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From the Desk of the President

Greetings to you as we deal with hot and muggy days and lots and lots of rain. I hope everyone is safe. I enjoy the green grass and blooming flowers. Many counties have given me plants when I have visited this spring and last spring. I have planted them in my "HCE" garden. I really enjoy seeing them flourish. Thank you so much.



It is really exciting planning for our 90th anniversary next year. If you have any pictures from your past, please let Conference Chair, Karen Halieki, know. She is planning a special showing of 90 years of HCE.

You are encouraged to assist Karen in trying to keep some costs down for the Annual Conference Program Book by selling ads which will be put in the program book. Perhaps many supporters of HCE will want to place an ad since it is our 90th year. These ads can be by individuals, counties or businesses. Please help us out.

I know that summers are busy with families, 4-H, gardens and vacations but please remember that HCE is in great need for us all to not forget to keep telling friends and neighbors what a great organization we have. Let them know about all the lessons, volunteering, fun and other great activities we do to help make our lives for our family and community better. Most new members are gained by asking them to attend a meeting or activity with you.

We look forward to seeing many of you this August at the District Workshops. I know you will enjoy the skit that has been planned. Also, we will have another great speaker, Mindy Peterson-Lindsey, who will present a lesson I know you will enjoy taking back to your county. She has presented share shops at conference, so I know you will be happy to have her with us.

Just want you to know that I am busy securing everything I need to travel to the ACWW Triennial in Chennai, India this fall. I am very excited about the trip. I look forward to sharing with you about my travels.

Have a wonderful summer. Be safe.

Blessings,

Marilyn Daughettez
IAHCE State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st VICE PRESIDENT Treasa Brookman

The Education Committee was energized at June Board Meeting in the newly decorated convention Center at Decatur.

We worked very hard on making sure all education awards were judged similar. We went over the judging sheets and also discussed how we could streamline the awards ceremony at conference. We want to make sure you are honored for what you have done and the Education Directors are very proud of those that take the time to apply for an award and want to honor you properly. Each of the Directors gave a synopsis of their program and I will give each county a copy at District Workshops.

I hope someone that has served on the board will step forward to become 1st Vice President next year. It has been a pleasure serving you and working with Jenna Smith our Liaison with the University of Illinois. It is very rewarding and I promise to give you training before I leave.

See you at the District Workshops.

Treasa Brookman

2nd VICE PRESIDENT Kathryn McNeely

I hope to see a lot of you at the District Workshops in August. Be prepared to share how your county has gotten new members or plans on how to get more.



Remember to try and get at least two new members per unit this year and also add to your mail box/sustaining memberships also. Every member should approach people with a SMILE and ask them to come to an HCE event.

If any counties need certificates to honor 50 year members or for other special years before March 18, 2014, please contact me before August 18th so I can bring them to the District Workshops. This will save me the cost of postage. I need the name of the county; the name of the person receiving the certificate; number of years being honored; the date of your event; and the name of the person and address they are to be delivered to.

We appreciate all of our IAHCE members and hope to add many more!

Kathryn McNeely

SECRETARY Donna Richards



Thank you to those who have sent me your roster of county officers after your county's annual meeting.

If you have had your annual meeting and have not sent your officers list, would you please send your county's officer information to both your IAHCE Secretary and your IAHCE District Director. Our addresses are on Guidebook pages 1 and 2.

Filling the Secretary Report Form (guidebook page 21) completely out will enable your IAHCE Board to communicate updated information to you.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Workshops.

Donna Richards



EXECUTIVE BOARD



TREASURER
Jane Chapman

Welcome summer, it is a very hot and humid day in Southern Illinois! We have been blessed with an abundance of rain this spring and the flowers are so colorful as well. The grass and trees are very green and lush. My blueberries are ripening now and it so great to go out, pick some of them and, come in the house to have fresh blueberries with your breakfast. Life doesn't get much better!

I hope all is going well in your counties. As always, if you have some issues you don't know how to handle, please feel free to call. I might be able to help you and if I cannot I know people who can and will help you. I know in my county it is about time to do the e-filing of the 990n in order to appease the IRS. Is it time to file in your county or have you completed that task already? How about the not-for-profit from for the state of Illinois. Is it completed or do you still need to do that one? Have you had an audit of your books this year by either other members or an accounting firm? If you are no longer the treasurer in your county, have you trained your replacement and given her a calendar of when things need to be done?

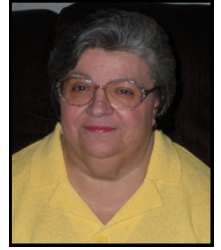
I am now on my last year as your state treasurer. So if anyone is interested in taking over my position you need to turn in an application to the state board by the first of October. The state board is fun and I especially loved the traveling to the different areas in the state. I will assist you for as long as you feel you need my assistance when you are elected. Please feel free to call me if you have questions to ask about the position. The applications can be found on the IAHCE.org website in the Guidebook section.

I best sign off for now and wish all of you a great summer and I hope to see you at the District Workshops in August.

Jane Chapman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**
Marge Wilcox



Greetings to all,

Hope everyone is enjoying this Spring/Summer weather.

I just returned home from the June State Board meeting, as much as I like being at home I truly enjoy spending time with these ladies, that are all so dedicated to IAHCE. I know there will be some positions open on the next Board, I'd encourage, everyone who is eligible, to apply for one of these positions. You don't have to know everything. You will learn so much and this is your opportunity to help make this organization even better. Everyone will do their best to help you in any they can.

I'm looking forward to the District Workshops in August. I hope everyone is still working to reach out to their communities. Remember there are many people who need our help. We can't help them all in large ways but we can help some in small ways, every bit helps. Also as you reach out to help, be sure to say you are part of IAHCE and let them know that we are always open to new members and invite them to attend a meeting and see for themselves. People like to help and like to know that they can be part of an organization that helps right here in their own communities, in their counties, their state, their country and even in other counties. As an organization we can reach out and help so many who need our help.

This August we will again go over what the focus is this year. We'll go over how to fill out your year end reports. Also I'd like hear what you have been doing.

See you in August,

Marge Wilcox

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Hello ladies from sunny, cool Northwest Illinois. I am enjoying these nice sunny days after all the rain we have had, how about you? We just finished another state board meeting, and of course I had to make some more changes. But you have to wait until the August District Workshops to find out just what I did now. Hopefully, you will like these.

Do you have any suggestions on how to make the Best of Show at conference better? Do you like the voting the way it is, with the members voting, or would you rather go back to a committee doing the voting. Discuss it in your counties and let me know at District Workshop, when we can all discuss it.

Please bring an idea for a craft, along with several patterns for the craft to share to the District Workshops. Also, I need you to let me know if you can do a Make-It Take-It at Annual Conference this coming year. If so, I need a picture, along with the price, description and samples are would be helpful. Do you even want to have a Make-It Take-It? If so, I have to have your help, get to looking for ideas now.

How are you coming along with the cards for soldiers, or the hats for cancer patients? If you are on Facebook, *Like* the Operation Write Home site, to see the posts they do on cards sent in. It will give you lots of ideas on cards to make or you can just check out their website. Let me know how it is going.

I have enjoyed reading your newsletters, and seeing all the things you are doing in your counties to "enrich the culture" of our members and others. Remember, no one joins a group to sit around and just have a meeting once a month. They join groups to get to know others, to have some place to go and things to do. We need to provide that, and if it gets us new members

along the way, good. As Cultural Enrichment Directors, we can provide lots of stuff for our members to do and help promote our counties activities at the same time. Do you put a list of activities that are going on in your county in your county HCE newsletter? I know some of you do and I think that is great but maybe you could plan a carpool to that show in the park, etc. There are probably lots of women out there that would love to go but won't go alone. Have some fun and maybe just learn something and gain a new friend along the way.

See you in August at the District Workshops. Are you wondering what we have in mind for a skit this year? (I am wondering what we will have to eat). I will find out the new rules for Best of Show categories. I can tell you this much, if they fit the size requirements last year, they will this year, some are just bigger. You will have to wait until District Workshop to find out.

Peggy Long

FAMILY ISSUES Norma Korte



Hello again from Southern Illinois! The Lord has challenged us again this year, only with too much water at times!

Considering we didn't get started with planting until May 15th, we feel fortunate the crops look good!

I have just returned from the IAHCE State Board meeting. There are going to be some very exciting events scheduled for the upcoming District Meetings in August and at the 2014 IAHCE State Conference.

I plan to present a lesson about serving sizes and portions for food. You can use this lesson in your unit meetings or county. I will also provide more helpful hints and suggestions on ways to complete the Education Award applications.

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A new contest has been introduced about weight loss, exercise and walking for the counties to participate in. Members indicated they wanted another challenge, so what better way to learn about Health Smart than to work on it ourselves! I have been excited and proud about each county's participation in the tab collection and weighted blanket programs. I anticipate the same enthusiasm for this new program also!

Be thinking of a family you can nominate for Family of Year. It takes a little time to put the report together, so you may want to start on it now. It really helps if you can include references with the application.

Blessings from the Korte family, and our prayers to you for a safe and productive fall harvest!

Norma Korte

INTERNATIONAL Pat Weitzmann



The IAHCCE June Board Meeting in Decatur, IL was busy and productive. I went away with "homework". I have a research project for the next Board Meeting and final preparations for the August District Workshops. (I like homework with research and creative elements.) But, most of all I went away with the feeling that the State Board and County Boards in our IAHCCE organization are working to move the organization forward while learning from and honoring the past.

Again this year, your contributions to Pennies for Friendship made it possible for IAHCCE to donate monies to three youth oriented programs and an organization celebrating international friendship and peace. These donations are from the 15% of *Pennies for Friendship* monies retained by IAHCCE. Donations were given to the *Illinois 4-H Foundation, International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), Labo program (family-based Japanese youth organization) and the International Peace Garden.*

The IFYE program sent a 4-H'er from Livingston County to Japan for 8 weeks and a 4-H'er from Winnebago County to Finland for 4 weeks this Summer. Also, this Summer 46 Japanese youth and their 4 chaperones from the Labo organization enjoyed a month homestay experience in Illinois.

The International Peace Garden straddling the border of North Dakota and Manitoba is a 2,339 acre botanical garden with camping sites, Summer Camps that encourage cultural arts and athletics for young people, and more features. This is definitely a road trip destination. Did you know Pennies for Friendship was launched in 1936 as the Million Member Fund? Shortly thereafter it was dubbed 'Pennies for Friendship' by the USA. Illinois participated in this from the beginning.

I trust your study of South Africa or any other country your county has selected this year is going well. These days I experience South African information and connections often. For 3 ½ weeks this Summer 7 high-school age South African 4-H members came to Illinois to participate in the 4-H Youth Leadership Program. Academic sessions, leadership training, host family living, 4-H club meetings and 4-H camp were all on the itinerary.

I look forward to meeting and sharing information with IAHCCE members in the counties at the District Workshops in August. I've prepared a South African lesson on a CD for all counties to use. I'll also give tips on completing the Report/Educational Award Form and the Mini-Stipend Form. County International Directors will be asked to share International education year plans, successes and concerns with their fellow International Directors.

Let's make this a great 'International' year for IAHCCE

Pat Weitzmann

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS Sharon Middleton



Although it seems like summer just began, it actually is the middle of summer. It is going so fast. This is totally different than last summer. Everything is green and the colors of all the flowers are beautiful.

