

# THE IAHCE CHRONICLE



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# NEWS FROM YOUR STATE OFFICERS



*Positively the President*

Hello HCE Friends!

The proverb “**all things come to those who wait**” means if **people** are persistent and patient, **they** will finally achieve their goal. IHACE members have been patient, persistently wearing their masks, socially distancing, and staying home. **WE have finally achieved our goal**, to once again meet each other face to face and meet each other for the IAHCE District Workshops in August! It is so exciting to know that we can begin to organize activities and programs for the membership!

Did you hear that IAHCE is hosting the Country Women’s Council (CWC) USA Conference, September 13-15 in Effingham? The CWC is a coordinating council of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) member societies in the USA. There are 28 societies throughout the United States. National Volunteer

Outreach Network (NVON) which IAHCE is a member, accounts for 9 of the 28 states. Would you like to attend this meeting and learn more about CWC and ACWW? To find out more about it, go to [iahce.org](http://iahce.org), select “related sites”, scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the CWC link. Follow the link for the registration form and information. The IAHCE Board hopes to see you there!

HCE Week is October 11—16, we have lots to celebrate and share with surrounding communities. So please take the opportunity to share what you have been doing and invite others to join HCE!

By the time you receive this newsletter, many of the county representative will have attended the IAHCE August District Workshops. Ask your representatives to share what they learned—awards were presented and the 2022 “conference theme” was shared as well as the 2022 “country of study”. Each state officer gave packets of information to the county officer which in turn will be shared with the membership.

I encourage each of you to continue to be positive and to continue building membership in HCE! I look forward to seeing you whether it is in your county or at special meetings!

Angela☺

**Special Note:** Please be aware of scammers using IAHCE Board member’s names. Unfortunately we live in a world where unsavory people prey on non-profit organizations to elicit money using the trusted names of the organization. Please know that we would not ask you to buy gift cards for various uses. If you are unsure if the request is legitimate or not, **CALL** us before you spend money. We can’t emphasize this enough—please be careful, verify who the email is from (you can hover your cursor over the email name to verify the email), and if it sounds outlandish or is too good to be true....well, it probably is!

***Let’s Build Enthusiasm & Membership in HCE!***

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

## 1s VICE PRESIDENT - Mary Eustace

Summertime is here! I hope you are enjoying your time spending it doing what brings you joy. I am excited to be able to focus on the August District Workshops that are coming up. My partner on this incredible journey, Norma Korte – 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. and all the IAHCE State Officers have worked at making this workshop exciting and awesome. It is important that IAHCE can bring back educational seminars that will bring us all together again. As state officers, we all strive to keep in touch with our membership and being together brings us such joy.



I have been working on finding ideas for educational lessons. If you have any ideas on a subject you would like to know more about, please send me an email and I will see if we can develop a lesson. I had the opportunity to go on a “Girl’s Shopping Bus Trip” and of course they are always so much laughter and fun. We went to West Virginia to the Fiesta Ware Outlet facility. From this experience came a lesson on the history of “Fiesta Ware” written by my own county 1<sup>st</sup> VP’s Linda Patton and Rayola Daniel. I will include this lesson in my officer packet given out at August Workshops. I also work with the University of Illinois Extension for ideas on educational lessons. I will gladly work with you if you have a subject you want to pursue.

Please remember that we have a couple of openings on our state board. The application can be found on our Web site (iahce.org) and must be submitted and postmarked October 1, 2021. Please mail it to our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Ashley Davis at 1787 N 1750 St., St. Elmo, IL 62458. Can’t wait to see all your beautiful smiles again and I promise you will enjoy our August District Workshops with seeing old friends. We have good things in store for you. Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy! Celebrate our past and awaken our future....

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Norma Korte

Hello, IAHCE members! Greetings from Southern Illinois! This spring has been a little kinder for all of us. We were able to plant in a timely manner even though it was cool for a couple weeks. Farming has been one of the few “normal” activities in a “less than normal” year. HCE units in several of the counties started opening up and offering programs.



It has been so nice to be able to visit with people outside our homes and in-person. The State IAHCE Board met in June to discuss the upcoming program for the August Workshop. Everyone was excited to be together and offer the membership an enjoyable learning experience. It has been really interesting to see how many different ways the counties have offered programs this past year and stay active in their communities. Continue to open your hearts and minds to new ways we can connect with others, share HCE lessons, begin new friendships, and help in our communities.

The *Member of the Year* form will be included in the conference packet I will give you in August.

**Applications are due October 1 to me.** We had three districts send in applications last year. Any county can submit an application in the five districts. HCE members that are worthy should be considered and nominated for this award. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position will be elected in March of 2022. If you have served on the IAHCE Board before, please consider serving again. Applications are available in your guide book or on the IAHCE website. Please mail applications to Ashley Davis by October 1. Be sure to fill out your District evaluations, and please read your District Director letter very closely. Stay safe, keep positive, and keep telling your friends all you learn from HCE.

## **SECRETARY- Cathy Eathington**

Hello to all IAHCE members. I am looking forward to seeing you at District meetings in August.

August 10, 2021 District 4 & 5 St John's Lutheran Church Effingham  
August 11, 2021 District 3 Southern View Chapel Springfield  
August 12, 2021 District 1&2 United Methodist Church Sycamore



Several positions are needing to be filled at the 2022 Annual Conference, they are 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Secretary, Cultural Enrichment and Family/Community Issues. We will have applications at the District Workshops.

I am starting to receive the new officers' lists from the counties. You are printing or typing them. I thank you very much for doing this.

See you in August!

## **TREASURER- Melissa Chitwood**

Have you heard it before? Be careful what you wish for? At the time of this writing I reflect on the many dry summers we have had. The grass turns brown, the corn leaves curl and the ground begins to crack. We pray for rain. Wow! Not this year! What a turn of events here in Central Illinois. In less than a week our rain gauge has registered 5 inches of rain! Today the sun is shining, the birds are singing and nature's canvas exhibits hues of bright greens. "Rise above the storm and you will find sunshine" (*Mario Fernandez*).



In mid-June the storm clouds from covid isolation faded and we are once again able to venture out from our homes in search of sunshine. So where do we go from here? Will life ever be "normal" again? We are back to our "regular" lives to an extent. We are able to go out and do activities and socialize with people. Things that the past year did not allow us to do, however, it is still far from normal. Let the sunshine in and the HCE activities begin! I know that some counties are struggling with the loss of members, but don't give up. Think outside the box. If you do the same activity every year to encourage membership and no one joins, try a different activity. Not sure what to try? Come to the District Workshops in August and talk to others about what activities they host. Interest new members but invest in current ones. I remember singing in Girl Scouts "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold." This applies to our HCE members as well. Revive our membership by reclaiming, renewing and redeeming those who have been, and are, a part of this wonderful organization. Call and offer a ride or send a card to let them know you are thinking of them. If they are up for it, stop by for a visit. I too need to focus on reaching out to our current members to let them know their importance to HCE.

August workshops will be here soon! Remember to sign up. I look forward to putting faces with names and getting to meet so many of you. If you have something you would like for me to include in the treasurer's packet, or an idea you would like to share, please let me know. Communication keeps us all informed, brings clarity to confusion and builds strong relationships. Communication will help us grow after the rains have passed.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you soon!

Melissa



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## Cultural Enrichment- Sonya Bishop

Happy summer! June started out fast and furious with a drive to O'Hare to pick up my spouse, an IAHCE board meeting and then two very warm days in Des Moines. The next week included a drive to another airport to pick up our daughter and her boyfriend so we could make the buffet and watch the start of the Cardinal's game. We were generously gifted four tickets in the green section. We had wonderful seats in between home and first! The weather was great, and the Cards won! The total was 3 states, 3 hotel rooms and 2 airports for a very busy 2 weeks.



My focus as of late has been concentrated on slugs! I have slayed many slugs with a sharpened piece of discarded farm equipment. The trick is a flashlight in one hand and my "slug slayer" in the other. They are not supposed to like mint. I have them in my mint. What started my singular focus on slug slaying was when I walked outside and stepped on a big fat slimy slug! Yes I was barefoot! I put beer out and that worked until I discovered one of my cats liked to drink out of the container I buried in the ground. I have made progress and their numbers are significantly less.

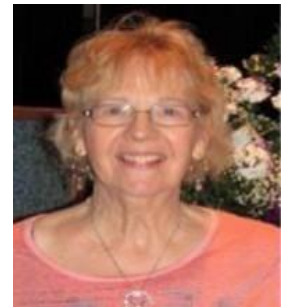
Pike County and the surrounding area have had their fairs. I remember showing my animals at the local fair with my friends and the fun we had. I even think we learned a thing or two.

By now you have probably started or finished your CE entries for the next convention. I have made the decision to allow the items you made year before last. So, instead of a 2 year limit I am allowing a 3 year period just this once. I will go into more detail at the district meetings. I have more exciting news that will be announced at the district meetings; you will just have to wait. I can tell you that this is my last year on the state board. I promised my spouse I would do one term so we could go on to our next adventure!

Please remember the pollinators in your gardens and yards. Have water available in shallow dishes with stones for landing. I had one out before the monsoon hit here. Some stores have leftover seeds for pollinators at a discounted rate. I just bought some at the dollar store for \$1. Most of the seeds can be planted in the fall for the next spring garden.

Remember to keep creating and to learn something new.

Sonya



## Family and Community Issues- Eleanor Gregory

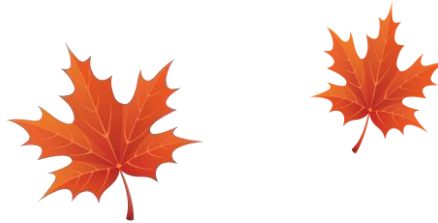
Hello!

During the Covid Year, I started walking 3 miles a day. Since social activities were cancelled, walking gave me purpose in each day. Now that I have started to be social again, it is harder to keep my walking commitment, but I am determined to keep the pace.... but maybe not every day. In June I walked in the high attitude of Denver as I spent a week there visiting my son Kevin, his wife Sil and my 3-year-old granddaughter Clara. (Missed seeing her for 2 years!) The altitude made walking a little more challenging. But what would life be without a few challenges? We survived the Covid Year and the CHANGES we all had to make.

Living through the Covid Year makes it clear how important our family and our community are to our lives! So, let's pick up our binoculars to look for and find new ways we can promote families and enrich and support our communities. In the Family and Community Packet you will find some ideas to ASPIRE TO INSPIRE you to move forward with encouraging your fellow HCE members to bring new excitement to continue the projects and ideas that have worked in the past and look for ideas to bring new enthusiasm for creating NEW family and community activities!

