of Valor and presents them in a special ceremony for area veterans. Some units are donating needed items to the Marion VA Hospital and Nursing Home as well as to a program for homeless veterans.

A rummage sale is scheduled for June 6 from 8:30-2pm at the Shriners' Club located on Rt. 37 north of Marion between Johnston City and Marion .Williamson County had 11 HCE members attend the Effingham Conference. Shown here are seven who are shown at the District 5 meeting. Not shown are Yvonne Adams, Colleen Doss, and first time attendees Marilyn Thomson, & Jill Wagner .

Some Williamson Co. HCE members painted lighthouses in Marie Samuel's art class to donate to the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter in Marion, Il. Every fifth Sat. various HCE units prepare & serve food at the shelter for as many as 30 or more residents and staff. Jerry Covington is shown in the middle and Judy Spiller is right.

Marie Samuel



“No matter how dark and dramatic the events of life may appear, God is still working out His purposes.”

~Alistair Begg



Make Your Own Disinfectant Wipes

You will need: 2 cups of distilled water
 1 cup of isopropyl alcohol 70-91%
 concentration
 1 tablespoon of Dawn dish soap
 3 drops of Tea Tree Oil (optional)
 1 roll of paper towels

Directions:

1. Cut your paper towel roll through the middle with a serrated knife.
2. Flip them over and stick into a jar or previous Lysol/Clorox wipes box.
3. Mix together the water, rubbing alcohol, and dish soap.
4. Pour around the edges of the paper towel roll. Let it soak in for 2 minutes.
5. Pull the middle paper towel roll out and throw away. Now you can pull from the middle.
6. Store in a closed container with a lid.



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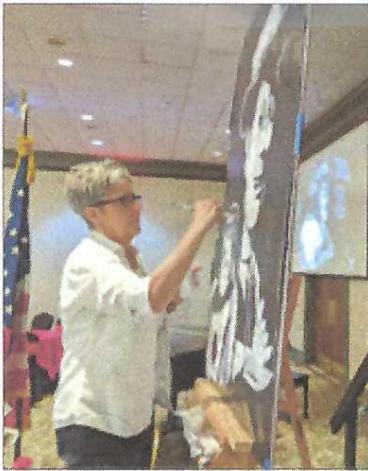


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Local HCE earns state awards at conference

BY NORMA KORTE
MASSAC COUNTY HCE

Massac County Home and Community Education (HCE) earned five state awards during the 96th Illinois Association of Home and Community Education (IAHCE) State Conference held in Effingham March 10-12. The theme of the conference was "Power of the Past, IAHCE Beacon to the Future."

The most prestigious recognition was earning the Grand Award in Fam-

ily and Community Issues for local members' work in Nutrition and Food. Massac County members participated in the U of I Extension Celebrate Youth event and offered a class on Healthy Snacks for 400 junior high students who attended.

Massac County HCE also earned third place IAHCE County of Year in the 75 or less membership division. This award was based on implementation of programs that focused on community service activities, lessons

provided for members and guests on topics relevant to the home and family, and collaborative efforts with other community organizations in Massac County to provide learning opportunities for families.

Some of the many community events either sponsored or supported by HCE throughout the past year were the HCE team participation in the Superman Celebration 2-mile Walk, Celebrate Youth nutrition workshop and the CAN Construction collaborative project with local 4-H and FFA members to collect food that was given to 15 food pantries in the 5 counties located in Unit 27.

Becky Belcher painted the picture of the Buzz Lightyear and Woody characters from the Toy Story movie as part of the Inspirational Greeting during the business meeting. While she painted the picture, the You've Got A Friend song from the movie played in the background.

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Individually, HCE members in Massac County either donated items or contributed volunteer hours to help local emergency response teams, Veterans Affairs (VA), Hope Unlimited Family Care Center, Guardian House, COPE and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Massac County HCE also earned IAHCE Education Awards in the areas of public relations, international and cultural enrichment. The organization earned the awards because of their public relations work in the community through various media outlets, scholarships provided for seniors from high schools in Massac County and educational work-

shops offered for youth and adults.

