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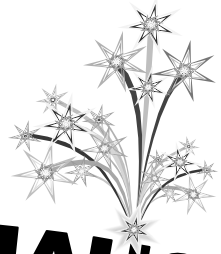


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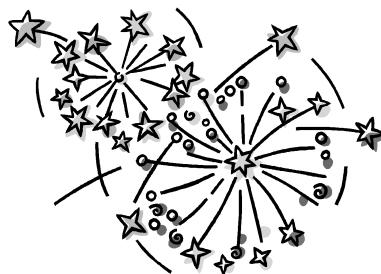
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## From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

As I write this to you in June, 2009, we have just finished our first full board meeting in Bloomington. What wonderful people you elected to the IAHCE board. It does take a lot of time and energy but we were up for the task. We met at the DoubleTree Hotel and Convention Center which is where the conference will be held next year. We were able to work and become better acquainted with each other. The hotel was great to work with us and we were happy about that.



I want to encourage each county to plan on attending the District Workshops held in August. I look forward to meeting each of the counties and listening to what you have done in your county. The board has acted on many of your suggestions that have been put on evaluation sheets. We must all work together to continue this wonderful organization, so your input is important to us.

This summer in July, IAHCE, is hosting the NVON conference at the Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, IL. I know that by the time you read this, it will be over. We are planning the crazy style show we did at conference in 2008, so I hope they enjoy it as much as we did at our conference.

I want to encourage as many people that can, go to the ACWW Triennial in April, 2010. Since it will be in the USA, it will be a great opportunity for us to attend. Also, to help financially, NVON will have a one day event there prior to the beginning of ACWW and there will be no CWC conference next year. So the only trips you will have to plan for in 2010 are to Bloomington, IL and Hot Springs, AR for the time of your life. Check out their website for application and information.

IAHCE is a great organization so it is important for us to keep it going. We need to teach those that follow us how to make life better for their family and community. So first thing we must do, is increase our membership. That responsibility lies with each one of us. So let's start now. Invite a neighbor, a newly retired person who now has time to become involved, someone in another organization with you, just look around and tell one person about IAHCE. They may just be waiting to be asked.

Have a great and blessed summer and fall. See you soon.

Marilyn Daughherty  
IAHCE State President



## EXECUTIVE BOARD



**1st Vice President**  
**NYMPHA WHITE**

Before we know it, we will be meeting again at the IAHCCE Fall Workshops. As of this writing, I suppose everyone is still enjoying the mild summer weather although sometimes Mother Nature makes it unusual and interesting but whatever she gives us we won't complain.

Now you may ask unit members to start thinking about some topics or programs/suggestions for the next HCE season. You can e-mail or mail it either to me or to Susan Taylor, our Liaison Officer from the University of Illinois. (her information is on the inside front cover)

Sometimes, I still hear that many of our members do not realize that we have such a thing called the Gray Guidebook! To all County First Vice Presidents, who I believe are the keeper of the Guidebook, here is my humble suggestion to you. At your county leadership training, please have your Gray Guidebook on hand and show it to them. In fact, I would encourage each unit to have one. It is a helpful and important tool in running our organization.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome and also, don't forget to share your successful stories, even the unsuccessful ones too from which we can learn.

Thank you ladies for all the hard work you do for your counties and keep it up. Let that HCE/HEA light continue to shine as you are all the bearers.

Enjoy the summer season and see you all at the Fall Workshops.

**Nympha White**

**ASK A FRIEND TO  
JOIN YOU  
AT YOUR NEXT  
HCE MEETING!**



**SECRETARY**  
**CAROLYN FISHER**

Thank you to all who have faithfully sent your roster of county officers to me, and formerly to Nancy Remmers, after your County Annual Meeting. Please remember that we need

complete addresses with the names. Also remember to include area codes with the telephone numbers. Any other information, e. g.: cell phone number (unless you have no land-line), e-mail address, etc., is optional. We need to have accurate information for mailings.

In later pages of this issue, you will find two lists of Past State Board Members: "On 2000 Update - No Record" and "Not on 2000 Update". The IAHCCE Nominating Committee uses the Past Board List when they are seeking candidates to fill positions. Please send me any information that you and your county members may uncover.

Thank you for your help and dedication...

**Carolyn Fisher**



**TREASURER**  
**JANE CHAPMAN**

### JANE'S JINGLINGS

Greeting's from a very wet Southern Illinois! I honestly think I'm beginning to get webbed feet! Not all is bad with the wet weather; the scenery is beautiful with all the greenness, the colorful flowers, and the happy geese and ducks!

Earlier this month I attended my first state board meeting as the new treasurer. It was a very eye-opening, learning, and fun experience! You have elected a group of very capable ladies to run your organization. Like everyone else the state board must watch our expenses and run a tight ship. We are aware that some counties are feeling the crunch of lower members, lower financial resources, and higher costs. We have the capabilities to increase membership, we must just do it! We must show patience as the economy will soon work its way out of this cycle and get better.

## EXECUTIVE/EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Most of the transition for my job is complete now. It does take a while to close accounts and get new ones opened. I have prepared a new transmittal sheet to send in with the dues payment. The new one has my name and address on it. The dues are to be to me by **January 15, 2010**, or there will be a late fee assessed. If at any time I can assist you, please contact me using the info in the front of this newsletter.

I always like to keep things on the light side when I write for the county newsletter because everyone needs at least fifteen minutes of laughter a day. Those fifteen minutes can extend you life and it also burns fifty calories! George Carlin said it best when Martha Stewart was sent to prison: "Boy, I feel really safe now she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden is too, but they take the **ONE** woman in America willing to cook, clean, and do yard work and they haul her off to jail." Have a great summer and remember to smile often, if nothing more than to get people to wander what you are up to!

### Jane Chapman

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### Community Outreach VI HUEBNER

Our June board meeting is over, and much was accomplished.

First let me explain, my term as

Community Outreach Director has just begun. There is lot's to learn and do. I will do my best to keep interesting programs available.

Our new programs will be:

- Promote the 3R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.
- How to avoid con artist and scams.

These seem to be major issues in today's society. The information will be in the Fall workshop packets in August.

The project in common with NVON is still MAD - (working with Foster Children). A new project for 2010 will be announced in July.

**Vi Huebner**



### Family Issues Lynn Kearney

We just returned from the June board meeting. The Education Committee met and each Director reviewed their part of the Gray Guidebook, we up dated what needs to be changed. These changes were given to the First Vice and she will prepare them for the members.

On page 33 of the Gray Guidebook the due date of the application form for the Great American Family will be changed to January 31<sup>st</sup> to correspond to the other awards applications.

Each Director selected their topic for the Fall Workshop. I will continue the study of Childhood Obesity and have received information from the American Heart Association to assist in my class. This information can be used to create a lesson.

The Education Community met and we selected a joint topic, this will be "Go Green". We hope to have each county/unit plant a tree and promote "Go Green" education in your community. This can include recycling, fuel effusion cars and planting trees.

If you have any questions about these changes feel free to give me a call.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Workshops.

### Lynn Kearney

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### INTERNATIONAL RITA STEWART

Today in Perry County we had our last board meeting at President Jane Chapman's home for lunch. This was a special meeting for we had each units president in attendance as well as the IAHCE State President, Marilyn Daughhetee. It was a fine culmination for the 2008-2009 year and a good beginning for the new.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the area of International it's slow now except for the preparation for the NVON conference July 13-15th in Belleville. I'm planning on baking several batches of cookies for the hospitality use, taking them there Sunday evening and attending Monday. But Monday evening and Tuesday I'm afraid my allegiance switches to one of my special loves -- baseball, since the All-Star game takes place across the river.

But I'll be back into HCE soon after as I prepare for the District Workshops in August. See you there!

**Rita Stewart**

### Cultural Enrichment BARB SPENCER



We had a very informative board meeting in June and there are lots of exciting events planned for the next Annual Meeting. We'd like to see a really large crowd next year in Bloomington...

In August, once again, the Board will be traveling for the Fall Workshops. We will start in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, August 18th, in Springfield on Wednesday and our final destination is Sycamore on Thursday. I will have information for everyone in regard to the reports that are due in January, the registrations for Best of Show and the last in our writing projects. Our little book will be about some wisdom a grandmother might pass on to a grandchild -- or maybe advice you may have received from your grandmother.

The Education Directors has a new project for the year -- and it is "Go Green"! Let's see how many ways we can recycle and reuse.

Plan your day so that you will be able to attend the workshops. This is the day that you learn what is going to be happening in the next few months. If you can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to pick up our packet.

**Barb Spencer**



### PUBLIC RELATIONS SHARON MIDDLETON

First of all, I would like to thank all those that sent notes to me after my knee surgery. I am on the mend now and hope to be good as new shortly.

I hope that everyone has had a chance to check out the IAHCe's website. It is up and running at [www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org) Please look it over and if you have comments on what else you would like to see on it, please write. What most have asked is if the Gray Guidebook will be on it. Yes, in time it will. There are a few changes coming and the Board would like to make sure it is all up to date before I begin uploading it to the site. I'll be waiting to hear your comments, good or maybe not so good, and will work on keeping new dates and events listed.

A note to all counties, if you check the website on "How to Join" you will see a map of Illinois with all the counties in each district highlighted. It is my plan to have a link to each of your counties information. If you have a website and would like to be added to this area, please send it to me or bring it to the District Workshop in August so that I can have your county's information listed. If you do not have a website but would like your information listed, click onto Macon County and see the page I have for them which just lists our lessons and the Second Vice in charge of membership who can be contacted. It also has a link to the county's U of I Extension website where more information is listed for Macon County. I hope you all will have your information on the website before the years' end.

Also at the District Workshops, we will discuss how to fill out your President Awards. If you have questions, be sure to bring them and I will have the answers. If not, I'll find out the answers. See you in August!

**Sharon Middleton**



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

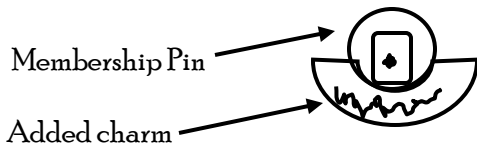


### CERTIFIED CVU Alice Grooms

Hello Everyone,

We are almost to the halfway mark for collecting your CVU hours for the 2009 year. If you have not started keeping track of your hours, it is not too late to start. Just make a note on your calendar when you do something for someone else and add it up at the end of the year. Don't forget to turn them in to your county officer or send them to me after the end of the year. (They are due January 31) Try having a contest in your unit or county for the one who has documented the most hours. We all volunteer our time and we all reap many benefits from volunteering, but the emphasis here is to keep track of the hours and realize how much monetary value our time is worth. Self worth is an important part of our human make-up, so let's all work toward improving ourselves by keeping track of what we do for others.

This month for the sales table I am featuring the new bench mark charms that fit on the back of the tack membership pin. I have charms for 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 60 years. I also have these charms for President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Secretary, Treasurer and directors. All of these charms are \$3.50. You can order them from me, pick them up at the Workshops in August or come to the Annual Conference in March and purchase them there. Here is a rough drawing of the pin and what they look from the back.



The charm fits onto the tack (dark dot) and then the tack is put back into place to hold onto your pin and whatever it is attached to.

Alice Grooms

The IAHCCE Board is now accepting nominations for the positions of Second Vice President, Cultural Enrichment and Family Issues Directors.

We ask that you review pages 54 and 55 of the Gray Guidebook for the application forms. In addition, you will find the duties for Second Vice President on pages 7-8, Cultural Enrichment on page 26 and Family Issues on pages 29-30.

We would like to have a representation all over the state and are sure that there is someone in one of your districts that would enjoy being on the State Board.

The nominating committee is:

Barbara Spencer, Chairman  
Tresa Brookman  
Mary Lea Prentice  
Alice Grooms  
Mary Jane Wood

You can send your ideas or nominations to any of these committee members. Their addresses are in the inside front cover of this newsletter.

