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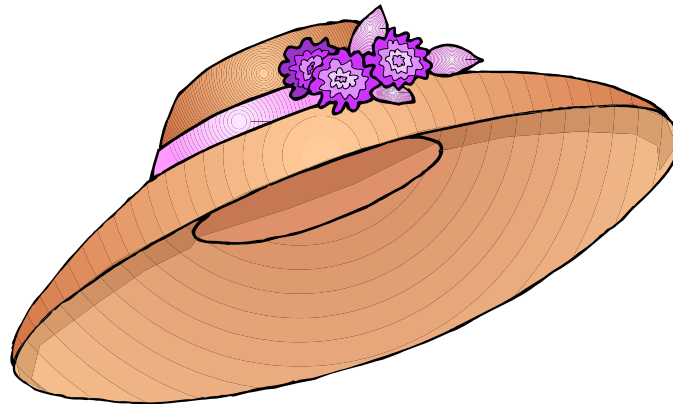
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From the Desk of the President

I know that as you read this, you may see snow falling, baking Christmas goodies and wrapping presents for Christmas. But this beautiful October fall day, I just drove to my daughter's home in St. Louis and the leaves are changing into wonderful colors. I really enjoyed the drive. Hope you have had time to appreciate the changing seasons of the Midwest.



As many know, Nancy Remmers, District 5 Director, has been very ill with cancer and its treatment. So she is not physically able to continue as District Director and has submitted her resignation. Janz Wood of McLean County has graciously accepted to replace Nancy for the remaining one year of her term. Janz was previously a District 5 Director. Thank you, Janz, for stepping up to help us.

I hope that your HCE year has begun well. Please keep checking the website, www.iahec.org for lessons and also the counties that have a page of current information pertaining to their activities. All counties are welcome to contact Sharon Middleton, Webmaster, to add your county's activities to the website. You may reach more people in your area.

I hope that you all have been having interesting programs and membership drives to attract new members to HCE. It is so important to work to increase our membership, one member at a time. So I encourage you to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to the next county meeting, volunteer project or unit meeting. We know that HCE is a great organization that has a lot to offer to all.

This issue of the State Newsletter and the website contain all information pertaining to the 2013 Annual Conference in Effingham. Please check it out and make plans for your county to attend. The conference is not just for officers but everyone. You will enjoy the theme "The Many Hats of IAHEC" and many other activities the IAHEC Board is planning for you.

Remember: Share HCE with others.

Have safe travels wherever you go. I wish a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Marilyn Daughhettez
IAHEC State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st Vice President

Treasa Brookman

Hello! Greetings from Southern Illinois! I'm so glad we finally got rain although it is too late for most crops, but will help the lakes, streams and farm ponds and many city water supplies will be replenished.

I keep trying to keep the list of contacts in the counties up to date. If your county is not hearing from me a few times a year, please send me an email:

Treasa.brookman@gmail.com

So far I have sent you the new lessons chosen for 2013-14 and they are being written by the educators. This year we are not asking for your suggestions for new programs. A new system for getting lessons will be discussed at our March meeting. Things will be a lot easier for us.

Other state Extension lessons maybe found on the internet, such as Purdue:

<http://www3.ag.purdue.edu/counties/delaware/Pages/xtensionHomemakersPackageLessons.aspx>

We are going to have only one First Vice President Share Shop. You will then be free to attend another share shop.

Mark your calendars for March 12-14, 2012 and plan to come to Effingham – Keller's Convention Center. So come and enjoy yourself.

On another note, I have been chair of the nominating committee and by the time you receive this, candidates will have been chosen. We did not receive two candidates for all positions. We have to have people apply in order to have two candidates for all positions. Credentials have to be in place 24 hours before the business meeting to be considered after the due date for applications.

See you at conference!

Treasa Brookman

2nd Vice President

Sandra Bechtold



We're starting a new year and what a year last year was. Congratulations to those who have had new members join HCE. It has be exciting reading about your interesting programs in your newsletters. Keep up the great work.

Your membership reports must be sent to your District Directors by January 5th. The report form was given out at the District Workshops and also is in the Guidebook, page 10.

Your requests for 50 year certificates need to be sent to me by January 31st. The form is in your Guidebook, page 13. Please check over your records for the coming year so certificates can be printed and signed and given out at the IAHCE Annual Conference in March in Effingham. To help in spelling unusual names, please PRINT the names on the form. We do give 60 year plus certificates when requested. Please send in ALL requests for certificates by that date so they don't trickle in and be inadvertently overlooked. Thank you so much for doing that.

For those of you that have asked about my son – yes, he has left for Kuwait for a year. This time Mom's having a harder time, so please keep us in your prayers especially all those other loved ones in harm's way.

I hope to see you all at the 2013 IAHCE Conference in Effingham. Let's party. God Bless and keep you all.

Sandy Bechtold

EXECUTIVE BOARD



Secretary
Donna Richards

District Workshops were my first as an IAHCE Board Officer. It was a time of learning for me and an opportunity to meet several of you.

A question asked during training was, "How long are records retained?" Rule of thumb is three years for almost everything except the Secretary's minutes, Treasurer's reports and anything of historical value to your county's organization. These should be retained in a permanent file. Sometimes people do a little extra housekeeping to their disadvantage at a later date. Counties may not have much room for storage, but the minutes are the record of your organization.

Hopefully, your County President should have received the President's Pre-Annual Conference Packet in the mail by the time you are reading this newsletter. If I have received your current list of County Officers (Secretary's Report), then the packet reached the correct person. We use the reports for any mailings that the Board needs to do.

As you finish up your "Garden of Volunteers", make your plans for the 2013 IAHCE Annual Conference "The Many Hats of IAHCE" March 12th – 14th.

Donna Richards



Treasurer
Jane Chapman

I am writing this in October but I don't think you will receive it until December, so may I wish you all Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year! If it is

December, that also means you should have your "Pennies for Friendship" monies sent to me by now and you are by now getting your end of the year membership

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numbers together in order to send me your dues. Please remember that the dues need to be post marked to me by January 15, 2013, and the number you are using for membership needs correspond to the end of the year membership number that your Second Vice turned into your District Director by January 5, 2013.

I hope those of you that are having issues with your federal filing status have worked the problems out and will be starting the New Year with all issues resolved. I am sorry that some of you did have problems and I wish that I somehow could have done more to help you out or to have avoided the problems. Well, past is past and we must go onward and upward.

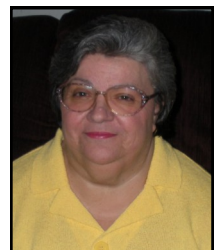
Remember to try and release any pent up stress at the end of the day, stress can be a heavy burden to carry to bed with you! And if you would happen to be a worm and the early bird gets the worm, it might be a good idea to sleep late!

It being October, GO CARDINALS! (sorry Jane)

Jane Chapman

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Marge Wilcox



I really enjoyed meeting so many of you at District meetings. I was suffering with gout in my right shoulder, but all of you and the rest of the ladies on the board made everything go so well. It was extremely rewarding to hear what so many of you are doing in your counties and had some ideas to share with everyone.

So, tell me, have you started doing Blood Drives? What about collecting items such as paper goods, personal care items, and pet products? These items are all things that people on food stamps cannot get, even though

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they are needed. Food banks will not turn these items away and can you imagine the smile on a mothers face when she gets baby diapers that she so desperately needs but can't afford?

It feels good to help others doesn't it? Now think about it, know what feels even better? Helping to save someone's life! You spend so little time but do so much good. Perhaps you might help to save the life of a Mother or Father of a 2 year old.

Don't forget, we're looking for any special needs in your area, that we can all work on. I'm sure that if there is a need in your area, it is something needed throughout the rest of the state.

These are all great opportunities to let the public know who we are and what we do. Don't forget to send in your reports at the end of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing them; be sure to report on what you are doing in your county and back it up with pictures or any other receipts you may get. Also, tell me how many peoples lives you have the potential of saving. Don't forget your reports help toward "County of the Year". Good Luck to you all.

Any questions or if I can be of any assistance, feel free to call me at 618-732-8226 or 618-214-4323 or send me an e-mail at mwilcox@mvn.net

Marge Wilcox



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Hi ladies! Well, I survived my first District Workshop. It was nice meeting some of you there, and seeing others that I have enjoyed their company before. Thank you ladies for being so nice about all the changes in Cultural Arts. During the workshops, there were a few other things many of you let me know you

wanted changed, and we will discuss those at our October board meeting and I will let you know about them for next year. I hope you got some good ideas at the workshops, I know I did.

Remember to send me your "Best of Show" registrations by February 15th, at 2990 Knox Hwy 3, Altona, IL. 61414. If your competitions are after this date, let me know before that date that they will be late. If your items are not registered or you haven't notified me by then, they will not be allowed in the show. Any questions, my phone number is 309-483-6594, email pnjlong@otemail.com. And remember this year you can enter 8 items, one of which can be a quilt, but only one quilt per county. We will be accepting entries all day Tuesday, but please get them in as soon as possible.

I only have a couple of "Make It and Take It" items so far and I don't have pictures of them. So please, let me know if you would be willing to teach a "Make It and Take It" at conference. Send a picture and price for the craft to my address. I know a couple of you told me at workshop that you would do one, but I need a picture and price. Thank you very much in advance for doing this for us. It is really appreciated and helps out the other counties with projects to take back home. It's just one more thing they can learn at conference.

Education Award Reports are due post marked no later than January 31, 2013 to my address.

Sorry there are no projects to work on this year, but after the election at conference we should know more about who will be the Cultural Arts director for the next three years and I am sure there will be some projects then. Again, thanks for understanding the transition from the previous Director to me and for all your hard work and cooperation.

Peggy Long

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FAMILY ISSUES

Norma Korte



IAHCE Family Issues

Happy Fall! I hope you have had a good harvest either from the garden or the crops in the field. We have been very

thankful for any crop we had this year. It has definitely been an unusual and challenging year for everyone.

I have just returned from the IAHCE State Board meeting. Several new and interesting features have been added to the IAHCE Convention for 2013. Please make plans to attend!! I will be presenting the award for the largest aluminum tab collection for the final time for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (or other charity of your choice). I also hope to receive more applications this year for the Family Issues Education Award. Applications can be found in the guidebook on page 52, and the instruction pages on 30, 49-51. The Family of the Year application is on pages 31-33.

During the District Meetings in August, I shared with you the many ways you might help a family who has a child with Autism. The main purpose of the workshop was to help educate others on the importance of early detection and education. I was privileged to hear Dr. Temple Grandin speak at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois in late September. She is an amazing person! She shared many insightful tips for working with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder, and emphasized the importance patience and time for the work to come to fruition with those affected by the disorder. Give these individuals a chance and be understanding of their situation. She is a strong advocate for 4-H and FFA and strongly suggested that all children, especially those with Autism, be involved in these organizations. Children with Autism can be productive members of a community.

I included in the Family Issues packets from the District Workshops some instructions for

“Weighted Quilts”. These quilts are given to children with Autism. You can refer to the TAP reference page to find your closest location to donate the quilts or bring them to State Conference and I will deliver them to a location. If you want to donate clean twin cotton sheets to fill the quilts, those are also very important and needed.

The Family Issues focus for 2013 will be “Exercising for Your Own Good!” This theme will relate to exercises for your heart, diabetics or just good health in general. I plan to have an instructor present for the share shop in March to give us information on how to keep in shape for ourselves and our family.

See you in March!! From the Korte family,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Norma Korte

INTERNATIONAL

Pat Weitzmann



I attended my first IAHCE Board Meeting in June in Effingham, IL; and I came away with a new appreciation for the extent of work Board members do. I got to appreciate much of the beauty and diversity of our Illinois landscape as I traveled by car from the far Northeast region of our state.

Your contributions to Pennies for Friendship made it possible for IAHCE to donate monies to three youth oriented programs and an organization celebrating international friendship and peace. These donations are from the 15% of Pennies For Friendship monies retained by IAHCE. Donations were given to the Illinois 4-H Foundation, International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), Labo program (Japanese youth summer homestay in Illinois) and the International Peace Garden.

You may want to visit the International Peace Garden. It straddles the border of North Dakota and Manitoba. Besides being a 2,339 acre

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Botanical Garden with camping sites, there are Summer Camps on-site that encourage cultural arts and athletics for young people. There's even a musical education session for adults. For information call 888-432-6733 or visit www.peacegarden.com



At least four of our counties participated in ACWW's "Women Walk the World". They are Jersey (District 6), Madison

(District 6), Perry (District 7) and Sangamon (District 4) counties. The funds they raised go to ACWW. **If your county participated in "Women Walk the World", please let me know, so I can acknowledge your efforts.**

I look forward to meeting and sharing information with IAHCE members in the counties at the District Workshops in August. There will be more materials, including more recipes, for you on Trinidad and Tobago, the 2012-2013 Country of Study. I'll update you on ACWW projects too.

Pat Weitzmann

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sharon Middleton



It has been an extremely busy fall around here this year. Our county has been very busy and, with the other volunteering, the time has went by very fast.

You are receiving your State Newsletter a little later than I had planned, due to many circumstances beyond my control, but you have it now and I hope that you will enjoy reading what all the counties are doing across the state.

