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## From the Desk of the President

Greetings from the circus tent. What a Circus we had! Sharon and Trzasa, thank you for all the work you did along with the rest of the state board to make the conference fun, interesting and educational. Also, thanks to all the members and guests that attended. Without you, the conference would not have been a success.

It was a great opportunity and so enjoyable to have Alison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer, at our conference and all the district meetings. We had the opportunity to learn about our country of study from a resident of that country. How exciting was that? Didn't you learn more about Scotland and ACWW from her? Thanks to all of you for your most generous donation to Pennies for Friendship. We certainly did not give her much time to rest. She had a meeting before conference in District 7, spoke 3 times at conference and 6 meetings to travel to in the remaining districts in the last week she was here. She did get to see a lot of Illinois, though.

We were glad we could meet our new liaison, Jenna Hogan, who will be moving to the Bloomington office. If you have any suggestions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact her. It is important that we communicate with her about HCE also.

As you could see from the membership report, it is important that we keep striving to attain new members and important to retain the members we have. So be sure to invite friends, neighbors, and the newly retired to a program or unit meeting. A personal contact is the best way to have success. Also, remember that if the extension lessons are not the ones you want, please check the website, [iahc.org](http://iahc.org) for a list of lessons from other counties or go to the NVON link.

I personally want to thank you for all the support you gave to me, my daughter and the Ovarian Cancer Quilt project. We raised \$1,171.00 and all the proceeds went to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. But another amazing thing was that, Jackie from the Deatur Ovarian Support Group, drew the winning ticket and the winner was Cindy, my daughter. I was encouraged by the audience to call her and when she answered, I started crying and couldn't speak. I told her later that I was so sorry I frightened her. She said she was very appreciative of our support for her and all women with Ovarian Cancer.

Now that spring has arrived, it gives us a fresh new spirit and enthusiasm. Enjoy the green grass and flowers and especially your HCE friends. Make this the best year your county has had. I leave this prayer with you from a poet from Scotland, Robert Burns.

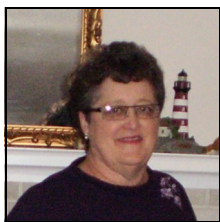
O thou who kindly dost provide  
For every creature's want!  
We bless Thee,  
God of Nature wide,  
For all thy goodness lent;  
And if it please thee, Heavenly Guide,  
May never worse be sent; but, whether granted or denied;  
Lord, bless us with content. Amen

Blessings,

Marilyn Daughette  
IAHC State President



# EXECUTIVE BOARD



## 1st Vice President

**Treasa Brookman**

Hello! I've been a member since 1968 in Jefferson County, serving in most county positions. I've been married to Alfred for nearly 53 years. We have two sons and 4 grand children.

I am looking forward to serving as 1st Vice President the next three years. I would like to see an e-mail address from each county so we can keep in touch over the years. If the First Vice does not have e-mail, please designate someone else. Send the e-mail to me at: [treasa.brookman@gmail.com](mailto:treasa.brookman@gmail.com)

I also would like to start a data base of lessons generated in the counties. These to need to be sent to me by e-mail, as it will be easier to add to the data base. It will take us a while, but we can share lessons generated from the counties across the state. I will need the person's name who generated the lesson and the county. You must observe copyright laws.

In the old files, we have lessons from the counties, but we do not have permission to add them to the data base. I will need your permission.

The First Vice President's workshop at conference met with Dr. Judith Richardson, the Program leader for Family Consumer Sciences and Jenna Hogan, an Extension Educator, Nutrition and Wellness, who will become our new Liaison July 1st. We hate to say goodbye to Susan Taylor who has worked with us the past 4 years. We wish her the best in her future.

At Annual Conference the following topics were chosen for 2012-2013:

The extension teams will indicate if they are accepted in the near future.

## Consumer and Family Economics

1. Planning for end of life issues.

## Nutrition and Wellness

2. How to cook using whole grains.
3. Vegetarian Diets (packaged lesson)
4. Beverages - Liquid Calories - Power drinks, Chocolate Milk, Juices, Gatorade, etc - and what are the effects at different aged individuals - youth, teens, young adults and older adults.

## Family Life

5. Finding Strength in Trying Times.
6. Grandparents Have an Important Role in a Child's Life.

## Horticulture

Re-evaluating their programming and no programs for 2011.

In July, I will travel to Wisconsin to the NVON meeting. I hope to pick up some new lesson ideas.

I am looking forward to traveling with the IAHCE Board to District Workshops in August. I love meeting you and to see what you have done.

*Treasa Brookman*

## 2nd Vice President

**Sandra Bechtold**



Hello everyone:

I did so enjoy the State Conference and seeing everyone again. I've made up lots of certificates for 50 year, 60 year and up, so I thank everyone for recognizing and celebrating our members. Seven counties had an increase of 5% or more in membership--Perry, Hamilton, Jasper, Scott, Jersey, Tazewell and Champaign counties. Congratulations to you all--

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Great job. So many of you received a certificate for one new member. That's what it takes--one member at a time. Don't forget to apply for the Education Awards in Membership at the end of the year. There are two categories--Special Activities and Membership.

I hope to see you all at the District meetings and if you have any questions, please call.

Have a great day and keep up the great work your doing in the counties. May God bless you all especially your loved ones in harms way.

*Sandy Bechtold*



**Secretary**

**Carolyn Fisher**

If you were at the 2011 IAHCe Annual Conference, you heard me talk about the new Secretary Report Form in the IAHCe Guidebook. I had put the

Secretary's preferred form in the Secretary Packet. If you didn't attend the Conference or the Secretary Share Shop, please take time to look at this sheet.

The new form has the information needed by the IAHCe Board. You may use the old format if it better fits your needs, but the President needs to know when and where your county meets, the officers listed like to know their county counterparts, your District Director likes to keep tabs on her counties, and the Secretary needs the information at her fingertips for any inquiries.

One copy of the sheet goes to your District Director and one copy goes to the IAHCe Secretary; everyone else will be notified upon request. The "County of the Year" form asks that the new information be sent within ten days of your County Annual Meeting.

Was I surprised when the District Directors began firing questions about the new form at me in the IAHCe Board Meeting after Annual Conference! They wanted to know if I asked for e-mail addresses. Yes. Did I include all the officers? Yes. I told them that the new form was patterned after the sheet some of them had been using. They liked the new form; I hope that it helps you.

Post Office update: You may have heard that some of the District Post Offices are closing. I talked to my friend who is a local postmaster. The District sorting centers are remaining open; the administrative staff members at some of these centers are now considered to be surplus. Some will be relocated, others will be offered early retirement and a buy-out.

For now be brief,

*Carolyn Fisher*



**Treasurer**

**Jane Chapman**

Wow, what a great conference we had last week in Decatur! Those of you that missed it, I am sorry, you missed a good time! I want to take this

opportunity to thank all voting delegates that voted for me for state treasurer, again. I will try my best not to let the organization down! It was a great vote of confidence to me to have the great support I had during the election!

If any county did not receive a packet from me, please let me know. I am talking about the packets I handed out in my workshop at the conference. The counties that were not in attendance your packets were sent home with your District Director. I will send you one if you did not receive one, just let me know! If you do not understand anything in the packet, contact me also!

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I want to close by wishing you all a very Happy Easter (it will probably be over by the time you receive this) and an absolutely lovely Spring!

Life isn't tied with a bow.....but it's still a gift! Remember to live well, laugh often, and love a lot!

Later,

*Jane Chapman*



## Community Outreach

**Vi Huebner**

The HCE Board members returned Friday, March 25th from the IACHE Conference in Decatur. What a great conference and a fun circus

theme! The variety of decorations and centerpieces were beautiful. Everyone seemed to enjoy being there and meeting old friends and making new.

Community Outreach will still be making "Little Dresses" for Africa. I will have a new project in August. Keep collecting all the items that we have been collecting and making.

Our NVON project in common for 2011 is Let's Take Off".

If you have any questions, you may call me at 618-254-0368 or 618-972-2810.

I'd like to personally thank Sharon Middleton and Treasa Brookman for a job well done. Thanks for all your hard work. What a great conference. Also, a big thanks to Sharon's husband, Clarence for all the great photo shots.

*Vi Huebner*

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## Cultural Enrichment

**Kay Brinkley**

Hi Everyone,

Our 2011 Conference was so much fun. I hope all of you enjoyed our "Circus Extravaganza".

I am listing all the "BEST OF SHOW" winners and "EDUCATION AWARD" and "GRAND AWARD" winner for your information. (*These are listed on page 13.*) I want to thank all the counties who participated in the Best of Show competition this year. We had some outstanding items enrolled. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by all who visited the Cultural Enrichment room! I also want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the **Macon County's ladies**, they made registration go smoothly. I appreciate all the special ladies that helped in Cultural Enrichment department, you were priceless to me! The ladies who brought their talents to **Make It - Take It**, deserve a big hand of applause! Thanks, Lucille Michels, Mary Lou Simmons, Ruth Sutton, Jeanne Lee, Donna Young, Carmen Schnitker, Eileen Norin, Nancy Haire and Linda Tarpley.

Cultural Enrichment Director for St. Clair Co. Gail Caminiti displayed 101 Girls Dresses and 32 Boys Shorts at conference for the African Dress Project. Adams County also brought 47 dresses for the children in Africa to be displayed. I am hoping to show pictures of these little dresses and shorts on the children in Africa at a later date. Thanks to all the Counties for participating in this project, the children will be thrilled to receive these beautiful dresses and shorts!

Cultural Enrichment project for new year is the Quilts for Kids project. Information on this project is in packets given at conference. I will have more information on this project at District Workshops. You don't have to sew to do this project or quilt, there are options of donating toward a quilt. This is such a heart warming project for us to be involved in so

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please try to accomplish per District at least one child's quilt for their comfort.

You have two options for "Quilts for Kids" projects" - Contact: Illiana Chapter, Amy McGinness/Jo Ellen Gilbert @ [illianaquilt](mailto:illianaquilt) or [forkids@cellinet.net](mailto:forkids@cellinet.net) These ladies will piece, supply batting, backing and quilt for you. OR The Illinois Chapter and their website is [Quiltsforkids.org](http://Quiltsforkids.org)

**DISTRICT WORKSHOP** - Please remember to bring items for **SHOW AND TELL!!!!** This helps give other counties ideas for crafts or projects they can do. We will discuss how counties do their Best of Show programs. Be prepared to SHARE with each other!

Craft Camps available this spring and summer:  
**2011 HOMEMAKERS CRAFT CAMP DAY**  
Tues. May 10, 2011, 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m., Latin American Social Club, 2807 w. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sterling Illinois. 61081 (Phone number 815-225-7721 to register for camp).

22nd Annual Arthur Quilt Show- May 11-14, 2011 (Hours 10am-4pm)  
[www.arthurfestivals.com](http://www.arthurfestivals.com)

Thank you to all the kindness I have received from all of you during my first year as IAHCE Cultural Enrichment Director. Remember to get excited about HCE and projects! We can't accomplish our goals without you! Be Kind to each other!

*Kay Brinkley*



### Family Issues Norma Korte

We have just returned home from the IAHCE State Conference, and this time it was all different for me. I had a firsthand look at everything that happens 'behind the scenes', and see the people and various details that make everything come together for the

conference so it is enjoyable and pleasant to attend. I wanted to thank all of you for your help with the Family Issues Share Shop, either by helping to schedule the speakers, sending in a news article that I could use in my packet, or providing encouraging words of support.

I would like to extend a special thank you to each of the counties who participated in the Tab Collection this year. The Grand Award for the Tab Collection project this year was awarded to Hamilton County for their report and collection of 254 pounds of tabs that were delivered to the Evansville, IN, Ronald McDonald House. We will be continuing the Tab Collection project for the next two years, so start collecting those tabs! My goal is for more counties to participate next year in hopes of collecting more than 669 pounds of tabs for the 2012 IAHCE Conference.

The Family Issues Grand Award for 2010 went to Perry County. Their "Inspire Conference" report and "Biggest Loser" project was outstanding! They worked hard to make this activity so special and incorporate a variety of activities and speakers to educate numerous people. Great Job!!

The Great American Family Award went to Don and Lois Wood from Champaign County. This was especially challenging to select because there were so many great applications for this award to choose from. I would encourage all those who applied but did not receive the Grand Award to apply again next year.

The main focus this year for Family Issues is Childhood Cancer Awareness. Dr. Stephen D. Smith, M.D., Director of St. Jude Midwest Affiliate was our guest speaker during the conference. During the Share Shop, I provided you with a packet that included only a small portion of the information that is available on the internet and through other resources about childhood cancer. I would encourage your county to focus on the Family Issues Topic during the month of September, because that is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Wear

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your **gold ribbons** to show your support for the fight against Childhood Cancer!

