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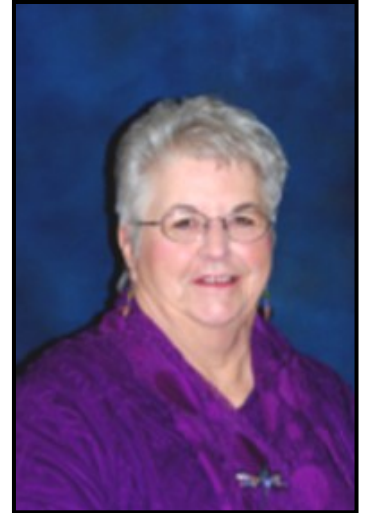
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From the Desk of the President

December 2014



Greetings,

This is my last note to you as President of IAHCE. My term will be up at the March, 2015 Annual Conference. It has certainly been an honor to serve as your President. Thank you so much for all your support and friendships made during my time on the State Board as District 5 Director and as President.

Remember how important it is to keep striving to gain new members for our great organization. Ask neighbors, newly retired women and new people to the area to any meeting you may be having, whether it is a unit meeting or countywide meeting. Publicize your meetings, hand out pamphlets about your county, let others know who you are and what you do for your community. Just gain one (1) member at a time. I know you can do it!

Thank you so much for your participation in the NVON Water Around the World Project. Illinois HCE raised over \$9,000 in the past year. NVON is now able to send many filters to families in need of clean water. This enables them to have healthier lives for all their family members.

Just want to remind you that in December, the county presidents will be receiving the President's Packet containing all information about conference, delegate forms, volunteer and facilitator forms, biographies of ones running for an office on the state board, bylaw/standing rules proposals, proposed budget and other information. Please review this packet and discuss with your delegates how your county wishes for them to vote. The business meeting will be held on Wednesday morning of conference beginning at 8:30 am. All delegates should attend.

My wishes for 2015 are that you have a very successful HCE year, good health, lots of friends and great time with your families. May all be safe in this coming year.

Blessings to you all,

Marilyn Daughhete

IAHCE President

EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st VICE PRESIDENT
Norma Korte

It is harvest time at the Korte Family Farm! We had a week and half of rain which provided much needed “rest time” for the guys.

I just returned from the October Board Meeting. Interesting things are being planned for you at the March 17-19, 2015 “Come Together Walk with IAHCE” Conference! Plan to bring your favorite walking shoes! Trade Show Vendors have started to sign up and Share Shop presenters have been scheduled. Be sure to read your December State Newsletter for all the details.

Have you started to work on the applications for the Education, Membership, and CVH awards? They are due by *January 31, 2015*. Make sure to send in your Health Smart and Family of Year applications as well.

The 1st Vice President share shop will give us a chance to share ideas and choose lessons for the 2016 year from the FCS list of options. I have been reading the book, Likeable Business by Dave Kerpen; I was reminded from the reading that we (HCE) are similar to a “business”, and we must have a desire to *want to share what we are learning*. If you have a passion for IAHCE, share it! “Passion is vital to our success. It fulfills and provides value and worth to what we do.” If you enjoy what you are learning and doing in IAHCE, show your joy and share that with others.

The new Linc system, which can be used to obtain your “Lessons for Living”, is available in many of the Extension Offices. I would encourage you to stop by and check out the system before the lessons are to be presented. Be sure to give the FCS Educator helpful comments so the lesson presentations might be improved.

I look forward to seeing you in March! Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From the Korte Family of southern Illinois,

Norma Korte

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Kathryn McNeely



It was great to see everyone at the August District Workshops. In the county newsletters I’ve noticed you are trying to obtain additional members. It requires all members to ask people to join IAHCE.

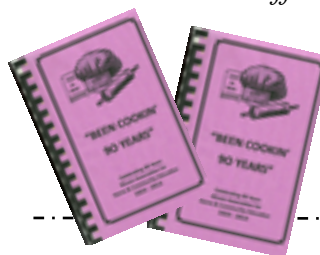
You can report membership activities for IAHCE Education awards. You can report one special membership activity and/or all the membership activities your county held during 2014 in a different report. The guidebook pages 49-52 give all the instructions. The report form should be the 1st page in your reports.

The membership chairman and treasurer in your county need to work together to agree on your county’s membership as of December 31, 2014. The dues of \$5 per member sent to the IAHCE treasurer and the number of members sent to the District Director need to agree. The form to be filled out was given to each county at the District Workshops. The form is mailed to your District Director.

I’ve also accepted the position as Door Prize chairman for NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network) when it is held in Normal, Illinois, in July 2016. It will help if all counties look for sale items or make some items (\$5-\$10) for door prizes. They should be small to medium size items as some people travel a distance and don’t have a lot of space for extra items. I will be happy to collect any items in March 2015 or March 2016 at the IAHCE Conference.

*Attitude is a little thing
that makes a big
difference. — Winston Churchill*

Kathryn McNeely



EXECUTIVE BOARD

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



SECRETARY
Donna Richards

It was great to see you at the District Workshops in August.

The Treasurer and I will be doing a share shop at the Annual

Conference in Decatur in March 2015.

I would like to urge you to read the “Secretary’s” packet you received at the District Workshops. I believe the sheets contained in the packet will help you with many of your questions.

On May 10, 2014, I received three scholarship applications that were postmarked May 6, 2014. The postmark deadline date is May 1st. Also, some of the scholarship applicants used an out dated application. Unfortunately, those received late or used an out dated application were not considered. Most current scholarship guidelines and application are found at our website, IAHCE.org, in the Guidebook on pages 57, 58, and 59. Would you help the Board to get the word out to your future scholarship applicants?

Any questions, please feel free to send me an email at dsrichards001@hotmail.com

Donna Richards

TREASURER
Beverly Combs



Greetings, I surely enjoyed my first District Workshops. I hope you all realize what great opportunities are awaiting you at the 2015 Annual Conference - a time to gain knowledge as well as to have fun and make new friends.

County Treasurers - Please remember the state dues of \$5 per member and the transmittal sheet that is to be sent to me must be postmarked by January 15, 2015, or a \$15 late fee will be assessed.

A Blessed Holiday to you all.

Bev Combs

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Louise Rodatz



District workshops were amazing to me. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did. It was great to meet so many ladies who were as enthusiastic about Community Outreach as I am. The passion and compassion for doing community service for others was overwhelming.

Hopefully, the crocheted sleeping mats for the homeless are going well. It does take a while to complete this project but when it is completed it is wonderful how good they look .

The evaluation forms you completed for the District Workshops were very positive. If you didn’t fill out one do so at the next meeting. The evaluation forms provide helpful information to the Board Members to develop or change lessons.

The Guidelines for Community Outreach is on the website: IAHCE.org. It suggests programs and projects or you can initiate your own original ideas When preparing your IAHCE Report Forms, you must have your program in the proper category for the current year. The IAHCE Report Form for Education Award can be used with additional pages as needed. Mail these to me, IAHCE Community Outreach Director, by *January 31, 2015*.

Please limit the number of pages in your report, including photos, to only ten pages which can be double sided. Do not forget to include the Report Form for Education Awards with our submission. Programs/projects considered for awards may only be reported for the current year.

Award winners will be recognized at the Annual Conference on March 17-19, 2015. Wouldn’t it be great to receive recognition at the Annual Conference? I look forward to reviewing your projects and encourage every county to prepare the forms for the IAHCE Education Award.

See you in March 2015 and keep a song in your heart for yourself and others.

Louise Rodatz

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Pat Weitzmann

What a year the International Directors had! Everyone did their part to accomplish things like this:

- over 30 International Education Awards reports submitted showcasing our members' education and celebration of culture in four foreign countries;
- \$900 in mini-stipend awards given to 18 counties;
- \$1,700 in donations given to IFYE, LABO, 4-H Foundation and Peace Garden;
- raising funds for ACWW Projects and re-useable water filters for the clean water projects of NVON and other non-profit organizations;
- county Women Walk the World activities got noticed with publication in local newspapers and ACWW's "Country Woman" international magazine;
- expanded educational material options by introducing short slide videos made for IAHCE countries of study;
- collected \$434.98 for Pennies for Friendship from August District Meetings; and
- began the process for an inbound International Homemaker Exchange.

Also, I sent a letter of greeting from the women of IAHCE to the women of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania attending their October 2014 Baltic States women's organizations area meeting. It was received and shared. I hope that an information exchange and maybe some "pen friends" will come of this. The target date for an inbound International Homemaker Exchange is March 2016.

I had a great time sharing members' enthusiasm and mine for the International Director position and all it entails at the August 2014 District Meetings. Thank you to the thousands of county members for their support of international education, affiliations and Pennies for Friendship.

My life continues to be enriched by my Association with the members of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education and its affiliates. Thank you and blessings to you in this holiday season and the year to come.

Pat Weitzmann



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Well I attended our October board meeting and I will report that I didn't change a thing this time. You still need to get your Education Award Reports for Cultural Enrichment to me, postmarked by January 31st, and your Cultural Enrichment Show entries postmarked by February 15th.

As I told you in those fantastic district workshops in August, I did change the categories this year, so make sure you use the latest forms, with the latest list. You can get them off the website, or email me and I will send you a copy. The current theme is "Been Cooking for 90 years" and that should be the one you use for the cultural enrichment entries this year. All entries must be preregistered and please have the item folded like you want the displayed and have the tag attached like you want them, before you bring them to the show.

Again this year we will start voting after lunch on Tuesday, so get your items in as soon as possible on Tuesday. Size requirement are still the same, 24 inches on the longest side, including frames or mats, or folded to 24 in., except quilts, of course. You can bring 2 items for the same category except quilts, but only one quilt per county, and 8 items per county.

If you can, please bring a simple craft to our workshop, with a copy of the instructions to Share. If you can't make copies, let me know and I can make them for you.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Send all to my address 2990 Knox Hwy 3, Altona, IL. 61414. You can email me if you have any questions, and for "Make-It-Take-It" pnjlong@otelmail.com, or call 309-483-6594. I sure hope to see you in March.

Peggy Long



FAMILY ISSUES DIRECTOR Sharon Davis

Hello Ladies, Hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. Your State Board has been working very hard to make the Annual

Conference in March 2015 a lot of fun with a little business. You will find inserts in this newsletter to fill out and send in.

It takes a whole team to make a conference a success. So please volunteer, be a facilitator to help make this the best conference.

This year in Family Issues we've been working on "BULLYING". I have been noticing a lot of news reports on this issue. I'm hoping to have a speaker at our Share Shop to give us a lot of information on this topic. Hope you will join us in the Share Shop.

Also please keep your State Board in your prayers. There have been health issues with families on the State Board and we all know prayers are powerful. Thank You.

Sharon Davis



PUBLIC RELATIONS Pat Hildebrand

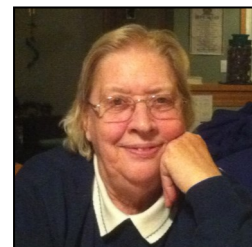
I've been hearing all kinds of great reviews of the August District Workshop. The results of the survey done at those District workshops showed that we need to work on a variety of ways

to reach local people regarding the educational programs and activities our organization provides. At the Annual Conference Share Shop in March, we'll talk about how to "Toot our own horn", as the old saying goes, and share ideas about how we can keep HCE vital in the eyes of the local people.

I apologize for missing some article in past issues of the newsletters. I've tried to get those "missed" ones in this issue. Too many good things going on in the counties not to share. Please note my e-mail address: normpat4@yahoo.com.

Pat Hildebrand

CVH/SALES Joan Stanley



I was glad to meet many new faces this year. Hope to see you at State Conference in March.

In the meantime I still have cookbooks - don't know for how long as I am down to about 60 from the 300 I got in August. Everyone is doing great selling them!!

Try to get your volunteer hours in as soon as you can. Deadline is January 31 but I am new at this and hope to get started sooner. If you can manage you could send them anytime before that.

Will you need any of our sale items? (check the website for the current list) You can get them at State Conference without paying postage. E-mail, call, or write. And if you would like, we could use your volunteer help at State Conference. Just sign up and THANKS!

Joan Stanley



EXTENSION REPORT



U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Jenna Smith

Hello fellow IAHCE members. I hope you've enjoyed our beautiful fall, and I pray for a mild winter. While I'm excited to see my son, Jackson, play in the snow, I don't want too much of it!

This newsletter article is written with a heavy heart. I will be ending my time as IAHCE Extension Liaison this March. This was a very tough decision, but it's been my effort to decrease my overnight travels and extra activities so that I can spend time with family. I also know that just like every board/leadership position, new faces with new ideas and energy are necessary for organizational growth and success.

Your new liaison will be Caitlin Huth, Nutrition and Wellness Educator in the Dewitt, Macon and Piatt county unit. Caitlin is a young professional with an innovative mind and enthusiastic soul. She volunteered to take over the position, but she is exactly who I would have chosen. I'll still be working for Extension as a Nutrition/Wellness Educator and will continue my membership as an HCE member. I will be speaking at the business meeting, 1st Vice President workshop, and presenting a share shop at the Annual Conference this March. Caitlin will also be attending to learn the ropes; some of you may even recognize her as she spoke at last year's annual business meeting while I was on maternity leave.

I hope to see many of you at my share shop, "Pass the Pink Packet, Please!" I'll be talking about the latest research, including the safety and use of sugar substitutes. Plus, you'll get to be my taste-testers!

Thank you, all, for welcoming me as your liaison. Words cannot express the joy I've had meeting and working with all of you. Thanks for taking me under your wings. I'm not far away, so please never hesitate to call, email, or stop by!

Jenna Smith

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Marilyn DeVries

Hell-o everyone, Fall and winter is well on its way and getting time to think conference. It will be in Decatur. This is for all members. You can sign up for classes and they are on many subjects. There must be some you're interested in.

Awards night — just sit back and enjoy what others have done, get some ideas for next year and hope you get one also.