Other highlights during the conference included meal themes represented by lighthouses from various states and countries Genoa, Italy; Queensland, Australia; Buxton, North Carolina and Ushusia, Argentina.

Several guest speakers attended the conference, including Stephanie Jerebek, President of NVON; Linda Gause, CWC chairperson; Bonnie Teeples, CWC/ACWW area president; Jana Kuhnert, NubAbility Athletics; "The Other Guys" U of I Men's Glee Club, and the IAHCE Family of the Year, Dave and Mary Griffel of Gillespie.

One of the most interesting parts of the conference was an inspirational message and painting provided by Becky Belcher from Hamilton

County HCE. She painted a picture during the business meeting to signify the friendships made during the years with HCE members throughout the state.

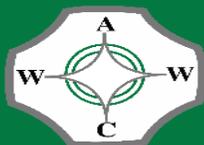
During the conference, Norma Korte, serving on the IAHCE State Board as second vice president, honored the members who have been part of the organization for 50 or more years by presenting each person with a rose. Also honored were the past IAHCE board members who received a lighthouse cookie cutter. With the lighthouse as the main theme, 52 counties made and brought a lighthouse to be on display during the conference.

Anyone interested in learning more about Massac County HCE should contact the Massac County Extension Office at 524-2270.

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Dear friends,

I am pleased to be writing to you at this time when so many are facing worry, fear, and even panic around what feels like a situation totally out of our control. However, we must remember that remaining calm and focused on sensible precautions will help protect us all. ACWW first passed a resolution on immunisation programmes in 1980, and called for vaccination against potentially eradicable diseases as recently as 2016. Global investment in vaccine programmes would go a long way to eradicating the impact of novel viral infections. Our commitment to the World Health Organization must go beyond the verbal, and we must do our best to keep our communities strong and safe by following WHO advice on hand sanitation and social distancing as the best form of defence against Covid-19 (Coronavirus). We must also ensure those most vulnerable in our communities are cared for, and avoid hoarding or panic-buying provisions that cause undue strain on food and distribution chains. Remember that 80% of the world's food is produced by rural communities, and we must do our best to remain centred and calm in this trying time. These communities require sensible health provision all year round, and for all conditions, not just a virus outbreak benefiting from press coverage.

Sadly, with international concern regarding the spread of Covid-19, the UN Secretary General held a meeting with all UN Ambassadors at which they decided to cancel the annual Commission on the Status of Women meeting. I had intended to be representing ACWW at this meeting, joined by several Board and Committee members who had paid to attend at their own expense. It is very disappointing that this important event has been cancelled, and around 8,000 women globally have had to adjust their plans. As you might have seen, our UN Committee Chairman Marie Kenny and I were able to transfer our flights to London and we spent a very productive week with our Central Office staff producing a series of advocacy resources to ensure that the voices of rural women do not go unheard at this challenging time. These have been and will continue to be posted on our Facebook page, and our website. Please do take a look!

At the Triennial World Conference in Melbourne last year there was a lot of interest expressed in our UN work, but particularly a desire to understand how individuals and member societies could directly participate in our advocacy work. Last month we sent a letter to all member societies asking for their support for a letter to UN negotiators working on the Political Declaration for the Commission on the Status of Women. This pointed out that women's rights are human rights, and cannot be removed from important legal treaties. This letter was signed by 185 organisations in 35 countries, representing more than 11.95 million women. It was the strongest response from ACWW's network of members and supporters in many years, if not ever, and I was delighted to see so many unite behind our message. The letter was read during negotiations at the UN, and the UK negotiator was able to use this to leverage our point and ensure as strong a Declaration as possible was agreed.

For those of you who have ordered copies of the Rural Women in Action Pack, you will be pleased to know that the first orders have already been posted from Central Office. As you will read below, there will now be a delay in further dispatching packs. They look fantastic, and will be such a brilliant resource for members to raise awareness of ACWW's work, learn, share knowledge, and make personal commitments to sustainability. You are also able to download the items from the Member Resources page of our website. Please don't forget to let us know how you use them!