Thank you to all those individuals and counties who helped to make the IAHCE Conference so special.

I plan to have more information on how to prepare your Education Reports at the August District meetings.

Happy Easter, Spring and safe planting season from the Korte Family!

*Norma Korte*

The State Board wishes to thank Lynn Kearney for stepping in when someone was needed as International Director. She was appointed until the March, 2011 Annual Conference. Lynn, since conference, has had knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home. Please send a note or card wishing her a speedy recovery.

Now a current board member, Jane Chapman, has agreed to complete the term of International Director and continue her position as treasurer. Alison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer, has given Jane more information and a power point presentation on Scotland. Since Alison stayed with Jane the last day of her visit in the USA, it was convenient for her to instruct Jane with this information. Each county will receive this information soon.

### International Jane Chapman



For the next year I will be your liaison for International Directors. I want you to feel free to contact me with any questions, problems, or if you just need to chat about something.

I hope each of you had the opportunity to attend the conference or the district meetings in which Alison Burnett was speaking. This was a great chance to learn something about our country of study first hand from a true Scot!

There will be an addendum coming by the end of April to add to the lesson that was in your packets from annual conference. It will be mailed out to all county International Directors so keep you eyes open for more on Scotland! Contact information about me can be found in the front of this booklet.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to the Pennies for Friendship collection we had at the annual conference. We collected a total of \$644.96! This amount almost doubles what was collected last year at the annual conference. Give yourselves a big pat on the back! I hope that after hearing Alison Burnett speak on ACWW and Pennies for Friendship that you have a better understanding of where and what our collections go and do, I must say that I do!

I will sign off for now and wish each of you a grand Spring and with some verse from one of Scotland's most famous people - Robert Burns 1759-1796:

O my Luve's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June,  
O my Luve's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly played in tune.

*Jane Chapman*

### A NOTE OF THANKS!



I wish to thank all those that have sent me Get Well cards during my recovery from knee surgery. I can't tell you how much they are appreciated. I'm feeling much better and will be out about soon. Have a great Spring and Summer!

**Lynn Kearney**



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## Public Relations

**Sharon Middleton**

First of all, I want to thank Treasa and all of the State Board members for helping make the 87th IAHCE Annual Conference such a fun and

educational conference. Without you the members who attended, Macon County for all of their help, the Decatur Conference Center Hotel (especially Mike) and Teri of the Decatur Visitor Bureau it wouldn't have been such a success. Conferences always have a few problems, but we worked through them.

I do hope all of the county Public Relations (or Information) directors are using this conference and Alison Burnett in publicizing your county's HCE and what we have to offer members and nonmembers. With Alison traveling the state, we can use this to our advantage. You need to let the public know what we are doing and show them the interesting people that we meet, lessons we offer, not just in homemaking and all the volunteer options that are available and the good that they can do.

New members is one of our main goals! Try something maybe one of your neighboring counties have done. There are lots of ideas in the articles in this newsletter from counties. Try something new to gain members and retain the ones that we have.

I do want to thank all those that voted to have me remain the Public Relations Director for another three years. I appreciate your support and hope to keep you informed with the newsletter and the IAHCE website.

*Sharon Middleton*



## Sales/CVH

**Karen Halicki**

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Sales/CVH Director and I will do the best job I can.

I have been married 33 years and have been farming with my husband Steve for 30. We have one son, who is married and lives nearby. We just became new grandparents on St. Patrick's Day. A little girl named Alyvia Marie.

I worked at a trucking company after high school for 10 years. I was a rate clerk and biller. Then started farming with my husband. He had to show me a lot since I was a city girl. After our son was in school I got a job driving a school bus, subing as a janitor, working in the school kitchen and school office when needed. I did these jobs for 13 years, retiring two years ago. During this same time, since I enjoyed working with the kids, I spent one day a week volunteering at school helping kids in the kindergarten class. I also helped with HCE, Maroa Library Board, Grade School Community Club, Youth League, Fourth of July festival and in charge of Food Share.

I have started to slow down, helping now with Friends of the Library, Maroa Quilters, Maroa Pantry, HCE, church gift shop and painting nails for ladies at Manor Care. For fun I am a Red Hatter, sew, knit and crochet. I love to garden and have learned a lot about canning and freezing.

IAHCE members keep volunteering and helping in your community. Thanks to all who support the IAHCE through the Sales Table. Let me know if there is anything new you would like to see at the sales table.

*Karen Halicki*

## IAHCE EXTENSION LIAISON'S



It was great to see over 400 of you from all over the state in attendance at the 2011 IAHCE Annual Conference under the Big Top. As I bring greetings from University of Illinois Extension! I want to commend you as an

organization for your CVH hours for the hours of volunteer work that you provide to your communities and counties. The value of your time is \$20.85/hour according to the Independent Sector. That is what your time is worth; unfortunately you can't cash in your hourly amount. This year 1,694 participants from 59 counties reported, over 474,252 hours were turned in which is valued over \$9,888,154.20. Your leadership to your community, county, district and state board not only benefits IAHCE but many other organizations in your communities.

As I indicated last fall, Change is present. The first change is I will be retiring in June. At this time I would like to announce to you, is your new IAHCE Extension Liaison – Jenna Hogan. She is Nutrition and Wellness Educator currently housed in Springfield but will be relocating to the McLean County office in July. Jenna will bring enthusiasm to the leadership of the IAHCE and the state board. Dr. Judee Richardson, program leader for Family and Consumer Sciences was in attendance for two days of the Annual Conference. Judee and Jenna attended the First-Vice President meetings. Dr. Judee Richardson hosted a Share Shop on Thursday morning too. The second change is staffing for Family and Consumer Science educators will be limited to 13 throughout the state. Third change – is many of the 27 planning units/counties will be working together to deliver programs. We always benefit from stronger leadership skills. The leadership development of IAHCE, you can help with the transition to the future of U of I Extension.

Remember all of the positive attributes HCE offers you, your community and county. When I was a child, my grandmother Rogers and my mother were very active. My mother is a member of the Mercer County HCE. Friends, community projects, trips, crafts, knowledge from money, family, horticulture, health and food, fellowship and community based projects – Linus Blanket and many others. If you missed the Linus Blankets at annual conference, there were many hours of creativity and giving of

your heart displayed with the 60 quilts.

Remember to ask a friend to a meeting and you may have a new member for your units. Like a circus, there are many unique individuals that are used to carry on the show much like jugglers, Circus leader, animal trainers, clowns, trapeze performers, ticket takers and don't forget the food vendors. Which role do you do best?

I will take with me as I retire in June, the friendships, the wonderful programming and excitement you experience in your counties and the state board. There are many talents in the organization. I wish you the best as we go through this growing pain – but you are very strong. Just like the strong women that you all are. Life-Long Learning is alive in Illinois.

Susan Taylor



Greetings! I would like to introduce myself, as I will be serving as your University of Illinois Extension Liaison after Susan Taylor's retirement. I am currently a

Nutrition and Wellness Educator at the Springfield Center, but starting July 1<sup>st</sup> I will be the Nutrition and Wellness Educator serving McLean, Livingston and Woodford Counties. This means I have a lot of packing to do as I will be moving to the Bloomington/Normal area. This is a much anticipated move since it will get me closer to my fiancé! We are excited to be getting married later this fall.

I was first introduced to University of Illinois Extension through the 4-H program where I took an avid interest in cooking and baking. I attended Illinois State University in Bloomington/Normal where I received my bachelor's degree in Food, Nutrition and Dietetics. Then, I completed a ten month internship at St. John's Hospital in Springfield where I had a rotation with University of Illinois Extension. I worked with now retired Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Jananne Finck. I obtained my Registered Dietitian accreditation

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and later received my Masters of Public Health at University of Illinois at Springfield. Before taking the position at Extension in November of 2009, I worked as a clinical dietitian at St. John's Hospital for five years.

I volunteered to serve in this role because I want to help your association remain strong and connected to University of Illinois Extension. I plan to carry on the excellent work that Susan Taylor has started! I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at this year's Annual Conference in Decatur. I was delighted to have the chance to dust off my orange wig and join the circus! I look forward to getting to know you each of you!

Jenna Hogan

## YOUR IAHCE BOARD AT WORK

- Each Conference Committee reported on their "job duty" during conference
- 2012 Nominating Committee was appointed
- Counties need to check the Guidebook that is online for the correct up-to-date "County of the Year" form
- Discussion on how the Conference went and any comments, good or bad
- Standing ovation to "Thank" Clarence Middleton for all he did for us during the Conference and other times
- Next Board Meeting will be held in Effingham in June



## Counties Project Reports

**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless!**

Great job to IAHCE members helping others.

This is a list of just some of the counties reporting:

37 lap robes  
 62 tote bags for health department  
 671 Linus blankets  
 287 dresses and shorts for African children  
 544 Chemo caps  
 110 Heart pillows  
 15 Hope bags for displaced children  
 315 pillowcases  
 Over 22 boxes of school supplies for local schools  
 391 Nursing home bibs and walker bags  
 50 Book Bags for a Preschool  
 200 Christmas favors for nursing home  
 12 Prayer Shawls  
 204 Comforters to Veterans home, pediatric ward, visiting nurses, crisis pregnancy and women's shelter  
 85 Christmas stockings, 120 pairs of socks, 86 comforters and 875 toiletries to Veterans Home  
 200 fleece blankets for police and hospitals  
 78 bags for foster children  
 139 hats, mittens gloves and scarves

### FOR THE MILITARY:

1,835 helmet liners and neck coolers  
 28 Boxes of assorted supplies  
 1,565 Christmas stockings  
 1500 items for stockings  
 973 handwritten cards  
 50 cakes baked in canning jars

Many other projects reported: Collected eyeglasses and cell phones; many counties collected food for food pantries; autistic blankets made; bicycles donated to needy children; box tops, jersey sheets for hospice, food to shut-ins; gift baskets at Valentine, Easter and Thanksgiving for needy families, Easter baskets for DCFS.

# AND THE WINNERS ARE.....



## The Great American Family.....

This year's Great American Family is the Don and Lois Wood Family of Champaign County. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have three children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and 5 step grandchildren, and are a family dedicated to the agricultural

industry. They have hosted Farm Safety programs, hosted foreign students, and entertained busloads of visitors to their home for tours of their farm and feedlot facilities. They are also active in the community with the Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Prime Timers, and also volunteer for various FFA and 4-H activities. Don and Lois are actively involved in the Peace Lutheran Church as choir director, leader for the bell choir, assist with Vacation Bible School, serve as a member for the missionary committee, make food for shut-ins, and serve meals for families after a funeral.

Lois was the first Champaign County Fair Queen, and was selected as the Illinois Brown Swiss Queen and Dairy Princess. Lois is "Mom" to Agriculture Fraternities and Sororities at the University of Illinois, and retired from U of I College of ACES Department after 20 years of service. She is also a 50 year member of HCE. Don is on the Advisory Board at Parkland College, Superintendent of two county fairs, provides tours and practice sessions for the University of Illinois Agriculture Livestock Judging class, and is a supporter of the U of I sports teams. Don and Lois are both former 4-H members and have been 4-H Leaders for 15 years.

Don and Lois have always provided a positive influence to their family by demonstrating the characteristics of hard work, dedication and love for their fellow man.



**The Great American Family!**

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## COUNTY OF THE YEAR! CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

The winner, Champaign County, used the theme many times through the year, had many lessons, activities in each category and participation by their members to earn the title of County of the Year.



## The Top Five Counties Points Earned

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|--------------|------|
| 1. Champaign | 9550 |
| 2. Macon     | 7120 |
| 3. Massac    | 5900 |
| 4. Hamilton  | 5470 |
| 5. Edgar     | 5340 |

# AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

## EDUCATION AWARDS

To begin with, I will not have description of why each county won awards in Public Relations that were given out. As an Education Director, we put that in each packet given back to the county. I, for one, didn't keep that information with me and cannot remember why each won their award. That is something we, as Education Directors, will keep in mind when we do our awards for 2011. Congratulations to the 2010 Winners!

### Community Outreach

District 2/3

Special Activities - Lake County

District 5

Citizenship - Macon County

Safety - Cumberland County

Special Activities - Clark County

District 6

Citizenship - Marion County

Environment - St. Clair County

Safety - Madison County

Special Activities - Effingham County

District 7

Citizenship - Franklin

Special Activities - Pulaski/Alexander

### GRAND AWARD WINNER - PERRY CTY.

Citizenship-Volunteering in their County



### Cultural Enrichment

District 1

Textiles & Clothing - Rock Island County

Heritage Skills - Lee County

District 2/3

Textile & Clothing - Lake County

Heritage Skills - Du Page County

Special Activity - Will County

District 4

Textile & Clothing - Adams County

Heritage Skills - Pike County

Special Activity - Hancock County

District 5

Heritage - McLean County

Special Activity - Macon County

District 6

Heritage - Jersey County

Special Activities - Bond County

District 7

Textiles & Clothing - Wayne County

Heritage - Jefferson County

Special Activities - Washington County

### GRAND AWARD WINNER - EFFINGHAM

Textiles & Clothing - Taught Girl Scouts to sew and make stockings for the FISH organization.



