You Are A Member

LOCAL UNITS

YOU!

YOUR COUNTY HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
(CHNE) NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OUTREACH NETWORK
(NVON)

(CWI) COUNTRY WOMEN'S COUNCIL, U.S.A.

(ACWW) ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Of A

World Wide Organization!
Interpretation of the official emblem of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education: The house in the inner circle denotes the theme. “The home should be the center of every homemaker’s interest, but not the circumference.” Each of the nine rays showing above the roof denotes one of the Homemaker’s Aims. The name Illinois Association for Home and Community Education forms the outer circle.

NOTE: Permission to use the emblem/logo should be obtained from the President of IAHCE or your IAHCE District Director.

AIM OF THE HOMEMAKER

To have the home
Economically sound,
Mechanically convenient,
Physically healthful,
Morally wholesome,
Mentally stimulating,
Artistically satisfying,
Socially responsible,
Spiritually inspiring,
Founded upon mutual affection and respect.

Miss Juliet Lita Bane

Miss Bane was the Illinois State Extension leader when she wrote this “Aim” in 1918.

Pages 2 to 4, from the Handbook in the Guidebook.
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES:
To bind together the county Home and Community Education Associations of the State.
To supplement the work of the University of Illinois Extension in Home Economics and Family Development.
To promote the well-being of the individual and the family.
To bring about a better understanding of the relationship of the home, community, state and nation.
To speak for and to further the interests of families and communities.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
HISTORY

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education was organized as Illinois Home Bureau Federation in January 1924. The Federation evolved from the visions of Mrs. Spencer Ewing of McLean County who served as the first president and Mrs. Kathryn V. Burns, State Leader of Home Economics Extension. Twenty county Home Bureaus formed the original Federation. The Illinois Home Bureau Federation became the Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation in 1962. Ninety-nine associations in 102 counties comprised the State Federation. Then in 1993 the name was changed to Illinois Association for Family and Community Education. The 99 associations in the 102 counties then comprised the State Association. In 1995 the name was again changed to Illinois Association for Home and Community Education.

In 1936, Mrs. Elsie Mies, who had previously served four years as President of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation, along with other Home Bureau members and Extension leaders, conceived the idea of Citizenship Conference. With the cooperation of the Home Economics Extension staff, this Conference was held annually as a leadership and organization training session for county representatives. Since June, 1975, Citizenship Conference and Annual Conference have been combined. Classes have been added during Annual Conference to achieve our goal which continues to be “the home should be the center of every homemaker’s interest, but not the circumference.”

Finances to carry on the work of the Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation started with an annual fee of $10 per county. As the activities and outreach of the Federation grew, dues were changed to a county assessment based on membership.

County associations were organized through the efforts of interested women and the Home Economics Extension staff. A detailed history is kept in the files of the State President. “Partners Through History” is a history of the relationship between Illinois Association for Home and Community Education and the University of Illinois Extension. This was developed during the term of Dr. Margery Hamman and is kept in the file of the historian and the President.
## ILLINOIS COUNTIES IN IAHCE
### DATES OF FORMATION OF COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Numeral following hyphen (-) indicate HCE District

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Our Story....

In July 1915, Kankakee County hired an advisor, Miss Eva Benefiel, a graduate of the University of Illinois, to develop a home improvement association. This was the first county to be organized in Illinois and only the second in the entire United States.

In the beginning, the idea of the Home Advisor was misunderstood. Instead of regarding Miss Benefiel as an educator, she was regarded as a sort of maid in the home. Eventually, with surely great patience and perseverance on her part, people recognized Miss Benefiel's true function. Mercer County organized in 1917, and thirteen more counties organized by 1919.

Some women organizing a county in 1918 rode horseback seven miles to board a train, which then took them fifteen more miles to Champaign, the county seat. On January 14, 1925, the first formal Annual Meeting was held and officers elected for one year.

Copies from IHBE (Illinois Home Bureau Federation) Minutes of 1925: The Illinois Home Bureau Federation came into being in January, 1924 by the action of the State Conference consisting of the Representatives of the various counties. As what these pioneering women did for the IAHCE women of today, we now are shaping what life will be for the next generation.

Our Mission Statement

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education enhances the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community.....

IAHCE celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2024.
Learn with Us!