The packet will also contain a form for the IAHCE REPORT FORM FOR EDUCATION AWARDS and the form for THE IAHCE GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY. Filling out the forms may seem to be a “hassle” at first, but the rewards are huge! Documentation of projects can bring those who are involved in the projects to a satisfying sense of completion and unity. Plus, sharing with others in a formal way can be encouraging and beneficial to other counties who need a spark to ignite a new project! Let’s get FOCUSED and LOOK for new projects!

Eleanor



### **International Director- Janel Kassing**

Happy Summer Ladies,

I am happiest in shorts, a t shirt and sandals. Maybe I should move to Florida, but I would miss snowNOT!!. I would miss my love of IAHCE.

After attending my 2nd board meeting as your International Director, I still feel overwhelmed just trying to get all the parts of this job in my head, but we plug on. I am presently researching and preparing your August packet. I have also sent out a June letter, additional Canada information and some general information. I bought a new computer and have 2 granddaughters giving me daily HELP navigating it. Looking forward to guiding you through our next Country of Study, Italy! I will also have an added lesson for you on a food from our featured country.

I can't wait to meet you all in August. We will do a joint session so I will not have a lot of time but will introduce the Italy. Please notify me if you have specific questions by phone or email. I know there are some questions about county duties and stipends from the surveys. THANK TO THOSE OF YOU WHO RESPONDED. I will visit each district meeting to introduce a writing project.

I will be attending the NVON Conference in Owensboro, the week of July 19th with Angela, Jane and several other board members. Then I will be attending and helping at the CWC conference in Effingham in September. This is a great opportunity for us to attend with it being nearby.

Grab your Passport--  
Enjoy the Adventure



Janel



### **CVH (CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS)/SALES- Ashley Davis**

Hello Everyone & Happy Summer!

***“Beautiful butterflies remind us the life is all about changes and miracles.”***

I hope that everyone had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July and are enjoying their summer. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July was simple, we stayed home and watched the fireworks from all directions on our front porch. It has been a summer of getting everything back to normal and back on schedule with things. The hubby and I are planning a trip back home to Alabama for a few days before the summer gets away from us.

The IAHCE State Board met in Morris, IL for our June Board meeting and it was great to be with the ladies again. We had a lot of work to do in just a few days but **HEY** we got it done. I can't thank the ladies of Grundy County enough for amazing hospitality and the wonderful welcome gift that we received in our hotel rooms. The food that they provided was amazing and the restaurants we ate at were fabulous. I must admit think I gain a few or 10 pounds while I was there.

By the time you get this newsletter August Workshops will be over and you all will have received your CVH packets and your State CVH Awards. Congratulations to all of you for your dedication and thank you for all the volunteering that you do. I thought I would share with again the final numbers for the State as a whole.

**1,463 Members turned in Certified Volunteer Hours.**

**47 Members reports 1,000 hours or more.**

**72,076 HCE Hours were reported.**

**194,123 Other Hours were reported.**

**287,585 Total Certified Volunteer Hours were reported. 52 out of 72 Counties reported Certified Volunteer Hours 387 Certificates of Recognition were given.**

**Total CVH Hour value: 291,599 x \$27.20 = 7,931,492.80 Total Number of Covid-19 Masks 29,477 Total of Hours making COVID-19 Masks 20,451**



I hope that you all have been keeping a record of your hours the time to turn those in will be here before we know it. I am excited to see them start rolling in. It is a busy time and a few deadlines for me but hey I love to see the number of hours and dedication you all have. I always think to myself I wonder just how many lives you have touched with you loving and caring hearts. To be honest I cannot even imagine. As they say, ***“Volunteers do not always have the time, but they always have the heart!!”***

As I have shared with you before, I have successfully recorded all the members' CVH Hours on Excel spreadsheets and it was a big job. It made recording hours so much easier this year. I thought by now I would be scanning the file cards and downloading those on to flash drives; my crazy busy life has not allowed that task to start yet. I am going to purchase a different scanner that will make the task go much easier and faster. When this is completed, I will be giving a copy of the flash drives to the IAHCE Historian and I will have a copy to pass on to the next CVH Director.

In the CVH packet you have a copy of the State Board application. We will have a few positions opening. We will be looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (must have served on the IAHCE board before), Cultural Enrichment, Family and Community Issues, Secretary. Please share this with your county. For me being on the IAHCE State Board has been a rewarding and learning experience and I am so happy that I am able to serve on this board. You will find the guidelines for each position in the Guidebook. Please mail the applications to the Nominating Committee Chair Ashley Davis 1787 N 1750<sup>th</sup> St., St Elmo, IL 62458 by October 1,2021.

As, always if you have any questions, please call, text, or email me.

May God Bless you and enjoy the rest of your summer,

Ashley



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS- Emily McDowell**

Happy hot summer! If you are like me, you might be ready for cooler fall weather. I am preparing an amazing packet for you, so I hope you will find it helpful and implement some of the ideas I propose! In your public relations packets is information about a contest I will be encouraging all of you to participate in. Prizes will be awarded during our public relations session at conference.

I'm encouraging all of you to do some activities during HCE week in October also. We all seem to be having a declining membership so let us see what we can do to make an impact and recruit new members during HCE week!



Be sure to share any photos of your events, flyers, or event pages to our IAHCE Facebook page. This could help a potential member find a unit near them to participate in. You might also get some HCE members from other counties come to your event!

I want to remind everyone that I have moved and you will need to start making sure that future payments are sent to my new address and not my old address. The new address is listed on the order form on the back cover. Thank you all for your articles this newsletter. We had far more participation than we have had in awhile which is great!

I saw the following saying on Facebook today and thought it was a great saying to share with all of you.

“Remember This... Popcorn is prepared all in the same pot, in the same heat, and in the same oil, but each kernel does not pop at the same time so don't compare yourself to others. Your time to pop is coming!”

You can think of this above saying in the following ways:

~Each county is a different piece of popcorn- They are a small part that makes the whole of the state the most enjoyable!

~Each member is a kernel- Some members are bursting with flavors. They provide unique seasonings that make their units savory.

~Each unit is part of the stripes on each bag- They work together to support their counties and keep them in line.

Finally, each member that makes up each unit which makes up each county which make up our state in total is the movie theater- We are all watching the great work we do unfold. We are the movie reel that provides the entertainment, the excitement, and the atmosphere. Sometimes there is drama and sometimes the result is a mystery, but like a romance- our passions turn our actions into Blockbusters!

So keep “popping” my friends!



*Stay afraid, but do it anyway. What's important is the action. You don't have to wait to be confident. Just do it and eventually the confidence will follow-*

*Carrie Fisher*

# DISTRICT 1 NEWS



## DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR — Becky Thomas

Greetings to the members of District 1.

It seems that things might be getting back to normal. Around my corner of the state, restaurants are busy, the hospital is busy with surgeries and procedures again, but I myself am still being cautious. I would like to congratulate the work the counties are putting into their newsletters. It is encouraging to see. As my president and editor of our county can attest to, it's challenging for me to write an article. The District 1 and 2 Workshop will be held but expect a different style of program. I was going to present the advantages of going to the IAHCE website at Conference. Besides the Guidebook with county leadership and forms, the State and District newsletters can be found on the website. Clarence took pictures of the State Board at our March Board Meeting and those are under Archives/Photos.

Please take a look at the new 2021 officers. I look forward to working with these ladies. the IAHCE website is fun and easy to use. I just found videos for lessons for learning from the U of I Extension so I can watch by myself or get information for my county. I hope that you will check us out. I hope to see members more this year and I hope all stays well going forward.

Becky



## ***Mercer***

On June 26, 2021, the county board of Mercer County Home and Community Education worked in conjunction with the local supermarket, Mercer Market, selling pork chop sandwiches to raise money for MCHCE. We raise money in order to continue the programs that the HCE offers to increase the awareness of and building community involvement. In years past, we held mini workshops to inform the community about a variety of topics. These workshops required prior planning; and in those plans we learned of expenses that would be incurred by the presenters. The money raised also allows us to offer scholastic opportunities to the community. High school seniors can apply for scholarships to be used for tuition, educational supplies (books and any significant educational tools), and other such necessities related to the major in which the student is seeking.



## **Mercer County Health and Community Education held its Annual Meeting**

Mercer County Health and Community Education held its annual meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Hamlet Village Hall at 6:30 PM. Bev Gray, leader of the Aledo Nights Unit and Julie Losey, member of the unit as well, worked to make the arrangements for our meeting. We celebrated our evening of the yearly review with desserts and beverages following our evening program.

The evening program was presented by Carol Longley, a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois. Her topic was closely related to the theme of IAHCE 2020 Conference "Change is to Grow, Grow is to Become." Her Master Gardener project was developing a Pollinator Patch on the grounds of the local YMCA in Aledo, IL. in Mercer County. Her presentation for the evening program was entitled "Pollinator Protection" which deals with safe ways to garden that do not include using harmful chemicals that adversely affect pollinators.

Pollinators such as bees and butterflies and even hummingbirds are attracted to these safe areas with brightly colored flowers. A safe garden is one that does not have chemicals used to enhance growth or eliminate unwanted vegetation. Because The YMCA is undergoing construction at this time, the gardens that

Carol and other gardeners were developing in and around the Aledo YMCA had to be dug up and moved to a temporary place to grow while awaiting their new garden spaces back at the YMCA.



Donna Pinger

## **Rock Island**

We are happy to be able to say “We R Back!” and ready to start planning for our new program year. As I am sure we are among so many counties, that have been shut down for the last year. The board still held their bi-monthly meetings trying to figure out what we can do for our members but still be within the state’s mandate. One event we were able to hold this spring was our annual geranium sale fundraiser. With the help of 4-Hers selling geraniums, we had the best year of sales that we have had in the last few years.

With the state opening up, we held our first Annual Meeting in the last two years. that was a new beginning for us. Our 2021 – 2022 officers are: President – Diane Wolf; First Vice – Carol Stogsdill and Kay Wagle; Second Vice – Rose Nass and Kim Rowland; Secretary – Donna Dual; Treasurer – Emma Hoke; Community Outreach and Interest and Creative Recycling – Nancy Edlund; Cultural Enrichment – Riverdale Unit led by Deb Marxen; International – Evelyn Olsen; CVH – Mary Ecker – Public Relations – Sharon Hough; Youth – Donna Dual; Ways and Means – Town & Country Unit. I am pleased to say we were able to recruit a full slate of officers this year.

Our board is working on planning an exciting new year for our members with interesting lessons, Cultural Arts Day and craft workshops throughout the year. AND...we are planning our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Rock Island County HCE was organized July 1, 1921.) This has stirred so much excitement among the members. What a great way to start our new year after a yearlong shutdown. We are planning a celebration to be held in September. Carol Stogsdill, Town & Country Unit, made 100 quilts which were distributed within our units to tie, display at our celebration and then donated to a nursing home of their choice. What a great idea!