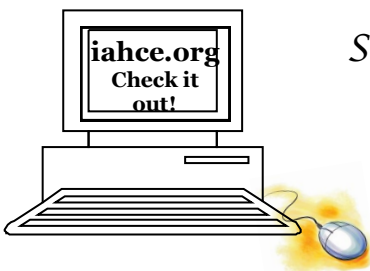
That also goes with my time as your State Newsletter Editor/Public Relations. Where did the last six years go. Now it is time for someone else to assemble and edit your articles and photos of our events at Conference and District Workshops and help you with public relations related questions. If you have an interest in meeting wonderful, interesting women (and some men), send in your application for this position on the State Board. Deadline is October 1st. You will find the information in the Guidebook. If you do not have access to a Guidebook, it is on line at www.iahce.org The chair of the Nominating Committee is Marilyn Schaefer, Effingham, District 6 Director. Her address is on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Speaking of District Workshops, I hope you are going to be able to attend these meetings. This helps your officers of your county get vital information to help in their counties, learn new ways to promote membership and much more.

I will, in my Public Relations breakout, discuss some ways of using publicity to promote our organization and events that we have in each of our counties along with help in filling out your Education Award booklet for the 2014 State Conference. Bring your questions with you.

See you in August!

Sharon Middleton



CVH/SALES Karen Halicki



County Fair time, what a wonderful time to volunteer! It's a good time to enter your projects and help at the same time. Half of the year is over and I hope everyone has been marking down those volunteer hours. It feels so good to help others and it keeps us young.

What does not count toward a CVH?: Anything that is done for a family member.

What counts as Volunteer time?: The time you contribute without pay to others through HCE (unit, county, state) and activities in other organizations. Taking a lesson to pass on to others, attending your unit meetings because the information you received can be passed on to others that you meet. Especially trying to get new members. Tell them about the wonderful lesson and what you do as a group.

If you would like any sales items delivered to the District workshops in August, please let me know so that I can have them ready for you to pick up. I will have a few items with me to sell. Check out the website: www.iahce.org

Thank you for all the recipes and history of your counties. We will have fun putting it together. While receiving recipes for the cookbook, I talked to a member who started many years ago by starting her own unit because she was not able to attend any of the other units due to the time and date they were having them. She stepped forward and wanted to be part of the wonderful organization. Way to go!!

Please step up and be part of the board in March 2014. They are looking for First Vice, Treasurer, Public Relations and Sales/CVH. I have had a wonderful time being on the board. I have learned a lot about this organization and meeting so many members from around the state. It is now time for someone else to fill this job and bring in new ideas and keep this organization

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growing. We have board meetings in June and October, District Workshop meetings in August and the Annual Conference in March, which is filled with lessons and fun, especially making new friends and seeing old friends again. Like that saying I learned a long time ago: *Make new friends but keep the old, for one is silver and the other gold.*

Karen Halicki

BOARD HAPPENINGS

- ◆ Set date for 2014 August District Workshops.
- ◆ Registration for District Workshop will again be online.
- ◆ Stressed that all counties review packets received from the state board at District workshop so that they are aware of any changes.
- ◆ Cultural Enrichments Director made some changes to projects for Best of Show. Encourage all to check corrected list which will be given out at District Workshop.
- ◆ Discussed Awards night. If a county is receiving an award, the card will be attached to the outside of registration envelope so no one misses the fact they are receiving an award. Anyone from the county can pick up the award.
- ◆ Nominating committee is in need of applicants to apply for state board positions.
- ◆ Budget was reviewed and discussed.
- ◆ Newsletter Editor is sending out renewal notices for state newsletter.
- ◆ Webmaster reported that more counties are submitting info for web page on IAHCCE website.
- ◆ It was suggested that counties send their newsletter to local senior citizen center, library, etc.
- ◆ Scholarship committee reviewed 18, 3 selected, 1 disqualified as did not follow guidelines.
- ◆ Skit for theme of 2014 conference was worked on by board which will be done at District Workshop.
- ◆ Conference committees discussed what has been completed before Annual Conference



U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Jenna Smith

Hello! I hope all of you have been enjoying your summer.

We've had nice weather so far, and I've been taking advantage by doing many outdoor activities, including camping, fishing, golfing and gardening. But I'm especially excited for our first tomato out of the garden and am geared up and ready to preserve! University of Illinois Extension will once again be offering food preservation courses. Coming soon, we will have online food preservation training so that you can learn all about food preservation no matter where you are located! Those that take the training will also be eligible to receive hands-on canning workshops held in various locations throughout the state. Plus, we will be testing pressure canner gauges in the class, "Yes! You Can: Preserving Safely." Call your local Extension office for more information.

Also, University of Illinois Extension has a lot of new and exciting HCE lessons that will be starting this August. They include, "Managing a Gluten Free Diet" and "Cooking with Fresh Garden Vegetables" from the Nutrition and Wellness team, "Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit" and "Parenting 101" from the Family Life team, and "Finance Tips for Retirees in Today's Economy" from the Consumer Economic team. If your county hasn't already registered for lessons, contact your local Extension office to have them register for you. Registration and lessons will continue until December 2014. Then, starting in January 2014 we will begin new lessons and continue these through the calendar year.

I know that the summer does not stop you from volunteering your time. Many of you are actively involved in the 4-H fairs, and University of Illinois Extension thanks you for that! Don't forget to keep logging your hours. It's nice to be recognized for all of your efforts as a volunteer organization.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Jenna Smith
Extension Liaison

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ACWW REPORT

So far, I've only heard of two counties that participated in ACWW's "Women Walk the World". In April, DeKalb County did a walk that ended with soup and fresh bread for the participants, discussing plans for the "Walk" next year, and raising seed money for a 'water project' idea. Lake County took a walk around the "Globe" during their Annual Meeting and collected Pennies for Friendship. ACWW's Women Walk the World annual event is an opportunity to promote friendship and international solidarity, a healthy activity, and an opportunity for publicity and raising funds for ACWW and/or any non-profit organization focusing on people. **If your county participated in Women Walk the World, please let me know, so I can acknowledge your efforts.**

The United Nations designated 2013 as the International Year of Water, ACWW has a long standing Water for All project fund, NVON member states have a Water Around the World project in common for 2013-2015. Water is a precious resource and basic necessity of life. I believe access to clean and safe water for every human is a right to be achieved. For many people in the world, water is in short supply. Let's keep less water favored people in the world in mind as we enjoy our summer. You might consider how you can participate in the UN, ACWW and NVON 'water' initiatives.

The April-June 2013 CountryWoman newsletter has an article "Water, Water Everywhere, Only if we Share!". In the spirit of ACWW's campaign 'Grow Locally, Benefit Globally', it has valuable suggestions for conserving water in gardening. For instance less frequent watering allows plants to establish deeper root systems, watering at cooler times of day lessens evaporation, drip irrigation (like hoses with tiny holes) is water-efficient, and mulching is beneficial. Even though we live in the Great Lakes region, we all remember 2012 as a year of drought in Illinois.

For those of you that have not taken the opportunity to write a note of greeting to put in Betsy the Traveling Doll's bag, I'll have a note card ready for you to complete at the District Workshops. Betsy and her bag are going to the ACWW Triennial Conference in Chennai, India in September.



Pat Weitzmann
International

2013 IAHCE SCHOLARSHIPS

HAYLEY SPICER WAYNE COUNTY

Haley Spicer of Sims, Illinois, which is located in Wayne County down in Southeast Illinois. Haley is a senior at Wayne City High School and plans to further her education at Rend Lake Junior college and then transfer to a four year college to complete her desired career of becoming a Radiology Technologist.



Haley was an excellent student graduating second in her class and was an Illinois State Scholar. While in high school she participated in basketball, softball, scholar bowl team and Beta Club. Haley was an active FFA member and received many awards including the Star FFA Greenhand.

Besides school, Haley is very active in the community, a 4-H member for ten years, plus working in the family farm and livestock operation. Haley also participates in her church making Operation Christmas Child packages, helps with the youth group fundraisers, gives devotions and helps in the church nursery.

Haley's sponsor for the scholarship is her Grandmother who has been an active member of HCE for 53 years.



2013 IAHC SCHOLARSHIPS



**MORGAN DEMCZAK
MADISON COUNTY**

Morgan Demczak of Springfield, Illinois located in Sangamon County in central Illinois. Morgan plans on attending Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, Missouri. She plans to major in Psychology and Child development with a minor in Biblical studies and the pursue a Master's degree in Counseling. She plans on becoming a child psychologist and missionary in an impoverished country. Morgan reached her career decision after spending last summer in Juarez, Mexico, at an orphanage with forty children who were from impoverished and abusive homes.

While attending Pleasant Plains High School, she was on the indoor track team who placed third in the state competition. She also participated in National Honor Society, Beta club and a student leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She received the President's Volunteer service award for her high number of volunteer hours.

Morgan is a Sunday school teacher in her church, youth group student leader and a volunteer at the church camp. Her community involvement included volunteering for the Kids Across America program and the Springfield Action Team where she painted houses and did gardening in low income areas of Springfield. Although, Morgan, is quite active in the church, community and school she still found time to work dog sitting and house sitting.

Morgan's Grandmother is her sponsor and she has been in HCE for 25 years.

**KELSEY McCLAY
WASHINGTON
COUNTY**



Kelsey McClay of Oakdale, Illinois, located in Washington county in the south central part of the state. Kelsey attended Nashville High School and is now a senior at Maryville University, Maryville, Missouri. Her career goal is to achieve Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. She has two and one half years to go before reaching her goal.

While at Maryville, Kelsey has been on the Dean's list all four years, a member of the Alpha Lambda Honor Society, and Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor society. While attending college she has worked all four years. She also held jobs while attending Nashville Community High School as well as being active in many high school activities. She was an Illinois State Scholar. She was a 4-H member, participates in collecting for the Goodwill, helps to raise money for the Relay for Life in Washington County, judges grade school cheerleading competitions and helps at the local county fair.

Kelsey, although very busy, still finds time to help with the Youth Fellowship in her church, collect used shoes to fund the Water for Kenya project, has taken missionary trips to Appalachia, sings in the church choir and a teacher in Bible school.

Her grandmother, a member of HCE for over fifty years, is Kelsey's proud sponsor



CONGRATULATIONS

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Marilyn De Vries

Hello Everyone! Many fairs are over and summer is well on the way. The flowers and trees are beautiful.

District Workshop is just around the corner. I hope many of you can come. Stay well and keep smiling!

Marilyn De Vries

HENDERSON.....

Greetings from Henderson County !!! The rain has finally stopped and the river and creeks are slowly going down.

We held our 74th annual meeting April 27 at the Oquawka Methodist Church. The room was colorfully decorated with hats to coincide with the state theme. The church ladies served a delicious brunch.

Kathy Arthur from Monmouth Il. presented the program on buttons as she is an avid collector. She had such beautiful and unique buttons for everyone to see and told the history of each.

Peggy Long , State Cultural Enrichment director attended our meeting and installed new officers for 2013-2014 . We were honored to have her with us; such a lovely lady.

An impressive memorial service was held for three special ladies who passed away this year - Helen Spears, Evelyn Spears and Judy Colley who will be missed very much. Mary Alice presented a gift to Jan Rehm retiring from our board. She did a great job as Community Outreach chairman. We will miss her on the board.

Emily Hopping was announced as the winner of our college scholarship for 2013. We collected money for "Relay for Life" and articles for veterans, pop can tabs at this meeting. We

donated money to West Central Junior High School to help with the veterans program that they present every year.

H.C.E. members will be very busy volunteering at different events during 4th of July and at the county fair in Stronghurst, along with all there usual duties. Have a safe summer!!

Bev Alecock
Public Information

Jo DAVIESS.....

The "Many Hats of IAHCE" began in Jo Daviess County with some interesting *Lessons for Living*, such as "Beverages - Empty Calories or Not"; "Technology and You"; and "Mindless Eating". By April we were ready to learn about "Pest Control-Preference for Non-Chemical".