Bring something for the silent auction — something nice and browse the room, maybe find something that fits you or your home and put your name and bid on it, (using your number.)

Come enjoy yourself — good food—meet old friends and meet new friends and have fun. Come walk together with IAHCE!

Marilyn DeVries

HENDERSON.....

(Intended for the August newsletter)

We held our 75th annual meeting April 26 2014 at the Stronghurst Methodist Church. Our theme was "Looking Back 75 years" We also decorated with aprons and antique kitchen items to go along with the state theme "been cookin for 90 years." The church ladies served a delicious brunch before our business meeting. Each unit in the county gave a skit or units history at different times during the morning. Some members had mothers and grandmothers that were members of the organization when it was called "Home Bureau Federation" or "Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation."

It was enjoyable to hear of some experiences that happened in the past 75 years with each unit. It brought many laughs, members all agreed that H.C.E. has been an important part of their lives.

Our scholarship winner this year is Anna Stevenson from Gladstone II. She will be attending Bradley University in Peoria II.

DISTRICT NEWS

We will all be busy with The Henderson County Fair July 13-19. We will be assisting judges and hosting project building and etc. Many members will be entering project in the fair. We contribute to the 'Relay for Life' and continue to collect hats, socks, and etc. for our veterans. We will be donating to our schools for student backpacks.



HENDERSON.....

What beautiful summer and fall weather we have had!!

Our HCE members have been very busy volunteering for community events, many helped at the Henderson County fair as well as entering projects to be judged.

We held our fall get together at Gladstone on September 15 with most members attending. It was a fun evening. Our program was "slice and dice". Mary Smith a teacher in the culinary field demonstrated the correct knife to use for each task. It was very educational. All members made a craft project, Mary Alice explained our years program and handed out project books. A light lunch prepared by board members was served to those attending.

We held our usual bake sale at the Weir fruit farm September 27. This will be our last bake sale there as the business will close the end of this season. It will be missed by so many people.

We are looking forward to the power point lesson on Germany. Board members will prepare German foods for those attending,

We have many projects to donated to this year, clothing for Veterans, food for Outreach center, school items, scholarship and 4-H awards, etc.

We will all be very busy during the holidays with many community activities to donate our time to.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the Jan Rehm family. Jan served on the county HCE board for many years, we will miss her very much.

Bev Alecock
Public Relations

JO DAVIESS.....

Jo Daviess County Celebrating "90 YEARS OF HOME BUREAU, HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION FEDERATION, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, and now HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (1993)" began with our President, Carrie Haug, and Janice Broshous, Special Activity Director, attending IAHCCE Annual Conference in Decatur, March 18-20, 2014.

The 17th Annual Quad County Heritage Arts, Make-It-Take-It Workshop was held April 5, 2014, at Dixon, hosted by Lee County. Several attended. It will be hosted by Lee County again in 2015. The '4 County HCE Boards' met April 15, to evaluate the Workshop in Mt. Carroll and to prepare how we can work together with other programs.

Our 70th Annual HCE Meeting was held at the DeSoto House in Galena, April 29, 2014. This was a day meeting with the program in the morning and business meeting after lunch. Daryl Watson brought us the "History of Prominent Women of Jo Daviess County". We also had a tour of the Famous "DeSoto House Hotel". Members brought their "Famous Aprons" to display. IAHCCE District I Director, Marilyn DeVries, installed our officers.

"Water Around the World" the National Volunteer Outreach Network" (NVON) Project "Water Filters for Clean Water" - We sent funds for 4 filters @ \$60 each. This is an ACWW program.

In May, 77 'Bookbags with Books' were delivered to Stockton Pre-School. Bookbags were handmade by our members.

Two \$250 scholarships were awarded to two High School seniors attending college. Eight pounds of pop-can tabs were given to Ronald McDonald House. The Rada Cutlery was a hit at our 4th of July booth at Stockton park. We donate homemade pies to the 4-H Food Stand during their 4-H Fair at the Elizabeth Community Fair

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DISTRICT NEWS

Jo Daviess County continued

(6 days). HCE members are Project Superintendents at the 4-H Fair.

Thirty members and guests enjoyed a “Day in the County” the last week in July. Three stops were - a winery; jewelry shop; lunch at Stella’s; plus other places of interest.

Six HCE members attended the August 19th District 1/2/3 IAHCE Workshop in Oglesby, to help us get programs lined up for 2015.

Some Lessons for Living we enjoyed giving/having by local people in 2014 were: “Cooking with Garden Vegetables” by Sarah Rodd; “Home Schooling” by Aaron Mercier; “Pets” by Safe Haven; “Sink Holes” by Larry Lyons.

We have had our 59th (and last) “Fall Old Market Day” at Old Market House Historic Site in Galena, September 2014. This all began in 1955 during “Tour of Homes” weekend in Galena. Home Bureau, who we were then, was asked to do an event at Market House Square on Commerce Street, to call attention to the Historic Old Market House so it hopefully could become a State Historic Site. (Mission accomplished.)

Home and Community Education helped U. of I. Extension celebrate “100 YEARS” in Jo Daviess County, October 8 at Dittmar’s Pumpkin Patch. What an ideal place for this event.

Our Annual Friendship Day was held October 28 in Stockton. Marilyn Daughette, State IAHCE President, told of her trip to India and the ACWW September 26-October 3, 2013 Triennial. Cultural Enrichment Projects were on display.

We look forward to 2015 when are all “Come Together, Walk with IAHCE: which begins March 17-19, 2015 in Decatur. Until then — Keep “. . . Cookin’ after 90 years”.

Marcella Arnold
Public Relations Director

KNOX.....

In October, we had our annual Membership Tea. This year our theme was Heirloom Day. Members were asked to bring Heirlooms from their family that had been repurposed. Members also were to bring in friends that hopefully with to join KCHCE.

One of our moneymaking projects will be in November. We sell baked goods at two locations after Thanksgiving. A few days ahead of the bake sale, members gather to bake small individual pies. Supplies are donated by members and an assembly line is formed to make at least 100 pies. Every year we make more than the previous year. We sell them plus other baked goods at the bake sales. The pies have been a give seller every year.

Every year we have an event called “Class Day”. It is the last Saturday in February – this year it will be February 28, 2015. We have around 55 classes that last around 50 minutes and go on all day long. Each hour there are around 5 or 6 classes that you can choose from. We charge \$25.00 for each person and lunch is provided in this amount. The profits from the event go to provide a scholarship for a qualified 4-H student from Knox County going to Carl Sandburg College.

Anyone from neighboring counties are more than welcome to attend. It is a very informative, fun day. The booklets will be sent out after the first of the year. If you would to receive a booklet, please contact Joyce Hagerty at hag@otelmail.com or 309-483-6169, just leave you name and address.

From the KCHCE, we hope you have a thankful Thanksgiving, a peaceful Christmas, and a safe New Year.

Sue Ryder
Public Relations Director



DISTRICT NEWS

ROCK ISLAND.....

Rock Island County began the new fall season with six members attending the District Workshops in Oglesby, Illinois on the lovely campus of the Illinois Valley Community College. Following this day the county board began training the new officers of the individual units. Our recipe for success this year started with emphasis being placed on program and membership. We were stirring up some new ideas for use across the county.

Our fall unit meetings were privileged to have our Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Kristin Bogdonas, attend each unit meeting and present the Lesson for Living on “DIGESTIVE HEALTH: HOW TO KEEP THINGS MOVING AND HAVE A HAPPY TUMMY.” What a great and healthy way to begin the year!

Continuing in September was the creation of huge duffel bags for homeless veterans which they received at “Stand Down 2014 for Homeless Veterans”. Three days in September veterans were treated to many free services, clothing, and supplies to fill their bags. Members had made over 160 such bags, which were greatly appreciated.

The Lesson for Living, “CREATING EASY, HEALTHY BEGINNINGS” was our emphasis for making appetizers for our November fund-raiser. Kristin Bogdonas taught this lesson for unit leaders and shared many delicious, nutritious appetizers.

Our annual Cultural Arts Day brought many to the Christ Church for a huge, display of handmade articles which were voted upon to travel to state convention in March. During the morning, we featured Kim Amann, Riverdale Unit, teaching the art of “5-Minute Artisan Bread-Making.” She offered a wide variety of ideas, including a gluten-free recipe, and had lots of yummy breads for tasting. The guest speaker, Marilyn Daughhettee, shared her pictures and spoke on her recent trip to India. The morning was filled with many educational opportunities and was followed by a delicious salad/dessert luncheon served by the Cordova Unit, our current Ways and Means unit.

Another fun day followed the next week with a trip to Davenport, IA to tour the Isabel Bloom factory. Members were able to view their history and overall production through film and actual walking tour of the plant. Detailed explanations were given to help us understand and to answer any questions we may have had. Following was scheduled a lunch date at Trattoria Tiramisu for those in attendance.

On November 1st, we have scheduled another Barn Board Quilt Painting workshop which has been overwhelmingly received. Large numbers of eager participants had to be turned away, with many asking for a repeat class in the near future. Those attending will be painting a 12” x 12” board with a quilt block design on it. These boards can be hung indoors or out.

Our country of focus for this year is Germany and we have arranged to have our Lesson for Living for December unit meetings to cover “GERMANY AND THEIR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS.” It will be presented by a local person, born in Germany, Ursula Love, who returns annually, and will be sharing some traditional foods to taste, as well as customs for the holidays.

One of our major fund-raising events is rapidly coming in November. It is the benefit performance at the Playcrafters’ Barn Theater. The play will be “Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus.” Units provide tables full of delicious appetizers and beverages before the play begins, which are enjoyed by all. Many of the yummy appetizers from our Oct. Lesson for Living will be a part of the spread.

It seems that we’ve been cooking up lots of fun activities and learning experiences for our members and the public in which to partake. New ideas and interests abound here in Rock Island County!

Lucille Mumma
Public Relations Director

DISTRICT NEWS

STEPHENSON.....

Well, harvest is in full swing up here in Stephenson County! The soybeans are pretty much done, but as I write this article, a lot of corn is still in the fields. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will be harvested. We just hope winter comes late this year!

On the morning of July 4, several Stephenson County HCE members gathered at our dining hall on the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. Over forty fruit pies were baked that day, so we could sell slices of pie with ice cream prior to the fireworks display. What can be more American than to celebrate July 4th with a piece of pie, ice cream and fireworks!

The Stephenson County Fair ran from July 8 thru 13 this year. The HCE dining hall was open every day with breakfast, lunch and dinner. We provided everything from a full course meal to sandwiches to homemade pie. Of the meals, ham loaf always seems to be one of the most popular.

On August 19, ten members from Stephenson County attended the IAHCE District Meeting in Oglesby. I think we all enjoyed the program speaker, workshops and visiting with HCE members from other counties.

Our Cultural Enrichment Director, Lynn Lott, put together a day trip for Friday, September 19.



Aboard the paddle wheeler "Pride of Oregon."

Over thirty HCE members and guests car pooled to Oregon, Illinois, for a boat ride on the Rock River. Dinner was served inside the boat. After the meal, all went up on deck and enjoyed the fall colors as we traveled the river. The weather that day was warm and simply fabulous!

Our Public Affairs Director, Nancy Albrecht, arranged two work days at the Farm Bureau in Freeport for HCE members to assist Hospice by making textured lap robes for patients. Members met on September 25 and October 23 (several brought their sewing machines) to cut, sew and assemble the materials into lap robes for patients.

On September 27 and 28, the Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club held their annual dog show at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. The kennel Club asked HCE to provide breakfast and lunch for the show judges. The organizers of the show estimated that there were 1,700 dogs and around 2,000 people at this show.

On October 3, the Senior Resource Center in Freeport held a health fair. There were several seminars. Health screenings and flu shots were available. Several HCE members taught "Making Flower Bouquets Out of Buttons". Our SCAHCE Board President, Becky Thomas, taught this class in March at the 4-H Super Saturday at Highland Community College.

Columbus Day, October 13, was our International Meeting on Germany at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. Pastor Willis Schwichtenberg, Immanuel Lutheran, gave the program based on a trip he took to Germany in 2010.

During the meeting, SCAHCE presented Emma Wingert of Kent, a graduate of Pearl City High School, a \$300 scholarship. Emma is a student at Highland Community College. After HCC, she plans to transfer to University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Emma plans to major in Agribusiness and Beef Production".



Public Relations Director, Janice Fryer, right, presents Emma with a check.

Our meeting concluded with a luncheon consisting of several German dishes prepared by HCE members.

HAVE A WONDERFUL
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS!

Janice Fryer
Public Relations

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DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks

The 91st Annual IAHCCE Conference will be held in Decatur on March 17-19,

2015. This conference sounds like it will be lots of fun, starting with "T-shirt Tuesday"!

If you ever thought about attending all three days of the conference, this is the time! Arrive early and you can participate in the "One Mile Fun Walk" and show off those "wacky tennis shoes" in the "Wacky Tennis Shoe" contest! Walk all or part of the course! Then at lunch on Tuesday you are welcome to wear your t-shirt. This is just the beginning....look in the newsletter for the Share Shops!

The August 2015 District Workshops have a date change so please change the date in your membership books to August 11-12-13, 2015. It was gratifying to know that all District 2/3 counties were represented at the August 2014 District Workshop. Attend the District Share Shop at conference and find out what each of you feel is the "key to membership"! Let's "unlock the mystery of membership" together!

District Directors are available to visit your county to install officers and encourage membership. I will have a calendar at conference for you to schedule a visit. I hope you are having success adding members through your lessons and programs!

Happy Holidays to each of you and put your walking shoes on for the "Walk with IAHCCE" 91st Annual Conference in March 2015!!!!

Angela Hicks

"Unlock the mystery of membership"

DU PAGE.....

DuPage County H.C.E. had a very busy summer and fall. We had a booth at the DuPage County Fair in July. Members gave out pamphlets and newsletters. Keeping with the "Cookin' for 90 Years" theme, we had drawing taken from a big old white coffee pot. The winners received potholders.

