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From the Desk of the President

Greetings,

What a great start to our HCE year. Thank you for the great turn out to the district meetings. The program on Hobo Quilts was fabulous. Please use the opportunity of another great lesson which you received to use in your county. I think it will make a great way to let many in your community learn about HCE. It also will be a great membership drive.



Nancy Remmers, Treasa Brookman and I traveled to the NVON Annual Conference at Green Bay, Wisconsin in July. Nympha White, past IAHCCE 1st Vice President, was elected treasurer. We heard great speakers, had interesting classes and, of course, had a tour to Green Bay Packers stadium. I think all the husbands went to the stadium. One thing most interesting was watching a cheese carver. He carved the emblem of NVON out of a 40 lb. block of cheddar cheese. The pieces he cut away were shared with all of us. Delicious.

In September, Nancy Remmers, CWC secretary, and I traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the annual CWC conference. We had a great time meeting many people from many states. The classes and speakers were fantastic. It was so much fun to see the delegation from South Carolina give an invitation for next year's conference in Charlotte, S.C. Scarlett O'Hara, Rhett Butler and others from "Gone with the Wind" told about South Carolina. We were certainly entertained.

Now, we are at that time of year to plan for the annual conference, complete award applications and finish our Christmas shopping and baking cookies. I hope it snows just a little on Christmas and all your family will be home for the holidays.

Membership increase is important to our organization. Please invite someone to your next unit meeting or county event. HCE has a lot to offer, so please share our wonderful organization with others.

A quote from John Wooden "Enthusiasm brushes off upon those with whom you come in contact. You must truly enjoy what you are doing". So spread the enthusiasm.

Please have a very special Blessed Christmas and holiday. Be safe through the winter months and hope to see you all in March at Effingham.

Marilyn Daughettez
IAHCCE State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st Vice President Treaasa Brookman



Hello!

Greetings from Southern Illinois!

So glad it has finally cooled off and some rain has come.

I am excited as I have reached one goal I had for First Vice President. I now have an e-mail contact in each of our 82 counties. Some are not the 1st VP but will pass on the information.

So far I have sent you the new lessons chosen for 2012-13 and they are being written by the educators. In 2012, we will get the schedule for when they will be given by Telnet or a package lesson. Then I sent the Telnet schedule for lessons up to April 2012. I have asked for you to send me lessons you would like to see the Educators present in the future. The three program areas are; Consumer Economics, Family Life and Nutrition and Wellness. After I receive three suggestions for each area, I will combine them. In March at our Conference we will vote on those that were submitted.

A list of the last 5 years topics have been sent, so you could see those chosen in the past.

We are going to have only one First Vice President Share Shop. Since we have done so much ahead of time, I think one session will do. Jenna Hogan, U of I Liaison will be there.

Mark your calendars for March 27-29, 2012 and plan to come to Effingham – Keller's Convention Center. We want this to be a special time to honor volunteers. So come and enjoy yourself.

Treaasa Brookman

2nd Vice President Sandra Bechtold



Dear IAHCE Members,

As I read about your activities in the newsletter, I'm so excited about what you are all doing. We talked about County Brochures in our Workshop class. I suggested each county make up one and send them home with guests, especially 4-H youth when you do a program. One of the programs we did with the 4-H was a "No Cooking" food class and many of you requested two of the recipes. So here they are. Keep up the good work with our organizations---it's worth talking about.

CHICKEN CUPS

1/2 C light mayo
1/2 tsp. dried dillweed or lemon pepper seasoning
1 9 oz pkg. frozen chopped chicken breast thawed
1/2 C chopped broccoli
1/4 C purchased shredded carrots

28-32 baked scoop shaped tortilla chips

Put mayo and dillweed in a small bowl. Stir with wooden spoon to mix. Put chicken, broccoli and carrots in the medium bowl. Pour mayo mixture over chicken, toss to coat. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for up to 24 hrs. Serve in baked tortilla chips.

CHOCOLATE ROLLS

2 tbsp. butter, softened
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 C unsweetened cocoa powder
3/4 C dry milk powder
3 C confectioner sugar
1/2 C white corn syrup



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Mix ingredients together in a plastic bag. Knead like you would for bread and when mixed well, roll into a small log and cut into desired lengths.

Please do not confuse Extension Units or clusters with IAHCE counties or districts. They are not the same. Extension made changes but not IAHCE districts or counties.

May God Bless and watch over your loved ones in Harms' Way.

Sandy Bechtold



Secretary
Carolyn Fisher

Secretary Notes

Sometimes ideas coordinate without any communication between parties. President

Marilyn Daughhete added the information about "The Collect" to her IAHCE District Workshops packet; I added information about "The Aim" to mine. We both hope that you enjoyed the historical information.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, your County President should have received the President's Pre-Annual Conference Packet in the mail. If I received your current list of County Officers (Secretary's Report), then the packet reached the correct person. In the Spring when Jane Chapman mailed the International packets, six were returned to her due to incorrect information. The First Vice President does an October mailing and sometimes the Treasurer needs to do a mailing. They use the addresses which I supply to them. Please remember to send your current list of County Officers (Secretary's Report) to both your District Director and the IAHCE Secretary. If your list remains the same, let us know and we make a date note on the list which was sent

last year. You do want your county to receive its mailings.

Finish your "Circus Extravaganza" and bloom where you are planted as you plan for the 2012 IAHCE Annual Conference "IAHCE Garden of Volunteers" March 27th through 29th.

Until then, be brief,

Carolyn Fisher



Treasurer
Jane Chapman

Wow, seems like I was just writing the last article for the newsletter just yesterday! Time sure does fly by when you are having a good time. I

hope all have been able to get all the state and federal reports done without much effort. I know I have had a few calls from counties with some problems. I am glad they call and that I am able to help, so please call me if you have issues with something. If I do not know the answer, I have great resource people that I can contact to get the answer for you.

By now you should have had the Pennies for Friendship mailed into me, if not, do so soon! The next thing you need to be getting done is your county dues in the mail and postmarked to me by January 15, 2012. Don't forget the transmittal sheet that needs to be sent with the dues check. The transmittal sheet can be found in the guidebook or on the IAHCE website. The importance of getting your dues to me in a timely manner is so your county is eligible to have voting delegates at the annual conference in March. If I do not have the dues by the end of January your county loses its voting delegates at conference. Remember, too, that you pay dues on the number of members your county has as of December 31, 2011. The membership number should be the same number that is turned into the District Director by January 5, 2012. The District Director then turns that number into the state

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Second Vice-President. The state Second Vice and I then compare numbers and if we don't correspond we will be calling someone!

One last thing before I sign off, has your county been thinking about applying for a Support Fund Grant? I hope so. The application can be found in the guidebook and on the IAHCE website. If you have any questions about the application, please, contact me. The applications must be postmarked and in the mail to me by June 1, 2012. So, if your county is planning a big event that pertains to membership, promoting HCE, or new lessons the Support Fund grant can help finance the event.

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you are doing plus it's contagious!

Jane Chapman



Community Outreach

Vi Huebner

The IAHCE State Board members have returned from our October board meeting all fired up and ready to go for our 2012

Conference in March.

The Community Outreach project for 2012 will be on "Special Activities - Tourism in Illinois".

January 31, 2012 will be the post marked deadline for the Education Award applications on "Citizenship", "Safety", "Environment" and "Special Activity". Be sure to list your application on the correct sub-categories.

This is my last year as Community Outreach Director. It has been a great privilege to work with such a nice group of ladies. I will miss everyone greatly but hope you will welcome my replacement with open arms and with an open mind. Remember to be patient. We are all volunteers and continue to learn. See you in March!

Vi Huebner



Family Issues

Norma Korte

Hello from Southern Illinois! I hope you have had a good harvest either from the garden or the crops in the field. We have been very thankful for the weather and productive harvest this fall.

I have just returned from the IAHCE State Board meeting in Effingham. Several new and interesting features have been added to the IAHCE Convention for 2012. Make plans to attend!! I will be presenting the award for the largest aluminum tab collection again this year for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (or other charity of your choice). I hope to receive more applications this year for the Family Issues Education Award. Applications can be found in the IAHCE Guidebook on page 52, and the instruction pages on 30, 49, 50 and 51. The Family of the Year application is on page 31, 32 and 33.

During the District Meetings in August, I shared with you about the many ways you might help a family who has a child with cancer or any other health issue. The main purpose of the workshop was to help educate others on the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease.

Family Issues and Cultural Enrichment have been working together on the "Quilts for Kids" project this year. Thank you for all the quilts you have sent to Kay! These quilts will be given to children who are dealing with health issues.

The Family Issues focus for 2012 will be Autism Awareness. Autism has become a concern for many families in the last few years. For that reason, I felt it was important to learn more information to help educate families in our communities. The Family Issues share shop in March will include a roundtable discussion from three mothers who have children with various forms of Autism. Their stories and experiences

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will help all of us become better informed about autism. Autism Awareness Month is April, so I will have additional information available during the state conference.

Keep collecting those aluminum tabs, and thank you for your support of the Family Issues projects and programs!

From the Korte family,
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

Norma Korte



Cultural Enrichment

Kay Brinkley

Hi ladies,

I enjoyed working with you at District workshops. I came home with several new ideas and hope you did too. I appreciate all of you participating by bringing a craft for show and tell. We will do "Show and Tell" again next year at District workshops so start planning now on what you can share!

Several of the counties are making the "Quilts for Kids". The ladies wanting to send their quilts to Amy McGinness can do so at her **NEW address.** Amy McGinness, 12709 N 600th St. Paris, IL. 61944. Her **NEW** e-mail address is abasket@indy.net. Phone numbers: Home # 217-884-2201, Cell # 217-822-2070. This should solve some of the problems you were experiencing in contacting Amy.

The Special Olympics Scarf Project is due by Dec.16, 2011, so they can be used in the 2012 special Olympic Illinois State Winter Games in Galena, IL. Place each scarf individually in a Ziploc bag for sanitary reasons. Several scarves can be placed in same box. Ship to: Special Olympics Illinois, Attn. Scarf Project, 605 E. Willow Street. Normal IL. 61761.

Thank you is not enough for all of your hard work and dedication to our projects. I recently received pictures of the little pillow case dresses being modeled by the African children. I will display the pictures at conference for all to see. You can all feel proud of being a part of this project when you see the smiles on the children's faces.

As a reminder: Education Award Reports are due post marked no later than Jan. 31st, 2012. They are to be mailed to me at my address: 109 Beverly Dr. Paris, IL. 61944.

All registrations for "Best of Show" will be mailed to me at same address. You may bring from your County "Best of Show" entries: **1 Quilt, 6 Heritage Skills.** I would like to have most registered by March 1, 2012. Since some of you have your competition later than March 1st, send me information as soon as you get it, or bring it to conference. All items for exhibit should be at Cultural Enrichment room by 11:01 AM, Tuesday, March 27th.

We have four confirmed crafts for **Make-It Take-It** at Conference. If anyone is interested in making a craft to share at conference, contact me by phone or send a picture and price of craft to me by mail. Descriptions and photos of the projects are on page 44.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Conference!

You may contact me at: Home 217-465-7568 or Cell 217-822-5756.



Kay Brinkley

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International Jane Chapman

Greetings,

I am presently at the State Board meeting in Effingham and I had some free time so I thought I would prepare this note for the newsletter. I hope by now everyone is well into learning about Scotland. I have heard many clever things that different counties are doing with Scotland and it's great to know that this has been a fun Country to Study.

I just want to remind you of a few things coming up. By the time you get this your Pennies for Friendship should have been mailed into the state treasurer. If you haven't, please do so soon. If you would like to have more info on the Women Walk the World project that ACWW is promoting, go to the ACWW website <http://www.acww.org.uk/> and click on Women Walk the World to see a slide presentation. The activity is scheduled for April 29, 2012, at 10:00AM, our time. The day is considered to be ACWW Day and this activity is to raise funds for Pennies for Friendship, raise awareness of ACWW and promote better health. Hopefully your county will join in the world wide walk.

While on the website of ACWW, check out the Pen Friend – Correspondence link. This link can give you info on how to correspond with someone from another country. There is also a form in the IAHCE Guidebook or on the IAHCE website www.iahce.org that you can fill out to obtain a pen pal.

Soon, I will be working on the new Country of Study for 2012 lesson plan that will be announced at the March annual conference. I hope you find this new country as interesting and fun as the current one seems to be.