In March, Janice Broshous and our President, Carrie Haug, left on a 'hair raising trip'. Black ice in Northern Illinois on their way to the IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham. They were well pleased with all the Education sessions they attended which we are putting to use in our county programs for the year. The "Benefits of Membership" survey that they brought back from conference, our county participated in. We are hoping for 100%return.

The 16th Annual Quad County Heritage Arts Make-It Take-It Workshop was held April 6th at Mt. Carroll, hosted by Carroll County. Lee County HCE will be host in 2014. The Quad-County HCE Boards-Lee, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson met in Freeport, April 17th to share ideas on how we can continue to work together.

We held our 78th Annual HCE meeting April 18th in Elizabeth during the evening this year. We were honored to have Mike Broshous, a son of one of our HCE Board members, bring us "Adventures in El Salvador". He told how his Church and many others are helping improve their living conditions. We also had a display of material on autism. IAHCE District 1 Director, Marilyn DeVries install our officers.

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Our 63 book bags with books went to Warren (31) and Scales Mound (32) preschools this May. Virginia Komiskey helped the county put tags/labels on the Linus Blankets before they were distributed. We have a local distributing center and they also have a blanket sewing day in February.

Some of our members attended the "Autism Spectrum Disorder" program hosted by Stephenson County, April 20th. Other special events were: HCE members participated in the Jo Daviess County "Relay for Life" for American Cancer Society June 1st at River Ridge High School, other *Lessons for Living* using local presenters were "All About Eagles by Eagle Nature Foundation" and Jo Daviess County "Obesity Coalition" by the Health Department and Warren School Wellness Program. We did not have our Spring Old Market Day. We were sort of forced out by the Galena Bike Races. They closed the street in front of the Old Market House Square that weekend. We will still have our "85th Fall Old Market Day", September 28, 2013.

Looking forward to the August 22nd IAHCE District 1 Workshop.

Marcella Arnold
Public Relations

ROCK ISLAND.....

Summer, as we know it, is finally here as we enjoy the warm temperatures and the prime growing season. Our geraniums, we received in May from one of our money-making projects, are blooming profusely giving us abundant color. Our vegetable gardens are providing us with fresh produce for healthy eating.

On June 15th we held our annual business meeting. A short memorial for eight members was read by all. Special recognition was awarded to those who received certificates and seals from their hours of volunteer work throughout the previous year. Our District 1 Director, Marilyn DeVries, installed our new officers for the upcoming year. Members in attendance wore their hats denoting their life styles and interests.

Jaylayne Riewerts, an actress/director in local theaters, entertained us in her "Hello Dolly" costume with anecdotes from her performances as Dolly and various songs from the Broadway show.

After a delicious salad/dessert luncheon, we heard master gardener, Don Musak, speak on Shade Gardens with an emphasis on hostas.

By the time this newsletter has been published and distributed, the Rock Island County fair will have been enjoyed by many. The Extension recycling booth will have given out numerous items to fairgoers that were hand-crafted by volunteer unit members for the past three months. All items were made from recycled materials units have collected.

Our summer potluck with both previous and new county board members will be held in early July at the current chairperson's home. This allows lots of sharing time for the newly installed board members to get acquainted and acclimated to the upcoming year.

Our county is now preparing for the District Workshop to be held in our area on August 22. It will be held at Wildwood Baptist Church in rural East Moline very near the Interstate 80 bridge over the Mississippi River.

Local leader training will follow the next week at the county office in Milan. This will be the impetus for a great year coming in the fall for each and every local unit member.

Lucille Mumma
Public Relations

STEPHENSON.....

Our Heritage Workshop with Jo Daviess, Carroll and Lee Counties was held on April 6th. Our speaker in the morning was Carol Chandler of Dixon. She gave an interesting talk about the Orphan Train. Morning and afternoon classes were held. We learned many new crafts, some were fun and some more challenging.

On April 21st we held a workshop on Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program

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was open to the public. A film on Autism was shown and we had two guest speakers. One speaker was a mother with a daughter who was autistic. A very informative program.

Our Annual Meeting was held May 22nd at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. 1st Vice Presidents furnished delicious desserts. Our speaker was Sandra Lutz, Certified Laugh Leader. Everyone enjoyed her and of course, she had us laughing. The Business Meeting followed her talk. A Memorial service was held honoring two members that passed away this year. We also introduced f o u r (4) new members. New officers were installed. We also held a Silent Auction of many kinds of baskets filled with goodies. It was a good fundraiser for us. Most Board Members and many other members attending wore hats.

Each year we take part in cleaning up a mile of highway. It's hard work, but we are happy to help our community.

By the time you read this, our County Fair will be over. Again we will have our dining hall open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. We will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will also have our famous homemade pies that are made at the dining hall each day of the fair.

Ann Runkle
Public Relations



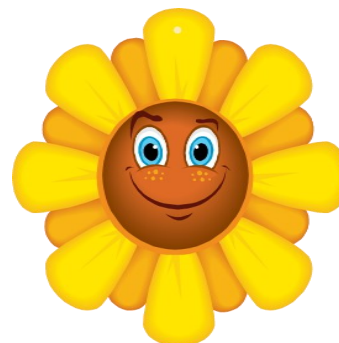
DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks

As I am writing this note to you, summer is blowing through many of the counties in District 2/3. I hope all is well with you. I just returned from the June State Board meeting and have lots to share with you at the District Workshop in East Moline. I know many of you are traveling a good distance, so drive safely.

I enjoyed visiting many of the counties in District 2/3 at their annual meetings. Thank you for inviting me! As I traveled along with my "traveling hat box" I learned many interesting facts about each county, made new friends, enjoyed a variety of entertainment, and was treated to some good cooking! It is my hope that I will get to know all of the counties in District 2/3. My question to each of the counties was, "How did you join HCE—were you asked by a member to attend a meeting or program?" The majority of the responses were yes. So as you go about your day, take the time to listen to your neighbor, friend, relative, co worker or acquaintance if it is the right time to ask. Don't be discouraged if you are turned down, sometimes it's just not the right time in someone's life.

However, the right time will arrive and when it does—take a deep breath, smile and ask again!

Remember—smiles are free and it never hurts to ask!



Angela Hicks

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Du PAGE.....

It has been a busy spring for us. Early in April we had a very informative and important lesson on "Exit Strategies". A group of members met at the Extension Office to make 150 "Thinking of You" cards for Hines Veterans Hospital.

Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held at the St. Andrews Country Club in West Chicago. After a brief business meeting, awards were given and District 2/3 Director, Angela Hicks installed our dedicated officers. Following a delicious lunch, we were treated to the beautiful voice of our entertainer.

All of the Du Page entries in the State Cultural Arts Best of Show, as well as our State Education awards, were placed on display for everyone to enjoy. A successful Silent Auction also took place that afternoon.

Our Spring Crafts Day took Place at the Extension Office. We painted wren birdhouses, made yoyo pins, beaded bracelets, note cards and little hat pins to wear.

We had a luncheon outing at the Little Traveler and it was followed by a visit to the Geneva History Center.

A well prepared and interesting lesson "In the Kitchen with Whole Grains" was presented by members Janet Johnson and Pat Quetsch, at the Extension Office. Members continue to make quilts for kids, prayer shawls and caps for cancer patients.

Mary Lambert

We are trying to find ways to getting new members. We had a booth at our county fair. Some of the people sounded interest and we will follow up on these possible new members. We have been making quilts for a learning group. Many pretty ones with new designs have been created which makes it very interesting. Our county club goes out once a month to a

different place for lunch which is a good thing to do.

Six of our members went to conference and brought back information on what was happening across the State of Illinois finding new ideas and things to do. Du Page volunteers won awards for volunteer hours submitted to the state. Great job ladies!

Every few months we have a picnic lunch in our Extension Office sharing new recipes.

Our fair for Du Page County will be July 25th thru the 28th. Good luck to all contestants.

Miriam Ferguson

KANE.....

Kane County celebrated their 95th anniversary at their Annual Meeting on May 15, 2013. The program was entitled "Hats Off to HCE". The program was "Hats Off to Music" which was a one-woman show of 60 hats modeled by Dr. Kristin Synnestvedt while she tells amusing anecdotes about the hats and people connected with them. She also sang art songs and old favorites while playing the piano. It was a fantastic program! It was also a birthday party complete with birthday hats for everyone, a huge birthday cake and a special tribute to all members who had attained their 90th decade. These members also cut the birthday. This day was very special.

Our August Open House which begins our 2013-14 year is August 27th. Besides introducing new lessons, new yearly business, our program will be "Remember Tupperware?" The presenter tells their unusual containers also with samples of food and recipe container served. Then members will sample some delicious 1950-1960s recipes. This will be nostalgia fun! We are looking forward to District 2/3 workshop in East Moline. It is always good to get together and share ideas. Relaxing, happy summer to you!

Elaine Bond
Kane County President

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KANKAKEE.....

Since our quilt was finished in the spring, we have started selling raffle tickets. The Board requested each HCE member sell at least 18 tickets. We will continue selling tickets at various events until the fall.

In May we had our annual geranium sale, which came in for Mother's Day. We held a fundraiser at the local Beef O'Brady's Restaurant. They gave a percentage of the sales for mentioning HCE.

Our annual Garage Sale took place on June 21 and 22. The money earned will support our Scholarship fund.

The sewing of blankets for Autistic children began after Conference. Our original request was for fifty of the blankets. Our blankets are going to local entities, a school for Autistic children, local hospitals and individuals as well. We are continuing to sew since we keep getting additional requests for them.

All in all, we have been kept busy these past months.

Delores Workman
Public Relations

KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE is no longer collecting bras for Support1000. The not-for-profit, based in Chicago, disbanded due to lack of volunteers to clean, sort and package to send them all over the world. It's too bad, because there was a real need. We thank the counties that gave us some bras to take to them. The ones we still had were given to Mutual Ground in Aurora, Illinois.

Kendall County HCE will have their 15th Annual Victorian Tea, "Diamonds and Lace", on Sunday, September 15th from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church on Rt. 47 in Yorkville (South of Rt. 71). The "Diamonds" are for our 75th year, the "Lace" is for the fashion show of fall and

holiday fashions. There will be many door prizes and chances for baskets of goodies. Tickets are \$15. Reservations can be made by calling Beverly Scott at 630-554-1530 or Nevada Wietting at 815-467-2883. Hope to see you there!!

Joan McEachern
Kendall County President

LAKE.....

Happy Summer to All! After a very hesitant start to our spring, we in Lake County, IL are finally enjoying warmer weather, although much rain is accompanying that warmth. April 26th, however, was a very nice day for LCAHCE's 81st annual meeting. Although the rivers and lakes in our area were above flood stage, we managed to maneuver our way to Maravela's Banquets in Fox Lake, IL for our meeting and luncheon. This year we added a break during our meeting at which time we did an ACWW Walk Around the World stretcher, actually just walking around the banquet room. Besides being good exercise, it gave us an opportunity to meet and exchange greetings with members from units other than our own. I hope this becomes an annual part of our meeting. Entertainment this year was provided by the Lakes High School Choral Group. This a cappella group sang so beautifully, many of us probably wished they could have stayed to sing longer. Our CVH chairperson, Betty Wertke, reported the news from the state conference that Lake County was first in District 2/3 with a total of 22,342 volunteer hours. That number was also the second highest in the state and was reported by sixty-nine members. Lake County also had five members who reported over 1000 hours: Theresa Fenney, Ben Port Unit; Sandra Henke and Dorothy Rodewald, Volo Unit; and Verna Minarik and Pat Weitzmann, Gurnee Evening Unit.

Our Lone Star Steakhouse fundraiser in April was such a success, we have another one scheduled for July. One Lake County unit chose to have its monthly meeting during lunch at Lone Star. LCAHCE members continue to donate items

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to Operation Support Our Troops, the Linus Blanket Project and Ronald McDonald House, as well as coupons to troop families in Germany and Belgium. LCAHCE members are generous! So, as a group, we have a brief summer break, but look forward to Fall Advisory in August, and a new year of educational programs, cultural and international events and catching up with unit members.