In August, we had our annual Update and Potluck at the Home Economics fair grounds building. Again, going with this year's theme, we had great homemade food and a nice display of old and well loved cookbooks for all to enjoy. Centerpieces, name tags, skits, door prizes, and program all featured the theme.

September, we had a lesson on "Cooking with Fresh Vegetables" and was well attended.

Our County awarded two scholarships to college students.

Three hundred and sixty "Thinking of You Cards" were made at our workshop and sent to Hines Veterans Hospital.

In October, we celebrated H.C.E. week by putting up a display at our local libraries, had an open house that featured all the Community Service projects that we do. One hundred and fifty bookmarks were made and presented to local libraries.

We continue to enjoy the lunch bunch, quilting, and U.F.O./Linus Quilts project.

Mary Lambert
President

GRUNDY.....

The Grundy County HCE member did a wonderful job learning about Germany. Each unit prepared its own lesson.

Patricia Buchholtz did an internet search and gave a lot of facts and figures about the history of

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Grundy County continued

Germany to the Morris Morning Unit. Several members who have visited Germany added to the discussion.

The Nettle Creek Unit met and had a guest speaker, Ellen Hanson. Ellen's son is living in Germany and is a member of the JAF Corps. He is married to a local lady and they have 2 children. Ellen told about the wedding customs and also about everyday life in modern Germany.

Kathy Peterson, from the Morris Night Unit made arrangement for their Unit and any others to meet at a local restaurant for an Octoberfest meal. It was a great event.

The last week in September, was the Grundy County Corn Festival. Ginny Bellamy was in charge of the Arts and Crafts Show. There were over 100 entries. The talent is overwhelming. Thanks for a job well done.

Fall harvest is winding down, the colorful leaves are falling, and we will soon be looking forward to the Holidays.

Ruth O'Hara
Public Relations Director

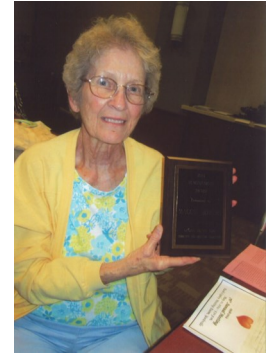
KENDALL.....

Our 16th Annual Victorian Tea on Sunday October 19 was a big success...we served over 186 people, including HCE members from LaSalle and Grundy counties. The theme, "Tea and Harmony" featured The White Family Singers from Morris, Illinois. They have 11 children, from age 2 to 20. All 13 sing...it was a wonderful performance!! The HCE members need to rest before we decide if we're going to have a 17th Victorian Tea.....A "low" Tea, or afternoon Tea. Contrary to what people think, "High Tea" is for the working class, and not fancy at all.

Joan Eachern
President

MAGGIE BOWERS RECEIVES AWARD

Maggie Bowers was recognized by Kendall County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) with a special award for her Humanitarian work.



Bowers has made most of the over 1400 "Little Dresses for Africa" and many boys shorts that have been sent not just to Africa, but all over the world. For several years this has been a Kendall County HCE project. She has sent them people going on missions to Peru, the Philippines, Haiti, India, and other countries, as well as some mission work in the United States. For many years, Bowers has also made quilts, children's activity bags and small animals that have been given to area agencies. She is Kendall County HCE Family Issues Director.

LAKE.....

Hello Everyone! My name is Dianne Glozier and I am the new Public Relations person for LCAHCE here in Lake County. This is my first article for the IAHCE Newsletter so I hope to do a good job.

There has been a lot going on here in Lake County since what was last reported by Diane Shearer in the August Newsletter. We started off the new 2014-2015 Program Year with "Cooking with Margaret: Italian Feast". There were 32 Lake County Home Makers in attendance. Margaret Hilliard, Carmella Marshall, and Roseann Rendl shared with us their personal stories and family recipes. As usual all the food that was prepared for us was very tasty and delicious! There was a good will offering and money collected that evening. Margaret Hilliard stated to the group that

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there are 62,000 hungry people in Lake County. All donations went to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to help feed the hungry people here in Lake County.

On September 15th, Marilyn Daughhete, IAHCE President, came to the U of I Extension Office to give the Lake County Home Makers her presentation on India. Marilyn is shown here in a beautiful saree (a traditional dress worn by the women of India) . Photo taken by Angela Hicks.



The lesson Car Care: “How Well Do You Know Your Car?” was presented at the Lake County Extension Office on October 6th. Mr. Louis Sharp was scheduled to give the presentation. Unfortunately he was not able to make it. Jane Ellen Keroson, First Vice President, gave the presentation. It was a very informative and interesting lesson. GOOD JOB Jane Ellen!

On October 7th, 14 women came to the Lake County Extension Office to sew Christmas Stockings for our Troops. 319 stockings along with supplies for the stockings were delivered at the drop off site on October 29th by Sue Jehlicka (Community & Family Outreach). A HUGE thank you went out to all the ladies who participated in this event. Sue Jehlicka is also collecting new and gently used blankets for the needy during the month of November. Blankets are to be dropped off at the Lake County Extension Office. Thank you Sue!

LCAHCE hosted its annual Cultural Enrichment Day at the Lake County Extension Office on October 16th. Angela Hicks, President of Mes Amis Unit and IAHCE District 2/3 Director presented a program on Apron Memories in keeping up with the IAHCE theme “Been Cookin’ 90 Years.” Most all of the aprons were collect by Nancy Johannsen, American Unit. A wonderful lunch was prepared by the Cultural Enrichment Committee and other members of the Units. After lunch we had 2 drawings of heritage cookbooks donated by long time member, Margaret Sneesby.

The lucky winners were Pat Weitzmann, Gurnee Unit, and Angie Wojciechowski, Mail Box. Congratulations Ladies!

We had 57 entries on that day. All entries were judged by independent judges, not the members of HCE. Best of Show went to Sandy Henke for her hand felted, hand loomed wool scarf. Congratulations Sandy! Cultural Enrichment Day was a good day and everyone had a good time!

The Ways & Means Committee organized 2 successful Fund Raising Events at Culver’s in Grayslake. One was on July 24th and the second one was on September 11th. They also organized the Butter Braid Sale. They raised over \$1,900 dollars for the LCAHCE organization.

Jean Proctor, Fireside Unit, was nominated for the “Hall of Fame” award. She has been an active member of LCAHCE since 1991. Jean also served on the LCAHCE Board for 3 years as Community and Family Outreach Committee Chair. University of Illinois Extension celebrated its 100th year of service to the community. The event took place at the Milan Banquet Hall in Waukegan, IL, on October 18th. At this celebration everyone was honored and received their awards that evening. Many Congratulations to Jean!

We have other events coming up in the months of November and December. On November 6th, “What’s New in Textiles”, International Day on November 13th, and the Holiday Cookie Sale, December 13th. All events will take place at the Lake County Extension Office in Grayslake, IL. More updated details on these events in the next newsletter.

On a final note: The holidays are fast approaching and the winter months are ahead of us. I would like to wish all of you a “Happy Thanksgiving”, “Merry Christmas”, and “Happy Holidays”!

Be safe and stay warm!!!

Dianne Glozier
Public Relations



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LA SALLE.....

News from LaSalle County. Some of this news may seem like old news but because of the computer problems Pat had, my article did not get printed last time. I still want to share it with you.

LaSalle County members had a great time on the Spring Trip to Little Traveler Shoppes in Geneva, IL. Twenty seven members enjoyed lunch, tea and fun shopping. The tour thru historic Geneva was given by a lady in period costume.

Our annual meeting was well attended in June. The theme was "Laughter Works---(A Recipe for Life)" with a program given by Sandra Lutz of Peoria, IL. She is a Certified Laughter Leader, Healing Touch Practitioner, Tai Chi Instructor and a RN. The Homemaker of the Year was awarded to Mary K. Lieske. Mary has been a member of the Handy Homemakers for 34 years. The tree scholarship winners were announced--Rachel Guynn, Josie Needs & Carly Diss.

In June we held our County Units Meeting at the Farm Bureau Bldg. Becky Kendall presented a lesson on edible arrangements. She showed several great examples & members got some hands on experience making a few. Lots of fun.

July was 4-H Fair time. The HCE members went into baking mode & supplied home made pies for the food stand. The 4-H members & their parents helped work at the stand. It was a fun & profitable experience for HCE workers & the 4-H members. At the fair, the board members had a display set up to bring awareness to the water filters through ACWW.

August was the State Meeting. LaSalle County won the following educational awards: Community Outreach for Promote 3 R's- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Family Issues award for Teaching Pie Making with 4-Her's; International for Country of Study-South Africa.

Board members participated in "Walk The World" for water filters in Ottawa during the Riverfest. We demonstrated how to use the filters & explained the need for them. Thanks to the interest &

donations we are able to purchase a few more water filters.

The District Workshop was hosted by LaSalle County this year. We met at IVCC campus in the new building. There were 130 in attendance. IAHCE officers presented a skit.

September was a busy month for us. The 2014-2015 program books were printed & distributed. Nursing Home visits for the units have been scheduled for the "Bingo Parties". Each unit has been given a list of the lessons scheduled for the year. The Fall Advisory meeting was on the 15th. Information from the District Workshop was shared.

We decided to have a booth at the St. Elizabeth House Walk & Bazaar in November. It is a good way to attract interest in our organization & get new members. Follow up information will be in the next newsletter.

In October we prepare for our lesson on Germany. Germany is our Country of study this year. The lesson will be given on November 3rd with a dinner of classic German dishes. Each unit is responsible for bringing 2 dishes each. Program will be given by a famous local chef, Dave Eller. He will demonstrate Wiener-Schnitzel.

Penny Carter
Public Relations Director

MC HENRY.....

Greetings from Northern IL. Our beautiful red and yellow maple trees are losing their leaves and the farmers are behind in their harvesting

Four of our member, Marlene Rader, Leona Rinn, Patti Sautter, and I attended the 90th Anniversary of IAHCE in Decatur. We had a great time seeing other HCE members, attending classes, and getting new ideas. Thank you to all the board members for all your hard work! This April at our annual meeting we celebrate our 96th anniversary.

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Our lesson in February was "Organic Gardening" given by a University of Illinois Master Gardener and in March we had "Edible Arrangements" which was a lot of fun. We all took our fruit or vegetable arrangements home. For these two programs we had a good turnout on non-members. In April we had a Fashion Show and dinner; clothing was provided by the "Dress Barn".

We have been busy sewing, 15 quilted lap quilts which were given to a local nursing home, approximately 150 mini quilted Christmas stockings filled with candy for tray favors or ornaments were given to three nursing homes. Twenty five African dresses were at the conference.

In June we had a sew day where members made stockings for Christmas Santa. We also are contributing to the program "Water Around the World".

This fall we started out with a bang! We had a presentation on "Your Color", spring, summer, fall and winter given by a Makeup consultant. We all took turns learning what color we were and what to wear to complement us.

In October, we toured Rowshell Ridge Vineyard in Marengo, IL which is owned by Don and Chris Schellhauss. Don is our county's retired University of IL County Director.

Also in October we had International Day where we all ate wonderful tasty German Food which was made by the members. A film was shown about Berlin, the Berlin Wall and the rebuilding of the city. Some of our guests shared memories about their life during World War II.

Our fund raiser again this year was "Butter Braid" Each member was to support HCE by selling the different coffee cakes to their family and friends. The money will be used to fund our educational programs.

Wishing you a happy, healthy holiday season!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

WILL.....

Will County Home and Community Education Association has been very busy as we are in our 76th year as an organization.

A special collection was held for Pennies for Friendship and a variety of Cultural Enrichment entries were voted upon to be sent to the state conference in March. Handiwork going to state is as follows: Judy Wunderlich for jewelry;

Roseanne Wilson, machine quilted quilts; Marine Satterlee, photography; Regena Harris and Christine Bruckmeister (deceased) artwork; Carol Partilla, heritage needlework; and Eleanore Mestakovich, crafts and crocheted afghan. We would like to congratulate these artisans for representing Will County with their dedicated and beautiful works.

Also during the day, Sgt. Teri Ellingham from the Will County Sheriff's Office, informed us of the "Top 10 Senior Scams and How to Avoid Them." Her talk gave us insight into the tactics fraudsters use to separate seniors from their money.



Jeanette Johnson, Will County HCE president, and Marilyn Daughhetee

Our annual International, Cultural Enrichment and Membership Day was one of our better attended events. A highlight of the day was our featured speaker, Marilyn Daughhetee, President of Illinois HCE, who gave a very informative presentation on her trip to India with NVON.

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Will County, continued

A potluck luncheon is planned for November 6 for fellowship between Will County Units. Bunco and Dominoes will be played with prizes for participants of the games.

Also planned is a trip to our local Joliet Junior College to see the "Story of the Christmas Star" at the Harvey Trackman Planetarium. Members are scheduled to meet for lunch before heading to the planetarium.

We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays and wish our fellow homemakers the best of holidays as well as a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations

information on officer's duties is always very special talking with your statewide peers.

Did your County have a special project this year? Don't forget to complete the award application as found in our guide book or online.

I want to leave you with wishes for wonderful holidays with your family and friends. Our HCE family and friends will continue to reward your generous heart with pride and joy of accomplishments for the good of others.

Looking forward to seeing you in March at our 2015 Conference. Be ready to come and have fun!

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.

Mary Eustace



DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace

Can you believe 2014 is coming to an end? When you reflect back on your accomplishments of this year, did you reach any goals? Life is a journey and our priorities of where we spend our time reflect on our generous volunteer hearts. I am very proud and honored to represent HCE in my community and IAHCCE on a state level.

Our August Workshop held in Washington, IL was well attended. We enjoyed the information provided by our State Officers, the good food and, of course, the entertainment!