A couple more reminders and I will sign off for the current time. Don't forget to get your Mini-Stipend Applications in the mail and postmarked to me by January 31, 2012. The other thing is your application for the

International Education Award, it should be in the mail and postmarked to me by January 31, 2012. Both, the Mini-Stipend and Education Award, applications can be found in your IAHCE Guidebook or on the IAHCE website. I hope to see a lot of both applications coming to me in January.

Take care, laugh often, and have a great holiday season! See you in March at the conference!

Jane Chapman



Public Relations Sharon Middleton

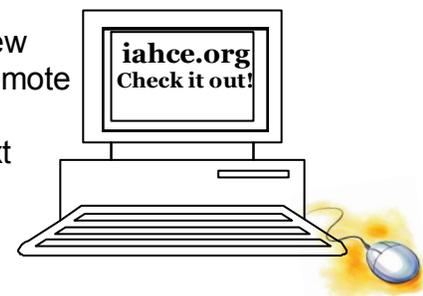
With all the Fall colors around us, it is my favorite time of the year. The heat has gone and there is just a little nip to the air.

It then reminds me of all that is coming up whether it be for HCE or for family and the holidays.

As you have read in the previous Director articles, we have just returned from our last Board Meeting of the year. It was full of work to make sure that you have a great conference in March, 2012. Be sure you check out the registration in the center of this newsletter. In fact, pull that section out so that you can make copies of the pages that you will be sending to various members of the board for registration, etc.

Your county President will be receiving a packet with various information for the upcoming conference. In it you will find a News Release for the conference that you can use before or after you attend the 2012 conference. Adjust it to your needs.

I hope to have a few new ideas how you can promote membership in your counties during the next year. Be sure to bring your ideas to share



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with the others in my shareshop.

I was so happy with all of the counties who sent in their articles for this issue of the State Newsletter. Everyone met the deadline of November 1st. It helps me get all of the articles checked and inserted so that I can get it out on time. This year my goal was to get it out before Thanksgiving and I think it might be possible. So again, thank you for being prompt with your articles.

Other deadlines are coming up too! The Education Award booklets are due January 31, 2012. I hope that I see lots of Public Relation booklets showing me and the board all you have been doing in your counties to make people in your area aware of who you are and what you do for your county.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. We'll see you all in the New Year!

Sharon Middleton

CVH/Sales

Karen Halicki



Volunteer, it keeps our county going. I know how busy everyone is and it is so good to see the numbers at the end of the year.

You are wonderful folks for going out of your way to help others. What a great thing that is for IAHCCE, your County and your neighborhood when you step up to volunteer. Remember to get your hours to your county rep so they can mail them to me by January 31, 2012.

The Sales items are always available. If you need anything, just e-mail, call or drop me a note. I can mail them (you pay postage) or have them ready for pick up at the Annual Meeting in March at Effingham, IL. Check out the items at IAHCCE website www.iahce.org.

I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the District Workshops. Thank you Mt Vernon, Washington and Dixon, area HCE members, you made each workshop special.

Karen Halicki

U of I LIAISON

Jenna (Hogan) Smith



Jenna was married yesterday (as of this writing), October 21, 2012. We want to congratulate Jenna and her husband on their marriage. They are enjoying their honeymoon

in Aruba! CONGRATULATIONS!!

**VOLUNTEER HOURS
ARE DUE TO THE CVH
DIRECTOR BY
JANUARY, 31, 2012**



2012 - IAHCE STATE BOARD CANDIDATES

Nominating Committee Report

The IAHCE Nominating Committee interviewed potential candidates for the IAHCE Board on October 16th. The following names will be placed on the ballot for election at the 2012 IAHCE Annual Conference Business Meeting on March 28, 2012.



Marilyn Daughhete of Edgar County has applied for a second term for the position of President. She has been a member of HCE for 42 years and served at the county level as President, 2nd Vice, Ways and Means, and

Public Relations. At the state level she has served as District 5 Director and President. Marilyn has five children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She is active in the community, enjoys working with people and is willing to try new ideas.



Donna Richards of Jasper County has applied for Secretary. Donna has been a member of HCE for 16 years and served at the county level as President, Secretary, Cultural Enrichment, and International Director. She

also has been on the Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper Counties Advisory Council. Donna has gained numerous secretarial and computer program skills through her last full-time employment. She has two daughters, two grandsons and mentors single young mothers through the PUSH program. Donna has served on the Lake Land College Alumni Board of Directors and works with the Toys for Tots program. She likes to crochet and cross stitch in her spare time.



Margaret Wilcox of Jefferson County has applied for Community Outreach Director. Marge has been an active member of HCE for 11 years and served at the county level as Public Relations, Historian, CVH, and Ways

& Means. She enjoys researching any topic, is a good listener and quick learner. She works with several church community activities and is a good motivator. Marge has one daughter.

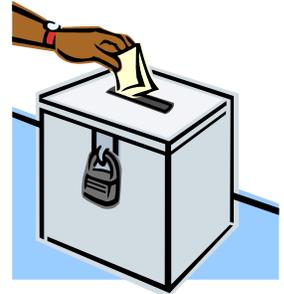
Patricia Weitzmann of Lake County has applied for International Director. Pat has been a member of HCE for 4 years and served as the county International Director. She has computer and business software experience and has experiences in international travel. Pat was a 4 year member of 4-H, active hospital volunteer, den mother for Cub Scouts and is a retired 30-year Insurance Operation Junior Executive. She is active with church choir, United Way, Women's Club and Sorority events. She has two children, two step-children, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Nominations will also be taken from the floor for any of these positions. The person who is being nominated from the floor must submit an application to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours before the business meeting to run for an IAHCE Board position.

Thank You,

Nominating Committee
Norma Korte, Chair
Kay Brinkley
Marilyn DeVries
Carolyn Fisher
Sandra Bechtold



YOUR BOARD AT WORK

BOARD HAPPENINGS

1. Discussed how to market HCE so that all people will know who we are and what we do.
2. Nominating Committee has a candidate for each office.
3. Dates were set for 2012 IAHCE Board meeting.
4. Conference Committee reported on their progress.
5. Decided to use the Hotel centerpieces at no charge relieving counties to bring one. There will no be door prizes.
6. The Education Committee discussed Awards Night.
7. Bylaws Committee have some changes to vote on.
8. Discussed the success of the speaker that was at the 2011 District Workshops and what will be done in the 2012 Workshops.
9. Encourage members to apply for the Support Fund.
10. Updated guidebook in the CVH and Ways & Means categories.
11. Each County President will be receiving a Preconference Packet.

CWC CONFERENCE

Country Women's Council USA



CWC Board with Nancy Remmers, CWC Secretary of Illinois (sitting on the left)..



Illinois Delegation represented at CWC

<http://cwcusa.org/>

NVON CONFERENCE

National Volunteer Organization Network

While Illinois members were at the NVON Conference they received information on the meaning of the NVON logo. The "N" (National and Network) are supporting the "V" (Volunteers), who are holding up the world "O" (Outreach), to make the world a better place for women and families. The designer of this emblem is our own Illinois member and past IAHCE President, Joan McEachern from Kendall County. Being in Wisconsin, the home of cheese, a gentleman carved the logo out of cheese. Here he is with Joan. The pieces he carved away from the design was enjoyed by the members of the conference.



Marilyn Daughhete, IAHCE President after the flag ceremony to open the NVON meeting.



Officers installed at the NVON meeting included two members of IAHCE. Nympha White of Illinois as Treasurer, Linda Gause of Indiana as President, Kathryn McNeely of Illinois as Secretary and Pat Breznay of South Carolina as Vice President. What a great honor it is to have two IAHCE members on the NVON board along with our President who represents us at all NVON and CWC meetings!



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DISTRICT NEWS



District 1 Marilyn De Vries

Fall has arrived and will soon be white on the ground. We may have twice as much snow as we had last year.

Conference will soon be here.

I hope everyone is working on your Cultural Enrichment projects. If you have a Make-It, Take-It, get in touch with Kay Brinkley.

Dress the garden theme for Tuesday, March 27, 2012 for conference. It can be a flower, weed, critter or seed. You name it, something from the garden and it will work.

Hope to see you all at Conference, 2012.

Marilyn DeVries

HENDERSON.....

Once again, Henderson County has been blessed with beautiful harvest weather.

H.C.E. members were very busy volunteering for various duties during the Henderson County fair with very hot weather conditions. We have been selling knives and quilt tickets at Community events. Several of our members attended the workshop at Dixon on October 25. They enjoyed the program on hobo quilts. In September, members attended a International brunch on the British Isles at the Gerlaw Church. The program was very interesting and the food was very good. Our yearly bake sale at Weir's fruit farm September 24 was a big success. Louise Gilbert, Roseville Illinois was the winner of our H.C.E. quilt made by Mary Alice Huntoon. Proceeds from these activities help fund community projects such as college scholarship, books for West Central Schools, 4-H and the New Years baby.

On September 19th, Henderson County H.C.E. had a "inside picnic " at the Gladstone Community Building. All units were present. We outlined our program for the New Year. The tables and room were decorated with the circus theme. The H.C.E. board had prepared food as well as Will Cleveland. He demonstrated how to make and display fancy fruits and vegetables. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We are collecting aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald house and old jeans to make lap throws for a veterans home. Members are very busy volunteering for community service and units are making plans for the holidays. We will have a float in the Oquawka lighted Christmas parade.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bev Alecock
Public Relations

KNOX.....

After a successful Spring Fling and Annual meeting last spring our units enjoyed a variety of activities at their units choice. The activities ranged from family cookouts to visiting west central Illinois towns for shopping and dining.

Our fall activities started with a successful Membership Tea to celebrate HCE week. Attendees were asked to bring a tea cup place setting and to share its history. A variety of scones and finger foods were served with a choice of teas.

Another special fall event is every unit coming together to make children's blankets and lap blankets which we donate to local organizations. We have not received the final count but there were several stacks of folded blankets!

Our Family Issues director, Joan Semande, made

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Knox con't

gold ribbons for all of our members which we wore in September for Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Community Outreach Director, Vicki Quick, has distributed the pattern for crocheted caps for cancer children. Cultural arts director, Sue Ryder, offered patterns for crocheted/knitted scarves for the 2012 Special Olympics. We are proud of our member participation in these activities.

Three board members attended the District fall workshop and came home with many new ideas for our county.

Our members are busy planning for our annual Cookie Walk held Thanksgiving weekend, Class Day in February 2012 and Spring Fling in May 2012.

Enjoy the Holiday Season that will soon be here!

Lois Hobbs

Rock Island.....

Rock Island County is "rocking" with activities. The new county board met in June and September and assignments for the next few months were received. Ten board members attended the District Training meeting in August in Dixon, IL and enjoyed the program on Hobo Quilts given by Debra Henninger from the Peoria area. Local leadership training followed in late August.

Young and old alike enjoyed the "freebies" at the Creative Recycling booth at the Rock Island County fair. Our director, Nancy Edlund, and her helpers had many clever crafts made from recycled materials, as well as other free items, such as fabrics, patterns, etc. Chances were sold on a donated quilt, made by Lucille Michaels, with proceeds going to HCE.

On September 15-17th, members of Rock Island

County HCE volunteered at the iWireless Center and supported "Stand Down Days" for homeless veterans and their families through numerous donations of goods and services.

Our first Lesson for Living featured a guest speaker, former Iowa state senator, Maggie Tinsman, who spoke on "Human Trafficking." In October 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) made human trafficking a federal crime. The TVPA passed in Illinois courts in 2006. She told of the severity and enormity of this issue all over the U.S. and in our area. Pinching Pennies lesson followed that presentation.

Awareness Days of cultural enrichment were held on October 15th with handmade arts and crafts displays and the program of "Life and Times of Laura Ingalls Wilder" presented by Marie Tschopp. A light luncheon and membership tea followed and concluded with lessons on Purchasing and Selling Online and Living Single in a Couples' World. Winners in the arts and crafts display were announced by Lucille Michaels and Margaret McManus, Cultural Enrichment co-directors, and eight items will be taken to the state contest in March for judging.

Comforter Tying Day on September 27th produced 50 completed comforters. Five were taken for a booth at the Spoon River Drive and the others donated to Trinity West Hospital, Illini Hospital, Winne's Place, Veterans and Crises Pregnancy Center.