The registration section gives you all the details of what is in store for you at the 89th State Conference, March 12-14, 2013 in Effingham. You will see all the exciting things that the board has worked so hard putting together for you.

Browse through the center section and discover that on Monday there is a tour for those early birds. You will be seeing friends you may not have seen since last year, Cultural Enrichment items being put into place for your voting for the "Best of Show", Silent Auction will have many items for you to bid on, posters showing what the counties all over the state have been doing, lunches, share shops galore, dinners, exciting entertainment, for sure! Take a break and explore the possibilities that await you when you arrive at the 89th IAHCE State Conference.



I will see you there with your "Many Hats of IAHCE"!

Sharon Middleton

CVH/SALES

Karen Halicki



Thanks for Volunteering! You do make a difference to your community. I so enjoyed meeting so many of you at the District Meetings.

Please be sure to get your 2012 hours to your county rep so they can mail them to me by January 31, 2013. It's not too early to start sending them in to me. I have a lot of work to do before I see you in March!

If you need pins or other sale items, just e-mail, call or drop me a note. I can mail them (you pay the postage) or I can have them ready for you to pick up at the Annual Meeting in March at Effingham, IL. Check our sale items on the IAHCE website at: www.iahce.org

Thank you so much for helping at the Annual Conference last March! It's that time of the year to be thinking about coming again to Effingham, March 12-14, 2013. We can use you to volunteer again at the upcoming conference. It really helps us out when you volunteer.

Karen Halicki

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U of I Extension Liaison Jenna Smith

Hello! I hope all of you have been enjoying your summer. It's certainly been a busy one for me!

I've been working hard in my Nutrition & Wellness Educator role with presenting back-to-back "I on Diabetes" programs and of course, fairs, fairs and more fairs! But my role as IAHC Extension Liaison has also been an active one. I have developed a registration site for all multi-county Extension units to log in and register their local HCE units for the upcoming telenet lessons for the 2012-2013 year. For a copy of the telenet lesson schedule and to register, please contact your local Extension office. There are some wonderful lessons on that list that I think you will really enjoy!

Also, you can look forward to excellent HCE lessons in the future. I sat in on the 1st Vice Presidents meeting at annual conference and worked with the Family and Consumer Science Educators to decide on new lessons for the 2013-2014 year. You may look forward to hearing "Finance Tips for Retirees in Today's Economy" from Consumer Economics, "Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit" and "Understanding Parenting in Today's World" from the Family Life team, and "Managing a Gluten-Free Diet" and "Cooking with Fresh Garden Vegetables" from the Nutrition & Wellness team. But remember...these won't be given until the fall of next year!

As always, I really enjoyed my time spent with the board at the June Board meeting in Effingham. Besides eating a fantastic lunch and touring the Cross, we brainstormed as a group to discuss what characteristics and skills make a good leader. We recognized that while one person may be weak in one of these characteristics or skills, another person may be strong in that particular characteristic or skill. So working together as a team strengthens your leadership! We then made bookmarks for the person sitting next to us filled with positive

comments about that person. And after that, we played "Musical Paper Bags" to highlight our communication and teamwork skills as well as to have a few laughs!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Jenna Smith

BOARD HAPPENINGS

1. Accepted Nancy Remmers resignation from state board as District 5 Director due to health problems
2. Appointed Jane Wood, former District 5 Director, to finish the remainder of Nancy's term of 1 year
3. Support fund grants announced
4. Nominating Committee reported on applicants for state board positions
5. Discussed how to get new members. Mason, St. Clair and Gallatin Counties dissolving but many are moving into another county
6. Set date for conference registration, tours, volunteer and facilitator forms to February 19, 2013
7. Ads for conference program book should be to Sharon Middleton by February 1, 2013
8. 2nd Vice President wants all requests for 50 year or more certificates requested for the year by February 19th instead of throughout the year
9. Requested items for Silent Auction should be something you would want to bid on.
10. Suggested that anyone from a county could come forward to receive award presented on Tuesday evening to help make it move quicker.
11. Board will present budget with 6% reduction
12. Read thank you notes from scholarship recipients and International projects donations

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The IAHCCE Nominating Committee interviewed potential candidates for the IAHCCE Board on October 28th. The following names will be placed on the ballot at the 2013 IAHCCE Annual Conference Business Meeting on March 13, 2013.



Carolyn W. Fisher of Du Page County has applied for Second Vice President. She has been a member of HCE for 23 years and served at the county level as Young Family Issues, Second Vice President, Community Outreach/Family Issues/CVH Director. At the state level she has served as Young Family Issues

Director (2 years), Young Family issues/Family Living Director (1 year), District 2/3 director (1 year), First Vice President, Community Outreach Director and Secretary.

Carolyn has been married to Mylon for 34 years and together they raise aquatic turtles. She is active in the community. She would like to encourage counties to have activities to promote HCE and work with PR director to get our name out to the community.

Kathryn McNeely of McLean County has applied for the position of Second Vice President. She has been a HCE member around 45 years and has served at the county level as President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Tours, chaired her county's 90th year celebration. At the state level she has been District 5 Director, Co-chair and Chair of two IAHCCE Conferences and served on various committees of the IAHCCE State Board. Nationally she has served as NVON Secretary 3 years, various other committees and was 2009 NVON Conference chair in Illinois.



Kathryn has been married to Robert for 51 years; they have 2 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, and 5 grandsons. She has been very active in her

community. She is looking forward to compiling end of year reports and traveling to the District Workshop meetings.



Peggy Long of Knox County has applied for Cultural Enrichment Director. She has been a HCE member for 14 years and has been President and 1st Vice president in her county. This past year she has filled the State Cultural Enrichment term.

Peggy has been married to John for 42 years. They have two girls and a son, 7 grandkids and 2 great grand kids. She grew up in Gallatin County and then moved to Rock Island County and then Knox County. She previously owned a craft store where she taught classes. She is active in her community and is a stickler for following the rules, so it is fair for everyone.

Norma Korte of Massac County has applied for a second term for the position of Family Issues Director. She has been a HCE member for 41 years. In Massac County she has been Treasurer, Secretary, 1st Vice President, President and Public Relations. At the state level she has been the past Family Issues Director.



Norma has been married 41 years to her good friend from school, 4-H and church, Steve. They have 2 sons and a daughter and 4 loving grandchildren. She is very active in her church and community and would like to continue stressing health issues for the family.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor for any of these positions. The person nominated from the floor must submit an application and letter of recommendation to the nominating committee at least 24 hours before the business meeting to run for an IAHCCE Board position.

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Cookbook for 2014

History and Recipes wanted:



With our 90th year coming up in 2014 we would like to put together a cookbook of recipes from each county and some history of your county. Not a long history, just a few paragraphs about the date you started, membership, what you did that was special in your county.

Do you have favorite recipes from your county that your mom used that you enjoyed? The last cookbook was in 2006 and it had interesting notes on the bottom that is interesting to read. I love cookbooks but I really love cookbooks with stories in them. Perhaps that recipe you have has some interesting history behind it. Send them early....Deadline June 1, 2013 Send to:

Karen Halicki
IAHCE CVH/Sales Director
753 Brush College Road
Maroa, IL 61756

E-mails would be even better..send to:

halicki3@prairieinet.net

Resemble Pieces of Broken China?" presentation. Jo Ellen Almond, ACWW Secretary, was in attendance. She talked about the 2013 ACWW Triennial Conference in Chennai, India that she is chairing and her candidacy for the ACWW Presidency. Jo Ellen is an Indiana resident and a well qualified candidate for the presidential position. There hasn't been a USA President of ACWW since Ruth B. Sayre over 65 years ago.

I encourage each county International Director to at least once a year share with county members information about ACWW and its current activities. By the March 2013 IAHCE Annual Meeting, I hope to hear that every county has at least one person or the County Board holding membership with ACWW.

The CWC Board encouraged more member societies to submit applications made by their state residents for the Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship for women's higher education. There were four \$500 scholarships given in 2012 to three young women from Iowa and one from Wisconsin. Both traditional and home schooled students are eligible for the scholarships.

At the NVON, National Volunteer Outreach Network, meeting held during the CWC conference there was a micron fiber water filter demonstration by Pat Breznay, V.P. of NVON. The \$60 small filter makes 1 million gallons of clean, safe water out of dirty water. Pat is Chairperson of NVON's Water Around the World project in common that starts in 2013. NVON is encouraging the donation and dissemination of water filters to families who do not have access to clean water. Check out www.nvon.org.



CWC Conference



I attended the CWC, Country Women's Council, Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire in September. There was plenty of opportunity for sharing, networking and information gathering/ generation. The New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family members were impressive hostesses. CWC President Marian Brown kept us informed about "CWC Who, What, When and Where".

Since this was also the USA Area Meeting of ACWW, Associated Country Women of the World, USA Area President Beverly Earnhart showed us how we are all connected from the county level up to the world level with her "How Does ACWW

January 1, 2013 ACWW Membership renewals are due. Notices will not be sent to individual members, as a cost saving measure.

So, go to www.acww.org.uk then select "ACWW Forms. Print and complete the form indicating it is a renewal and mail to the ACWW offices in the UK. Please pay by credit or debit card as payment by check results in only 25% of the money coming to ACWW. Contact me if you have questions.

Pat Weitzmann
IAHCE International Director

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HCE Members at AWIU Delegation

Joan McEachern, Kendall County, traveled with a delegation of women to the Balkans, with the American Women for International Understanding, (AWIU.org) earlier in the summer. Their stay lasted three weeks.

They met with many women's organizations in Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Hungary, Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia. One meeting was with the American Ambassadors in Belgrade, Sarajevo and Budapest. Another with the International Trust Fund.

Their main object was to meet and visit with the Roma families displaced by the war in Kosovo. In Tuzla, Bosnia, they met the Roma Women for a Better Future, whose focus is improving the education of the Roma children.

Joan met with The Honorable Agnes Osziolykan, the first Roma member of the Hungarian Parliament. She was also one of eight women honored in 2011 by the US State Department as an International Woman of Courage. One of her main concerns is improving the education for Roma children.



They traveled and met with many during their experiences. Contact Joan for more information at 630-553-6407.



NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE!

Effective May 1, 2013, the subscription rate for the State Newsletter will raise to \$9.00 per year for three issues. If your subscription will be expiring, now is the time to renew. You can renew at the old price up and until April 30, 2013

Due to the raise in postage, paper and printing costs, we are sorry, but this must be done. A subscription form is on the back page.

Nancy, Get Well Soon!



The quilt is called a Prayer Shawl Quilt made by President Marilyn Daughhetee and, signed by all the board members, given to Nancy Remmers after having to resign as District 5 Director due to her illness. We all wish her well and to recover soon.

We were at the annual October Board Meeting where Nancy was able to come and visit for a brief while.

UPCOMING DATES

2013 IAHCe District Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3.....August 20, 2013
TBA
- District 4 & 5.....August 21, 2013
TBA
- District 6 & 7.....August 22, 2013
Holiday Inn

2014 IAHCe ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- March 18-20, 2014 Decatur Conference & Hotel
- NVON** (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 16-18, 2013 in Frankfort, Ky.
- CWC** (Country Women's Council USA)
September 25-27, 2014
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
- ACWW** September 26-October 2, 2013
Chennai, India.

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DISTRICT 1 Marilyn De Vries



Hi Everyone!

Christmas is around the corner and the weather man is letting us know that.

District Workshop is over and we are preparing for the conference in 2013 held in March.

Thank you for having me at your annual meetings. If I can help you, please let me know.

Have a very nice holiday and keep warm. See you at conference.

Marilyn De Vries

We held our yearly bake sale at Weir's fruit farm during Heritage Trail Days. It was a big success. Faye Gray was the lucky winner of this years quilt. Proceeds from these events will help fund our community projects such as college scholarships, 4-H, West Central Schools, gift baskets for 1st New Years baby and many more.

We are still collecting pop tabs and making pillowcase dresses for African girls. We will be working on our quilt for 2013. We will have a float in Oquawka's lighted Christmas parade, also selling knives at the Stronghurst holiday walk.

We hope everyone has a safe winter.

Bev Alecock
Public Relations

HENDERSON.....

It is a sad time for Henderson County H.C.E. members. Our Henderson County H.C.E. county board president Judy Colley lost her battle with cancer on September 7. She was a good friend and an inspiration to all who knew her.

H.C.E. members were very busy volunteering at community events this summer such as Stronghurst 125th year celebration, Oquawka's catfish cook off, assisting judges at the fair and hosting project buildings and many more events.

A countywide get together for all county H.C.E. members was held on September 17 at the Gladstone Community Building. Donna Buss showed us how to make beautiful fall flower arrangements. They were later given out to members as door prizes.

Mary Alice Huntoon, Paula Clark and Lois Campbell entertained us with a skit on Caribbean Islands. H.C.E. board members served delicious refreshments after the program.

JO DAVIESS.....

The Jo Daviess County Units of H.C.E. have spent a busy summer and early fall hosting and participating in many activities. The County board selected and awarded 2 - \$250.00 scholarships to area graduating seniors, Jen Thoren and Megan Altfillisch. In June, the Hills and Meridian Units hosted our annual Spring Skills from the Hills held on the grounds of the Old Market House, Commerce St., Galena. They raised \$1055 selling Rada Cutlery and baked goods. In July, no lessons were planned so members could volunteer to help staff where needed at the 4-H Fair held in Elizabeth. Members donate fruit pies to sell at the 4-H food stand. Our Ways & Means co-directors man a stand at the Stockton 4th of July event held in the Park selling our Rada Cutlery.