We are busy working on our annual Conference to be held in Decatur, March 17-19, 2015. Lots of fun activities are planned for the three day conference. Wonderful Share Shops full of interesting information. Our State Board officers are working up helpful tips for doing a great job as County Board officers and/or Unit Officer. Sharing helpful

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!

Ask a friend to join you in your HCE activities!

Add "just one more" member to your unit, to your county. That's new additions to IAHCCE.

Continue to be on the lookout for new members.

SANGAMON.....

Greetings from the Sangamon County HCE. Fall is here and the flowers and trees are just beautiful. All seven Units have been busy with meeting, projects, lessons and preparing for the Fall Festival.

Eight officers attended the District 4 meeting on 8/20 at the beautiful Crossroads United Methodist Church in Washington, IL. The meetings were fun and informative. The Church served lunch and it was delicious. Our County sold quilt raffle tickets there and is thankful for all who contributed. We

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held County officers training the following week on 8/27, sharing the information we gathered at the District meeting. On Officers training day, a lesson on "History of Tea" was presented by Tim Schowalter from Edgar's Coffee Café in Chatham, IL. Members got to sample different types of tea.

On September 4th, our members took a tour of Jubilee Farms. This beautiful place is a 111 acre center for ecology and spiritually sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL. Our group was given a presentation about buying local and organic foods. The large garden and orchard are chemical free as is the Children's Garden. The llamas and chickens provide a hands on lesson for people of all ages. They offer handmade pottery for sale along with fiber items and produce when available. Also, there are three walking paths and a prayer labyrinth open to the public.

We spent many weeks preparing for our Fall Festival held on September 27th. It was hugely successful and loads of fun. There were over 240 guests and 70 members attending. Served in the lunchroom was homemade soup, chicken salad sandwiches, barbeque and a variety of pies. The raffle for the Amish handmade quilt was won by Barry Sampson of Petersburg.

Our International Day was held on October 9th with Germany being our country of interest. The International Director, Debbie Richards, had wonderful decorations and a table of German books, beer steins, pictures and flags. Several members assisted and baked German desserts and breads that were delicious. Two lovely ladies gave a power point presentation of Germany with many points of interest. A talk was given on growing up in the time of the Nazi regime and during the war. They recounted stories from the time they were children in late 1930's until the war was over.

Members are now getting ready for the Cultural Enrichment Day that will be held on November 27th along with a lesson on photography and a potluck lunch. Next, we are looking forward to our Christmas program.

Jody Harden
Second Vice-President

TAZEWELL.....

(Intended for August newsletter)

Tazewell HCE submitted a check to NVON for all the money collected for the "Water Around the World" project. Efforts will continue through the year.

At the 4-H Fair in July, a water filter was demonstrated to the public at which time donations were taken. The annual HCE booth selling slightly used items will generate further funds.

The annual meeting in May was barrels of fun. The board presented a lesson on "The Art of Delicious Desserts". Samples were available and tickets were sold on complete recipes. This fund-raiser garnered \$160 for the "Water Around the World" project. Information sheets and booklets from Sawyer, the company that makes the filters, were available as well.

Members were delighted that the District 4 & 5 Workshop was in Washington. Tazewell County was devastated by a tornado last November and the area is deeply appreciative of any business that has helped or will help with the recovery. God is good!



TAZEWELL.....

Tazewell County celebrated HCE Week with an "Oktoberfest Mit Kaffer and Kuchen" on October 16 in the Farm Bureau auditorium in Pekin. The international celebration of the Republic of Germany featured a slide presentation by Rosemary Swanson. It illustrated home and family life in Germany at the present time.

Following up were comments and questions from the audience. Many members were of German descent and numerous people had been to Germany; some had German foreign exchange students at one time. One member's family had housed German prisoners of War during WWII. The afternoon proved very educational.

Mildred Lamprecht had just returned from a trip to Germany and had brought back a few items to be offered in a ticket raffle. The raffle netted \$41.50 for the benefit of the "Water Around the World project."

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Tazewell County continued

If your unit lives close to Washington, you might like to plan a day trip here. The shops on the square offer browsing and shopping. A Step Back in Time, Lori's Kitchen Store, Sentimental Journey, Holland's Merchantile, LeFleur Flower and Gift Shop, Holland's Carmel corn, and others are fun to just visit. Nostalgia reigns! There are three lovely restaurants on the square or nearby, so enjoy.



Vivian Gerriets displays her dirndl worn in earlier days

Washington's strong after the devastating tornado last year thanks to so many wonderful people.

Shirley Kelly
Public Information Director

WOODFORD.....

Fall is here and the leaves are simply beautiful...by the time this is in print possibly there will be snow on the ground. Aren't the seasons wonderful in the Midwest? Each season is like a new beginning and it's certainly something to look forward to.

Seven of our Woodford County Board members attended the District Meeting held in August in

Washington, IL. It was a delightful day and each one enjoyed it very much. Gives opportunity to see what other counties are doing and be re-charged for HCE.

One of our Board members took it upon herself to give a lesson on Germany. She was inspired by the program she heard on Germany at a recent IAHCE Conference. She taught a lot about German geography and culture and then shared samples of wonderful German food that she had prepared.

In October a Cultural Arts Day was planned for County members and guests. Ladies began with lunch at Historic Grounds in Metamora, followed by a tour of the home of Mr. Jean Myers, curator of the Metamora Courthouse. Following that, the group walked down the street to the Metamora Courthouse where Abraham Lincoln presided over circuit court in Spring and Fall months. Mr. Myers told stories about Lincoln's time in Metamora and explained various antiquated items in the Courthouse. It was a delightful day for those who attended.

A Local Leader School is being planned for November — "What My Family Needs to Know". This event will be open to the public and presented by Sonja Reece. She will share an easy way to assemble all of one's records so that it would be easy for the family to step in during an emergency or life change.

Members are being encouraged to submit their volunteer hours at the end of November for the prior year so that they can be compiled and submitted to IAHCE. There is much volunteering going on in the county and our membership is to be commended.

Betty Bekermeier
Public Information Chairman

Check out the IAHCE website!

www.iahce.org

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DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR Kathleen Emery

Warm days, cool nights, and leaves turning beautiful colors is a sure sign good things are coming!

The holiday season is fast approaching as well as your December IAHCE Newsletter filled with goodies for you!

If you need:

- 25-year, 50-year certificates, contact Kathryn McNeely before Annual Conference
- Been Cookin' 90 Years Cookbook, \$18, contact Joan Stanley
- Help or information about your county page on IAHCE Website, contact Sharon Middleton at itole2@sbcglobal.net

For Annual Conference, you are invited to:

- Arrive early for "T-Shirt Tuesday"
- Join in the "One-Mile Fun Walk"
- Decorate and wear "wacky tennis shoes" for the contest during the Fun Walk!
- Bring your County Banner
- Donate an item or items for the Silent Auction
- Pre-order Conference bags, pins, T-Shirts
- Place an ad in the IAHCE 91st Annual Conference Program Book
- Donate to the good bag given to each attendee (400 items are needed)

Our U of I Extension Field Liaison, Jenna Smith, is resigning. We will meet the new liaison, Kaitlyn Huth, at the March Annual Conference.

I would like to close with what Jenna Smith encouraged HCE members to do—Share Your HCE Story! Everyone has one and this may very well be what encouraged someone to join HCE!

Thank you for all you do throughout the year to promote HCE! See you at the 91st Annual Conference in Decatur, March 17-19, 2015!

Kathleen Emery

CHAMPAIGN.....

We are having a warm and colorful Fall season and hope to have a mild Winter. We had enough snow shoveling last Winter.

Champaign County is keeping busy. The week of July 8-12 CCHCE had a booth at the Fisher Fair to help promote HCE. We passed out purple pens and handouts about our organization. We signed up several ladies with a possible interest in joining our group.

Saturday August 9th was our 3rd annual garage sale. This is our annual fundraiser. It was held at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. It was well attended and we had a great time working together.

August 20th, we carpooled to our district work shop in Washington, Il.. It was enjoyable and very informative.

We held our Cultural Arts day on October 20th. We had many craft entries and had a great time voting on the entries. Best of Show went to Joyce Kirkstra for her beautiful painting. We had a potluck lunch with lots of wonderful food. Millie Otto was our guest speaker. She writes an article for the News Gazette newspaper. She talked about what takes place in her day in the Amish community. We had music by Jill Dautzenberg who is the daughter of our Cultural Arts Chairman, Pat Miller. Faith Roberts, our speaker for the day, gave us great information on Alzheimer's disease. We had a great attendance and the day was enjoyed by everyone.

October 24th was our Membership Event. We were all encouraged to bring guests. Eileen Miller gave a presentation on HCE. Rhonda Scott gave a demonstration of how to make an apron from a man's shirt. Eileen gave a demonstration of how to make an apron from a T-shirt. Both looked easy and interesting. We had music by Barbara Leach and accompanist Ernie Huffman. They played a variety of old tunes for us to sing along to. We enjoyed lunch provided by HCE. Our afternoon entertainment was the delightful "Tea Ladies"

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from Bloomington, Il. They presented a talk and demo of Grandma's Apron. Everyone was asked to wear their favorite apron and tell a story about it. There were many great aprons and stories. We had a drawing for one free membership from those joining that day. There were six new members signed up for the day. We also gave a \$25 check to the unit with the most new members since last year. The check went to the Staley unit. We were joined by the IAHCCE 2nd Vice president, Kathlerine McNeely for the day. It was nice to have her with us. The day ended with bingo for all who wanted to participate.

Our International lunch will be November 17th and Marge Probasco, our International Chairman, is busy getting everything ready for another enjoyable day.

We continue to make Linus blankets and the weighted blankets for the Autistic. Our next sewing day will be October 30th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the FBA. We also collect gently used bras, shoes, purses and clothing to be donated to the Women In Transition..

Before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Time does fly, especially when we are having fun and keeping busy with HCE.

Have Happy Holidays and a Blessed 2015.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

EDGAR.....

Edgar County HCE held the Officers' Training on September 23, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the 4-H building. The board shared with the unit officers the information received at the 2014 District Workshop.

Following the Officers' Training, Marilyn Daughhetee State President presented her presentation on her trip to the ACWW Triennial and tour of India. She explained the conference

and what ACWW accomplishes for women around the world in need. She had a saree she wore and many other items from India. The meeting was open to the public.

October 4, 2014 was the start of HCE Week in Edgar County. A great program, "Autumn Harvest Breads", was presented by Father Dominic, known as The Bread Monk from PBS fame.



Father Dominic, IAHCCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee and Edgar County HCE Board

In attendance were 125 members and guests from several surrounding towns. Besides teaching about making breads, he is also a great entertainer. We had an enjoyable time. He demonstrated making a ham and Swiss cheese braid, pumpkin gluten-free scones and nutty whole wheat shortcakes with apple filling. Father Dominic also brought many of his books that he has written and note cards he has made and both items were sold out.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, International Country of Study, "Germany" was held. Annalise Payne of Paris, IL who was originally from Germany, told about the history of Germany and of her trip to come live in America when she was 14 years old. It certainly was



Annalise Payne, Guest Speaker

interesting to hear what she expected to find upon reaching the US. Each of the units in Edgar County made German food for all to taste. Pennies for Friendship were also collected.

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*Cultural Enrichment Winners:
L to R: Marilyn Daughhete, Marge Hougland,
and Cultural Enrichment Director, Marty Webster*

A cultural Enrichment show was held on International night. Everyone voted on the items and quilts brought that night. After the program, the winners were announced. Winners will take their items to the 2015 Annual Conference to be judged.

The week concluded on Saturday, Oct. 11, by sewing Christmas Stockings for the Troops with 4-H'ers. This project had been worked on in June and they wanted to make more as the stockings had to be completed to ship by November 1.

Marilyn Daughhete
Public Relations

MACON.....

Macon County HCE was awarded the Foundation of Excellence Award by the Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation at a ceremony held at the Avon Theater in Decatur on July 24. Elizabeth Keith was also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This was a very exciting evening for all of the ladies in MCHCE!

We have had some very enjoyable and informative lessons to go along with the enjoyable weather that continues to dominate Central Illinois this year. The only hitch in the weather came, of course, on the day we visited the Elwin Tree Farm for a tour and demonstration of their large – very large – tree planting machinery. It drizzled on us, but we were

stalwart and survived the wet weather. John Ropp, husband of MCHCE incoming Co-President Carol Ropp (owners of the tree farm), demonstrated the equipment, explained tree planting procedures and answered our many questions.

Our Internationally was a “wunderbar” event, with presentations on Germany by Kathy Sorensen of Decatur’s Sister City program, and our own Else Farnham, who was born in Germany. Each unit prepared a German dish for our potluck, and a display board relating to a specific topic about German culture. Kudos to event coordinator Emily Chamberlain! It was a wonderful day!

HCE Week really kept us hopping, with a fun activity or trip almost every day. We had fun and learned a lot on our tours of Jo-Ann Fabric store and St. Mary’s Hospital; enjoyed some great pizza and BBQ lunches; had a really fun cookie exchange, and a “make-it-take-it” craft day. Some of us also learned about Agri-tourism and how to weave a fall basket. All of this was topped off by a trip to Tanner’s Orchard in Speer, Illinois.

Our Fall Meeting was a perfect way to cap off our late summer/early fall activities. Many people attended, and enjoyed a catered lunch, fellowship and a very interesting presentation by our state president, Marilyn Daughhete. We voted on our choices for next years’ programs, which will be tabulated and announced by the County Board at their November meeting.

Coming up next is our FAB Friday on November 7, with lessons presented by Macon County Honor Guard, a seeing-eye dog and his owner, and a bee keeper. We will also have a pizza lunch, of course! This should be a very interesting day!

We are also very proud to announce that MCHCE was able to award four \$500 scholarships this year. The recipients were Daniel Kershaw, grandson of Joan Grider of the Hickory Point Unit; Kristine Moss, the granddaughter of Alice Bray from the Pleasant Grove Unit; Erica Whalen, granddaughter of Pam Walker of the Maple Grove Unit, and Caitlin Whaley, granddaughter of Virginia Spencer of the Hickory Point Unit. Congratulations to those outstanding students!