Bev Johnson, Youth Promotion Director, has gotten the Handy Buds 4-H club for handicapped individuals underway for this year. They meet monthly and usually make a craft and have a healthy snack. Local HCE units sign up to provide the craft and volunteer their time and talent at each meeting.

Our International Day program on Scotland was arranged by our International Director, Mary Ann Williams. It will be entitled "Clans and Tartans" and given by Ruth Quentent Davis, head of the Celtic organization in the QC area and retired

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teacher.

Rock Island County HCE has been just like a circus with so many attractions this fall season and we've enjoyed them all.

Lucille Mumma and Sharon Hough
Public Relations Co-directors

STEPHENSON.....

Stephenson Co. H.E.A. had a busy summer. In July, they ran their dining hall the week of the Stephenson County Fair. Full meals and sandwiches were served. Our home-made pies were a hit with the fair goers. The pies were made in the dining hall. Approximately 15 pies were made each day. In August we ran the dining hall for the Antique Engine Show. Again full meals, sandwiches and home-made pies were served.

Nine members attended the District Meeting in Dixon on August 25th. On October 10th, we held our International Meeting. We sampled delicious food native to Scotland. We were then treated to music played by a bagpiper. He also explained how a bagpipe works. A silent auction of gift baskets was also held at this meeting. We had a great variety of baskets. It was a good fund-raiser for us.

We will have an Officer's Training in the morning of November 8th, followed by a luncheon.

Ann Runkle
Public Relations

WARREN.....

Warren County has had a very busy September and October.

We had our International Brunch on September 7th and enjoyed a fun journey through the British Isles. Scotland was the primary country, but we included the surrounding countries of Ireland, England and Wales too. Mercer and Henderson Counties joined us for this fun day.

On September 14th, we held our Warren Achievement Party for these very special clients. It's always an enjoyable evening, food, dancing, singing and artistic talents were shared with all.

On October 19th, we held our Warren Co. Annual Meeting. The circus theme was fun to plan around. Everyone enjoyed the festivities, visiting clowns, our meeting and lunch. We always enjoy recognizing those members who reach 25 years or more. New members receive our HCE Membership Pin too. We have 15 members with over 50 years membership...which is AWESOME!! (The photo shows some of our officers during installation.) Shirley Campbell, past Warren County President, led the installation with a "circus attitude".



Our big upcoming event is our annual Craft Show and Bake Sale on November 19, 2011. This takes place in Monmouth, IL. at Lincoln Elementary School, VFW Hall and the Farm Bureau Building. All units participate in this, baking pies, breads, etc., volunteering in the kitchens, working the booths, and many "behind the scenes" support. This is our big money-maker for HCE, so we all pitch in and work hard while enjoying the friendships developed during this time.

Peg Chambers
Public Relations



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DISTRICT 2/3 JEAN PIERONI



We've just finished the IAHCCE Fall State Board Meeting in Effingham – drove through rain both ways. Exciting plans are

being made for the conference in March and I hope many of you will be able to attend.

I'm ready for Halloween next week and then will have a week or so of quiet time before Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know these holidays always come at the same time every year and envy people who are ready for them! See you in March,

Jean Pieroni

GRUNDY.....

Wow! The summer was here and now it is already gone. Grundy County HCE had some activities going on. In July we had a great meeting of all three of our units getting together for a potluck picnic on the lawn of our Extension office, along with having our unit lesson "Operation Military Kids". It was a great evening. We also help with our 4-H pork chop dinner with making and serving pies and other goodies for the 4-H cafeteria.

August 25th, nine board members made our way up to Dixon, IL to attend the annual District Workshop. We all came away learning something new to help our units. The guest speaker, Debra G. Henninger gave a great presentation on the history of the railroad hobos by showing us different signs on quilts. The lunch was very good and the popcorn was too!

We continue to help out our 4-H by doing the judging on their window displays in our downtown area and also the 4-H books for scholarship applications for the 4-H Federation. We also go to our adult assisted living and

developmentally disabled adult homes for a Halloween party with some Bingo games.

November 12th will be our HCE Day. We will be doing Chocoholics Dream inviting members and the public to come and watch demonstrations on chocolate dipping, candy molds, cookies and lollipops, along with free samples and hot chocolate tea. All in all it should be a great time for everyone who attends.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas from Grundy County HCE.

Brenda Acker
Public Relations

KANE.....

Our 93rd year began with an Open House in August. The 73 members in attendance enjoyed speaker/author, Charlotte Zierer, who demonstrated and spoke on "Cooking From Your Cabinet". Further enjoyment was the taste testing of some 12 varieties of food from our Country of the Year, Scotland. The food, all prepared by County Board members, was from the recipes we received from the University. Attendees stated that it was more like a banquet than taste testing.

Kane County is comprised of 10 units. All our units are extremely busy and involved in the community. While all 10 are very busy, it seems appropriate to highlight two of our units because we are always in awe of the "number" of items they are able to assemble and deliver. Our Kennedy Unit has 15 members, who as their special project, meet once a month bringing their own portable sewing machines, and devote the day to sewing various items for nursing homes, schools, hospitals, veterans hospitals, churches and orphanages. Some of these items and the number so far this year are: adult clothing protectors (185), cough pillows (153), walker bags (157), stuffed dolls (347), knitted children's

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hats (169), premie crocheted hats (91), underarm cancer pillows (75), school bags (153), cloth bags for severely handicapped to store respirator tubing (115). This is just a partial list. This group has been doing this for over 10 years and they are constantly coming up with new ideas about what is needed by all the facilities.

Our Plano Unit of 35 members are “collectors extraordinaire”. You name it, they collect it! They also sew—having sewn some 17 Linus quilts and 300 cough pillows but the collections are unbelievable! A few to mention: 450 batteries, 65 eye glasses, 4 gallons of can tabs, 550 egg cartons, 1,000 greeting cards to be redesigned for sale, 2,600 cancelled stamps, 190 thread spools, bags and bags of toiletries for veterans hospitals, used clothing and so much more. Their list of collectibles continues to grow.

As mentioned before, we have 10 units and each has their special projects. We have two special yearlong projects that all 10 units participate—donating books to Little City in Palatine for their yearly book sale fundraiser; donated some 312 books last year. The other is yearlong collection of items for Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood—these items consist of toiletries, clothing, magazines, games, books, you name it, we collect it!

Coming up very soon, as of this writing, is our International/New Member luncheon, November 9, 2011. To celebrate our Country of the Year, Scotland, we have a native Scottish speaker, along with a bagpiper and dance. (Yes, the bagpiper will wear kilts!)

The Kane County board received a Proclamation from our Kane County Council for HCE Week 2011. This was presented at the Council meeting with glowing comments about the value of our work in the community. The St. Charles, Hampshire, Elgin units also received a Proclamation from the Mayors of their cities. We are being recognized and that is very

heartwarming.

Happy Holidays to everyone from Kane County.

Elaine Bond
President

KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE “Friend of HCE”

Kendall County HCE has often given a “Friend of HCE” award during “October is HCE Month”. Recipients in the past have been newspapers and other community organizations, husbands who have done something extra for the organization and others in the community who have helped HCE in some way.

This year our “Friend of HCE” was presented during the 13th Annual Victorian Tea to Sandra Davis, University of Illinois County Director in Kendall County since 2000. In 2010 she became County Director in Kendall, Kane and Du Page counties. For 21 years she was the Extension home economist in LaSalle County, then in 1992 became an Extension Educator. But through it all, Davis has never forgotten her close association with the homemakers, and is truly a “Friend of HCE”. Kendall County HCE feels very fortunate to have her in our county.



Joan McEachern, right, Kendall County HCE President, presents the “2011 Friend of HCE” plaque to Sandra Davis, Extension Director in Kendall, Kane and Du Page counties.

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LAKE.....

VOLO UNIT OF LCAHCE GOES GREEN!

Motivated by the recent "Lessons for Living" program, "101 Ways to Go Green", the Volo Unit of LCAHCE took a trip to the Waste Management Eco-Education Recycle Center in Grayslake, IL on May 18, 2011. Eight members and three guests participated in the hour-long program which educates the public as to what is done with recyclable items. The new products are on display in the Centers "classroom". The highlight of the program is being able to watch through windows into the recycling warehouse as Waste Management employees sift through and separate the items to be recycled as the items come off the recycling trucks and proceed across the conveyor belt.



GURNEE EVENING UNIT (LCAHCE)

On September 20, four members of the Gurnee Evening Unit visited the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda, IL to view the quilt exhibit which is part of the Northern IL Quilt Fest. Featured was the LCAHCE quilt, created in 1978-1979 with quilt blocks from each LCAHCE unit. An added treat was the opportunity to also view the new exhibit of Ansel Adams photographic art. In a word, it was "breath-taking".

VOLO UNIT'S DISTINGUISHED MEMBER IS...

Charlotte Bingham, who was inducted into the Lake County Extension Hall of Fame on Thursday, October 13th during a reception held in her honor at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake, IL. Charlotte has been an HCE member for 54 years. She has also worked in Wisconsin as an Extension Home Advisor. She is an avid supporter of Extension, HCE and 4-H.

Diane Shearer
Public Relations

La SALLE.....

LaSalle County Association for Home and Community Education awarded four \$500 scholarships to local students. The recipients were acknowledged at our 93rd annual meeting on June 30th. The students awarded were Heather Kiner of Mendota, Kelissa Peterson of Sheridan, Jessica Frye of Marseilles and Cody Ringer of Seneca.

Homemaker of the Year was awarded to Julie Pike of Handy Homemakers Unit.



Unit of the Year was awarded to the Handy Homemakers Unit.

LaSalle County HCE Board members are recognizing HCE week with a membership drive at the Old Town Farmers' Market, October 22, at Washington Square in Ottawa. There will be gas cards awarded to a couple lucky winners.

Plans have been finalized for a Blanket Day Workshop to be held at the United Methodist Church in Grand Ridge on Thursday, November 17th. These blankets will give comfort to men, women and children. Plans for a Little Dresses For Africa Workshop to be held in the spring are in progress. We can make a difference in so many lives thru our organization by coming together and sharing our time and talents.

Other service projects for 2011-2012--we continue donating to our local food pantries; also we help a child advocacy center.

In closing, I want to ask all members to ask

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themselves “What can I do to increase our membership?” For our organization to continue our commitment to community, state and county we must get new members. See what you can do to recruit new members.

Fall is here and the holidays are just around the corner. Have a wonderful & safe holiday season!

Penny Carter
Public Relations

Livingston.....

HCE and 4-H groups started our new year with a successful 4-H Fair. Even though it was a record heat wave in July, everyone stepped up and helped when and where needed.

Five members of the Livingston County Board attended the District 1 and 2/3 workshop in Dixon, Illinois on August 25, 2011. We learned a lot of useful new information and was excited to bring back to our groups to share.

Our HCE Board met recently on Monday, October 17, 2011. On observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, members were asked to wear pink. To promote HCE in our county, we ran an ad thru our local Media Com on how to join HCE and to show awareness of what all we do.

Two HCE members attended a “Serve It Safety” workshop held at the Extension office on Thursday, October 6th. A handbook was given to each attendee with a lot of useful information and guidelines.

Our annual potluck will be Monday, November 7th. Meat and drinks will be provided by the County Board members. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to pass and their own table service. Handcrafted items were to be brought to be voted upon for submission to the State Conference Cultural Enrichment “Best of Show”. We will also offer a Make-It, Take-It table where

everyone can make a greeting card gift box or a pincushion jar.

A sewing class will be starting on November 1st and last for six weeks. The goal is to make a quilt for a Christmas raffle.

The Livingston County units are working on a couple of projects - “Little Dresses for Africa”, collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Christmas stockings for the soldiers.

I wish everyone a very Blessed and Bright Holiday and Happy, Healthy New 2012!

Michelle Janssen
Pubic Relations

Mc HENRY.....

Hello from McHenry county. Hopefully you are enjoying the beautiful fall colors. My mums and crimson maple tree are just gorgeous.

Eight board members attended the August, District 2/3 workshop in Dixon, IL. For two of our board members this was their first District meeting and they found it very informative.