- Foods, nutrition & Health
- Leadership Development
- Financial Management
- International
- Safety
- Environmental Issues
- Horticulture
- Cultural Enrichment
- Life Skills

Serve with Us!

Illinois Association for Home & Community Education was formed in 1924 to help people become better homemakers. Today HCE continues to focus on home as well as community outreach, volunteerism, cultural arts, international awareness and continuing education.

HCE works cooperatively with University of Illinois Extension which provides informal educational classes.

Share with Us!

- Share your Knowledge & Talents
- Make Friends & Support each other.
- Share recipes and household hints.
- Teach or learn Creative Arts or Heritage Skill Programs.

Why should you join us?

- Do something good for yourself, your family and your community
- Increase awareness and benefits of volunteering
- Meet people
- Make new friends
- Learn
- Share talents
- Build Skills
- Lead

The Mission of the Illinois Association for Home & Community Education is:

To enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences.
To encourage responsible leadership and service to the community.
Membership in the Illinois Association for Home & Community Education is open to all people, regardless of sex, race, color, ethnic background or economic circumstances.

Serve with Us!

You can serve your community and help others:

- Participate in community projects to benefit nursing homes, veterans facilities and other groups/organizations
- Develop leadership skills by serving as a local, area or state officer
- Attend community functions
- Prepare and/or present lessons
- Support the 4-H youth program
- Network with other organizations and local businesses

(From IAHCE pamphlet)

Mystery Quiz About IAHCE

1. What does HCE stand for?
2. What were the early names for this organization?
3. In what year was the state organization formed?
4. What individual wrote the “Aim for the homemaker? Year written?
5. In what year did the state Homed Bureau propose the building of a new Home Economics Building at the U of I? In what year was the money appropriated?
6. The first Citizenship Conference was held in 1936 in what city?
7. What county in Illinois had the first Home Bureau organization?
8. In what year was this county organization formed?
9. What is the mission of our county organization?
10. The state newsletter was first published in what year?
11. When did the state annual meeting move “off the University campus?”
12. Where can I find out about membership in HCE? Price of dues?

How did you do? Do you know what HCE is all about? You can find more at www.iahce.org in the Guidebook. Answers on last page.
YOU Are a Part of these Organizations by just belonging to HCE!

Enter your Unit in along with your county and you have your chart!
Our Beginning....

A conversation between members of several Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) United States of America (USA) member societies attending the Country Women’s Council USA September 1994 Annual Meeting concluded there was a needed connection among this group of CWC and ACWW member societies in the USA. A group met at the 1995 CWC meeting and voted to establish a national organization. October 1, 1995, the National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) was formed. Officers elected were Louise Nichols (Indiana), President; Mary Nell Fairey (South Carolina), Vice President and Jean Davis (Kentucky) Secretary/Treasurer. Betty Buff (South Carolina) served as advisor.

Phyllis Howard (Indiana) prepared By-Laws and applied for Articles of Incorporation status in Indiana. This was granted January 25, 1996. The Articles of Incorporation were amended to comply with the Internal Revenue Service May 31, 2005.

Charter member societies were Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council; Illinois Association for Home and Community Education; Indiana Extension Homemakers Association; Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association; South Carolina Family & Community Leaders; West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service; and Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education.

In May 1996 NVON was accepted as an ACWW member organization which allowed for membership in the Country Women’s Council USA (CWC). This action placed the NVON President on the CWC Board. The first NVON newsletter was mailed December 1996. 1998-2004 states volunteered to compile and print the newsletter. January 2002 the first newsletter editor was appointed. VISION was selected by the membership as the name for the organization’s newsletter July 2003.

The mark NVON was registered with the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (US PTO) June 22, 1999 and renewed February 8, 2005.

The mark National Volunteer Outreach Network was registered with the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (US PTO) September 21, 1999 and renewed March 21, 2005.

The “Ns (National & Network) are supporting the (Volunteers), who are holding up the world (Outreach), to make the world a better place for women and families. The NVON Logo was adopted October 10, 1999.

http://www.nvon.org became the organization’s web address August 2000.

“Member organizations working together to promote communication, education and volunteerism for all people” was adopted as NVON’s Mission Statement July 18, 2001.