Diane Shearer
Public Relations

LaSALLE.....

Hello from LaSalle County HCE. Happy summer to all. We are still recovering from the April flooding---have a long way to go yet but thanks to volunteers and a positive attitude, we will get there.

LaSalle County HCE held their Annual Meeting June 27th at Pitsticks Banquet Hall. The theme this year was " Hats Off to 95 Years of HCE". We are celebrating our 95th year of existence. It is important that we all put our recruiting hats on and get our membership numbers up. It would be a shame to see this great organization not be able to continue doing all it can to help and educate our communities.

Our accomplishments for 2012 - 2013 year are many. In July, 2012 we combined forces with the 4-H Federation at the food stand during our 4-H Fair. The five days of hard work were well worth it.

Five Food Pantries received four quarterly donations of \$75.00 to help feed those in need in our communities.

Three water filtration systems were purchased to support NVON's Project in Kind--Water Around the World.

At our blanket workshop we made 40 blankets. They were presented to the Red Stocking project

and other county charity groups for Christmas gifts.

We collected manufacturers coupons and sent them to the Department of Navy, Yokohama, Japan. To date more than \$150,000.00 coupon value has been collected and sent.

There have been 72 dresses for Africa and Haiti made and delivered by four mission groups.

Our County has collected 60 lbs. of can tabs and donated them to Ronald McDonald House Charities Upper Midwest. This helps cover fees for RMHA families to stay.

Pennies for Friendship -- \$293.28 was collected. Cultural Enrichment and International awareness was focused on the Islands of Trinidad and Tobago, with steel pan music being played by the world renowned program at Northern IL University.

LaSalle County Nursing Home residents enjoyed HCE conducting Bingo parties seven months of the year.

A donation to the Dani Brandon Child Advocacy Center in Ottawa was made to help with needed supplies to maintain the home.

We earned three awards at the IAHCE Conference ---International Lesson Video, Public Relations News Articles and Pop tab Collection.

We awarded three \$500.00 scholarships: Crystal Dau from Serena High School, Kristen Fagerman from Mendota High School and Nicole Yaklich from St. Bede Academy.

We had a very successful 15th Cabin Fever Reliever event that offered 34 classes.

A pie making workshop was held and with the help of 6 4-H members; we made 28 pies to be sold at our 4-H food stand.

On June 3rd we had our County Units Meeting and was entertained with a music program provided

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by Jerry Armstrong Entertainment. The theme was "Cruising to the Oldies" and Jerry's music was from the 50s thru 70s.

It is very apparent that LaSalle County HCE members wear "Many Hats".

At the Annual Meeting, we announced the Homemaker of the year, Betty Galloway from the Marseilles Morning Unit. The Seneca Unit was acknowledged as the Unit of the Year. Thanks for your dedication to HCE, ladies.

The 4-H Fair is July 10th thru 14th at the LaSalle County Fair grounds. We all have our "Betty Crocker Hats" on now baking our delicious pies. I am looking forward to our District 2/3 meeting on August 22nd at Wildwood Church, 1817 Hubbard Road, East Moline. It is always fun to exchange ideas and make new friends.

I hope everyone has a fun filled & safe summer. Keep your eyes open for new members!

Penny Carter
Public Relations

McHenry.....

Our 95th annual meeting was held at the Crystal Lake Country Club in Crystal Lake, IL April 24th. The officers were installed by District 2-3

Director,
Angela
Hicks.
Pictured
are the
newly
elected
officers,
JoAn Jones,
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Lang, Marion Shepard, Jeannette Broughton. Back Row Leona Rinn, Pattie Sautter, Debbie Peone, Marlene Rader, Florence Spesard, Geri Pondel, absent Cindy Harris. A delicious

luncheon was served followed by a musical program on "Hats" given by Kirsten Synnestvedt.

Our final lesson this year was on "Chocolate" given by Mores Chocolates from Algonquin. We all sampled the different kinds of delicious chocolates and were given instructions about the art of working with chocolate and how to make Truffles.

We had a Sew Day in June where we made Christmas Stockings for the Military. Some of the units are making lap quilts for the nursing homes, African Dresses and Linus quilts.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

WILL.....

Will County continues to offer its membership a variety of activities as well as fun, food and even better -- fellowship.

A highlight of our year was the annual meeting in May. Renowned actress/singer Lori Mestas of the Musical Mestas fame presented a delightful program entitled "Make Your Life Count." She portrayed various women in history who have exemplified making a positive difference in our country.

In keeping with our theme, "The Many Hats of HCE," each unit was asked to bring in a decorated hat for a table decoration. Many of our members also wore their favorite hat.

After a catered luncheon, our County Master Gardener Coordinator Nancy Kuhajda gave some "Spring Gardening Tips for Will County." Her talks are always very informative as well as delightful.

We were very grateful to our District Director, Angela Hicks for installing our officers and for her informative talk on membership. We have two new officers, Andrea Zoelle, International

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Chairman and Nancy Hollwedel, Cultural Arts Chairman.

Joan Fleckenstein, outgoing Cultural Arts Chairman, treated us to a variety of taste tempting deserts direct from her bakery in Mokena. We will miss Joan and we thank her for the great job she did during her many years of service as chairman.

Plans are now underway for our annual pot luck picnic in July that will consist of lots of fun, games and even some crafts. Our membership continues to support a number of worthy causes. Members continue to make Chemo caps for cancer patients and "Britches for Boys" shorts for Africa.

The County is also busy preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary in the fall at our International, Cultural Enrichment and Membership Day scheduled for October. At that time we will honor our charter units and charter members.

With the severe weather throughout the country we encourage everyone to be prepared by taking educational classes on weather preparedness and also have a weather alert radio.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations



DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR
Mary Eustace

With June Board meetings complete, I am bubbling over with an optimistic outlook on helping our communities and HCE

members.

The excitement of visiting District 4 Counties is outstanding. I have been welcomed by wonderful fellow HCE members and counties to perform my duties to install County Board Offices and give a talk on membership. It truly is my pleasure to do this. It is hard to increase membership but I

believe me our ladies are up to the challenge and want to work on it.

Our summer District Workshop will be in Lincoln, IL and promises to be exciting and fun. It is a great time to meet with other County Officers and share ideas. I look forward to seeing you there. Please bring with you the enthusiasm of what HCE means to you and your county.

If anyone in District 4 needs additional help with your county questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Great things are accomplished by talented people who believe they will accomplish them. See you at Workshop!

Mary Eustace

ADAMS.....

The Cultural Arts cardmaking class was enjoyed by approximately 20 ladies. The cards were all very nice.

A Red Cross Blood Drive was held April 5, 2013 with our ladies volunteering, donating etc. A salad luncheon/tea was held April 11, 2013. The ladies brought some delicious salads with recipes to share. Susan Asher was the hostess for the Tea Party telling about the different kinds of tea.



The Annual dinner/meeting was held April 23rd at the Senior Center in Quincy IL. The

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decorations were very nice with all the hats on display. One of our talented ladies put a slide show together w/music of the different activities from all the units in Adams County. There was election of new officers and a memorial service for those who passed away this past year. The ladies were recognized for volunteer hours and miles walked in our Walk Around Adams County contest. There were approximately 127 in attendance for the dinner/meeting.

June 14th there will be participation in Relay for Life. All donations will go to Adams County Cancer Society. The units are also planning their June fun month activity.

Pat Vaughn
Public Information

PIKE.....

Here in Pike County the farmers are still wondering what all this rain is going to do to the crops and what the deer will continue to do even after our worry of rain is over. Our HCE Board had many positions open that are now filled with new members anxious to serve our community and get the new year planned.

Several HCE members are working the County Fairs this summer and many are helping with 4-H programs. In August, Community Outreach will have a blood drive and in September we go to Springfield to volunteer at the Midwest Center. We are getting ready for the International Dinner on Ireland and, Christmas in October will keep us all busy through the fall months.

Our Scholarship recipient this year was Michael Barton who attended our Annual meeting with his family to receive the award. At our annual meeting several Certified Volunteer Award Certificates were passed out. We continue to encourage our members to volunteer through the many organizations and community projects. In 2011, we had 14,477.5 hours and in 2012 we totaled 21,019.

The second week in October is HCE week and we are busy planning to get information out to encourage new members who will be excited to be busy volunteers. Our members are still donating to the Ronald McDonald House with each unit collecting every month.

Debralou Grimes
Public Relations

WARREN.....

Speaker Wendi Allaman talking to Barb Patterson, Warren Co. WCHCE Board Secretary The Warren County May 16th International Luncheon featured speaker was Wendi Allaman. Wendi and her family



work with various groups to aid the children of Ethiopia. Wendi brought wonderful crafts to sell and received enough funds from the luncheon participants to feed over 800 children. Wendi was thrilled and the luncheon participants truly enjoyed Wendi's program. Congratulations to Diane Carlson, International Chair for Warren County, for a VERY successful event.

Barb Patterson, Community Outreach Chairman, has organized a terrific response for donations for our Veteran's Project. Her clear listing of desired items, drop offs coordinated with County events, as well as, her repeated appeal to the Units made giving easy. Her latest "drop off day" netted 3 church tables full of items! What a wonderful response from our membership!

Diane "Skip" Fedorow is again chairing the 34th Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale on November 23, 2013. Held at three sites in Monmouth, the Craft Show creates excitement in the community. The

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shopping day has become a tradition for friends and family to prepare for the holidays.

Barb Pearson
Public Relations

WOODFORD.....

We are busily anticipating the 4-H Fair as HCE operates one of the food stands at the Fair. It's a big undertaking but we have three very competent co-chairs this year so we know it will go well. Last year it was extremely hot during fair time so salads, water and popsicles were big hits. Another fundraiser planned for the County is the Ice Cream Social in the Metamora Park in August in conjunction with their Friday evening Band Concerts.

One of our units, the Snyder Village Unit, has disbanded and we are sorry for that. It's been good to have a unit on the campus of Snyder Village, and Jeanette Malcome was instrumental in keeping it alive.

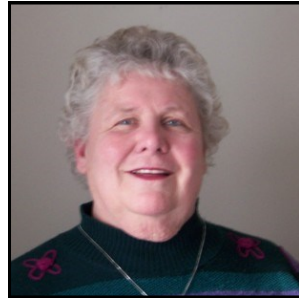
Our Cultural Enrichment Board Member is planning a bus trip for Tuesday, October 8. We will be touring the McLean County Barn Quilt Heritage Trail.

In June the Germantown Hills Unit celebrated 50 years of being a Homemakers Unit. It was a delightful evening. Three charter members remain in the Unit: Virginia Withers, Mary Adams and Betty Bekermeier.



Looking forward to the lessons planned for the 2013-2014 year. Elaine Hodel has been diligent in planning what looks like very interesting lessons.

Betty Bekermeier
Public Information



DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR Jane Wood

I have loved attending your county annual meetings and seeing how you are carrying out the theme "The Many Hats of IAHCE". Hearing what you are doing and how you are working on getting new members adds to my pleasure. I believe each county I have visited has welcomed at least one new member and recognized the years of membership of their present members. Continue to showcase your organization to your community.

The nominating committee is still busy seeking applications for District 5 Director. Please contact chair Sharon Ryan, 309-661-2954, cell 309-838-3188, 1614 Keybridge Way, Bloomington, IL 61704, Marge Pobasco, 217-897-6601, Nancy Remmers, 217-669-2178 or Jane Wood, 309-473-2844 if you are interested or have questions. Applications may be sent to Sharon Ryan by August 1st.