Barbara Spencer



## SPECIAL REPORTS

### NVON CONFERENCE

#### IAHCE Counties and Members

Thank you for all the help and support by the counties and members throughout the state of Illinois for the 2009 NVON Conference in Belleville, Illinois, on July 13-15, 2009! The membership responded with 73 IAHCE members attending. The total registrations were 195. NVON is IAHCE's national organization and each of the eight states serves as the host on a rotation basis. The next NVON Conference IAHCE will host should be in 2017. It takes a lot of people, time, and money, to put on a conference and I had great people to work with during the three years of preparation.

Kathryn McNeely-McLean County  
2009 NVON Conference Chairman on behalf of  
IAHCE

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### New Cookbook Contains Favorite Recipes of Illinois 4-H

Many 4-H members remember making snickerdoodles, wheat bread, funny cake, and brownies when learning food skills as part of their 4-H project work. Over the years, the memories remained, but the recipes were lost. A new cookbook, ***Favorite Recipes of Illinois 4-H Through the Years***, includes all of the most requested recipes from the past 60 years and is available from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

"Fairly often I hear from a former 4-H'er who is looking for a lost recipe," said Jananne Finck, University of Illinois Extension educator for nutrition and wellness in Springfield and a member of the fundraising committee for the cookbook. "Anyone who took a foods project in 4-H will enjoy this book. It is a delight to see them organized and contained in one publication."

More than 150 recipes from 4-H foods project books such as *You Learn to Bake*, *ABC's of Food*, *Adventures in Cooking*, *It's Fun to Cook*, *Milk and Eggs*, *Meat in Your Meals*, *Pastry in Your Meals*, and *Yeast Breads in Your Meals* are included in this 8/12 x 11' spiral bound cookbook. Recipes are listed by book, alphabetically, and by food category for easy reference.

The cookbook costs \$15.00 plus shipping. It can be ordered online at [www.4hfoundation.illinois.edu](http://www.4hfoundation.illinois.edu) or by completing an order form available from the local Extension office. Bundles of 10 cookbooks are also available for a slight discount.

The cookbook allows you to walk down memory lane and can also help teach youth. Illustrations from the *Pastry in Your Meals* book are included to show the different steps to make a pie crust. Also included are illustrations from the *Yeast Breads in Your Meals* book, which show how to knead bread and form different kinds of rolls.

Proceeds from the cookbook will be used to support current 4-H foods project resources and training for 4-H volunteers. "We think the cookbook is a wonderful way to reconnect with 4-H alumni. As part of this project we're collecting stories from former 4-H members to become part of the Illinois 4-H history," states Illinois 4-H Foundation Director Angie Barnard. *Favorite Recipes of Illinois 4-H Through the Years* would make a perfect Mother's Day, Graduation, birthday, or other special occasion gift for mothers, daughters, sons, grandmothers, 4-H leaders, or 4-H alums. For additional information, contact your local Extension office or Sheri Seibold at the State 4-H Office in Champaign, at [sseibold@illinois.edu](mailto:sseibold@illinois.edu).

4-H is the largest out-of-school educational program for youth in the United States. 4-H seeks to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, forming attitudes, and developing life skills that will enable them to become caring, competent, and contributing members of society. In Illinois 292,888 youth participate in 4-H and other youth programs of University of Illinois Extension. More than 24,721 youth and adult volunteers assist in the programming. For more information about 4-H in Illinois, visit <http://www.4-h.illinois.edu>.

### Susan E. Taylor

Extension Educator, Consumer and Family Economics





# 2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**CASSIE FERGUSON  
PIKE COUNTY**



It has been said that money can't buy you love, but in my eyes it does buy you an opportunity for a better education.

Receiving this scholarship puts me one step closer to obtaining my career goal of being a Registered Nurse and attaining my dream of helping and aiding patients with their health care issues and concerns.

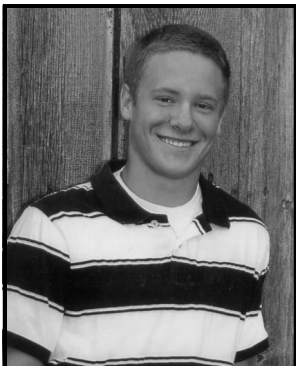
I will be attending Culver-Stockton College and Blessing-Reiman School of Nursing in Quincy, Illinois. I know with the training I will receive and the clinical classes I will have at Blessing, I will be devoting a large portion of time at the Blessing facilities in our community. After graduation and state board exams, I plan on working and fulfilling my goal. Hopefully the job market will offer unlimited possibilities in this area.

**JESSICA BATHON  
PERRY COUNTY**



I come from a large family-operated farm that has granted me numerous years of hands-on farming experience that will benefit my future agriculture career. While attending McKendree University, I have chosen to pursue double majors in Agricultural Business Management and Marketing, work two part-time jobs, carry a cumulative GPA of 3.874, and will graduate in just 3 1/2 years as opposed to the usual four year college plan. Due to the high cost of tuition and fees at McKendree University and my family's limited income aside from agriculture demands, funding college in the upcoming year will not be easy. With the monetary assistance of an HCE Scholarship, my family will have a lighter burden to carry and will be able to provide a valuable and important college education.

**ZACHARY FERGUSON  
PIKE COUNTY**



My education and career goals include receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Monmouth College in Physical Education or Accounting. I would like to continue playing football, and possibly baseball at Monmouth. My performance in the classroom is usually stronger if I

am involved in extra-curricular activities.

I am an individual devoted to doing the "right" thing, whether at home, school or the workplace. I don't believe in hand-outs, but feel hard work accomplishes many goals. I've been active in athletics since I was six years old and have found the discipline and sacrifice I've devoted to these activities have made me who I am today. I take school very seriously and am looking forward to college. This scholarship will continue to allow me to do the "right" thing.

**MARY SMITH  
PIKE COUNTY**



I will be attending Quincy University this fall in pursuit of my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. I will start classes at Blessing Rieman College of Nursing round my sophomore/junior year of college.

To help out financially, I have held a part-time job as a bus-girl at the Red Dome Inn since I was fifteen and a half years old. In addition to my financial needs, I have a sister one year younger than me who will also be attending college three of the four years I will be in school. This scholarship will help me greatly. Advisors at Blessing Rieman College of Nursing, (which I plan to attend in addition to Quincy University), have told me that it will be nearly impossible to have a job during my years of clinicals.

## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### CODY SHEPPARD PIKE COUNTY



As a career, I plan to go into the Agricultural Engineering field. I have been accepted by the University of Illinois which has one of the top Agricultural Engineering programs in the nation. I have also been accepted at John Wood Community College and I plan to go there for my first two years, then transfer.

Ever since I got my truck and started working on it, I have been interested in a career focusing around agricultural or mechanical engineering. Agricultural Engineering also encompasses producing more efficient engines and emissions control systems. Through the use of these growing technologies, I believe that I can become a part of solution for agriculture's future. I want to go into the engineering aspect of this career because I want to develop or engineer the technology that goes into the engines people use every day.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**2009**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**WINNERS!**

## YOUR IAHCe BOARD AT WORK.....

As the IAHCe Board, we would like to keep you up to date on what was worked on during our first board meeting with the newly elected President along with a new Secretary, Treasurer, International Director and two new District Directors. During our first meeting that was held at the DoubleTree Hotel and Convention Center in Bloomington (the 2010 site for our 86th Annual Conference) the board members met in the suite of President Marilyn Daughhete where tables were set up for the 17 board members eliminating paying for an extra room for our meetings. With board members coming in from all over the state, the Executive Committee (President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) met before the rest of the board arrived.

President Marilyn Daughhete surprised us when she prepared a catered meal for the cost of the food for our evening dinner. We had our choice of two different meat for sandwiches with the fixings, fruit, home baked cookies and beverages. Jane Chapman surprised us with fresh strawberries from her garden and were they every good! This saved the state money since it does cost to feed 17 board members. What was nice, we also was able to use it for our lunch on Monday.

After our dinner on Sunday evening, the rest of the committees began to meet. During these meetings, much was discussed and accomplished. The Public Relations and the District Workshop committees met. Monday morning the Membership, Support Fund, Education and By-Laws and Standing Rules committees met. After our lunch (what was left from the night before), the International Exchange and Leadership committees met. After a break, the full Board met with Susan Taylor, U of I Liaison reporting and giving us some sound information on how it takes more than one person but a committee of several to make good decisions for the organization.

After dinner, three more committees met, the International Projects, Annual Conference Chairs and the Budget committee.

After a good nights sleep we began again. Tuesday morning the last of the committees met before the Full Board. They were Nominating and Scholarship committees.

## YOUR IAHCE BOARD AT WORK.....

Midmorning, we all gathered together to report on what each committee discussed and needed motions on. Some of the information coming from these committees include:

- **Public Relations** - The state website is up and running. Discussion on what needs to be on the site in the future was discussed. Definitely the Gray Guidebook but there are several places that need updating and after that is done, pages will begin to be uploaded to the site. Note that the newsletter is paying for itself.
  - **Membership** - The biggest job for them is that they are rewriting/redesigning the "County of the Year" application form.
  - **Education Directors** - One of the things they are working on is to streamline and improve the "Awards Banquet" presentations of the awards. They read the evaluations and that was where we needed improving. All award applications will be due January 31 and the guidebook will be amended.
- By-Laws and Standing Rules** - Several changes are suggested here and the changes should be in each of the counties President packets that they receive in December. Some changes are needed to update the By-Laws and there are changes in the Gray Guidebook such as dates or clarifications.
- As stated before, the application form for "County of the Year" is being revised.
  - **Annual Conference** - After looking at the evaluations, it was decided that the IAHCE Chorus sing during the Wednesday lunch (after you've eaten) rather than during the business meeting on Wednesday morning. That will cut the cost of paid entertainment and the Chorus are a lovely group of our members who have entertained us each year with songs that fit our theme of the conference.
  - **Nominating** - Information on what offices that will be up for election will be in your Workshop Packets in August and who to contact with names of interested members to fill these positions.
  - **Scholarship** - Five young people were selected from the applications sent in to receive IAHCE scholarships of \$500 each. They are listed in this newsletter with their information and county.

It was a full schedule and everyone worked hard. President Marilyn Daughhettee was able to save additional monies by picking up large envelopes in bulk for each Education Director to put their Workshop information in for each county (over 80 plus one each for the State Board Directors which is almost 100 envelopes each) and bulk computer paper for Board members so that the cost is much less than buying in smaller quantities. So as you can see, we are working hard to keep our organization on top of things and be much more organized and save money too!

We'll see you all at the August District Workshops with training to help you in your position that you hold in your county!

### UPCOMING DATES

#### 2009 IAHCE Workshops

District 6 & 7.....	August 18
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon	
District 4 & 5.....	August 19
Northfield Inn, Springfield	
District 1 & 2/3.....	August 20
Methodist Church, Sycamore	

#### IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 23-25, 2010 at the DoubleTree in Bloomington  
Registration forms will be available in the Fall.

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)  
July, 2009 - Belleville, Ill  
April, 2010 - Hot Springs, Ark.

#### ACWW

April 21-28, 2010 - Hot Springs, Ark.

#### CWC

September 21-22, 2009 - Des Moines, Iowa

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - November 1, 2009**

## DISTRICT NEWS

### DISTRICT 1

Marilyn DeVries  
District Director



Hi Everyone,

We sure need some sun. The corn needs the heat to grow. We have been trying to make hay. The ground is so wet the hay can't dry. I want thank the counties that have invited me to their county. I have enjoyed meeting with you. I want to encourage each county to invite someone such as a friend, neighbor, and newly retired person to your next unit meeting. They are just waiting for you to ask.

We are making plans for our District workshop to be held on August 20, 2009. It will be at the Methodist Church in Sycamore, IL. It is a beautiful church.

I hope everyone is healthy and can get out and enjoy the summer.

### Marilyn DeVries

#### HENDERSON.....

Henderson County held their annual meeting April 25, 2009 at the Biggsville U.P. Church. The tables were beautifully decorated in the "Butterfly Theme". June Galbraith made beautiful lace butterflies for those attending. She had a display of lace items that she had made. We all know that Belgium is famous for its lace.