### Family Issues

District 1

Special Activity - Jo Davies County

District 2/3

Special Activity - Kendall County

District 5

Family Living - Macon County

District 6

Health, Food, Nutrition - Effingham Cty.

District 7

Special Activity - Franklin County

### GRAND AWARD WINNER - MADISON CTY

Health, Food , Nutrition



# AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

## International

District 1

Other International Country of Study -  
Lee County

District 2/3

Country of Study - Kane County

District 4

Country of Study - Sangamon County  
Special International Event - Peoria Cty.

District 5

Country of Study - Edgar County  
Other International Country of Study -  
Champaign County

District 6

Country of Study - Bond County

District 7

Country of Study - Jefferson County  
Other International Country of Study -  
Perry County

## GRAND AWARD - MACON COUNTY

County of Study - Israel



## Public Relations

District 2/3

Public Relations - Kane County

District 4

Public Relations - Tazewell County

District 5

Public Relations - McLean County  
Special Activity - Macon County

District 6

Public Relations - Effingham County

District 7

HCE Week - Jefferson County  
Public Relations - Perry County  
Special Activity - Saline County

## GRAND AWARD - CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

HCE Week - Unmasking the Possibilities  
Through HCE WEEK



## Membership

District 5

Activity - Macon County

District 7

Activity - Franklin County  
Special Activity - Massac County

## GRAND AWARD - KANE COUNTY

Special Activities - For the many activities  
promoting HCE



# AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

## MEMBERSHIP GAIN OVER 5% MEMBERSHIP

Champaign	5.43%
Tazewell	5.73%
Jersey	6.14%
Scott	6.49%
Jasper	7.14%
Hamilton	18.55%

## LARGEST NET GAIN - PERRY COUNTY 49.06% Gain



**ASK A FRIEND,  
COLLEAGUE , RELATIVE  
TO  
JOIN YOU  
AT YOUR NEXT  
HCE MEETING and  
YOU TOO CAN BE A  
WINNER JUST LIKE  
THOSE PICTURED  
ABOVE!**

## HAMILTON COUNTY WINS PULL TAB COLLECTION CHALLENGE!

Hamilton County won the Grand Award for their report and collection of 254 pounds of tabs that were delivered to the Evansville, IN, Ronald McDonald House.



Their award came as a handmade and quilted banner made by Family Issues Director, Norma Korte. What a special award for all of Hamilton County's hard work.

## OVARIAN CANCER QUILT



The drawing was held for the quilt that IAHCE President Marilyn Daughhettee made. The money collected, \$1,171.00, goes directly to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

Jackie from the Decatur Ovarian Cancer Support Group pulled out the winning ticket...and the winner was Marilyn's daughter, Cindy who has had ovarian cancer. What a nice surprise. Congratulations to Cindy.



## AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

### Certified Volunteer Hours - Over 1,000

Wes Pourchot	1173	Bond
Marge Heindl	2663*	Boone
Pat Anson	1346	Bureau
Marge Probasco	2005*	Champaign
Stephanie Humphrey	1306	Champaign
Ruth Anasmeth	1124	Champaign
Linda Boehm	1581	Champaign
AnitaHarris	1000	Clay
Mary McCane	1383	DeKalb
Sandy Decker	1460	Du Page
Carolyn Fisher	1402	Du Page
Frances Vodicka	1074	Du Page
Thomas Vodicka	1144	Du Page
Marilyn Daughhetee	1328	Edgar
Karen Drees	1013	Effingham
Joyce H	1200	Fayette
Margaret Duncan	1096	Franklin
Brenda Redmon	1368	Franklin
Yvonne Canik	1031	Grundy
Ruth Harp	1468	Grundy
Lucille Auten	1500	Hamilton
Tillie Miller	1550	Hamilton
Linda Clutts	1125	Jackson
Tina Trotter	1650	Jefferson
Barbara Shurtz	1600	Jefferson
Marge Wilcox	1800	Jefferson
Ruth Ann McGlasson	1456	Jefferson
Beverly Francis	1405	JoDaviess
Mary Veach	1368	Kane
Polly Hobbs	1815	Kane
Mary L	1588	Kane
Sylvia We	1018	Kane
Elaine Bond	1941	Kane
Nancy Haire	2410*	Kane
Joan Ziethen	3700**	Kane
Helen D	1224	Kankakee
Mary Noble	2108*	Kankakee
Carolyn Park	1188	Knox
Mary Lester	1667	Lake
Dorothy Rodewald	1535	Lake

Louise Bruckner	1173	LaSalle
Nympha Whiter	1550	LaSalle
Sharon Middleton	1642	Macon
Joyce Pirtle	2214*	Macon
Lynn Kearney	2138*	Macoupin
Vi Huebner	1217	Madison
Colleen Furry	1093	Perry
Alberta Woodside	1695	Perry
Margaret Grace	1225	Pulaski/Alexander
Chris Everett	1162	Pulaski/Alexander
Pat Morthland	1071	Rock Island
Shirley Kampmeier	3678**	Stephenson
Judy Shippee	1632	Stephenson
Lily Vermillion	1009	Tazewell
Rene Blessent	1391	Vermilion
LaVerne Sherman	1421	Wabash/Edwards
Marry Marrett	3452**	Washington
Martha Hillman	2411*	Warren
Janet Schreck	1015	Warren
MarieRutger	1038	Wayne
Beverly Wynn	1076	White

\*Over 2000 Hours

\*\*Over 3000 Hours

“The value of your time is \$20.85/hour according to the Independent Sector.” says Susan Taylor, U of I Extension Liaison.





# MORE WINNERS.....

## LINUS BLANKET CHALLENGE!

Note from Mary Balagna, Vice President of Project Linus and the Judge for your blankets:

“Thanks so much for asking me to help with this Sharon. The blankets were absolutely beautiful - each one! The circus theme was so much fun and the creativity that went into every stitch was absolutely phenomenal. I can't thank those members enough for the time and effort that they put into making such beautiful blankets for children in crisis. I know that families (and the children) who receive these treasures will not only be comforted, but will truly feel the love and talent that went into creating something so special for their child. Thank you again to everyone!”

Mary Balagna

It was over whelming the participation in the Linus Blanket Challenge. 56 blankets from 40 counties were on display. We had appliquéd, embroidered, pieced, weighted blankets for autistic children, crocheted and rag quilts. They were all colors, some machine quilted, some by hand and many were tied. It was awesome to see!

Treasa Brookman

The winners were:

“Pieced with No Appliqué”

Mary Lou Simmons - Wayne County

“Embroidery” - Marge Houghland/Marilyn Daughhetee - Edgar County

“Pieced with Appliqué” - Loma Baxter - Franklin County

“Other” (weighted, rag, crochet/knitted)  
Ona Day Johnston - Pike County .

**Grand Winner** - Sharon Helms - Madison County (Pieced and Appliquéd)



**Grand Prize**



**Embroidery**

**Pieced with Appliqué**



**Other**

**Pieced with No Appliqué**

Just few of the other entries—Thank you all so much! Happy Sewing!



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## District I Marilyn De Vries

Hi Everyone,

It is almost spring but it doesn't feel like it today!

We had a wonderful conference, well planned and full of activities.

Now we look forward to spring and someday soon, summer. Watch for the flowers. They will be pushing up. Have a nice season and stay well.

*Marilyn De Vries*

## HENDERSON.....

Henderson County H.C.E. units held their unit Christmas parties in December. The county board members had a potluck supper at Jan Rehm's home. We entered a float in Oquawka's Lighted Christmas parade to help promote H.C.E.

In January, we delivered a "basket of goodies" to Henderson County's first New Years baby, Mariath Lynn Wood, daughter of Gabriel and Sara Wood. We are still collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald home and used blue jeans to make lap throws for a Veteran Home.

We donated books to West Central Schools and money to buy snacks for special needs children. Lisa Fulkerson, our new County Extension Director for Knox, Warren, McDonough and Henderson counties, attended our February board meeting to update us on changes that will take place with extension.

Several members attended Carl Sandburg Days and brought several items they had made to the board meeting for cultural enrichment.

H.C.E. members plan to attend a program on Scotland in Princeton, IL on March 30th.

Henderson County H.C.E. members do their share of volunteering as E.M.T.'s, in nursing homes, food pantries, city flowers among other community projects.

We are busy planning our annual meeting to be held on April 30th at the Stronghurst Lutheran Church.

Bev Alecock  
Public Information

## KNOX.....

Five members from Knox County attended the luncheon on March 30<sup>th</sup> for Alison Burnett, ACWW exchange person. Three members attended the 2011 Annual Conference in Decatur.

Our cultural arts project in January was "Little Dresses for Africa". Twenty-five dresses were made by members and friends of HCE led by Sue Ryder our cultural arts director. In March, Sue will be teaching how to make "really cute" decorated Easter eggs. All cultural arts events include a luncheon with the lessons in the afternoon.

Our lessons have included, Guide to Whole Grains, Holiday Celebrations and Memories, All About Pasta, Food Substitutions and Cooking from Your Cabinet.

Our International director has been giving us interesting information on Israel that is included with each newsletter.

We held another successful, our 28<sup>th</sup>, annual Class Day co-sponsored by Knox County HCE and Carl Sandburg College on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the college. There is a great committee that planned a day of 50 one to two hour classes in eight categories for participants to attend during the day. Class subjects included fiber arts, woodcarving, cooking/food preparation, gardening, history, technology, health, home and personal information. We had 169 students and 55 teachers attending and assisting with the day. The committee begins planning for this large project in the fall. The monies earned from Class Day are given to the Carl Sandburg Foundation to be used for student scholarships. We are pleased to welcome three new members from our membership drive at class day.

On Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual "Spring Fling" fundraiser. It is held at the Knox Agri Center from 9am-2pm with a soup/sandwich luncheon from 11am – 1pm. We have a large plant sale and a craft show. There also is a program

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during the day on gardening tips. All units assist with this project by volunteering their time and helping with the luncheon. We always hope for a sunny day!! Come join us!

Our 78<sup>th</sup> county annual meeting, "Clown Around With Us", will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is our time to conduct our annual business meeting, install new officers, welcome new members and celebrate our twenty five and fifty year members. We also remember those members/former members who have passed in the last year. Three units work hard to prepare a brunch and enjoyable morning.

Have a great spring!

Lois Hobbs  
Public Information

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**ROCK ISLAND.....**

4-H continues to be active in Rock Island County. Emma Hoke, the president of our Rock Island County HCE, and Joyce Schoening, treasurer of HCE, received the 40-year Diamond Leader Award. Lucille Michels, Cultural Enrichment Director, and Brenda Wells, PR Director, each received Friends of 4-H plaques this past year.

Betty Carss, Youth Promotion Director, continues to lead the Handy Buds 4-H club for mentally challenged and handicap people in our area. Our units take turns helping by providing craft projects and refreshments.

Again, our units and 4-H clubs sell geraniums to beautify our county for delivery in early May. This continues to be a successful fundraiser and 4-H receives part of the funds for their clubs. The part HCE receives helps with their donation to the Rock Island County Extension Trust Fund.

One of the most popular lessons this year was "Chair Exercises" was taught in February - for presentation at the units during "Living Well Month" in March. In March a successful casserole luncheon, silent auction and bake sale were held before Lessons for Living were given in the afternoon. In April, Nancy Edlund, Creative Recycling Director, will be presenting ideas for Recycle Projects followed by another Lesson for Living.

Our newspaper announcements welcome the public to our Lessons for Living and there has been interest shown in addition to the HCE members.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, our Extension Staff will be having a "High Tea" for us. Because the first tea was so well received two years ago, they agreed to do another.

Eleven members of our Rock Island HCE County Board attended the State Meeting in Decatur the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone enjoyed the Clown theme; meetings; special speaker Alison Burnet, Treasurer of ACWW from Scotland; and Share Shops. We all learned lots and hope to share it with our local ladies. Lucille Michels received an Education Award for Textile and Clothing.

Lucille Michels and her group of willing workers have made and delivered 204 comforters, 225 Christmas Magic Stockings, and 45 scarves and hats to Christian Friendliness. There is also an ongoing project with ladies across the county making the Pillowcase Dresses for little girls in Africa.

Pat Morthland  
Public Relations Co-Director

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**STEPHENSON.....**

At our International Meeting in October, we collected underwear and sock for Veterans. This is the second year we have done this. They are given to the local Veterans Association.