Remember August 21ST is District Workshop at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N McLean St, Lincoln IL. We will be serving coffee during registration. A big THANK YOU to those of you who have volunteered to help. County presidents have information for the workshop. Looking forward to seeing you August 21st.

Jane Wood

CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County HCE is keeping busy. We are still making weighted blankets for Project Linus as a Community Outreach project. We were featured on WCIA Channel 3 TV on "The Angels Among Us" program on Monday, April 29th. Jennifer Roscoe, a WCIA TV reporter, interviewed our group on April 25th. We completed eight weighted blankets and three regular Project Linus blankets. Fifteen of our members attended

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and had lunch together while completing the blankets and being interviewed. We



had a sewing day again on June 20th and will have another on July 18th. April 28th was the AutisticWalk at Hessel Park. Elizabeth Michael attended this. Fifteen weighted blankets were given away in drawings that day.

Dorothy Rogers, our special activities chairman, planned another great trip on Saturday, April 20th. We went to Mt. Vernon, IL. We toured the Illinois Artisan Shop. We enjoyed a lunch buffet and then went for wine tasting at a local winery. In the afternoon we went to the Holiday Inn and Conference Center to listen to a Steel Guitar Show. We enjoyed another of Dorothy's great day trips.

On May 3rd we had a "Hats Off To Spring Tea". The Tea Ladies from Bloomington, IL were our entertainment. They were quite interesting in their tales of fancy teacups and beautiful dresses from the Victorian era. We enjoyed a light lunch and the board members gave a brief presentation of the responsibilities of each office. We had ninety one ladies attend.

We are planning our 2nd annual garage sale for August 17th at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. We will be collecting items and setting everything up on August 16th. This was a good fundraiser last year and we are hoping it will be even more profitable this year.

Our Annual Meeting will be September 27th at the Savoy Methodist Church in Savoy.

We are busy planning for HCE week. October 21st will be our Cultural Enrichment Day and October 23rd will be our Membership Day event. November 15th is our International Luncheon. Marge Probasco, our International Chairman, is working on getting an outstanding speaker for this, as she always does.

While we are busy with all of our planning, let's not forget to enjoy the summer. Try to stay cool and enjoy the concerts in the park and things our communities provide for us.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

CLARK.....

Hello from the Clark County ladies again. We love to share in what we have been doing and hope to do the rest of 2013. Our "Hats" were showing on April 15th with the Spring County-Wide Meeting. We asked each lady to wear a hat that represented them and the Cultural Arts judges also judged them on the oldest hat, the most beautiful and the funniest one. All laughs were very co-operative also on their Cultural Arts displays. Talent was abounding. Even our main guest, Marilyn Daughetee. Our program consisted of "Cake Decorating" given by Lisa Claypool and she had each of us to decorate a cupcake that was served as our noon dessert later. Mary Liz Wright, our main coordinator, presented a program on "Hair and Skin Care" that was also very interesting.

So many lovely cultural arts were on display that we all voted one best in each class and certificates were given to each of those ladies. Pat Marrs was voted the best over all of them.

This spring we had a special lesson written locally and given to the units. It was on "Adopt a Pet" and then the ladies all brought pet supplies of cat and dog food, collars, brushes, papers and good rags that were taken to the Clark County Pound for use locally.

During June, each unit had a special craft day and made or told about a project that they had made. So much fun was had with that project.

During July many of the ladies will be "sitters" for the 4-H Fair at the Arts and Crafts Building. This way the visitors will be able to see what 4-Her's have completed during the year.

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The First Vice Presidents from each unit are working together to get lessons for the 2013-2014 Program Booklet. Several new ideas are being applied to help widen our topics of learning. With this, we are hoping for another successful HCE year together.

Yes, we in Clark County are hoping for great things to happen for all of us.

Deloris Maurer
Public Relations

De WITT.....

DeWitt County Home Community Education Association learned recently that tortillas can even be a dessert item. Caitlin Huth gave us very nice (and tasty) examples of different ways to use tortillas and also passed out recipes. We enjoyed it very much and were pleased when 9 ladies came from Macon and Piatt counties for the presentation.

We also learned just how great a resource our local library in Clinton is. They have several databases we can use, computer tutoring, homebound deliveries, programs for the public including showings of older movie classics, legal-aid self help center and digital magazines. The "Tea Ladies" will present "Take Me To The Fair" on June 20th at 7:00 p.m. which should be very entertaining. They have book discussions every other month (in July it will be "Anne of Green Gables"). They also have a first rate genealogy room.

We just had our Annual Day on June 6th and had officers installed by Jane Wood our District 5 Director. Most officers were carryovers with one new officer, Betty Clark taking on the Community Outreach position. Brenda Griffin received a 50 year pin, Marilyn Hall - 40, Pat North - 30, Darla Cutright - 30, Margaret Barnes - 30 and Linda Summers got a 20 year certificate. A memorial was said to remember four of our members we lost last year, those being, Ruth Pevery, Nettie Davenport, Ruth Hart and Jaunita

Crowell. They were members of long standing and will be missed.

Our speaker was Pat Milchuck who has a hat shop in Paxton call "Simply Pats Hats & Things." She demonstrated how she made hats of different materials, how she made them smaller or larger and told us how to wear them (with attitude). She chose ladies from the audience to model some of them.



She gave a door prize of a hat with matching tote which was won by Eleanor Mears (a member of 51 years). Three additional door prizes were given by HCE. They were won by Betty Clark, Jean Wagner and Doris Goodall. Lunch was catered by Black Kettle BBQ from Lane, Il. and was enjoyed by all.



Rosalie Summers made a "Hat" cake.

We have plans to go to Tuscola in July to Flessors Candy Store and for shopping also. In August we are planning to go to Lincoln, Il. to eat out and shop at some resale shops. Our annual Card/ Game Night will be October 1st at the Methodist Church Great Hall in Clinton. The price has not gone up - still \$5 per person with many door prizes and good finger foods. Hope to see several of you there.

Rosalee Summers
Public Relations

EDGAR.....

Edgar County HCE held their Annual Meeting during April, 2013 at the Corner Grill, Chrisman, IL. During the business meeting, awards that the county received at the Annual Conference were on display. It was announced that Marge Houghland's project in Wearable Art for a jacket and Dona Hoult's project, embroidered pillow,

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each received a Grand Champion Blue Ribbon for Best of Show. The program entitled "Pearls from the Wabash River" was presented by Scarlett Johnson. It was a very interesting and she had many examples of pearl buttons and other items made of pearl.

In May, the newly elected officers and retiring officers, met for supper. The retiring officers handed over their box of supplies to the new officers with last minute training. At this board meeting, plans were discussed for the upcoming 4-H Fair. This year there will be two new ones taking over running the food building. The board will assist them in this transition with any help they may need. All officers were told of the August District Workshop and advised to attend if possible to receive training from the state officers.

In June, HCE held a workshop for any 4-Hers enrolled in a sewing project. Many of the projects were 1st year 4-Hers making a 9 patch pillow. Marge Houghland and Marilyn Daughhettee worked with them.

Marilyn Daughhettee
Public Relations

MACON.....

Macon County HCE has had many busy months with our various activities. In April, we had a very important and informative lesson presented by Officer Giles of the Crime Stoppers Program. The Crime Stoppers Office is independent of the Decatur Police Department. In some cases and investigations, Crime Stoppers bring in a U.S. Marshall. All sworn-in U.S. Marshalls can legally assist on any case and location. Officer Giles urged everyone to report a crime, even if it is only a suspicion. Every tip is processed. Some obvious crimes go unreported as the prospective tipster fears his ID will be revealed and retaliation and revenge could come about. He said that could not happen at Crime Stoppers. When a tip is received, the office gives that person a number. No names or addresses are ever spoken.

In May, we had a combined lesson with DeWitt County. Caitlin Huth, U of I Extension, was well versed on the topic, "Wrap it Up!" We learned much from her PowerPoint presentation and recipe hand-outs. The list of uses for tortillas is endless—a salad bowl, burritos, lasagna, pizza crust, quiche, corn chips, cheeseburgers, dessert wraps, and as many different fillings that take you from breakfast to dessert for dinner. We all sampled the various wraps, and went away with lots of ideas and satisfied taste buds!!!

In May, we also celebrated our Macon County Spring Meeting at the Decatur Club. We had a delicious luncheon, an informative business meeting, and an etiquette presentation called, "Do You Think You Can Rival Emily Post?", presented by Amy Leman, from the Extension Office. We certainly learned some new things!!! Several of our new members were present at that meeting. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we look forward to our Fall Meeting!



Our June activity was a trip to the Farrell Farm on a very hot and humid day. There were 56 members who watched the Clydesdales kick up a

dust, heard Phil Farrell speak about the horses and also learned a little about being a livestock exporter. Since the 1860's, the Farrell Farm has always been a family operation with the draft horses. Berry Farrell, fourth generation, and Anna Belle (HCE member), spent 25 years managing the Budweiser Clydesdales in St. Louis, while also keeping the home operation going with their kids, Phil, Lynn and Lou. The Clydesdales were introduced to the Farrell Farms in the late 1960's. It was a fascinating day, and all who attended were delighted and educated about this wonderful operation.

One of our service projects for this year is preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, Illinois. We have four or five

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members who travel to Springfield once a month to prepare a meal for the families who stay at this wonderful facility, while their children are in the Children’s Hospital. We also save our pop tops to take to them to redeem for money for playground equipment at the house. This is a very gratifying project for us!



We will also continue to have our bake sales at the Decatur Downtown Concerts this summer. The proceeds from this activity are used for our Scholarship Fund. We continue to provide at least one scholarship per year. This year our scholarship winner was Camden Cripe, the grandson of Joan Grider, a member of the Hickory Point Unit. Congratulations, Camden!!!

Our Macon County HCE Unit is growing by “leaps and bounds” and we will continue to promote our wonderful group! We are so proud to be awarded the County of the Year again this year! We have a wonderful board of officers who work very hard all year long to be sure our membership have interesting, informative, and entertaining programs. Our goal is always to increase our membership in order to serve our communities better!

Linda Austin
Public Relations

Mc LEAN.....

McLean County Association for Home & Community Education keeps very busy with programs, community activities, trips and service projects.

HCE enjoyed a spring “Tour of Barn Quilts of McLean County”. (See picture of 1898 barn and quilt. Also see picture of David Davis 1868 barn and



floral quilt.). HCE has plans in the fall to see Joliet’s Jacob Henry Mansion, lunch and a musical presentation “Make Your Life Count”. The Old Central Church tour will follow and then a stop at Gji’s Sweet Shoppe before heading for home.

Members join together for “Read and Share” book discussions every other month. The book “The Secret Life of Henrietta Lacks” was recently read and made quite a statement. Each month there are also “Quilt for Kids”, a “Kids Sewing Club” and “Little Dresses for Africa” workshops. A “Friendship Tea” held in February was the perfect opportunity to invite friends to be new members.

Enticing programs have included: New products at the Home Improvement store, Electronic Devices and Social Media, travel around Illinois, plus fact finds on Anise seed and Cumin seed.

Eddy Weiss of “Chasing4Life” based in Iowa shared his storm chasing experiences at a Disaster Preparedness family day sponsored by



HCE May 4th at the Interstate Center! It was an exciting activity for members

helping, attending and the public. The spring weather all over the country meant it was a very timely program. Nearly 300 people attended. (See picture of Red Cross Disaster van that is actually the first mobile kitchen built. The kitchen van is 53 feet long with walk in refrigerator, 40 gallon steam kettle, three 30

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gallon tilting skillets, dual stack convection oven and fully functioning sinks. More than 1 million meals have been prepared in the kitchen since June 2001 for disaster victims.)