Our first lesson was August 30th which was presented at Lake County Extension Office, who we partner with. The presentation was “Cooking with Margaret” who showed us how to use different foods from our garden. Our second lesson was September 12th at the McHenry County Extension Office. Cindy Harris presented the lesson “Sewing 101”. We learned the names of the different parts of the sewing machine and also we made a small project, a napkin. The third presentation was October 10th at the Extension Office, “Improving Your Quality of Life” given by Sharon Matthews an Occupational Therapist. She showed us how to enhance our daily lives and improve our quality of life.

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McHenry, con't

September 19th, University of IL Extension Office hosted an open house. Two board members, Pattie Sautter and Debbie Peone created two bulletin boards. The first one displayed pictures of last year's events and the second showed our upcoming programs.

HCE Day and International Day on Scotland was held October 19th at the Extension Office. We all enjoyed the Scottish food and the travelogue. Members brought in their different handmade crafts or articles which they displayed.

We sent 72lbs. of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago. We sent 633 Christmas stockings which will be sent overseas to our military personnel. We are completing our mini stockings, filled with candy, which will be given to our County's Nursing Home. They use them as tray favors.

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

WILL.....

If success can be measured by the number of people having a great time, then the recent Will County International, Cultural Enrichment and Membership Day was a very successful event.

A highlight of the day was the informative presentation by Joseph Feehan, a volunteer with the Illinois St. Andrews Society, a charitable organization. Feehan, dressed in traditional Scottish garb, identified the various articles of clothing he was wearing and spent a good amount of time answering our questions.

No one went hungry as a "free" catered lunch was provided. In addition, a variety of delicious deserts were donated by Joan Fleckenstein, Cultural Enrichment Chairman, and owner of Fleckenstein Bakery in Mokena. Our day concluded with a performance by Skiddles the Clown that put everyone in a good mood and

uplifted our spirits.

Our membership remains active as we continue to support a number of worthy causes. A special craft day was held to teach those interested in making dresses from pillow cases for children in Africa. We are also either knitting or crocheting scarves for participants of the 2012 Special Olympics.

In addition, our members are continuing to donate items such as candy bars, chips, zip lock bags, greeting cards and 2012 calendars to the Veterans Home in Manteno. A monthly craft day brings our members together for some socializing and learning.

Our newest unit "Island City" is growing and is very active. This summer they put together a community garden and gave produce to the food pantry.

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be arriving soon and we wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations



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DISTRICT 4 PEGGY OSTERMEIER



How exciting to see all of the members at District Workshop. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the program on Hobo Quilts and I hope you are using the Lesson Packet in your counties. Also, the counties should be using the packets received in each workshop session, implementing the ideas and suggestions learned that day. Remember as we approach the end of the year there will be many reports due, check the IAHCE Guidebook or call.

As usual time marches on and the State Board is working on the Annual Conference. We are looking forward to having a great time in Effingham, March 27-29, 2012. I am looking forward to getting more dates on my calendar to come to your county for a visit.

Everyone please have a safe and happy Holiday Season and a Great New Year!!!

Peggy Ostermeier

MASON.....

Mason County HCE sponsored an International Day in May at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall in Havana. Pastor Bill Liebmann and his wife Tammie had recently traveled to Israel and Egypt. They showed us slides of Israel and had a couple of tables of souvenirs.

For lunch, we had food like they were served in Israel. A nice crowd attended.

Evalena Dierker
International Chair

In memoriam: June 30, 2011, Mary Elizabeth (Bettie) Dierker of Havana died at the age of 103 1/2. She was a past District 4 Director.

PEORIA.....

Hello from Peoria! We just had our fall bazaar in October. This year we tried something different. Instead of each unit having their own raffle item, we asked each unit to contribute \$30 towards purchasing \$150 gas and \$100 grocery cards. Each member was expected to sell 4 books of 6 tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We also sold tickets at the 4H fair and one of the leader lessons. We usually take in a few hundred dollars but this year, we made over \$1,100. Our bazaar tables that each unit sponsors took in about \$1,000. We also invite vendors and charge them per table. Some use a couple of tables. We also have a homemade soup, salad and BBQ lunch with donated pies and cobblers by members. Members also bring in used books and magazines. After the bazaar, we sold the leftover used books and magazines to a used book store for \$121. So overall, we think this year was a really successful fundraiser.

Our International and Cultural Arts Day Luncheon was in November. Last year we combined the international lesson with the luncheon. This year a former HCE member and her husband, a former 'Scot' spoke of the country. We also choose our items that we bring to the Cultural Arts show at the IAHCE State Conference.

Have a fun and safe holiday season celebrating with your family and friends.

Julie Courtt
Public Relations



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PIKE.....

Time has flown by so quickly this summer! Our county participated in the various area summer festivals with marching in their parades. Our float was fun and informative. To capitalize on the visualization of us walking next to our floats, our county held a "Open House/Membership Drive" bringing awareness of what HCE means to our community.

Our county is also working diligently on the "Shorts for African Boys", Quilts for Kids and the collecting of tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

The holidays are right around the corner. Our county members will be volunteering community service with filling Christmas Food Baskets and various other services around Pike County.

Season everything with love and happy holidays to all of you.

Mary Eustace,
Chairman, Pike County

SANGAMON.....

Our Fall Festival was successful given the economic downturn. We had baked goods, holiday decorations and odds & ends table in addition to the Amish Quilt & Homemade Afghan raffle. Our entire membership worked hard and deserves every praise for their work.

This Fall Festival was the last event in the Junior Livestock building on the State Fairgrounds. We traded corn dogs and lemon shake-ups for shiny airplanes. Moving brings with it opportunities to clean out our closets and cupboards. That is exactly what we did, thirty years worth!

Given that we didn't have funds to hire a mover we did it ourselves. We packed up cars and pickup trucks and the convey to the new airport location began. The new address is 700 Airport Drive, Springfield, IL 62707

One of our most memorable lessons recently was when the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Vice-Chairman came to speak to us. We learned about the praise and honor our veterans are finally receiving for their service. A proud wife/member brought her late husbands memorabilia from his flight to share with us. We found this not only historically educational, but great culturally and new community outreach project.

Vi Lanum
First Vice-President

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Marguerite Dixon, a 26 year member of Sangamon County HCE, was inducted to the



Springfield "Senior Hall of Fame" at Senior Citizens Recognition Day, September 16, 2011. This award was given through The Mayor's Senior Citizens Commission, for her hours of volunteer work.

Marguerite has served SCAHCE outstandingly in the 26 years since she retired. She has served on the Board of Directors 15 years--two as Newsletter Director, seven as Treasurer, two as First Vice President and four as President. For 14 years she planned day trips for the members and friends, always with education in mind. For three years she was a part of the Illinois Wellness team. She has made herself available to teach classes, serve on committees and to support the members in any way possible.

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Marguerite served eight years on the Sangamon-Menard Extension Council--four on the Executive Committee, one as secretary, and one as chairman. She served on the Extension Referendum Committee and has been a 4-H Judge at the County level for many years.

For Grace Lutheran Church she served a three year term as Social Ministry Chairman and for five years she worked tirelessly for the Food Pantry. She has held offices in the Church Women's Organization. She continues to support our Organization and the Community as well.

Peggy Ostermeier

WOODFORD.....

Woodford County is experiencing a good year so far. Our Local Leader lessons have been very interesting and informative starting out with "Jams, Jellies, and Marmalades," followed by "Green Cleaning" and looking forward to "Chocolate, Chocolate" just in time for the holidays. What woman wouldn't enjoy a lesson on chocolates?

Five women from our County attended the District Meeting in Washington, IL in August which we found very informative and enjoyable. There's certainly lots going on with IAHCE women in the area. One of the projects presented at this meeting was "Gabe's Chemo Duck" to promote Childhood Cancer Awareness. At St. Jude's Hospital a stuffed duck, dressed in pj's, having a port and lines just like a child often has when they receive chemo, is given to children when they come into St. Jude Hospital. This project was presented to the units in Woodford County and so far \$100.00 has been donated.

Extension Director for Unit 12, Bobbie Lewis-Sibley began her duties October 5, 2011. She has a very broad background of work experiences, and she is looking forward to the opportunity to form cooperative partnerships with Livingston, McLean and Woodford county organizations.

Our county continues to welcome new members and as an effort to be more visible and inviting we have included our information on the IAHCE webpage. We also opened our "Chocolate, Chocolate" local leader lesson to anyone in the county and if they attended and wished to become a member of HCE their membership would be free for the remainder of the 2011-2012 year.

The holidays are rapidly approaching, and as we anticipate and celebrate them may we remember to be grateful for all our blessings and willing to share with those near and far.

Merry Christmas!

Betty Bekermeier
Public Relations

District 4 & 5 Workshop in Washington

Norma Korte, Family Issues Director Class talks about the "Gabe's Chemo Duck" Project.



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DISTRICT 5 NANCY REMMERS

Hello Everyone,
Fall is here. The colors have truly been magnificent.

It is really interesting reading all of the county news. Everyone seems to be so busy.

I want to remind you that Annual Conference is in Effingham, March 27-29, 2012. Please mark that on your calendar. It is going to be a very nice conference and would like to see everyone there.

Please remember that Allison Burnett from Scotland challenged each county to get one new member for ACWW. I would like for each of my counties to get at **LEAST** one new member. I know one county already has 10, so we really need to work.

Hope to see everyone in March.

Nancy Remmers

CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County HCE got off to a good start the 31st of August with an officer's training day. We had a good turnout.

In July several HCE members helped to judge the entries for the 4-H Fair at Market Place Mall.

September 17th and 18th some of our members helped the 4-Hers in making stockings for Santa to be sent to the U.S. troops. Many cards were signed and messages written on them to send to the troops also. The stockings will be filled with many personal items.

Our HCE Week, October 17th though the 21st was very successful. On October 18th, we held our membership day. All were asked to bring guests. We had two great speakers and a demonstration on food wraps. We made the wraps as a group

and had them for lunch. Nancy Benz, our acting 2nd Vice, did a great job on this fun-filled lunch idea. We supplemented the wraps by the board members bringing additional fruit and veggie trays and cookies. Wally Stuz, a member of the Ansar Shrine of Springfield, spoke to us about the Shrine Circus and what they offer to crippled children and their families. Barbara Davies spoke to us about staying at Ronald McDonald House and the advantages.

We now have 411 members. Pat Miller, our Cultural Enrichment Chairman, had a great day planned for October 20th. After registration at 9:30AM, we began with a demonstration by Linda Lauchner, one of our Philo Unit members, on decorating hats. We then broke for a potluck lunch which was enjoyed by all. After lunch, the votes were tallied while Donica Holcum from "Destinations with Donica" Travel gave us some safe travel tips for seniors. Our Best of Show winner was Latrice Helbling. Her entry was an appliquéd, machine quilted quilt. Her entry will go to the state conference.

Our Community Outreach continues to work on weighted blankets for autistic children, Linus blankets and neck coolers for the troops. Our last work day will be November 9th until after the holidays.

We have moved our International Luncheon to November 28th instead of February. We are thinking the weather may be better. Marge Probasco, our International Chairman, is busy making preparations for a Scottish Day. This will include James McGaughey, a bagpiper and Martin McFarlane, Associate Director of International Student and Scholar Service at the University of Illinois, who will speak to us about Scotland. We are encouraged to bring a Scottish dish to share for our potluck. Marge has been putting Scottish recipes in our Chatter for the past four months. We are sure to have a great day learning more about Scotland. We are always learning and having fun.....that is what it's all about.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

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CHRISTIAN.....

Four board members from Christian County attended the District meeting in Washington, IL on Aug 4th - Ann Bandy, International Director; Berniece Larimore, Treasurer; Jeanne Lee, Cultural Enrichment Director; and Georgette Merrifield, Public Information Director enjoyed the program on Hobo Quilts, the workshops and the sharing with other attendees.

Jeanne Lee, Cultural Enrichment Director won one of the centerpieces that were given away.

On September 7, 2011 Home and Community Education Association held a joint meeting of the board members from three of the merged counties. The counties of Christian, Macoupin, Jersey and Montgomery merged July 1, 2011 to become a unit of HCEA. Montgomery County does not have an HCEA at this time.

Seventeen members from Christian, Macoupin and Jersey counties plus Denise Kistner, Multi-County Extension Director, met at the Maverick Steakhouse in Litchfield.

The meeting was hosted by Macoupin County HCEA and led by their president, Terry Jameson, as an exchange of ideas, programs and sharing of activities from the counties.