In December, we had a Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees held at the Freeport Public Library. The theme of our tree was "Tree of Knowledge". The primary color used in the decorations was purple. This is a way for us to get the word to the community about H.E.A.

Several different projects are done during the year such as: collecting prescription bottles for recycling, collecting food for food pantries, helping at the 4-H Projects day, making things for the Freeport Pregnancy Center, making quilts and knit items, and road clean-up. During the month of March, individuals from the County Board visited the local units. This gave the Board feed back from the units.

Nine members attended the State Conference in

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Decatur. Our Secretary and District 1 Director was fortunate enough to win the 50-50 drawing!

We are looking forward to hosting Heritage Workshop on April 2 and our annual meeting in May.

Ann Runkle  
Public Relations

### WARREN.....

Our county sent 6 HCE Board members to the State Conference in Decatur, IL. We are very proud to report that we received two very wonderful awards. First, Diane Federow won **"BEST OF SHOW"** in the Scrapbook competition. Diane, a member of the Cameron Unit, was shocked and thrilled to receive this honor. Way to go, Diane!



Second, with our CVH, we won **"3rd Place"** with the percentage of membership participating. The competition was stiff this year, with so many more counties getting involved, which is awesome. Gladys Olson, Family Issues Director, did a lot of work towards our increase in reporting. Thanks so much, Gladys.

The theme for 2011 at HCE is "Circus Extravaganza", which was emphasized at the State Conference with wonderful decorations to get us in the mood.

Though the food at the Conference was not appealing, the renewing of friendships, workshops, and future plans for IAHCE were great! Hopefully, there will be an update from the University of Illinois Extension office, Dr. Robert Hoefft, in this newsletter.

We welcomed our incoming Illinois Extension Director, Lisa Fulkerson, at our County Board meeting in February. She also delivered our Fall 2011 -Lessons for Living programs. This transition will take place this summer. Lisa gave us encouragement and support as we work through this change. Al Kulczewski, our current County Director, will be retiring. We will miss your

leadership and support, Al, and wish you well. Upcoming events for us include a trip to Springfield, Illinois and the Lincoln Museum on April 20, organized by Gretchen Allert, Cultural Arts Director.

On May 7, we will participate in the Women's Lifestyle Fair at the First St. Armory, Monmouth, IL. Our Community Outreach Director, Loretta McKee, is making all arrangements. This annual event has given us the opportunity to gain new members to WCHCE.

Peg Chambers  
Public Relations

### District 2/3 Jean Pieroni



I hope all of you that came to conference had a good time, met old friends, made some new ones and got home safely. We were fortunate to have Allison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer, at conference and then able to spend a few days, traveling around Illinois, visiting our districts. My thanks to Kane County for hosting a wonderful Tea with Allison, many of the District 2/3 ladies and one gentleman, Mylon Fisher – 75 in all.

Here's a few dates to remember:  
District 1 & 2/3 Workshop will be August 25 at the Loveland Building in Dixon Illinois.  
IAHCE Annual Conference will be March 27-29 in Effingham at the Effingham Hilton Gardens.

Once again, I'd like to visit your county, not just for annual meetings and it doesn't have to be official (I was able to spend a very fun day at LaSalle County's Cabin Fever Reliever this past March). Just let me know  
See you all soon,

*Jean Pieroni*

### Du Page.....

Du Page International Tea  
Israel: Music and Dance



Twenty-five members from six units and guests got together on a typical (brrrr) Chicago afternoon to enjoy the sunshine of Mediterranean Israel. We shared an outstanding assortment of pastries made

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by our members. Opening with our Pledge of Allegiance, we settled in to enjoy our program. Miriam and Gordon Ferguson shared their tour of Israel with a slide presentation, highlighting Jerusalem. International Director Donna Svehla gave the history of the *Hora*, a circle dance popular in Israel. We then enjoyed a dance lesson, and learned two variations of the circle dance.

Members hummed and clapped to the beat of *Hava Nagila*. Even those seated enjoyed the fun with in-chair dancing, forming a circle by



joining hands. Our social continued with members visiting an information table that included maps, photos, and items from Israel. Volunteers also provided a quilt display and information about our service project: Quilts for Kids. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the day!

conference was attended by 4 members. It is always great to hear what they bring back to our units.

April is a very busy month with Government day on the 12<sup>th</sup> which again, the U of I Extension puts on annually and about 100 students participate by spending the day with a government official in our neighborhood. Then they come together at a local church and the GCAHCE members cook and serve them lunch. April 14<sup>th</sup> is our Annual meeting we are having students from Morris Community High School Drama Club put on skits for our entertainment. It is always a pleasure to see young talent right in own back yard. Bessie Hextall celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. She is still an active member and I believe one of the longest in IAHCCE. Bessie always has some wonderful stories to tell. Thank you Bessie for sharing them with us. Happy Birthday. Also, our President, Yvonne Canik, has set us up with our own website which is wonderful. [www.grundycountyhce.org](http://www.grundycountyhce.org) Thank you Yvonne.

Brenda Acker  
Public Relations

### GRUNDY.....

Happy Spring from Grundy County. In November we had our annual HCE day, we invited our members and opened it up to the public to attend free classes in Heritage Skills which consisted of demonstrating knitting, crocheting and quilting. We dusted off the old needles for some of us and it was a brand new experience for the rest of us. This was a refreshing day since we tend not to take the time to do them or learn some of these heritage skills.

December is always busy with our different groups having a Christmas get together. We also go to our local assisted living/ developmentally disabled adults facility and local nursing homes to play Bingo and supply some prizes and snacks. The socializing is great interaction. We continue to do our foster children goodie bags funded by recycling ink cartridges and private donations.

March 5<sup>th</sup>, we set up a booth at the Grundy County Environmental Fair. It was put on together with the U of I Extension at one of our local schools. We handed out information on GCAHCE and showed visitors how to make small gift boxes out of greeting cards and used pipe cleaners to make rings. It was a good day. March 22-24<sup>th</sup> the IAHCCE state

### KANE.....

Kane County HCE members who attend IAHCCE Annual Conference March 22-24 will be toting a new banner finished just in time and incorporating our previous name change. Coming in at a tidy 25" wide and 29.5" long, the banner will strut its stuff with ease in the conference's banner parade. The banner was pieced, embroidered and quilted by Beth Engbrecht, Lorraine Malecki and Pat Kowalkowski. Our units are encouraged to dust off their own banners or create new ones.

Our county is hosting a Tea for Alison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer, and inviting District 2/3 members to join us.

To promote HCE awareness, we are selling short-sleeved, round-necked purple T-shirts with a white 3.25" Kane County HCE logo screen printed on the left side. Pre-order by April 8 for \$10 each, with an initial purchase by the full Board leading the way; over two dozen have been sold.

Over a dozen members and guests are being bused to Starved Rock State Park for a trolley ride and hot lunch buffet at the Starved Rock Lodge on May 26,

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Kane, con't

arranged by our Cultural Enrichment Director, Kay Muehling. Coordinated by *Let Me Arrange It*. The \$64 tour includes a leisurely one-hour river cruise on the historic "Belle of the Rock," an authentic paddlewheel boat.

Renowned local quilt artist Lizz Ploppert will present her creative and magical quilts in *Wizardly in Stitching* at our Annual Meeting at Lincoln Inn Banquets in Batavia on May 11. This supports our theme of *HCE is the Thread that Binds Us*. Collections will include items for Hines VA Hospital and books for the Little City Used Book Sale (held August 19-21 at Harper College in Palatine to benefit children and adults with disabilities).

### KENDALL.....

Inviting you to: Kendall County HCE 13th Annual Victorian Tea Sunday, October 2, 2011 2:30 to 5:00pm; Cross Lutheran Church, Rt. 47 south of Yorkville. Price: Still the same \$12.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Children Program: The Decade of Dresses again, with "Flappers" this year. Everyone had enjoyed their wonderful programs the last 2 years, and this one will also be a winner!! Come early and take a chance on our beautiful raffle baskets.



Bev Scott and Joann Thom with the snowmen that were made for Hillside Rehab Center, and one of the residents.

Joan McEachern

### LAKE.....

The Town & Country Unit held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 14th at noon at the Rhapsody Cafe in Gurnee. It was well attended by 12 members and one special guest. Sue Jellica brought Meryl Perlstrom who was invited as our guest because she makes so many of the lovely hats we turn in for the Head Start program. During the lunch, we exchanged gifts, collected Pennies for Friendship and held our usual raffle which was won

by Mary Lester. The raffle prize was a holiday bowl filled with candy. The food and service at the restaurant was very good. A great time was had by all!

The Town & Country Unit is very proud of our artistically gifted member, Donna Schoenberger. In Cultural Enrichment, she won first place in the painting category with her picture of praying hands holding a cross in white chalk on a black background. She also came home with an impressive 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in painting and a 3rd place in best-of-show. Congratulations, Donna!

So far in this 2010-2011 HCE season, the Town & Country Unit has collected 115 medicine bottles, some wash cloths and towels for "Save-A-Pet". For the St. Francis Sisters of Frankfort, we collected 414 stamps. We collected 6 pounds of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and 34 comics for the troops overseas. Many of the members collect yarn from different sources. This yarn is used by Merle Perlstrom to create an incredible 126 hats for the Head Start Program. Sue Jellica has made 14 Linus blankets and one Afghan. It is unbelievable how these ladies can take all this yarn in different colors and odd amounts and create such beautiful things! Put a feather in your caps, ladies!

Betty Jean Thompson

Lake County Association for Home and Community Education is pleased to announce that two of our members have received Best of Show ribbons in the Cultural Enrichment program at the State Annual Conference. Angela Hicks received the honor in the jewelry category for a beautiful pendant set with multi-colored stones representing the tree of life. Marie Worth received her award for needlepoint embroidery of a hardanger--a two inch square beige pillow with emery filings to keep needles sharp.

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education had it's International Day event on Tuesday March 1, 2011 at the University of Illinois Extension. A slide presentation on the Kibbutz system and Israel's unique society was given by Steve Sukenik, Chairperson for the Temple Chai Israel Committee. The presentation was followed by a complimentary buffet sampling of Israeli dishes including hummus, challah, cucumber salad, couscous, beef brisket, matzo ball soup, and kugel and more.

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## Mc HENRY.....

For Christmas tray favors, we sewed 83 small quilted stocking which we filled with candy for the residencies of Valley Hi Nursing home, which is our counties home. Canned food and money was given to our local food pantry. Men's clothing and personal items were given to our Disabled Veterans Home and money to the Agape House, which is a home for troubled teenage girls.

We had two sewing work-shops. In February, we met at the University of Illinois Extension Conference Room in Woodstock and made padded hanger covers out of old mattress pads to protect the antique dresses that had been given and displayed by our Counties Historical Society. Pictured cutting out the padded shoulder pads are Carol Giammattei, Patty Sautter and Debbie Peone. In March one unit made Christmas stocking for the military personnel overseas.



We learned how to save money from a Super-Couponing Workshop given by Jill Cataldo. This fast paced fun workshop showed us how to combine coupons from the newspaper, store and internet. Two thirds of the men and women who attended this workshop were not members of HCE. We passed out literature about HCE.

An Internet Safety presentation was given by an officer of the Woodstock Police Department. We learned many ways on how to keep your personal computer files safe while using the internet.

Six members of our county attended the IAHCCE Conference in Decatur in March. Those attending were Leona Rinn, Marlene Rader, Jeanette Broughton, Dorothy Conley, Jean Peroni- IAHCCE District Director and Florence Spesard. We had a great time and enjoyed the conference.

Florence Spesard  
Public Relations



## District 4 Jan Edwards

It was great seeing many District IV members at conference. I'm sure members will return with enthusiasm and share lots of information with other members. Eleven counties were represented at this meeting.

District IV counties gained 118 new members this past year. Gains in membership occurred in Adams, Fulton, Peoria, Scott and Tazewell counties. Membership gains are difficult and a gain of one member is significant. Keep inviting friends and neighbors to local unit meetings.

Cooperation continues as counties manage to deal with changes in the Extension Service. In another year we will discover how best to deal with these changes that affect our organization.

I'm sure District IV counties are looking forward to warmer weather. It seems we have had a long, cold, and snowy winter in Midwestern Illinois! Have a wonderful Easter.

*Jan Edwards*

## ADAMS.....

In October our ladies met for a county-wide lesson on Herbs. There was a pretty good attendance. The Tumbleweed Unit had a 4-H craft night where they helped the ladies make craft items for the Kiddie Bazaar.

Some of our units have been making little dresses for Africa which is a state project. There have also been units donating canned goods to charity organizations.

The Kiddie Bazaar was held December 4, 2010 throughout Adams County in 3 locations. They are Quincy, Liberty/Payson and Camp Point. We had 194 children attend this year.