We will be holding our Cultural Arts Day in October with the anticipation of many entries from our talented members. In the fall “Bridging the Gap” will be holding their annual Stand Down for homeless vets. Our county has been a supporter of Stand Down since it organized. We donate gently used clothes, new undergarments, toiletries, quilts, snacks and so much more as we hear of a need.

It is great to be back in operation! We will be seeing you all at the District meeting in August.

Sharon Hough



## **Stephenson**

**SUMMER!** This summer we are seeing the re-opening of our country, from indoor dining in restaurants to festivals, fairs, museums, concerts, and numerous other tourist attractions. Due to a worker shortage, some places can't handle as many customers, so plan on making a reservation. If you are going to be visiting a popular national park, you will probably need to make a reservation to get in. And, of course, it will cost more too.. I always heard that you should plan to take twice the money and half the clothes on your vacation!

Most of our units are starting to meet in person again. My unit met in June for the first time since the start of the pandemic. It was so nice to visit with everyone and feel like we were moving back to some sort of normalcy!

The Stephenson County Fair (July 27 - 31) is back this year! Our organization plans to have a booth with information on HCE and copies of past lessons available to hand out. Several times a day, we are going to have someone demonstrate a craft or skill, or have an interactive activity and/or game..

Plans are underway for our annual meeting on Columbus Day, October 11 at the Farm Bureau in Freeport. This year we are going to combine international with the annual meeting.

Hope to see many of you at the district meeting in August!

## ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND FALL!

Janice Fryer



## DISTRICT 2 NEWS

### DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR — Rita Overacker

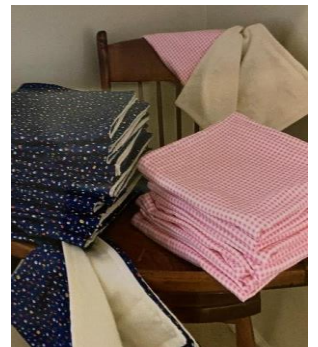
Greetings to all District 2 HCE members. Hope you all are finding this summer a bright start to what is coming. Covid is behind us and the county fairs, state fair, and all the summer activities are happening.

I'm looking forward to see all of you in Sycamore for the IAHCe District Workshop, August 12<sup>th</sup>. What a change the last 18 months have made. New changes to be able to see all your faces without masks.

Thank you all for your continued work on projects that help put joy and smiles on others!

### *DuPage*

DuPage County HCE is slowly returning to having meetings again. In prior months, members had been working on projects at home. We made "thinking of you" cards for Hines Veteran Hospital and we sewed blankets for local hospital neonatal babies.



It was great to meet for a lesson at the extension office again. A few members stayed at Starved Rock lodge for a week. We are now having board meetings, meeting for lunch, and having workshops. We are looking forward to seeing other county members at the upcoming District 2 meeting in August. I want to thank our members for their continued support.



## Grundy

Greetings from Grundy County,

Early this year, Summer has come in with a bang. The high temperatures and humidity hit early. We have started meeting in small groups at member's homes following Illinois guidelines. Hopefully the rest of the summer will not be so humid and hot so we can meet outdoors and walk around the parks and trails to enjoy the fresh air and scenery.

The book club has been reading *Waiting for the Night Song* by Julie Carrick Dalton, *Hidden Power* by Kati Martin and *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.



Our Morris Morning unit is going on a I & M canal boat ride in August and invited our other units to join them. Something different this year we decided to have our annual meeting in the park this coming August. Hopefully I will get some pictures to share next time with you. We are still collecting bottle caps for a bench.

We learned that the senior facility where we volunteer to help with bingo will not be starting back until 2022, for the health and safety of the residents. We will miss helping out there! Monica Evans

## Kane

IAHCE State Newsletter The Chronicle July 2021 Kane County is on the move again, with a board meeting the first time in April. The Extension office had a set up with social distancing and mask compliance in place. Claudia Lake, first Vice President has kept lessons from the University distributed to the Units as smaller groups had been meeting after January 1st.

The largest Unit in Kane County was not able to return to their schedule until May. Recycling activities:

Plato Center Unit had completed a "one time" plastic bag collection early in the spring to benefit a local family shelter. This was in addition to an ongoing county project of collecting plastic grocery bags for construction of crocheted pallets for the homeless. Plastic bottle caps and lids have been collected for a 4-H club and FFA group the last two years. The Extension Office informed HCE the goal had been reached for the groups and our efforts have been appreciated. Methods for more accurate accounting at the Unit level have been developed with the goal of a successful county report.

International: The Uruguay International lesson was unfortunately cancelled and the county is progressing with plans for a Canadian program.

Kenney Unit has been preparing a Canadian recipe for each monthly meeting rather than a total meal. The Cultural Enrichment Director, Joan Rossi, arranged an excursion to The Little Traveler Store in Geneva, a day prior to Geneva Swedish Days. Members enjoyed shopping through the 36 room Victorian Home filled with gourmet foods, wine and kitchenware, beautiful women's clothing, baby & toddler fashions, jewelry and accessories, tasteful home decor, unique toys and gifts, Fair Trade goods, and year-round Christmas shop.

Following the shopping experience the group was welcome by the chef to the "Terrace" for a light lunch and delicious desserts. Fall plans include a "welcoming" to our incoming District 2 Director, Rita Overacker on October 4th. Rita will install our Officers. A special Board celebration with the presentation of our 2020 Member of the year, Mari Curless, Kennedy Unit, accompanies a luncheon. Several members are anticipating registering for the State Homemakers Camp in Monticello. Public relations and newsletter editor, "Crafty Ann" Rempfer has volunteered to be a craft instructor. A picture of one of her creations is shown. "After the



Pandemic, Just For Fun " is scheduled October 14th at the Aurora Advent Christian Church. Invitations to all will be distributed at the District meeting in August. Kane County Officers and Directors encourage you to join in the FUN.

Nancy Haire

## ***Kankakee***

Kankakee County H C E has been on lockdown from March 2020 till March 2021. In October, 2020 the board members had a meeting with the Extension Office and were given new rules and regulations for the upcoming year, before we could even tell our members the office was closed to the public. In March, 2021 another meeting was held and more information handed out. One of our units decided to have a meeting in a restaurant and made plans to do our annual flower fundraiser. Board members also had a meeting and decided to have our annual luncheon and to hold it in May.

Arrangements were to be made to have annual luncheon outdoors in a park. April brought 2 more meetings of a unit and the board, the annual luncheon was all set in a park, the date was set, food was ordered, the program book was worked on and May 20 the luncheon was held. Awards for 2 years for membership and CVU hours were given out, also 50 plus years, and 60 plus years members were recognized, board members were installed for the new year and lunch was served. Several of our members continue to make autistic blankets as requested so far this year we have given away 14 blankets, 7 to a school district, 5 to a hospital and 2 for a 5K race. The ladies are also still making lap robes, food protectors and walker bags. We also donated 24 child size blankets and 20 child size crocheted caps to a local therapist who sent them to the children in the Philippines. Since the pandemic is lifting we will continue to service our nursing homes with what they need.



## ***Lake***

Hello from Lake County, as I write, summer has officially started. We have had a dry May and June and are in drought conditions. When rain is in the weather forecast, it usually is for counties south of I-80. We are a little jealous up here in our northeast corner, but are very glad most of the IL farmland is getting rain.

Our Annual Business Meeting was on April 23. Our venue allowed 50 people to attend, we had 49 register, and 48 come. This included James Reaves, the Extension County Director and Rita Overacker, our District 2 Director.

Rita installed the 2021 board members shown below, standing left to right: Angela Hicks, President; Carmella Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Candace Keegan, Secretary; Sandy Henke, Treasurer; Pat Weitzmann, Cultural Enrichment; Ann Drevalas, Family & Community Issues; and Jane Ellen Keroson, International.

2021 LCAHCE Board Members



Two long time LCAHCE members retired from the board this year. They are Betty Wertke (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) shown here with Angela Hicks and Margaret Hilliard (outgoing International Director).

Since we did not meet last year, we had two Members of the Year awards to hand out. For 2019, we honored Pat Weitzmann and for 2020, we honored Barbara Rowland.



Pat Weitzmann



Barbara Rowland



We have held our last three board meetings at Angela Hicks' home because of the limited access to our Extension office. However, when the state opened up on June 11, our ability to use the Lake County Extension Office was reinstated. We are excited to be having our July board meeting in the Extension's auditorium.

Lastly, what is the best way to see people you have missed for over a year? Why hold a come one, come all HCE get together, of course. After the business activities of August are finished, we are having a "*Welcome Back for S'More HCE*" for our members. This event will be an "ol' fashioned picnic" at one of our local parks with plenty of laughter, hugs, and fun for everyone.

Stay well and be safe until next time.  
Candace Keegan



## Livingston

Hello everyone from Livingston County. Hope this finds everyone well. Our H.C.E. has been very busy planning for our Livingston County 4-H fair which is July 21-25 2021. We had our 102nd Annual meeting on April 19th 2021 at the Livingston County extension office in Pontiac II. Our guest speaker was Sarah Brummitt from the Hope Pregnancy Center Pontiac II, we were served a wonderful brunch by the H.C.E. Board Ladies. We honored our outgoing Board, and installed our new Board. Members were recognized for volunteer hours and, members who have been in H.C.E for 25 or more.

The following article was in one of our local papers.

Lucille Wiechmann

## McLean

Greetings from McLean County! We hope you are enjoying summer since it arrived with barely a spring day after winter.

McLean County units chose their own June program with a variety of different options of fellowship, food and shopping. The last 2020-2021 Community Service Day produced more fidget blankets and Santa stockings when they met in June. The community service days will resume in September when it is planned to make Christmas stockings for seniors.

A spring drive in May found members touring Decatur and enjoying lunch. The cultural enrichment activity in June was a trip to the Kilgus Dairy Farm in Fairbury with lunch and shopping following.

### Long Point HCE Unit Claims Bragging Rights

Long Point HCE Unit thinks that they have a right to be proud. They have 4 sisters who are all members of their unit. The sisters are: Jean Gaspardo, who recently retired from Loyola University Law School in Chicago to return to her home town of Long Point and join HCE, Phyllis Gaspardo Kestner, a very active member of Long Point HCE, Marilyn Gaspardo Bertch who is in the process of retiring from teaching Costume for the Theater at University of South Florida and comes from Florida to attend some of the meetings now, and Arlene Gaspardo Martell, who is a 56 year member of HCE and is presently serving as the Livingston County Board President. At a time when membership in organizations seems to be declining, the members of the Long Point Unit are very proud to have 4 members of the same family in their club.