The church ladies served a delicious brunch. Julien Monart an exchange student from Belgium entertain us with a skit he had prepared on his interpretation of the United States. He also sang some songs and was very entertaining. He answered many questions that those in attendance asked and we learned so much about Belgium.

Justin Allaman was chosen as our scholarship winner for 2009.

Marilyn DeVries our District Director installed the officers for 2009-2010.

A pillow workshop was held on April 10. H.C.E. members taught 4-Hers how to make quilted pillows. Most of them will be entered in the 4-H fair.

Our newest project is a "traveling friendship plate". Each person is to put goodies on the plate, write some history of what you receive and pass it on to another H.C.E. member. It will eventually get to every H.C.E. member in the county.

H.C.E. members are still very busy volunteering for their community. We will all be very busy helping with the fair July 19-25. We assist the judges, host buildings and help 4-Hers and some still have time to enter items in the fair.

Have a happy and safe summer!!!

Beverly Alecock  
Public relations

#### ROCK ISLAND.....

We may be a bit soggy and grab our umbrellas before our purses but the Rock Island HCE members just keep "singing in the rain". We were blessed with a beautiful day for the Ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House of our new University of Illinois Extension office on May 6th. Outside the newly renovated building in Milan, Illinois



From left to right are Ellen Johnson, Busy Bees unit; Betty Carss, Two Rivers unit; Emma Hoke, RI County HCE President; Lucille Michels, Cultural Enrichment Co-Director; Mary Ann Williams, International Director. In addition to being more economical for the county, the facilities are top notch. Much thanks goes to Michael Woods, U of I County Director, whose enthusiastic participation, knowledge and foresight have made this possible.

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We were very excited and pleased to welcome both Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHC President, and Marilyn DeVries, District I Director, to our 88th Annual Meeting on June 20th. We had a special recognition of two 50 year members, Dorothy Hunt and Kathryn Morthlund, as well as many 50 year-Plus members. Our membership Director, Carol Stogsdill, informed us that we had 18 new members last year. Becky Buckrop, Marketing/Local resources development with U of I Extension, was a featured speaker. She announced several new children's activities and feature events for the upcoming Rock Island County Fair. Marilyn Daughhetee congratulated us on our growing membership and provided inspiration to continue our community support. Marilyn DeVries compared our County Board officers to sections of a cookbook as she installed them for the upcoming year. Our program "Old Time Cookbooks" was provided by Lorraine Hathaway. Many members found themselves nodding their heads in recognition as she quoted from several well-known cookbooks from their past. A salad luncheon following the meeting was enjoyed by all.

Our next County event will be the Recycling booth that is sponsored by HCE at the Rock Island County Fair July 13th. The units are feverishly working on craft items that have been made from recycled material. These items are then given out to children, teachers, 4-H members and scout leaders who attend the Fair. Raffle tickets for a denim quilt are also sold as a fund-raising activity.

Brenda Wells  
Co-Director of Public Relations

to visit the Belgium Museum and gift shop, hear about Belgium customs, food, etc, and enjoyed a nearby bakery as well. This trip is to prepare us for our International Brunch and program on September 3rd. Our speakers will be coming from the Belgium community in Moline.

Our county has embraced a wonderful **Community Outreach** program, Prairie Hills R.E.A.D.Y. Bus (Reaching Educating And Developing Youth). It's goal is to reduce illiteracy within its six county area by encouraging children to read. The bus provides pre-school through 8th grade with educational presentations on conservation, wildlife habitat and the environment. We are collecting new or slightly used children's books to donate. Their bus will be present at our annual meeting in October to receive our collection of books. Each child gets to chose a free book of their choice to keep. If you'd like more information about this project, please contact Loretta McKee or Peg Chambers at 309-343-2741.

Peg Chambers  
Public Relations




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### WARREN.....

Warren County HCE has been busy and had lots of fun too! We all enjoyed the 4-H BBQ on June 2nd, eating BBQ and pork chop sandwiches, chips, apple sauce and home made pie. This is our 4-Her's big fund-raiser for the year and they work very hard to serve our community.

We also had a fun trip in June to visit the woodworking shop of Jerry Rupp in LaFayette, Il. He is such a craftsman and his work is beautiful. Anyone in the area should visit that shop!

Another great trip was made to Rock Island and Moline



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## DISTRICT 2/3

Jean Pieroni  
District Director

Here it is, the beginning of July and summer's half over. We sure have had extreme weather conditions – cold, too much rain, heat... Yesterday we lost half of an old willow tree due to high winds. Now, for a few days, the humidity is going to be low and reasonable temperatures may help us to forget some of the other stuff.

Recently a few members of my county HCE joined others on a one-day "Rural School Tour" sponsored by McHenry County College and the McHenry County Historical Society. We traveled, in style, on two air-conditioned buses over some roads I'd never been on before. We were able to go into several of the schools. Many are family homes or municipal buildings now. Other schools, historical houses and cemeteries we passed slowly while being told about them. I hope to take advantage of more of these tours.

By now, you should all have information about the District Workshops coming in August. I hope to see many of your county officers there. It's one of the best ways to learn more about your offices, for both the new and "seasoned" officer.

Have a safe summer!

**Jean Pieroni**

## KANE.....

Kane County Association for Home and Community Education launches its 92<sup>nd</sup> year with an August 26 Open House at the U of I Extension in St. Charles from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Our two guest speakers are U of I's Extension Educator JoAn Todd teaching a lesson on China and Jeanette Palmer, President of Right at Home, discussing how to remain independent in our own homes. This marks the first time we have had a lesson at Open House.

Open House includes a Special Meeting called by our Board to vote on adoption of updated Constitution and Bylaws which incorporate our new organizational

name and previous amendments and which provide better alignment with IAHCCE. (All members received a copy of these documents with their July/August newsletter.)

Beth Engbrecht  
Public Relations

## KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE planning their 11th Annual Victorian Tea, Sunday, October 11, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church, Rt. 47, south of Yorkville. There will be three types of tea and three courses of tea goodies, lots of door prizes...and a gift for everyone! The program is "Decades of Dresses," featuring special occasion dresses from each decade of the 20th century. Tickets are still \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. There will also be an opportunity to take a chance on several fantastic baskets.

Wear your "Sunday best" including gloves, hats and bring your favorite teacup for a delightful Fall afternoon in Kendall County. Reservations available by calling Joan McEachern at 630-553-6407 or Bev Scott, 630-554-1530.

Joan McEachern

## LAKE.....

Lake County Association for Home and Community Education is proud of member, Marie Worth, for her contributions in needlework to our cultural enrichment programs and her contributions to the community.



Marie has been a member since 1990 when she retired from teaching school. Marie's talent in needlework spans many varieties of creative sewing. She attends a yearly week long session at the Smocking Arts Guild of America. This past year she made 91 items to take to the meeting. The beautiful knit sweaters and blankets and smocked dresses in mini sizes were then donated to the neonatal critical care units of the hospitals in Atlanta, the city in which the 2008 guild meeting was held. The Guild requires all members from across the country to bring items they

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have made to donate to neonatal units in whichever city they are meeting as a part of the organization's Wee Care Program. She took third place in among all of the items submitted in the national competition held at the meeting for a baseball cap she created in a size to fit a newborn baby.

We are accustomed to Marie winning first place ribbons at LCAHCE's cultural enrichment program but this year she went beyond the confines of this county and won Best of Show at the IAHCE State meeting. She entered an infant gown made for her great granddaughter. This gown, white and sheer, is adorned with smocking and many diverse styles of embroidery. It is a wonder to behold and always elicits O's and Ah's.

Marie is International Chairperson of Benport unit in Lake County. At each meeting of her unit, she gives a lesson on the country currently being studied, infused with some observations from the Asian and European countries she and her husband have visited. She always prepares a dish for the International lunch and makes cookies for the annual cookie sale fundraiser. She initiated and supervised her unit's latest neck coolers for the troops production effort and she does the initial sewing for the pillows for breast cancer surgery patients which the unit members then fill and finish.

Betty Jean Thompson  
Public Relations

### LA SALLE.....

The 91st annual meeting of the LaSalle County Association for Home and Community Education met on June 25th for a dinner meeting with 60 members and guests. Our theme "Red, White and Blues" was presented with red, white and blue decorations and a musical "blues" team.

President Gail Hayward welcomed everyone and reviewed our aims and goals. She introduced the board and called the meeting to order. Pennies for Friendship was collected to benefit international projects.

The slate of officers for 2009-2011 were installed by Mrs. Margaret Grober of Seneca Morning unit.

President Gail Hayward presented the Homemaker of the Year 2008-2009 award to Judy Waldron of Grand Ridge.



Waldron has been an active member of HCE for 32 years. Judy has held almost every unit office, County offices and has attended Annual State Conferences. She is a very active volunteer both in her church and at the hospital gift shop. She has served on many committees at her church such as: smorgasbord, funeral dinners, Mother-Daughter banquets and is church organist. Judy has two children and four grandchildren. She and her husband, Jerry, spend a lot of time attending their grandchildren's activities. Judy is a member of the Handy Homemakers unit.

First Vice President Carol Elmore of Mendota announced attendance and thanked everyone for their help with the meeting.



Public Relations Chair, Carol Link awarded Unit of the 2008-2009 Year to Seneca Morning unit. They accumulated the most points for activities and community services of all the County units.

Jean Marie Battles of Serena Freedom was awarded a pin and certificate for being a 50 year member of HCE. Shirley Boshell of Serena Freedom and Eloise Fike of No Township were awarded 60 year certificates from the state.

Freddie Budach conducted a memorial service and paid tribute to Dorothy Black, a 52 year member of Farm Ridge unit.

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Carol Elmore of Mendota introduced our entertainment of music and comedy by Lance Brown and Mike Levin of Chicago.

4-H Fair work schedules were announced and the meeting was adjourned by President Gail Hayward.

Carol Link  
Public Relations



### DISTRICT 4

Mary Lea Prentice  
District Director

It has been a few weeks since the IAHCE Board met in Bloomington.

There is always a lot of follow-up work that needs to be done and your help is solicited. Please be aware of all the volunteer help that is needed to put on a quality annual conference. I mentioned a few of those things in my District Newsletter that I mailed in June. You can't imagine the countless hours Conference Chairs Lynn and Sharon have already spent. Other Board members are now adding their hours in preparation for the conference to be held in Bloomington in March 2010. If you are called upon to help, please say, "Yes."

Along with that, a big thanks and a job well done goes to Sharon Middleton, her husband Clarence and daughter Gina for getting the IAHCE website up and running. (During part of this time Sharon had knee surgery and is probably going to have surgery on the other knee.) You are invited to submit pertinent data to Sharon and she and her family crew will see that your information is entered. In order to always be informed, if you don't have a computer, is to subscribe to the IAHCE Newsletter.

We urge you to read the Gray Guidebook and apply for the many scholarships and grants that are available. Nympha White has the monumental task of keeping the Guidebook current, so contact her if you think your Guidebook is a little outdated.

Remember to ask your friends and acquaintances to

become IAHCE members. Don't forget our rivalry with District 5 for membership increase. It isn't hard to sell membership in your county when the educational aspects of joining plus all the social benefits we enjoy are mentioned. I've already purchased some "noise makers" in anticipation of getting the chance to use them. I've also been in contact with a "special guest" who may put in an appearance if we reach our goal of at least one net increase in each of our counties. All we need do is ask. Better yet, wouldn't it be great if we got some new units started? This would be a great legacy for me to leave to my District IV counterpart when my 3-year term ends in March.

Thanks, District IV Counties, for the lovely meals, gifts, clever nametags and fine entertainment I was privileged to enjoy during my visits with you. Bring your good ideas to the District IV & V workshop to be held at Northfield Inn in Springfield August 19.