This was the second meeting of the multi-counties. Again, it was deemed informative and very useful to each county.

Another meeting is being planned by Jersey County for a future date.

Attending from Christian County were Sharon Turner, President; Ann Bandy, International Director; Berniece Larimore, Treasurer; and Georgette Merrifield, Public Information Director.

For our 75th year of HCEA, we had each of our units (10 in all) write a short history of their group. We assigned a month to each unit to submit their story to our newsletter. These were very interesting and enjoyable. The stories concluded in the October newsletter.

Our membership meeting will be held on

November 22nd with the theme "Under The Big Top". Entertainment will be by a group of young children who perform as clowns.

Three "Sewing for Soldiers" workshops have been held. Over 600 stockings were completed. We also had donations of fabric, items to fill the stockings and money to ship them. Over 400 completed stockings were delivered to us from various groups & individuals.

L to R:
Ann Bandy;
Jeanne Lee;
Georgette
Merrifield;
and
Berniece
Larimore



CLARK.....

Clark County has been very busy with projects for the latter part of this year. Our ladies just completed their annual Fall County-Wide program with the International program being presented for all units.

Our October 20th meeting began with Pat Marrs giving very good information on the Quilts for Children's Cancer Month. Ladies made and created thirty of the quilts and provided backing and batting for them to machine quilt a little later.

Seroba Mascher prepared us for the Overseas Soldiers project by explaining that through the Marshall Library and the loyal Veteran's organizations that the objects brought would be sent to our county soldiers while serving overseas. Three boxes of supplies were collected.

Pat Marrs also reminded the ladies about our Kleenex for Kids project. We had a total of fifty-six boxes collected and they will be delivered to the Marshall, Martinsville and Csey-Westfield districts for the Head Start and Kindergarten classes.

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Sharon Davison presented information about Hutsonville Heritage Home for veterans. We had three totes and a few other containers that contained popcorn, clothing, snacks and even postage stamps.

Mary Liz Wright, our new district coordinator of Clark, Edgar and Crawford spoke to the ladies about what could happen over the next year. She encouraged all of us to stay focused on the good of the future.

Our Westfield unit presented the International lesson on Scotland. During the presentation bagpipe music played to add to the ideas that they gave.

After the program and other presentations, we had a complete meal of Shepherds Pie, salads, cheesecakes and scones. This was brought in by the various units of the county.

As you ladies can see, we have been busy and will endeavor other projects later on and into next year.

Deloris Maurer
Public Relations

De WITT.....

October has been a busy month for HCE. DeWitt County has done several things in this month to attract new members. We took advantage of our local radio station to spread the word. Our President, Judie Knoth and PR, Rosalie Summers, were interviewed by Seth Lawrence of WHOW on October 3rd about DeWitt County HCEA in general and their upcoming events.

Judie and Rosalie
with Seth Lawrence
of WHOW Radio



The first event was on October 6th and was a tea for members and guests. The Tea Ladies of Bloomington presented "Outrageous Etiquette of the 1890's". They taught the ladies how to elicit a "ladylike laugh", as well as the outrageous rules and also dressed a manikin in authentic dress of the Era. The ladies present were glad they did not have to have so many layers of clothing (7 with the bustles' needs). The Tea Ladies also showed some interesting artifacts of the day and had the audience guess what they were (some were not so easy). They showed several examples of "calling cards" and explained their various uses and meanings. It was a very interesting and enjoyable presentation.

The Tea Ladies

Several members under our Cultural Enrichment Director, Linda



Long, are knitting and crocheting neck scarves for the 2012 Special Olympics Projects. To aid in this effort, Linda set up Tuesday afternoon classes to teach knitting and crocheting with the aid of "volunteer teachers" from the membership. The teachers at the first class were Linda Long, Dorothy Kuntz, Jean Brady, Lila McNees, Audrey Brantley, Alice McDermith and Rosalie Summers. These classes are held at the Extension Office and are free to anyone wishing to learn to crochet or knit.

The afternoon classes prompted Thursday evening classes with Kim Gibbons adding her connections with the 4-H families to the mix. Several young people showed up for lessons.

Another big event was held on the evening of October 20th at the Methodist Church Great Hall, when a fundraiser Card and Game Night was held. This event was well attended with lots of good food, terrific door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. It was a big success and has become an annual event for DeWitt County HCEA.

Rosalie Summers
Public Relations

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EDGAR.....

HCE Week Results....

The Edgar County HCE Week was a great success. On Tuesday, October 4, Pat Brazelton, International Director along with each unit's international director decorated the 4-H tables with bud vases containing Thistle, the flower of Scotland, and a replica of the Scotland flag. We enjoyed a taste of Scotland as each unit bought a dish they had prepared using Scotland recipes. She also had a surprise for us—a bagpipe player from Charleston. It was very interesting and enjoyable. The main speaker was Linda Barrett of Chrisman. She has been to Scotland many times along with her brothers and sisters. She has made each of them an outfit using the plaid that designates the Scot clan which they are a member of.

Then on Saturday, October 8, the Craft Day was held in the 4-H building. We learned to make or knit several craft items. Lunch was served by the Edgar County board to all present.

The Cultural Enrichment Show was also held on each of those days. On Saturday, the winners were announced. The winner's projects will be taken to the IAHCE Annual Conference in March, 2012 to compete in the Best of Show. Winners were Marge Hougland-quilt and textured purse; Dona Hault, wall hanging; Vera Pratt, rag rug; Dorothy Farnham, crocheted necklace; Kay Brinkley, little girls dress (wearable art); Toni Adams, felted purse; and Betty Crunk, Crocheted doily.

Marilyn Daughhetee
Public Relations



MACON.....

What an exciting HCE Week we have had starting with a fun wedding shower for Mindy Peterson on Tuesday. It was called a Card & Game Day and was turned into a surprise wedding shower for her. But like all good plans, things change. It was her moving day so we had to tell her about it. She was so good hearted about rescheduling her moving day so she could be with us. Have you ever signed the brides wedding shoes for good luck?

Wednesday was a good day for tying Linus Blankets, this was also a learning lessons for those who have never done this before. Thanks for coming and helping out.

On Thursday, Greg Florian, from Richland Community College, talked about Geo Thermal and how the building, that we have our lessons and meetings in, works. He had a very interesting TV screen where he could just touch what he wanted and the information would come up. We saw a video on putting up the wind turbine next to the building. He also took us on a tour of the upstairs, showing us the meeting room and maintenance room where all the cooling and heating takes place. The group enjoyed this lesson very much.

This was followed by Carol Ropp with Myths & Legends of Food. Going with the circus theme, did you know that animal crackers came into being in 1902 and that during the Christmas season, the package was redesigned as a circus wagon (Barnum's Animals) and sold for 5 cents. It had a string attached to it so it could be hung as a Christmas tree ornament. We learned many more interesting things and the group shared their own legends.

After lunch, Karen Halicki and Sharon Middleton helped the group make a Holiday Snowman pillow. It was made of felt and the members and guests learned how to do a blanket stitch to sew everything together.

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Friday was a sunny but windy day. The group enjoyed the tour of Mari-Mann gardens. We smelled many herbs and tasted the leaf of the Stevia, a natural sweetener. Mike King did a wonderful job of telling us about herbs and answering our questions. His brother Joel talked about the delicious lunch that he prepared for us. Eating edible flowers, rosemary cookies and drinking very berry teas.



Our Mt Zion Unit traveled to Moonshine, IL population 2, to enjoy a nice lunch. Then on to Hazel Dell Bakery for delicious pie and Greenup, IL for ice cream and shopping.

The last week of October brought our annual Fall Meeting held "Under the Big Top". Board members dressed as clowns conducted the meeting, District 5 Director, Nancy Remmers installed officers for the upcoming year. We had a speaker for Alzheimer's from St. Mary's and a lesson after lunch on the "Five Keys to Understanding your Credit" which had lots of information for our members. Our 50/50 drawing sent our half of the money to the St. Mary's Walk to End Alzheimer. We also had a display of the Cultural Enrichment items and we finished the meeting with lesson ideas sent home with members so that they could vote on the lessons that they want for the 2012 year.



What a way to end the year with the circus train now leaving Macon County.



Karen Halicki
Public Relations

2012 HCE Board Members

MACOUPIN.....

August was our vacation month, which left it up to each Unit what their program would be and where they would have it. Several of the County Board members traveled to Mt Olive to have lunch at Taylor & Soapes, a tea room and gift shop.



August 23rd, found nine ladies from the county traveling to Mt. Vernon to attend the District Workshop. The program on Hobo Quilts given by Debra G. Henninger was very entertaining and informative. The quilts on display were beautiful and each told its own story. In my session, I learned a lot more about the sources available to public information, and also the importance of turning in your CVH's to HCE. It was a good day and the fellowship with others was fun.

September found us eating again, as the Macoupin County board hosted the semi-annual meeting of the four county boards (Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery and Jersey) at the Maverick in Litchfield. A fun time of sharing and fellowship with Denise Kistner, our Extension Director for the four counties. Denise is retiring the end of October. She will be missed, but we wish her well.

In October we celebrated "Founders Day" with a catered lunch from Bet's Catering. The business meeting consisted of the proposed budget for 2012, presentation of membership awards, Blue Ribbon Unit recognized, largest percent net gain and largest new members gain. Reports were given on public information and a reminder about the importance of turning in CVH's. A request for Cultural Arts entries for the State was also made.

Loyalty Awards were to presented to four ladies, Lavella Lowis,(Medora Unit) Jean Wills (Bird Unit) Bev Conrady (Modlite Unit) and Gloria Donaldson (Monday Niters Unit.)

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October 27th we will be holding an "Open Sewing Day" at the County Extension Office for the purpose of making pillowcase dresses for little girls in Africa.

Should be a fun and rewarding day. This is open to the public, not just HCE members. Shown below are some of our ladies displaying their projects.



HCE Month of October saw units taking cookies to elevators, putting up posters, having exhibits at libraries, placing tri-folds in doctors' waiting rooms to inform public about HCE activities in McLean county. The "Quilt for Kids" project has also brought in new members.

Christmas in October decoration sales raised hundreds of dollars used to ship cookies to soldiers! The Extension office was full of beautiful wreaths, swags, candles, ornaments, trees in gold, silver, red, green and glitter! Sales continued at the 3rd Sunday Market at the Interstate Center.

McLean County HCE is facilitating a "Colors" program workshop on November 2nd for all Extension volunteers and the public. "Colors" identifies a person's dominant color (temperament) and helps identify strengths and unique personality.

HCE members plan to support the November 10-13 Bloomington Festival of Trees Event at the Bloomington Coliseum by contributing food items for the McLean County Family and Consumer Science Bake Sale and on November 11 and 12th participate in Bergner's Community Day coupon book 2011 for the First Time a 2-DAY Event.

A fall trip to Springfield Festival of trees November 22nd offers a festive opportunity to put HCE'ers and friends in a holiday mood. The festival is held in the Orr Building at the Illinois state fairgrounds. Members plan to ride the Candy Cane train, enjoy entertainment including Christmas music, shop the Holiday Market, see beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and swags, and visit Gingerbread Village.

A Soldier cookie packing project will happen November 29th when we hope to pack over 200 boxes of cookies to soldiers overseas. Last year we had over 1400 dozen cookies packed. Money raised at the Christmas in October sales provided postage.

Gailey's Eye Clinic is presenting the lesson on "Low Vision: The problems and solutions" at



Election of officers was held and the 2012 County Board member were installed by Marilyn Schaefer.

We were entertained by Wanda Cook, posing as Dora Merriweather. A comical presentation enjoyed by all.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all. See you next year.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

Mc LEAN.....

Mc Lean County HCE baked all summer for the Downs Village Market HCE food booth. McLean County HCE made a total of approximately \$1,700 so far by participating. HCE also has a food booth at the Downtown Bloomington Farmers Market on October 22nd.



The October lesson for the membership was "The Fingers of HCE" to explore all aspects from little to big.

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group unit meetings for the November lesson. Units combined to accommodate Gailey staff and share in the camaraderie.

December will bring a Holiday Party on December 10th at Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal with Make-it and Take-it classes. A special holiday program will be offered.

The McLean County HCE website at www.mcleanhce.org has the latest information about the HCE happenings around McLean County.

Annual Meeting presented CVH awards to 18 of the many volunteers who turned in hours this past year.