Fifty-nine people attended the "Membership Round Up" held in June on a beautiful summer day at *The Country Club*, a unique event barn by Stanford. The featured speaker was Mary Jane Zook on Barn Quilts. McLean County HCE participates in the Bloomington Farmers Market and Towanda's "Old Rugged Barn" events with bake sale booths, earning money for our scholarship fund and our other community service projects.

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting was held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Robin Bagwell presented the program "Photography is Fun". The "Cultural Enrichment and Fine Arts Show" was held at the same time.

McLean County HCE members look forward to hosting the Young at Heart event on Thursday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 a.m. during the McLean County Fair, August 4-8. Those people aged 60 and over will enjoy free gate admission and parking all day; educational Booths of organizations serving seniors; refreshments and door prizes; golf cart tours around the fair; and musical entertainment by the Central Illinois Banjo Band.



We hope you will attend the McLean HCE Attic Treasures Sale: Saturday, October 30, 2021, 8am – 2pm, at the Interstate Center, Cloverleaf Hall, 1106 Interstate Center Dr., Bloomington. We want you to look forward to purchasing many "treasures" that last year filled 50+ tables and is always remarkable at the variety of items available for sale.

For current updated information and more details, visit our media sites- **Website:** [www.mcleanhce.org](http://www.mcleanhce.org) and **LIKE our Facebook page at: McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education.**

See you in McLean County! Come Visit!  
Barb Jurgens, McLean County PR Committee

## ***Will***

Seems like most of my notes, during the past year, begin with references to the weather....either too cold, too rainy, too hot, or too dry. All of you live in Illinois so, although there may be a variance in time, the weather is the same throughout the state.

We are now more than halfway through the year. Even though the daylight hours are waning, it is a beautiful time of the year. My backyard is filled with flowers of all colors and golden finches, blue jays, cardinals, and butterflies just add to this pallet. My tomatoes are actually beautiful and plentiful this year. I love admiring nature at its best. Life has definitely emerged from our hermit-like existence of 2020. Hopefully, everyone is getting vaccinated to keep healthy and prevent us from going back to that dark time



The Will County HCE has been planning to gather at the Will County Farm Bureau on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for our first county-wide meeting since 2019. Since we did not have an annual meeting the past two Mays, we have much business to attend to.

We began amending our WCHCE Constitution prior to the Pandemic, and the Board needs to present those changes at the August meeting so a final draft can be voted upon at our Cultural Arts Meeting in October.



These changes include:

- Referring to our organization as WCHCE (Will County Home and Community Education.) • Including a more-defined explanation of the Board member's positions.
- Calling our "Mailbox" members "Associate Members," because the prior name was not suited to those who had been members for many years and still wished to be included in our activities, but not belong to a Unit.
- Changing the quorum percentage to reflect our current membership number.

At our August 3rd meeting, our new District 2 Director, Rita Overacker, will be introduced and will install our slate of 2021-23 officers. We will be meeting with Rita again on August 11th at Sycamore for the District 2 Annual Meeting.

We have a new face on our Board. Tina Benson will assume the role of CVH Chairman, which has been vacant since last November. We still need a Cultural Arts Chairman and a 2nd Vice President.

Elaine Czajkoski, Family and Community Issues Chairman, is organizing a new fundraiser called Joseph's Closet to aid the Homeless residing around St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet. Items will be collected in October.



The U of I Extension sessions are always a plus in keeping and/or educating our members about relevant issues. Most sessions this year have been webinars. Many members are looking forward when they can once again meet in person to receive information that can be shared with other Unit members.

In the next issue, our WCHCE will have much info to share. The past year has been an experience none of us will ever forget; but hopefully, we can put aside for more positive memories and new and exciting plans for the future.

Stay Safe, Be Kind, Be Strong..... Mary Barrett



## DISTRICT 3 NEWS

### DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR — Mary Johnson

What a difference a year makes. I have been able to see a good portion of my district IN PERSON this year and I'm loving it! It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to catch up, laugh and enjoy our HCE moments together. It is getting a little easier to plan activities with a degree of certainty that they will actually happen.



We were able to have our district workshops in person this year and it was amazing to have the group together. It is an exciting time as we plan for the upcoming year.

I hope to see you all at our Annual Conference, March 15-17, 2022 in Effingham. I hope you "Aspire to Inspire" your members to attend. Our conference is an important time for members to come together to learn and support each other. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. It's hard to believe that school will be starting again soon. My summer has been a busy one. Lots of fun and family! I am heading to Alaska with my mom for an inland tour in a few weeks. Alaska is one of my favorite places!

Until March.....

Mary

## **Champaign**

Champaign County is finally able to plan and carryout events this summer and fall. Our board has been meeting monthly and sending out our newsletter monthly to keep our members informed and in touch with HCE. In our monthly newsletter, we published minor lessons for our members. The Extension educators have had some great videos and webinar lessons. Our PR chairman attended four units meetings in April to show the video on the lesson "Planting for the Pollinators".

During the past year, our members still found ways to volunteer. Many of our members showed their skills by making masks for other organizations, hospitals, pre-schools, nursing homes, and friends. One member, Mary Ann Rinckenberger, made 1,091 masks for Carle Hospital.

During the pandemic, our units continued to support the Developmental Service Center (DSC) group homes by recognizing their special needs residents birthdays and special holidays. CCHCE was highlighted as community partners with DSC on their social media and website in April.

Most of our units have started meeting again this spring. The summer months, many of the units have planned special outing as a group eating at their favorite places, visiting museums, having picnics and enjoying seeing members, some for the first time in over a year.

Our County, for the first time, is offering two \$500.00 scholarships for our members' children and grandchildren. We started a Pen Pal program which we will be opening up to all HCE members in the state. Also we started CCHCE Book club. Our second meeting was June 23 at Denny's for breakfast and discussed "All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg. There were 10 members that attended.

We were able to set a date for our Annual Meeting which will be September 22, 2021. Our meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church at 1719 S. Prospect, Champaign. We welcome guests. This year, the Mahomet Unit, celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Last year 2020, Philo Unit and Rantoul celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special recognition will be given at our Annual meeting in September.  
Carol Froeschl

## **Macon**

We are meeting again!!! It has been wonderful to see many of our members again at our county meetings. Our programs have been fantastic. We had a very interesting and educational lesson on feeding the area birds, presented by Melody Arnold from Birds Unlimited. She gave us quite a list of birds that frequent our area, and what they need to be fed to stay healthy.

Teresa Churchill gave an amazing program about traveling in the midwest and visiting historic Lincoln sites. She was a senior editor for our Decatur Herald and Review and had traveled extensively around many states. Many of us learned some more interesting facts about the Lincoln family.

Our past state president, Jane Chapman, entertained and taught us all about the history of biscuit making. She did this program at the March IAHCE a few years ago. We handed out printed recipes of what she had presented that day. Everyone also got a souvenir of the program, a smudge of white flour on their cheek!

Anthony Peoples, a weatherman from our own WAND news team, was the most current presenter. He told us about his dream job and what responsibilities a weatherman has, especially in this kind of weather that we have been having here in Central Illinois. He likes to walk and you will often see him walking around the lake, with a book in hand.

Our Spring Meeting went well. We had a delicious meal from Judy's Catering, and enjoyed each other's company. Our District 3 Director, Mary Johnson, gave a thought-provoking program about HCE and ways to get new members.

Our upcoming programs include: a creative sewing lesson with two of our busy quilters, Mary Ann Platt and Cheryl Sample, who will teach us two fun types of quilting, string piecing and crumb blocks. This uses up scrap pieces of material in a creative way. Farm Progress Show that is here in Decatur this year will give us the opportunity to earn some scholarship money. The dates are August 31, September 1st. and 2nd. Our annual Membership Drive will be a day of making some easy crafts and selling what our members have donated to sell. Of course, we continue to make pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House and other agencies around this area.

International Day and HCE Week are also on the horizon and we are anxious to have our wonderful HCE group together again!!! Enjoy the summer weather!!!

Linda Austin

## ***Piatt***

The Piatt County

AHCE had their first face to face program presentation on April 6, 2021. At 1:30 pm., six local ladies with masks on and social distancing practices being followed, took time to come to the Piatt County Extension Office, located at 210 S. Market Street, Monticello, IL for a discussion, **SALT in all its Varieties**, presented by educator, Caitlin Mellendorf.



The Piatt County AHCE had their second face to face program presentation on May 6, 2021. At 1:30 pm. and then at 3:00 pm, a total of ten local ladies with masks on and social distancing practices being followed, took time to come to the Piatt County Extension Office, located at 210 S. Market Street, Monticello, IL for a discussion, **Hamburger and Vegetable Grilling**, presented by educator, Caitlin Mellendorf.



Notice the ladies are socially distanced and fully masked.

## ***Sangamon***

As Covid restrictions lifted the Sangamon County Ladies began having in person meetings again. Everyone was ready to sit and talk with their friends and catch up. Some of the ladies had been busy making quilts, masks, Honor Flight bags and so much more.

Soon we will be able to resume our meetings and lessons in the U of I Extension building and a new normal will take place.

Last years HOYA winner, Linda Sichlau, helped announce this year's winner at the Annual Picnic. We were proud to give the award to Mary Johnson, our Region Director and Sangamon County HCE member. We also celebrated our 90 year and older members.



We look forward to joining together more and resuming SCAHCE activities

Kathy Olesen



## Tazewell

Greetings from Tazewell County!

Because we were so anxious to meet in person, we held our annual meeting in the shelter of a local park. It turned out to be a cool, damp day, but everyone was happy to be able to gather and visit. We were very pleased to have our District Director, Mary Johnson, with us. She reported on the happenings of this past COVID year and plans for the coming year. After our meeting we gathered at a local restaurant for social time and lunch.

Our primary fund raiser is the food stand at our local 4-H show/county fair. Our county is having an abbreviated 4-H fair this year with only judging during the day and no evening activities. The need for our concession stand will be minimal. Currently we are planning to serve an abbreviated menu so those who need to be there all day will be able to purchase food. Let's hope that next year we can get back to days and evenings filled with activities so families can spend the day at the fair and have all sorts of things to keep them all busy!



We hope to see many of you at the District Meeting in August.

Darlene Curry



## My Thoughts after surviving 2019-21

*By Mary E. Eschelbach, Deer Creek Unit* "How sweet it is," said Jackie Gleason.

I'm quoting him for a specific reason. You HCE gals can comprehend The message that's going to be sent.

For over a year and a half

We did not have many laughs,

Consider Jackie G. and how he strolled Across the TV screen and lost control. Poor

Alice needed a lot of patience, And a bit of household education. We members of Deer

Creek's HCE Could have been a friend in need.