Mary Lea Prentice

### ADAMS.....

Due to weather conditions the Adams County Board did manage to have an entry in the Annual Dogwood Parade with board President, Marcia Schutte and board member Bonnie Smith participating.

The board members headed by board member Camie Hempelman sponsored a mock spring style show and tea with eleven members being the models. This event was attended by approximately fifty (50) people and all that attended had a wonderful time tasting the many varieties of tea and many delectable scones and desserts. As can be seen in the photo, there were many styles from which to choose. From double breasted to plunging necklines and from the Classic Sack Dress (aka Bag Lady) to "I'm Brilliant! Get Over it Look!!! (With the wet bag & fish included).





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Adams County's Quinsippi Unit has a fun way to close their meetings for the summer. For the past two (2) years they have had a "Fun Auction" spending their "Fun" money they earned during the year. Quinsippi President, Glenda Cox has everyone earning their "Fun" money by attending meetings, bringing guests (and extra if they join), baking cookies for the Veteran's Home, making items for the Annual Kiddie Bazaar and also helping at the bazaar and various other ways. In June we have a carry-in dinner and after dinner we have our "Fun Auction". This year they even had a "real" auctioneer attend. Toot Ewalt and his wife, Jan were gracious enough to spend the evening with a bunch of money spending ladies. As can also be seen in this photo both the auctioneer and his helper, Amy Looten (Quinsippi member) were having such a good time as was everyone who attended. This was a huge success this year that even the auctioneer asked to come next year!!! The items donated by the members were used, new or even especially made for the auction.



Mary Twaddle  
Public Relations

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### PIKE.....

Hello from Pike County'

H.C.E. of Pike County continues to have great programs and many small group activities. We have celebrated Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday and the founding of Pike's Farm Bureau "70" years ago.

At the State Convention we excelled in the Heritage Skills Cultural Arts exhibit. We received Best of Show for items made by Katie Boester in crocheting and knitting. Rebecca DeLong received honors for painting and lace making. Ona Day Johnston's honors were for her beautiful machine quilted quilt. Our Community

Outreach and CVU program recognized six of Pike County members.

Our annual meeting was well attended. We again honored Abraham Lincoln. Our program was presented by Connie Markley and Peggy Meyer. It was about the Civil War and letters between a husband and wife 1862-1864. We also honored Ruth Gleckler as our only living Charter Member. We recognized our 50 year and 25 year members and installed the new officers for the coming year. Linda Patton, Chairperson; Co-Vice chairs, Donna Smith and Nancy Wessell; 2nd Vice chair, Jeannie Howard; Secretary, Sherry Wendorff; Community Outreach, Karen Fudge; Young Family Issues, Darlene Moore; and Cultural Arts, Susan Cox and Ona Day Johnston. Members remaining were Betty Orr, Treasurer; Rayola Daniel and Jan Gwartney, International co-chairs; Ann Ferguson, Public Relations and Melba Foster, Newsletter editor. The 4-H group served our meal and we treated them to pizza afterwards. Congratulations to Hardin Day II unit as Unit of the Year.

Our annual scholarship was awarded to Cody Shepherd, grandson of Karolyn Shepherd, a fifty year member. Cody will pursue a degree in Agricultural Engineering, starting with 2 years at John Wood Community College.

"Time for Tea with HCE" was our theme for the bi-annual tea. We had a great group of members and visitors for the event. Each unit supplied a decorated tea table and a person for our zany style show. We served finger sandwiches, fruit kabobs and cookies. Green tea was a favorite this year. We had two lamps provided by Susan Cox for door prizes. They were made from tea pots and tea cups. We also had baskets full of tea products as door prizes. A great time was had by all.

Two hundred seventeen members have paid their dues.

Ann Ferguson  
Public Relations



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### SCOTT.....

Scott County HEA held its 41st Annual Meeting on June 17. President Minnie Cooper welcomed members and guest, Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHCE President.

Mrs. Daughhetee installed new officers: President, Lois Spencer; Secretary, Addie Rogers; and Cultural Enrichment Chairman, Deanna Hart.

One member, Gracie Fearneyhough, was honored for her 50 year membership. Other members, Grace Dolen, Virginia Likes, Mary Lashmett and Bettye Moore were also recognized with a charm to attach to their 50 year pins, signifying 60 or more years of membership.

Twenty-three members were recognized for perfect attendance.

Merna Wisdom and Frances Brown, spoke about one of Scott County's on-going projects, Linus Blankets. These blankets are given to children experiencing traumatic situations such as a hospital stay. To date, 734 blankets have been made and distributed to the Linus Project headquarters and to the local hospital.

After lunch, Pat Frost a member of HEA, presented a program on wheat weaving. She is a well-known wheat weaver; one of her angels was displayed on the White House Christmas tree and she won Best of Show for one of her dolls at the IAHCE Annual Conference cultural arts show. She showed and explained the many examples of the beautiful and intricate items that can be made of wheat.



The meeting was ended with the distribution of door prizes.

Jo Clough  
Public Relations

### TAZEWELL.....

#### FUNDS SOUGHT FOR HAITIAN HEARTS

The Tazewell County Units of Home and Community Education have selected Haitian Hearts as their international project for 2009.

Haitian Hearts is a medical group which provides free medicine and medical care to the poor people of Haiti. Rheumatic fever strikes young children which sometimes causes damage to their hearts. The group brings some of these heart patients to the United States for life-saving surgery.

The HCE units will be having fund-raisers and special collections until the end of the year.

The public is invited to make donations. Checks may be made payable to Tazewell County HCE Financial Secretary and mailed to HCE, University of Illinois Extension, 1505 Valle Vista, Pekin, IL 61554.

Shirley Kelly  
Public Relations



### DISTRICT 5

Jane Wood  
District Director

There was a lot of planning and discussing of ideas at our June State Board meeting. What I

hope this tells you is that the IAHCE Board is wanting to do what we can for all HCE members. It, also, means we are open to new ideas which might make for a stronger organization. I received an email from one HCE member telling me of an idea they had read about.... Keep those ideas coming.... Her idea was that we might be able to plan some fun activity for the entire district. Maybe a day to come together and have different crafts offered. Added thoughts might be to do more sharing with adjoining counties when offering lessons. How about a District trip? By getting information into the IAHCE State Newsletter before they happen allows others a chance to attend you county functions. Maybe at District Workshop we can

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discuss what you would like to try at the District level.

Remember, District workshop is Wednesday, August 19, in Springfield. County presidents have received registration forms and directions. Presidents, if you haven't gotten your letter please let me know by email! I leave between July 2 - July 7, for our family trip to Washington DC. We will not return until August 5. At this time I will have received all registrations and be turning the attendance number in to Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center. Hope you will all be there with great ideas to keep growing. Notice, if you have any questions for any state officers jot it down on bottom of registration form. Officers can then have an answer prepared for you at workshop.

I want to congratulate District 5 for being so prompt getting your new officers to me. Thanks for your cooperation!

Continue considering in what position you might enjoy serving at the state level. You might even want to think about becoming District Director.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer with lovely flowers in your yard and maybe a bountiful garden.

**Jane Wood**

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### CHAMPAIGN.....

Our 91st Annual Meeting was held at the Champaign Country Club on April 3, 2009. We enjoyed a delicious sandwich and salad lunch. There were 87 members and 6 guests for a total of 93 attending. The new slate of officers was presented and all candidates were elected. After lunch and a short business meeting, we were entertained by Ken Bradbury with great stories and piano selections. He received a standing ovation.

The CCHCE board will be working with the Staley unit to make a float for the 4th of July parade. We will be building a small float (8' by 16") on a lawnmower type trailer. The theme for the parade is "Lincoln's Legacy". We'll have more about the results in our update.

Our date for "Cultural Enrichment Day" is October 29th at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. We are encouraging our members to write a short story of 200 words or less with a title of "Something I'd Like to Tell My Grandchild". We hope to get several to share.

We are continuing our work on neck coolers and Linus blankets. Our next work day is June 22nd from 1-4 PM at the FBA.

Sue Christensen  
Public Relations

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### CLARK.....

The Clark County ladies have been busy doing the 2009-2010 program booklets. The lessons have been decided upon and each unit is now finishing up the quotes, roll call and exhibits for each of the lessons. This way all of us have a part in making the monthly lessons meaningful for each unit.

The HCE County Board is working on the International lesson of Argentina. Sections of the country will be given by each unit at the County Wide meeting in October. Flags, maps and table decorations have been assigned for the day.

Some people in the area have been looking for glass canning jars and some of the ladies have taken them to the extension building to be given to the ones that need them. We have found that Beverly Combs lessons have spurred some of them into preserving foods for later use. Bev has given lessons on making jam and jellies, salsa, freezing fruits and vegetables and canner testing. Bev will also do another diabetic workshop for the county a little later.

We have had several articles published in the local papers about our activities. Yes, we are trying hard to let the local people know that we are active.

Deloris Mauer  
Public Relations



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### CHRISTIAN.....

We started Spring with our primary fund-raiser, "The Table Setting Luncheon and Plant Sale". Our President Roberta Gordon and all her board and all units in the county worked very hard to make it a success.



Casual - Rural Risers Unit  
"Singing in the Rain" # 2

June 11 was our annual trip to the U of I at Champaign. Our County Director, Linda Smith is always happy to assist the tour being a U of I graduate herself. We toured the Memorial Stadium, the new Business Instructional Facility, the Activities and Recreation Center and finally the renovated Irwin Academic Services building.

We still have a lot of work to do for the year. I will update you in the next newsletter.

Jean Wattlelet  
Public Information

### DE WITT.....

The 74th Annual Day Meeting and Luncheon was held on June 4th. Coffee and doughnuts were served during registration. The main business was to recognize members for their years of attendance, perfect attendance for the past year, to introduce new members, to install new officers and to remember President Lincoln 200 years later.

Roll call by unit showed E. Barnett 5, Harp 3, Santa Anna 6, Texas 4, Night Owls 2, Town & Country 11 and sustaining 6. This included 8 past presidents. We had 3 guests attending this year bringing the total to 40. Mary Rohrscheib, our outgoing 2nd Vice, did the honors recognizing members and presented Ruth Peverly with a box of chocolates in honor of her 65 years in HCEA.

Lu Crawford gave a memorial presentation in honor of deceased members Polly Shaffer and Floy Harris.

Officers elected for 2009-2010 are:



Back row - left to right: 2nd Vice, Emily Colbert; 1st Vice, Joyce Girkin; Secretary, Rosalie Summers; Treasurer, Lucretia Crawford; Cultural Enrichment, Linda Long; International, Sharon Ryan. Seated - left to right: Dist. 5 Director, Jane Wood; President, Judie Knoth; Community Outreach, Rozanne Karr; Public Relations post is unfilled. Gail Price, Family Issues not pictured.

These officers were installed by Jane Wood who gave each one a poem with a shiny penny attached in keeping with our theme "Remembering Lincoln 200 Years Later".

After lunch, Joyce Girkin introduced our speaker, her son, Dr. Peter Verkruyse, a professor at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Il. He spoke on "Lincoln's Great Speeches".

Imogene Blue gave us a rundown on what the Museum was presenting on Lincoln. Door prizes provided by each unit were awarded by drawing numbers.

Rosalie Summers

### EDGAR.....

Edgar County HCE Board has hosted several events. It started with a social evening of bunco. Members and guests enjoyed playing whether they were a beginner or a pro. It was expressed to hold another social event some time next fall.

Board members then hosted two special workshops:

- A cake decorating workshop was attended by HCE members and 4-H members hoping to increase cake decorating knowledge for projects later on in the summer during the county fair and 4-H fair. The talented cake decorating presenter saw lots of promise as everyone enjoyed experimenting with the icing and different tips. Members baked their cakes at home so no time was wasted at the workshop. Just fun!

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- The other workshop was presented by a local herb gardener who had lots of ideas whether the members were container gardeners or had real gardens. Cooking suggestions were shared along with some gift ideas. The Board is considering another workshop so the herb presenter can share vinegar recipes that can be enjoyed or given as gifts

The Annual Meeting has also been held. New officers and present officers were part of an installation ceremony lead by Illinois HCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee. The board presented a silly style show with was enjoyed by all. The MC, Mike Kirk, entertained everyone with the descriptions and sang songs before and after the style show. The evening was enjoyed by all that attended.