Barb Jurgens
Public Information

DISTRICT 6 MARILYN SCHAEFER



Hello Ladies,

I hope you are all enjoying this weather as much as I am. I am so happy for the farmers the weather is cooperating with harvesting the grain.

I am very new at this, but am learning a lot. I hope everyone enjoyed the District Workshops as much as I did. You get to know so many ladies and I hope I can remember some of them. I enjoyed Debra Henninger showing and explaining her 55+ different Hobo Quilts.

Now it is time to start working on the State Conference which will be held in Effingham at the Hilton Gardens March 27 thru March 29. Please check the website for more information as it becomes available. Being on the State Board you realize how much work all these ladies do to get ready for the conference from getting tours put together, workshops and vendors plus all the other preparations.

I am starting my tours of the different Counties, which my first one is October 13 in Macoupin County. I am looking forward to meeting everyone.

Please send me any suggestions for getting new members. If you have any other comments or questions, please let me know and I will try to help you.

Marilyn Schaefer



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BOND.....

Bond County Extension hosted the semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 9 with several units collected. We are proud to provide this help to others in their times of need.

The 67th Annual Meeting on June 20th was attended by 62 members at the Bond County Homemakers Stand on the fairgrounds in Greenville, IL. Officers were installed by Marilyn Daughetee, State President. Pam Chase of Bond County was our speaker. She is known as "The Story Teller" and shared several with us. Lynn Weiss, Bond County Extension Advisor was honored for her many years of service with a tea/reception. She was presented a handmade quilt made by extension members

Harriet Siebert was honored as a charter member in Bond County since the beginning of Home Extension (Home Bureau) here.

During the Bond County Fair, many folks were seen going into the Homemakers Food Stand for delicious home cooked meals and "pie". We have established quite a reputation for the good homemade pies. Also a quilt raffle was held as a money maker.

Six HEA board members attended the IAHCE District Meeting in Mt. Vernon on August 23rd. Everyone attended the workshop pertaining to their office. The "Hobo Quilt" speaker, Debra Henninger, was most interesting - especially since several of our members are quilters.

October 10th was our Craft Fair to celebrate HEA Week. Several ladies enjoyed making items. Yvonne Miller of Centralia, Il, demonstrated. These included jewelry, cloth Christmas trees and lighted snowmen bottles. Also offered were denim placemats, decorated covered picture frames, insulator tea lights, duct tape roses, lacey toilet tissue covers, jack-o-lantern and Halloween treat bags for children.

HEA members have been helping the Dudleyville 4-H Club collect items to send in the Packages for the Troops. Several Christmas stockings made by members are being included in American Soldier Stationed in Harm's Way Care packages project.

In September, a Bike-A-Thon for Kids-2011 was hosted by Bond County Extension Association. Proceeds went to the Kingsbury Park District Toddler Park.

"Christmas in October" was hosted by Clinton county on October 20th in Carlyle, IL. "Patchwork" was the theme and the program was "Using Today's Pork in Your Holiday Entertaining". A raffle was held with many beautiful handmade Christmas gifts awarded. To get us ready for the holidays, they served a "sample" buffet, along with the recipes. Fourteen Bond County Extension ladies attended - counties working together.

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations

CLAY.....

The year 2011 had several changes for the HCE in several ways. Since the Extension office had moved to the renovated depot a year or so before, the board meets there. We had the Annual Meeting and the International and Community Outreach program honoring a country also there.

Clay County and Effingham, Fayette and Jasper Counties are now a part of a multi-county unit. The County Director is Rachele Hollingshead; Judy Bingman, 4-H Youth Development; Ken Larimore, Community & Economic Development Educator; Dina Hilmes, 4-H Community worker; Erin Maxwell, SNAP-Educator Community worker and Cathy Schnepfer, Office Support Associate. The Extension will continue to seek and use the wisdom of volunteers and other supporters while adjusting and adapting new ways of working within the community.

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As a Public Relations person, I have attended meetings of the local units to inquire about each unit's projects. At present, I have nothing to report except a craft program is considered for all unit members interested.

The County Board attended the District Meeting in Mt. Vernon and received ideas for helping the units. One unit has terminated as no new members have joined and sickness, deaths and moving away has left not enough to carry on. Hopefully, a new unit with some young people will start one in the northern part of the county.

November 3rd an International Program Brunch will be honoring Scotland followed by a program given by Joan Stanford on Scotland. The brunch will consist of Scottish recipes made by the HCE members. We will be collecting items for the food pantry and Pennies for Friendship.

Since we didn't have a Country Store in October this year, all members gave \$10 each for our money raising project. Everyone agreed to do this.

I've been encouraging all units to send in their volunteer hours before January 31, 2012. We did fairly good last year but hopefully more are keeping hours this year.

The County Extension office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8AM - 4:30PM. Closed on Fridays with those phone calls being forward to Effingham to allow full access to the Extension staff throughout the week.

Eula M. Lewis
Public Relations



CRAWFORD.....

For one of the many community service projects, members are collecting the "Box Top" labels off of food/paper items. The county schools benefit from the collection as they can earn points and be awarded books and other educational tools for students. Last year, books were purchased for the library. This is ongoing, so all members are encouraged to collect these year round.

In September, members met at the Brookstone Estates in Robinson to make pillowcases for kids with cancer. Judy White from Lawrence County led the workshop, and with the help of residents and HCE members, a total of 24 pillowcases were completed in 2 hours! All of the pillowcases will be donated to St. Johns Hospital in Springfield. To thank the HCE ladies for coming to help with the pillowcase workshop, Brookstone Estates surprised the members by bringing a lunch of pizza and dessert to the HCE Board!



Crawford County HCE Week was held October 3-7th, with activities and events planned each day. The week opened with Tamara Putnam presenting an international program on Scotland. She had a slide presentation of her recent trip to Scotland and gave away a beautiful scarf from there. Refreshments were made by HCE Board members.

Throughout the week, members collected various baby items and presented the welcome basket to the first baby born at Crawford Memorial Hospital during HCE Week. Deek Raymond Thompson and his proud parents, Mack and Brandie Thompson, were the proud recipients of

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the large basket of baby gifts. Shown is baby Deek, his parents, and two big brothers. They are a busy family with three boys and a dad who is the Robinson High School basketball coach. Brandie was also given a year's complimentary membership to Crawford County HCE!



bus trip to New Harmony, Indiana. The 57 passenger bus was filled to capacity with a waiting list of 24! The group ate lunch at the famous Red Geranium Restaurant and went on a guided tour of the historic area of the town. There was even time for shopping and checking out the antique and unique shops. Everyone who went had a wonderful time and look forward to another HCE trip. The few men who went along also enjoyed the day.

Debbie Tedford
Public Relations

EFFINGHAM.....

Effingham County HCE sold Culvers ice cream at the county fair for a successful new fundraising project. The ice cream "sold itself" as fair goers were happy to buy a cold treat on those hot August days. We plan to continue this project next year.

Circus, Circus, Circus was the theme for our October 13 annual meeting. A catered meal and program presented by Linda Mirante from Wabash, Indiana was enjoyed by about 60 members. Linda gave a very entertaining talk with a serious message, talking about the importance of relationships and embracing and using our own gifts and talents. The traveling attendance trophy was won by the Dieterich unit with 100% of their members attending the meeting.

To celebrate HCE week, County Board president, Carolyn Willenburg, signed a proclamation recognizing HCE week. Items made by members during the year were distributed. Bookmarks made from greeting cards were donated to school and public libraries and catheter bag covers, walker and wheelchair caddies were given to nursing homes in the county. All donations were greatly appreciated. Making stockings for the FISH Christmas store and selling Butter Braid pastries and cookie dough are our final projects for 2011.



Another HCE Week activity was a workshop to make cards for the local troops was held. Several members participated. The

blank cards will be forwarded to servicemen to use when they want to send a message back home to their family and friends.

The highlight of HCE Week was a Fellowship Luncheon hosted by local HCE board members. Members from Clark and Edgar counties were invited to attend and everyone had a wonderful afternoon enjoying a luncheon of salads, and desserts. A couple of fun games were played and small gifts were given to out of town visitors.



Hands-on workshop to learn tatting was presented by Newton HCE member, Marilyn Rubsam. Several members and guests came to learn this craft. Marilyn had a display of some of her beautiful handiwork of tatted ornaments, doilies, and pretty stitches.

HCE Board President, Barb Miller, organized a fall

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Linda White
Public Relation

FAYETTE.....

The preceding months have been busy for the FCHCE and have garnered a good amount of media coverage.

August - Two Wheatland Unit Members honored Vontella McEndollar and Mary Ellen Lovett, of the Wheatland HCE Unit were awarded a Certificate of Recognition for sixty-three years of membership in the Fayette County Home and Community Education. They also received a certificate from IAHCE, signed by IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee and Sandra Bechtold, 2nd Vice-President. The FCHCE certificate, signed by Flo Allen, President, also recognized Vontella's forty-eight years of perfect attendance, for which she also received a plaque. Wheatland Unit chairman, Karen Hyde presented the awards to Vontella in the McEndollar home. The presentation for Mary Ellen by FCHCE President, Flo Allen, was made at a Wheatland Unit meeting well attended by the Unit members, who also presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Nine members attended the IAHCE Workshop in Mt. Vernon this year.

October - Mayor Ricky Gottman, of Vandalia (Fayette County Seat) attended the September FCHCE Board meeting and presented a Proclamation designation the second week of October as Illinois Association of Home and Community Education Week to Flo Allen, President of Fayette County Home and Community Education. Mayor Gottman viewed several of the FCHCE projects and collections causes. Eleven Board Members and District Director, Rachele Hollingshead were present.



October - FCHCE International Dinner
The FCHCE held the Annual International Potluck Dinner in St. Elmo with all seven of the Fayette County Home and Community Education units represented with 35 members and 2 guests attending. Karen Denning, of the St. Elmo Unit, had beautifully decorated the tables with numerous centerpieces and accessories in Autumn colors. The members and guests entered the large room with their assorted dishes and desserts, to the music of bagpipes playing in the background, in keeping with the theme of the featured country, Scotland. Flo Allen, President of the FCHCE, welcomed all present and called on Panzi Blackwell to ask the blessing. Following the meal, Allen introduced the guest speaker, Joyce Mueller, who is a member of the Vandalia Day Unit and had visited Scotland in recent years. She is also a direct descendant of Scotland's national hero, Robert, the Bruce, who was recognized as King Robert I, of Scotland in 1328.



Vontella McEndollar

September - IAHCE Work Shop



Mary Ellen Lovett

Mueller displayed several Scottish items,

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including fifty photographs she had taken on her journey. She had enlarged all of them to 8" x 10" and mounted them on four large tri-fold display boards. She told some interesting little stories about Robert, the Bruce and spiders. She visited his burial site and pointed out photographs of it. She pointed out scenes and pertinent facts about Scotland, including the city where Alison Burnett, ACWW, lives. Mueller's presentation and talk on Scotland was very visual, informative, interesting and often humorous.

Also on display at the dinner, was a table holding "Pillowcase Dresses" for Children with Cancer. Nancy Shipman, a resident in an assisted living facility, asked for the pattern and has made countless "Dresses for Africa" for FCICH to donate to the causes.



Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

JERSEY.....

Jersey County HEA ladies are celebrating their 80th year and have been busy all year with various activities to let people know that they are still going strong and have adapted to the times with their programs. Getting to know their "neighbors" in other countries is one of the activities that have been a mainstay in the organization for many years.

On October 19, we had a program on Scotland using the materials furnished to us by Alison Burnett. Members of the board prepared a light supper using the recipes and served 29 people. After the supper, Doris June Gettings, a member of the Fieldon Unit gave a presentation of her trip to Scotland and we also used the slide show provided by Alison.

On November 16, we had a Bed Turning. Just what is a Bed Turning anyway? It is a way of

introducing quilters and non-quilters to the beauty of antique or unique quilts in an interesting and different way. A bed is brought in and quilts are placed on the bed. As each quilt is turned and held up for the audience, the quilt is described, dated and the story of the quilt is given. This program presented quilting in a new and different way. It was NOT your Mama's BOQP - Boring Old Quilt Program! Quite a few people dug out Grandma's quilts and helped us make this one of the most interesting events sponsored by the Jersey County Homemakers Education Association.