Alice's neighbor and her man

Were there to hold a trembling hand, If husband, Ralph, flipped his wig,

Let her know he didn't care a fig.

Here's my message after all these thoughts.

You gals are like Ed Norton A strong support in time of need

That kept us all Covid-19 free.

Our Deer Creek Unit is mighty Because of your faith and beauty. Next

year will be so great and glorious

Because our Tazewell County HCE is for us.



# DISTRICT 4 NEWS



## DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR — Donna Richards

Hi everyone,

I want to apologize up front for the shortness of this article. As some of you probably know, God has had me on quite a journey. I won't go into a lot of detail at this time, but will update you during our August District Meeting.

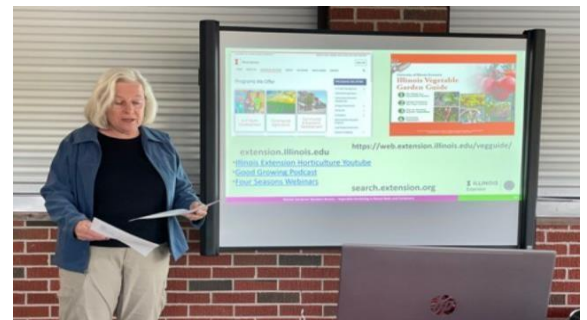
Please feel free to contact me at 618-554-1790 (if I do not answer, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can) or email me at [dsrichards001@hotmail.com](mailto:dsrichards001@hotmail.com) when you want to schedule my visit to your Annual meetings. Or bring your date to the August District Meeting.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the August District Workshop. It will be a great opportunity to get caught up with what is happening within your counties.

Donna

## Clinton

Clinton County HCE District 4 had a program recently and the speaker for the "Raised Garden Beds" was Master Gardener Dian Langenhorst. It was a great opportunity to hear about the different types of raised gardens and to get some useful tips on this popular trend of gardening. This type of small gardening is so popular because it is elevated off the ground, which makes it easier to plant, weed and of course harvest, all those great fruits and vegetables. The presenter showed the many types of containers and raised beds and the program was well attended. She also held a program for one of our unit meetings on "Cool Season Vegetables". We love having a master gardener sharing their time and talents with us. We are also planning our 75th anniversary Annual Meeting to be held Sept 16. We are finally getting back to normal meetings and programs and loving it.



Karen Voss

## Effingham

It was a real delight to be a part of the District 4 IAHCE meeting in Effingham and great to see everyone! Pictured to the right are Elsie Voelker, Marilyn Schaefer, Nancy Huene, and Ruth Abell, who organized the morning brunch and coffee. Everyone seemed to love the butterfly cupcakes! Thank you to Mary Beth Hoene for the photos!



Members have continued to keep their projects going and ready to share with various health facilities, veterans, libraries, nursing homes and school when the items are needed. Along with making book-marks, wheel chair caddies, catheter bags, cancer caps, lapghans and Christmas stockings, members have been meeting monthly for a sewing day. An International Day was held last week featuring Rosie Gibbons, retired Extension Effingham County Director and traveler, as speaker. Programs and activities are increasing with time. We are looking forward to Effingham County HCE being in "full swing" by 2022.



Pat Hildebrand

## **Fayette**

### **73rd Annual Meeting of Fayette County Association for HCE**

Fayette County Association for Home and Community Education 73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting was held June 1, 2021. Fayette County HCE ended the year with 69 members. There were 27 members present with 2 guests. This year's theme, in relation to the butterfly, is "To Change is to Grow, Grow is to Become". Table centerpieces were many types of colorful butterflies in bottles or vases on round straw mats of various colors. St. Elmo/Wright's Corner Unit was in charge of the decorations.

After dinner, President Ashley Davis called the business meeting to order, Flo Allen led in the pledge of Allegiance and Anita Smith led in the Aim of the Homemaker.

The Vandalia Day Unit was in charge of the Celebration of Life, a memorial service for the three members who died during the 2020/21 year. Panzi Blackwell gave the opening prayer, the song, "When We All Get to Heaven," was heard and Davis read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Blackwell told about Delores Duckman (2004-2020) of the Sefton Unit, Kasten talked about Betty Miller (2018-2020) of the Sefton Unit and Joyce Carter talked about Betty Philpot (2019-2021) of the Vandalia Day Unit. On the memorial table were three floral bouquets. The memorial closed with the song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

Minutes of the 2020 72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting were presented by Secretary Joyce Mueller; Treasurer Connie Green gave the treasurer's report and Anna Jean Rhodes gave the report from the audit committee. Green presented the 2021/22 budget and it was approved. Current board members gave reports.

The 2021/2022 Fayette County Board: Ashley Davis, President; Debbie Segrest, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice (Rhodes had been 2<sup>nd</sup> vice for more than 20 years and resigned at the end of December); Donna Blair, Community and Family Issues; Edith Runkel, Cultural Enrichment; and Anna Jean Rhodes, Public Relations. Marion Rubin International

Rhodes presented the two new members with Membership Certificates and Aim of the Homemaker. Davis presented the Leadership Certificates to the Chairman of the Units.

Rhodes also presented State and County certificates to the following: Charter member, Martha O'Dell of the St. Peter Unit, Rhodes of the St. Elmo Unit, 72 years; Dorothy Harpster of the St. Peter Unit, 64 years; Sally Behrend's of the Sefton Unit, 62 years; Ruth Schake of the St. Peter Unit, 60 years; Evelyn Probst of the Bingham/Ramsey Unit, 59 years; Marilyn Magnus of the St. Peter Unit, 58 years; Elizabeth Kasten of the Sefton Unit, 58 years; and Carol Austin of the Wright's Corner Unit, 55 years.

Segrest presented County membership certificates to Jo Ellen Scott Member at Large 5 years; Janice Stanford of the Sefton Unit, 5 years; Mary Myers of the St. Elmo/Wright's Corner Unit, 10 years; Connie Bingman of the Sefton Unit, 10 years; Karen Denning of the St. Elmo/Wright's Corner Unit, 25 years; and Joyce Carter of the Vandalia Day Unit, 45 years.

Segrest presented IAHCE Certificates of Recognition. Joyce Mueller had the highest number of other volunteer hours for the County and Flo Allen had the highest number of HCE Volunteer Hours for the County. The Fayette County Homemaker of the Year went to Carol Oldham of the Sefton Unit. Carol was unable to attend, so her sister Rita Miller accepted the award in her place, she was presented with a framed certificate and a vase of roses.

Fayette County next event will be the annual Get-Acquainted Day on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Brownstown Golden Years building. Registration is 9:30 a.m. and a potluck brunch is 10 a.m. This is the annual fundraiser auction for Bake It, Make It, Sew It, Grow It items.

President Davis reported on a new non-profit Andy's Closet, a place to donate items for foster kids. Andy's Closet was started by 3 local women that are Foster parents. The units will be collecting items for Andy's Closet and will bring the items to the Get Acquainted Day.

"Volunteers Have All the Right Ingredients" so each one present received a bag filled with the following ingredients: popcorn (because we're bursting with gratitude for your support); Ghirardelli chocolate (to

sweeten your day); hot chocolate (because you warm the hearts of those around you); pretzels (thanks for being someone we can count on in a crunch); chocolate chip cookie (because we're always winning to chip in); Tic Tac (for the time you spend volunteering); Lifesaver (we appreciate a "hole" lot). These were made by the Sefton Unit.

Anna Jean Rhodes

## **Macoupin**

Hello Illinois!!! Just like all of you, Macoupin County is excited to get back in the thick of things. Notice that I did not say normal, because I am not sure if we will ever see the old normal again which might not be that bad to some. We are having our county board meetings, lesson training, and cultural arts days at the extension office. Most units are meeting in some capacity. Some units are meeting at church halls, restaurants, and outdoors at homes. The board has been sending out their "Lines from the Vine" newsletter monthly. The newsletters have been very informative to members with each board member submitting articles of interest, pictures, recipes, poems, puzzles, etc.

Many of the board members are planning to attend the district workshop in Effingham in August. Macoupin's focus at this time is on the Macoupin County's 90<sup>th</sup>/91<sup>st</sup> anniversary which will be celebrated at our Founder's Day at the end of October. Macoupin County Home Bureau began in 1930 under the leadership of Bertha Otwell Eldred founder and first president. We are looking for items of interest that members may have collected in their units, or hand-me-downs from former members, mothers, grandmothers or greatgrandmothers to display at our luncheon. Our wish is to have each unit to set up a display with their memorabilia and their banner if they currently have one. If they currently do not have a banner, we would like them to design one representing their unit.

Below is a poem written by our first vice-president, Carol Pollo, who was sharing her thoughts of a past vacation.

### **Soaked Seeking Sunshine**

The beach is where we came to stay. In the sun we want to play. But it's been pouring everyday. Rain, rain go away!

The beach looks lovely—  
What we can spy  
From the shelter of Our covered lanai.

The sand is white,  
The temps are warm,  
But hate these pesky Thunderstorms!!!

We've been forced to island hop And seek  
shelter in the shops. Daily it has rained so  
hard I've maxed out my credit card!

Forecast says a couple of hours  
Of sunshine in between the showers.  
Hope so. This is our last day!  
Rain, rain PLEASE go away!

## **Madison**

I can finally say that our county has been busy! Back in April we had our annual meeting at a church in Marine. It was the first time trying out the venue and it was perfect! We had a plant sale, silent auction, and installation of officers. We welcomed two new board members to the county board. One of our board members spoke about past stories she remembers from growing up as a little girl.

A week later, we celebrated our new members from the past two years with a membership tea. It was held at the Crystal Gardens in Edwardsville. We enjoyed finger sandwiches and pastries, awards, and games. There were around 12 new members recognized.



The county had its first ice cream social in luau of a county trip in June. Members in attendance were able to enjoy pie and ice cream and listen to a presentation on safety conducted by one of the local police officers.

Plans are underway for a Children's Tea in August. Cost will be just \$5 per child and one adult may be present with the child. We hope that this is a successful event.

Emily McDowell

## Wayne

We have moved from Dist. 5 to Dist 4. We say good-bye to #5 and Hello to #4.

Our board met this month for the 1st time since COVID-19 hit so we are planning things like a new born.

Our fund raiser was canceled a couple times and is planned to be Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We have booths in Cisne Reunion, Fall Fun Fest, Bean Days.

We are selling chances on quilt, afghan, and trivet.

Our International night is planned for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our Dist. Meeting is at Effingham Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our board meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month if anyone wants to join us, you are welcome.

I was just elected to this position on the board in place of Rusti Grogan, so I welcome any help, and forgive me for any mistakes.