Marge Houghland, newly elected Edgar County HCE President accepted the gavel from retiring chairman, Nancy Harper.

Carole Halloran  
Public Relations

### MACON.....

July will mark major changes for Macon County HCE and for the Macon County unit of the Cooperative Extension as all the offices and staff move from the familiar location to a new building just north of Richland Community College. The building has been built by RCC using the very latest technology to meet standards for a "green" building.

Nearly 30 HCE members toured the construction project May 22, 2009, with Doug Harlan, Macon County Unit Director, and Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration at RCC, as tour guides. We were able to see the layout of the building and "bones" of the building before the interior finishing was complete.

Mr. Florian explained that the concrete floor incorporates high percentage of fly ash (a waste product of coal powered generators of electricity) and the carpet that will cover the concrete will be made of

recycled materials. The latest innovations in power saving equipment has been used and electric power for the building will come from a wind generator on the grounds. After June 29, all activities of HCE will be at the new location, 3351 North President Howard Brown Boulevard, Decatur, IL 62526. The e-mail and phone numbers will remain the same.

The new location is adjacent to Progress City, site of the Farm Progress Show in 2009 and subsequent odd number years.

Fun with Fruits and Vegetables was the theme of the Spring Meeting of Macon County HCE. The theme was creatively demonstrated by Mindy Peterson, University of Illinois Extension, Macon County

program Coordinator. She showed many ways to use fresh produce to decorate your table. Green onion



tops that furred like ruffles and asparagus spears that encircled a round vase intrigued those in attendance as Mindy showed the decorative potential of produce known primarily for nutritional value.

Tables were decorated with fresh fruits and vegetables Following the theme, some were decoratively displayed. Whole produce was collected and taken to a local food pantry. In support of our military troops, beanie babies were collected and give to a group that uses the tiny stuffed toys for packing material in boxes of food and supplies the group sends overseas. Military personnel report the toys are much appreciated by the children who receive them in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Oakley unit won both the bell and gavel, attendance awards, for having the most members present and the highest percentage of their membership in attendance.

Friday, June 12, at the Decatur-Macon County Fair started out as a gray and dreary day, but by 10 AM the sun was shining and the things were buzzing at the HCE International Day event at the Fair. International Chairman, Margaret Leonard organized the event, which drew attention from many fair goers and a group of residents of a local nursing home.

Brazil, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Germany, China,

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Argentina and Iraq were presented by HCE units with displays showing food, clothing, art work, linens, photographs and educational materials. This event has become a much anticipated part of the annual Decatur-Macon County Fair.

We have a continuing emphasis on “going green” encouraged by Community Outreach Chairman, Loretta Kibler. Recycling small electronic equipment, cell phones and chargers is a conscious choice from which we all can benefit. Plans are underway to continue this theme of environmentally-sound decisions for the Fall County Meeting.

Carol Flitz, Cultural Enrichment Chairman, encourages everyone to see what’s going on in Decatur by checking the calendar of events at [www.experiencedecatur.com](http://www.experiencedecatur.com). The calendar may be of interest to anyone visiting Macon County and it will hold some surprises for anyone who thinks there’s nothing to do in Decatur.

Nancy Muirheid  
Public Relations

### McLEAN.....

McLean County HCE has kept busy providing educational opportunities for its members and being involved in communities activities.

In March there was a workshop “Felting With Alpaca/Llama Fiber”. The women & girls who participated were very pleased with the coin purses they made.

The County Spring Bus Trip in April took us to the Albanese Candy Factory in Hobart, IN. It was a very attractive store with many types of candy and displays. There was much looking and hard decisions to make before we loaded back on the bus with our purchases to go to our next stop at Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, IN. On this large dairy farm we saw all aspects of the dairy business as we took the bus tour. It was interesting to see a calf being born – a first for most of us, and seeing the milking barn where cows are milked 24/7 on a large “merry-go-round”. Another high-light was the dairy processing plant where ice cream and cheeses are made and the free bowl of ice cream and the opportunity to buy different types of cheese.

Another workshop in May was “Making a Bread Basket” that a member of one of the Units taught. There was much interest in this workshop also.

Units planned their own Activities for the June meetings.

The Lexington Unit traveled to Pontiac & visited the War Museum, which had exhibits that covered World War I through the current operation in Iraq & Afghanistan. They also visited the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum which showed lots of exhibits about Route 66 and that era of time. From there they walked to the “How Sweet It Is” Tearoom for lunch.

The Towanda Unit had lunch at Michael’s Restaurant in downtown Bloomington and toured the McLean County Museum of History, enjoying the many exhibits, especially the Newest exhibit on “The Way We Ate 1830-2008”.

Eastsiders Unit toured the Lafayette Funk Home and the Gem Museum for their June outing and then enjoyed sack lunches in the screened-in shelter attached to the Museum. We are always learning as we have good times together.

McLean County Extension works with the town of Normal in the operation of UNITY Community Center which is a multicultural family center. Members of HCE volunteer in the afterschool programs, helping tutor and preparing food for the children. HCE has provided funding to help the Center’s 4-H Club purchase items for their projects.

McLean County’s 91st Annual Meeting “History In Action” will be July 7th. Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHCCE President, will attend and install the county officers. The Program will be “Ben Franklin” portrayed by Larry Pennie.

We are participating in Local Farmer’s Market once a month, selling baked goods, to raise additional money and as a way to promote HCE in the area.

We are encouraging people to write “Apron Stories” about their grandmother, mother, or themselves and turn them in so we can make a book “Apron Stories of

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McLean County”.

The Cultural Enrichment Contest sponsored by HCE will be July 27<sup>th</sup> and will be on display at the HCE Booth during the County 4-H Fair, July 29-Aug. 2. Lots of information is handed out by members during this time and is a good way to get the word out as to who and what HCE-Home & Community Education is all about and the good useful benefits it provides.

Sheila Wells  
Public Relations



## DISTRICT 6

Debbie Borries  
District Director

Our District 6 & 7 Workshop will be August 18, 2009 at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn. Our theme is still “Happy Birthday, President Lincoln and IAHCCE,” so please bring a table centerpiece with that theme to be used as a door prize. There will be NO COFFEE this year, so stop on the way and bring it with you.

Cost of registration is \$20 per person, payable to IAHCCE and sent to Treasa Brookman by Friday, August 7, 2009. Registration is from 8:30 -9:30 A.M. and after that, the day will be a full one!

Alice Grooms, CVH/Sales will have IAHCCE sales items available. Think about items you might need and save mailing costs. Let her know ahead if you need large quantities.

This year you may bring your own card table and sell what you want from it. You will set up in the open lobby area. Please let Treasa or Debbie know if you plan to bring something, and see them when you arrive to find your location.

Just a reminder, President Marilyn Daughhete, (pronounced DOR’ TEE), would like to visit your county once during her term as IAHCCE President at the IAHCCE Board expense. District Directors may visit your county once a year to install officers and speak on membership; their expenses are paid by IAHCCE. They can also install officers. If you need them more times than that, just ask.

Money collected as “Pennies for Friendship” must be sent on the state and then to ACWW. This money is not to be used in county programming.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the August District meeting.

**Debbie Borries**

## SHELBY.....

### Shelby County HCE Takes Their Annual Meeting “On the Road”

In honor of Lincoln’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and HCE’s theme for 2009, on June 9<sup>th</sup> Shelby County HCE took their Annual meeting “on the road” to Springfield, Illinois and the Lincoln Museum. The board chartered a bus and obtained tickets for the museum. The 39 members who attended toured the Lincoln Museum and some went across the street to the Lincoln Library, too.

After lunch at Benigan’s, the members took a bus tour of the city and the botanical gardens, and then visited Lincoln’s Tomb.

Enroute home on the bus, President Kim Mathias, and board members, Wanda Brooks and Debbie Borries led the annual meeting. At the end of the business meeting, Wanda covered the answers for the fun quizzes she had given to members, and prizes were awarded. All members attending received a pink “First Lady” mug.



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### BOND.....

It has been a busy time here in Bond County. We have accomplished a lot of things and are looking forward to our future plans.

In May, the Old Ripley HEA unit made 18 fleece shawls (18" X 60") to be used by chemotherapy patients at the Greenville Regional Hospital.

In June, the Bond County HEA hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

On July 20th, the Bond County HEA will be holding their 65th annual meeting at their food stand located on the Bond County Fairgrounds in Greenville. This year the theme will be "Happy Birthday Abraham Lincoln" in celebration of the 200th anniversary of his birth. We are looking forward to our visit with IAHCCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee and District 6 Director, Debbie Borries. Our featured speaker this year will be area resident, Jeff Leidel. This year's dessert will be Mary Todd Lincoln's Vanilla Almond Cake.

#### MARY TODD LINCOLN'S VANILLA ALMOND CAKE

- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup almonds, finely chopped
- 1 cup butter
- 2 3/4 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 6 egg whites, stiffly beaten

#### White Frosting:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 egg whites
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 dash of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Cream together sugar, butter and vanilla extract.
2. Stir together the cake flour and baking powder; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Stir in almonds. Gently fold in the egg whites. Pour into two greased and lightly floured 9 inch round cake pans. Bake @ 375° for 28-30 minutes. COOL 10

minutes; remove from pans. Fill and frost with the white frosting.

3. **WHITE FROSTING:** In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, cream of tartar and salt. Bring mixture to boiling; stirring until the sugar dissolves.
4. In a mixing bowl, place egg whites; very slowly pour the hot sugar syrup over, beating constantly with mixer until stiff peaks form, about 7 minutes. Beat in vanilla.

July 29-August 4th will be the Bond County Fair located on the fairgrounds in Greenville. The Bond County HEA members will be serving food daily in their air-conditioned building during the fair. We hope you will be able to stop in and enjoy the air conditioning as well as a chicken or ham dinner, cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dog or even a sloppy joe! The Bond County HEA members will also have on display a raffle quilt. They will be selling tickets for donations for the quilt. This year's quilt is an 8-point star. One lucky person will be the winner of this quilt.

We will be having a planning meeting on August 11th to prepare for our annual craft day to be held on October 12, 2009.

August 19th, we will be having a lesson "All About Pasta" presented at the Bond County Farm Bureau Meeting room in Greenville by Carol Schlitt. This lesson will be open to the public with no charge to HEA members.

Our district craft day is September 17 in Du Bois. This year the theme is "Herbs".

We have enjoyed all of our activities this year and we are looking forward to those in the future!

Brenda Sue Thiems  
Public Relations





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### CLAY.....

The weather caused a slow start for the 2009 HEA Board in Clay County. The first meeting was postponed twice before they were able to get down to business. On February 3rd, they met at the Extension Building with all members present giving reports. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and accepted as read. Our member count in the county is now 56. No one was able to go to the Springfield Annual IAHCCE Conference. They began to make plans, tentatively, for the Clay County Annual Meeting on April 9th.

The different units have been having several good lessons at their meetings. These lessons are pre-given at the Extension office and are published ahead of time in the county letter. Since I write the Bible Grove News for the three county papers, I try to mention them in my news as well as a special notice in each paper as to things that have or will be going on in the units.

Our Annual County Meeting on April 9th was when the officers were installed by Debbie Borries, District Director: Chairman, Phyllis Hale; 1st Vice, Sara Richey; 2nd Vice, Elaine Todd; Treasurer, Shirley Van Dyke; Secretary, Berenice Brown; Public Relations, Eula M. Lewis; Family Living-4-H & Family Relations, Mary Jo McCollum; Cultural Arts, Connie Wilson; Community Outreach & International, Joan Stanford.

Berenice Brown gave a talk on "Booty" (women pirates). Also, two young ladies were there to talk about the Red Cross Blood Drive. We, the Board members and other members will be helping in a Blood Drive on April 30th. We furnish sandwiches and homemade cookies. What is left over will go to the 4-H Horse Camp. Later, we will be furnishing dessert at the 4-H BBQ.