In 2002 NVON colors were confirmed as BLUE for water and sky, GREEN for earth, and GOLD to show value.

http://www.nvon.org
Why and How We are Connected to ACWW and CWC

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education is a member organization of:
The Associated Country Women of the World
Country Women's Council, USA

IAHCE is comprised/constituted of many county organizations. Each member of these county organizations is a member of IAHCE’s affiliates ACWW and CWC.

The **Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)** founded in 1933 is the largest international organization for both rural and urban women with a membership in 2016 of nine million in 74 countries. ACWW holds a triennial conference. The next conference is in Melbourne, Australia, April 4-10, 2019. The ACWW also publishes a magazine, *The Countrywoman*, four times a year.


ACWW also advocates for rural women and their families through its links with the United Nations. It is a member of 7 United Nations Committees covering various stages and needs of a family’s life.


Those people gathered in 1930 because they were all concerned for the welfare of families and communities. Speeches to those attending included words like this from the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, who was President of the International Council of Women “Country women have begun to realize that their best contribution to the welfare of their families and their countries is not to stagger under burdens too great for their strength, which result in invalidism and premature death, but through cooperation with one another, to secure that due care for their health as mothers which is their right, and those reasonable opportunities for education and recreation, and development of their talents, which every human being should be able to claim”. In 1930 they recognized that some women had more advantages and lighter burdens than others and that the more advantaged could help the less advantaged. This would be through education, support and activities that were Hand Up, NOT a Hand out. Relief of poverty, advancement of education, relief of sickness and protection/preservation of health were necessary to improve quality of life. These are still the same in 2017.

IAHCE and ACWW with its 412 societies are like minded in their concern for family and community. IAHCE has moved beyond concerns like Running Water in Every Home; but we recognize the lack of clean, accessible and sufficient water supply troubles some places in the USA and many parts of the world. There are other Concerns we recognize too. We try to improve life for families in our own community. Helping women and families in communities in other parts of the USA and the world is a natural extension of our own giving/volunteer attitude. **In Illinois we collect Friendship Projects Fund in support of the work of ACWW. But, we keep some (up to 50%) in Illinois so we can give donations to youth and family oriented non-profit organizations here, on occasion participate in an International Homemaker Exchange and help with delegate expenses to ACWW and CWC conferences.**

Sources:

This Mini-Lesson Written August 2017 by Pat Weitzmann, International Director, IAHCE ----- CWC information follows.
Country Women’s Council of the United States of America (CWC) is a coordinating council, composed of 26 Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) member societies in the USA and meets annually to promote the work of ACWW. The Country Women’s Council USA became the official name in 1946. Initially, the adopted title in 1939 was the United States Liaison Committee.

The CWC Objective is:
To unite into a cooperative, working organization, the USA societies affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), whose rural and urban members represent varied races, nationalities and creeds; who believe that communication based on friendship and understanding will advance peace and progress; and who believe that the quality of life is improved for all people through the following:
* The relief of poverty,
* The advancement of education and,
* The relief of sickness, and the protection and preservation of health.

These are both CWC and ACWW beliefs.

Sources:
http://www.cwcusa.org/ retrieved on August 5, 2017; and
2014 Handbook of the Country Women’s Council, USA

This is the continuation of the ‘Why and How We are Connected to ACWW and CWC’ Mini-Lesson written August 2017 by Pat Weitzmann, International Director, IAHCE
World Areas with ACWW Member Societies

- The **Caribbean, Central and South America** Area covers a large area rich in many languages and vibrant cultures, we currently have members in these places:
  - Chile | Dominican Republic | Grenada | Guyana | Jamaica | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Trinidad & Tobago

- **USA: Made up of 50 States and stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, the United States of America Area is one of two ACWW Areas to be made up of only one country.**

- **South Pacific:** Consisting mainly of island nations scattered in the ocean, in the South Pacific Area we currently have members in the following places:
  - Australia | Christmas Island | New Zealand | Papua New Guinea | Solomon Islands | Tonga | Tuvalu | Fiji

- **Europe** is a very diverse ACWW Area with many members, languages and cultures. We currently have members in the areas listed below:
  - Belarus | Channel Islands: Jersey and Guernsey | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece
  - Hungary | Iceland | Isle of Man | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | The Netherlands | Norway | Republic of Ireland | Romania | Serbia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