Marie Rutger

## DISTRICT 5 NEWS



### DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR — Carol Harms

The summer is passing by so quickly, and it is wonderful to attend events again! I have been to a graduation party, a baptism, and our biggest community fundraiser – the Red Bud Firemen's Picnic and Parade. It is such a blessing to get together with family after well over a year and to celebrate as a town after two years. I know there is still concern about Covid 19, but I think we have the knowledge to take care of ourselves and stay safe.

It has also been a blessing to attend annual meetings again in District 5 and install county officers. Pulaski-Alexander, Massac, White, and Jackson Counties have recently had their annual meetings, and Randolph County will have their annual in September. Contact me as soon as you have a date in mind. My calendar will get busier after school starts, and I want to be able to attend your annual meeting or other functions that your county will be hosting.

I hope you are planning to attend the District 4/5 Workshop at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham on Tuesday, August 10. You do not have to be a county officer to attend. We will be presenting the county awards that would have been presented at the March state conference. St. John's always provides a great



setting for our meetings and Kirby Foods IGA is catering again. I only hear good things about their food. I am a relatively new HCE member and have never been to a district workshop before, so I am really excited for this one!

Reminders:

1. Remind your PR/newsletter person to email or U.S. mail me your county newsletter. I am getting newsletters from most of my counties, but not all.
2. Be sure to send Cathy Eathington, state secretary, and me an updated list of officers any time you change officers or any time someone moves or changes phone numbers. It is SO important that we have current information on all of your officers and directors. Being able to communicate more directly with county officers is becoming more and more important, and Cathy has told me that she often has issues because county boards do not update their contact information. You do not have to wait until the end of the year to do that.

Carol Harms

## ***Jackson***

Our members continue to respect virus guidelines. Many of us have our vaccines and are venturing out. We have missed time with family and friends. We are back to visiting with friends and neighbors. We have so much to catch up on. We have stayed busy with our normal sewing projects, painting, walking, reading, crafts, gardening, Zoom meetings and checking out new recipes. We enjoy and share our beautiful gardens with friends as they drop by. Our Jackson County HCE and the IACHE FB pages fill our days with news of our friends and how they are spending time. We post virtual lessons there for members to check out. We have delved into learning about our new theme with Butterflies, change and growth. **My, how we have learned how to change and adapt!** I know our hearts have grown over this past year.

We anxiously await our Annual Jackson County meeting. Our Jackson County HCE Board is planning so many things at our Annual HCE Meeting in July and our International Lesson in October. We have returned to our monthly newsletter, pick up lessons and unit meetings. We have missed Annual State Conference. But, look forward to our district meeting in August to hear all of the news.

So, until our next gathering, stay safe, stay strong and know that we are looking forward to our get togethers with our HCE friends.

Jean Conrod



## ***Massac***

### **HCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Massac County Home and Community Education Association and Massac County

Extension Facilities, Inc. are pleased to award **4 scholarships** to the following students:

- **Savannah Meadows** is the daughter of Brandy and Michael Meadows. Savannah plans to attend Murray State University with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Psychology.
- **Madison McDaniel** is the daughter of Todd McDaniel. Madison plans to attend WKCTC majoring in Agriculture, and transfer to Murray State University to finish her Agriculture Degree.
- **Logan Korte** is the son of Daniel & Tiffany Korte. Logan plans to attend Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, IL majoring in Biology with plans to pursue a career in Physical Therapy.
- **Matthew McGinness** is the son of Chris & Amy McGinness. Matthew plans to attend SIU and pursue Pre Med degree.

Thank you to Connie Obermark and Sharon Huffman overseeing the scholarship program!

## Massac County Annual Meeting | “Change Is to Grow”

Was held at Lutheran Church of the Cross on May 23, 2:00 p.m. Thank you to Town and Country Unit for being the hostesses this year. Carol Harms, our District Director, was our guest speaker. This gave us an opportunity to meet her and, likewise, for her to meet Massac County members. Janel Kassing, IAHCE International Director, was also present.

HCE New Members recognized were (for 2019) Janis Bradford, Town & Country; Judy Ferguson, Volleville Unit; (for 2020) Brenda Martin, Town & Country.



Roses were presented to recognize individuals for their many years of membership in HCE. Those recognized were: Rozann Wilkins and Mina Haverkamp (40 years), Mary Wessel (44 years), Judy Parr (46 years), Dorothy Burklow (66 years), Mary Lou Stratemeyer & Betty Travis (71 years), and Ellen Ruth Bremer (72 years). Several members from Town & Country and New Frontiers have 30 or more years of membership. Thank you to all members for continuing through this past year and we hope that more will want to join in the coming year. Those receiving certificates for CVH volunteer hours were: Rozann Wilkins (290 hours), Norma Korte (795 hours), Anita McConnell (913 hours). Massac County received a Certificate for making COVID-19 masks in 2020. Members who have passed away in 2019 & 2020 were honored with a moment of prayer offered by Melissa Simpson.

Council officers were installed by Carol Harms, IAHCE District Director. Thank you to all the ladies that take the time to serve on the HCE Council.

2022 will be our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as a Home and Community Education Organization. If you have any suggestions how we can celebrate this special year, please share with a member of the Volleville Unit who will be hosting the Annual Meeting.

**One of our longtime HCE Members** passed away on June 4, 2021. Dorothy Burklow was a 66-year member of the Volleville Unit. She served on HCE Council for several terms, and was always active in making food for the salad luncheon and assisting whenever help was needed. Dorothy kept busy with her country puzzles this past year and attended the April Unit meeting to share her wisdom and knowledge. We will miss Dorothy, and we send our prayers and sympathy to her family.

## **Randolph**

Summer is here, and the county is pleased that things are finally getting back to normal, after a year of the COVID-19 pandemic. So many events had to be canceled. The county board continued to meet by having meetings outdoors or when indoors practiced distancing when the weather got colder. Members were kept informed through newsletters. There was no annual meeting held in 2020, but plans are being made to have one on September 9 this year. It will center on the country of study—Canada.

We are honored to have our District 5 Director Carol Harms from Randolph County. She is also on the county board. In addition, Janel Kassing has been elected as the new state International director. They keep the members well informed about what is happening around the state and district.

A craft club was formed several years ago, and the members get together regularly to make new crafts or work on some already started. There seems to be a lot of interest in this group. Membership continues to go down as members get older, but several new names have been added also. Till next time, Jane Lucht

## **Union**

This year's quilting of the 4-H quilt by Union County HCE Members: from L – R Bonnie Hileman, Lois Clutts, Judy Huckleberry, Betty Bland, Suzie Kessler, Jane Bauer not pictured. This quilt was started last year, not completed due to the pandemic. Proceeds will go to 4-H Scholarship Fund.



## **White**

White County H.C.E. are encouraging anyone who would like to be apart of helping our community to come out to a meeting at the County Extension Office or call for more Information 618-382-2662. Lessons for our 202122 will begin with our September meeting. Some of our lessons will be. Garlic and other spices, Painting Barn Quilts. Beginning with: Sept. -Biscuits and Cinnamon Rolls and Oct. -Improving Balance. Come Together and Walk With White County H.C.E. for a rewarding experience of learning and meeting new and old friends, while helping our White County Communities.

Fran Matheny

## **Williamson**

Our HCE board has been meeting for three months. Shown here at the July 7 meeting at Center Baptist Church in Crab Orchard are 10 of the dozen who attended. It was decided to form a committee to plan a tea event for HCE week Oct. 9-16. With 55 current members now, our county hopes to attract more members. Seven board members registered for the August 10 meeting in Effingham for districts 4-5.

Marie Samuel



## **GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY**

The 2020 Great American Family Award has been presented to Philip and Linda Bradshaw from the town of Griggsville in Pike County. Philip and Linda are blessed with 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grands! Philip is a third-generation farmer.

The history of their farm began with the purchase of a sawmill by Philip's grandfather, Sam Bradshaw. The grandparents Sam and Lorena had 12 children, and Philip's father, Tom, was one of them. Now Philip and Linda's son Todd are farming together with grandson Brock. Great grandson Kason represents the next generation.

This family has an amazing generational story beginning with the sawmill to the present 5,000 head hog farm! Philip's travels to 53 different countries for agriculture and shaking hands with seven United States Presidents adds to the striking legacy. Linda received a bachelor's degree in education while raising her family. She played the piano for her church for over 65 years, a 4-H leader for 15 years, and has been an active HCE member along with being involved in many more activities. Philip has served on many committees and boards over the years.



However, writing a book with the title YOUR FOOD, MY ADVENTURE gave him an opportunity to publish a prized picture of the Pike County Pork Queen presenting one of his pigs to St. Louis Cardinal's Manager, Red Schoendienst, in Busch Stadium in 1969.

What a pleasure to present this award to a couple who exemplifies all the requirements for the title of IAHC's Great American Family of The Year!

## EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

### IAHCE Education Award winners for 2020 and Grand Awards

#### Cultural Enrichment Education awards-

1. **Textiles- District 2/ McLean County**: It looked like many yards of fabric was fashioned into much needed items for the various charitable organizations listed.

2. **Heritage Skills-**

**District 5/Monroe County**: Teaching 4-H kids to crochet is a wonderful way to promote HCE and Heritage Skills. The class was well attended.

**District 2/McLean County**: The No-Bake Cookie and/or candy exchange is an interesting way to learn about the many no-bake options. Having treats to take home and share is a great way to promote HCE.

3. **Special Activity-**

**District 2/Lake County**: Creative Day; Daily Life of an Australian Farmer seemed to be an active and informative day. The velvet embossing demonstration sounds interesting.

**District 2/McLean County**: Chalk painting is a popular medium and almost an instant gratification activity. Your program demonstrated the ease and versatility of Chalk Painting.

#### GRAND AWARD in Cultural Enrichment:

**District 5, Jefferson County-** Most of us have extra stash. It was a great idea to collect those extras leftover fabrics to assemble into a quilt to donate for the Fire Department Fund Raiser. Having a "surprise quilt" at the completion was an added bonus.

#### Family and Community Issues Education Awards- 1.

**Family Living, Safety-**

**District 5/Jefferson County**: Jefferson County ladies made and donated 90 quilts and 17 comfort bears to the Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center in Mt. Vernon, IL. This will help these children who are victims of sexual or severe physical abuse.

**District 2/Kane County**: Kane County ladies sponsored a "LUGGAGE OF LOVE" campaign. They collected 65 suitcases, backpacks, totes, bags etc. for CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates. These kids in foster care now carry their belongings with pride, not a plastic bag.

2. **Health, Food & Nutrition-**

**District 5/Massac County**: Massac County ladies collaborated efforts and sponsored two main events; Assembled gift bags for veterans living in assisted care and nursing homes and provided snacks and cards of appreciation for the five 911 Emergency Response Teams.