Plans are to do craft items for casserole and plate holders to be used in microwaves. Other members of units will be invited by M.F. & I. Unit to make crafts.

Eula M. Lewis  
Public Relations

### CRAWFORD.....

The Sunbeams HEA Unit presented a program entitled "The Country of Belgium" at the Ridgeview Care Center in Oblong. Madeline Harris and other HEA members provided this program for the residents and offered it free and open to the public. They had a wonderful turnout for the international program and the nursing home residents loved the opportunity to make the refreshments using recipes from Belgium. Everyone (residents and their visitors) enjoyed the program. The "Dutch Fried Puffs" from the International Program handouts were served as refreshments.

HEA sponsored the April American Red Cross Blood Drive on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Robinson Community Center from 1-6 p.m. **Special thanks goes out to all our GREAT volunteers who came out and helped with the event!** Try Hard Unit: Lucille Lloyd, Phyllis King, Dianna Rahman, Jeannie Adams, Shirley Thacker, Coreta Sparks, Nina Drummond, and Lucy Dennis (put out posters). Morning Glories Unit: Norma Thompson. The volunteers were responsible for checking people in and offer them refreshments.

**The Crawford County HEA ladies are terrific!** They have spent a year donating all of their "Box Tops for Education" symbols. We divided them between the four county grade schools (Robinson, Hutsonville, Palestine & Oblong,) and each school received almost \$25 in Box Tops money! So, hopefully, the schools will be able to get a book for the library or a "learning" toy for a classroom.

An HEA Craft Fair was held on Saturday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Palestine Community Center. It was open to the public! This was a fun-filled day! The cost was \$2 at the door. Along with other units having craft items for sale, the S.E. LaMotte HEA Unit was selling their famous homemade candies. Quilt raffle tickets were also sold.

The S.E. LaMotte Unit sponsored the Craft Day Fair which was well attended with **Ann Lewis**, Sunbeams Unit showing quilting with examples of quilts she has made.



Ann Lewis & Phyllis Neeley



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**Juanita Jochim**, S.E. LaMotte, discussed scrapbooking and had several scrapbooks/ picture frames on display of the different styles. **Rebecca Stahl**, Morning Glories, showcased lots of decorating projects for the various holidays and gave tips and ideas. She makes seasonal door decorations for her mother's door in the nursing home. Lunch of sandwiches, chips, pickle and drinks was served. And the homemade candy was w-o-n-d-e-r-f-u-l!!!!



Mary Ellen York, Ruth Evelyn Goodwin, Noralee Buntin, and Sandra Diffenderfer

**LaDonna Harris**, Mailbox, demonstrated projects for children to make and passed out instructions on several projects to keep kids busy. **Betty Lawhead** showed her skills on wool rug hooking and had several examples of her excellent work. **Lucille Lloyd**, Try Hard, instructed how to crochet several projects: hanger-covers, potholders, bookmarkers and more.

The day was completed with **Marylee Shaw**, S.E. LaMotte, telling about China Painting with examples of her beautiful work. The proceeds of \$400 were donated to the Palestine Library building fund.

**It was a fabulously - FUN day!!!!**

HEA members helped the local county troops who are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan by donating postage, money, and useful items to the Operation Crawford County organization. We currently have 27 of our county citizens serving in these two war torn areas of the world. It means so much to the soldiers and their families to know that people here in Crawford County keep supporting them. Donations from groups like HEA make it possible for Operation Crawford County to keep sending packages to our troops.

Many HEA members donated cornbread muffins and cookies for the first "4-H Day at Hutson Cabins". The youth and adults who participated had a fun and educational day. If you have never been to the Hutson Cabins, please consider going to see how fortunate we are to have such a nice 1800's settlement right here in our backyard! The Eureka 4-H Club leaders, Chris and

Brad Gurley, organized the event along with members of the Hutsonville Historical Society. 4-H'ers were given the opportunity to rail split, tin punch, make a fire using flint, churn butter, work a loom, wagon wheel weaving, cook a meal over an open fire, knit, make a rope, and leather "tool" a belt, just to name a few of the activities offered. The cornbread and muffins were served with the delicious lunch which was a stew prepared over an open fire in a huge black pot. Everyone got a chance to taste freshly churned butter on the muffins.... YUM!

Debbie Tedford  
Public Relations

### EFFINGHAM.....

Effingham County HEA has had a busy year so far and have plans for other activities.

Butterbraids (frozen coffeecakes and cookies) were sold for a fundraiser and they were delivered just before Easter.

The annual quilt show was held April 4 with approximately 100 quilts in a variety of patterns and

techniques on display. A salad and sandwich lunch was served by the board and volunteer members from the Units.



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For HEA week, bookmarks made by the members and delivered to the libraries in the county and catheter bags and wheelchair bags were delivered to nursing homes in Effingham and Altamont. While delivering the bags, the ladies visited with nursing home residents. HEA sponsored a Cardiac Education Evening. People who attended could get blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol test taken. Our County Director gave a demonstration on the Mediterranean Diet which is very heart healthy and representatives from the hospital cardiac department and the Heart Association gave a talk on heart health and left time for questions.

The Annual Meeting was June 11th with a visit from our District Director, catered meal, awards, preview of the

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past year, installation of officers and a wonderful, funny program given by Michelle Weaver as "Miss Daisy". She was great fun!!

At the annual meeting, the group voted to change the name of the organization to match the state name. We are now Effingham County Association for Home and Community Education/ HCE. It may take us a long time to get used to the change and to actually call ourselves HCE instead of HEA but we have at least made the step.

Effingham County Board



Ellie Maroon  
Public Relations

Brownstown with representatives from all Fayette County Units attending. Elizabeth Kasten of the Sefton unit served as auctioneer for the "Make It-Bake It-Sew It-Grow It" fund-raiser. Mary Truitt, Fayette County's historian and "Shaker & Mover" gave an interesting talk on "The Women in Lincoln's Life".

Seventeen 7-B Health Class students, representing all of the Brownstown Elementary School, accompanied by their P.E. teacher, Miss Sandra Stine, visiting the home of Flo Allen, Sefton unit's chairman. They presented her with four one gallon jugs of soda can tabs to be added to the unit's ongoing collection for the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis.



Panzi Blackwell  
Public Relations

## FAYETTE.....

Wheatland Unit Chairman Joan Adermann reported that her unit had decorated the dining tables at the St. Elmo Friendship Manor Nursing Home. They also made a variety of cookies for the residents.

Twenty-seven members and guests attended the Annual May Breakfast of the St. Peter Unit on May 2, 2009. Guests, Jim and Melody Norman, presented an interesting presentation about Native American artifacts found within a five-mile radius of their home.

In March, the Sefton unit visited the Brownstown High School Library where the eighth grade classes gathered as the unit gave an informational and visual presentation of the old fashioned way of life by showing tools and items used when they were young. Washboards, kerosene lamps, hand egg beaters, non-electric toasters, etc. were just a few of the items. The visit was deemed worthy as the children showed avid interest and later sent thank you cards.

The Annual Fayette County HCE "Get Acquainted Day" annual brunch and fund-raiser was held in

## JERSEY.....

As always, Jersey County Homemakers stay busy with lots of diversified programs. Our 78th Annual Meeting was held on our birthday, May 14th with the theme "Happy Birthday HEA and Mr. Lincoln". Our guest speaker for this event was Annette Harrison of St. Louis who spoke to us about Lincoln and his life.

On June 18, one of our members Judy Schlafer presented a very interesting program on "Using Fresh Herbs". Judy is an active participant in our local Farmers' Market and has quite an extensive herb garden. She had all her plants on hand to show us how they look and also for us to taste and feel. She had prepared a light luncheon for us using her fresh herbs, including teas and gave us recipes so we could try these things ourselves.

We also have planned in cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension two programs on food preservation. The first one was is Jams 'N Jellies and

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will be taught by Carol Schlitt, Foods & Nutrition Educator from the university, assisted by local leaders, Evelyn Stumpe and Juanita Eyers. The second is on "Canning Tomatoes" also taught by Carol Schlitt, assisted by Mary M. Thompson, Master Preserver. We hope to reach several younger ladies in our area who are interested in learning these techniques, especially in these times. This will be a "hands-on" presentation and everyone will go home with a jar of the product they have preserved.

We will have a Countywide Picnic and Homemade Ice Cream social on July 23 at the Tri-County Antique Club pavilion. Jersey County Homemakers will provide fried chicken, the ice cream (which we made the evening before), drinks and the paper goods. Everyone is invited, along with their families, as we want to include spouses, children and grandchildren and are looking forward to a great time!

Karen Ziegler, our Cultural Enrichment Director informs us that Craft club activities have been discontinued for the summer months, but will gear up again in September with a jewelry making session. At that time, we will also have a Silent Auction of items we have made in Craft Club, as several of us have things we need to "pass along". Later in the fall we will be trying a new craft called Locker Hook. Also in September several members are planning to attend the Southern Illinois Craft Camp held at Dubois, Illinois.

Elizabeth A. Schwab  
Public Relations

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**MADISON**.....

Spring has been a busy time for Madison County not only for the board but for the units as well.

Cynthia Hahn-Jones and the HCE 2nd Vice presidents of Madison County Home and Community Education (MCHCE) provided a festive Victory Tea as 19 new members were welcomed on May 21st at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. The evening began with a wonderful brunch and ended with the harmonizing sounds of Harmony Express Chorus from Belleville. These new members represent various areas of Madison County Home and Community Education units. These HCE units are involved with various community projects of making Linus Blankets, turbans

for hospice, care bears, items for soldiers, as well as supporting community charitable organizations and much more.

In addition, the MCHCE annual meeting held on April 30th welcomed two new board members, Pat Hinton of Alhambra will be the new Community Outreach Director and Joyce Cornwell of Edwardsville, 2nd Vice President. Six units were honored as blue ribbon clubs which included community involvement and getting new members. The units were Alhambra-Leaf, Edwardsville B, Prairie, G.R.O.W., Roxana and Hamel. The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education President, Marilyn Daughhetee of Chrisman, IL as well as District 6 Director Debbie Borries were present and encouraged the group to be supportive of their local units. Janet Burnett, County Director of Madison and St. Clair University of Illinois Extension brought the group up-to-date on legislative as well as county happenings. Ruth Bickline of Highland concluded our program with an informative display of her aprons.

On May 14th, MCHCE sponsored Fun Day which included a tour of the Warren Billhartz Center, a seminar with a dietician from Anderson Hospital and concluded with a delightful luncheon at Villa Maria Winery all in Maryville. The day provided a learning experience of local area organizations and what services they offer the public.

The MCAHCE Board also presented checks to four charitable organizations in Madison County which included Community Hope Center, TIP Hospice, Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, our Hamel Unit had a food stand during their town yard sales and made over \$300. They matched that money and gave donations to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), a local hospice and the Alzheimer's Association. Our units are very generous with their time and money and it is most appreciated.

Also, the Rox-Ann Unit held a HCE Day in their area to show what HCE is about and to recruit new members. Thanks to all of their good efforts.

Upcoming events will include a Patriotic Awareness Day on September 19, 2009 at Leclair Christian Church in Edwardsville. More information will be forthcoming. On October 12th will be International Night at the Farm Bureau Building, Edwardsville,

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featuring the country Argentina including its history, trivia and a taste of food representative of the country. Concluding our events will be Christmas in November-Cardinal Christmas which will be held on Thursday, November 5th at the Moose Lodge, Edwardsville.

We wish you all a very good summer as we all gear up for fall events. We have experienced some great heat these past couple of weeks and welcome the low humidity and cooler temperatures this week. Enjoy the fairs and other community events in your areas this summer.

Gloria Hartmann  
Public Relations

## MARION.....

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Marion County Association of Home and Community Education was held on April 17, 2009 at the Marion County Extension Office. The theme of the meeting was "Happy Birthday, Abraham Lincoln".