Some of our members will travel to the NVON Annual Conference in Frankfort, KY.

By the time this news is being read the 95th McLean County HCE Annual meeting on July 9th will be history. McLean County Fair is July 31 to August 4 – and HCE will host a membership booth plus volunteers to help in different capacities such as fair judges and secretaries. See you in McLean County – come visit.

Pat Pulokas & Barb Jurgens
Public Relations

PIATT.....

Piatt County is making some changes. Our year was changed to the calendar year to be consistent with the Illinois Association of HCE. This next year will be for 18 months as we transition from the old to the new. Dues were increased to \$15 for the 18 months also. We will work out problems as we go. These changes were approved at our Annual Meeting held April 4, 2013.

Annual Meeting theme was "The Many Hats....". Tables were decorated with, of course, hats on stands. Eight new members and three sixty-year members were honored. Officers were installed by Jane Wood our District 5 Director. Cerro Gordo unit member, Vivian Falkner-King presented the program. She told about famous hats of the past and history of hats past and present. She had a display of hats of all kinds. Many members wore hats and several shared stories about their hats.

We joined Macon and DeWitt counties on the Tri-County bus trip to Terra Haute, Indiana on

April 11th. It was a rainy day but that did not matter as we enjoyed the Clabber Girl Baking Powder Factory and Museum, culinary demonstrations on cookies and chocolate candy and lunch. We went to the White Violet Center at St. Mary's of the Woods then home with a stop at the Beef House. Thanks Mindy for planning this.

We hosted the Tri-County Board meeting on June 3rd. This is a day of sharing ideas and promoting programs and events going on in each county. We are encouraged to volunteer to help at the Farm Progress Show food tents in August.

Piatt County will be hosting International Day on Thursday, September 19th. It will be held at the Macon County Extension building. Macon and Piatt units will each provide food for the meal and displays so we can learn about South Africa.

We are planning our Fall Festival to be held on Friday, October 18th from 9am to 2pm at the Monticello United Methodist Church. We are busy making crafts of all kinds for this event. Baked treats and goodies will be available as well as lunch beginning at 11:00am. We'd love to have you join us. This is our 2nd year of reviving this event held in the past.

This has been a busy year for Piatt County and will continue to be.

Nancy Born
Public Relations

SANGAMON.....

On October 20, 1947 Home Bureau was born in Sangamon County. Through numerous name changes we've become the Sangamon County Association for Home & Community Education. For 65 years we have been a strong group of women dedicated to following the Aim of the Homemakers written by Miss Juliet Lita Bane. We celebrated at our annual meeting with a membership speech from IAHCE State President Marilyn Daughetee, a catered meal and singing provided by the Chatham-Glenwood Middle School Choir.

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Big plans are in the works for Annual Fall Festival on September 28, 2013 at the Chatham Community Center, Chatham, Illinois, from 9:00 – 2:00 PM. A band of ladies traveled from Springfield to Arthur to purchase a hand stitched quilt for the quilt raffle. Bright medium blue appliqué flowers on white with only a trace of green adorns this fabulous quilt. Capitol Unit President Linda Sichlau is busy crocheting an afghan to be raffled as well. Several units are meeting to create items for our Holiday Table, while others are cleaning closets, basements and attics for the Odds & Ends sale. Last but not least are the ladies that are planning items for the Bake Sale and Soup and Sandwich Lunch.

Vi Lanum
Public Relations

VERMILION.....

Thanks to all the members who attended the annual county meeting on June 12th. Evaluation results indicate that almost everyone enjoyed the day and the board is glad to know that. You have hard-working board members who joined together to make that happen. One important decision was to support the Vermilion County Disaster Preparedness Project, which easily fulfills the educational divisions of Family Issues, Community Outreach, and Public Relations. Talk about "killing several birds with one stone"! The idea for this project came from Carol Davis. VCHCE is now responsible for the exhibit at the Georgetown Fair this coming August 4- 9th.

With cooperation among Red Cross, the Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency, VCHCEA, CRIS, ministers and some small towns and other civic groups, this project is rolling forward. The mission is to present appropriate information that the general public can put to use as they prepare for various disasters, and learn how to deal with the aftermath of disasters, such as tornado, flooding, storms, and an earthquake. Other concerns include lightning/thunderstorms/winds/hail,

fire, power outage/ice storm, hazardous materials spill. We never dreamed that so many of these catastrophes would pop up while we were still making plans. Members are to be commended for helping to support this event financially. Please call me if you can volunteer or if you have any questions.

Presently, the exhibit supplies (in both English and Spanish) are stacking up, the fair booth is reserved, and we're looking for volunteers to staff the booth.

Materials that will be given to adults are:

- ◆ A booklet recommended by EMA and Red Cross for each family.
- ◆ Two selected hand-outs related to earthquakes and tornados.
- ◆ Any hand-outs prepared by people attending the exhibits (such as HCE brochure).
- ◆ Carry bag
- ◆ Display and explanation of a "Survivor Bag".
- ◆ Small give away items for children.
- ◆ Other youth related activities inside the displays.
- ◆ Daily drawing for a NOAA radio.
- ◆ Last day drawing for "Survivor Bag" and contents (includes NOAA radio).
- ◆ Red Cross is also lending a computer that is needed to project an educational PowerPoint project.

That the latest big news from this county!

Eleanor White.



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DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR Marilyn Schaefer

We have just returned from IAHCE State Board Meeting in Decatur. It is always a great pleasure to be with all the Board as they are a great group of ladies to work with and where we share a lot of information. We stayed at the beautiful remodeled Decatur Conference Center where we will be holding our IAHCE State Convention on March 18-20, 2014. We will be having great tours and share shops.

I have enjoyed the counties where I have installed the newly elected board members. It is nice to see so many ladies and get to know them better. We want you to still wear your "Many Hats of IAHCE". When you look around we all wear many hats but just don't realize it.

Just a reminder that our District Workshop meeting will be held in Mt. Vernon on August 20. You will be receiving your July letter along with the registration paper to fill out and send back to me.

Let's all have a great summer. See you in August.

Marilyn Schaefer

Bond.....

April, May and June is here and gone with Rain, Rain, Rain in Bond County. Put on your rain HAT and proceed!

Bond County/Greenville Health Fair - April 5th - the largest participating health fair in the area. Attended by some 2500 people from Greenville and surrounding areas. Bond County Homemakers Education Association was one of the vendors showing their resources to our community. Pamphlets were passed out describing our services to the area. One of the registrants received a free year's membership.

On April 19th, Helen Leonhardt and Pat Sutton participated in the Health Fair at the local prison, Graham Correctional Center, giving out literature to the employees.

Twelve county members meet every 2nd Tuesday for our HCE Board session - planning extracurricular activities and making plans for the unit lessons. "Taking care of business" pertaining to our county and the other four counties in our group.

"In the Kitchen with Whole Grains" - major lesson - told us to read labels and look for WHOLE before wheat, oats and other grains - much more nourishing for us. "Seeing Well as You Grow Older" - see your optometrist for regular check ups. If you have cataracts, glaucoma or something else serious, see a specialist and follow doctor orders.

Grandparents Have an Important Role in a Child's Life" - they can have a big impact on their lives - as caregivers (to children or/and in return to grandparents), mentors, teacher of many things (teaching life skills), being a friend and confidant. Our unit lessons seek to have information for all ages and interests.

In June, we hosted our 2nd Red Cross Blood Drive on June 3rd at the First Christian Church. Fourteen community participants presented themselves to give blood. HCE members manned the canteen and registration.

Annual meeting is planned for July 2nd. Everyone is asked to wear a hat - keeping with our yearly theme, "The Many Hats of IAHCE". The annual quilt raffle tickets will be on sale - along beside the beautiful yellow quilt on display.

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations



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CLAY.....

Clay County has four units of HCE, which are Aim, Farmerettes, Travelers and Second Wednesday. There are forty-eight members including those in Mail Box..

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 on the second floor of the Depot in Flora. Clay County received an award for the 2012 outstanding program in the category of Special International Events on Trinidad and Tobago. The public was invited with a good response. Instead of the usual luncheon, pastries were served with coffee and tea by the Farmerettes. Marilyn Schaefer, District 6 Director was a special guest. She reported on activities of her group.

All units are asked to bring cookies for a Community Blood Drive and for the 4-H Horse Camp. Pies are asked for the 4-H to serve at the County Fair at Charley Brown Park. Each unit brings items for the Community Food Pantry to the annual meeting.

The Farmerettes made pumpkin pies and served the residents and employees of Flora Gardens Nursing Home. They also collected socks and donated them to the residents. At Flora Care Center they served punch and cookies to the residents and provided entertainment.

Each month each member donates a designated item such as bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels and cereal to the local Food Pantry. Dresses were also made for girls in an African orphanage.

The Farmerettes also had guest speaker, a Christmas Party at Anthony's in Flora and a potluck supper for their farmers (husbands) as guests.

Second Wednesday unit, so named to help remember their meeting date, take turns presenting the lessons and serving as hostesses. They remembered children at Christmas time by sending a committee of four to visit Head Start.

After Mary Ann Brentlinger read The Best Mouse Cookie to the children, each child was given a cookie and a copy of the book. Finally they all chose a cuddly bear for the Christmas gift from the Second Wednesday group. The Second Wednesday ladies and the children enjoined a good time together. A picture and story appeared in the local paper.

At Easter time, two nursing homes were presented with beautiful homemade wreaths to decorate their residence. This also made the newspaper with a picture.

Second Wednesday collected \$75 for "Pennies for Friendship" and sent it to the Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW).

I am finishing the Public Relations position for this year. As Corrie Ten Boon said, "This country needs people with work ethics, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values." Let us be just that!

Mary Ann Brentlinger
Public Relations

EFFINGHAM.....

The Effingham County HCE members made 32 dresses and 30 shorts that were sent to Africa with Norbert Soltwedel, husband of HCE member, Linda Soltwedel. Thirty "dining shawls" made by HCE members were taken to a nursing home.

In July, we will be having a sewing day to make "cancer caps" and other sewing projects.

In August, HCE members will be selling Culver's ice cream at the Effingham County Fair as a fundraiser.

Jean Sporleder
Public Relations



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FAYETTE.....

The Fayette County HCE has been busy with the traditional on-going projects and causes and the newer ones, for there seems to be no lack in the needs of others. Some of our more recent undertakings have been the "Shoe Ministry", which benefits the efforts to provide safe water to third world countries; collecting plastic bottle caps for nursing and assisted living facilities; the Relay for Life Annual event (FCHCE donated a gift basket for the silent auction and also had a HCE informational booth, with handouts of past lessons and of a variety of gifts).

We also participated in Community events i.e., The National Road Festival in Vandalia, during which FCHCE members served as judges in a baking contest. They also handed out HCE information and gifts/favors bearing FCHCE name.

Several members of FCHCE held a "Craft Day" in the Vandalia Extension Office and put together many cute and useful items with the "HCE" on them. These were the ones given out at the events including the FCHCE 65th Annual Meeting and Lunch and in several instances.

Some of the units are involved in the Free Summer Lunches for Kids program.

The Fayette County HCE 65th Annual Meeting was held June 18, 2013, in the fellowship room of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Vandalia. We were honored this year to have Marilyn Daughhete, our IAHCE State President, be our speaker and preside over the Installation of Officers. We decorated the tables with many colorful hats, in keeping with our theme, "The Many Hats of IAHCE", and MS. Daughhete was "Picture Perfect" in her very pretty purple hat.



Attractive plaques were given for the Fayette County Unit of the Year to Vandalia Day and



Sefron Units, as they finished in a tie. Debbie Segrest of Vandalia Day Unit and Phyllis Pryor of Sefron Unit also shared the honor of FC Homemaker of the Year.