August found six board and director members attending the District 1 & 2/3 Workshops where we all learned the value of volunteering, received information on our country of study and looked forward to the new theme for 2013. The month of September started with our Heritage Arts Planning meeting which combines, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee &

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Stephenson Counties. The 16th Annual Heritage Arts Make & Take Workshop will be held April 6, 2013 at the Naaman Diehl Auditorium, Mt. Carroll.

We held 2 training events for unit lessons in September. The first was held at Highland Community College West, where the head of the Department of Cosmetology provided the lesson on "Proper Skin Care & Use of Cosmetics as We Age." Our 1st Vice President, Charlice was our gracious model for a demonstration of proper cosmetics application. We also participated in the telnet lesson, "Beverages-Empty Calories or Not?" We ended the month with our Derinda, Eureka, Willow and Woodbine Units hosting our Fall Old Market Days on the grounds of the Old Market House, Galena where they raised \$467 selling baked goods, garden produce, house plants and Rada Cutlery.

Our biggest fundraiser for the year is held on Columbus Day Weekend where we served food at the River Ridge PTO Craft Fair. All of our county units participate. We served 78 pounds of barbeque sandwiches and 25 pounds of Italian beef sandwiches. A total of 11 cakes and 61 pies were made and served. Pies included were baked apple, apricot, mixed berry, blueberry, cherry, grape, ground cherry, peach, pear, pumpkin, raisin, rhubarb and red raspberry pies. This event nets us over \$2,000.00. Our County will use the proceeds from our summer and fall fundraisers to donate to the Extension Trust Fund, scholarships and pay our day to day expenses.

Our Public Relations Director, Marcella Arnold was involved in a car accident in early October and is recovering from a broken jaw, 7 broken ribs, arm injury and many bumps and bruises. After spending several days in ICU, a few more days in the hospital and some time in a rehab center in Rockford, she is home with family to continue her healing. We miss her guidance and hope each day brings her closer to recovery.

Carrie J. Haug, President

MERCER.....

This past year has been an important one for Mercer County HCE. Mercer County was the second county in Illinois to officially organize a home improvement association in 1917 and we celebrated at our 95th Annual Meeting, held in May, at the Oakview Country Club in Aledo.

The theme for the meeting was a 1917 "High Tea", which was also appropriate in that two members, Lynn and Barbara, from Warren County HCE spoke about their "Heritage Tour" to England, Scotland and Wales. We invited everyone to wear their 1917 attire and some members came dressed in hats and gloves. Many brought era-related memorabilia as well as a display of HCE scrapbooks from years past. The oldest scrapbook being one from 1929.

A young lady named Elsie Gildersleeve was the first Mercer County Advisor from 1918-1920. She left her position when she married Glen Gilmore. Her family was kind enough to provide us some wonderful pictures of her that we included in our program booklet. Relatives of Elsie Gildersleeve Gilmore were guests at the meeting and included Merna Gilmore, daughter-in-law; Carolyn Brown McCrory, granddaughter; Linda Gilmore Tank, granddaughter; and Cheryl Brown, granddaughter-in-law. Mrs. Tank gave a detailed history of the daily activities of her grandmother during her time as the Mercer County Advisor.



Marcia Duncan, Public Relations, read an article she found relating memories of Ohio Grove Charter Member Grace Patterson attending Extension meetings in Mercer County in 1915 – even before we had officially organized. I wonder what the ladies of that time would think of us following in their footsteps? And will there be members in the year 2107 reading about our memories in HCE from 2012? Hmmm.

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ROCK ISLAND.....

Once again Rock Island County has had a busy time of reigniting our learning experiences.

Our new county board has picked up the baton and run into the fall season after the new members were organized. The officer's training and three Lessons for Learning kept the month of September hopping. Donations of time, talent and treasures for the Homeless Veteran gave emphasis to "Stand Down Days" in early September.

October focus was on Cultural Enrichment through Awareness Day on the 13th, complete with a large display of handcrafted items, a delicious salad luncheon and an interesting lesson on gourds. Award winners were: Linda Klyman - quilt, purse, apron/pot holders; Elaine Brown - turkey table runner; Donna Dual - painted gourd; Lucille Michaels - lower wall hanging; LaRay Smith - framed photograph; Lucille Mumma - knitted prayer shawl. The new membership was awarded to Delphia Skinner. The tables were resplendent with vegetable cans filled with seed packets and dried grasses as centerpieces carrying out our annual theme.

Another focus for October was International Day on the 24th with speakers on Trinidad and Tobago. Dawn Wassell and Glenda Dedoncker, who spent two weeks in those islands working with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship), shared their experiences and knowledge through song, a video, pictures and an enlightening talk. A huge, delicious lunch of recipes from those islands was enjoyed by those attending. Participants were also given a booklet of recipes and information.

November finds us looking forward to another Lesson for Living and one of our annual fundraisers at the Playcrafters' Barn Theater. It will be a lovely evening - hors d'oeuvres followed by the performance of "The Christmas Express".

Looking ahead into the winter months, all units will have a special guest lesson in December, as two board members will visit each unit and

present the holiday lesson, "Celebrating Togetherness". On January 19th Keith Bonnstetter will instruct attendees in paper cutting. A Lesson for Living on Food Supplements will be presented in February. Visiting Lagomarcinos candy shop for lunch and an afternoon of candy demonstration will be offered on March 6.

When spring arrives in April, we will be visiting the German American Heritage Center for lunch and a presentation. And we all look forward to Annual Meeting in June when a Master Gardener, Don Musak, will talk on Hostas.

Ongoing throughout these months of fall into winter, the Handy Buds 4-H club have been meeting each month. Members enjoy having volunteer unit members attend the meeting and teach a simple craft. 4-H members also are served a yummy snack and play games for prizes.

We have much to look forward to in Rock Island County this year and are thankful for the guidance of our directors, as we reap the benefits of this educational opportunity.

Lucille Mumma
Public Relations

STEPHENSON.....

The Stephenson County Fair was held July 9-12th. We again had our dining hall opened the entire week. We served full meals 3 times a day. We also had sandwiches available. A real hit is our homemade pies made at the dining hall. Several of our members made pies each day. Because of the extremely dry weather the 4th of July fireworks were postponed until Labor Day week-end. The fireworks were held at the fair grounds. We again served our home-made pies and ice cream.

On August 21 eleven members attended the District 1 meeting in Aurora.

Our International Meeting was held October 8th at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. The

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meeting was opened to the public. We also invited members from surrounding counties. Debbie Dyson was our speaker. She had spent time in Trinidad. She invited us to go to Trinidad with her as she still has connections there! We sampled food from Trinidad that was made by the International Chairman of our local units. Some of the recipes we tasted were: stew beef, curried potatoes, sweet bread, baked custard, mango chow, sugar cookies and ginger lemonade. We also had a Basket Silent Auction. A good variety of baskets were sold.

On October 13th, we had a pie crust making workshop at the Farm Bureau. It was opened to the public. It was a cool, rainy day but the attendance was good. Audrey Musser demonstrated making pie crust with oil. Lynn Lott made crust using lard. They provided samples for us to taste. We even had four men attend!

Our county collects empty prescription bottles. Our Community Outreach Chairman, Nancy Albrecht takes them to various veterinarians in our area. They use them to dispense medicines for animals in their care.

Ann Runkle
Public Relations

WARREN.....

Wow! What a busy Fall in Warren County. In September we hosted our annual party for our friends at Warren Achievement Center. Approximately 65 men and women thoroughly enjoyed a "LUAU" themed evening of singing, dancing, eating and being entertained by the Flame Sisters of Galesburg. Gretchen Allert, Family Issues Director, coordinated the food, entertainment and gift bags for each participant. We had volunteers from all Units helping to, so it was a blast!

Then our Annual Meeting was held in October, with Nancy Housh coordinating the festivities. After our meeting and installation of officers for

2013, we had a wonderful lunch. The program was led by Chris Enroth, Horticulture Educator for our area. He shared interesting facts on how to select the right tree for your yard and where and how to properly plant and nourish it.

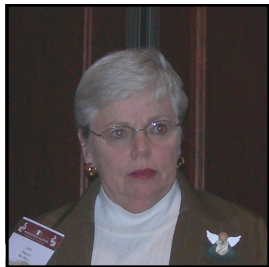
Nancy had asked members to display any craft/hobby they enjoy. This was so fun and we have some very creative people! Units put together posters of their Units "Garden of Volunteers", which was so interesting. Another section was for any of our earlier years "4-H" memorabilia. I couldn't believe some items our members had saved, it was a joy to look through everything. We also collected donated items for our homeless veterans, which are in dire need of help. Overall, our county made us all proud of the "can do" attitude of helping others!

Our 33rd Annual Craft Show & Home-Based Business Show was held on November 17, 2012 in Monmouth, IL. We had over 90 crafters participate, while HCE ran the food courts and 2 locations. This is our big fundraiser each year, with every Unit baking, cooking, donating time and money, to ensure all our customers enjoy a festive holiday shopping experience. Merry Christmas and a great 2013!

Peg Chambers
Public Relations

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DISTRICT 2/3 Jean Pieroni

It seems I start each note with something about the weather so this isn't any different. Aren't the trees glorious? And what about the fall vegetables from country markets? It's funny how you don't notice them on cloudy days but when the sun shines, no matter what the temperature, it makes me want to be outside!

International Day is coming and we're all gearing up for the fun of "The Limbo", steel drum music and lots of good food. I'll be especially thankful this thanksgiving, having my cousin and her girls here, along with most of our children. My cousin and I had lost touch for many years and have recently connected. Christmas will come soon enough and then conference. Where did the time go? My best to you all.

Jean Pieroni

Du PAGE.....

After attending the District 2/3 Workshop in mid August, we held our Annual Update and Potluck in late August, at the Du Page County Fair Home Economics building. The theme for the event was "Old Time Kitchenware". Members brought many antique items that were put on display for all to enjoy. The items brought back many memories. Members and guest had the opportunity to guess how many coffee beans were in the antique glass coffee container and win a prize. A delicious potluck was enjoyed by all.

After sharing information from the District Workshop and announcements by board members were made, a fun game of Bingo and door prizes followed.

In October we had our first HCE Week Open

House at the Du Page County Extension Office. Tables were decorated in a Fall Theme. A display of HCE information, samples of crafts, Community Service projects and quilts that were made by members.

Attending members worked on their own projects and some worked on Community Service projects. It was a great "Show and Tell" event.

Refreshments were served. Door prizes were given to the first five members attending and to guests.

We have been pretty busy. We have meetings the 1st Monday of the month for our board meeting. Many things are brought up. Things of interest in the county with concerts, plays and other interests. A place has been set up to meet to work on quilts and projects for the coming holidays.

We made over 360 Christmas cards for the Veterans at Hines Hospital.

A group of members and husbands enjoyed a beautiful day at the Morton Arboretum. They enjoyed a room full of windows for their luncheon where they could look out and enjoy the fall colors and a lake. Then they proceeded to have a 45 minute tram ride to see the changing colors plus getting information as they rode thru the Arboretum. All had a good day.

Miriam Ferguson
Public Information

KANE.....

Since the annual state conference we have been very busy beginning with our Annual Meeting in May. Our presenter was an expert on "Hummingbirds" which fit in nicely with the state theme. Officers were installed and Elaine Bond was honored as "Member of the Year". Further, we carried out IAHCE's Garden of Volunteers" theme by hosting our Annual Open House 2012 with a honey bee presentation,

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"Bees and the Environment". A family with a local bee farm gave a very interesting presentation on growing, cultivating, harvesting the bees production of honey. Of course, many samples were provided and packaged goods could be purchased.

November 7th was our County International/ New Member Luncheon. Along with a power point presentation on Trinidad -Tobago, a Pan Steel Drum quartet played music and explained the origin of this instrument and a bit of the culture. To top all this--the limbo was performed by many members.

February 27th is our County Fun Day with a program on "Laughter" and how significant it is to our happiness as well as eliminating stress. This presenter ends the program instructing the audience in different types of laughter as well as the audience participants trying to emulate the presenter. We held a White Elephant sale and an Arts and Crafts display, the winners being selected for showing at the state conference.

This is a special year for Kane county as it is our 95th anniversary. Our annual Meeting in May 2013 is going to be one big birthday party!

See you at State in May!

Elaine Bond
President

KANKAKEE.....

We started investigating the opportunity to give an annual scholarship through our local Community College. A representative from the college joined us for two of our board meeting days to explain how a scholarship works and the process required to get one started.

The month of August had us on the road again. Six of our county board members attended the

Annual Training for our district. The training and luncheon was followed by an entertaining group of ladies made up of ladies from the units that attended. They put on a show of the various type of dress from times past. The day was enjoyed by all.

On September 12th after our regular Board Meeting, a salad luncheon accompanied training for the officers of the individual units in our county.

Also, the end of September brought us together again; sewing was held over a period of several weeks into October. A quilt top was assembled; once the quilt is completed, we will be selling raffle tickets. We will use the money earned to support the various projects for the coming year. We are also still continuing to sew Little Dresses for Africa. Neesha, our Community Outreach officer, has already sent in fifty dresses. More will be sent when the rest are completed, hopefully before the end of the year.