Pictured are Elizabeth A. Schwab, Sandra Bechtold, Emma L. Sullivan, Mary M. Thompson and Ida May Pickel, members of the Jersey County Homemakers Education Association board who recently presented the award winning picture book, "Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery" published last year by St. Louis' Reedy Press to Chris Maness of the Jerseyville Public Library.



This book, written by Father Dominic Garramone and illustrated by Richard Bernal was honored in New York on May 19 with the Christopher Award in the Books for Young People division. Five books for young readers were honored with this award and "Brother Jerome" won the category for ages 8-10.

Father Dominic appeared in Jerseyville on April 30 of this year, presenting "Basic Dough and Beyond" for the Homemakers group to a "sell-out" crowd. For those of you who missed his presentation, he is scheduled for the fall of 2012 in Jerseyville and will present a program on "Holiday Breads".

Elizabeth Schwab
Public Relations

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MADISON.....

On Sunday, August 28th, we had a reception for the opening of our exhibit of Celebrating 75 years of HCE and Enriching our Lives, Homes and Communities by Learning, Sharing and Volunteering. We had over 95 guest that afternoon. Arene Burgess of Edwardsville presented the group with history of quilts. The exhibit features memorabilia from 1936 through the present. Thanks to Sharon Helms who gave us the vision and enthusiasm to succeed with this event as well as members who did the work to gather and label the items on display. The exhibit is at the Madison County Historical Society Museum on 715 N. Main in Edwardsville, IL through the end of December with a poster display in the Edwardsville Courthouse Administration Building.

On October 8th, Edna Head coordinated a Pennies for Friendship walk where members got pledges for participating in this walk. The morning was beautiful and the pledges were plentiful with over \$800.00 being collected. Thanks to Edna for having such a positive vision of a successful event.



Pictured are Joyce Cornwell, Pat Harmon and Edna Head on the morning of MCAHCE's Pennies for Friendship walk.

On October 10th, Wally Fisher, coordinated a wonderful International Night-Scotland. As always, she had a wonderful display, our own Rebecca Wayne of Roxanna showed slides of her trip to Scotland with many historical points of interest. Candy Huckleberry of Alhambra gave a



historical account of the tartan and bagpipes were played by Martin Petrie of Collinsville, IL. It was a fun evening complete with wonderful taste of Scotland recipes.

Wow, it's almost Christmas! Where did the year go? Madison County will have completed their Christmas In November--Tree-Mendous Christmas with HCE on November 3rd. The county has worked hard to make this another successful event. The unit's made beautiful trees as centerpieces for door prizes as well as wonderful raffle prizes and silent auction items. The evening was highlighted with the Acafellaz, a choral group from Edwardsville High School. The talented ladies of Madison County also contributed to the Fine Arts and Crafts competition. Thanks to everyone for their support.

As we wind down, we want to wish each HCE member a blessed holiday season and the very best and healthy 2012.

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations

MONROE.....

Monroe County Home and Community Education (HCE) is pleased to announce a new unit forming. Ericha Sondag, who had been a member of the New Hanover Unit for almost 10 years, decided that in order to get more ladies involved, she would form a new unit specializing in younger women.

The unit had their first meeting on October 20, 2011 at the Waterloo Annex building, where most of the meetings will be held. Six ladies met and they each wrote a name down on a piece of paper and a drawing determined the group name, which is "Spring Chicks". Several of the ladies brought great ideas to the meeting, which included: recipe swapping; healthy microwave and crock-pot meals and scrapbooking.

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The unit consists of 6 members, to date, and they are looking for more ladies to come and join the fun.

Currently, the meetings are scheduled for November 17th and December 15th at 6:30 p.m., Waterloo Annex. Come join the current members, Debbie Dietz, Amy Hesch, Connie Rusteberg, Cindy Downing, Mindy Hanna and Ericha Sondag for an evening out with laughter, excitement and fun lessons. Also, babysitting will be provided, by area teens, who are working for their volunteer hours.



We had our District 7 Mini Meeting in Benton at the Extension Office. We were able to share information about our different counties. I was able to pass along information from the latest State Board Meeting. We talked about the Telenet lessons and those who have had them agreed they are too long. The counties should exchange addresses so that they may receive each other's newsletters and read what is happening in other counties.

Sandy and Treasa are working on plans for a big year at conference in Effingham next year. Take along a unit member or two and let them learn about IAHCE.

Spring Chicks is focusing on having a family friendly atmosphere assisting more on the challenges and struggles of daily life, so that the woman can find time for herself to learn and grow.

Ericha Sondag
Public Relations

Barbara Spencer

FRANKLIN.....

The leaves are a beautiful color right now, but are falling fast and you know that means winter is around the corner. The ladies of our board stayed busy all through the summer months. We hosted the regular 4-H luncheon on a very hot Sunday when the air conditioner wasn't working, and there was no ice in the ice machine. But family member, Jim Duncan (Margaret's husband) filled the coolers with ice in town and with one flip of the switch, he fixed the air conditioner. Our units were helpful with their volunteering and made lots of pies.

In August, the Lesson for Living was titled "Cream Cheese and All You Can Do With It". Everyone said the foods, made by the board from recipes handed out, were really delicious.

We also were busy during the summer months collecting recyclables for the schools' Pre K program. There was enough collected (paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, coffee cans, ice cream tubs, and little food trays) for all 8 schools in Franklin County. with a total of 400 Pre Kids.

One of our board members has been busy making

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BARBARA SPENCER

The beautiful colors say it is fall, but the leaves on the ground say winter is around the corner. So many of our counties have had special events like Art in the Park, Quilt Shows and there is a day planned at Shawnee College to see and hear Debra Henninger, the author of the Hobo Quilt Book. We all enjoyed her at the District Workshops. Many have had craft shows and Franklin County hosts their Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair. Family Issues Update with Williamson County was a really special day. Next year it will be in Franklin County and you all are invited.



We had 99 ladies from District 7 at Fall Workshop this year. This was the first time in many years that I planned the meeting with the help of District 6 Director Marilyn Schaeffer.

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the little crocheted caps for kids and the last count she gave me was 179. Forty-two went to St. Louis Children's Hospital, 50 to Evansville and the rest to other hospitals. She kept all of us busy searching our left over yarn.

Our International Lesson in September was attended by a large group who came to hear our lady bagpipe player who also played Scottish tunes on the fiddle. Our speaker had just made a trip to Scotland and her tour gave them time to make side trips. She wants to return. The Board prepared many Scottish recipes and they were well received. We also gained a new member that day, which makes 6 in the past couple of months.

A day was scheduled to make neck coolers to send to the soldiers. It was quite a day with an assembly set up and more than 100 items were made. A lady was there to teach a class in trimming a t- shirt, also two ladies were there to teach how to make the bracelets of soda can tabs that they are selling to help with the young grandbaby of one of the ladies who has a type of cancer. Some of us cut and tied fleece blankets. We learned that the soldiers like the fleece too. The lady who taught the neck coolers has many letters from soldiers who received them There will be another day in November to make more.

The lesson for October was on Pumpkins and the young man who was to speak was busy in his field getting his crop of pumpkins out and to market. It was a good lesson and the many types of recipes were enjoyed.

The Board is getting ready now for Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair on November 5th. This event has taken place for many years. We are minus one Santa Claus tho - as our Santa's helper has retired. If you are in our area, please stop by the Benton Civic Center.

Barbara Spencer & Margaret Duncan
Public Relations

HAMILTON.....

Our summer seemed to be a long hot one, but it didn't stop our Hamilton County women from getting excited about starting a new season of activities. They had thoughts about those cool crisp fall mornings when a cup of hot tea would really be a treat, so they planned their August lesson on "Enjoying Herbal Tea." Also in August, ten ladies attended the Fall District meeting in Mt Vernon and picked up a lot of new ideas for the coming year.

As our county HEA is still celebrating our 50th Anniversary, we decided to enter a float in our annual Fall Festival Parade. Our members did a fantastic job and won Best of Show for illustrating the parade theme, "Serving Children of the World." This was a great theme for us as we do serve children in so many ways.



Our September Lesson for Living was "Remember When-Oral History Project." One of our charter members, Marie Sadler, participated in a recorded interview by a member of our Hamilton County Historical Society. We are encouraging everyone to talk to family members and friends and record the history of the past in their own words. It will be a treasured keepsake for future generations.

During Childhood Cancer Awareness month we wore our gold ribbons and HEA member Geraldine Barker made more than 40 Chemotherapy "head huggers" for children. We are collecting donations for the Chemo Duck program. We are calling it "Dollars for Ducks."

HEA week in Hamilton County is October 16 -

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20th. The week started with members attending the church of their choice. The week included a lesson on "Holiday Baking, Decorating, and Crafting." Lab robes and bibs that had been made by members were delivered to the nursing home residents. Several members attended the pre-school and read to children. The big event of the week was International Night. The evening featured our county of study, Scotland. Our county 4-H clubs also participate by expanding our international studies with their displays and food samples of many other counties. HEA hosted the main meal with dishes from Scotland. A humorous bagpipe performance and short history of the bagpipe was given by Susan Johnson. Our featured speaker, Karol Brown, spoke about her vacation to Scotland and showed many of the items she brought back from her trip. The week came to an end with "Make a Difference Day." We delivered treats to our local newspaper office, City Hall, and Post Office to thank them for supporting our organization.

November will feature our annual Style Show, Luncheon, and Bazaar. This is one of our main fund raisers and everyone works hard to make this an enjoyable day. It ushers in our holiday season in style.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JACKSON.....

The ladies in Jackson County have been very busy these last few months. With the end of summer and the fall activities it has been a whirl wind of activity. The Apple Festival was well attended by all of the units.

We lost a beloved member who had served on our board and in 4-H for many years, Carol Dyer. She will be missed by all of us. She donated her time generously.

Jackson County HEA hosted a Coupon class in September. It was a very informative class and we learned many new ways to save money. Jackson County HEA also hosted a Read the Label Telenet lesson in October and learned valuable nutritional information.

Our Stitcher's Unit began meeting at a new time and picked up several new members and a whole new project direction. A scrap quilt project was started and will be sold as a fundraiser in the upcoming year. This quilt will be made from material donated by Bonnie Long, Ethel McMahan and Roberta Johnson. Ethel McMahan even had an old pattern that was found in her donation and the quilt will be completed in her honor.

The Happy Homemakers Unit had their annual Fall Harvest Breakfast Fundraiser this year. It was well attended by many of our members. As usual, it was quite successful. Each year the Happy Homemaker's Unit donates two scholarships to local youth to begin their college study.

We will be beginning a Bunco Party and we will be making donations to local food pantry as we are requiring a non-perishable food item as an admission fee to the Bunco Party. We hope this will bring in new members as they see the fun we are having in HEA.

We will be beginning a Book Club in January and have made the first book assignment to be read.

We are preparing for the winter programs and will be hosting a Humming Bird program on January 25, 2012. We have a licensed banding person here in this county and she banded almost 6,000 humming birds this year alone.

What a wonderful end to the Summer and Fall this year!

Jean Conrod

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JEFFERSON.....

District Meeting was great! I don't sew (I can, I just don't enjoy it very much). I have learned to hand quilt – I'm not very good at it (I haven't built up the calluses and don't like the thimble very much, so I can't do that bounce you need to make small stitches). Regardless of all that I really enjoyed the 'Hobo Quilt Lady' and some of the history behind the quilts. As County CVH Director it was great to have Karen Halicki talk to us about what she would like done with CVH reporting (I think it will make it easier for everyone). Sharon, as always, does a great job in leading with Public Relations, bringing out the best in all of us, so that we can share with everyone else. If all of this wasn't enough to make it a great meeting, to put the icing on the cake for me, I was blessed by having my name picked to receive a Gift Certificate for \$50 toward the 2012 Annual Conference!

Our August Lesson was on 'Card Making', which seemed to bring out the kid in everyone. Speaking of the kid in us, we have a new Family Issues project – "Love Boxes" for Nursing Homes. This is a wonderful project that anyone can do (no sewing needed). It takes me back to when I was kid in grade school and we made "Valentine Boxes" (I'm sure most of you remember those days).

At the end of August, the Jefferson County Home and Community Education partnered with Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon to hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive. We were a success, as we reached our goal of 20 usable units, thereby possibly saving the lives of 60 people.

Each month we are learning more about Scotland, building up to International Night in October.