We enjoyed the meeting and appreciated our State President's words of encouragement and guidance....and we loved her hat!

About our theme...

The theme this year, "The Many Hats of IAHCE" has been very popular, and fun, as we have used hats for several events such as "Get Acquainted Day". The tables were decorated with the pretty hats, with several hanging about the room. The entertainment was a poem/skit about the "Many Hats of HCE" featuring the "Sefron Golden Girls". A Christmas tree that had been left standing was beautified with pretty hats and twinkle lights and drew several favorable comments about how pretty it looked.

We can hardly wait to learn of next year's theme. This year's will be hard to "top"!

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

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JERSEY.....

The past three months have been very busy - we participated in the Women Walk the World event on April 29th and also had an exercise class at the Senior Center on April 17th, where we were instructed by a lady from Willow Rose Nursing Home in Jerseyville with exercises to help with our arthritis. We also joined in eating lunch at the Senior Center and had a very enjoyable day. Since Health Smart is IAHCE's Family Issues project this year, we are happy to announce that we will be attending regular sessions at the Senior Center every Wednesday morning.

We also delivered the finished Dignity Robes we have been working on for St. Clare's Hospital in Alton on May 3rd. We thank the members of the Royal Neighbors organization for obtaining a grant to help pay for materials to make these robes and also their help in sewing. We are still working on this project. These robes are for ladies who are taking treatments for breast cancer and are so much nicer than the old hospital gowns.



On May 14th, we celebrated our 82nd birthday with the theme, "The Many Hats of HCE". We were entertained by Glenna Taylor, who gave us a very interesting demonstration about how to



membership.

We were invited to a tour of Hazel Dell Farm on June 20th, which was owned by Colonel Wm. H. Fulkerson, who was a Confederate soldier and

came to Jersey County because his wife Cornelia Russell's family owned land north of town, which is where the farm still is today. We were presented with a very interesting history of the Colonel's life and about the farm by the present owner, Brenda Nolan. An interesting side note, the Colonel's hired man was a Mr. Bouska, who was the father of Julia Sunderland, the founder of our own Jersey County HCE. This information was provided to us by her daughter, Mary Lois Shepard of Wisconsin, who is still a member of HCE in Jersey County.

We have been busy working at completing the survey presented to us by IAHCE and will be sending in the results very soon.

Elizabeth Schwab
Public Relations

MACOUPIN.....

Our lesson in May was: "Preventing Falls, Steps You Can Take". Each year, one in three adults age 65 and older falls. Falls can lead to injuries and even increase the risk of death for older adults. Fortunately, a fall is a health problem that is largely preventable.

June lesson was: "Disaster Preparedness" Steps needed to take in order for your family and community to be safe in time of disaster.

July lesson was: "Mold Inside Our Homes" Lesson Material from Miami Co. CFS Educator. Exposure to molds can affect health. People are mainly exposed by breathing spores or other tiny fragments. People can also be exposed through skin contact and by eating mold contaminated food.

April 30, our County Board hosted a Tri-County Board luncheon in Litchfield for the board members from Christian, Macoupin and Jersey County. Each County hosts these meetings which we have found to be enjoyable and enlightening. A time for fellowship and sharing of ideas. Amanda Cole, Director with the

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University of Illinois Extension was able to take time from her very busy schedule to stop in and give a short presentation on some of the things happening in our Counties.

In May we held our first County Meeting of 2013. We are only going to have 2 County meetings this year. The May meeting was considered our "Annual Meeting" consisting of a short business meeting in which 10 certificates and 11 seals were presented for "Volunteer Hours.", a short memorial service in honor of members deceased in the past year, a catered luncheon, followed by a program by Kathy Arnett on "Decorating Tips For Your Home" focusing on "repurposing", followed by a "Silent Auction." A fun time was had by all..

Our Cultural Enrichment group, which meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, has made Yo-Yo Candlemat Doily, Button Bracelets and Mosaic Flower pots.. The Quilting group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. These groups meet at the Extension Office in Carlinville and are open to the public.

August will be Vacation Month. Looking forward to seeing what everyone does for that.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

MADISON.....

The picture is of the 2013-14 MCAHCE Board including Vi Huebner, Carol Chappell, Joyce Cornwell, Cheryl Hacker, Maureen Betts, IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee, Claudia Harju, Kathy Staroba, Alice Stille and Gloria Hartmann all wearing our HATS!!!!



MCAHCE had their annual meeting on April 29th with approximately 105 members present. Many ladies wore their hats and the best of show was awarded to Kathy Staroba. We presented a 65 membership award to Kay Losch with many following her footsteps. We had a wonderful lunch and Debbie Henninger presented a program on "Hobo Quilts".

Prior to our annual meeting we had our "Disaster Preparedness Fair" with Eddy Weiss as our main speaker. We had a fair number attend and all had positive comments regarding our main speaker. In addition, we had Kim Strellis from Monroe County who presented her program on Sam, Ready I Am. With the continual stormy weather we have had this spring and summer, people missed a great opportunity on how to prepare for emergencies. We felt it was a good afternoon of education, fun for the kids and great vendors who provided additional emergency information.

Joyce Cornwell and the First Vice Presidents put on a wonderful high-tea for our new members. We had 40 new members who joined this past year through March 2013. We are at 287 members and the goal is to get 300 members for this year. Carol Harmon of Edwardsville presented a historical account of hats through the decades with a wonderful collection of vintage hats. Our members truly enjoy the tea and Joyce and her group work hard to present a wonderful event.

On May 14th we visited Clark County--Casey, Martinsville, and Moonshine (for great hamburgers). We had to take two buses to accommodate our reservations. Moonshine, is only open from 11-12:30 p.m. to serve. They did a good job serving considering all of the people. We loved the shops in Martinsville and Casey--home of the largest windchimes! We even had a hat contest for the day--Gloria Blechle wore a hat she made with maps as the most unique hat (cute too) and a guest, Dagmar Annabel, won for the cutest hat. It was a fun day!

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Believe it or not, we are experiencing a little quiet time, but are working on plans for late summer and fall. Claudia Harju and the Alton Crafters are hoping to get in a Summer Cool Down offering craft and heritage skill classes the end of August.

Wendy Brady is working with Senior Services Plus to offer exercise classes in September. Currently, she is collecting items for H.I.S. KIDS summer camp which will be in July.

Alice Stille is getting ready for International Night on October 7th. She is planning a menu and has her speaker. It should be a good evening of good food and seeing the sights of South Africa.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the LeClare Christian Church 1914 Esic Drive, Edwardsville, IL for Christmas In November "Piney Woods Christmas". We are having Bob Artine from Belleville as our entertainment and a meal at 6:30p.m. (If you have any questions about reservations, call me at 618-488-7254.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Barbara Spencer



People don't have to go out of state to see beautiful scenery, just come to southern Illinois. I think we take it for granted. It has been a pleasurable spring this year and I enjoyed getting to visit so many of the counties in District 7. Everyone is so gracious. I don't think I've ever seen so many antique hats. The weather didn't co-operate a lot of the time, but we just grabbed umbrellas and waded on through.

Washington County had their meeting at the Old Hotel and Hot Springs in Okawville and it was a first time for me to be there. I believe everyone should check it out. I met Clara Barton there and in Jefferson County, I met Molly Brown. It rained so hard in Williamson County that they had an umbrella brigade so that "The Hat Lady" could get her hats to the car. Elaine Wilson played the harp in White County, but missed hearing her in Wayne County. I was surprised that the motivational speaker at Hamilton County was a young lady who was in 4-H with my daughter and was once the best secretary we ever had in Franklin County.

I know I've missed some of you, but please know that every place I went was special. We have a mini-district meeting in our area and the counties got to exchange ideas and visit with their counterparts. I wish them all a wonderful summer.

Barbara Spencer



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FRANKLIN.....

The corn and soybeans are all planted and now the wheat is ready for harvest. We hope this will make up for last year's bad time. The Franklin County Board returned home from conference in time to work out plans for the annual Home, Garden, and Craft Day. There were more and different vendors this year, more different things to look at and tempt you to buy. We did really well which helped our account.

In April, we celebrated our 67th annual anniversary with our founder, Lucille Craddock. She is one lady who wore many hats during the years - she was teacher, advisor, and mentor. I never had her for a teacher, some of our board had and she was my daughter's counselor. Joy Richey, our former county leader, installed officers. We had very special entertainment with the "Hat Lady" who has been collecting hats since she was a very young girl.

Our ladies are still sewing neck coolers and are ready to send shipments overseas. We don't really slow down in the summer, just gear up for the fall.

Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

HAMILTON.....

Hamilton County enjoyed a nice spring with lots of rain but pleasant temperatures compared to last year. We all know that hot and humid weather will soon be here. In the meantime we're keeping busy with our HEA activities. Our annual Day in April was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker was great! We had three members pass away in the past year and memorial donations were collected and a contribution was made to the local Hospital Auxiliary in their memory.

Our taco salad lunch and bake sale fundraiser in April was a huge success. A quilt is being completed and will be raffled off later in the year.

An interesting Lesson for Living training on *Edible Arrangements* was given in April. It was beautiful to look at and delicious to eat. Another lesson given this spring was *Decorating Bakery Goods*. They were pretty and we all enjoyed sampling the finished products.

For several years we've held our June board meeting at Dolan Lake followed by a picnic for all members and guests. Unfortunately, more spring rain came and our picnic was moved to the courthouse basement this year. It didn't dampen the spirit of the 50 who attended including children, nursing home residents, assisted living residents, members and other guests. Everyone enjoyed the food and made several origami projects. It turned out to be a successful day after all.

Our next activity will be a bus trip to Bald Knob Cross and a dinner and music show in Kentucky in July. We're all looking forward to spending the day together.

There is never a dull moment in our county as our Community Outreach Director, Karol Brown, keeps us all busy collecting stamps for hospitalized veterans, paper products, can tabs, hard plastic lids, box tops for education and bingo prizes for the bingo parties we sponsor at the assisted living facility.

We hope to slow down a bit for the summer months and be ready to get back in full swing when fall arrives. Enjoy your summer!

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JACKSON.....

Summer is in full swing in Jackson County. We have all been so busy with gardening and vacations. We began our spring with a program on hummingbirds with Cathie Hutcheson in March. Ms. Hutcheson is certified by the Federal Government to trap and band hummingbirds. She tagged, weighed and recorded statistics on over 7,500 humming birds in Southern Illinois.

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This program was attended by 76 HCE and community members.

The Jackson County HCE ladies also attended their annual luncheon meeting in April, celebrating "The Many Hats of HCE". In May we enjoyed a Family Educator taught lesson on *Celebrations and Traditions*. In June a program presented by Coralee Lauder on *Make a Mix* was presented. Members took home many new ideas how to streamline their pantries and how to make more nourishing meals for their families.

Also in June, HCE Board members Jane McLaughlin, Ruth Robinson, Rose Bost and Becky McIntosh assisted with 4-H days. In July the ladies will be attending a program by Sid Milner on the *Odd, Strange and Curious Southern Illinois*. This will be a wonderful program and is open to the community. A full line up of classes is expected to begin in September for the fall. We hope to see you all come out and enjoy Jackson County.

Remember the HCE Program entitled "Odd, Strange, and Curious Southern Illinois" is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th @ 2:00 pm and will take place in the auditorium at Jackson County Extension building on the Ava Blacktop in Murphysboro, Il. Retired school teacher, Sid Milliner from Mt. Vernon, IL will speak to "worthless bits of information you can't live without knowing about Southern Illinois!" Examples...*Just where is there gold buried in southern Illinois? Where is the silver mine located? Who was the one-armed Civil War major from Carbondale? Who was the last man hanged in Illinois? Whose home has been called the Mt. Vernon of the West? How is the game Crackers Neck played? Where is the only covered bridge in deep Southern Illinois?*

This presentation is free to the public; just call 687-1727 to register; Come and learn about the uniqueness of our southern Illinois region in this great country! Bring your husband, daughter, son, friends. All are invited.