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Macon County continued



On behalf of the entire Macon County HCE,
Happy Holidays to all of you!

Linda Austin and Ann Adkesson
Public Relations

32 HCE members and 11 guests enjoyed a fall tour to Geneva, IL on Oct 9 that included a historic tour of the city, lunch at the Little Traveler and shopping!



Fall Trip to Geneva, IL at the Little Traveler Café.

Local lessons enjoyed were on: Why we need garlic in our diet, Cooking with fresh vegetables, Buzz on bees; and fact finds on borage, sunflower and vanilla bean. Cultural enrichment participants made scarves, did “dump cooking”, and a decorated tree napkin set.

An Attic Treasures sale and bake sale November 1 supported our three special projects and helped clean out members attics and homes. We look forward to our county HCE holiday party in December.



Our McLean county Extension Service AND HCE will be moving to a new location. After Jan 5, 2015, we will be located at 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704. See you in McLean County - come visit.

Barb Jurgens and Pat Pulokas
Public Relations

MC LEAN.....

The 2014-15 HCE year is off to a wonderful start!

October was HCE Month in McLean County. Activities and programs galore keep the membership and welcome guests very involved and constantly learning. Members made items to contribute to community needs at monthly ongoing workshops which continue to be popular. Members sew, crochet, knit and use creative talents making scarves, hats, gloves; quilts for area agencies and individuals; dresses, pants and shorts for area children; and greeting cards to send to soldiers.

The area Farmers Market bake sales at Downs came to an end with successful results to raise funds for 3 McLean County HCE projects: NVON Project for Water Around the World; HCE Scholarship 4-H Fund; Soldier Projects.

Members and guests dined on German food at the Oct 16 International Night. Bob and Joyce Bishop spoke of their many trips to Germany sharing history and heritage.

The books “The Husband’s Secret” and “Marmie and Louisa” were reviewed recently at the fall Read and Shares.

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PRAIRIE.....

At our annual PAHCE meeting we had scheduled a lady to give a talk on "Aprons". At the last minute she was unable to give the presentation, so Phyllis McReynolds, our Secretary, filled in for her. Phyllis talked about how styles and usefulness of aprons have changed over the years.

She asked members for "Apron Stories", current and past. Conclusion was that aprons are not full of germs but full of "love".

Members were asked to wear aprons at the meeting and Phyllis had the most unique" apron.

*Pictured at right:
Phyllis with the winning
apron.*



Shirley Edwards
Public Relations

and the Bismarck HCE unit were the hosts of the German food themed luncheon. Twenty members each brought a covered dish of their favorite recipes. There was a lot of delicious food at this potluck luncheon.

Vermilion County International Chairman, Mary Stampini, introduced our guest speaker Sharron Mies, who gave a talk and picture slide presentation on Germany, the International Country for 2014.

Centerpieces were all memorabilia from Germany. Mary, handmade cloth tea bags as favors. Teapots, tea cups and saucers also graced the tables in a theme for the Associated Country Woman of the World, Pennies for Friendship Fund. Luncheon guests donated a total of \$9.77 for the Pennies for Friendship Fund. Thank you ladies!

A silent auction was held again to boost our county funds. Auction sales again were wonderful at \$77.00. A special thanks to all who helped with this event.

Also wanted to mention that Mary Stampini, just returned from Homemakers' Camp in Monticello, Illinois. This was Mary's 33rd year of attending camp.

On December 9, 2014, Membership Chairman, Carol Davis, has planned a "Christmas Cookie xchange / Tea" at 2 pm. This is a membership drive, so the public is invited. The event will be held at the CrossRoads Christian Church, North Vermilion Street, Danville, Illinois.

Everyone that comes will need to bring 5 Dozen Fancy Christmas Cookies. One dozen cookies will be used for the Tea Party. Four dozen will be used for the cookie exchange.

We will also have a demonstration on how to make a Deco-mesh Wreath by Ashley Gowin, from Decatur, Illinois.

J. Diane Reddy
Public Relations



VERMILION.....

Members in Vermilion County Pray Everyone Enjoys the Holiday Season!

Vermilion County AHCE, September 24, held a HOBBO PICNIC at Kickapoo State Park. Each person attending brought a dessert, a silent auction item and furnished 2 cans of vegetables of some variety to make our soup. One can was opened and went in the soup and one can was donated to the food pantry at the Crossroads Christian Church, Danville, Illinois. The silent auction sales were \$104.00 with twenty five in attendance.

October 7, Vermilion County AHCE, held its International Potluck Luncheon at Bismarck United Methodist Church, Bismarck, Illinois. Sandy Wilson

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DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR Marilyn Schaefer

This has been such a beautiful weekend, we must be having Indian summer. During our

Halloween parade yesterday we kept seeing cob webs. On our way back from IAHCE State Board meeting we were admiring the beautiful trees and how they had changed in four days.

I would like to encourage each and every one of you to try and get a new member this year. I promised the county with the most new members would receive a gift at District 6 meeting at State Conference in Decatur in March 2015.

We talked a lot about membership at our Board meeting and on how to reach people in the community. So, let's all get out there and work to build our membership.

I hope to be able to visit everyone of your counties in 2015. As soon as you know your dates for annual meetings please email them to me, so I can get them on my schedule.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday and will see you in March 2015.

Marilyn Schaefer

August 21 found seven members, Esther Henry, Earlene Pierce, Shirley Volentine, Linda Muncy, Carol Boatright, Janice Tompkins and Pat Sutton, attending the IAHCE District Workshop in Effingham, IL. Jenna Smith, liaison for U. of I. to IAHCE, gave an interesting program, "Tell Your Story." Let other people know about HCE and the many activities they offer.

Recognition for Volunteer hours was received by one of our HEC members, Virginia (Ginny) Kenny at the C.E.F.S. Montgomery County Outreach Office Food Pantry in Taylor Springs, IL, where she makes sure boxes are ready for food pantry pick up and helps with the meals on wheels program.

The International Luncheon featuring German and American foods was held October 6 at the HCE stand at the fairgrounds. Al and Emily Moore, who had just returned from Germany, showed slides and told of their many sight seeing events. Pat Paine from Bond County Health Department told us about getting mammograms and breast exams to help prevent cancer.

In December HEA members will be giving baby gifts, notions, and money to the Pregnancy Center instead of exchanging Christmas gifts. Each unit will celebrate with their own Christmas meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations

BOND.....

The 70th Annual Bond County HCE met July 14 with 37 members wearing heir aprons to commemorate the state's theme, "Been Cookin' for 90 years,IAHCE". Marilyn Daughhete, our state president, shared her trip to India with us. New board president, Pat Sutton; new International director, Earlene Pierce and all returning HEA board members were installed by Marilyn.

CLAY.....

Clay County keeps rather busy. Two of our units took field trips. The Travelers Unit went to Casey, IL and saw the world's biggest wind chimes, the largest crochet hooks and knitting needles, and the largest tee at a golf course.

The Second Wednesday Unit traveled to Arcola, IL to view the rocks and floral formations of Rockome Gardens. They ate there and reported the

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old-fashioned food to be delicious. The Amish Museum and Arthur Martin House were toured.



*The Second Wednesday Group
on the steps of the beautiful Martin House.*

The H.C.E. Intercultural Program was held at the Historical Flora Depot. The featured country of Germany was presented by a local lady, Marilyn Seelman, who recently visited Germany.

A support group for Alzheimer’s meeting at the local library each fourth Tuesday. We attended the October meeting and furnished the refreshments.

Our Farmerettes Unit has a great concern for our Nursing Homes. They had a pumpkin pie party and took socks to the residents at Flora Garden’s Nursing Home. They then gave bibs to the Flora Care Nursing Home. They contribute to the Guadalupe Project for newborns through St. Stephens Church.

Through the Community Outreach Program all our units contribute to the Community Food Bank. The Farmerettes also gave volunteer work hours. Contributions are also made to the Golden Circle Nutrition (Meals on Wheels) by collecting needed items at regular meetings.

Clay County crops are good but all the rain has slowed the harvest. We’ve experienced a pleasant summer and hope for a similar winter.

Mary Ann Brentlinger
Public Relations

CRAWFORD.....

Crawford County HCE held their 67th Annual Meeting/Dinner last month with Marilyn Schaefer, District 6 Director installing the officers.



L to R: Hope Dennis, Helen Brackett, LaDonna Harris, Karen Waggoner, Mary Ellen York, Susan Allison, Bonnie Finn, Sandy Bryans, Barb Miller, Jeannie Adams, and Marilyn Schaefer



*Jeannie Adams, Helen Brackett, and Donna Harris
attended the District Workshop in August.*

Hope Dennis
Public Relations

EFFINGHAM.....

Intended for August newsletter

The weather has finally settled into summer, everyone is busy with yards and gardens, and many of our member’s “Grandma’s Taxi Service” is in full swing.

Effingham County HCE hosted their “Annual Quilt Show” in March with many beautiful quilts on display. The Best of Show award was presented to Delores Nieman and there was a tie for the People’s Choice Award between Norma Suckow and Margaret Willenborg. A soup and sandwich luncheon was also available to those attending.

Again this spring, we held our butter braid fund-raiser. We do this activity every spring and fall. Delivery was in time

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Effingham County, continued

for the Easter holiday..Our June major lesson was on “Garden Vegetables.” Anita Backhus, first vice-president, prepared a cooking lesson for those attending the local

leader training class. We always like to eat! Those recipes will come in handy as we start picking the rewards of our gardens.

In May, we held a “Simple Sewing Session” at the Extension Center in Effingham. Bev Elving, International Director, was the instructor for the table runner and Sharon Davis, County Treasurer, was the instructor of the disappearing four –patch block. Those attending were able to complete one of these projects.

Board members are busy making plans to work at the Effingham County Fair which will be held in August. Members will be selling Culver’s ice cream cups.

In their spare time (?) our members are busy working on our usual project which includes: making bookmarks from greeting cards which will be delivered to schools and libraries; sewing walker caddies and wheelchair caddies, catheter bag covers which will be delivered to area health care facilities; sewing Christmas stockings for veteran’s home.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mary Beth Hoene
Acting Public Relations Chairman

2015 Effingham County HCE Board



Pictured front row left to right:
Ruth Abel, Ann Musser, Marilyn Schaefer, Bev Elving.
Back row: Sharon Davis, Nancy Hoene, Mary Beth Hoene,
Anita Backhus, Carol Hartke and Cyndy Montgomery

FAYETTE.....

As the last three months have moved on, so do the Fayette County HCE members-it is time to move out of the kitchen (“Been Cookin’ 90 Years”) and put on new sour hoes and boots and “Come Together (to) Walk With IAHCE”. (Which promises to be another “fun” decorating theme.)

Ashley Davis, our Cultural Enrichment officer, has already developed very clever and cute creations to use as centerpieces and symbols of our theme.

Several Fayette HCE gals attended and appreciated the Workshop held in Effingham in August and we especially enjoyed the “WALKIN’ skit so colorfully presented. The location, setting, and provisions provided for us was conducive to an enjoyable learning , sharing, and social experience.

*IAHCE Week was announced through the media (radio and newspapers) with an article.



HCE Week Proclamation: Debbie Segrest, Mayor Gottman, Carol Bridges

*Proclamation by Mayor Rick Gottman, of Vandalia, presented on an attractive document with the official seal of the office.

*Again this year, a beautiful baby quilt, made by HCE member, Shirley Klitzing, was offered to the first baby born of a Fayette County resident, during the IAHCE week. The baby has arrived and the presentation is planned with news coverage of the event.

*The local representatives of the Relay for Life Program presented A Bronze Team Award to the Vandalia Day Unit’s “HCE Honeys” team which raised over \$3,100.00 through their fund raisers for the fight against cancer.

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Relay for Life Bronze award to HCE Honeys team

*The fund raisers included a chili supper, a vegetable soup lunch, a bake sale, and a live auction. They also held various raffles for members-donated large baskets-one filled garden supplies and another filled with kitchen gadgets; and a handmade quilt ensemble. They put out donation cans, sold luminaries, and received cash donations-all under the name Fayette County HCE's "Honeys". The Unit also baked and donated pies for the local radio station that was holding an on-air pie auction for the Relay for Life. Their pecan pie brought \$50.00 and their cherry pie brought the highest bid of any other of the pies auctioned-\$100.00. The members of the team were: Debbie Segrest, Ashley Davis, Carol Bridges, Brittany Nichols, Jan Evans, Anita Smith, Tammy England, and Amy Carpenter.

*Fayette County HCE focused on Germany for their International Dinner. Many were in attendance for the program, which began with Fayette HCE member, Debbie Swain, who first spoke on her own military service in Germany and then introduced Ursula Polzin, a lady born in 1930, in Germany and then lived in Poland until her family was ordered to leave Poland with other German families in 1954, when she was 16 years old. She told of leaving with only two hours notice, taking only what they could, carry, to board a train carrying other German families to Canada, and coming to America in 1957. The program was very interesting and informative, as Polzin shared some of her early years and also displayed some mementoes, as well as some memories, from Germany....which goes to show, being a member of IAHCE is not only fun, it teaches, and widens the world for me.

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

JASPER.....

Jasper County HCE units are involved in several activities.

One of our county HCE members, Linda Hetzer, Premiere Jewelry, gave a program focusing on today's trends in clothing and how to use various fashion accessories to update our wardrobes for the upcoming holidays. The program assisted participants in updating their current wardrobe with a few accessories and using accessories in their closet for a new look. Those attending donated to the Jasper County Toys for Kids program and Books4Beginners.



Two Jasper County Charter members, Norma Kennedy pictured at left and Vera Hetzer, pictured right, and a County HCE Board Community Outreach Director, Freda Weddell, prepare a program on desserts.