Donna Annan, County Chair, presided. Paula Barksdale, Secretary, led the Pledge to the Flag and the Club Collect. Roll call was taken and the minutes of last years' Annual Meeting were approved. Phyllis Henson gave the financial report and the budget for 2009-10. Dorothy Smalley reported our county has 95 unit members and 31 mailbox members for a total of 126 members.

Lynn Weis, Interim County Director, gave the Extension update.

Debbie Borries, District 6 Director, installed 2009-10 County officers as follows: Chairman, Donna Annan; 1st Vice, Yvonne Rusiewski; 2nd Vice, Dorothy Bruce; Secretary, Betty Hensley; and Treasurer, Phyllis Henson. She presented each newly-installed officer with a Lincoln poem and a Lincoln penny.

Freda Chasteen recognized Paula Barksdale as a 25 year member.

Sue Swartzel announced Delane Richardson as the 2009 Homemaker of the Year and she was presented with a plaque.

In keeping with the them of the meeting, Mike Warden of Centralia presented a program on Mary Todd Lincoln and told many interesting facts about her.

Delicious refreshments were then served.

Dorothy Bruce  
Public Relations

## MONROE.....

Monroe County HCE held it's Annual Banquet/ Dinner April 23, 2009 at Turner Hall.

President, Janese Mehrstens presented Arlene Stumpf with the Homemaker of the Year Award. This is the first year that Monroe County has presented this award. Arlene has been active with HCE since 1972 and various other volunteer organizations for many years. Arlene was a Past President from 1999-2005. She give her whole heart and soul into everything she does!

Megan Archer received the Monroe County HCE Scholarship Award at the dinner. The award was presented by Janice AuBuchon, Family Issues, Chairperson.



The 2009-10 Monroe County HCE Board members are as follows: L to R Sitting: Ericha Sondag, Public Information; Toni Blandford, Treasurer; Janese Mehrstens, President; Doris Matzenbacher, 2nd Vice President/Membership; Fay Stamm, 1st Vice President L to R Standing: Judy Wild, Community Outreach; Freda Woodrome, International; Sherry Ledhe, Secretary; Janice AuBuchon, Family Issues; and Debbie Borries, District 6 Director.

Debbie installed all the County Board members during the Banquet.

Ericha Sondag  
Public Information

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### ST. CLAIR.....

As Public Relations chairperson, this is my first article to the IAHCE Newsletter. I have been publishing our County Newsletter for 2 years.

We have had a busy Spring. Four of our Board members, Kathy Staroba, Nancy Belobraydic Gail Caminiti and June Donze attended State Conference. They have brought back some useful information. Some of the information will cause us to make some tough decisions concerning funding. We, like so many other county HCE organizations, are looking for and in need of fund raising ideas.

We planned and held a successful Annual Meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme was "Happy Birthday Mr. Lincoln". We engaged a well informed speaker from our local college, who gave us information on President Lincoln's life. He was a very interesting and a well informed speaker.

Our projects for this past year were many and many of these we will continue on into the future. We are making Linus blankets and quilts; stuffing bears and cats for the hospitals and law enforcement agencies who aid children. Individual Units are donating lots of food to their Community Food Pantries. There is such a great need this year. Many units also aid Animal Rescue facilities, with food and cleaning products. One Unit has given treats to their local Firefighters and Police Departments, in thanksgiving for the many services they provide. We have one unit member who has personally made over 2000 bookmarks and donated them to the local libraries. We also save aluminum pull tabs and have recently turned in seven pounds of these for the Ronald McDonald House, also Box Tops for education.

We have not planned any county trips for all the units because of the price of gasoline and the economic problems that affect us all.

We will continue to enjoy the lessons. We look forward to the District Meeting in August at Mt. Vernon, and hope to bring back fresh ideas and projects to keep our members interested and active.

I hope to see you at District Meeting in August.

June Wagner, Public Relations

### DISTRICT 7

Treasa Brookman  
District Director



I am happy to report District Seven is moving right along. We cover a big land mass, but we are holding our own. The Annual Meetings I attended were very enthusiastic. I either followed Abraham Lincoln or he was following me. Last time he had Mary Todd with him so I had to behave. Then Union County just had Mary Todd. She really told us like it was back then. Oh! To have lived then.

I've been slowed down with some weak muscles and muscle soreness, but I hope to get to the bottom of it soon. I'm going to Prairie Heart Institute.

I am beginning to work on the programs for conference 2010. If you know of a very good, low cost program we can use, please contact me. [tbrook@hamiltoncom.net](mailto:tbrook@hamiltoncom.net). I have several ideas I am pursuing.

Keep Cool! Ask your neighbors to join IAHCE or even strangers on the street.

**Treasa Brookman**

### FRANKLIN.....

First the rain, storms, etc., then the heat. The ladies of Franklin Co. didn't slow down a bit. When we returned from conference, we took refreshments to Channel 3 Television for the crew and visitors at the Arthritis Telethon. When that was over, we hosted the annual Lawn, Home and Craft Show. We always get a lot of visitors for that one.

Our annual meeting was in April and we were happy to have our State President, Marilyn Daughhetee with us. Treasa Brookman, District 7 Director installed officers. Special entertainment were the McDaniel Family, a very talented musical family, Mary Lou Harrison with her Betty Hutton interpretations and John Moore with the Franklin County Drug Task Force. He gave a very enlightening talk about the problem of Meth and expressed his thanks to the Franklin County ladies for all of the fleece blankets

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that were given to his deputies to carry in their cars.

Scholarships were presented to Samantha Patchett from Christopher, who wants to be a teacher and Matt Forsythe, whose desire is to study mortuary science.

We took on a new project this year when we packaged 400 doggy treat bags to be given at dog shows held at Rend Lake. We need to make 200 more for a third show.

Of course, the summer wouldn't be on course if members of Franklin County group of IAHCE didn't have their refreshment stand at the car cruise every month. We will once again serve the Sunday noon meal at the 4-H Fair. We can only hope that this spell of cooler weather lasts a bit longer. At present, we are working on our lessons for the Workshops and hope to see all of you there.

Barbara Spencer &  
Margaret Duncan  
Public Relations

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### JEFFERSON.....

Our great lessons continue! In June, we learned how to "De Clutter" our lives. This was a very inspiring lesson. Made me want to go home and start throwing things out-I live 20 minutes from Mt. Vernon so fortunately by the time I arrived home the urge had passed. Maybe another day. In July, we learned how to make "Healthy Desserts". The best part is that while they are healthy when eaten in moderation, they also taste good. We give no lesson in August.

As heard from many members, our Annual Meeting, May 4th was a huge success. Each unit decorated 1-2 tables using their own theme; some used a Lincoln theme, we had a couple using a May Day theme and we even had one decorated in a baseball theme, but because of where we are located half the table was Cubs and half Cardinals, only problem was that when we voted on which table we thought was the best they would not allow us to vote on only 1/2 table.

Our finished quilt was on display and raffle tickets were available.

Jack Flood, the clerk of the 5th District Appellate Court House in Mt. Vernon, and Lincoln historian was our guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. We heard many interesting facts on the history of Abe Lincoln and his connection to the appellate Court House.

Breanna Berghower, from Webber Township High School, was awarded the JCHCE Scholarship. She plans to attend Eastern Illinois University and become a teacher.

On May 5th, a "Chicken Salad Luncheon and Flea Market" was held giving the units another opportunity to earn money.

One 4-H Camp Scholarship was applied for and awarded to Alexis Laird.

Four Board members and one mailbox member attended and assisted with an awards meeting for the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation on June 13th at Genkota Winery in Mt. Vernon.

JCHCE was invited to sell quilt raffle tickets on June 27th at a local Dollar General Store and did so.

The Jefferson County Fair will begin July 17th. Many HCE members help with the judging. On August 1st, the 4-H will host their annual barbecue. Each unit will donate five dozen cookies and many members will help with the serving. This will also be an opportunity to display our quilt and sell raffle tickets.

A new way of helping our members keep track of and report their CVU's has so far stirred up some interest. We all volunteer because that's what we do. Now maybe reporting will be easier.

We are preparing for the August Fall District Meeting in Mt. Vernon and Craft Camp in September. For anyone interested, we'll have our quilt on display at the Fall District Meeting with raffle tickets available. Hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy Summer but watch those rays and apply sunscreen often.

Marge Wilcox  
Public Relations

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### PERRY.....

HCE Biggest Losers II completed their program in April. Thirty people out of fifty-one finished the program with a total weight loss of 310 pounds. Sara Tanner, instructor, is starting to see some interest from other counties across the state.

The annual Passport Party features the country of Belgium and the State of Hawaii. This program features the combined talents of HCE and Perry County 4-H Members.

Two new board members were seated at our annual meeting on April 30. Teresa Brookman was a special guest. Anne Tabing retired from her position of treasurer. Anne has served on the board for many of her HCE years. The main celebration at annual meeting was being named "County of the Year" and also honoring Jean Ibendahl on her state award.

Donations to local nursing homes, food pantries, and Veterans home continued.

A special luncheon was held on June 22 at President Jane Chapman's home. Honored guest was the IAHCE State President, Marilyn Daughhetee. Jane shared her plans to set goals for the coming year. Most everyone expressed their desire to take the summer off and get busy when September rolls around on HCE's newest goals.



Pictured are left to right:  
Sara Tanner, Family Issues Director  
Georgia Fagerland, Marilyn Williams, Bunny Grasso,  
Lavonne Bathon

Sara presented certificates to those who walked the most miles during our virtual tour of Perry County. Over 7,500 miles were walked by those turning in statistics.

Carolyn Bathon, Public Relations

### PULASKI/ALEXANDER.....

Hello from our two units of our combined counties. We have worked hard this year in our communities and homes but still try to take some time to get in a trip or two and see the sights of this great land of ours. Many of our members volunteer with different organizations in the area and sometimes find it hard to fit everything in but following the homemakers motto, we make it. We love to have fun and the older members love passing on knowledge and traditions to our new members like me. So we have decided to make a scrapbook of area talent and crafts to be preserved for future generations.

This year has been a great one for us; we were able to award three scholarships to high school seniors from three of our different area high schools with money raised from bake sale, loose change each month from some members called "mug money" and ticket sells from a hopefully annual event called "What's it Worth" a TV news telecast of peoples antiques and collectibles.

Our units also help out our local 4-H clubs by providing them some great treats to snack on at their county show. Our units also collected Box Tops 4 Education to be donated to our schools along with soup labels and used ink cartridges. We also collect soda can tabs and turn them in to one of the 4-H club leaders who then gives them to St. Jude to be recycled into needles. We also collect old eye glasses to be used in area nursing homes and old cell phones to be recycled for the troops as well as some of our member putting their skills to use making neck coolers and helmet liners for them. We try our best to do all we can with what we have down here in Southern Most Illinois.

Amy Kerr  
Public Relations

### UNION.....

Union County's Annual Meeting was held April 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm at the University of Illinois Extension office in Anna. This year's theme was "Happy Birthday Mr. Lincoln". This was our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The tables were decorated with stove-pipe hats, Lincoln pennies, red, white and blue streamers and whistles. The office was decorated with Lincoln/Douglas PAST quilts that used handmade blocks made by local



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crafters from the community.

The program was "The Visit" by Mary Todd Lincoln presented by Lynn Steveson. The group appreciated her artistic skills in presenting an inspiring and interesting program and presented her with a pink potted geranium for her birthday. A check was donated to PAST on her behalf.



Jody Johnson gave a short talk on the 2009 HCE Conference, the lessons for 2010 and expressed his appreciation for all the work, time and effort by HCE members.

Teresa Brookman, District 7 Director, spoke to the group about increasing membership, new craft ideas and updated everyone on what's happening on HCE state level. She was presented with an Annabelle Hydrangea. She acknowledged that she had heard about these hydrangeas that are native to our area.