Jean Conrad
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

Greetings from the Jefferson County HCE, down here in Southern Illinois, where the fields are green with growing corn and soy beans and golden winter wheat. It is a beautiful site. Our "Many Hats of HCE" themed Annual Meeting was beautifully decorated with hats of many shapes and sizes. Each unit decorated their own tables and we had a lovely assortment of unique ideas. We had a good turn out and enjoyed the meal and the entertainment. Our guest speaker, Sharon Nicholas, a member of the JCHCE, portrayed Molly Brown, gave us such a wonderful performance, many left the meeting feeling like we had just met the famous Molly Brown. Our Sentinel newspaper featured her in a large article that gave us some nice publicity. Libbey Harrah was the recipient of our Past President Memorial Scholarship. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing or counseling. Our community outreach project that evening involved collecting cleaning supplies to donate to two of our area food pantries. Their funds have been drastically cut and donations are low, they barely have enough to get food for the needy. The ladies at the pantries were so appreciative and excited about surprising the patrons with the cleaning supplies. To top it all off our silent auction had great results.



All our units are brain storming during their meetings, writing down ideas on how we can promote our organization and increase membership. We have an advisory meeting planned in August to vote on and decide which ideas we want to include during HCE week, and other ideas to use during the year. International is in the process of meeting families native to South Africa, with the hopes of having them speak during International night.

Just in time for the hummingbirds to venture back to our area, Treasa Brookman gave a

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wonderful lesson in April on how to attract them to our back yards. Our May lesson, taught by Diane Laur, making cards using recycled items found around the house was a great success; everyone seems to enjoy the card making lessons. In June, the Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder gave an over view of her office and her job. It was a very interesting presentation and she answered all questions our members had.

July finds the JCHCE is gearing up to volunteer at this year's 4-H general projects show and fair. In August, we will be busy baking and helping the 4-H with their BBQ, and looking forward to the District Workshops.

The youth crochet class went over very well, and there have been many requests for an adult class. The plans for the adult class are in the works. A quilting class is also under consideration.

The GROW committee in Jefferson County has compiled the results in preparation for a report that will be sent to the IAHCE in July. The surveys will be used to guide planning and growth for the HCE.

Here is a little tidbit for you to keep under your hat. "For every fog in August, There will be a snowfall in winter".

Silvana Morss
Public Relations

MASSAC.....

The **Multi-County HCE Conference** will be at Shawnee College on October 14th. Nine different classes will be offered with registration from 8-8:45 a.m. Classes will start at 9:00 a.m. If you haven't had a chance to attend in the past, make this one your first! The Traveling Trophy will be given to the county with the highest attendance, most guests (non-HCE members), and a best-of-show quilt award will be given. Each county is asked to supply 3 door prizes and each unit is asked to supply 1 silent auction item. Wear your favorite hat and bring a guest!!

PERRY.....

President Jane Chapman represented Perry County HCE at a Health Fair in Pinckneyville in May. The topic presented was "Sodium" and many people were surprised the amount of sodium consumed daily.

Scholarship winners were announced too. Emily Schmidt and Joel Vancil each received \$500 scholarships to attend college.

We are starting to put on our "Many Hats of HCE." Program planning has taken place for the upcoming year. Basket themes have come in from the units. Baskets are given away at the Holiday Ideas Day as well as our raffle quilt. In a planning stage is a unique activity for August. Working in conjunction with Manor at Mason Woods, HCE will sponsor a one-day quilt display and quilt turning event while the Thresherman Show has their summer show in Pinckneyville come August. I will put details on our related site at IAHCE.org when available. The Rural Heritage Museum is also a must-see while at the show.

A fundraising dinner will take place in September with proceeds helping Perry County 4-H Federation, Perry County Jail Museum and our own HCE. We hope to make this an annual event.

Officers and directors will be in Mt. Vernon August 20th for District meeting and training. Our goal for the coming year is an increase in membership. President Jane will visit with all the units to kick off the new year in September.

Just a small tip from Perry County newsletter: "Hangers" was the topic. Everyone has closets full of seasonal clothes. At the beginning of the next season remember to hang all the clothes with the hanger facing backwards. As you wear an item, turn the hanger right side forward. At the end of the season you will be surprised how much clothing you thought you would wear when in fact you never got it out at all! Then donate away all the things still hanging backwards. Next season's colors or style will be different and the old items will just hang there again.

Carolyn Bathon
Public Information

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RANDOLPH.....

Reaching out into the community is a goal for the Randolph County board and the unit members. A class on knitting or crocheting the fluffy scarves was held and there was a good attendance. At the same event, there was a lesson on applique. Those in attendance were served a soup and salad luncheon

Another "reaching out" project was making quilts for World Relief. The quilts were assembled and tied. They will be sent all over the world as well as those in this country suffering disasters.

At the annual meeting, Sonja Lallenmand, a horticulturist with Extension, was the guest speaker and gave a presentation on the featured country Trinidad-Tobago. Janel Kassing will continue as president. She will be elected to Barbara Spencer's position as District 7 Director at the District Workshop.

Jane Lucht
Public Relations

WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members are ready for summer and its activities so enjoy the summer. Have fresh fruits and vegetables which one has grown or purchased at farmers markets, such as peaches, watermelons and, of course, ice cream is always so good!

Our HCE members are busy as they volunteer for the 4-H shows. They help them by being recorders or judges at their clothing, foods, child development and interior design projects. HCE members will also help with the county 4-H cooking schools held in July at the Okawville High School. Members can record their volunteer hours for the state records.

Our county HCE members are invited to participate in State Representative Charles Meier and State Senator Kyle McCarter's Annual Senior Fair held at Nashville Community Center in July

as we will set up a table displaying our HCE hand quilted quilt and pass out brochures of our events and activities.

Our officers will attend our District Workshop held in Mt. Vernon displaying our quilt and receiving information to pass to our members.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations



WHITE.....

It's been a wet, cool spring in White County, but summer finally arrived. HCE has been very busy. Seven Board members went to State Conference in March and all agreed it was one of the best conferences we had attended.

One of our members won Best of Show award for her Recycled Quilt made out of Crown Royal bags. Linda Johnson has made four of these quilts and donated them to the local Elks and American Legion clubs. The clubs raffle them off and money from the raffle of the quilts is used to finance the transportation of veterans to the hospital and also the money raised is used for military rites at the veterans funerals. Linda did not attend conference so the award was presented to her at our Annual Day in April.



We had one of our money making projects, our annual Style Show and Salad Luncheon in April. About 150 ladies and men attended. Also, each HCE unit in the county made a themed basket to raffle off. This was very successful.

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White County held their Annual Day, also in April, with 43 ladies and men attending. We were blessed to have Elaine Wilson to present a musical program on her harp after which honors and awards were presented and installation of officers for the coming year was held. A memorial service was held as we paused to remember our last charter member, Gladys White. She had been a member for 73 years.

We've had a lot of good lessons this year and the last lesson for the year was *Breakfast Ideas*. So we had a breakfast brunch and invited several guests. It was well attended with one guest becoming a new member.

Several members of the Board are helping judge 4-H activities in July and serving breakfast and lunch too.

Our second six county Fall Fest is being planned for September 26th and our annual fall fundraiser, the Country Rhodes Fish Fry is being planned for November 1st. This is always a fun event and brings about 400 people out for an "all you can eat" fish dinner.

We are still collecting soda tabs and starting an exercise program for Smart Health.

As you can see, we are very busy in White County, but hope each of you has taken the time to stop and smell the roses.

Ruth Norris
Chairman of White County

WILLIAMSON.....

HCE of Williamson County has set a date of September 17th for the Family Issues Update Program. This conference combines our county and Franklin County. We alternate the location, and this year we again are hosting it. With the theme of the "Many Hats of HCE", outgoing District Director, Barbara Spencer, requested our

county make hat shaped foam name tags for the August 20th District Workshop in Mt. Vernon like we had at our April Annual Meeting in Crab Orchard. We will stay after the July board meeting to work on the requested 200 name tags.

On June 29th the Crab Orchard Unit will be serving lunch at the Lighthouse Shelter. The board recently served lunch as our county does this on the fifth Saturday of any month. In addition to this outreach, our county contributes to the Gumdrop Project in Cartersville. This is a program to help students who are in need of food over a week-end and the schools recommend the recipients for the packages of easily stored and prepared snacks. We have other projects we hope to get involved with in area communities.

Our annual Bazaar is to be November 2nd and we will be back at the Williamson County Fairgrounds after a few years relocating. Parking is good, and we look forward to seeing what the ladies can create for the season. Last year we saw many of the ruffled scarves in pretty colors. Some years we have jewelry, aprons, ornaments, baked goods, and always a raffle. This year the raffle will be for themed baskets created for each unit. We also serve lunch at this event.

Our photo is of a recent High Tea sponsored by the Care and Share Unit of Herrin. With our HCE theme of hats, we decided to invite all the Williamson County units and to encourage attendees to wear hats. Another activity this spring hosted by the same unit was the International Luncheon where Karen Williams helped with the program on Trinidad and Tobago by inviting a speaker who has traveled there several times. We also sampled some of the regional foods from those islands.



A final activity we did this spring at the HCE office was to have a craft day where we learned several new crafts.

Marie Samuel, Public Relations

SUPPORT YOUR IAHCE BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a "few good" women to become a member of the IAHCE State Board. This coming year, four offices will be available. The First Vice President, Treasurer, Public Relations/Newsletter and CVH/Sales positions are up for election. IAHCE State Board Application on page 54-55 of your Guidebook. Deadline October 1st. Duties are in the Bylaws.

First Vice President - Performs duties of the IAHCE President if absent, member of Executive Committee, serves as Education Committee Chairman, lesson coordinator. Other details on page 5 of Guidebook. Must have served a three year term on the IAHCE Board of Directors.

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Public Relations/Newsletter - Editor of the State Newsletter who prepares articles, photos for the newsletter for three issues a year. Receives articles from State officers and counties. Keeps records of subscription data. Promotes subscriptions.

CVH/Sales - Keeps records of Certified Volunteer Hours, giving certificates and seals out during each Conference, keeps sale items to sell at IAHCE functions and mails orders to counties.

All offices are required to attend State Conferences, District Workshops and two board meetings during the year. Each leads a share shop/lesson at each Conference and District Workshop and travels with the board during the District Workshops.

Are you ready to serve your State IAHCE Board and Illinois counties? Contact Marilyn Schaefer, Effingham, District 6 Director and Nominating Chair for further information. Address inside front cover of this issue.

UPCOMING DATES

2013 IAHCE District Workshops

District 1 & 2/3..... August 22, 2013
Christian Church, East Moline

District 4 & 5..... August 21, 2013
Christian Church, Lincoln

District 6 & 7..... August 20, 2013
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

2014 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 18-20, 2014 Decatur Conference & Hotel

NVON, CWC, ACWW CONFERENCES

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 16-18, 2013 in Frankfort, Ky.

CWC (Country Women's Council USA)
September 25-27, 2014
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

ACWW September 26-October 2, 2013
Chennai, India.

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OUR WEBSITE LATELY? www.iahce.org

There is a lot of information for our members here on the IAHCE website. Such as "How to Join", who your state officers are, lessons from members and the U of I, photos of all of the IAHCE sale items, photos from 2006 of conferences and District Workshops, related sites which include web pages of some of our counties where you can read what they are doing in their counties and links to NVON, CWC and ACWW.

Take a few minutes or an hour and just see what you are missing. If you don't have a computer, I bet a grandchild can help you "surf the web".

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