Upon my return to South Africa from London, I have had to enter 14 days of Self-Isolation. My husband and I drove straight from the airport to our farm out of the city, and are safe and as comfortable as possible. Sadly, because of new government advice in the UK, ACWW's Central Office will be closed from this afternoon. Our staff are doing their best to establish what work they can do from home (whilst ensuring we continue to protect the personal data of our members and comply with the law!), and we hope to have provisions in place in the next few days to make this more effective. Please bear with us, everyone is doing their best in this difficult time.

When considering your meetings, gatherings, and events such as Women Walk the World, please be aware of official advice relevant to your location and nation. Please rely on this official advice, rather than some of the nonsense being spread on social media.

I send you all my very best wishes, and my hopes for your safety, comfort, and good health. You are always welcome to contact me and Central Office (all email addresses will be checked regularly, even if there is a little delay in responses).

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ACWW World President



Estonian Connection Update

Rutt Tuvike of the small village Mäeselja near the large city of Tartu in Estonia continues to correspond with various members of IAHCE following her year 2016 participation in our International Homemaker Exchange. Rutt founded the Village Development Society at her and husband Kaarel's family farm and small resort known as *Sääniku*. She shared the following updates through email December 2019 through March 2020.

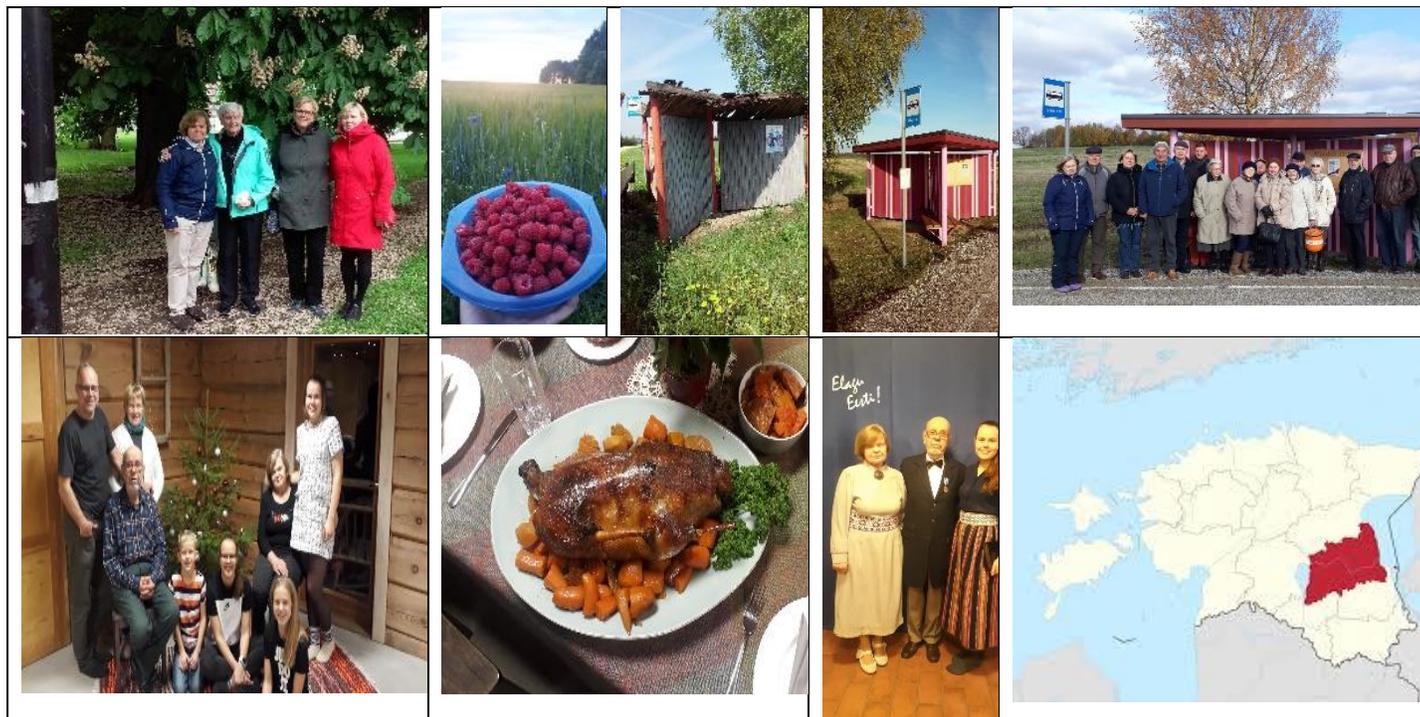
Year 2019 was special said Rutt because "In spring we met with Mary (Johnson) and her mom, Virginia Duvall (Sangamon County HCE), in Tallinn, when they visited Estonia briefly during their cruise trip. We had a lovely day in Tallinn." Year 2016 exchange participant Ene Paks of Tartu, Estonia also joined in the visit. Readers might remember that Mary Johnson, current IAHCE District 3 Director, and Eleanor Gregory current Family Community Issues Director were our IAHCE Exchange participants to Estonia in year 2017. The raspberry crop was a little poor said Rutt due to climate change and a dry spring when rain was needed most. "Nevertheless, they were as sweet as ever!" In conjunction with the International Day of Rural Women October 15 there was the grand opening of a new Bus Stop Shelter in Mäeselja because of a replacement project Rutt initiated. The Before and After pictures are quit a contrast. Christmas Day was memorable family time spent on the Tuvike's Saaniku Farm. Roast Goose was enjoyed by all.