3. **Citizenship, Environment-**

**District 2/Kankakee County**: In response to the Corona virus outbreak, the Kankakee ladies made 650 masks for first responders and health care workers. In addition, masks were given to local hospitals and the Shapiro developmental center and several low- income area schools as well as donating to essential workers.

4. **Special Activity-**

**District 5/Perry County**: Perry County ladies provided the Veterans Home in Anna, IL with "mailboxes" and homemade Christmas cards. The mailboxes contained needed personal items plus treats and the cards came with quarters for the veterans to have "extras" at the home. A total of 564 cards (with quarters) made a great impact on the lives of these veterans.

**District 2/McLean County:** McLean County ladies, despite the pandemic, worked tirelessly on multiple community service projects. They donated items to 25 organizations/groups? They sewed hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, walker bags, eye glass cases, Christmas stockings, dog pillows, masks, and donated body wash, deodorant, baby wipes, filled baskets, plastic lids for benches, soldier boxes, 4-H Scholarships, wreaths and much more!

**GRAND AWARD FAMILY & COMMUNITY ISSUES WINNER IS: SANGAMON COUNTY, District 3**

Sangamon ladies, in a carefully planned way adhering to guidelines for Covid, managed successfully to create 17 beautiful quilts for the homeless male veterans at the Spring Street Veterans Renaissance Center in Springfield, IL and 9 colorful coverlets for the female veterans at the Family Haven in Springfield, IL. The leadership element crafted into this project stands out as the ladies were given purpose and encouragement. The pictures of the ladies working step by step together while being apart brings a new dimension to HCE.

**International Education Awards- Janel**

**1. County of Study-**

**District 1/Mercer County**

**District 5/ Massac County:** Massac County used Facebook to present the Country of study this year.

**2. Other Country of Study-**

**District 2/McLean County**

**3. Special Events-**

**District 5/Perry County**

**District 4/Madison County**



**GRAND AWARD INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WINNER IS: LAKE COUNTY, District 2**

**International “Friendship Projects Fund” Winner (special award) District winner per capita**

District 1	Warren County
District 2	LaSalle County
District 3	Edgar County
District 4	Macoupin County
District 5	Williamson County



**State Winner per capita**

District 2	LaSalle County (\$7.38)
District 2	Lake County (\$7.12)
District 1	Warren County (\$6.85)
District 3	Edgar County (\$6.09)

**GRAND AWARD WINNER: District 4-Macoupin County (\$9.11)**

**Top total donations by District “Friendship Projects Fund”**

District 1	Rock Island County
District 2	Lake County
District 3	Champaign County
District 4	Macoupin County
District 5	Williamson County

**Statewide top County donations**

District 4	Madison County	\$865.77
District 2	Lake County	\$768.93
District 3	Champaign County	\$590.28
District 1	Rock Island County	\$505.09



**Grand Award Winner: Macoupin County \$1,102.76 District 4**

**Public Relations Education Awards-**

**Special Activities-**

**District 3/Edgar County:** Engaged members and potential members through a “kitchen shower”.

**District 1/Stephenson County:** Spread the word about HCE through their communities Festival of Trees.

**GRAND AWARD IN PUBLIC RELATIONS THIS YEAR IS A TIE:**

**MASSAC COUNTY, DISTRICT 5:** Promoted educational and fun activities and informed the public about community activities throughout the year.

**MCLEAN COUNTY, DISTRICT 2:** Eight members helped organize newsletters, newspapers, and HCE website, Facebook, flyers, displays, send emails, run booths at local events, and man the HCE Brochure.

**Membership Education Awards-**

**1. Activities-**

**District 5/Perry County:** Had a member retention & growth program to educate the community about HCE activities.

**2. Special Activity-**

**District 2/ McLean County:** Held a membership and friendship tea to encourage new members.

**GRAND AWARD IN MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR IS:**

**MCLEAN COUNTY/DISTRICT 2:** They held several activities for the members to either attend or Community project to participate in through the year, as they felt comfortable doing with the Pandemic.

**3. County with highest net % Gain:**

District 1/Mercer County	2.78%
District 2/Lake County	10.2%
District 3/Edgar County	12.77%
District 4/Lawrence County	4.44%
District 5/Pulaski/Alexander	11.53%



**Grand Award with largest net % gain:**

District 2/Livingston County	34.6%
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**Grand Award District with largest gain:**

District 2	67 new members
District 5	45 new members

**Certified Volunteer Hours Education Awards- 1.**

**County w/highest # hours Reported:**

District 1	Warren	8,189
District 2	McLean	17,038*
District 3	Champaign	14,747
District 4	Macoupin	13,372
District 5	Jackson	8,261



**2. County w/Highest # of Members Reporting:**

District 1	Jo Daviess	47
District 2	McLean	155*
District 3	Champaign	79
District 4	Macoupin	69
District 5	Jefferson	88

**3. County w/Highest Percentage of Members Participating**

District 1	Mercer	65%
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District 2	Kankakee	100%*
District 3	Morgan	86%
District 4	Fayette	71%
District 5	Jefferson	77%



**4. County w/Highest #HCE Hours Reported per District**

District 1	Jo Daviess	1,549
District 2	McLean	6,712*
District 3	Champaign	4,424
District 4	Fayette	4,176
District 5	Jefferson	3,193

**5. Member with the Highest HCE hours Per District**

District 1	Knox	Janet Malone	483
District 2	Lake	Sandy Henke	860
District 3	Champaign	Mary Ann Rinkenberger	1,072
District 4	Effingham	Rosie Kramer	626
District 5	Jackson	Jean Conrod	1,405*



**2020 Covid 19 Mask Awards**

**County with the highest hours making Covid 19 Masks**

District 1	Rock Island	1,150
District 2	McLean	1,057
District 3	Champaign	2,973*
District 4	Macoupin	2,000
District 5	Williamson	1,800



**County with the highest number of Covid 19 Masks made per District**

District 1	Fulton	1,700
District 2	McLean	2,955
District 3	Champaign	1,682
District 4	Macoupin	2,185
District 5	Jefferson	4,979 *



**Member with the highest number of Covid 19 Mask made per District**

District 1	Dean Maas	Fulton	1,700
District 2	Candance Theden	McLean	709
District 3	Mary Ann Rinkenberger	Champaign	2,091
District 4	Sandra Dial	Jersey	500
	Bonnie Watkins	Jersey	500
District 5	Stella Farmer	Williamson	2,625*



**Member with highest number of hours making Covid 19 Masks**

District 1	Marilyn Thoren	Stephenson	280
District 2	Linda Vercler	Livingston	396
District 3	Mary Ann Rinkenberger	Champaign	1,016
District 4	Sandra Dial	Jersey	500
	Bonnie Watkin	Jersey	500
District 5	Stella Farmer	Williamson	1,800*

\*By the highest in each group.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (CORRECTED FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER)

IAHCE WEEK - October 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - March 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham

CWC USA AREA MEETING - September 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham

NVON CONFERENCE - July 2022 Evansville, Indiana

**EDITOR'S NOTE-** The first page of officer contact information has been updated. Please review as there were errors in the previous newsletter. The conference dates have also been updated as the wrong dates were printed in the previous newsletter.

## SUPPORT FUND

*Thank you, Support Fund!*

*As all our IAHCE members are aware, we have a unique opportunity for financial assistance in the form of "project seed money" – The Support Fund.*



*The main project I am telling you about now is the application I submitted for the August District Workshops of 2020. As COVID was still running rampant and our ladies could not get together physically, we held our workshops by video on our website. Each State Officer did a short presentation but was still required to prepare a "Officer's Packet" to be distributed to all county officers in the state.*

*One of the requirements to receiving this grant money is to post a display showing activities that this awarded funds had supplemented. This poster must be displayed at annual conference. Since we did not have an annual conference this past year, I was not able to complete this part of the requirement. The second part is to include an article of news about this project to be printed in our state newsletter.*

*The purpose of the August District Workshops is to promote educational programs which can be shared with all counties. Since we only met via web site the cost of the event fell mainly on the printing expenses and getting the packets to the District Directors for distribution. We are thankful for this account and the assistance we received.*

*Mary Eustace, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Norma Korte, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - 2020 IAHCE District Workshop Co-Chairmans*





# Send-a-Smile



## Become an HCE Pen Pal!

Are you feeling cooped up and secluded from the outside world? So many people have their noses buried in their phones and on their computers. Do you enjoy getting cards and letters in the mail? Not junk mail, actual handwritten, personal correspondences! We may need to socially distance but we don't have to emotionally distance! Let's be HCE pen pal! This started as a multi-county group but is now open to ALL ILLINOIS HCE members (out of state mailbox members this includes you too!) To help get started, here are some ideas to write about:

- Talk about your unit and county HCE
- Tell about your experiences in HCE
- Tell about where you grew up
- If you could meet anyone, past or present, who would it be and why?
- If money were no object, what would be your dream vacation
- Talk about things you collect
- Send a card
- Any hobbies?
- Do you volunteer?
- Talk about your family (spouse, kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, dogs, cats)
- What was your past like (did you work outside the home, teach Sunday school) ·  
Talk about holiday traditions
- What is your favorite memory? (about anything, HCE, family, holiday, shows)
- Favorite genre of music? What about movies?

It's FREE to join! The expense depends on how often you correspond and what you send. **Please write or send a card at least once a month** to your pen pal. *Personal information provided will be used solely for this program and will not be shared with anyone other than someone within the HCE Pen Pal group.*

To join please complete the form below and mail it to **Melissa Chitwood, 1408 East 2250 North Road, White Heath, IL 61884**. If you have questions, please call Melissa at 217-493-4441. Participants will be notified of their pen pal's name and address as sign-ups are received.



### Sign me up to be an HCE Pen Pal! PLEASE PRINT

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (MM/DD)\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Your

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ HCE County \_\_\_\_\_

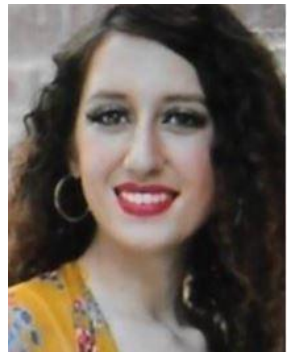
# SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the scholarship applicants were excellent and made it very difficult to determine the winners. They are all to be congratulated for completing the paperwork while attending school in-person and/or remotely. Congratulations to the four 2021 Scholarship winners!

Jennifer Alexis Bingham is from Griggsville in Pike County (District #3). This past year she attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with hopes of working as a family therapist or an occupational therapist. Jennifer graduated from Griggsville-Perry High School in May, 2020, where she was an honor student who was active in the Pike CEO program, student council, and sports. She was active in Pike County 4-H, her church, and many community activities. As a freshman at U of I this year, Jennifer earned high grades and was a member of the Dairy Club, her residence hall board, and other campus activities. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Carolyn Myers, a 57-year member of Pike County HCE.