In September we wore 'Gold Ribbons' to bring attention to Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Our Lesson was on 'Fall Planting' focusing especially on Tulips and Daffodils. Who knew there were Red Daffodils?

October was a busy month for us, as I'm sure it was in each county. For HCE Week we made 63 'Socks for Soldiers' – we went to church – we held our International Night (our Lesson for the month) – we took a friend to lunch and talked about HCE – we pampered ourselves (Boy was that a hard day!) then we ended our week with a 'Funny' Style Show.

For International Night we tasted foods made with recipes from Scotland. We had a couple talk to us about Scotland and show us slides taken there. He was born there and knows the country and history very well and his wife has visited there. To top it off, we had a bagpipe player play for us, as well as explain some things about the bagpipes. That was also the night we raffled our quilt, afghan and food basket.

We worked on our choice of Cultural Enrichment Projects – my personal choice was making scarves for Special Olympics.

We took a friend to lunch and talked about HCE – Wow! Another hard chore and tomorrow we are to 'pamper' ourselves (my mind kept saying over and over, 'HCE just wants so much out of me!').

To end HCE week we had a 'Funny' Style Show. I will not tell you exactly what we wore as you should use your imagination and maybe have a Style Show of your own, I also will not tell you about all of our styles and I know for a fact that one of them will appear at Annual Conference where we are to dress in our favorite garden item (flower, vegetable or critter).

Here are a few of our styles: sear(s) sucker dress, bridle gown with 2 lip bouquet, tea length dress with teapot purse, one model was dressed in buttons and bows boasting a 3 carrot ring and yet another wore a card again sweater. (Spellings are all correct – got the idea?)

In November we turned our clocks back (giving us an extra hour of sleep or a better chance of not being late for a while). We honored our Veterans

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and then on Thanksgiving we thank God for our Blessings.

I'm praying you and yours, all have a Blessed Christmas and that it be everything you want it to be.

See you all in the New Year!

Marge Wilcox
Public Relations

PERRY.....

September got off to a rousing start with President Jane Chapman attending the unit meetings dressed as what else, a clown! She polled the members for new ideas for future programming. The Silver Spoons unit won for most new members this fall.

Perry County board members attended the District 7 meeting in Mt. Vernon and wore their new purple logo shirts. Member Kathi Quandt worked up a new banner with the logo for upcoming events. Paper products and food were donated to the local food pantries and also baby products to Pregnancy Matters. Veterans Day cards will be going out shortly to the Anna Veterans Home containing quarters.

Angela Epplin was recognized as an IAHCCE state scholarship winner.

The Anna's Quilts project was completed as part of HCE Week. On Friday of HCE Week a Pep and Prep Workshop was held with emphasis on head, heart, hands and health materials. Master Gardener Mary Jo Novak gave an interesting presentation on fall gardening tips. The mayor of Pinckneyville signed a proclamation for HCE Week. Lori Schmidt of Helping Hands Outreach Program talked about the new "My Plate" food guideline and Jeannie Bathon gave each participant a hand massage.

Next on the list of to-do's is the raffle stand at Pinckneyville Mardi Gras followed by Holiday Ideas Day on November 3. John Pike, a state

educator, will speak on "Reaping the Harvest of Southern Illinois." Donations of money or food items will be the admission to help struggling food pantries in the area.



Marilyn Williams, Lori Schmidt, Georgia Fagerland, Elaine Vancil, Gilda Breed and Rita Cook enjoyed the luncheon and workshop on October 7 during Perry County HCE Week.

Carolyn Bathon
Public Information

POPE/HARDIN.....

Greetings from the very Southeastern tip of Illinois. We are enjoying a very pleasant fall and finally have some relief from the extreme heat and humidity of the summer months. Our usual fall landscape colors are not abundant this season due to 30+ days of 100 degree temperatures. So we are welcoming the respite from the heat.

Our local Home Extension Association units took time out at September meetings to set our calendars for the rest of our year. Many varied programs and activities abound. It certainly appears to be an exciting time to be an HCE member!

October found us collecting Pennies for Friendship during our local meetings. We will make another delivery of our donations of books, magazines, personal toiletries, craft projects and kits and clothing to the Marion, IL, Veteran's Hospital the week prior to Veteran's Day. The attached picture includes some of our Pope/Hardin Home and Community Education's

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Veteran's donations being held by Helen Gallamore, Joy Roy, Harriet Schneidinger, Shirley Bramlet, Ruth Maxfield and Jean McLain.



During November, our units are taking a day-long trip to the Outlet Mall in W. Frankfort for a fun day of shopping and dining.

During our Christmas meetings, we donate monies and/or items to the Pope and Hardin County 4-H's and the Golden Circle's food programs. All throughout the year we collect Campbell soup can UPC's, Box Tops for Education and aluminum tabs to donate to charitable organizations.

We certainly wish all of you the best during the upcoming holidays as you share time with family and friends and be thankful for all of our blessings. We wish you the best in 2012.

Joanne Martin
Public Relations

PULASKI/ALEXANDER.....

Hear Ye-Hear Ye: I would like to give a shout out to everyone about how great the Alexander/Pulaski HCE is. Especially our dedicated members who keep it going through all their hard work thru the year. All of us have had many wonderful and helpful ideas from lessons to community projects to keep us motivated. Along with our state and international projects that top

our to-do list, we still have time for families and fun from getting together for meetings, taking trips and helping one another whenever possible.

Several of our members have taken the "Quilts for Kids" project to heart and produced several beautiful quilts and are in the process of making more. This is a wonderful cause which brings great comfort to those who receive them and unspeakable joy for those who stitch each one with love.

We are also proud to be a supporter of the Illinois Special Olympics by making scarves for them this year. We look forward to working with them again in the future.

For several years we have helped our counties 4-H groups to collect soda tabs to be given to Ronald McDonald Houses and we are pleased to see the other units in the state are now collecting them as well.

Making "The Little Dresses" to be sent to Africa has also been a lot of fun. Just to see how creative our members are is a lesson in itself. Supporting our troops is very important to us as well. In addition to making neck coolers and helmet liners, we recently started collecting coupons to be sent to military families

Much of our work is done locally by raising money for scholarships' to be given to three area high school seniors each year by hosting fundraisers like a Spring Fashion Show Brunch, grocery raffle at our County Fair and our Annual Fall Brunch Over the Ohio. New this year, we will be hosting a Charlie Brown Dinner in November. This is a mystery themed dinner which is sure to be a laugh a minute when what you ordered may not be what you get.

Christmas is a very special time of year; full of joy for so many, but for some in our communities it is a hard time. Our units collect personal health items and toys to be donated to our local Women's Shelter and collect none perishable food to donate to local food pantries.

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As well as annually collecting school supplies, we also use every opportunity to help others by collecting Boxtops for Education, soup labels, used ink cartridges, old cell phones and used eyeglasses. As I say in our monthly newsletter, every little bit helps.

Both of our units are blessed to have such gifted members whose talents are often overlooked whether it be crafting, cooking or giving of their time and energy to help others all times of the year. Here's hoping that 2012 will be as inspiring and as rewarding as the years past.

May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Amy Kerr
Public Relations

WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE celebrated HCE Week, October 9-14, 2011 following the "Circus" theme, the circus train rolled throughout Washington County. We're not clowning around when we juggle all our HCE activities under the big top during HCE Week.

The circus train rolls into the county for the signing of the proclamation for HCE Week at the U of I Extension office, Nashville, IL by our County Board Chairman, David Meyer and witnessed by our HCE Chairman, Ann Schnitker.



We roll to stops at our area churches on Sunday, as events of HCE Week were announced in an insert of the churches bulletins and flowers were placed there also.

The "Circus Extravaganza" was displayed in the radio station, WNSV, window and it was announced on the radio station during HCE Week.

We roll to a stop at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Nashville, IL on Monday evening for the International program with a member presenting an interesting program of her visit to Scotland.

When the train rolls to a stop at our local schools on Tuesday, we remember our children with cards, treats and hugs.

We don't forget our veterans in our local nursing home and hospital, as we visit them on Wednesday with cards. The smile on their faces showed their appreciation.

As we roll to a stop at the Nashville Farmers Market on Thursday, we purchase fresh fruit and vegetables and pass out brochures and display our events, quilt raffle and information.



As we roll throughout the county on Friday, we collect non-perishable food for the local Irvington Food Pantry.

So our HCE Circus train keeps rolling throughout the county promoting our HCE events and activities, with hope that new members will join us.

Our HCE Christmas special program will be held in Hoyleton, IL, November 7, 2011 with the theme "Nutcracker Sweets". Music will be presented by Don and Delayna Beattie and "Sonya's Gotta Dance" girls will provide entertainment. Members will bring food for the tasting bee, "Mouse Nibbles". Members, Gerri Schnitker and Shirley Hagene will give cooking demonstrations,

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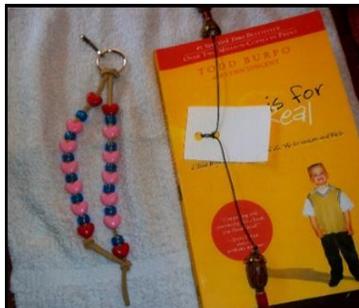
followed with a drawing of the quilt, afghan and candle raffles. Another collection of non-perishable foods will be held for the Irvington Food Pantry.

Our members also help with "Linus Project" which meets at the Methodist Church each month.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

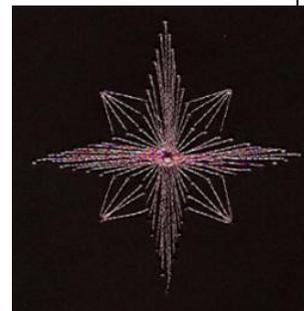


2012 CONFERENCE MAKE-IT TAKE-IT PROJECTS



Linda Tarpley of Lee Co. will be teaching a **Beaded Zipper Pull or Book Mark**, Cost \$3.00

Eileen Norin of McLean Co. will be teaching **String Art Star to make a Note Card**. Cost \$3.00



Carmen Schnitker McLean Co. will be teaching another beautiful **ANGEL!** Cost \$2.00



Norma Korte, Massac Co. – **Pipe Cleaner Flower Ring**. Cost \$1.00 (the ring State Board wore at District Workshops)

Mary Lou Simmons, Wayne Co.- **Decorative Tree Napkins**. Cost \$4.50



2011 DISTRICT WORKSHOP PHOTOS!

I have randomly scattered quilts of Debra Henninger throughout the newsletter. Debra Henninger was our speaker during all three District Workshops in August. Enjoy looking thru the newsletter for these photos. If you want to see them in color, just go to our website www.iahce.org and see how nice they look in color. Below are some of the photos taken during the same time from each District.



2nd VP Sandra Bechtold with Debra Henninger (left) and her friend..



MT. VERNON



WASHINGTON



DIXON



AND THE WINNERS ARE....

During District meetings at the Workshops held in August at Mt. Vernon, Washington and Dixon, IL drawings were held for a free year of the State Newsletter and those that received a free year are:

- District 1
Not Available
- District 2/3
Maggie Bower – Kendall County
Donna Svehla – Du Page County
- District 4
Mary Eustace - Pike County
Betty Bekermeier - Woodford County
- District 5
Judie Knoth - DeWitt County
Christine Hazen - Ford County
- District 6
Ruth Jones - Marion County
Betty McKinnon - Madison County
- District 7
Pennie Anselment - Hamilton County
Mary Yandell - Johnson County

The winners of the \$50 Gift Certificates to be used for partial registration to State Conference in March, 2012 are:

- District 1
Not Available
- District 2/3
Joan Flechestein – Will County
June Stalter – Livingston County
- District 4
Not Available
- District 5
Carol Froeschl - Champaign County
Norma Piper - Prairie Association
- District 6
Donna Richards - Jasper County
Mary Smith - Fayette County
- District 7
Marie Rutger
Marge Wilcox - Jefferson County

UPCOMING DATES

2012 IAHCE Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3.....August 21, 2012
TBA
- District 4 & 5.....August 22, 2012
TBA
- District 6 & 7.....August 23, 2012
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

2012 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 27-29, 2012 at the Effingham Hilton Gardens
See insert of this newsletter for details.

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 17-19, 2012 in Hot Springs Arkansas

CWC (Country Women’s Council USA)
September 23-25, 2012 in Manchester, New Hampshire

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

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