Rutt says that it was a great day for her family on February 24, 2020 which is the Estonia Republic's 102nd Anniversary/Independence Day. Her husband Kaarel was honored with a Community Activist Award for the play he wrote and was performed in year 2019 about their village's history. The corona virus pandemic has a too familiar effect on the lives of Estonians. Rutt says "We started to sit at home from 12th of March. My family is doing good, it is a blessing to live in a countryside at these times - isolated from everyone. Similarly here, people go to do only food shopping or visit pharmacies.

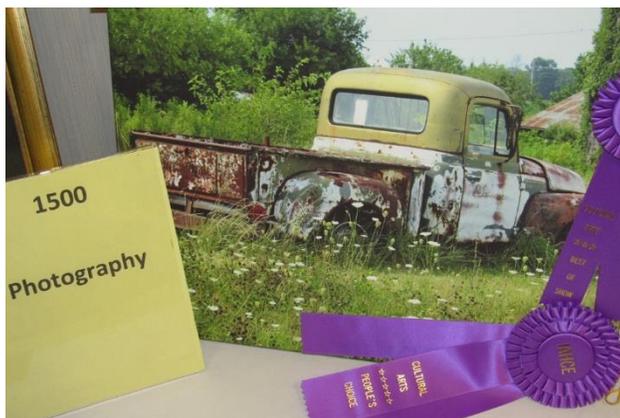
Our business was indeed affected a bit by the virus, as some events are postponed or cancelled completely". Keeping up with friends and acquaintances worldwide is a pleasure for me. I have my membership in IAHCE and its affiliates including the Associated Country Women of the World to thank for that.

Pat Weitzmann

Lake County HCE Cultural Enrichment Director and former IAHCE International Director



BEST OF SHOW- CULTURAL ARTS



WALL OF HONOR- 2019 EDUCATION AWARDS

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT- Sonya Bishop, IAHCE Director

Textiles and Clothing:

Cumberland (District 5)- Including the senior center for social engagement was a great approach to networking. Having a connection to the recipients of the clothing was great and the pictures of the children wearing them was perfect.

Jefferson (District 7)- Excellent way to learn quilting on a small level. The results were great and can be enjoyed many different seasons. Good networking skills. Keep encouraging guests and possible new members.