On October 10, 2012, we had our Annual Tea. Attendees brought White Elephant Items to be raffled.

Dee Workman
Public Relations

KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE celebrates "HCE" all through the month of October, instead of limiting it to just one week. We have many activities that are open to the public.

This year they included: October 1, "Five Seam Table Runner" workshop; October 8, HCE helped/taught 4-Her's how to make charity quilts; October 9, Program at Beecher Senior Center, "So Gallantly Waving – Words of Patriotism & Gratitude" by Pat Gavros; October 16, program on "The Balkans--After the War", given by Joan McEachern; October 23, Dominoes Jewelry and Curly Scarves

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workshop; October 30, "Basic Digital Cameras – How to get the most from your pocket digital camera".

All the programs and workshops were free, but donations were requested for the Kendall County Food Pantry. Before the October 30 workshop, we had collected many bags of food and over \$100 for the Food Pantry.

We also held our 14th Annual Victorian Tea...."Little Black Dresses," on Sunday, October 14 and during the month delivered 12 quilts to the Kendall County Health Department to be given to W.I.C. participants. At all the activities, our tri-fold about Kendall County HCE, was given to all those attending. We had over 20 come to the October 23 workshop!

Joan McEachern

LAKE.....

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education has had a busy fall! On August 21, board members attended the District 1-2/3 Workshop in Aurora. On August 30, we held our annual Fall Advisory to introduce the new year to our members...but wait, I need to back up a bit. One of our units made history during the summer by having a wedding at a unit meeting. Yes, you read correctly, a wedding. Hickory Knolls' member, Lana Keroson and her fiancé, Paul, held their wedding at the home of another Hickory Knolls' member, Kay Anderson. Other unit attendees were Jane Ellen Keroson, mother of the bride; Melba Kerpan, who brought the grandmother of the bride, also a former member; and other unit members, who thought they were coming for a regular end of the year unit potluck. Barb Rowland from the Ben Port unit made the wedding cake. Other guests included Charlotte Bingham and Betty Wertke from the Volo unit.

So, back to our fall activities...On October 18, Cultural Enrichment Day was held at the Extension Office. Our guest speaker was

Gretchen Potter, "the hat lady", who brought part of her 450 item hat collection to show and tell. We learned much about the history of hats and had a delightful time trying them on. A delicious luncheon was served after the speaker, followed by a raffle and the annual craft awards. We have so many talented members!



Sewing for the Troops was held on October 24. We collected both Christmas and patriotic fabric in order to make Christmas stockings for the troops. That same week, on October 26, long-time member, Mary Lester, was our HCE nominee at the University of Illinois Extension Hall of Fame Awards' reception held at the Extension office. Mary is a very active member of the Town and Country unit and of HCE.

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education has another dedicated member, Mary Ellen Keegan. She has just recently retired as our county newsletter (Close-Ups) editor after fourteen years on the job. Mary Ellen has been a member of the Fireside unit and of HCE for twenty-five years. She enjoyed being the editor because it helped her to keep current with all that was happening in HCE, but found challenge in keeping up with the ever changing, increasingly demanding postal requirements with regard to bulk mail. Mary Ellen advice to a future editor: "It's the members who make the news and it's the editor who reports the news." Mary Ellen's final thoughts on her fourteen years as Close-Ups editor are that it was great fun and she enjoyed every minute of it.

Diane Shearer

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LaSALLE.....

Autumn is here in all her glory. It came upon us fast this year. It was a dry hot summer then all of a sudden, it's a cold and wet fall. No Indian summer?

LaSalle County 4-H fair was in July. The food stand was a big success with all our homemade pies, pork BBQ from the Pork Producers and beef from our Beef Producers. This year we joined forces with the 4-H Federation. It was a wonderful experience working with the 4-H members and their parents. HCE and the 4-H both benefited from this.

August 21st was our District 2/3 Workshop in Kane County. A special "thank you" to Kane County HCE for hosting the event, Francine Mills Family Catering for a delicious lunch and to the "The Many Hats of HCE" ladies for the enjoyable and cute program.

September we began a new year (our 95th) with our new program booklets, list of lessons for the coming year, plans for our membership drive in October and great anticipation of wearing our many hats. The LaSalle County newspapers carried HCE articles explaining who we are and what we do. We invited ladies of the county to call for information or to visit a unit meeting.

November 5th we will celebrate HCE's 95th year with a free taste of Trinidad & Tobago. There will be a program of steel pan music from NIU. It is advertised that it is opened to the public in hopes that it will recruit new members to our organization. This will be held at the Farm Bureau Building at 11 am. Trinidad & Tobago is our new country for the December lesson.

On November 8th we are having a fleece blanket workshop. The 4-H members are invited to join us to have fun and make these blankets. The blankets are donated to various charities for Christmas giving.

Plans are being finalized for a Cabin Fever Reliever day to be held in March. A fun day of friendship, learning and sharing.

We continue collecting can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Coins for Friendship, supporting our food pantries and visiting our nursing homes. LaSalle County sent money to NVON-Waters Around the World to purchase 3 water filters. This helps provide clean and safe water to those in need. Our new project this year is "Armchair Community Service". Coupons are clipped and sent to our troops and their families overseas.

The harvest of "Our Garden of Volunteers" was bountiful for our year 2011-2012. Now it is time to don our "Many Hats of HCE" for 2012-2013. Have fun with this new theme!

The holidays are upon us already. Happy Thanksgiving! Have a blessed Christmas! You will hear from me next year!!

Penny Carter
Public Relations

LIVINGSTON.....

Five Livingston County HCE Board Directors attended the District 1 & 2/3 Workshop. Those in attendance were President, Joan Haren; Public Relations, Michelle Janssen; Treasurer, Brenda Collins; Family Living, Arlene Martell; and Community Outreach, Janice Hamilton. The meeting was held on August 21, 2012 at Aurora Advent Christian Church in Aurora, IL.

Speaker, Ruby Lingle gave the program on "Importance & Recognition of Volunteers". Characteristics of Volunteers are - Men volunteer slightly more than women. The majority are 65 years or older and volunteer in the areas of religion, education, youth services and social or community services.

Formal areas of volunteers - 4-H leaders, mentoring, food pantry and cleaning highways.

Uniformly areas are giving rides for patients to get to Doctor appointments and delivering meals to homebound residents.

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Primary reasons for volunteering include power, achievement, affiliation and satisfaction, compassion, joy of giving and social activity.

Volunteer rights include being a valued co-worker, a suitable assignment, know about the organization, training and continuing education.

Volunteers also have responsibilities to be open and honest, to be enthusiastic and committed, agree to do what you can handle and accomplish, confidentiality, fulfill commitments, say "No" if necessary, provide feedback, clean-up after projects and learn.

A little known fact that the estimated value of volunteer time based in 2011 was \$21.36 per hour. It is very important to keep track of your CVH (certified volunteer hours) and get those turned in at the end of December every year. National Volunteer Week is in April.

Lunch was a catered meal by Francine Mills Family Catering and was so delicious. Jenna Smith, U of I liaison spoke about the Extensions re-structuring. Five regions have been reduced to three regions; 76 counties down to 21 counties with most counties grouped in 3's, which are now known as "Tri-County". Cook County is still only one county. Share shops were teaching opportunities for officers to obtain helpful information to take back to our units.

A skit was put together by the traveling board of IAHCE to announce the theme for 2013 Annual Conference, "The Many Hats of IAHCE" to be held in Effingham, IL. Then, each District broke out into groups to have District meetings.

The State IAHCE is compiling a cookbook for the 2014 Conference to commemorate our 90th year anniversary.

Michelle Janssen
Public Relations



McHENRY

We have had a beautiful fall this year, the colors have been gorgeous. I have really enjoyed the beauty each morning as I drove to Rockford to be with my husband who had open heart surgery. He is home now and doing fairly well.

Seven Board Members attended the 2/3 District Workshop in August. They agreed it was a good meeting and they received material which they will share throughout the year.

We promoted HCE at our county fair in the 4-H building. We displayed a colorful poster and passed out our new tri-fold brochures. We made 240 stockings for Operation Santa, twelve Linus Baby Blankets, three Quilts for Kids and 40#'s of pop tabs were delivered by our President Leona Rinn to the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago.

We will be having some exciting presentations this fall. In September we went to the McHenry County Historical Society to learn about the founding of the Girl Scouts in McHenry County. They celebrated their 100th year anniversary. In October we had a hands on workshop given by a local Floral Shop on fall flower arranging. In November the Woodstock Police Department will speak on "Identity Theft".

October 24th was International Day. Members made various dishes which were made from a cookbook containing recipes from Trinidad and Tobago. Our entertainment was a young man who played the steel pans. He played calypso, popular music and their folk songs. He lived in Trinidad where he learned his skills on how to make the steel pans and tune them. He talked about the steel pans origin and their history, the weather, their food and the people.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

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WILL.....

Our new board members are working hard and are committed to making our organization one that is worthy of our membership. Their first major undertaking, our recent annual International, Cultural Enrichment and Membership Day was a very successful event.

The event was well attended and proved to be entertaining and informative. No one went hungry as a “free” catered lunch was provided by the County. Our caterer served a tropical themed menu, enhanced by the traditional Pelau Chicken made by Jeanette Johnson, our president, and an ambrosia salad from Barbara Gast, our treasurer.

In addition, a variety of delicious deserts were donated by Joan Fleckenstein, Cultural Enrichment Chairman, and owner of Fleckenstein Bakery in Mokena.

Nancy Skowron, our membership chairman, reported on the history of our organization. She introduced several of this year’s new members and announced that we have increased our membership by 11 this year. Great job members!

A highlight of the day was the musical and question and answer presentation by Matt Potts, who played steel pans, often mistakenly called steel drums. He explained that steel pans are the instruments crafted from steel drums. Potts played pans made in Trinidad and Tobago. He spent a six week internship while a student at Northern Illinois University working on his music degree. While living there with a host family he learned of the foods, customs and culture of the country which he talked about between songs.



We also want to thank our members for the donation of two large boxes of toiletries, calendars, reading materials, snacks, checks and phone cards. They were much appreciated

when delivered to our Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno.

Our membership remains active as we continue to support a number of worthy causes. A special craft day is planned for the future to teach members how to make Chemo Caps and “Britches for Boys” shorts for Africa.

Will County would like to wish everyone a very healthy and safe holiday season.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations

DISTRICT 4 Peggy Ostermeier



Hello District 4!!

I was so happy to see so many of you in Decatur at the District Workshop. The State Board members worked hard to provide you with as much information as possible to help you have a successful HCE in your county. So I hope each and everyone one of you went home with many new ideas. If you missed the District 4 meeting, a new Director was elected, Mary Eustace from Pike County, will be installed as the District 4 Director at the IAHCE Conference in March. Mary will do a great job.

As I finish out my term please be sure to contact me if you need any help in your county. I've been in contact with a few counties that are working on bylaw changes and have been able to give them answers to their questions. We all need to keep working on increasing our membership and if I come up with a magic cure I will let you know!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Effingham at the IAHCE Conference.

Remember, “If it is to be it is up to me!”

Peggy Ostermeier

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ADAMS.....

The Adams County Fair was held the end of July and first part of August. There were many 4-Hers competing. Several of the units donated money for the trophies.

ACHCE held the annual President's Dinner/ Meeting August 30th. They will receive a packet of information for the upcoming year.

There were six ladies who traveled to Decatur for the District 4 & 5 Workshop. A lot of excellent information was received in the packets and individual workshops.

All of the units have held their September meetings and are getting off on a good start. Many are making plans and working on crafts for the upcoming Kiddie Bazaar in December.

On September 19th one of the HCE ladies in conjunction with a needle workers organization had an open house for 35 yrs. She helped found the group. There were lots of beautiful pictures (Counted Cross Stitch), wall hangings and quilted pieces.

The County Wide lesson Teaching "Sometimes You Just Have to Laugh" given by Vicki Mitchell was well attended on September 24th. It was quite humorous.

On October 1st the Paloma Unit held a Pink and Powerful Party with all donations going to the Adams County Cancer Society. There were games, raffles etc. There was also a cancer survivor who documented her journey through her treatment and a very talented trio sang for the group of ladies.

Pat Vaughn
Public Relations



Fulton.....

Our Fulton County Unit Young at Heart made 105 pillowcases for the servicemen



Marianne Pilkington
Public Relations

TAZEWELL.....

A former missionary to Trinidad and Tobago, Ralph Bauer, presented an excellent program for Tazewell HCE on October 10th. He had spent 30 years in the country learning its customs and knowing its people. The many cultures of slaves and other immigrants have made the country a melting pot. The origin and playing of steel drums was of special interest as well as the gist of the game of cricket.

A young lady from Israel who is staying in the Jewish community of Peoria preceded Mr. Bauer. Her goal was to promote open-mindedness in the people of America about her native country.

Displays about Trinidad and Tobago were available for examination along with a display about Pennies for Friendship.

A successful annual Make-It Take-It night was held earlier in the month. Many crafts were offered including a snowman ornament, quick batting pin cushion, jar openers, other ornaments, button rings, painted flower pot witch and stamped greeting cards. Some children were in attendance along with adults.

