

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR IAHCE BOARD

An HCE Version of "*The End of the Year*", read to the theme  
*A Night Before Christmas*

Poem written by: Emily McDowell



Twas the end of the year and all through the state..

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The HCE members were celebrating this date.

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The state officers have been busy planning for next year,

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In hope that conference would soon be here.





# County wide functions that didn't take place,

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Might soon find their way on the calendar, with God's grace.

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Local units could start planning like they once did,

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The events that were cancelled or temporarily hid.

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When suddenly, it makes sense to meet and chatter,

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When the world is now safe, because ALL LIVES MATTER!

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We can all gather around in close distance,

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Following a path of now least resistance.



We won't have to fear six feet apart.

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For now together, by using our hearts..





We can celebrate, socialize and even attend,

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Every meeting, every party, and even every event!



With speakers galore and many topics to cover,

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We will press forward and celebrate one another.

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We will laugh and sing and praise like before.





Covid won't take much of us anymore!





We will cook and bake and decorate.

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We will sew, and knit, and crochet.

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We will be happy in our quilting bees.

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And making things our eyes want to see.

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We will donate and give like never before.





And open up all those once closed doors.

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To a world full of more possibility,





In a land where we will remain to be free!





And then when we think we have had quite enough,

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We'll continue on and really show our stuff!

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We will teach and train like never before.

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People will be begging us because they want to know more!

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About this little organization that's been around for years..





The one that's brought so much hope  
and less tears!





The one that's made a difference great and small.





A place for everyone, for everyone of us and all!





It will be time to show the world what we are all about!

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In ways that are big or small, in any amount!

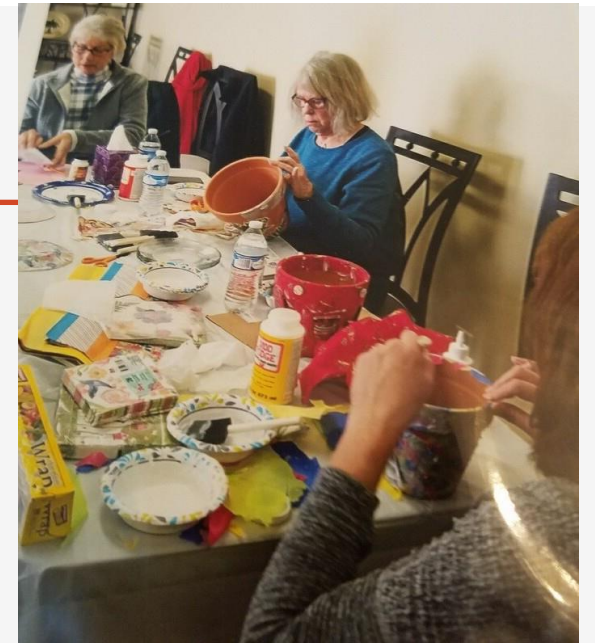
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We will pick up the pieces where we once had been,

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And leave our mark more bound and determined!

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To show what a great unit we are,

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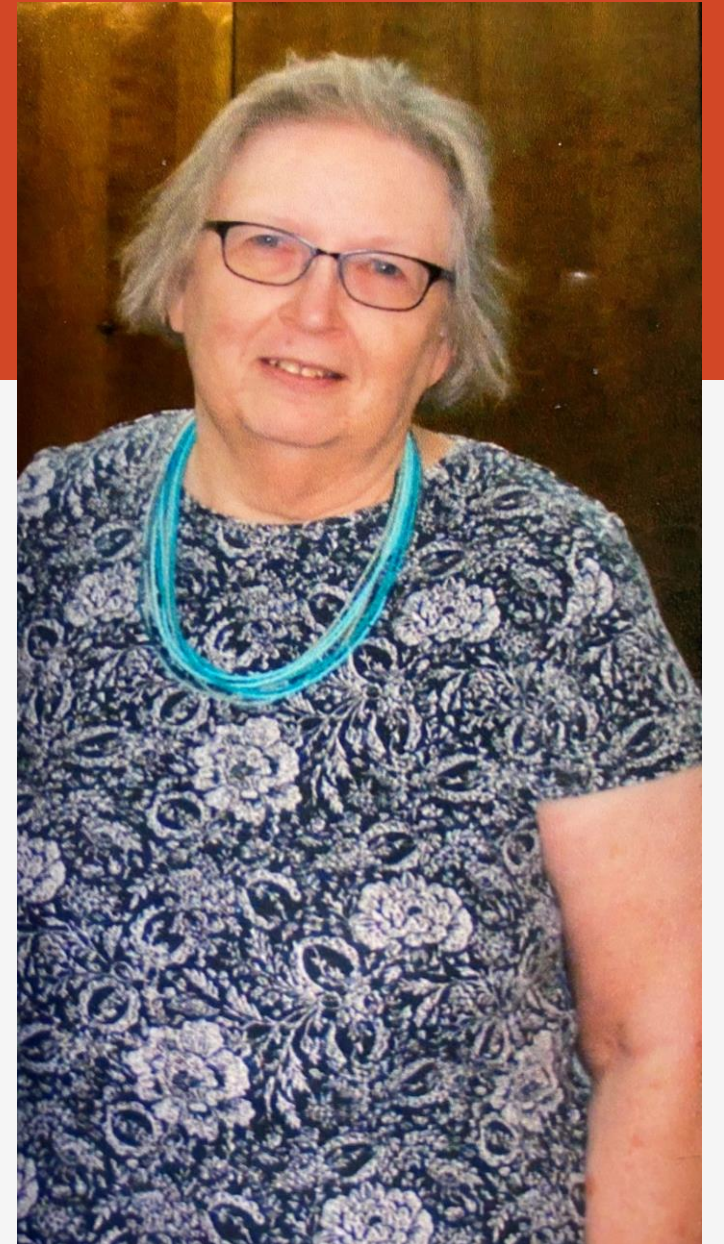
Showing others they too can be a star!

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And they too will come to be,





Part of the greatest organization known as HCE!





For now is our time to get others involved,





In making a difference- there are problems to solve!

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# Things to do and parties to plan.

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Let's make this world a better land!

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As we reflect on the year we leave behind,

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I think in spirit you'll actually find,

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Our hurting world is needing us more,

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So let's go out there and remember who we are fighting for!





Merry Christmas to all, from your IAHCE Board!





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