Heritage Skills:

Champaign (District 5)- Bobbin Lace and wool spinning are most definitely lost heritage skills. They are a lot of work and take hours to learn and perfect. I hope at least one person is willing to learn how to do one of these. This was a wonderful way to encourage these arts.

Massac (District 7)- Preservation of our heritage textiles is very important to give our family members a glimpse of our past. We hope to inspire a future quilter to carry on a family treasure.

Special Activities:

Lake (District 2/3)- The cultural enrichment day theme was creative and looked like a lot of fun. Networking with the Giving Trees was a wonderful way to showcase HCE and encourage potential membership.

Adams (District 4)- Sponsoring a history tour of your county is an excellent way of promoting HCE and showing what Adams county has to offer visitors.

Macon (District 5)- Barn Quilts are very popular and the information and instruction was a great example of preserving our heritage on a large scale and education of others. The Barn Quilt Heritage Trail was a wonderful addition to draw interest and visitors to your county.

GRAND AWARD: MCLEAN COUNTY (District 5)

Wonderful job including the children in the 5th grade class and 4-H in community service for the military. Great pictures and paper articles.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES- Eleanor Gregory, IAHCE Director

Family and Living, Safety:

Kane (District 2/3)- An HCE member and her husband were the targets of identity theft and wished to inform others of problems they face even years after the theft. Kelly Kennedy, Vice President and Operations Manager with Card Services, spoke to attending HCE members and guests about scammers such as charity fraud, health care offers, "You've Won!", tech support, IRS scams, and imposters for grandkid scams and more.

Monroe (District 6)- "Women 'Supporting' Women" appropriately describes the objective of making HCE members aware of domestic violence as they collected 99 new and like new bras for women in need and donated them to the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois. The informative and serious nature of the speaker's presentation contrasted with the ladies "Fun Stuff"... "What Religion Is Your Bra?" and "How to Make a Bra Out of a Napkin".

Jefferson (District 7)- HCE members created and donated 158 Comfort Bears (with a label "MADE FOR YOU BY JEFFERSON COUNTY HCE) to a local ambulance service, 3 local volunteer fire departments, home for unwed mothers, facility for sexually abused children, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services AND including Illinois State Police squad cars! A grandson quote... "Even children who don't need a "Comfort Bear" understand the importance".

Health, Food, and Nutrition:

Marion (District 6)- These ladies focused on MENTAL HEALTH (Dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, and Asperger's) by creating and distributing 173 labeled (Donated by Marion County Home Community Education) Fidget Blankets to senior care centers and schools. These ladies completed these blankets in three all day Workshop Sessions.

Jefferson (District 7)- Wanting to share their blessings, Jefferson County HCE ladies collected not only canned and boxed goods, but paper products to donate to the local Food Pantry. Monetary donations were given as well. For the holidays small hams were given along with other holiday fare. A GAME AND SOUP Night, which was open to the public, gave an opportunity to celebrate soups around the world while collecting more items for the pantry.

Citizenship, Environment:

Lake (District 2/3)- Lake County ladies recycled bottle caps to make benches for schools and are in partnership with the National Diaper Bank Network to help provide diapers and other baby items. Participating in "Dress a Girl Around the World" (A Campaign under Hope 4 Women International) gave an opportunity to coordinate a bracelet to match the dress. Ronald McDonald House benefited from 100 lbs. of pop tabs. Providing personal items such as feminine products to food pantries became another special project.

Monroe (District 6)- Early childhood and Head Start programs in East St. Louis and Columbia, Illinois benefited from the 526 children's books collected by these energetic ladies. Their premise is that all children should "own" books. "The ladies counted, organized and delivered. Flyers in the books identified HCE as donor.