CVH forms are being distributed as well as forms for membership in ACWW. Tazewell always hopes to increase participation in both activities.

Shirley Kelly
Public Relations

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Due to Nancy Remmer's health, I have been appointed to finish her term as District Director. May Nancy have a speedy

recovery. As a reminder, I was District V Director before Nancy began her term and am from McLean County. HCE has become a very large part of my life. HCE along with visiting 4 children and 10 grandchildren keeps my husband, Tom, and I on the road and enjoying every trip. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new members as I visit your counties.

Begin thinking about how you can keep IAHC strong by serving on the state board and asking friends and all you meet to visit HCE. District V will be needing a nominating committee and new director. There are so many of you qualified; we just need to know your interest. Please speak up and don't wait to be asked.

State Board is busy planning the annual conference and I hope to see many of you there wearing your "Many Hats of HCE".

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Jane Wood



CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County is keeping busy. On April 15th Elizabeth Michael and Sue Christensen attended the Autistic Walk at Hessel Park in Champaign. Eight Project Linus weighted blankets were given away in a drawing at the walk. In July, 14 4-H girls, leaders and mothers attended a sewing day with HCE ladies. They sewed and stuffed six of the autistic blankets. Twenty-one more blankets have been completed by HCE ladies. A pattern for making these may be obtained from Elizabeth Michael, Champaign County Community Outreach Chairman.

All of our lessons for the upcoming year have been planned. The U of I Extension Educators are presenting all of them this year.

Our Annual meeting was April 24th at the Savoy Methodist Church in Savoy. We had great attendance and everyone enjoyed the lunch and our speaker on Hobo Quilts, Debra Hettinger. Debra brought many quilts for display and told interesting stories and explained the designs on each. She brought copies of her book for sale and signed each one purchased. We had several guests: Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHC State President; Nancy Remmers, IAHC District 5 Director and Ginger Boas, U of I Extension Director.

For HCE Week, we had a great turnout for Cultural Enrichment Day, October 22nd. We had a "decorate your bra" contest to go along with our "Garden of Volunteers" theme. Pennies were donated for votes and the proceeds went to Autism Awareness. Jean McCormick showed how to pack a suitcase for travel.

We had a potluck lunch and after lunch, we had a talk by Dr. Karen Eisminger, a Carle physician, who spoke on Autism and her two children with Autism. It was very informative for all.

We voted on cultural arts projects and the 8 going to state are: Stephanie Mumm for hand quilting; Pat Meriedth for wall hangings; Jean Swaim for knitting and crafts; Carolyn Corn for crocheting and embroidery; Joyce Kerkstire for photography; and Leatrice Helbling for recycled. Best of Show went to Joyce Kerkstire for painting.

October 24th was our membership day. We began the day with a talk and demonstration on edible arrangements by Leia Weston, an Extension

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Nutrition and Wellness Educator. Leia gave some excellent suggestions on portion control and cutting calories and still having a flavorful recipe.

We had a HCE presentation by Eileen Miller for our guests to learn what we have to offer. We had a free lunch provided the CCHCE board. After lunch, Karen Bodnor, from the RSVP Program of Champaign County, spoke on the importance and opportunities in volunteering. We had a demonstration on the art of tying scarves.

We then had an invitation to join HCE. We had 9 new members and a drawing for a free membership. To encourage units to acquire new members we are offering a \$25 check to be given to the unit with the most new members this coming year. The check will be presented at the 2013 membership day.

Elizabeth Michael displayed a weighted blanket for all to see during both days of our week. We ended the day with BINGO. Everyone had a great time and a successful HCE Week.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

CHRISTIAN.....

It has been a fun and busy year for members from Taylorville to Pana for Christian County HCE. In January we had our first homemade greeting card session to get us familiar with card making supplies.

In February our International Director Ann Bandy catered and served a Scottish Tea complete with a Bag Piper. It was our first post on U-Tube and we were able to view it and it may still be posted out there.

A loom knitting workshop was held with instructions to get you started knitting. The loom is beneficial for those whose hands hurt when knitting . . . the loom holds the yarn so you don't have to.

Our Safe Sitter Program, coordinated by Barb Miller, graduated 17 girls under our new curriculum.

Our International Director continues to bring us new and exciting travel information and recipes from our country of study, Trinidad and Tobago.

Six County Board members attended the District IV and V Workshop in Decatur in August and enjoyed share shops, fellowship and were entertained by a colorful and fun skit by our State Board members. That skit reminded me of my 4-H years when units put on skits for "Share the Fun" at our local County Fairs.

We continue with our volunteer efforts for Operation Santa by contributing stockings (that we had sewn) and collecting stocking stuffers and donating postage money for shipping expenses. Our HCE members have participated in four workshops making homemade greeting cards with encouraging words for our deployed troops serving in harms' way.

Some troops last year got their stockings as early as Thanksgiving while still deployed to Iraq. Our stockings go to all branches of the service and can arrive unexpectedly and always find happy recipients. See their happy faces at www.operationsanta.info. Let's show our troops they are supported by Central Illinois residents and send them a slice of home this Christmas. Stockings have turned up in field hospitals, troops on board ships and dogs in the K-9 Units have even received stockings filled with doggie treats.

You can send any donations to Operation Santa, P.O. Box 1975, Bloomington, IL 61702-1975. And you can drop off any donations at any fire station in Peoria or Bloomington or the Taylorville and Springfield Extension Offices. You can contact me at crystals22@comcast.net anytime you have questions.

Our county continues to recruit new members and our membership meeting is coming up on November 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Taylorville Extension Office, 1120 N. Webster, Taylorville, IL 62568.

Jeanne Lee

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CLARK.....

Clark County has been busy this fall with our countywide HCE Day doing the International program on Trinidad and Tobago. Each unit did a portion of the program. Clarksville with Barb McQueen doing the history of both areas. Seroba Mascher from the Marshall Night unit explained the geographic units of the islands. Friendly Neighbors represented by Carolyn Robinson did the facts very nicely explaining the products grown or produced in the areas. Carnival life and the fun for the citizens were discussed by Carole Shirley from the Zion unit. Shirley McKiney from the Westfield unit presented the kinds of bands and music with a presentation of a recording of the steel drums. We all kept time with her music. After the units presented the main parts of Trinidad and Tobago, we had more music and a slide presentation with Virginia Dean. For our noon meal, we had chicken casseroles, French bread, fruit salads, vegetable trays and sugar cookies using authentic recipes from the area.

Pat Marrs presented a short program on Autism and Seroba did a section on Abuse at All Levels of Life. These areas are being done for Family Issues and Community Outreach this year. For a portion of or projects to cover these areas we each brought Kleenex for the three county school areas to be given for the pre-school and kindergarten classes. We had 48 boxes collected. Clothing, toilet articles, games, food and money were collected for the Hutsonville Heritage Home in Hutsonville for veterans. They so much appreciate our coming with surprises for them.

Our county had a beautiful and educational window display for National HCE Week of October 1 - 8, 2012. Our display was at the Clark County Genealogy building in Marshall. The display was there for two weeks so all the ladies could visit it after our fall meeting.

We are now working on a Tri-County project for November 12th with Edgar and Crawford

counties. Hopefully many will attend to have the lessons on Edible Centerpieces, Pearls of the Wabash and Facts About Energy Drinks. Plans are being made for the day.

Yes, we are working on our programs to fit our needs and also working on membership growth.

Deloris Maurer
Public Relations

EDGAR.....

Edgar County HCE Week plus 75years of HCE was celebrated last week with special activities. On Tuesday evening, Gay Tegeler, International Director, presented Patrece Benjamin from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, who told the audience of approximately 40 people about her country. Her home was in Tobago. English is their language because before the country became a Republic, they were under the rule of Britain. She and her husband, who is a student at the University of Illinois on a Fulbright Scholarship, will be sharing the history and customs of their country in many surrounding counties.

The evening began with a delicious meal made from recipes from The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Also, that evening HCE members brought Cultural Enrichments projects each had made at home. The categories were quilts, wearable art, knitting, crocheting, table runners and many others. Everyone in attendance voted for their favorite.

On Saturday, October 13, Marty Webster, Cultural Enrichment Director, conducted a craft day. There were many projects to make such as Christmas decoration, decorating a wreath, Halloween decorations. Lunch was served by the Edgar County HCE board.

At the close of the meeting, votes for the Cultural Enrichment projects were counted. The winners are: Marge Houghland - quilt and wearable art; Marilyn Daughetee - knitted neck

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scarf; Betty Crunk - crocheted angel picture; Shirley Rideout - Cross Stitched Pillow; Dona Hoult - Knitted child's cap, Christmas Runner and machine embroidery pillow. These projects will be entered in the "Best of Show" held during the annual IAHCe conference in March, 2013.

Marilyn Daughhettee
Public Relations

FORD.....

Successful Toilet Paper Drive - Ford County HCE conducted a countywide toilet paper drive from October 14-23, 2012 during HCE Week. The purpose of the drive was to donate the rolls of toilet paper collected by each unit to their own local food pantry.

The results of the drive with the number of rolls collected by each unit in Ford County is listed below:

- Gibson Girls - 377 rolls (Gibson City)
- Modern Homemakers - 108 rolls (Melvin-Sibley)
- Button & Paxton Nite's - 258 rolls (Paxton)
- Modern Mrs. - 82 rolls (Piper City)

Along with a total of 825 rolls donated countywide, some of the units also received bags of food and paper towels.



Pictured are members of the Ford County HCE Board as they prepared for the toilet paper drive. From Left to right: Chris Hazen, Pat Haskins, Florence Wycoff and Janet Flageole.

Community Outreach Director, Marinell Jones reported that Ford County HCE members thought this was a very successful drive to assist the local food pantries and hope to repeat the project in 2013.

Marinell Jones
Community Outreach

MACON.....

Macon County HCE has had a very busy fall! We had a good turn-out for our September 8th disaster preparedness



program at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois. We were so pleased to have Eddy Weiss, the founder of Chasing4Life, as our guest speaker, as well as the many educators that provided so much important information to our community. We had many positive comments about this program. We had a membership booth there, and were able to disperse information about our programs.

We also had a great lesson about t-shirt quilts, presented by one of our members from the Maple Grove Unit. It inspired many of us to try to make a quilt for one of our family members.

Our Tri-County International Day, which was held at the University of Illinois Extension office in Decatur, was centered around the countries of Trinidad and Tobago. Our speaker, Norma Nicholes, had traveled extensively, and presented a very informative program. Our Tri-County, DeWitt, Macon and Piatt prepared informative displays about the education, culture, and people of those countries.

In October, we had our HCE week activities. We had a very successful card and game afternoon on Tuesday, October 16th, from 4 until 8 p.m. We had several guests attend this entertaining afternoon and evening. On Wednesday, October 17th, we had a program about soups as main meal, and then we had the soup that she prepared for our lunch. After lunch, we had a lesson on locker hooking. Most of us were able to get a large part of our project completed. We all enjoyed learning something new! On Thursday, October 18th, our own liaison, Mindy Peterson Lindsey, presented a delicious program about buckles, cobblers, crumbles, pies, slumps, and crisps. We were challenged to guess what the dishes that she prepared were, and most of us did not do as well as we thought. The best part of this lesson was the opportunity to taste all of these wonderful creations! We also had a lesson, after lunch, on Thursday afternoon, about huck weaving. We all enjoyed learning another skill during this great HCE week. On Friday, we had a tour and a

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lunch of the Masonic Temple in Decatur. This building is a Decatur treasure, and the group that went on the tour really enjoyed it.

On Wednesday, October 31, we had a record attendance at our Fall Meeting. In the morning, we had our business meeting, and welcomed eight new members into our Macon County HCE group. Our morning speaker spoke to us about autism, a disability that is affecting so many young people today. After our catered lunch, we had a program presented by Mindy Peterson Lindsey, who challenged us to taste 10 unique foods from throughout the world. We truly expanded our taste buds during that program!!

FAB FRIDAY, which was Friday, November 9th, was indeed fabulous! We had people from the Macon County Health Department present a program on what items you need to have at your disposal in a soft-sided case. These items included food items, health-care products, pet products, important papers and pictures of your residence, vehicles, personal items—anything that you would need to have for insurance, banking, and doctors in case your home was devastated. We also had a program on the origins of many familiar Christmas songs. Our afternoon program was a working session, as many of us worked on the “Hugs for Soldiers” blankets. It truly was a fabulous day, and we all enjoyed it!

We are looking forward to next year and the many educational and interesting programs that we will have. We will be concentrating on expanding our membership this year too. We have a very active and wonderful group of people in our Macon County HCE.

Linda Austin
Public Relations

McLEAN.....

McLean County Association for Home & Community Education keeps very busy with trips, bake sales, and many community service projects. There are “Quilt for Kids”, a “Kids Sewing Club” and “Little Dresses for Africa” workshops every month. Twenty three (23) little dresses for Africa have been sewn so far. Members meet to Read and Share a book

every other month – recent books were “Escape From Camp 14” and “To Kill A Mockingbird”.

The HCE Executive board served its annual appreciation luncheon to 24 Extension staff members in the McLean County Extension office. HCE week was promoted with displays from banners to bulletin boards around the county.