- **Canada:** One of two ACWW Areas to be made up by a single country. In Canada, the vast nation furthest north in North America, spanning from the Atlantic to Pacific Ocean, we currently have members in the areas listed below:
  - Alberta | Manitoba | Newfoundland | Ontario | Quebec | British Columbia | New Brunswick | Nova Scotia | Prince Edward | Saskatchewan

- **Asia- South East and the Far East,** an area that stretches from tropical Indonesia to vast China.
  - Brunei | Malaysia | China | The Philippines | Indonesia | Mongolia | Thailand | Kiribati

- **Asia Central & South** The Asia- Central and South Area currently has ACWW members in these countries.
  - Bangladesh | India | Sri Lanka | Nepal

- **Africa Southern** From the Southern-most tip of Africa to central regions to the north, in the Africa Southern ACWW Area, we have members in these countries:
  - Botswana | Lesotho | Mauritius | Namibia | South Africa | Zambia | Swaziland | Zimbabwe

- **Africa East, West & Central** encompassing Saharan and Sub-Saharan Africa, in Africa East, West and Central we have members in:
  - Benin | Cameroon | Ghana | Mali | Uganda | The Gambia | Kenya | Tanzania | Uganda | Ethiopia | Nigeria | Senegal

Associated Country Women of the World

www.acww.org.uk

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ACWW FRIENDSHIP LINKS ‘Pen Friend’ APPLICATION

Complete and mail the application or e-mail the information as you wish.

(Please Print)

Your name and full regular postal service mailing address:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

E-mail Address:_________________________________ Phone # ________________________________

Mobile                   Home

Indicate if you prefer to correspond by: ☐ E-mail      ☐ Postal Service   ☐ No Preference

ACWW Society of which you are a member (please spell out - NO abbreviations):____________________

Country Choice: 1st____________________ 2nd____________________ No preference

List any information (special interests, hobbies, talents, ambitions, age group preference for corresponding, location, etc.) you feel would be helpful in selecting your member friend:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
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Correspondence is carried out in English.

Please mail completed application to ACWW Friendship Links Coordinator, USA

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The ACWW Friendship Links Program is the pen friend plan of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). It is just one part of ACWW’s commitment to Connecting and Supporting Women and Communities Worldwide, and incorporates both traditional handwritten letters as well as digital means such as e-mail, social media messaging and online friendship.

ACWW, A04 Parkhall, 40 Martell Road, London, SE21 9EN, United Kingdom registered charity
WHERE DO OUR PENNIES GO?

Pennies for Friendship - In Illinois it’s called “Friendship Projects Fund”

Pennies for Friendship provides a way for each individual member of societies to take an active part in the work of ACWW. By contributing to Pennies for Friendship, each member promotes world friendship, understanding and goodwill. Pennies for Friendship are a major source of the income to carry out the work of ACWW. CWC urges members to participate in this activity.

What kinds of projects do our “pennies” support?

The many “coins” from the U.S. are joined by coins from Germany, England, Canada, Wales, Australia, South Africa...and other countries. Some of the coins remain in London to run the office of the ACWW. They also will be used to help support grants given by the United Nations for field work in developing countries or informing member societies of help available through these grants. The coins help ACWW members speak for rural women and homemakers at United Nations meetings or arrange seminars in literacy, nutrition and child care in developing nations. They’ve been used in India to fight nutritional blindness and help fund skill training in agriculture, day care centers, home economics and income-generating programs for women. ACWW have helped fund beekeeping in Botswana, palm oil production in Ghana, sunflower production in Cameroon, goat raising in Haiti, and malnutrition, safe water, unemployment, disease, illiteracy in many other nations. With the help of UNESCO funds, ACWW pennies have provided tube wells in Assam, Bengal and Pakistan and water storage tanks in the South Pacific. Coins collected also are used to support such projects as IFYE, International Peace Garden, Mini-Stipends, Feed Women of the World, Safe Water and Our International Homemaker Exchange Program.

From www.cwcusa.org

Answers to IAHCE Quiz

1. Home and Community Education
3. 1924
4. Juliet Lita Bane in 1919
5. Proposed in 1932; appropriated in 1953
6. Springfield
7. Kankakee County
8. Our county was organized in ________.
9. Page 5 of this lesson.
11. 1999
12. For information on becoming a member of HCE, please contact:________________________
   Dues: $____________
   Unit Member___________ Mailbox Member______

OR...go to IAHCE website at www.iahce.org

How did you do? Do you know what HCE is about?