Jefferson (District 7)- These ladies had great results with promoting recycling. Exchanged ink cartridges at Staples for newsletter supplies, kept trash out of landfills by collecting bottle caps and plastic lids to make school benches, and newspapers and magazines to nursing homes for their enjoyment. Other recycling events are light bulbs at Lowes, aluminum cans to VFW, medicine bottles to Ronald McDonald house, and repurposing items such as a fryer to a flowerpot!

Special Activities:

Kankakee (District 2/3)- Helping the elderly and the children describes the efforts of these ladies. They sewed and filled over 500 stockings to give to 6 different nursing homes. They made weighted blankets for Autistic children, shortened handles on 200 canvas school bags along with providing school supplies. A \$500 scholarship to Kankakee Community College, holiday food baskets for two families in need, saved manufacture coupons for military service personnel, and they still had time and energy left to make walker bags, bibs, and lap robes for nursing home patients.

Morgan (District 4)- HCE ladies held two workshops to assist the Children's Craft Activity chair of the Festival of Trees sponsored by Pathway Services, a center for adults with special needs in Jacksonville, Illinois. The HCE ladies created small inexpensive Christmas tree ornaments for the children to decorate their own little individual trees. They used recycled items such as beads, greeting cards, and many other common items to create these holiday treasures. Their creativity is resourceful and practically endless.

Perry (District 7)- The Perry County ladies provided an awesome array of activities to promote health, food, and nutrition in unique ways. Healthwise, a speaker from Ameren told about the importance of good lighting to help prevent vision problems, and a Purple Martin expert assured everyone that these birds' chirping relieves stress and their insect eating habits prevent bites! Foodwise, a lesson on noodles and dumplings proved to be quite tasty (recipes included). Then a history of ice cream and the fun of making ice cream using Ziplock bags. Different ideas and ways to use tortillas were shared. Nutrition became the focus at the Pinckneyville Hospital Health Fair where Fee Fee the fish presented his iron deficiency facts!

GRAND AWARD: MASSAC COUNTY (District 7)

The HCE ladies know how to present NUTRIOUS SNACKS! Celebrating Youth event at Shawnee College gave an excellent opportunity to present “Nutritious Snacks” and the importance of portion size. Veterans in assisted care and nursing homes were the recipients of nutritious snacks as well as the 911 response team. An ear of corn constructed by 4-H and FFA youth used and green and yellow cans (800 cans) which caught the eye of everyone at a 5-county event. (HCE supplied \$250 worth of the canned foods). The local food pantries were thankful.

INTERNATIONAL- Cara Ausmus, IAHCE Director

Country of Study- India:

Lake (District 2/3)- Held a basket auction of Indian objects and celebrated the opening of an Indian grocery store in Lake County.

Sangamon (District 4)- Worked with an Asian Women’s Society in developing a program to enhance the study of India.

Macon (District 5)- Used a culinary student group to prepare food for the International event and celebrated elephants.

Jefferson (District 7)- Held a craft day during International HCE Week. Red, White, and Blue objects of choice, rear view of Santa’s red car with “Ho, Ho, Ho” on license plate and used purple coneflowers as decorations, objects of choice.

Other Country of Study:

Perry (District 7)- Coordinated with 4-H members to celebrate another state.

International Event:

McLean (District 5)- Invited 10 friends to participate in an International Event.

Massac (District 7)- “Reaching the World by Reaching Our Neighbor First”. A program invitation using red, white, and blue signs and a red truck Christmas motif with Santa.



GRAND AWARD: MADISON COUNTY (District 6)

Multiple International experiences included food, colors, booklets, and skills along with a snake charmer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Pat Hildebrand, IAHCE Director

HCE Week

Kane (District 2/3)- “Ocktoberfest” was a day of fun, games, and entertainment resulting in the building of a network system and the community learning more about HCE and its educational value.

Macon (District 5)- Educational programs ranging from Frugal Cooking and Humming Birds to Barn Quilts and tours of the area made up the HCE week activities. Over 100 were in attendance for the events. Six new members were enrolled.

Perry (District 7)- Perry County HCE events in the community touched all age groups, interest groups, and cultural groups. A unique program involved a local author at a poetry reading.