On October 3, 8 guests and 24 HCE members departed Bloomington, Illinois for a trip to explore Rockford, Illinois. First stop was Tinker Swiss Village. It is a very unique home of architectural wonders. Robert Tinker was a talented man and did woodworking and portrait painting



to name two artistic talents. He traveled the world and his home reflected the things he liked most from his favorite places. Next we boarded a tour boat to cruise the Rock River and ate lunch while aboard. Back on land saw us headed to



Anderson Japanese Gardens, one of the top two ranked Japanese gardens in the USA. There participants learned much about what a Japanese Garden

contains. The trails led to a Japanese tea house, guest house, waterfalls, ponds and fall colors. Final stop was Coronado Theatre. This is a must see for anyone traveling to Rockford. We were treated to a recital on a 1926 organ. A silent movie was viewed which brought many laughs. Included was a tour of the owners and renters apartments. It was a long day but very enjoyable. Don't forget the next trip will be a May 1 tour of McLean County Barn Quilts.

Our members keep busy with community involvement including a team of Operation Santa members helping fill 25,000 Christmas

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stockings for the troops. We also send comfort packages to soldiers throughout the year. There's a bake sale every month, June-September. This adds money to our treasury to help with financing the special projects we do.

We have started the year off with educational programs on "Some Meats are Less Expensive", Aging Gracefully, Incontinence and Food or Supplements. Trinidad and Tobago were the focus on county International Night. Forty-two (42) members and 2 guests enjoyed the native food our members had prepared. A colorful slide show was shown on the beautiful islands.

Cultural enrichment workshops continue to draw interested learners on topics including stencil painting, card making, and 3 (Yes 3!) food workshops in a day – making jar gift mixes, cupcake decorating and new recipes and Crockpot cooking.

Members now eagerly anticipate the annual Holiday Party, December 1, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Normal. Three units share responsibilities of the program, refreshments, and decorations.

Pat Pulokas, Barb Jurgens
Public Relations Co-Chairs

PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION.....

Members of the Moultrie-Douglas unit (Prairie Association) unit got together for a workshop day to press freezer paper on muslin for our quilt. We then cut more than 800 blocks. The third grade classes are asked to select a holiday or patriotic theme and then using color crayons draw a picture on the blocks. Then we set the color in the blocks, put the sashing strips on the blocks and sewed them together. The quilt was put together with batting, backing and the top which is then tied.

Some of the members made extra blocks with the school theme, PACHE and other school related drawings.

The quilt was made for the schools to raffle. Participating schools were: Arcola-Hammond, Lovington, Okaw Valley, Sullivan, Tuscola and Villa Grove. The schools sold raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds were divided equally between the schools and the local PACHE.

Pictured is Phyllis McReynolds presenting the school quilt to Preston Ozier of Bethany with the 3rd Grade quilt at Okay Valley School.



VERMILION.....

Fall is here! The trees are beautiful, the air is crisp and the days are getting shorter. The Holidays are on their way! So since we will not have another newsletter before January, I want to say, Happy Birthday, Trick or Treat, Please Vote, Happy Veterans Day, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tea for You and Me was a wonderful event for ladies of all ages to put on their hats, gloves and bring their teacups to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and tea. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Event was held at the Crossroads Christian Church fellowship hall. Proceeds from the event go to AMBUCS for Special needs Children's Tricycle. Thank you Cathy, Donna, Janice and Carol from the Liberty Unit for all of the hard work you did for the June 16th event.

July 11, 2012 was the 93rd Annual Meeting for Vermilion County HCE. The meeting was called to order by VCHCE outgoing President Meni McNeese. Meni and husband Carl spent many volunteer hours for the VCHCE. County HCE!

We "Thank Them" for all of their hard work through the many years of service for Vermilion. The new county board President Eleanor White,

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Officers and Directors were installed by our state President, Marilyn Daughetee. Luncheon was served by the ladies of the Crossroads Christian Church. Business meeting followed.

August 22, 2012 seven members of our county attended the District Workshop at the Decatur Conference Center, Decatur, Illinois. Lots of good Ideas and information was presented to our members. A very nice luncheon and program was enjoyed by all.

September 5, 2012, Officers Training was held for all of the new and old VCHCE Officers. Everyone had a great afternoon!

September 11, 2012, Carol Davis VCHCE-2nd Vice organized a fabulous HOBNO Picnic held at the beautiful setting of Kickapoo State Park. Everyone was to bring two cans of vegetables. One can for the pot of soup cooking and one for the food pantry. The program was presented by Carol of the IDEA Store of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois a Not for Profit Organization that takes nothing and makes something out of it. Very Amazing!

The Vermilion County Home & Community Education's INTERNATIONAL Potluck LUNCHEON will be held at the Bismarck United Methodist Church, Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (After You Vote). The Potluck Luncheon will begin at 12 noon. The International countries are Trinidad and Tobago. Our guest speaker will talk of the life and history of these International countries. Come have a little fun and sun on the beach.

Diane Reddy
Public Relations



DISTRICT 6 Marilyn Schaefer

The trees are very colorful this fall but the leaves say that winter is just around the corner. It was so nice to see everyone at the District 6 and 7 Workshop in Mt. Vernon. I think that it was one of the best workshops we have had. The comments were very good.

Now it is time to start all the finishing touches for the State Conference in March. Those dates are March 12 - 14, 2013. I hope you are all making plans to attend.

I have been working on the tours; Patty and I think everyone will enjoy them. Jane and I have been working on the share shops for you. It takes a lot of time to come up with 50 some of these. But we hope you will enjoy the ones we have chosen for you.

The State Board met the last week of October to finalize the last minute things. Also, remember this is the last year to be held in Effingham then we will move to Decatur for two years.

I am hoping to see you at your annual meeting and hope to see you all in March.

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

Marilyn Schaefer

BOND.....

The second Blood Drive sponsored by the Bond County HCE was held June 7, 2012 at the First Christian Church in Greenville. Sixteen persons donated blood that day with one person reaching 17 gallons (136 units) and a 16 gallon (128 units) donor. We also had a first timer.....thank you to each one.

Brandon Braye and Rachel Sponsler won the HCE Scholarships for \$500 each. The recent

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graduates plan on becoming a police officer or federal air marshal (Brandon) and a mechanical engineer (Rachel).

"A Garden of Volunteers" (HCE theme for 2012) was the name for our 68th Annual Meeting on July 23 at the Bond County Fairgrounds-Homemakers Stand. Harriet Siebert was honored as a 68 year member. On display was the quilt to be raffled off at the Bond County Fair in August. Thirty-nine members enjoyed the luncheon. A program by John Goldsmith, curator of the Demoulin Museum in Greenville, told of its history and showed items of interest.

The Bond County Fair is a busy time for HCE members as we prepare and serve fried chicken, potatoes and gravy - a full meal with homemade pies to attendees of the six day event. Food - Fun - Fellowship!

Nine members attended the District Workshop in Mt. Vernon on August 23. The Importance and Recognition of Volunteers was presented by Ruby Lingle. We had 2546 volunteer hours for the 9 people attending. Workshops were interesting and informative. We enjoyed the "dress up fashions" attire of the state board.

The University of Illinois has provided several lessons on flowers - "Tea Gardens" which can provide relaxation, planting and enjoying their beauty-also food from the garden and "Bloomin' Bulbs" for the fall gardener to have beautiful flowers in the spring. Also presented in September was "Cornflowers Gone Crazy" is another program for area gardeners to learn about *Echinacea purpurea* (cornflowers).

Thank you notes from 4-H members to the HCE board for 4-H gifts and ribbons for completed and judged 4-H projects were received. Many are going on to the state fair.

October 1 - HCE members of Bond County attended the Trinidad and Tobago International luncheon at the Homemakers Stand. The luncheon featured dishes from these countries. Helen Leonhard, U. of I. coordinator for family and consumer services, showed slides from Trinidad and Tobago-giving some information

about these countries. Jan Benner of Greenville lead us in some Zumba Gold exercises.

October 15 - 22 was HCE Week - Bond County presented the first baby born at Greenville Regional Hospital that week a "Baby Basket" full of goodies. The recipient was Wyatt Hill and his parents of Sorento, IL.

In December each unit will enjoy a Christmas meeting with a program of their choice. The HCE board will gather together for a Christmas luncheon and share Christmas memories.

Merry Christmas to all!

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations

CLINTON.....

The Clinton County Homemakers Extension Association presented their annual Christmas in October event on October 18th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carlyle. This was the seventeenth year that the group has sponsored the event. The theme was "Home 'Tweet' Home for the Holidays." The guest speaker, Dawn Ahner from Ahner Florist & Greenhouse presented, "Decorating Your Home for the Holidays," with inspirations of decorating all through the home before, during and after the holidays. Dawn created many decorations using a variety of plants, flowers, and containers. Her guidance gave confidence and new ideas to the attendees which they could bring back into their homes.



In the KC Hall, Christmas decorations graced the tables and walls; many with a bird or nest snuggled within their beauty. Attendees were ignited with the Christmas spirit as they eyed the gift baskets and hand prepared table, bed, standing, or hanging, door decorations and gift baskets offered in the raffle drawings.

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Christmas gifts with a touch of 'tweet' greeted attendees at each of their table settings. Everyone joined in the fun as Karen Voss read the poem, "Legend of the Birds." This was an audience participation activity with a little surprise that the gift you receive may not be the one at your setting. The wrapped gifts started flying to the right as the words in the poem referred to birds.

Christmas is also celebrated with tastes and tweets, and everyone enjoyed the 12 different tastes to stimulate their palate for the joyous season. The variety of tastes were accompanied by booklets of recipes for the following: Cherry Nut Bread Like Bob Evans', Pineapple Chicken Salad, Cranberry Candy Bar Squares, German Butter Pecan Bundt Cake, Rainbow Pasta Salad, Chocolate Popcorn, Hot Fruit Punch, Apple of My Eye Coffee Cake, Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Green Pepper Jelly & Cream Cheese and Blueberry Dump Cake.

Christmas in October is an event that benefits the HEA and the community with events that are open to the public and to support community needs.

The Homemakers Extension Association (HEA) belongs to the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE) and is an association of all people who are interested in education for better families and communities. It offers members an opportunity to continue learning and keeping up-to-date in a fast changing world. To join a group in Clinton County, or start your own group call the Clinton County Extension office at 526-4551 for more information.

Cindy Niemeyer
Public Relations



CRAWFORD.....

The Oblong Sunbeam Unit organized a fall trip for all HCE members! Fourteen members along with several husbands went to The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, IL to see the "9 to 5 Musical", which was made famous by the 1980 movie starring Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin, and Jane Fonda. The matinee show started at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 in the beautiful, remodeled theatre. Everyone LOVED the musical and enjoyed dinner afterwards. The musical is based on the hit movie about three office workers who are "just a step on the boss man's ladder" and their plan to get even with the egotistical, lying and hypocritical bigot. When their plan spins wildly out of control the situation becomes hilarious and the laughter is non-stop. The show features the blockbuster title song plus a jubilant new score that mixes Broadway and pop with Dolly's irresistible style.

The Nightengale HCE unit sponsored the summer lesson "Pearls of the Wabash" with Cheryl Parker giving a wonderful "trip down memory lane" for 15 HCE members during the "button" presentation. She spoke on the history of buttons from back when they were made from wood, metal and oyster shells (found in the Wabash river). She also gave lots of history tidbits and told unique stories that pertained to our area along the Wabash River.



The Dizzy Dames HCE Unit hosted a "Craft Day" for members and the public.

Fifty-eight ladies attended the festivities and learned about various crafts and hobbies. It was a fun-filled day starting with breakfast and stopping for a "salad bar" lunch with various dessert items and continuing until the afternoon. Everyone attending received a coffee mug, pen, notepad, chocolates, mints, bookmark and a pair of hand-crafted ear-rings. Door prizes were given out throughout the day. We signed up three new members after the program.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful sunny day, a

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delicious lunch, fabulous entertainment and a relaxing afternoon with friends at our Annual Picnic! Hats off to the S.E. LaMotte HCE Unit for planning a special day for 38 members!

Crawford County was lucky to have four Board Members attend the District Workshop on August 23 in Mt. Vernon. Sandy Bryant, Lucy Dennis, Barbara Miller, and Helen Brackett.

HCE Week started out with HCE displays

“advertising, promoting and celebrating HCE” in store front windows

in several towns. Members and guests enjoyed several events during the week: a luncheon, a “swag/wreath making demonstration”, afternoon refreshments, and BINGO night.

Sunbeams celebrated it’s “50th Anniversary” on Thursday, August 16 at Trace Inn Restaurant. Congratulations ladies on your long-lasting friendships and endurance to withstand all obstacles to keep your Unit together! You are an inspiration to all of us!



1st row: Erma Fielder and Sharon Stallings

2nd row: Rita Mikeworth, Donna Newbold, Louise Newbold

3rd row: Jo Carter, Rebecca Stahl, Phyllis Neeley, Madeline Harris, Marge Shipman and Marilyn Michl

Hope Dennis

Quilting seems to be a popular topic and a program “How to Have a Blue Ribbon Quilt” on August 28 was well attended. Board members Sharon Davidson and Bev Elving led the program and brought quilts from their own collections to illustrate the techniques they discussed.

October has been a busy month. On October 6 we hosted “Harvest Breads” with Father Dominic Garramone. The program attracted attendees from a wide area and became a good fundraiser. Father Dom had everyone laughing as they learned.