New members, Alma LeFever and Helen Griffy tour Heath Museum, Robinson. Alma holds a bow made of candy bar wrappers .

Sue Sparks
Public Relations

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CLINTON.....

"The 19th Annual Christmas in October program presented by the Clinton County Association for Home, Community and Education stirred the hearts of many on the evening of October 16 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carlyle. A "Winter Wonderland" of hand painted gourd snow people gazed at the shimmering, twinkling



and sparkling snow scenery of white and blue crafted décor on the tables.

The program featured a "Christmas Brunch Ideas" demonstration by Carol Schlitt from Safe and Savory Solutions, Freeburg. Schlitt prepared five creative and easy recipes to use for Christmas day brunch as she instructed the group with guiding tips to assure success.



"Christmas Bruch Ideas" shown by Carol Schlitt

During a traditional and favorite part of the program everyone received a Christmas wrapped gift. A story read by Karen Voss started the packages flying to the left and right as laughter and smiles filled the room. Each person did not know what package they would receive until the end of the story and they were delighted to see their gifts and the many others that were under the

wrappings. The evening continued with surprises and prizes creating delight and joy expressed in many ways. By the time refreshments were served, the audience energy was already high. Tastes of ten recipes and a beverage for wonderland brunching topped the evening.

The Clinton County Association for Home, Community and Education is for people of all ages who are interested in education for better families and communities. It offers members an opportunity to continue learning and keeping up-to-date with a fast changing world in order to serve in the home and community.

Cindy Niemeyer
Public Relations

JERSEY.....

The summer remained busy for the members of Jersey County HCE members, as several of us worked at the Exhibition Building at the Jersey County Fair in early July. HCE always supplies the High Points trophy in Culinary Arts and usually one of our members wins it – this year the granddaughter of one our members, who is only 15 years old was the winner, making it the 3rd generation of her family to do so, as both her grandmother, Barbara Schafer, our member and her mother, Diane Schafer Fessler has also won the trophy! Anna Fessler of Dow, IL is also a very active 4-H member in Jersey County.

On July 14, Kathy Stine presented another of her very informative lessons – this year it featured recipes using fresh produce from the garden and was called "Farmers' Market Favorites". As usual we had a full house for this presentation. Kathy is a former 4-H member and was also inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame this year at the State Fair in August. Her mother, Evelyn Stumpe is also a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Stewardship, Unit 18 Extension Educator presented a lesson "Reducing Energy Costs in Your Home" in

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September. This was a very timely subject and was well received by those in attendance with lively interaction among the participants.

We celebrated HCE Week on October 5-11 with a display at the Jerseyville library featuring our programs and activities throughout the year and also offering all of our handouts and lesson materials to the public. This draws a lot of attention to us and people do take lots of our materials.

Also on October 9, our member and director, Doris June Gettings and her sister-in-law Marguerite Cottingham presented the lesson for our International Country of Study on Russia. They had traveled to Russia a few years ago and were able to present a very informative program regarding this country. They had brought home several souvenirs, as well as many stories of their experiences as tourists in Russia. Authentic Russian desserts were furnished by the board members and everyone enjoyed these recipes which were also presented in the handout available to all in attendance.

We are also proud to announce that our picture featuring the ladies who participated in the Women Walk the World activity in April was published in the Associated Country Women of the World magazine this summer.

Elizabeth A. Schwab
Publicity Director

MACOUPIN.....

(Intended for August issue)

On May 22, 2014, Macoupin County held our 84th Annual Meeting at the Carlinville United Methodist Church. A short business meeting was held during which Certificates of Volunteer Service were presented to twelve ladies and thirteen ladies received seals to attach to certificates already received. Four of these ladies received 2 seals (some very busy ladies). Also on display was the Certificate Macoupin County received at State Conference for the highest number of members participating in District 6. Proud of our ladies. A memorial service (a beautiful candle lighting service and poem) was given by members Bird Unit in honor of eight deceased members.

Following the business meeting, a delicious lunch, catered by Bet's Catering was enjoyed. A silent auction featuring a large array of interesting and useful items was held. We were happy to have three ladies from Jersey County attend to enjoy the luncheon and program given by our State President Marilyn Daughhettee on her recent trip to India. A drawing was held for door prizes (two hanging baskets) furnished by the hostess unit Stitch & Stir and the County Board.

Our Mt Olive Unit has made and delivered fifty book bags containing three books each to the Head Start Program. They made pillowcases and delivered them to the Carol Jo Vecchie Center for Women and Children. Doore Unit is in the process of making bibs for the Pleasant Hill Village Nursing Home in Girard.

Cultural Arts projects for April, May and June were: Button bouquets placed in salt shakers filled with art sand, necklaces made from T shirts and yard ornaments made from plated etc. glued on a pole to stand in the yard. Our cultural arts meeting is held each month on the third Tuesday a 9:00 A.M. at the U of I Extension office in Carlinville. Quilting is the third Thursday.

August looks to be a busy month with our Units traveling and the County Board does something special also. We are planning two open houses hoping to attract new members and renew interest in our organization. The first will be held Tuesday August 5th at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building at Bunker Hill. The second on August 19th at 6:00 P.M. in Staunton at Cross Church. These open houses will consist of a demonstration on edible arrangements, a make and take craft, refreshments and door prizes. Looking forward to a good time and promotion of Home and Community Education.



MACOUPIN.....

August was vacation month and some of our units had some interesting trips.

Town and Country Unit—Traveled by Macoupin County Public Transportation to St. Louis for a tour of the backside of the "Fox" Theater. Also heard an Organ presentation on August 2.

Cracker Barrel in Troy was the chosen place for lunch. Other ladies from the area were invited to go along to get a group of 20 for a special rate.
—Margaret Caulk

Nilwood Unit met at the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center in Litchfield, Il. Beginning in 2011 a group formulated plans

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for the development of the Museum and Welcome Center. 334 Historic Route 66 was chosen as the site. Donations aided in the construction of the site which was to be opened 2012.

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Genealogical Society have offices in the building. Volunteers selected from the community serve as guides in the Center. The guides explain what each exhibit was about and then we were free to read the material and view the many pictures and displays. After the tour the group went to the Ariston for lunch. —Dorothy Cordes

Bird Unit—Made arrangements with one of the newest and largest supermarkets in Springfield to have a guided tour through their store. Even though our group was small we were treated very special. Our tour guide was the store's dietitian. We were told that this chain had a registered dietitian in each of their stores. She guided us through the specialty aisles (aisles specializing in foods for diabetics, gluten-free diets, health foods, etc.)

It is amazing the different foods that are available. As we were going through the gluten-free items, I couldn't help but think about the lesson we just had on gluten-free diets. We happened to see mozzarella cheese being made. The procedure was explained to us as it was being done. There were items in the seafood department that you don't normally see in this area. As you would expect, the produce and bakery departments were also quite large. It was an enjoyable and eye-opening experience. The group had an enjoyable lunch before we went for the tour. So we found out that touring a supermarket for vacation day outing was not a bad idea after all! —Jean Wills

Do More Unit went to Brighton to Reeta Marie's Tea Room and Gift Shop. Eight members and two guests enjoyed lunch and shopping.

The open houses held in August to attract new members and make the communities more aware of our organization were a success. Both evenings had a good turnout and we will possibly be getting a new unit from one of them.

Seven of our County Board members attended the District Workshop in Effingham, where we enjoyed a continental breakfast, very nice lunch and a good preview and informative session for 2015.

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Christian County hosted the Unit 18 HCEA Fall Retreat, this includes Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery and Jersey Counties. I was not able to attend this time, but from previous experiences I know it was a rewarding day spent sharing and fellowshiping with others.

October 30th we had our Founders Day luncheon and business meeting. Installation of new County Officers was done by Eileen Nichols of our Nilwood unit. A program was given by the board members on "The Art of Delicious Desserts." There were several desserts to sample. A cookie exchange was also enjoyed.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations



MADISON.....

Wow! Where did the summer go! Madison County held their Summer Cool Down on August 2 with approximately 65 participants and 8 new memberships. On August 25 Monroe County and Madison County co-sponsored Marilyn Daughette to do a presentation on her trip to India and we served a luncheon to approximately 56 people. Thanks to Gracia Schlafly for a wonderful India ice cream prepared for the group.

On September 13th Madison County had a Quilt show and Dessert Tasting at the Edwardsville

Farm Bureau Auditorium which we had over a 100 attendees with 50 various quilts on exhibit as part of an HCE members collection or one they may have made. The desserts--ooh-laa-laa, very delicious and Jeannie Link, a G.R.O.W. member decorated the

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Gracia Schlafly, Marilyn Daughhetee and Vi Huebner at a co-sponsored event on India with Monroe County and Madison County on August 25, 2014.

area so festive with a fall decor and a beautiful presentation of deserts. G.R.O.W. members set up the quilt show. The clubs finished two desserts apiece so we had a wide variety. Thanks to all for a job so well done.

On October 6th, Eleanor Gregory and various International Chairs and members presented A Taste of "Germany" and program. The evening began with a tasting of various German foods. Eleanor's creative style included 6 members telling about their experiences in Germany and an interview with native born, Wally Fisher. She concluded the evening with the story about Little Red Riding Hood being acted out by our ladies including "the Big Bad Wolf". See the video on our Facebook page @ facebook.com/mcahce.

In addition, thanks, thanks to Monroe County for their Craft Day and Clinton County for their Christmas in October on October 16th. We had board members able to go to both events.

Our next event is "Christmas in November--Buttons and Bows". With that MCAHCE wishes all of you the best of holidays as you create memories with family and friends.

Gloria Hartman
Public Relations

MONROE.....

Monroe County HCE has had a very busy year: In March, Jennifer Kennedy, chef and owner of regionally popular J. Fires Restaurant, Waterloo, IL presented a cooking demonstration, "Cooking with Fresh Vegetables." As she cooked she also gave HCE members hints on planting and growing these wonderful foods.

On March 24, retiring HCE board member and Monroe County Emergency preparedness instructor, Kim Strellis led a group of HCE members to the Griffin Center at John Deshields Homes in East St. Louis to conduct a the "SAM READY I AM" program, which instructs pre-school youngsters on how to prepare for emergencies.



SAM READY I AM!

Each child received a backpack with child-sized goggles, safety vest, gloves, 3-in-one glow stick, dust mask and children's FEMA booking on being prepared and ready. The group then presented the same program to children enrolled in Scott Air Force Base's childcare center the following day.

During our county annual meeting in April, we presented our first ever "Distinguished Member Award" to Delores (Dee) Steppig who has been an active member of our organization since 1948 and is still going strong. We also presented two \$500 scholarships to local students.

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Monroe County continued



Gracia Schlafly presented the "Distinguished Member Award" to Delores Steppig

This will be our last annual meeting held in April; we are switching to a January/December calendar and our next annual meeting will be in November, 2015.

Twelve HCE members and guests participated in our first "Women Walk the World Event," at Waterloo's Lakeview Park, Saturday, May 10. We raised \$71 for clean water in underdeveloped nations, and we hope to keep growing this event in the coming years.



"Women Walk the World Event"

We held our big fundraiser during the Monroe County Fair in late July. HCE members work long hours for eight days at our beverage/snack booth, netting about \$5000 for county activities.

Gracia Schlafly
Acting Public Relations Chairman



DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful Fall season. It's so wonderful to observe the sight of trees changing from green to their beautiful fall colors. Travel in the Fall is great.

I am presently attending the October state board meeting. We are busy at work planning the March Conference and other business of IAHCE. I will be checking in county banners so I hope you'll stop by to say hello even if you are not checking in your county's banner. I will also be helping with the Trade Show (vendors). I will try to be available at the conference if you need any help or have questions or concern. If your county would like to donate something for the goodie bags, I would be glad to take that for you. I will leave on Sunday to attend conference. I did receive money from every one of our counties for the ad.

Cookbooks are still available but supply is getting low, so if you want one, please contact Joan Stanley, sales chairperson. If you need her number or email, contact me.

There are a lot of deadlines approaching. Please be sure to read your recent district letter for reminders.

May you all enjoy the Fall holidays and Christmas season. Stay safe. Looking forward to seeing you in March.

Janel Kassing

2015 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 17-19

DISTRICT NEWS

FRANKLIN.....

Right now the trees are beautiful with their fall colors even though in just a short time those same trees will be bare.

We're at our busiest in Franklin Co., but that was pretty much the norm through the whole year. After conference, we rushed home to prepare for our annual Home Garden and Craft Show with a Lesson for Living on the Civilian Conservation Corp. In April, we hosted our 68th annual Meeting with guests Janel Kassing, our District 7 Director who installed officers and State President, Marilyn Daughhetee who spoke about her trip to India.

We also had a Lesson for Living on Mini Strokes. In May, we hosted a Mother/Daughter Banquet and our Lesson for Living was Willing Partners Service Dogs.

Our lesson in April was on making Apple Dumplings.

Early in September was our annual Style Show which featured garments from 3 area businesses - and a goofy style show featuring you can guess what.

It was also the month for our International Lesson on Germany and we had a really good attendance with our speaker having grown up in Germany during World War II and coming to America to be married to an American soldier. The food prepared by the board and units was great.

The annual Family Issues Update was held early in October. Franklin and Williamson counties have taken turns hosting the meetings for several years. It was Franklin Counties turn this year and the other counties in our 5 county group were invited. We had special speakers, one was from Elder Law and had a lot of good advice for the ladies.

The Willing Partners came back to visit us again and they stole every one's heart. Linda Krutsinger organized this group when she saw her need for a therapy animal. They train many therapy animals and service dogs for returning veterans. The service dogs and their "masters/mistresses" are trained at no charge. We could tell you many of the

stories we heard, but we were most impressed with a young veteran and his little Schnauzer, Pickles, who had helped him overcome anxiety. The ladies were so impressed that a very good collection was taken and given to Willing Partners for their work. They will come anywhere to speak at no charge. Our entertainment was a unit member whose monologue was about the old lady who had moved into her house, eating her food, tripping her, altering her clothes so they were too small, etc. A lady from Jackson Co. entertained with musical numbers. All in all a good day.