Special Activities

Stephenson (District 1)- A Electric Pressure Cooker Workshop was held to explain the convenience and time-saving points in using this appliance.

Kane (District 2/3)- A booth with HCE information, recruitment, community outreach and international projects were set up during the Kane County Fair.

Sangamon (District 4)- A Trivia Fundraiser allowed Sangamon, Menard, and Logan Counties to the annual sum agreed to be paid to the University of Illinois Extension; increased community awareness of HCE and gave a sense of unity and comradery for the membership. Honey M-M-Good was a featured educational program stressing the importance of honey bees and the production of honey. The program was presented in support of a project of ACWW making people aware of the endangerment of the bee population.

Madison (District 6)- Four different locations each with a different event provided educational and fun means of reaching potential members. A variety of media was used to advertise the events. Funds from a live auction were designated for local charities and other organizations in the community.

Public Relations:

Lake (District 2/3)- All forms of media was used to promote Lake County HCE. A new Special Interest club was formed with 12 plus members.

Champaign (District 5)- CCHCE celebrated and promoted what HCE is about to the community through all types of media, Cultural Arts Show, Fun Day and membership events. There was a gain of thirteen new members.

Massac (District 7)- Networking with local businesses and organizations provided a way for Massac County HCE to be among the leaders in the community. Six new members were reported.

GRAND AWARD: MCLEAN COUNTY (DISTRICT 5)

The Public Relations Team utilized all the various media available to increase awareness of HCE along with their numerous educational events. Fifteen new members were welcomed.

*Thank
You*

To everyone on the work you
submitted for awards at
conference! Your
supplemental materials were
OUTSTANDING!



CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS- Ashley Davis, IAHCE Director

County w/Highest Number of Hours Reported:

District 1 – Stephenson, 9,070

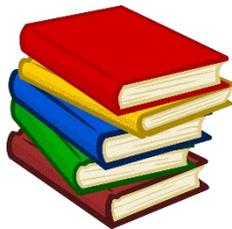
District 2/3 – Kane, 19,580

District 4 -Sangamon, 25,877

District 5 -Champaign, 27,342

District 6 -Macoupin, 27,319

District 7 -Franklin, 22,354



County w/Highest Percentage Participating:

District 1 – Mercer 94.7%

District 2/3 – Grundy, 96.70%

District 4 -Adams, 74.40%

District 5 -McLean, 91.60%

District 6 -Macoupin, 70.20%

District 7 -Williamson, 96.80%

County w/Highest Number of Members Reporting:

District 1 – Stephenson & Warren, 30

District 2/3 – Kane, 71

District 4 -Adams 102

District 5 -McLean, 153

District 6 -Macoupin, 85

District 7 -Jefferson, 78

County w/Highest HCE Hours Reported:

District 1 – Knox, 2,186

District 2/3 – Kakakee, 6,653

District 4 -Sangamon, 11,378

Grab One of these Titles off the New York Times Best Sellers List:

It's Not Supposed to be This Way
by: Lysa Terkeurst

The Couple Next Door by: Shari Lapena

If You Tell by: Gregg Olsen

Where the Crawdads Sing by: Della Owens

Damaged by: Cathy Glass

The Wedding Guest by: Jonathan Kellerman

The Silent Patient by: Alex Michaelides

The Woman in the Window by: A.J. Finn

A Spark of Light by: Jodi Picoult

Whiskey in a Teacup by: Reese Witherspoon

Someone Knows by: Lisa Scottoline

Present Over Perfect by: Shauna Niequist

Nine Perfect Strangers by: Liane Moriarty

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by: Heather Morris

Lost Roses by: Martha Hall Kelly

My Brilliant Friend by: Elena Ferrante

One Day in December by: Josie Silver

The Great Alone by: Kristin Hannah

In Pieces by: Sally Field

An Anonymous Girl by: Greer Hendricks
And Sarah Pekkanen

The Reckoning by: John Grisham

District 5 -McLean 11,156

District 6 -Fayette, 7,577

District 7 -Williamson, 7,853

Member w/Highest HCE Hours Reported Per District

District 1 – Janet Malone, 677 (Knox)