Our annual meeting on October 18 was well attended and a catered meal was enjoyed by all. Linda Schmidt, an HCE member, gave the program on her trip this summer to Kenya, where she, her husband and grandson delivered the dresses and shorts that members helped make during an April workshop. The evening included installation of officers and concluded with an auction of miscellaneous items donated by those attending.

On October 22, board members visited four schools to donate bookmarks made from greeting cards; four nursing centers to donate catheter bag covers, walker caddies and wheelchair caddies; and three public libraries to



donate bookmarks and a quilting book. The donated items are made by members all year long. All the places we visited were most appreciative of the items we brought. As of this

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writing we plan to take bookmarks to two more schools. It makes a very full day to go to each facility and get pictures to document the many smiles.

Our final projects for the year include selling Butterbraid pastries and making Christmas stockings for the annual F.I.S.H. Christmas store.

Jean Sporleder
Linda White
Co-Public Relations

FAYETTE.....

The month of August, 2012, was a busy and fulfilling time for the Fayette County HCE members. Many were participating in the Free Summer Lunches for Kids



program, preparing and distributing nutritious sack lunches for the school age children of Fayette County, along with keeping up with the other projects they have under taken.

The August 23rd IAHCE District Workshop was well-attended, and workshops reported on, by the FCHCE officers. They shared several possible projects for the future, i.e. the Autism quilt, a Autism lesson, and the "Dignity Robe", for patients. Also much enjoyed was the (very entertaining) presentation and introduction of the IAHCE theme of the year 2013, "The Many Hats of IAHCE", which is very appropriate for

the organization which is comprised of persons from many different walks, lifestyles and works of life.



The month of October, Mayor Ricky Gottman

proclaimed the IAHCE Week and presented a beautiful official Proclamation Certificate to Fayette County HCE President, Flo Allen, and Chairman of the Vandalia day unit, Debbie Segrest. "The "Baby Shower" for the local Lighthouse Pregnancy Center was held with 232 baby items collected and given to the Center.

The Fayette County Annual International Dinner was also held in October, with all seven units of Fayette County (Wheatland, Wright's Corner, St. Peter, St. Elmo, Bingaman/Ramsey, Vandalia Day, and Sefton) represented. The country of choice was Indonesia and was well represented by Dona and Willard Strullmyer, who have visited the country thoroughly, not only the tourist sites and cities, but also the less-visited areas and villages, some which are very primitive, but have very beautiful scenery, evident in the many slides and photographs they had taken.

The Fayette County HCE membership is staying stable, and the invitation stays out for guests to attend the meetings and hopefully become new members. Frequent newspaper and radio reports on the activities, community events/projects participation, including the "fun" things of the FCHCE inform the public of "what the HCE is, who we are, and what we are doing."

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

JERSEY.....

Jersey County Homemakers Education Association recently voted to change their name to Jersey County Association for Home and Community Education in order to conform to the state organization of Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE). The Jersey County organization will now be known as Jersey County HCE, or as fondly remembered "Home Bureau". The name change fits better our image in the community today.

Jersey County Home Bureau was organized on

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May 14, 1931 at the Courthouse in Jerseyville with 150 original members and at one time membership stood near 500. The local group has remained active in the county the past 81 years, is the oldest organized women's group in the county and still has 112 members in 6 original units – Elsay, Fieldon, Fidelity, Jerseyville, McClusky and Panhandle and also mailbox members which allows those interested in the organization to belong, but who don't have time to attend regular monthly meetings.

Programs on Cultural Enrichment (Craft Club), Community Outreach & Family Issues, International are always offered, and we also keep abreast of all current and timely subjects such as Emergency Management/Weather Preparedness, Health, Foods & Nutrition, Money Management and any other subject that may interest the membership. Our recent Lesson for Living on "Homemade Pies, Tarts, Quiches and Dumplings, Too" featuring our own members, Evelyn Stumpe, Kathy Stine and Juanita Eyers drew a crowd of almost 100 people to the presentation at the Jerseyville library.

We also work with other organizations on projects, and have recently committed to working with St. Anthony's Cancer Center in Alton. We are making Dignity Robes that will be used when women in the area are being treated for both breast and lung cancer. These are brightly colored, easy to wear tops that can easily be put on and off and are so much more becoming than the unsightly "hospital robes" that have been used in the past.



Father Dominic came back to Jerseyville on Saturday, October 27 for a return engagement at the Jersey Community High School Cafeteria at 1 p.m. This program "Lessons from the Breads of Christmas" was presented to another "sell out" crowd! At his program held on April 30 last year,

he had forgotten his cookbook "Tis the Season to be Baking" and this precipitated his return engagement. This cookbook, along with his newest one, "How to Be a Breadhead, The Beginner's Guide to Baking" was available, as was his greeting cards featuring pictures of the stained glass windows of St. Francis Xavier Church in Jerseyville, which he took on his last visit. Father also donated his book "Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery" to Holy Ghost School in Jerseyville.

Elizabeth A. Schwab
Publicity Director

MACOUPIN.....

In August, our County Board members traveled to Mt. Olive for lunch and an informal business meeting at Taylor and Soapes Tea Room. Also in August, six of our board members went to Mount Vernon for District Workshop, where we attended individual learning and sharing sessions on our own respective offices on the board. It was a fun day of fellowship and entertainment. We're all looking forward to the State Conference.

Our September lesson was on the Macoupin County Health Department. We learned of the various programs available, including the public transportation system.

Cooking seems to be a favorite pass time for our ladies, always looking for different recipes and techniques, so in October the county board members gathered recipes for "Ethnic Cooking" and shared several prepared dishes with the local trainers for each unit. Everyone received handouts with lots of Recipes.

Since October is the month when Macoupin County became a part of HCE, we celebrate Founders Day with a county meeting. At this time, we have election of county officers for the next year and they are installed that day. We were fortunate to have our State President, Marilyn Daughettee there to perform the installation. Following our catered lunch, one of our own board members, Kay Tompkins gave a presentation on "Happy Feet."

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Cultural Enrichment meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday - we have made button necklaces, flowers from pantyhose and Christmas ornaments this quarter. The quilting group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Both of these groups welcome anyone who wants to come, you do not have to be a member of HCE to attend.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

MADISON.....

It's fall in Madison County and the ladies are busy as we wind up with our major activities with "Christmas in November" on November 1st for 2012. Since the last news article, we attended the District 6/7 Workshop in Mt. Vernon. We held Officer's Training on August 30th and awarded two \$500.00 scholarships

to Mallory Cotter and Madison Knezik-Smith for the Fall 2012 semester.



In October, Wendy Brady, coordinated

the "Pennies for Friendship Walk" and raised over \$500. International Director, Alice Stille, coordinated our International Night--Trinidad and Tobago with wonderful food, great attendance and Professor Aminata Cairo from SIUE presented slides and information about the two islands. We finished up October with a fundraiser at a local Culver's in Edwardsville.



We welcome two new board members--Tracy Fitzgerald has accepted the position as Community Outreach Director and Claudia Harju has taken the Cultural Enrichment Director position. We welcome both of these ladies and their ideas as well as contributions to our board.

We are planning a "Winter Warm-Up", a follow up to our "Summer Cool Down" for February 2, 2013. Our new club, Alton Bluff Crafters is planning this event along with Joyce Cornwell. We are looking forward to it.

We are working on our "Disaster Preparedness Fair", on Sunday, April 14, 2013 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Collinsville American Legion Hall in Collinsville, IL. We invite surrounding counties to this fair. At this time we are planning to have Eddy Weiss as our main presenter.

It is hard to believe 2012 is quickly coming to a close. Madison County wants to wish all of you the best of the holiday season as you gather with family and friends with prayers of thankfulness and for wisdom as we soon begin 2013!

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations

MARION.....

Marion County HCE just had HCE Week. We had a "Fun Day" on Monday, October 8, 2012. Everyone was invited to "Make Greeting Cards", play games and there was demonstrations of various items made in the microwave, which they got to sample. Recipes were also given to those in attendance. We also had a kids corner for the children.

Friday, October 12, 2012, we had our annual Salad Luncheon, bake sale/country store and the drawing for our quilt raffle which Phyllis Smith won. We also had a mini "book sale" which goes to our scholarship fund.

Phyllis Henson
Public Relations

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ST. CLAIR.....

I hope all of you are enjoying the fall season. The rains have finally come to St. Clair County and now we are mowing the lawns constantly. I love to sit on our porch and listen to the falling rain.

St. Clair County Home and Community Education held its 4th annual women's health issue day on the topic of Type II diabetes. It was well attended and very educational. This is an informative program each year for our women. It is frightening how much Type II Diabetes has increased in the United States in the past 20 years. Also, we held our International Day in October and we cruised from the United States to Trinidad. The day was hosted by our Fairview Heights HCE and we enjoyed great food, dancing, music, and information. We felt like we were at a typical Trinidad carnival.

Our summer project for our county HCE was to help our local 4-H with their supplies for sewing, embroidering, gardening, and cultural arts. Each local HCE unit was given a sheet with "recyclables" or no longer being used, but too good to throw away items. This included sewing items, construction paper, craft supplies, plastic containers, cardboard boxes and clay pots. The response from our members was just plain GREAT. The finished projects were painted pots, replicas of zoo animals, a mini recyclable town, farm charms, mosaic art and no-sew clothes. What great ideas for our 4-H children. We are glad that HCE could help!

On December 3, 2012, St. Clair County HCE will host its annual Christmas party. We will have a meal, sing-along, and "thoughts" from each local HCE on our past years in the organization. This program will bring to an end St. Clair Home and Community Education. Our St. Clair HCE will disband as of 12/31/12 and any of our members who desire may join Madison County or Monroe County HCE.

Since this is my last report, St. Clair County HCE hopes only for a good and active future for Illinois Home and Community Education.

Thank you for all your support in the past.

Jane Kaiser
Public Relations

DISTRICT 7 Barbara Spencer



I'm very proud of the counties in this district and how they are working with their clusters and leaders. The far south counties have had two events together and participated with the college and were well attended.

At the time of this writing, another cluster has a Homemakers Fall Fest in Saline Co. and it sounds very interesting and I'm encouraging our other District 7 counties to support them. Our cluster will be meeting later in October in Jackson Co. to meet Dr. Hoefft. I hope to see representatives from all 5 counties there.

Some of our counties have their annual meetings in the fall and I wish them good fortune for the coming year.

Barbara Spencer

FRANKLIN.....

It's been a rough summer in our area, and others as well, with the drought. Very few gardens, and those who had them used a lot of water if they didn't have ponds to draw from.

It seems like we didn't slow down much during the summer months. A group of ladies and one gentleman have met each month to make neck coolers for the military. At this time, they have made over 1700. We fed quite a few at the 4-H Fair. I think they appreciated that the lunch hall was air conditioned. We did!

In August, we had a style show with Cato

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Fashions, which was well attended. We served a salad luncheon to the ladies and gift certificates were awarded. Some of our unit members were models. Our Lesson for Living for that Month was the "Uses of Biscuit Mix", and it can be used for many things.

Our Board was well represented at the Fall Workshop in Mt. Vernon.

In September, we hosted the Annual Family Issues Update with a catered luncheon, speakers Ms. Carey Giver, a young man from FEMA speaking to us about emergency preparedness, and a young lady from Mentors for Kids who told us how we can be a mentor for a young child by spending time with them. Many door prizes were given, and each one attending was given a small loaf of bread. We had visitors from three other counties.

In 2013, we will meet for the event with Williamson Co. We had our International Lesson on Trinidad/Tobago and it was well attended. Members of units as well as Board Members fixed a recipe from the area, and some will be made again and others won't.

In October, our Lesson for Living will be on the state of Wisconsin.

Some will be able to attend the 5 county meeting in Jackson Co. to meet Dr. Hoeft.

Several of us plan to attend the Fall Fest in Harrisburg. The following week means work getting ready for the annual Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair which takes place Nov. 3. Over the years, we've had many guests from other counties. We receive a lot of donations that day for Woman's Center, Veterans, and Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Right now, we have no other plans for the end of the year, but who knows?

Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

HAMILTON.....

Hamilton County Homemakers continue to be a very busy, active group. We have had several Lessons for Living including: Recognizing Depression/The Aging Process in August, Signs and Symptoms of TIA/Stroke in September, and Sprucing Up Your Hair in October. More are planned for the winter months.

We have collected 3,595 greeting card fronts. 1,275 were mailed to St. Jude's Children Ranch and over 2,000 were donated to local groups. The remainder will be used at a craft day to make baskets and placemats. Cancelled stamps and soda tabs are currently being collected. We sponsor Bingo for the residents at the local assisted living facility. In October, we made and sold over 100 lbs. of homemade egg noodles. Forty eight bibs and lap robes were distributed to the two local nursing homes also.

We had a stand at the McLeansboro Fall Festival where we took orders for the noodles, sold chances on a beautiful quilt we will give away in November at our annual Salad Luncheon, Style Show, and Bazaar.

On October 25, seventeen ladies attended the first ever Homemakers Fall Fest sponsored by the Homemaker groups in the six counties (Gallatin, Hamilton, Pope/Hardin, Saline, and White) that make up Extension Unit #24. Over 90 members and guests attended this event.