At this writing, we are preparing for another Mini District Meeting with Janel Kassing, a Lesson for Living about the Creation of the Sanitary commission during the Civil War, and our annual Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair.

We've had a stamping class to make cards, 2 wreath classes making those ruffled mesh wreaths, and another craft class planned in Nov. to make a wall hanging.

We'll slow down probably in December some time.

Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

HAMILTON.....

We have enjoyed a nice fall here in Southern Illinois. Hopefully we will be seeing some beautiful fall foliage in the near future.

Things were rather slow this summer but we have had some very interesting lessons recently. In August we had a very informative lesson on *Shopping Locally*. Another interesting lesson was on *Birth Order: Does It Make a Difference?* It was a fun time with several participating. Our latest lesson was *Scarves and Other Accessories*. This lesson was held at Heritage Woods, a local assisted living facility. Residents and HEA members and guests came together to enjoy this excellent presentation.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Hamilton County continued

Four members from our county attended the District meeting held in Effingham.

Sue Deitz, our Family Issues Director, continues to keep everyone informed about Alzheimer Awareness. She will soon change to Bullying, the Family Issues focus for the next year.

This year our members had a Country Store stand at the McLeansboro Fall Festival. We had lots of nice items and the fundraiser was very successful. We were very pleased that our President, Kay Mayberry, was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame for her dedication to University of Illinois Extension and the 4-H program over the years.

We are still collecting soda tabs, box tops and labels for education, stamps, hard plastic items and old greeting card fronts.

Around 20 folks from our county attended Homemaker Fall Fest 2014 which was sponsored by the Homemaker groups in University of Illinois Extension Unit 24. It was held in Harrisburg on Sept. 25. It was great!

We held our International Night featuring Germany on October 16 with 106 attending. Several 4-H clubs had displays and food samples from various countries. We had a very good speaker who informed us about a lot of history about Germany. Many of his ancestors were from Germany and settled in our area.

We are planning now for our annual Salad Luncheon and Style Show to be held in November. We have a beautiful quilt that we will give away. Vendors will set up booths so folks can do some shopping. As the year comes to an end, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season. May you all have a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JACKSON.....

The ladies of Jackson County Home and Community Education have been so busy this fall. In September we kicked off the Fall with a Fashion/Dinner Show Fundraiser. We had about 90 members in attendance. Our HCE members modeled with Fashions from the Christopher and Banks store in the Carbondale Mall. Our dinner was prepared by a local catering service, Heartland Catering. Our decorations were provided by Southern Blooms of Murphysboro. The Jackson County 4-H Youth, bussed and cared for our tables. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

In October, we had our International Program on Germany with over 60 people attending. Attendees were treated to an assortment of German dishes prepared by the JCAHCE Board members, the pastry baking skills of Fred Sobery of Carbondale and a visual, informative tour of Germany by Mark Stoffel of Murphysboro.

Mr. Sobery Master Baker of Carbondale has a rich heritage associated with pastries. His family opened and operated a bakery in Carbondale, Illinois in 1947 on South Illinois Avenue where it stayed in business for more than 25 years. Mr. Sobery's family opened their very first bakery in Germany in 1927. Mr. Sobery worked in the family business from an early age becoming a Master Baker traveling all over the United States working with other Master Bakers and sharing his craft. He prepared and presented many wonderful baked goods. His daughters Amelia Smith, Heidi Brown and Grandson, Chancellor Brown were on hand to assist him with his memories of growing up German in America.

Mr. Stoffel who makes his home in Murphysboro with his wife Mary and their two small sons shared demographic and personal information of his home country of Germany. Mr. Stoffel shared personal memorabilia from Germany with the group. He showed a film of several other German born Americans and their struggle to emigrate and make their home in this country, leaving friends and family behind and making new friends in the new world. Mr. Stoffel and Mr. Sobery left the attendees with not only new information about Germany, but a warm feeling concerning their heritage and a heartfelt desire to understand more fully the struggles of the ancestral immigrants in this country.

Jean Conrod
Public Relation

DISTRICT NEWS

PERRY.....

Perry County HCE hit the ground running as they started a new year. We hosted a Quilt Show and Bed Turning at The Manor at Mason Woods in August. The quilt show had more than 80 quilts and the Bed Turning had around 35 quilts. Sweet tea and cookies were served to all who attended.

We then kicked off the new year of meetings with President Jane Chapman visiting each unit's September meeting. While there, she gave the lesson "Pickle Free Zone".

We hosted a Craft Day in September. Over 40 people spent the day with HCE, where they could make different craft projects including: wooden snowmen and pumpkins, angels made from a sheet, upcycled t-shirt bags and aprons, trellis necklaces, and barn quilts.



Quilts from the Show and Bed Turning at the Manor.

We kept the momentum going into October, when we hosted an apple-themed, all-unit meeting at the Rural Heritage Museum in Pinckneyville.

Everyone attending brought an apple dish to share along with the recipes that will be condensed into a cookbook for all to enjoy. Members were treated to a humorous duet performance by two St. Bruno Catholic School speech team members. The day included square dancing and a tour of the museum.

We will again be hosting the annual Holiday Ideas Day in November. This year's theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas". There will be presentations on cupcakes for the holidays,

crockpot cooking for the holidays and a tour of India by State IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughette. The day will be rounded out with shopping at a vendor fair, a catered lunch, musical performances, door prizes and beautiful decorations.

Our HCE members have joined forces with the local Girl Scouts and Pinckneyville Hospital to help collect 400 pounds of plastic bottle caps to be recycled into a bench and placed at the new hospital currently under construction.

Sara Tanner
Public Relations

RANDOLPH.....

Since the last article from Randolph County, the annual meeting was held. New officers were chosen and the offices are all filled. Several members from various units helped a local church group make quilts for World Relief and some were donated to the local Human Service Center and elementary school to provide warmth for those who are in need.

Eight of the county board members attended the District 7 Conference in Effingham where they received information for their offices. The board is proud to have Janel Kassing, the county board chair, as the new District 7 Chairperson. She keeps the board informed about what is happening in the state.

There was a mini conference for District 7 in Benton and several board members attended. Many years ago, the units held a Keeping of Christmas as a fund raiser. This year it was revived, and it included lunch, demonstrations, vendors, silent auction, entertainment and a sales table.

The county was invited to a Passport Party in Jackson County. It featured Germany and Illinois and was held in conjunction with the 4-Hers. Blessed Christmas to everyone!

Jane Lucht
Public Relations

DISTRICT NEWS

SALINE.....

SALINE COUNTY IS 96 YEARS!!
1918-2014

Fall will be a busy time for us!

September 6, one of our larger Units will have a Fund Raiser for money to buy shoes for students in our school.

September 25 is the Multi-County meeting with Hamilton, Pope/Hardin, Saline and White counties presenting speakers to entertain and delicious food and fun for all.

Saline County hosted the 3rd Multi-County (Unit 24) Homemakers Fall Fest on September 25th with the “Wizard of OZ” theme. The decorating team had tables featuring interesting items of witch hats, red poppies, basket, flowers, pumpkins, plus Dorothy’s famous red slippers. They even built an amazing tin man to greet us as we registered. The counties made an assortment of snacks and there were drinks to welcome people as they registered. 109 people attended—5 from Franklin, 21 from Hamilton, 25 from Pope/Hardin, 22 from Saline, 22 from White and 14 of U. of I. staff and speakers.

We received many good comments about the food, catered by our own Colleen Alvey, and the entertaining speakers—

- “Laughter Works” by Sandra Lutz
- “Identity Theft” by Judy Baar Topinka’s staff
- “Arm Chair Pilates” by Donna Frutiger

Keep this event in mind and join us next year for information and fun to help your day!

October is our International and Cultural Arts exhibit. October 25 is our “Fall into the Holidays” fund raiser with a variety of vendors and items for the Holidays.

Wanda Raley
Public Relations

WASHINGTON.....

The autumn season is here with cooler weather, fall flowers, colored foliage, pumpkins and apple-pinning time And school buses, so watch for the school children. With the fall harvest time, check and out for the farmers!

For HCE Week.... We travelled throughout the county as we recognize all the great cooks, grandmothers, through children, as they don their aprons and make and bake their favorite recipes. We have great cookbooks: the 1954 and reprinted 1961 Washington County Home Bureau Cookbook and now the new IAHCE Cookbook.

Our county board chairman, David Meyer, signed our HCE Week Proclamation with our HCE president, Bernice Hemminghaus, as witness, which was published in the local newspapers, “The Nashville News,” “The Okawville Times” and “The Centralia Sentinel.”

A display during HCE Week at the radio station—WNSV 104.7 FM Nashville— can be seen showing picture of our HCE events and members, along with a display of our hand-quilted quilt which will be raffled at our NCE Christmas Program November 3rd at the Hoyleton Community Building.



*Deitt Schneider and Fred Klapetzky
International program speakers*

DISTRICT NEWS

A bulletin insert was mailed to the 34 churches in Washington County with an invitation to join HCE.

Monday evening, we tasted the different dishes from recipes from our German neighbors as prepared by HCE members at our International Program at St. Paul's Parish Hall in Nashville. A tasting bee of the German dishes prepared by the HCE members was held, along with a presentation by a family that once lived in Germany.

As we travelled through the county, we visited the veterans in the Friendship Manor Nursing Home and Washington County Hospital in Nashville on Tuesday and we thanked them for their service to our country with a card and some cookies which they enjoy. We visited 20 veterans in Friendship Manor and Nashville Hospital.

We stopped at our local "Bakery Nook" in Nashville as our board members ate lunch and visited, enjoying the local atmosphere and their baked goods.

We set up a "Bake Sale" and "Quilt Raffle" and in front of "Lee's" store in Nashville and HCE members donned their aprons and bakes specialty items for the bake sale.

We always remember to stop at our local U of I Extension office to thank them for their support of Washington County HCE.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

WHITE.....

White County members have enjoyed the wonderful summer. The fall colors are brilliant as we prepare for a busy HCE year. We began our summer with the First White County picnic in June, which also included a lesson on grilling, held at Burrell's Woods. We are especially grateful to Skip Land for the lesson and food cooked on the grill. Fun included bingo for all.

- HCE honored our cancer survivors and lost member by sponsoring a Relay for Life team.
- The "HCE Hustlers" raised \$916.
- In July we hosted 4-H groups. We enjoyed seeing their projects for 4-H Week. Many HCE members were judges for various projects.
- September was a very busy month with lessons and HCE Week. Beverly Wynn gave a very dynamic presentation on International day and the German food was scrumptious.
- We delivered cookies and breads to various nursing homes, made donations to food banks, and to the local schools.
- Many White County members attended the 5 county Fall Fest in Harrisburg.
- In October HCE participated in teaching crafts to pre-K students at the White County Farm Feast.
- HCE supplied the snacks for the community "Bullying" lecture at Jefferson school.
- The annual fund raising Fish Fry, which funds several projects, is November 14th.
- HCE participates in "It's A White County Christmas-2014 "Frozen Wonderland" with a chocolate tasting contest November 21st.
- Other projects include collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald house, Box Top coupons for the schools, items for the Veterans' Hospital in Marion, volunteering at the nursing care facilities, and reading to school children.
- We are still walking also.



Cherry Street Food Bank worker, left, receives donations from Ludene Taylor, Doris Stenson and Harold Stenson.

Lyndel Brennan
Public Relations

DISTRICT NEWS

BOARD

WILLIAMSON.....

November 1 will once again see HCE of Williamson County set up at the Williamson County Fairgrounds for our annual Bazaar. This will feature holiday crafts by each of our six county units as well as our tasty baked goods. Lunch once again due to the success of last year's event will feature ham and beans, cornbread, sandwiches and desserts of pies and cakes. A highlight this year is the Christmas Quilt Raffle with a starburst pattern queen sized quilt made by our talented member, Barbara Eastwood, who is our Cultural Arts Chair also.

Fall has been busy with our county being included in the Johnson County's Art in the Park event in Sept. We sold baked goods and crafts and enjoyed the day with several Williamson County members attending for at least part of the day. Care & Share unit manned the table with Rosemary and Billie Mathis leading our group. Everything we brought was sold before the day was out, and some items will be featured at a church bazaar.

Another fall event was the International Luncheon featuring a speaker from Germany who lived there during the holocaust. Many German recipes were on the menu. Each of our six county units chose to provide a part of the menu, from drinks to appetizers, breads, salads, sides, and desserts. Our International Director, Karen Williams, provided the grilled brats for the main course. Members were encouraged to bring items from Germany for a display to share with all attending.



Members and guests learn about Germany at the International luncheon Oct. 16 for Williamson County HCE.

Shown here are ladies checking photos and German keepsakes brought by members who had visited and in some cases lived in Germany.

Marie Samuel
Public Relations

BOARD HAPPENINGS

October, 2014

1. Board approved for IAHCCE to work toward funding an ACWW project called the Mongolian Project. Details will be in the President's packet at the March, 2015 Annual Conference.
2. Discussed that Education Directors adhere to the allowed budget for their expenses.
3. Nominating Committee reported that 6 Women had traveled to Carlinville, IL where the board meeting was being held. They were interviewed by the Nominating Committee for the 4 positions available on the board. See their bio's in the December President's Packet.
4. Reviewed each of the Annual Conference Committees. Changed times for Silent Auction on Wednesday evening.
5. Appointed 2016 Annual Conference co-chairman, Janel Kassing.
6. Bylaws/Standing Rules committee worked on a proposal to be voted on at 2015 Annual Conference. This suggestion comes from the International Projects Committee.
7. Proposed budget prepared by budget/finance committee presented.
8. Money set aside for the upcoming NVON Conference being held in Illinois in 2016.
9. Worked on locations and program for District Workshop, 2015
10. Education Directors Committee reviewed programs they will each present at March, 2015 share shop.
11. Annual Conference committees all reported what had been completed and ready for the December State newsletter.
12. Announced that there would be a reception for all the state board members, newly elected and retiring.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The IAHCE Nominating Committee interviewed potential candidates for the IAHCAE Board on October 19, 20, and 21. The following will be placed on the ballot at the 2015 IAHCE State Conference at the Business meeting on March 18th, 2015.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor for any of these positions, President, Secretary and International. The person nominated from the floor must submit an application and letter of recommendation to the nominating committee at least 24 hours before the March 2015 business meeting to run for an IAHCE Board Position.