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On March 3rd, a cultural arts salad luncheon was held. It was really scheduled for February 3rd, but for some reason it had to be canceled. We had a big blizzard! Anyway, the luncheon was a huge success. There were 36 ladies present along with 36 delicious salads with recipes.



A fun game, HCE Trivia was played and prizes were awarded. For closing, a song sheet was passed out and everyone sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". The decorations were in a heart theme. Everything looked really nice. There will be some ladies attending the State Conference in Decatur.

Pat Vaughn  
Public Relations

### PEORIA.....

Hello from Peoria. We have had a busy start to the year with a Super Saturday Lessons for Living Day, Special Occasion Luncheon, unit meetings and the State Annual Conference. Our Super Saturday is a lesson day that we coordinate with two other counties. Each county provides a lesson and our members are able to carpool to the site and take the lesson to take back to their unit. Our Special Occasion Luncheon is a tradition that we have been doing for over 10 years now. Members and guests enjoy how each hostess sets and decorates their tables. A Master Gardener talked about "Herbs and Spices". We had 7 members attend the state conference and enjoyed all of the food, fun, sharing, and learning.

Our sympathies go out to the family in the passing of Katie Hopkins. Katie was our County First Vice and did an excellent job of securing lessons for our county. She will be missed.

For our county annual meeting, we are following the carnival theme and have an Elvis impersonator to entertain us. We are having a change of banquet halls this year and change is always hard but looking forward to a different place.

Other than that, we here in Peoria County are staying positive about the coming changes of Extension and looking forward to another year of

learning and sharing.

Julie Courtt  
Public Information

Thanks to Julie for providing the State Public Relations class during Conference with information on the use of Facebook as a tool to promote our organization and how to get started. Thanks so much, Julie.

Sharon

### PIKE.....

Pike County HCE members send out a big "Thank You" for the awesome State Conference held in Decatur, IL this past month. Great job committee!! The "Share Shops" were so much fun. Meeting statewide members of IAHCE was an incredible experience.

We are preparing for our upcoming "Annual Meeting" dinner to be held at the Farm Bureau Building in Pittsfield, IL on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. We will stay close to the theme of Circus Extravaganza.

Our members have made great strides with collecting pull tabs and recording volunteer hours. We will continue to reach for the stars achieving many goals aimed for women of strength and courage through HCE.

Pike County HCE will sponsor a "Spring Tea" for it's members and guests of the community on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This tea will be held at the Pike County Farm Bureau in Pittsfield, IL. The "Spring Tea" will be served 4 – 6pm. This years event will have a special treat with displays of our local quilting units priceless (made with love) quilts.

Our sister counties in District 4 have also been invited to this event as we are extending a warm welcome to foster working together as IAHCE restructures our beautiful state of Illinois.

God loves a generous heart. I am very proud of Pike County HCE members and their willingness to volunteer and help throughout the community.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank

Mary Eustace  
Public Relations



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## SANGAMON.....

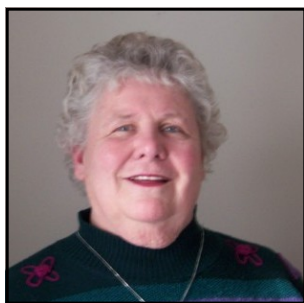
We had to cancel most of our activities and meetings in January due to the snow and winter weather. On February 18th, we had our Cultural Enrichment Day. The entries were judged that day and the winners went on to the State Conference.

We had a program by a volunteer of the National Surveying Museum that has opened in downtown Springfield. If you get a chance, stop in to see it, they have many interesting displays.

March 3rd was our Membership Tea. This honored the members of our County Organization. We have three charter members and six members that have 50 years, and over, in HCE. We had another interesting speaker from the Audubon Society. She told how they banded birds and about the Jane Addams Wildlife Sanctuary. It was very informative.

We had 8 members that attended the State Conference in Decatur. We are so proud of Joyce Copp for her winning quilt. Congratulations! We all came back with information we learned in the classes we took. The entertainment was good. We will host a Tea for the ACWW Treasurer from Scotland in late March.

Thelma Harms  
President



### Retiring - District 5 Jane Wood

It has been a wonderful three years serving as District V Director. I have learned a lot and met many wonderful people. Thank you each for

welcoming me to your counties. You hold a special place in my heart as I reminisce about the past three years. Each year I will look forward to Annual Conference so I can see you again.

It is with sadness that I leave this position but I leave knowing Nancy Rammers will be a great District Director.

Enjoy a year of "Amazing Happenings at your Circus Extravaganzas".

Hope we can keep in touch - Jane Wood



## District 5 Nancy Remmers

Hello Ladies,

My name is Nancy Remmers. As Jane Wood mentioned in the last issue, I am your new District V Director.

I am married to my husband John. We live on a farm and farm around 1500 acres. I mean John farms, not me. We have three children - Robert, Candace and Dee Jay. Robert has a daughter Alexis who is 14, Candace has a son Lucas who is 3 and Dee Jay has Hunter who is 9, Maykayla is 7, Corey is 4, Blake is 3 and Kristen who is 2. Lucas and Blake are just two days apart.

I mentioned at IAHCE Conference that I would like to work on membership. Would each of my counties please send me ideas as to how they have gotten new members? I will put that together and give it to you at the Workshop in August.

As soon as you have elected and installed your new officers, would you please send your officer sheet to the President, Secretary and to me. Enclose on that form your name, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address, if you have one. I know we are starting to send things by e-mail instead of snail mail.

I am free to come to your county any time you need me - to install your officers or if you just need help with something. Please feel free to call me at 217-669-2178 or my e-mail, as of right now, is [nancyremmers@netzero.com](mailto:nancyremmers@netzero.com). I will be glad to help however I can.

*Nancy Remmers*



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### CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County Home and Community Education is having a very eventful year. We had 113 join us for our International Luncheon on Monday, February 21, 2011. Although the weather was inclement outside, this did not keep the smiling faces inside from enjoying the food, visiting and enjoying the guest speakers. We had a potluck with many dishes from Israel for us to taste. Our speakers, Wayne and Carol King, from Fisher, told of their 39 years as missionaries in Israel. They raised their family there and are continuing in missionary work in this country. What a fantastic experience! The Girl Scouts of troop #2222 in Urbana gave a special flag ceremony. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowships. Marge Probasco, International Chairman, did a wonderful job organizing this event.

This was my first year to attend State Conference, and what a year! Champaign County received the award for County of the Year as well as the Great American Family of the Year. What a great surprise! All had a great time. I am proud to be a member of HCE.

Dorothy Rogers, our Special Activities Chairman, planned another successful bus trip to Effingham for dinner at Niemerg's Restaurant and the "Celtic Fire" Irish dancers at the E.P.C. Theatre. All had a great time. The trip was on Thursday, March 24th.

Elizabeth Michael, Community Outreach Chairman, said our next sewing day will be on Wednesday, March 30th from 9am-3pm at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. We will be working on weighted blankets for the Autistic. April 7th from 10am-4pm will be our date fore April, also the F.B.A. We keep busy with weighted blankets, Linus blankets and neck coolers.

We are planning our Annual meeting and luncheon and installation of new officers on Monday, April 25th at the Savoy Methodist Church. We will be working with the circus theme. Registration will be at 10am. The meeting will be at 10:30am and lunch at 12 noon. The Methodist Church ladies will be preparing lunch. Our entertainment, Daisy the Clown, from St. Joseph, will be at 1pm. We are looking forward to a "Circus Extravaganza". We will be drawing the lucky ticket for the winner of our fundraiser quilt raffle.

Sue Christensen  
Public Relations

### CHRISTIAN.....

Christian County HCEA held their annual membership meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010. Forty-two members gathered at 10:00am in the auditorium of the University of Illinois Extension Office.

The program was "Focus Our Faith" by Dava Boston. Mrs. Boston presented a chalk talk for our enjoyment. She draws with chalk while playing inspirational music. When finished, the picture is backlit and the face of Christ appears.

King Unit won the attendance award with 8 of 16 members present. They will receive a cake as refreshments for one of their meetings. We collected \$54.33 for Pennies for Friendship.

On February 8, 2011, twenty members of HCE extensions from Christian, Macoupin and Jersey counties met at the Maverick restaurant in Litchfield for a multi county meeting.

Roberta Gorden, President of Christian County HCEA Board, arranged the meeting. It was an informal get-together to meet our counter parts in the other counties to discuss our programs, problems and brainstorm ways we can work together.

Denise Kistner has been named the Director of these counties plus Montgomery County, which does not have an HCE at this time. More meetings will be planned. Each county has agreed to host a meeting. Attending from our board of directors was President Roberta Gorden; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Jane Hurelbrink; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Dixie Vincent; Treasurer, Berniece Larimore; Public Information Director, Georgette Merrifield; International Director, Bonnie Lawson; and Secretary, Debi Kiefer.

Christian County HCEA held it's 75th Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 in the University of Illinois Extension Office Auditorium. The theme was 'Diamond Jubilee – 75 Years and Still Going Strong'.

Fifty members and five guests attended this celebration meeting of 75 years of Home Extension in Christian County. In 1936, 345 homemakers expressed a desire for a countywide home economics program. And, on July 10, 1936 this

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became a reality.

IAHCEA State President, Marilyn Daughhete and District 5 Director, Jane Wood were two of the guests. We had four women present who were related to charter members.

King Unit conducted installation of officers and Edinburg Nite Unit gave a Memorial Service.

Members of the Christian County HCEA attended the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Decatur, IL on March 22-24. Berniece Larimore and Georgette Merrifield were voting delegates.

Attending from Christian County HCEA was Patti Sloman, Roberta Gorden, Jeanne Lee, Janet Hurlbrink, Berneice Larimore, Darlene Wilson, Ann Bandy, Debbie Kiefer and Georgette Merrifield.

Jeanne Lee and Georgette Merrifield attended the luncheon for Alison Burnett held in Heyworth, IL on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

We will hold our annual Table Setting Luncheon and Plant Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 – 2:00.

Georgette Merrifield  
Public Information

## CLARK.....

We, the Clark County HCE ladies, have worked hard to complete several programs and projects to start the year. On March 27, we held an afternoon open house discussion for Alison Burnett, the representative from Scotland. We had representatives from Edgar and Clark counties present. Many questions were asked and a better understanding of Alison's country was received.

April 7 was the County-Wide Spring HCE Day held at the Clark County Extension office. Our meeting elected new officers for 2011-2012. Our program was that each unit did one part of the circus history, foods, acts, clowns and animals. During the day, we presented the program and everyone enjoyed the results. Also, we had a very large Cultural Arts display. About sixty projects were displayed and the top one received recognition. Our foods for the noon meal were hot dogs, chips, ice cream bars and plenty of popcorn and peanuts. Yes, we went all out

for the circus.

We have started work on some projects for the Community Outreach and Family Issues. These will be worked on individually and with a work day scheduled for later at the Extension office. Our individual units have started collecting "Pennies for Friendship" and our own community projects kitty. Each year we have increased what has been collected the year before. We all recognize the needs of the community and the world and work toward that goal.

We are working to add new members and try new ideas for lessons. Individual ladies have written lessons that are used if the other titles do not fit our needs. These have been shared with other counties. As you can see, we are working and hope to continue for some time.

Deloris Maurer  
Public Relations

## De WITT.....

March was a busy month for DeWitt County. Seven of our officers attended Annual Conference. We were impressed with the creativity shown in the circus quilts and the circus centerpieces. We learned lots of new things and got ideas for use in DeWitt County.



Left to Right (seated) are: Judie Knoth, Lucretia Crawford, Rosalie Summers  
Linda Long, Alice Grooms, Rozanne Karr, and Sharon Ryan. Not shown -  
Ruth Peeverly

Three of our members went to Heyworth Christian Church for District 5 reception hosted by McLean HCE for Allison Burnett who is the ACWW treasurer from Scotland. We were treated to authentic Scottish entrees, a bagpipe performance and a talk by Allison on the charitable aspects of ACWW. It was all very well done.

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On March 29th, we held our county-wide International Day on Israel. Sharon Ryan organized it. We even played a game with Dradels and pennies which were later donated along with other monies to the "Pennies for Friendship" fund. Sharon encouraged us to increase the amount of our donations to this fund and reminded us of the good work that is done through its' auspices.

The unit members and board members cooked various Israeli dishes which were enjoyed by all. Norma Nichols gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of Israel and showed pictures from her personal travel to Israel. There was also a showing after lunch of a DVD about the Holy Land with many pictures of the people and the land.

Rosalie Summers  
Public Relations

### EDGAR.....

Edgar County HCE has been very busy since the last IAHC Newsletter. We have collected school supplies for all schools in Edgar County to help start the second semester with a new supply of school necessities, since they are running low by this time of year.



In January, pop tabs were collected and the money donated to the Paris Community Hospital to support the cancer wing since we are committed to helping ovarian cancer patients.