District 2/3 – Mary Noble 2,376 (Kankakee)

District 4 -Sharon Watkins, 1,856 (Sangamon)

District 5 -Eileen Norin, 1,055 (McLean)

District 6 -Priscilla Plocher, 1,424 (Madison)

District 7 -Oleta Massie, 1,287 (Williamson)

MEMBERSHIP- Norma Korte, IAHC Director

Net Gain:

District 1 – Stepehnson, 6.09%

District 2/3 – Boone, 4.55%

District 4 -Morgan 4.88%

District 5 -Vermilion, 14.89%

District 6 -Jasper, 16.67%

District 7 -Pulaski/Alexander 8.33%

Most Members Gained:

District 1 – Stephenson, 16 members

District 2/3 – Lake, 8 members

District 4 -Adams, Sangamon, and Tazewell, 6 members each

District 5 -McLean, 15 members

District 6 -Richland, 31 members

District 7 -Hamilton and Jefferson, 8 members each



What to Watch on Netflix:

Tiger King

Ozark

Money Heist

Love Wedding Repeat

Miracle in Cell No 7

The Main Event

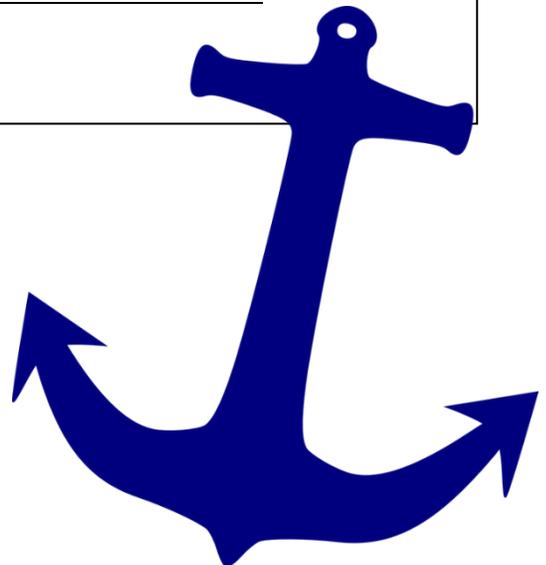
The BIG Show

Tigertail

Uncorked

The English Game

The Valhalla Murders



Membership Activities:

District 2/3 -DuPage – Wonderful job providing several activities through the year to encourage new HCE members and provide educational opportunities.

Special Membership Activity:

District 1 -Warren- Promoted HCE through display at the OSF Woman's Health Fair event.

District 5 -McLean- Provided an educational lesson and encouraged members to invite guests and make guest aware of HCE in the community.

District 7 -Promoted HCE and educational opportunity through trips for HCE members and guests.

GRAND AWARD: MCLEAN COUNTY (DISTRICT 5)

Special Activities- For overall excellence in marketing HCE through various events and activities, media coverage, and most importantly, gaining 15 new members!

Net Gain

Highest % gain in the state! – DISTRICT 6- JASPER COUNTY WITH 16.6%

District w/Highest Gain- DISTRICT 6 WITH 95 NEW MEMBERS!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

IAHCE-DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

August 11th- District 1 & 2 – United Methodist Church, 160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore

August 12th- District 3- Southern View Chapel, 4500 S 2nd Street, Springfield

August 13th- District 4 & 5- St. John's Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson, Effingham

IAHCE WEEK - October 12th-16th, 2020

IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - March 9-11th, Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham

NVON (NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OUTREACH NETWORK INC)

July 20-22nd, 2020 Spartanburg, South Carolina

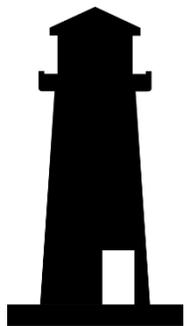
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