Marilyn Schaefer, Nominating Chair

Committee: Donna Richards, Kathryn McNeely, Mary Eustace and Angela Hicks

Candidate for President — Jane Chapman



Greetings IAHCE members! I am Jane Chapman and I am excited to announce that I have thrown my hat in the ring to be your next state president.

I am from Perry County where I have lived all of my life. I am married (43 years), have two great daughters, two super son-in-laws, and seven grandchildren that are the best!

I have served as president of my county for the last seven years and our membership in those seven years has grown! I also have served in various other leadership positions as well as serving as the state IAHCE treasurer for five years. I am retired from Crop

Production Services at which I held the position of assistant manager and was in charge of sales.

I love working with and meeting people, I love challenges, and approach each challenge as if it was going to affect me personally giving a 110% towards each challenge.

Candidate for Secretary — Donna Richards



Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you the last three years as your IAHCE Secretary. I have enjoyed the challenges that the position has presented. The occasions where I have had the chance to meet and to get to know a lot of you have been very rewarding.. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving as your IAHCE Secretary for another term and want to take a few moments to reintroduce myself to you:

My name is Donna Richards from Newton in Jasper County. I am a retired grandmother of two grandsons, ages 15 and 11. I grew up in Brocton in Edgar County. I moved to Newton, Jasper County in July, 1994. I worked in Accounting/Bookkeeping, Payroll, and Secretarial/Clerical environments for 50 years. I have held such offices as: - Chairperson Housing Committee , - International Thanksgiving Fellowship Board, in Paris, Illinois, - Lakeland Alumni Board of Directors from 1994 through 2001, - Church Treasurer, - Deacon Board Secretary.

I became a member of HCE in 1997. I have served on the Jasper County HCE Board as International Chairperson, Cultural Enrichment, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, and President. Currently, also volunteering with the PUSH AHEAD (program to help young single mothers) and as Treasurer for a local DAR chapter.

I look forward to working for and with you over the next three years. Thank you for your support,.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Candidate for Secretary — Patricia Buchholtz.



Hi, I'm Patricia A. Buchholtz. I would like to represent you as Secretary on the IAHCE State Board. I have been an active member of HCE since 2008. I am currently the Secretary of Grundy County and Secretary of our Morris Morning Unit. The two years I was the Gundy County Community Volunteer Hours contact, our county won "Most Hours per % of Members". I volunteer within my community (church, library, nursing home). I have Non-HCE offices in other organizations and clubs: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, Chairpersons.

Time management, planning, organizing, and following-up are strong skills of mine. I have superb communication skills, both in person and written. I am computer literate. I learn quickly and my work effort has always been more than 100% (always doing more than the minimum). I am a team player and a participative manager.

Personal Information: I am 68 years young. I retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in 2001 as a Certified Quality Engineer. I'm married to my best friend, Dean. I have four great children and seven perfect precious grandchildren. My hobbies include learning to play the piano, all card games, reading, counted-cross stitch, crocheting, going to plays, spending time with family and friends.

Candidate for International Director — Patricia Weitzmann

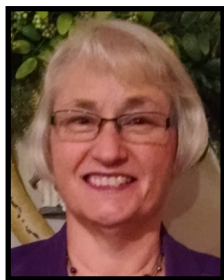


Hello. I am Patricia Weitzmann of Lake County, the current IAHCE International Director. Thank you IAHCE members for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I want to continue to do so.

I have been a HCE member for 7 years following 35 years experience in primary education and business management. Prior to serving on the IAHCE Board I was International Director for Lake County HCE. I have considerable computer and business software experience, and I am an experienced international traveler. My values, work ethic, curiosity, creativity, mentoring, planning and communication skills are a product of my upbringing as a farm girl and later as a teacher and business person. I was a 4-H member, waitress, hospital volunteer, Cub Scout den mother, United Way fund raiser, kindergarten teacher, small business owner and insurance operations junior executive. I am active with Lake County HCE, church choir, Sweet Adelines chorus, Women's Club, substitute teaching, and extended family history and connections.

I am married, have 4 children, 1 grandchild and 2 great grandchildren. In a second term as International Director I would continue my support, guidance and mentoring to county international directors, keep fostering new ideas, stay connected with IAHCE affiliate organizations and complete plans for the international homemaker exchange that I re-invigorated.

Candidate for International Director — Alice Grooms



I am Alice Grooms from DeWitt County and am applying for the International Director position. I was born and raised in Home Extension by my Mom, Ruth Peverly, and after being away from home for 30 years wound up back home to become involved in HCE with my Mom again. I am a sustaining member of DeWitt County HCE since I am still working as a Nurse and participate when I can. I have been 1st Vice in my county and am presently the International Director. I have also served 1 term as Sales/CVH Director on the State Board. I have been to numerous IAHCE, NVON, and CWC conferences and 2 ACWW

Triennial conferences.

I am a single parent having raised to grown boys, both college graduates and working outside their fields of study. Besides working and HCE activities, I participate in my church, 4-H, local quilt club, and am a beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Nominating Committee Report continued on next page

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Candidate for Community Outreach — Louise Rodatz



I am Louise Rodatz and am seeking the position of Community Outreach on the IAHCE Board. I was raised on a farm in Wayne County, Illinois. My father was a Baptist minister and a farmer. My mother was a homemaker and helped with the farm operation. My parents being active in church work raised the family to work hard, respect others and love the LORD GOD.

This upbringing created the passion and compassion I have today to become part of the IAHCE Community Outreach to help the residents of Illinois. I am an avid quilter and have started and lead two Missionary Baptist Churches to have sewing groups. These groups take in donations and make lap robes and other items for seriously ill people from our community and around the world.

I am a retired Medical Technologist that still does consult work for two Doctors in Mt. Vernon. I am an active church member and on the Building and Grounds Committee, Nominating Committee and a delegate to the Illinois Baptist Association.

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
GIFT SUBSCRIPTION WINNER RESULTS**

District 1	Carla Meyer, Stephenson Deb Maraxen, Rock Island
District 2/3	Yvonne Canik, Grundy Maggie Bowers, Kendall
District 4	Linda Lavery, Adams Betty Bekermeyer, Woodford
District 5	Edna Chancellor, McLean Josephine Marner
District 6	Shirley Volentine, Bond Carol Petermeyer, Clinton
District 7	Cara Webb, Johnson Beverlye Wynn, White



The Silent Auction is always interesting and lots of fun. There will be all sorts of items to bid on and the bidding is where the fun begins. You bid and someone else bids on the same items, then you up their bid and they up your bid, and so on. It becomes a game about who is going to get that item. So, join in the fun!! Bid and bid often.

To make it a great auctions, donations are needed. If you have something nice and good quality you would like to donate, contact Marilyn DeVries, District 1 Director.

AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOKLET AD CHALLENGE

Last year District 4 Director, Mary Eustace and District 4 challenged all Districts and their counties to have a full page ad in the IAHCE State Conference Program Booklet. Do you think each District could meet that challenge this year? If not a full page, how about a 1/2 page or name of your county?

- A full page ad, \$90
- 1/2 page, \$50
- Business Card size, \$25
- Name only, \$10

The ads help off-set the cost of Annual Conference and have kept the cost to each member at a reasonable cost. Contact Marilyn Schaefer or Mary Eustace, Annual Conference Co-chairs, to place your ad!!

DISTRICTS IN ACTION

Crawford County S. E. LaMotte Unit (Palestine) host the annual picnic.



Monroe County walks



McLean County International Night speaker, Joyce Bishop



Monroe County Conga line of aprons at HCE Annual Meeting

Madison County Salad Luncheon with Marilyn Daughette presentation



Madison County Gloria Bleckle as Little Red Riding Hood and Alice Stille as big bad wolf in skit in German on Little Red Riding Hood. 123 people attended



Kendall County Women Walk the World



DISTRICTS IN ACTION



Madison County Quilt Show



Fayette County
International Dinner speakers,
Ursula Polzin and Debbie Swain



Edgar County
Father Dominic
and Marilyn
Daughetee

Madison County
Wally Fisher interview
by Sherry Brokhane on
her life in Germany



Jasper County
Freda Weddell with
large mixing bowl
at Heath Museum



Jackson County fashion show

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1, 2015—ACWW Membership renewals are due. \$42 for one year; \$105 for three years. Notices are *not* sent to individual members. Go to www.cwcusa.org/membership.

March 1, 2015—Deadline for Ruth B. Sayre's Scholarship Applications (four \$500 awarded in 2014). Go to Country Women's Council, USA website to download the form: www.cwcusa.org/about

March 17! 2015 Annual IAHCE Conference

The first day of 3 days of Learning and Fun with old and new friends!!

FUN WALK - Come early to the 91st Annual Conference. Check in at 8:30 for the 1-mile FUN WALK! You will get a "free" pedometer for being part of the group.

Call or e-mail Mary Eustace to let her know if you plan to walk with a friend, a group of friends or individually.

"T" SHIRT TUESDAY -Wear your conference "T" Shirt (or one of your favorites) to lunch and the share shops!

"WACKY" TENNIS SHOE CONTEST - Decorate your tennis shoes, put them on! Show your Creative, decorating skills at lunch. You could be the winner!

August 11, 12, 13, 2015—District Workshops

Districts 6 & 7 August 11

Districts 4 & 5 August 12

Districts 1, 2 & 3 August 13

August 18-24, 2016—ACWW Triennial Conference, University of Warwick, England



NVON

IAHCE will host the NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network) July 19-21, 2016. Just in case you don't know it, you, as a member of IAHCE, belong to this organization.

We are one of eight states who belong to NVON and each year the conference is in one of those states. This coming year, we will be in West Virginia and then the conference comes to Normal, Illinois at the Marriot Hotel Conference Center.

It is a great way to meet women from all over the USA. The first night is Illinois Night and we want it to be a great event for our other states. We will be highlighting what is "Illinois". Help is needed from our IAHCE members to put on this conference. We need speakers, entertainers, someone to work on registration, silent auction and more. If you are interested, please call or write me at 217-877-7229 or itole2@sbcglobal.net.

A meeting will be held during the 2015 IAHCE Conference held in Decatur, March 17-19, 2015 where plans will be worked on.

A bus taking members to West Virginia is being looked into. Possible plans would be to leave on Monday, July 18, spend one night on the road and be there for the opening luncheon on Tuesday. Then leave on Friday, July 22 and return to Illinois on Saturday. We need to know if this is something that our members would like. Again, call or write me if you would be interested.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and we will see you in Decatur in March, 2015.

Sharon Middleton

NVON 2016 Conference Chair



Cookbooks still available

\$18.00

Contact: Joan Stanley, CV/Sales

NEWS & NOTES

COUNTRY WOMEN'S COUNCIL USA



The Country Women's Council USA held their annual conference in Manitowoc, Wisconsin on September 25-27, 2014. As IAHCE President, I was the delegate to the conference. I had never been to Manitowoc but it was very beautiful city along Lake Michigan. Of course, my car load had to go through Beaver Dam to stop at Nancy's Notions Fabric Store.

On Thursday, the tour to Henning's Cheese, Abler Art Glass, and the Rahr West Museum was enjoyed by many. Needless to say, there was much shopping done to help the economy in Manitowoc.

Also on Thursday, the silent auction was open. A Punch Bowl Social Hour was held in the evening for everyone to meet and visit with new and old friends.

On Friday morning, the business meeting for ACWW conducted by USA Area President Beverly Earnhardt begin. She also presented a power point of current ACWW events.

After explanation of many projects, a vote was taken. The Mongolian Project was the one selected. This project will provide food for 182 people from two local cooperatives (including 30 low-income, female-headed households). They aim to do this through the construction of 2 greenhouses in the town of Jargalant Sum. These will provide the community with the capacity to grow crops for consumption in a manner which would not be possible in the external environment. This project is expected to grow and benefit the entire village of Jargalant Sum.

Beverly Earnhardt announced that ACWW would like for the USA to submit a project for our country as usually we do not. A list of suggestions was compiled and discussed. A vote selected 6 suggestions. Linda Gause was asked to research each suggested project so that an informed decision could be made before a vote was taken at a later date.

On Saturday, CWC began their business meeting. Business was conducted. Joan Machern, CWC Vice President (and from IL) made a report on the Ruth B Sayre Scholarship winners and asked all states to work to have applicants submit an application. Presidents of each state presented a report. Next year's conference will be held in Tulsa, OK.

Several speakers presented informative and interesting programs during the conference. Sue Sippel told of "Ending Violence Against Women", Scott Gunderson on "Family Farming" and Jean Morton "Women of Independent Minds". After the closing banquet on Saturday evening, we were entertained by "A touch of Harmony" Barbershop Quartet.

Sunday morning, several met at Perkins next to the hotel to share breakfast and say goodbye until we meet at the next conference. What a great time we had.

Marilyn Daughhetee
IAHCE State President

NOTE FROM NORMA AWARDS NIGHT



The Education Committee is planning to reorganize a few details for the awards night to help things run more smoothly. To accomplish this task, we need your help too!

If you have sent in applications, please look for the *colored, numbered cards in your registration packets* when you get to conference. You are to line up behind the Education Director, which has a flower of the color of your numbered card.

Group pictures will be taken after all awards are presented for that specific Education Area. Grand awards will be announced last.

—Norma Korte, 1st Vice President