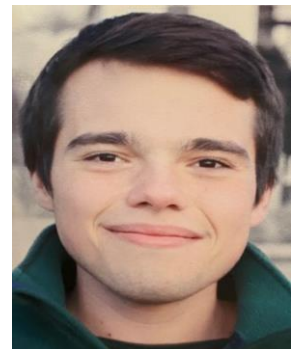
Mallory Quinn Mick is from Gillespie in Macoupin County (District #4). She attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in biology/pre-optometry, and she plans to become an optometrist after receiving her bachelor's degree at SIUE and her Doctor of Optometry degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Mallory graduated from Gillespie High School in May, 2020. She was involved in many activities and served as the Cheer Captain, Student Council member, and National Honor Society president, and she won several scholarships and other awards. At SIUE, Mallory earned high grades and was active in Make-A-Wish SIUE and the Honors Student Association. Mallory is the granddaughter of Cindy DeBoard, a member of Macoupin County HCE.



Austin Jay McCann is from Columbia in Monroe County (District #5). He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia (MO) this past year, majoring in accounting, with hopes of being an accountant and entrepreneur someday. Austin graduated with honors from Columbia High School in May, 2020. He participated in baseball and cross country and was in the marching band. Austin was active in the youth group and helped with VBS at his church, worked several part-time jobs, and after years as a Boy Scout, Austin earned the rank of Eagle Scout. As a freshman at Mizzou, he worked for the campus dining service and made the Dean's List. Austin is the grandson of Dorothy Papenberg, a 59-year member of Randolph County HCE.

Papenberg, a 59-year member of Randolph County HCE.

Jacob Paul Dalen is from Manhattan in Will County (District #1). He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign the past three years, majoring in animal sciences with the goal of getting admitted to the veterinary school and becoming a wildlife/zoo veterinarian. Jacob graduated as valedictorian at Peotone High School in May, 2018. He was involved in SkillsUSA, math club, scholastic bowl, and band and chorus. Jacob also earned the rank of Eagle Scout. At the U of I, Jacob has been active in several campus organizations and has volunteered at the UIUC Wildlife Medical Clinic, Wildlife Ambassadors Program, and the S.H.A.R.E. Horse Rescue. Jacob is the son of Delores Kratzenberg, a member of Will County HCE.





**REGISTRATION for The 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Country Women's Council USA, USA Area Meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World**



September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Thelma Keller Convention Center, 1202 N Keller Dr Effingham, IL 62401

Name (one form per person) \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Confirmation: \_\_\_\_Y \_\_\_\_N

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a written registration confirmation. I grant CWC the right to use, publish, and copyright my image for educational programs and publications, websites and promotion of CWC programs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Tours:

Crafts:

**Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (Day Tour) \$60**

**Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (Morning Session, 9:00- noon)**

\_\_\_\_ World's Largest Tour to Casey, IL

\_\_\_\_ Bracelet \$5 \_\_\_\_ Embroidery \$8 \_\_\_\_ Tree of Life Pendant \$10

**Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> (Guest Tour) \$20**

\_\_\_\_ Downtown Courthouse

**Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (Afternoon Session, 1:30-4:30)**

**Wednesday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> (Guest Tour) \$20**

\_\_\_\_ Kindness Badge \$3 \_\_\_\_ Scorch \$8 \_\_\_\_ Wine Bottle \$6 \_\_\_\_ Cross and

Gun Store

<b>Registration Fee:</b> Full Registration	\$225	\$ _____
Late fee after August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	\$235	\$ _____
One Day Registration ____ Mon Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$40	\$ _____
____ Tues Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> OR ____ Wed Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$100 (\$200 FOR BOTH)	\$ _____
Tour: Courthouse	\$20	\$ _____
Tour: World's Largest	\$60	\$ _____
Tour: Cross and Gun Store	\$20	\$ _____
Craft:	\$ _____	\$ _____
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<b>TOTAL FEES</b>		\$ _____

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# What does ACWW do?

The Associated Country Women of the World is an International Non-Governmental Organisation and pursues its charitable objectives through its member societies, individual members and networks of non-member NonGovernmental Organisations. Together, we represent more than 9 million women in more than 80 countries around the world.

We do this through advocacy, partnership, sharing knowledge and local activities. This includes using our Consultative Status with the UN and its Agencies to represent rural women, facilitate better access to better information resources, funding community development projects and training programmes.

Known by members and supporters globally by our acronym ACWW, we are proud to be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. It will be marked by the 29<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Australia.

The lifeblood of our organisation is our membership. From the smallest branches to vast umbrella organisations, and individuals around the world, we rely on these generous and passionate supporters allow us to invest in empowering women.

Our focus remains securely on supporting and advocating for women in rural communities, which requires investment in project development, advocacy and core administrative costs. We are very grateful to our membership and supporters globally for their donations to Pennies for Friendship and Projects funds.

At the heart of ACWW's work is women's empowerment, and our projects are a crucial contribution to a safe, sustainable, progressive future for women and communities worldwide. We believe our model of responsive funding - reacting to the needs of a community rather than dictating what they need or should have - is critical for female empowerment. We implement responsive funding through small-scale, community-based projects which are led by local women.

We work with partner NGOs, organisations, and groups in their own local communities to ensure that we are reaching the right people, and that the projects funded are relevant and are making a sustainable difference.

Our special emphasis on partnering with local groups means that we avoid the costs, and risks, of having aid workers deployed around the world. Working with local people means that we can support local methods, culturally relevant solutions, and ensure that empowerment and independence are by-products of every project funded.

ACWW's Membership comes together every three years for the Triennial World Conference. This week-long event is the opportunity to vote on and pass new policies, elect the Board of Trustees, and appoint volunteers to the Specified Committees. It also allows members to renew friendships, and meet many new people from all over the world. The photo above shows the 640 delegates to the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference, held at the University of Warwick, in the UK.

The Resolutions and Recommendations passed at each Triennial World Conference become the foundations of our policy, and are the mandates for ACWW member societies to act on in the three years ahead. Over the years, we have passed ground-breaking policy resolutions, including those on Female Genital Mutilation (1998 and 2013), Breast Feeding (1977), and support for the United Nations and its Agencies (1947).

We are proud to have held Consultative Status with the United Nations since 1947, as well as with its associated and supporting agencies such as the Food & Agriculture Organisation and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). We believe that international collaboration, and the forum for high level discourse are crucial. At every opportunity, we take the opportunity to advocate for our members, and ensure that the voices of rural women are heard at the international as well as national and local levels. \*(This article comes directly from the ACWW website)

# NVON (NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OUTREACH NETWORK)

The National Volunteer Outreach Network is comprised of member organizations working together to promote communication, education, and volunteerism for all people. Since you are a member of IAHCE, you are automatically a member of NVON!

This past week, multiple members of your current and past board went to the NVON Annual Conference in Owensboro, Kentucky. Former President, Jane Chapman was elected as the President Elect and will obtain office at conference next year. Current IAHCE President Angela Hicks and International Director, Janel Kassing, were voting delegates. Angela was able to present to the whole membership about what has been going on in Illinois these past two years. Angela also created a beautiful state display including a Ferris Wheel for all to see during the duration of the conference.

Former IAHCE State President Marilyn Daughhete assisted in the installation of officers. Pat Weitzmann serves as the current NVON Secretary. We heard from both of these women multiple times throughout the week.

Below are some photos from the NVON Conference.



Our hotel sat right next to the conference center that the event was held at. When you walked out the back door of the hotel, you were greeted with a beautiful view of Smother's Park- the Owensboro, boardwalk to this beautiful Kentucky river!

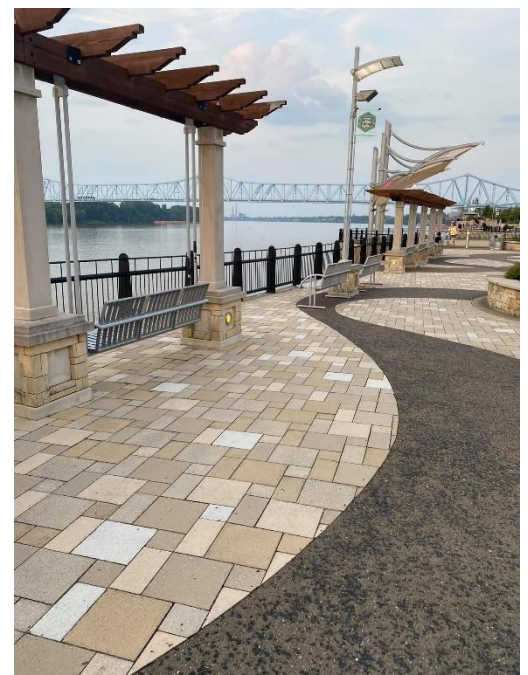
Pictured in this photo is the sun setting on the day of our arrival, Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Below is a photo of the Boardwalk in Smother's Park. Gondola's of swings were placed all throughout the path, each with their position to the breath taking view of the river.



Can you see the giant squirrel nestled among the trees? You can play inside this giant tree! This tree is part of a giant playground, complete with splashpad!

Next year's conference will be in Evansville, Indiana. Owensboro is only about a half hour away. If interested in attending, you could literally get to experience both locations if you wanted to!





Public Relations Director, Emily McDowell and International Director, Eleanor Gregory, were able to spend Tuesday touring. Their first stop was to the childhood home of Bluegrass legend, Bill Monroe. The picture to the left was painted by a family friend and depicts all of Bill's family sitting outside the home. To the right is the Rosine Jamboree. Bill



performed here a couple of times and today it is home to Friday night jams in which local Bluegrass players can perform.



The gravesite of Bill's "Uncle Pen" is pictured to the left. Pendleton Vandiver is known as the person responsible for Bill's talents. Uncle Pen would teach Bill all he knew about music. Bill stayed in Uncle Pen's cabin after his parents passed. Bill was so fond of Uncle Pen that he created the monument seen on Uncle Pen's gravesite as a tribute to him.

In this last photo, you will see one of the bedrooms in Bill Monroe's home. Walls painted in blue are known to keep evil spirits away. There were 13 doors and 17 windows in this home.



Pictured left is IAHCE President, Angela Hicks giving a report on what's been happening across the state since Covid hit in 2019. To the right, Pat Weitzmann is accepting her role as secretary for the upcoming 2021-2022 year.

Below, former IAHCE President, Jane Chapman, accepts her flower during the installation banquet as President Elect. To the right, Marilyn Daughette, welcomes the rooms and begins her introduction of officers.



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