In February, we hosted a membership event by holding a workshop titled "Death by Chocolate". A state officer, Sandra Bechtold, presented the major lesson on chocolate, a nearby candy store owner shared her story on starting a business and talking a little about her chocolates, and chili (with yes, chocolate in it) was served along with a variety of chocolate desserts. Everyone went home with recipes and a full stomach.

In March, several officers were able to attend state conference where they made new friends, shared ideas, and enjoyed fellowship from all over the state. Also, the first combined training was held between Edgar, Clark and Crawford counties, our new Extension friends. It appears that we all look forward to helping one another and expanding our circle of HCE friendships.

April will be our Annual Meeting with the entertainment being an illusionist and the place decorated with the state theme, a circus. We'll be reorganizing in May and ready to prepare and serve food at the 4-H fair, and assist the 4-H clubs with their BBQ this summer.

Carol Halloran  
Public Relations

### MACON.....

We have had a busy few months in our county. We furnish meals for the six meetings of the Master Gardener Training lessons held at the U of I Extension office during February and March followed by a bake sale and another lunch served on Saturday after the State Conference. These events are to supply money for our scholarships that are awarded to deserving students. We have several exciting lessons scheduled in the next few months.

We had a large group of our ladies attend the State Conference held in Decatur. We were pleased with the awards that were presented to us and that, we may not have been the top in the County of the Year, we were second. All the ladies worked hard to compile that many points; we will have to work just a little harder this coming year for that top award. We hope that you all enjoyed the conference held here in our town!

Our Tri-County HCE group, DeWitt, Macon and Piatt will be meeting in April to discuss how to join in some areas of interest such as International Day and exchange ideas for upcoming lesson, etc.

Our upcoming Annual Spring Meeting will feature a circus atmosphere with a speaker on NASA, which may not be of a circus theme but will be very interesting. Something for us to look forward to.

Macon County lost a good friend and member, Nancy Muirheid, our Public Relations board member in February. We will truly miss Nancy.

Sharon Middleton



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### Mc LEAN.....

McLean County HCE continues to bring interesting lessons and special programs and activities in 2011. We are pleased with the Telnet lessons coming from U of I and shared with other counties. They have been presented well and have helped lesson-givers in the Units give correct and informative facts through visual aids.

The Cultural Enrichment workshops each month have been varied and interesting. January had a class on "Decoupage", February sewing class made "Casserole Carriers", March was on "Genealogy", April on "Interior Decorating" at Interiors by The Cottage, and May's workshop is "Flower Gardening".

In February, we had a Membership Tea Party on a Saturday afternoon and members invited guests to share special teas in lovely china cups along with yummy homemade cookies. The program given by Charlotte Talkington, part-time Program Coordinator, was "A Lifelong Affair with an International Singer". The intriguing title made us anxious to hear her. It was a wonderful surprise when she started talking about the Singer Sewing Machine. She gave us the history and told about her mother and her machine and that she made all of Charlotte's clothes and Charlotte's love of sewing and some of the dresses she made in high school and college.



Nineteen women from the county attended part or all of the Annual Conference in Decatur. They enjoyed the many workshops they chose to attend, the Cultural Enrichment projects, the Silent Auction, the meals, Elsie Mies Banquet and hearing Alison Burnett of Scotland and Treasurer of ACWW share about ACWW and Scotland.

On Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> McLean County hosted the International Program on Scotland for District 5. Jane Wood, outgoing Director of District 5, arranged the program at Heyworth Christian Church. Alison Burnett who spoke at the Annual Conference was able to be with us and share more about Scotland as well at ACWW. The program started with 15 year old Piers Hunter entertaining us by playing the Bagpipe. Piers was very

accomplished on the bagpipe and we marveled at his endurance. Lunch was sampling a good variety of Scottish foods prepared by members. These recipes will be made available to members to share with others.

Our county has started "HCE Stars". Units select women from their unit to be a "Star". A short article is written about the woman with a few words about family history and how they know about HCE. Most will say a friend invited them, but they became members because they were learning important lessons and information and making new friends. It is important to them to be part of HCE even though they are involved in other organizations. A picture is included with the article. We displayed these at our Membership Tea Party and include them in our County Extension Newsletter and plan to display them at the County Fair to encourage the desire to be an HCE member.

Sheila Wells  
Public Relations

### PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION.....

Time for an update from activities in Moultrie-Douglas Counties. As most of you know, this has been quite a winter and one hopes you were all prepared to remain safe and healthy. It is hoped you have current material for meeting many disasters that can occur and if you don't, you should check with your local health department.

One bit of advise, when storm warnings appear, go into action. Most important, have your purse with you with current identification and meds, other information, who to contact, etc.

Now for update on events in Moultrie-Douglas, Fun Day was a success with a speaker speaking on Quilts, which is always a hit. The quilt program in the schools had a sneak preview and I noted creative designs and a wide range of colors. There were 16 quilts completed, with the average cost per quilt being \$15.00. So with tickets to be sold in the near future, area schools should be able to have money for many projects. Again, special thanks to some very special ladies who spent many hours working on the quilts.

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## Prairie Assoc. Con't

Five items are going to the State Conference for judging and, as usual, they are beautiful. I'm enclosing some pictures from the Fun Day. It is always great for individuals to gather.



Again, Moultrie-Douglas is conducting the Flower Power Fundraiser and one glance at the catalog, allows one to wish for more space.



With this closing, today this will be my last contribution as my role is changing to 'director at large'.

Winona Saathoff  
Public Relations

another officer on your county board. That will help when I have urgent messages and it will save us postage costs.

I started visiting counties again. This is my last year as District 6 Director. I am allowed mileage for each county, one visit per year. I have set up most of the county visits but if you need me for another event, please let me know. I am always happy to visit you!

We just had our Alison Burnett Brunch today (April 1) in Effingham. It was attended by 57 members and guests. Thanks to Effingham County members for helping me with this event and thanks to all who brought goodies. Alison has enjoyed her visit and we certainly enjoyed her. Don't forget to keep saving your pennies or the "quiet" money for ACWW. It is well-used and much-needed.

I urge you to keep better track of your CVH this year. Only part of the counties are reporting. I would love to see District 6 have the most reported hours, because I know you all do so much for your areas!

Let me know of any special events that come up in your county—I will e-mail the District and spread the word. Have a great spring and summer!

*Debbie Berries*

## BOND.....

In October a Breast Cancer Awareness "In the Pink" program was held jointly with the Greenville Regional Hospital. Several ladies who have had cancer spoke with works of encouragement about their experiences.

November had members busily stitching Christmas stockings for "Operation Santa Stockings" being sent to the soldiers. We work together with the Dudleyville 4-H Club—almost 100 stockings were sent from our county along with the boxes for "Troops in Harm's Way".

Thanksgiving floral pieces were made and exhibited at the extension office. They also learned about types of flowers to be used during the other seasons as well.

During December our HEA Board had a lovely



## District 6 Debbie Borries

I just got home from the Annual Conference and had a great time seeing all of you there. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's annual conference

a big success. I was in charge of the Silent Auction and I know it was a big success due to the great workers I had, especially my co-chair, Jane Chapman. We had such wonderful items from each county and I would like to thank all the counties who donated items. We made approximately \$2900 from 259 items! Thank you, thank you!

I have sent out informational letters to the Presidents, First Vice and Second Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Public Relations Directors of each county. If you did not get these letters, please contact me. Also, **please be sure** to e-mail me with a home e-mail for at least the President and/or

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Christmas luncheon with office staff as our guests.

“ISRAEL” International Potluck luncheon on January 18 was a huge success at the St. Lawrence Catholic church-Posch Building. Watson Tidball of Greenville, IL, showed slides from his 13 trips to Israel from 1972 thru 1987. The hall was decorated with the blue colors and flags of Israel. Foods from Israel were featured on the luncheon menu. Israel is a popular tourist attraction due to its religious significance.

February 7th American Red Cross Blood Drive was hosted by Bond County members at the registration table and providing snacks. This is Bond County’s way of “Giving the Gift of Life”. A goal of 25 pints was exceeded - 31 pints were collected.

Bond County members are busy sewing dresses for African children using three different styles and sizes. There is a great need. Maybe your units could help also.

Shirley Volentine  
Public Relations

## EFFINGHAM.....

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show was held at the Effingham County Extension Center on the national day of quilting, Saturday, March 19. The public was invited to enter quilts in the show. Monetary awards were given for PEOPLE’S CHOICE and BEST OF SHOW. Ribbons were awarded to the other winners. The show was open to the public with a \$2 entry fee or \$6 for the show and a soup and sandwich lunch.

Nancy Hoene, Second Vice President, created a clever display using the circus theme to promote membership during the quilt show.



A total of eight members attended the IAHCCE Circus Extravaganza in Decatur. We enjoyed the share shops and the opportunity to share ideas with members from other counties.

Linda White  
Public Relations Director

## FAYETTE.....

The area’s inclement weather and hazardous conditions curtailed much of Fayette County HCE activity during the latter part of December, the month of January and much of February.

The Fayette County HCE Board met for our traditional Christmas Party with ten members and four guests present. Guests were Jo Stine, Debbie Bole of the Vandalia Home Extension office and Rachelle Hollingshead, County Extension Director and Pat Farris, Director of the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center of Vandalia which is the recipient of the club’s annual “baby shower” donations. The recent shower garnered a sizable collection of various, beneficial, items for the recipients. The Board also makes a monetary Christmas donation to the Center yearly in lieu of a gift exchange.

Fayette County HCE is still making and sending “Little Dresses for Africa”, but are now designated for children in need in other areas of the world. Recently, approximately 40 dresses and 20 pairs of little boy’s shorts have been sent. Fifty-two teddy bears have been made and donated to the local hospital emergency room. Upon deliver, the E.R. nurse received them with enthusiasm, and stated the children love them and now ask for them. Several items have been collected and given to a nursing home, as well as children’s books and magazines donated to the local health facilities. All of these continue to be ongoing projects, as well as the “Pennies for Friendship”, “Boxtops for Education”, aluminum tabs and the local food pantry replenishment.

The death of charter member, Helen Shelton, was reported bringing the recent club losses to three, including Ruby Thompson and Jean Frieders.

Fayette County is relieved the worst of winter is over and is now busy planning and anticipating the upcoming brunch at the Extension Office in Effingham in honor of ACWW’s treasurer, Alison Burnett. Also, FCHCE is planning the annual “Get Acquainted Day”.



Panzi Blackwell  
Public Relations

Fayette County Board Members

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## ST. CLAIR.....

Our Board members just returned with news from Conference. They were pleased with the presentations and the information they were able to bring to us.

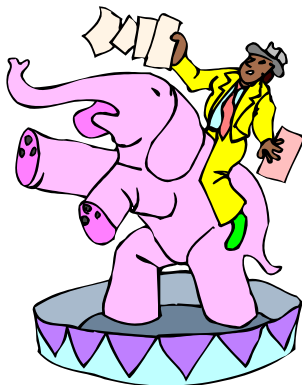
We know there are many changes to be made in the State and County funding and the manner in which we receive lessons and news from the U of I Educators. We are in an electronic age and must conform. Many of our members are older and do not have computers, we will work around that as best we can. We know it is certainly less expensive than regular mailings and sending an educator to give the lessons.

We have had a busy year. Our projects were turned in at conference and we did receive an award. "Little Dresses for Africa" and "Britches for Boys" were our latest projects. We continue to make quilts and stuffed bears and kittens for the children's hospital. We also have a member who has made over 8000 bookmarks for the area Libraries. We regularly gather supplies for the troops.

We just hosted a membership luncheon March 29<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful speaker who is a nurse. She enlightened us on ovarian cancer. This is a subject close to me as I just lost my niece from this terrible disease. She was 58, and otherwise healthy. It was too far advanced before she had warning signs. Please, all of you ladies getting a blood test from your doctors can aid in early detection.

We are all looking forward to a busy summer; we do not take the summer off. We will continue with county and community projects.

June Wagner  
Public Relations



## District 7

**Barb Spencer**



Wasn't the Annual Conference awesome? Didn't you love the color and excitement. Thanks to Sharon and Treasa and all the rest of the Board who worked so hard to make it all happen. I actually got to go to some of the share shops this year. All of the entries in the Best of Show were great. I was really proud to hear so many District 7 counties getting awards, from one end of the district to the other. Thanks for selecting me as your District Director.

I look forward to visiting your counties. For those who don't know me, my husband Gail and I live on the home farm in rural Mulkeytown. We are both sort of retired as I now have a Quilt Shop and he runs errands for me. We keep busy going to baseball, softball, basketball and dance competitions. for our grandchildren. My phone number is on the letterhead, but I can be reached during the day time at 618-724-2817.