The business meeting was held with officers giving their reports. Memorials were given by Lucille Rich for Tressie Dallas and Opal Ulrich for Mary Ann Eblen. A beautiful memorial wreath was created for this service by Janet Brumitt.

A wonderful potluck meal was enjoyed by everyone. Lois Clutts created a delicious and beautifully decorated cake for Lincoln's birthday. Everyone enjoyed ice cream and cake.

The door prize of a free HCE membership was awarded to Jane Bauer. Along with celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we recognized member's years of participation in HCE. Members were presented with a certificate and those with 50 years or more received a special HCE pin.

### Member Recognition

- Joan Miller – 53 years
- Betty Coffman – 52 years
- Betty Cerney – 47 years
- Lola Edmonds – 45 years
- Ruth Ford – 45 years
- Opal Ulrich – 44 years

University of Illinois is sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual HCE Convention for Alexander/Pulaski, Johnson, Massac and Union Counties in our AJMPU Unit. The convention is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Landmark Pentecostal Church. The convention will begin at 8 am and concludes with a luncheon, announcements and door prizes. The following session will be presented:

- Memory Fitness
- Talking About Tough Topics
- Food or Supplements? What is the Answer?
- Microwave Cooking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Holiday Cooking
- Obesity Prevention
- Composting, Water Gardening
- Trees & Shrubs

Last year's convention was enjoyable and well attended. Units were able to take back information to use in their local unit meetings. This convention is open to all interested women. For more information, call one of the five-county U of I Extension offices.

Jane Bauer  
Public Relations

**WASHINGTON.....**  
Washington County HCE members attended the *Relay for Life* at Nashville, Illinois and chaired the cake raffle stand.



A transition dinner meeting of former and present officers was held at the Original Springs Hotel, Okawville, Illinois.

Several members will attend the NVON Conference at *Our Lady of the Snows*, Belleville, Illinois July 13-15.

Officers will attend the District 6 & 7 Workshop at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon, Illinois on August 18.

Our county committee Workshop will be held at the Hoyleton Community Club Hall, Hoyleton, Illinois on

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Washington, con't

August 24.

Our members will attend the Southern Illinois Craft  
Washington, con't

Camp, DuBois, Illinois on September 15-17.

Our members help at the Friendship Manor Nursing  
Home by each unit taking turns, assisting with the  
residents that belong to their unit *Young at Heart  
Activists* at Nashville, Illinois.

Members assist Mary Barrett, chairman with the Linus  
Blanket project.

Adeline Blumhorst  
Public Information Director



HCE Officers for 2009 – 2010

Front: Shirley Hagene – Cultural Arts Director, Ann  
Schnitker – President, Carol Krueger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
President, (back row) Adeline Blumhorst – Public  
Information Director, Mary Barrett – Community  
Outreach Director, Norma Slone – CVU Director,  
Kathleen Betlejewski – Ways and Means Director,  
Doris Meier – Treasurer, Bernice Engelmann –  
International Director, Sue Mueller – Secretary.  
Absent from picture: Jan Endres – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

IN MEMORY OF .....

**MARION RIES - 1931-2009**

Marion Ries passed away July 2, 2009 in  
Columbia, Illinois. She was 78 years old.  
At Marion's request her body was donated  
to Washington University School of Medicine. A  
Memorial Service was held July 11, 2009.

Marion was the mother of five children, grandmother to  
11 grandchildren and great-grandmother to four. She is  
survived by her husband and two sisters.

Marion was united in marriage to Harvey Ries, April 8,  
1951. She was a member of St. Paul U.C.C., Columbia.  
She was a HCE member for over 50 years, on the State  
Board including President and held various offices on  
the county level. A member and past president of  
Women's Fellowship at church, a 4-H leader for years,  
Superintendent of Photography Monroe County Fair,  
member of Monroe County Farm Bureau, active in  
Modern Woodman Floraville Camp, Sister Cities of  
Portaloos and organized TOPS.

Memorials can be sent to Monroe County HCE, Monroe  
County Fair, 4-H Foundation, St. Paul UCC (Various  
Funds) or Donor's choice.

Cards can be sent to her family at:  
4045 Hanover Road  
Columbia, IL 62236-4609

From Monroe County....

*Monroe County HCE is mourning the loss of a  
wonderful woman; Marion Ries passed away Thursday,  
July 2, 2009, at her home in rural Columbia, IL, with  
family at her side.*

*As you can see, Marion was active in Monroe County,  
she was so happy and excited when there were HCE  
events and we were all very proud of her when she was  
State Board President.*

*Rest in Peace Marion, we will all miss you!*

## On 2000 Update -- No Record

The following women served on the State Board in some capacity. Their names as listed below do not appear on any of the annual State Board rosters dating back to 1954. We are seeking:

Position(s) served on board  
Surname used while serving on board  
First name (if not already supplied)  
Address  
Telephone number  
Alive/Deceased

Please post, call, or e-mail any updated information which you may uncover to:

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Mrs. Jessie Campbell, 412 Elmwood, Pontiac, IL 61764  
Mrs. John Carson, Sesser, IL 62884  
Mrs. Homer Curtis, Stockton, IL 61085  
Mrs. Wallace Davis, 1306 Nyoda Place, Highland Park, IL 60035 (Deceased)  
Mrs. E.E. Dunham, Plymouth, IL 62367 (Deceased 96)  
Mrs. Alma Eilers, 504 Hillsboro, Edwardsville, IL 62025  
Mrs. Ralph Emel, 706 Sunshine Dr., Sullivan, IL 61951  
Mrs. George M. Esgar, 603 7<sup>th</sup> St. Mazon, IL 60444  
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Mrs. James (Elaine) Hargis, RR #3, Box 104, Sparta, IL 62286  
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Mrs. Elva Kugler, 115 W. Washington St., Urbana, IL 62801  
Mrs. Clarence McCauley, RR #6, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Helen Neal, 7019 N. Galena Rd., Peoria, IL 61615 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Arthur Page, Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, IL 61764 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Will Parks, Mercer County Nursing Home, 309 NW 9<sup>th</sup>, Aledo, IL 61231  
Mrs. Viola Rediger, RR #1, Chenoa, IL 61726 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Norman E. Snyder, 2927 Madison Ave. #1, Burlington, IA 52601-3432  
Mrs. Helen Volk, 518 Burdick Ln., Libertyville, IL 60048 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Frank Warneche, Carlyle, IL 62694 (Deceased)  
Mrs. Bessie Wilson, 1202 Harding, Urbana, IL 61801

## Not on 2000 Update

The following Past State Board members did not appear in our records update in 2000. We need:

First name (if not already supplied)

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- Mrs. T.E. Albrecht, Alhambra, IL 62001  
1952-1954 Southwest Director
- Mrs. Dewey Beattie, Sparta, IL 62286  
1952-1954 Southern Director
- Mrs. Carl Blum, Nauvoo, IL 62354  
1962-1963 District 4 Public Information Chairman
- Mrs. H.D. Bowyer, Orland Park, IL  
1956-1962 Citizenship
- Mrs. Ben Chenoweth, 505 W. Jefferson St., Clinton, IL 61727  
1954-1956 Legislation
- Mrs. John Clifton, Rt. 2, Milford, IL 60953, 815-473-4377  
1952-1954 Home Economics Promotion
- Mrs. John (Helen) Cummings, Golconda, IL 62938  
1962-1963 District 10 Public Information Chairman
- Mrs. Clinton Cutright, Effingham, IL 62411  
1957-1959 Schools
- Mrs. Albert Dimond, Lovington, IL 61937  
1961-1962 District 6 Public Information Chairman
- Mrs. Earl Drake, Westfield, IL 62474  
1953-1955 Southeast Director
- Mrs. George Dueker, Nashville, IL 62263  
1962-1963 District 9 Public Information Chairman
- Mrs. Tony (Wilma) Finazzo, 303 E. Poplar, West Frankfort, IL 62896, 618-932-2266  
1967 Secretary
- Mrs. Merle Fleming, Carthage, IL 62321  
1951-1953 Treasurer
- Mrs. Raymond Froehlich, Rockford, IL  
1962 District 1 Director
- Mrs. Louie Gaskins, Harrisburg, IL 62946  
1961-1962 District 10 Public Information Chairman
- Mrs. Velma W. Groves, Argenta, IL 62501  
1952-1956 Recreation  
1956-1963 Music & Recreation

Mrs. Robert Hastings, Louisville, IL 62858  
 1962-1963 District 8 Public Information Chairman  
 Miss Ruth Huser, Morton, IL 61550  
 1952-1954 Rural Youth  
 Mrs. Gerald Long, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353  
 1961-1962 District 4 Public Information Chairman  
 Mrs. Raymond Longlett, Liberty, IL 62347  
 1960-1963 District 4 Director  
 Mrs. Kenneth D. Luney, Oakdale, IL 62268  
 1958-1961 Public Information  
 Mrs. E.D. McGuire, Makanda, IL 62958  
 1956-1958 President  
 1958-1959 Policy  
 Mrs. Adam McWilliam, RR #2, Toulon, IL 61483  
 1952-1954 President  
 1954-1956 Policy  
 Mrs. James McWilliam, Toulon, IL 61483  
 1952-1954 Secretary  
 Mrs. R.E. Milligan, 808 W. Springfield, Champaign, IL 61821  
 1952-1954 Music  
 Mrs. Timothy Miner, Adair, IL 61411  
 1953-1955 Assistant Organization  
 Mrs. Orville Plocher, Highland, IL 62249  
 1958-1959 Southwest Director  
 1959-1961 District 7 Director  
 Mrs. Milton Prest, Coulterville, IL 62237  
 1961-1962 District 9 Public Information Chairman  
 Mrs. Dwight Provart, DuQuoin, IL 62832  
 1962-1963 District 9 Director  
 Mrs. Leo Quinn, Henry, IL 61537  
 1952-1954 Northwest Director  
 1955-1956 Vice President  
 1956-1957 First Vice President  
 Mrs. J.C. Quisenberry, Chatham, IL 62629  
 1956-1958 Southwest Director  
 1961-1963 District 5 Public Information Chairman  
 Mrs. John L. Reynolds, Geneseo, IL 61254  
 1957-1958 Health & Safety  
 Mrs. Phillip Schoettle, Golconda, IL 62938  
 1954-1956 Southern Director  
 Mrs. Victor Schwarzentraub, Eureka, IL 61530  
 1953-1954 Vice-President  
 Mrs. Horace M. Smith, Greenville, IL 62246  
 1955-1957 Treasurer  
 1958-1959 President

# CHALLENGE TO ALL COUNTIES!

A Challenge to all the counties in IAHCE.....

I didn't want to wait until August Workshops to announce a new award being given out during Awards Night at the 2010 Annual Conference in Bloomington. The award will be given to the county with the highest percentage of State Newsletter subscribers in their county. This gives you time before the end of the year to promote subscribing to our State Newsletter. With over 11,000 members, we have just less than 1,000 subscribers. I hope that you think that the newsletter is full of information - from your Board members to all of the county information that is in each issue. The newsletter is a bargain at \$6 per year. Only \$2 an issue. December is loaded with information on the upcoming Conferences in March of each year.

Below you will find the application to fill out at the end of the year to earn this award. Good luck to all of the counties!

Sharon Middleton  
IAHCE Public Relations

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**MARCH 23 THRU 25 2009**

WELCOME TO OUR 86TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

Our theme?  
 See you at Workshop to find out!

Make your reservations now!  
 We will be having our conference in March at the:

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**309-664-6446**  
**10 Brickyard Drive,**  
**Bloomington, IL 61701**

**Rates for Conference - \$99.00**  
**Be sure to mention that you are with IAHCE!**

Arrangements have been made for those arriving on Monday, March 22, 2009 to receive the same rate. If for any reason you have problems, please contact the Chairs of the Conference, Lynn Kearny or Sharon Middleton.

When you arrive, at the desk be sure to get your  
 free warm  
 chocolate chip cookie!



You don't want to miss this conference. It will be loads of fun and lots of share shops full of information!

See you there!

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