Ten board members attended the Fall District Workshop in Mt. Vernon.

During the summer, our members donated 75 food items to the Hungry Hearts Program. Volunteers for this program provided over 6,000 lunches for children in our county.

We were excited to receive two IAHCE Support Fund grants. One of these grants is being used to fund a Stroke Awareness project, including 2500 magnets and fact sheets that are being distributed throughout the county. The second

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grant will be used this winter to fund Disaster Awareness packets for Hamilton County churches.

Our International Night, featuring the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, was held October 16 with over 80 adults and 4H youth in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the decorations and a chance to taste several foods that are popular in that country.

Our next event will be our Salad Luncheon/Style Show/Bazaar in November. As you can see, this has been a busy fall for us. It will soon be time to prepare for the holidays. I hope everyone enjoys this time with family and friends. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JACKSON.....

The ladies of Jackson County have been very busy this fall!

In August, Board members Francie Linderman, Brenda Jones, Evelyn Legendre, Jane McLaughlin, Jean Conrod, Judy Jo Phillips, Becky McIntosh and Ruth Robinson attended the District 6 & 7 Workshop in Mt. Vernon.



Several members were on hand and participated in Apple Festival programs. Other members have been hard at work in their units with community projects. Other members attended the children's 4-H awards banquet in October. Many of the 4-H children received recognition for their hard work along their adult volunteers. It was a truly special night for the children.

It has been a beautiful fall with wonderful weather and lots of fall activities. Members are currently getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday activities in the community.

Jean Conrod
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

How refreshing this fall air feels after the intense heat of the summer. It was a pleasant surprise to have such beautiful fall colors this year; the rains came in time to spare them. It is hard to believe that we are into the last three months of 2012. Time flies when you are volunteering and having fun.

I attended my first District Workshop Meeting this year. I found it to be very informative and entertaining. I enjoyed watching everyone talking and laughing while catching up with friends, meeting and making new ones. I also enjoyed the feeling of camaraderie that seemed to fill the room. The significance of our organization of volunteers resonated in the message given by our guest speaker Ruby Lingle, Retired Extension Educator; Ruby spoke on the importance of Volunteering and working together. The Public Relations workshop given by Sharon Middleton was very informative. I now know exactly what is expected of me as Public Relations Director, and I appreciate that I can contact her if I am in need of more information. In addition, I did not realize what a wonderful tool the IAHCE website could be. If you have not been to the IAHCE website, I encourage you to have a look. The skit put on by the IAHCE board members was very entertaining. The costumes and hats worn by the women were elegant as well as hilarious. It was a perfect end to the meeting and the perfect introduction to next year's theme. I look forward to the next District meeting.

July is a busy month for 4-H, HCE members volunteered to help with the 4-H Fair, and judging 4-H projects. HCE units also made desserts for the 4-H BBQ held the first Saturday in August. HCE members also volunteered their time at the Blood Drive on July 23. On July 28, we worked with Hamilton and Washington counties, on a very successful bus tour of the Barn Quilts in Calhoun County. We had a group of 45 go on the tour. The guide on board told us stories behind some of the quilts and told some interesting history about Calhoun County itself. We stopped for lunch, visited a small museum and stopped to get some famous

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Calhoun peaches. The tour was splendid, and the Quilts were stunning. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day. It is wonderful the charming places you can find to visit within a day's drive.



Our lesson in August was about the Kiwanis; all the units went away with new knowledge about this volunteer organization. Their mission in getting books to needy young children and their effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in the third world countries, was impressive. We continue to collect items for the Love Boxes.

Our September lesson was about composting, it seems to take a lot of effort to get the right formula of materials, water and air, but the reward of that will show in the beautiful gardens you can grow in good, rich soil. We also volunteered to tie quilts for the new homeless shelter, Lifeboat Alliance, which opened in Mt. Vernon, Illinois on October 1st. Along with us, the Jefferson County 4-H members tied 64 quilts this month. We had a very nice time gathering and working together for this very worthy cause.



October lesson was International Night's "The Taste of Trinidad and Tobago". From June until October we learned about the countries of Trinidad and Tobago in our newsletter, and it all came together on International Night. We had several native dishes to taste and had a nice presentation about the countries. We also raffled off a beautiful quilt. Our nine units also contributed and brought paper goods to the event to donate to the needy. Jefferson County proclaimed October 14 – 20 as HCE week. Monday we gave the first baby born that day a handmade baby quilt. We shared lunch with friends and visited with residents of nursing homes. We also took a moment for ourselves and enjoyed

some reading time. We ended HCE week with a successful Flea Market Sale on Saturday. Both our newspapers covered HCE week this year, it is so nice to have that community support.

November we will be honoring our Veterans, having our voices heard on Election Day and counting our many blessings on Thanksgiving Day. We are also getting started on a new Cultural Enrichment project making drawstring bags and filling them with reading, writing and drawing materials for the children of the Lifeboat Alliance of Mt. Vernon.

December without doubt will be filled with the hustle and bustle of the season; I hope that all of you will take a moment, breath and enjoy the festivities. Keep in your prayers the so many unfortunate families struggling at this time of year and our soldiers and their families who too are anguished not being able to celebrate together.

Wishing all of you many Christmas blessings and joy.

Silvana Morss
Public Relations

MASSAC.....

Massac County HCE attended the **AJMPU Mini Conference** held on October 8 at Shawnee Community College in Ullin. The Keynote speaker was Mary McCorvie from the US Forest Service. She explained the "Trail of Tears" and about all the Indian tribes that used this trail. The lessons/share shops to select from this year were: Antiques, Moveable Gardens, Recycling, Food Trends of the Last 50 Years, Safe Websites for Older Adults, Laughter, Making Your Own Cleaning Products, Lean and Clean Computer, and Share Your Heritage. Massac County had 11 members to attend. The Volleville Unit had 7 out of 12 members present, so they received the traveling trophy for best attendance by a Unit. These lessons given at the conference will be presented at Massac County Unit monthly meetings throughout the 2013 year. Joyce Walter, President of Volleville HCE Unit is holding the traveling trophy presented by Jody Johnson, AJMPU Unit Director for best attendance by a HCE Unit.

Norma Korte



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PERRY.....

September meetings began with unit visits by President Jane Chapman. Useful ideas to gain membership were presented as well as the lesson on "Phenology." Perry County had two IAHCCE state scholarship winners – Joel Vancil and Eric Tabing.

Besides during the proclamation signing, members will wear their purple shirts to the annual flea market held in connection with Pinckneyville Mardi Gras on September 27, 2012, pass out bookmarks and do some advertising to promote HCE. Raffle tickets will be sold at the street flea market. We are proud to say 2012 is our **65th** year of existence in Perry County.



Proclamation for HCE Week October 21-27, 2012, signed by Sam Robb, County Commissioner of Perry County. Representing the HCE Board are: Georgia Fagerland, Marilyn Peradotto, Rita Cook, & Pam Morgenthaler.

Baby items were donated to Pregnancy Matters. Food pantry collections will be taken up at Holiday Ideas Day which is November 8, 2012. The theme is "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and has been planned by Cultural Enrichment directors for the first time this year. The quilt raffle will conclude a very interesting program.

Pennies for Friendship were collected to help women throughout the world have better living for their families and countries. International director, Elaine Vancil, has given us some news about Trinidad-Tobago which will be useful when our annual Passport Party takes place. The veterans at Anna Veterans Home will receive Christmas cards with quarters in the coming month. Autism articles have been provided in the newsletter by Community Outreach director, Colleen Furry.

Carolyn Bathon,
Public Information Director

SALINE.....

Saline County Homemakers Education Association has been very busy trying to stay healthy. We had a nice International meeting. It was combine with the Annual meting and Cultural Arts and crafts with it since the February TORNADO took over part of our town.

Before our last home football game last week, Homemakers did a chili supper fundraiser. The weather cooperated and was cool for the event however, it was inside and very successful.

Saline County Homemakers have planned a Fall Fest, a get to know you event for next week at the Harris Pruett Building in Harrisburg. This is with the counties that are combined with Saline County. They are Gallatin, Hamilton, White, Pope and Hardin counties. This covers a lot of territory. Wanda Raley, past President, informed me while cooking chili she had 90 register. She was only planning for 40-50. Maybe this will spark some interest for new members. The speakers were Jim Rasier, the WSIL TV meteorologist, Nadine Williams on flower arrangements, Earl and Sue Webb as Mr. & Mrs. Abe Lincoln, Connie Beck, County Extension Director and Kay Ripplemeyer of Civilian Conservation Corps. A \$10.00 fee was charged at registration for a catered lunch and unit members made pumpkin bread and pumpkin cookies with coffee for the break. Door prizes were awarded.

Saline County Homemakers wish all of you a Healthy, Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas with lots of good food to eat and safe travel for those traveling.

Georgia Murphy
Public Information

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WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members welcome the cool days of autumn. Even the fall gardens provided vegetables, pumpkins, radish and apples, so we can have those delicious pies at Thanksgiving!

HCE board members attended the IAHCE District Workshops with the theme "IAHCE Garden of Volunteers" held August 23, 2012 at Mt. Vernon, IL. The members attended the share shops and displayed our quilt.

We observed "WCHCE Week" October 5-19, 2012. Our county board chairman, David Meyer signed our HCE Week Proclamation as witnessed by our HCE Vice President, Myrene Alfeldt.



A display window of our HCE activities, photos of members, brochures of HCE programs and the quilt was displayed during HCE Week at the radio station, WNSV 104.7FM, Nashville, IL.

Letters were sent to the 32 churches in Washington County with a bulletin insert for HCE Week. Flowers were placed in the churches for HCE Week.

The International program was held October 15th at St. Paul's UCC Parish Hall, Nashville, IL. Foods were prepared and served by HCE members with recipes from the islands were served in the "Tasting Bee".



Our walking shoes for the garden tours were taken off for dance shoes as we attended the

International program on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago as they do the "Zumba" and "Limbo" dance. We were fortunate our 4-H youth "The Eager Beavers" preformed the dance for us to enjoy.

4-H Leader Rhonda Mueller showed slides of Trinidad and Tobago. "Pennies for Friendship" were collected and a food collection for the Irvington Food Pantry was held as well as a collection box at the Nashville Extension office.

A list of veterans in our nursing home and hospital, Nashville was given to members. A thank you card and small flag was given which was greatly appreciated by the veterans.

A walk to the Farmers Market to buy some produce also found a display table by HCE that showed the HCE activities and photos of members on Friday, October 19th.

Next will be our WCHCE "Christmas Special" program, November 5, 2012 at the Hoyleton Community Building. Registration is 6PM

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

WHITE.....

Greetings from White County. It has been a very long, hot and dry summer, but a very busy and productive one for White County HCE.

In April we had our annual style show/salad luncheon. This has become an event that a lot of ladies in the county that aren't members really look forward to.

Our HCE Week events were well attended and enjoyed by a number of people. One day we made and delivered treat trays to the county nursing care facilities to let the employees know how much we appreciate their caring for those that can no longer care for themselves.

International day was well attended. We had a potluck lunch, with each unit providing one dish that was native to Trinidad. Our International chairman gave a power point presentation on

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the history, customs and music of Trinidad.

In October, several of our ladies helped in the countywide pre-K round-up, by helping the youngsters each make themselves a necklace. Literature on membership was also available, as was our cookbooks.

We have collected and are about to deliver gifts to the veterans at Marion Veteran's center.

On October 25th, our six county unit had a very informative and enjoyable Homemakers Fall Fest. Some of our speakers were Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln and a local TV station weather meteorologist. Dr. Robert Hoeft, Director of University of Illinois Extension was also a guest speaker. He congratulated us on being the first of the newly organized county units to have a group meeting. In attendance were members from each of the six counties of our unit as well as some from neighboring counties.

Now we are getting ready to have our fall fundraiser, the Country Rhodes Fish Fry. This is always a fun event and brings a lot of the county people out to enjoy an "all you can eat" fish dinner, while enabling us to help more people.

Until next time, stay happy and may God bless you and yours.

Shirley Smith
Public Relations

WILLIAMSON.....

HCE of Williamson Co. is gearing up for the Annual Craft and Bake Sale Bazaar on November 3rd by learning new and old crafts. Shown here in our September Craft Day event are a few knitters learning to make the ruffled scarves. Other crafts included



crocheted cotton dishcloths, fabric yo-yo ornaments, and painted CDs with snowmen.

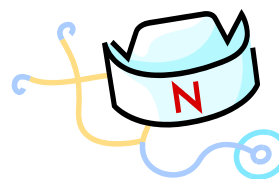
HCE of Williamson County has a feed sack quilt, made and pieced by member Barbara Eastwood shown here on the left. Treasurer, Jo Barger, donated the feed sacks and is assembling a book of member feed sack stories and memories. The hand quilted quilt will be raffled on November 3rd at the annual bazaar. Members are selling raffle tickets this year rather than making baskets to sell tickets on. So far, as of October 18th, Carterville unit member, Ruth Miller has sold the most tickets with \$58 in sales.



Our Williamson Co. HCE prepares lunch for the Lighthouse Shelter for the homeless on the fifth Saturday of any month. Shown here are the Care & Share unit with the Extension recipe for chicken pot pie that we traditionally serve.



Marie Samuel
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