*Barbara Spencer*

## FRANKLIN.....

We are more than ready for spring. We left for conference with 80 degree weather and returned to snow. The early spring flowers and fruit trees are blooming and their appearance is most welcome.

Like other counties, we stayed busy up and through the end of the year. In September, we held the annual Family Issues Update with State Trooper Dave Sneed giving us lessons on self defense and how to recognize meth ingredients. We heard about how the towns in Southern IL. got their names and why some of them have disappeared. A third gentleman told us the history of bagpipes and played melodies for us.

The first Saturday in November was our annual Christmas Ideas and Health Fair. We always see upwards of 700 people visiting the craft booths, joining the cake walk, tasting the samples at Taster's Table, have lunch, shop at the Country Store, as well as having blood workup and flu shots. We had excellent entertainment with our own trooper Dave Sneed playing and singing to us. Don Faulkner played a lot of easy listening music and Christmas



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Carols. Then we had dancing and tumbling by the students of Taps and Toes Dance Academy, and mustn't forget the Clauses. We collected many items for the Veteran's Home, Hopes' Corner, Ministerial Alliance and the Woman's Center

Before Christmas, stockings were made and filled with toiletries, money cards, and other small gifts for the 59 residents of the Veteran's Home. Stockings were also made and delivered to the residents of Hopes Corner. Money donations from the Board and units were also given to Hope's Corner so they could enjoy movies, bowling, and pizza parties.

In February, we held the annual Valentine Membership Luncheon. Board members made 9 different kinds of soup and unit members brought sandwiches, cookies, and salads. An area minister spoke to the group and showed slides from his trip to Cuba and those attending were able to see the side of Cuba never shown on television. One of the unit members entertained with her monologue - A phone call from God.

Three of our Board members attended a get acquainted lunch with Allison Burnett at the Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. She is a very delightful person to know and we enjoyed having her with us.

Five members of our board attended the Annual Conference in Decatur. We were very proud that our Linus Blanket won first place in its category. We received other awards for our reports. When we got home, we started finalizing plans for our annual Lawn, Garden and Home Show.

So far this year, we've had three Lessons for Living. The first being the history of "Jello" taught by Margaret Duncan, "Frozen Bread" and its uses taught by Barbara Spencer and "Hanging Gardens" taught by Mark Lamczyk of the Extension Service.

We see busy days ahead of us for this summer.



Co-Chairs  
Margaret Duncan  
Barbara Spencer

### HAMILTON.....

Hamilton County HEA is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We are 155 members strong and growing. This spring we have a series of events planned. In March, we joined with others in our district to welcome Allison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer, to Illinois. Our March, our bus trip to Celtic Fire was just fabulous. Tillie Miller, Cultural Arts and Special Activities chairman, really knows how to make traveling pleasurable. Kay Mayberry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, has arranged programs that are both educational and enjoyable. Our lesson *One Room Schools in Hamilton County* was a great success with 44 attending. Some went to one room schools and others taught in one room schools. All participants enjoyed sharing memories about the good old "school days". We will be having "hands on" training, *Hand and Nail Care*, for our last lesson of this program year.

Special events to come this spring include a Quilt Show featuring 100 quilts along with a fabric stash sale to benefit the Crisis Closet in our county. Our BIG special event will be our Annual Meeting with a grand celebration of our 50 years. Some members plan on attending dressed as we did in the past with party dresses, white gloves, hats, and fancy little serving aprons. Phyllis Parr, President, will preside over the business meeting and Barbara Spencer will install our officers. A catered dinner will be served. HEA members, Karen Rapp and Lucille Auten, have prepared a slide show and a written history commemorating our 50 years as an organization. Charter members and past presidents will be recognized. Members are encouraged to come and share in the remembrances of 50 great years.

Our final event of this year will be a picnic with a circus theme. The members who attended the IAHCE state conference will help raise the "Big Top" on this fun filled event. I am sure there will be plenty of clowning around! We encourage our members to bring friends and relatives to all our events and activities to see how much fun HEA can be.



## DISTRICT NEWS

### JACKSON.....

The Jackson County HEA ladies have been very busy this quarter. The Button's and Bows Unit completed a Linus blanket for the competition at the Annual Conference in Decatur. Three Board members attended the Annual IACHE Conference in Decatur. Becky McIntosh HEA President, Jane McLaughlin, HEA Treasurer and Jean Conrod Newsletter Editor.

Jackson County has enjoyed several lessons this past three months; Cooking from the Cabinet with the Aid of Crock Pots, Square Foot Gardening, Hanging Container Baskets, and of course the International Lesson on Israel in February. Our Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on 4/19/11.

Several of our Board and HEA members met Alison Burnett (ACWW Treasurer from Scotland) during a program to honor Mrs. Burnett at the Mt. Vernon Extension Center. A meal and program was shared by all. This was a great opportunity; as we will study Scotland for our international lesson this year!

Jean Conrad  
Public Relations

### JEFFERSON.....

New Year New Start! With the January meeting of our Book Club, we changed the meeting time from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. which seems to meet most of our lives better. We conduct our Book Club different than most. We no longer all read the same book, instead we all pick a different book then at the next meeting we report on that book. If someone else has an interest in that book, we swap books. This has helped cut the expense of purchasing books not to mention the fact that since we no longer have a local bookstore the ease of getting multiple copies of the same book. In January we also filled out our State reports, but then we all know what that is like. Our Lesson for the month was the hand-out "How to Cook From Your Cabinet" (and Refrigerator/Freezer) complete with substitution guide.

Some of our Ladies are putting their sewing talents to work by making pinafores to be worn by children this summer at the Jefferson County Historical Village where they will be depicting a day in the life of a school child during pioneer times.

Field Unit reported walking a total of 689 miles with

Kelly Deichman walking 259 of those miles and loosing over 80 pounds.

In February, as in previous years, we donated money to help cover the cost of fruit and water for eighth grade students that attend the Annual SCOFY (Sessions Chosen Only for Youth) Break held at Rend Lake College and planned by Dan Spangler of the Jefferson County, University of Illinois Extension Office.

March is always a very busy month, as I'm sure it is in most counties. Conference! And what a great one it was.

We are selling flowers and baskets of ferns or flowers as a fund raiser. The flowers and baskets are grown by the Wayne City High School Horticultural Class – they earn money and experience and we earn money, as well as supply Jefferson County residents with a wonderful outlet for quality plants.

In March a lesson was given on "Stocks & Bonds" telling us which form of investing is safest. We were advised that we needed to know if we are in it for the long term or the short term. We were also told that the last decade of investing has been the worst since the depression in the late 1920's. The Friday before going to Conference, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson County hosted a luncheon, along with all other Southern Illinois Counties welcoming Alison Burnett the ACWW Treasurer, serving foods related to different counties. Our Spring Advisory Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> with a light meal.

The Lesson to be given in April was given by the Jefferson County Master Gardeners on planting to attract Butterflies. The flowers and baskets we sold in March will be available for pick up at a Flea Market in April. The Flea Market is another fund raiser that makes a little money for the county and allows the Units to make money and gives us an added time to get the Units all together in a very informal setting and enjoy fellowship together (not to mention it helps get some of the clutter out of the house). We are making plans for our Annual Meeting and election of Officers on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lesson to be taken in April has been postponed to early May at which time we will take our first 'tele-net' lesson. (I'll tell you more about it in my next writing.)

Have a great spring – it only comes once a year.

Marge Wilcox  
Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## PERRY.....

Since the last newsletter article, the Perry County members sent Christmas cards and Valentine cards with quarters in them to the Anna Veterans Home for our retired military personnel. The Little African dresses were mailed. Quilters were busy on the raffle quilt of the year to help raise scholarship money for two recipients studying in agriculture or consumer science as the major college courses.

The after school tutoring program is going especially well. Two groups have formed - Pinckneyville and Du Quoin students are being helped by this study program and their grades are climbing. Soda tabs were turned in to the Ronald McDonald house in St. Louis. A cultural day was planned and carried out on March 16 with sixteen people painting a barn scene in acrylics. Pennies for Friendship were turned in. April will be the annual Passport Party featuring Israel as the Country of Study. 4-Hers present their views on Arizona at the same event. Our annual meeting will be the last of April with new officers installed. Future plans include a bus trip to Arcola on June 7.

The main focus during the early part of the year was helping out the Pregnancy Matters Center in Pinckneyville. Donations of diapers, bottles, and covers plus



other baby items donated. The Perry County HCE Board visited the facility.

Carolyn Bathon  
Public Relations

## POPE/HARDIN.....

During January and February, the Pope-Hardin County Home Extension ladies donated new, warm socks to be distributed by local RSVP Representatives to residents of local Senior Care and Developmental Disabilities centers within our two counties. In addition to the "Warm A Heart with a New Pair of Socks" program, the Pope-Hardin County ladies also donated valentines to be

distributed to our local nursing homes. Some of the ladies participating in the donation programs were as follows: (pictured left to right) Helen Gallamore, Mitzi Bray, Ramona Martin, Donna Mathis, Joyce Cloninger and Norma Oetjen.



Seated (L-R) Pope-Hardin County Homemakers Mitzi Bray, Ramona Martin, and Donna Mathis Standing(L-R) are Joyce Aly,

Joy Roy, 4-H Community Worker Lindsey Robinson, Helen Gallamore, Joyce Cloninger, Norma Oetjen, and Joanne Martin.

The Pope-Hardin County Homemakers recently presented Lindsey Robinson, 4-H Community Worker in Pope-Hardin Counties, with a check to help the 4-Hers with projects such as supplementing 4-H premiums and other activities that directly benefit youth enrolled in our local 4-H programs.

Joanne Martin  
Public Relations

## RANDOLPH.....

Greetings from "Randolph County -- Where Illinois Began." If you haven't been here, come and visit. With the contest of collecting can tabs, one of our board members went to St. Louis to see the Ronald McDonald House and deliver the tabs. We also ran a story in our monthly newsletter about a family from our county who stayed there when their little girl was hospitalized for several months at Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

In March a "Have Some Fun, See It Done" event was held. The speakers included Master Gardeners on Square Foot Gardening and presentations on recycling and composting in the garden. An area was set up to demonstrate Whack and Stack Quilts,

## DISTRICT NEWS

Randolph, con't

Iris Folding, Card Making, Basket Liners, Duct Tape Flowers, Setting a Proper Table, Napkin Folding, Casserole Covers, Magnetic Book Marks and Hemming Jeans Keeping the Original Hem. It was open to the public, and there was a good turnout.

Four of the board members attended the IAHCCE Conference in Decatur. They brought back new ideas for the local units. Two board members went to a luncheon where they met Alison Burnet from Scotland who is from the next international country. The annual meeting was held April 28, and the speaker was someone who had traveled to Israel. An ingathering was held for the Wounded Warriors program.

In the picture are County President Janel Kassing showing Iris Folding to Edith Huddleston and Bernice Winkelman who attended the "Have Some Fun, See It Done" event.

Jane Lucht  
Public Relations



Binder Activity. We collected 8.9 lbs of aluminum soda can tabs.

Our members attended a luncheon honoring Mrs. Alison Burnett from the Country of Scotland at the Don Lee Extension Office in Mt. Vernon, IL on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Foods representing each county were served as Washington County brought apple salad and pulled pork with barbeque sauce from "The Maschhoffs". Ann Schnitker, Bernice Engelmann, Adeline Blumhorst, Marietta Dahncke, Sue Mueller and Winona Huckshold attended the luncheon and relayed information of their county.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual County meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Okawville American Legion Hall. There will be a dinner, business meeting, silent auction and installation of officers following the Circus theme.

Members meet each month at the Methodist Church in Nashville, IL to make blankets for Project Linus. The Annual Relay for Life cancer program will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Nashville Grade School and our members will help with the Cake Wheel Raffle Stand.

Adeline Blumhorst  
Public Relations

### WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members have been busy this year. Members and friends quilted a quilt for the quilt raffle held in November at our annual Christmas Special program.

Four members attended the IAHCCE State Conference at the Decatur Conference Center Hotel, Decatur, IL on March 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The theme was "Inviting you to Amazing Happening at our Circus Extravaganza". Our members carried the circus theme out with their centerpiece and basket for the silent auction.



Ann Schnitker and Adeline Blumhorst were the delegates and also attending were Bernice Engelmann and Shirley Hagene. Our county was awarded for CVH hours and Christmas Special

### Wayne.....

Circus quilts from counties in the State of Illinois competed for top recognition at the State IAHCCE Conference (Illinois Association for Home and Community Education) located in Decatur on March 22-24, 2011. There were 56 quilts entered in the areas of embroidery, pieced appliqué and others. The Best of Show was awarded to Sharon Helm of Madison County. The first runner up in pieced, no appliqué division went to Wayne County made by Mary Lou Simmons. This quilt was made from circus theme material and blenders purchased from "Your Quilting Stash" near Johnsonville and the Farmers Store in Fairfield. It was machine quilted by Cheryl Matthews, owner of "Your Quilting Stash" from Johnsonville.



# DISTRICT NEWS

Other achievements for Wayne County were a \$50 International stipend awarded to Shirley Byars, Wayne County International Director, for the program in October, 2010 on Israel and certificate award in Cultural Enrichment in area of Clothing and Textiles from District 7 consisting of 21 counties awarded to Mary Lou Simmons, Wayne County Cultural Enrichment Director.

Others attending the Conference were Pat Vaughn, President; Marie Rutger, June Auvil, Rusti Grogan and Rosalee Pearce. All attended several workshops, luncheons, banquets and listened to several informative speakers.



Rusti Grogan  
Public Relations

At this point it must seem like all we do is eat, so here are a couple more Luncheons. The Do More Unit, made up of ladies from the Virden and Girard area and one member from Springfield traveled to Historic Petersburg on the first Thursday in August to enjoy the scenery and have lunch at The Oaks on Seventh for their vacation month. Then on December 2, 2010 they held their annual Christmas luncheon at Showtimes Lanes in Virden. After lunch a little Christmas Trivia was enjoyed.

Donna Greenslade  
Public Relations

Note from the Editor: I apologize to Macoupin County for missing their article and not getting it in the proper location. I will do better next time.

## UPCOMING DATES

### 2011 IAHCE Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3.....August 25  
Dixon, IL Loveland Building
- District 4 & 5 .....August 24  
Washington, IL Crossroad United Methodist Church
- District 6 & 7 .....August 23  
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

### 2012 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 27-29, 2012 at the Effingham Hilton Gardens  
Check the Website for more information as it becomes available.

**NVON** (National Volunteers Outreach Network)  
July 19-21, 2011 - Hotel Sierra, Green Bay, WI

**CWC** - September 22-24, 2011 - Columbus, Ohio  
**ACWW** September 26-October 2, 2013 - Chennai, India.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - July 1, 2011**

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## District 6 - MACOUPIN...



On October 27, 2010 the Past Presidents of the Macoupin County HCE Board met at Magonlia's Restaurant in Carlinville for their annual luncheon

County Board members traveled to Litchfield on December 6, 2010 to enjoy their annual Christmas luncheon. Those attending were Melva Reid, Carol Pollo, Dona Huber, Gloria Wiese, Alice Kulenkamp, Terry Jameson, Donna Little, Norma Lay and Donna Greenslade.

Several Macoupin County HCE Board members joined with Board members from Christian County, Jersey County and Montgomery County for a sharing session, as we will be sharing a director now. We met at Maverick's in Litchfield, enjoyed a nice lunch and were entertained by Terry Jameson modeling some of her items made out of newspaper.

## SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS

### Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, Union Counties 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mini-Convention

The University of Illinois Extension, Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union (AJMPU) Unit HCE held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mini-Convention on November 6, 2010 at the Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois. The purpose of the convention was to provide educational lessons for HCE members and guests. The day began with attendees picking up their registration packets with their Planning Guides, visiting informational booths and talking with fellow HCE members and guests. Flu shots were also available to all those in attendance. Attendees were then welcomed by Unit Extension Director, Jody Johnson. The first group of sessions available for members to attend included: Women's Heart Health; Financial Priorities-What to do with Your Money and When; Arts and Crafts (Make it and take it); Cancer Awareness & Early Symptoms; Save Smart, Spend Smart; Fruits and Vegetables-taste treats; Creative Gift Ideas; Going Green in Every Day Life; and Gardening Topic-Landscaping Tips.

The instructors for the sessions were Extension Unit Director, Food and Nutrition Community Workers, specialists in the areas of instruction, and AJMPU Master Gardeners. HCE members were given an opportunity to visit the booths between sessions and the soup and salad lunch was enjoyed by all. We were honored to have as our Key Note speaker, Joe Richie, former Extension Unit Director. She shared the history of how HCE got started and where we are now.

We were pleased to have Norma Korte, IAHCE Family Issues Director, and several area vendors at the AJMPU HCE Convention. The attendance increased from our first year with several guests and HCE members from other counties attending.

The event was made possible by our sponsors: IAHCE Support Fund, Southern Illinois Healthcare, University of Illinois Extension, Egyptian Chapter #30 O.E.S. and SMART Transportation. A big "Thank you" to them, as well as our planning committee members, the Unit Director and all the Extension Staff for their work in making this day so special.

Submitted by AJMPU Planning Committee  
Members

### 2010 IAHCE SUPPORT FUND

Macon County was granted approval for their grant request for HCE Week of October 13-14, 2010. We did a promotion of "Welcoming in the Community". During the two days, we included all HCE members, the public, and different organizations to join us in some of the projects we do in the county through HCE. Mailings were sent out to invite others to join us.

On Wednesday, October 13, we had Linus Blanket Tying Day where workers, with needles and threads, tied blankets to give to children in crisis through Project Linus. Between 10AM - 2PM members and guests tied 21 blankets.

On Thursday, October 14, Linda Roberts from Best Trips Ever started our day, talking to us about travel tips. Many learned about how to pack, taking care of your passport and getting around in international travel.

Then, Mindy Peterson, Program Coordinator for Extension, showed us how to prepare simple appetizers which we then sampled. She also offered suggestions for entertaining with an appetizer buffet.

The afternoon session was more hands on with Sharon Middleton showing us how to do decorative painting. It was very interesting and challenging to learn to paint on wood. The bear in the hat was just right for Halloween. Many enjoyed learning this new skill.

Karen Halicki



# SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS

## SPECIAL REPORTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you were able to attend the IAHCCE Conference in March, you were able to see four new IAHCCE Board members installed to serve a three year term. As a member of the board, you will have the opportunity to meet HCE members from across the state, and help organize the IAHCCE Conference.

Nominating Committee: Norma Korte, Chair; Kay Brinkley, Sandra Bechtold, Marilyn De Vries, Carolyn Fisher.

The Nominating Committee is seeking the names of candidates who would like to serve a three year term for the following IAHCCE State Board positions:

**PRESIDENT** – Chief executive officer and official spokesman for IAHCCE. This individual must have served on the State Board previously.

**SECRETARY** – Responsible for the minutes of all Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and all other meetings of IAHCCE as requested by the Board of Directors.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR** – Networks with community in areas of citizenship, safety, energy, and the environment.

**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR** – Make plans and incorporates IAHCCE country of study for the county associations.

The Secretary, Community Outreach and International Director must have served on their County Board previously.

It is an honor to represent your county on the State IAHCCE Board. If you are enthusiastic, energetic, and have an interest in one of these positions, please send your application to Norma Korte by October 1, 2011. Send applications (pages 54-55 of Guidebook) to:

Norma Korte, Nominating Committee Chair  
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Send photos to Webmaster, Sharon Middleton, [itole2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itole2@sbcglobal.net)



If you missed the above photo, it was used on the website for the end of March. Whoever brought this "circus" train centerpiece was really clever. All of the centerpieces were.



# ALISON'S TRAVELS

## DISTRICT 2/3

### TEA WITH ALISON

Alison Burnett, Treasurer of **A**ssociated **C**ountry **W**omen of the **W**orld was one of the speakers at the Annual Conference in Decatur. She graciously extended her stay in the U.S. to visit all the districts to talk about her native country (Scotland) and tell about the ACWW and the work they do. On March 28, District 2/3 was privileged to meet with her at the Kane County Extension office in St. Charles. There were about 75 in attendance (74 women and 1 man). There were some who came from Du Page, Kendall, Livingstone and Kankakee Counties in addition to those in Kane County. We had a wonderful visit with Allison. We served tea and coffee along with a plethora of baked goodies.



Alison talked about her country (Scotland, our country of study this year) and answered a great many questions put forth by the audience. She then told about the history of ACWW, started in 1930, and the important programs that they have (which our 'Pennies for Friendship' help support)

- **'Water for All' Fund:** supports water projects to improve health and hygiene.
- **'Women Feed the World' Fund:** supports food production, co-operatives, training and credit savings schemes.

This is just a couple of projects. Check their website [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk), to learn more. As Alison stated at the conference when we collect "Pennies" for friendship, it doesn't just have to be pennies. Any coins or dollars are accepted. Is there any thought to changing the name.

Irene McNamara  
International Director, Kane County

## DISTRICT 4



March 31 thirty five members met at the University of Illinois Extension Office in Springfield to hear Alison Burnett speak about Scotland and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). After everyone one was settled with their delicious cookies and choice of hot drink Alison shared many interesting facts about her homeland. Several of the counties brought a gift representing their county—Riley spices from Pike, Lonzerottis salad dressing from Morgan, and a couple of cookbooks from Sangamon and Adams. These gifts will be sent to Scotland for Alison.

We now have a better understanding of the way our Pennies for Friendship helps the ACWW. Several attendees picked up the individual membership forms taking up the challenge from Alison to get at least one new ACWW member per county. We are looking forward to our year of study about Scotland and the ACWW Walk the World on April 29, 2012.



Peggy Ostermeier



# ALISON'S TRAVELS

## DISTRICT 5

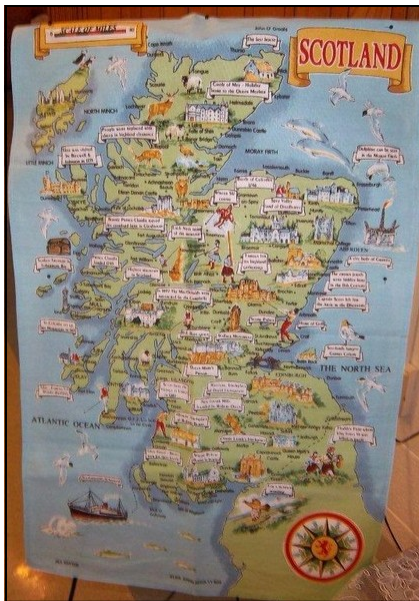
McLean County Association for Home & Community Education hosted an International Program on Scotland for members of the 13 counties in District 5, which is one of the Districts of the Illinois Association for Home & Community Education. The event was Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Heyworth Christian Church. Jane Wood of Heyworth, who has been the Director of District 5 for the past three years and a member of the Heyworth Christian Church made the arrangements along with the McLean County International Committee.



15 Year Old Piers Hunter with bagpipes entertained.

A special treat was sampling food that members prepared from Scottish recipes. There were generous samples of different salads, soups, entrees, and desserts. Copies of these recipes will be available for members.

After the meal, Alison Burnett of Scotland spoke to us. She spoke at the IAHCE Annual Meeting in Decatur, March 22-24 and shared information on The Associated Country Women of the World Organization, of which she is Treasurer. Home & Community Education's International study this year is Scotland. We were pleased that Alison could spend a few more days in the States and be an important part of our study of Scotland as she shared about her country. She also explained how the "Pennies For Friendship" that our organization collects each year helps the Associated Country Women of the World meet the needs of women throughout the world.



Alison gave each District Director a cloth map of Scotland to share with their Districts.

Sheila Wells  
Public Relations

Several counties who could not attend the District 5 meeting with Alison Burnett, met March 27 before she headed north to Kane County. The meeting was in Clark County.



## DISTRICT 1

I had nothing from District 1 of Alison's visit. It may be included in the August issue.

# ALISON'S TRAVELS

## DISTRICT 6

Members of District 6 of Home & Community Education hosted a brunch in honor of Alison Burnett on April 1. The brunch was held at the Effingham County Extension Center in Effingham. Those attending were treated to a presentation about Scotland as well as an explanation about the mission and work done by ACWW.

Egg Casseroles, fruit, and assorted muffins, breads and cookies were served during the social time, giving those attending an opportunity to visit with Alison.



Linda White  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT 7

On Friday March 18th Alison Burnett, Treasurer for ACWW visited District # 7 at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon, IL. Eighty-eight attendees from 14 counties came to visit her.

They honored her with a luncheon representing foods representing their various counties. Such as: Franklin County brought the famous White pie from Burton's Café, Hamilton County had potato casserole representing farming, Jackson County had chicken and noodles as good 'ole Southern food, Jefferson County had sweet corn and watermelon for the festival held there, Johnson County had peach pie from peaches raised in their county, Massac county had a "Super" salad with "krypton" for Superman, Perry County brought coal, Pulaski-Alexander County brought fruit cobblers from the fruit raised in their county, Randolph County had Spinach Salad in honor of Popeye originating there, Saline County had Friendship cake, Washington County had dollar rolls and BBQ representing Mascholp pork producers, Wayne County had pumpkin pies and cool whip from Frey Produce distributors for Wal-Mart, White county had bean dishes representing the farmers, Williamson County had BBQ and rolls from famous restaurant in Goreville.

Everyone told about their county from gangsters to breathtaking scenery to banjo players. Linda Clutts honored us with grace as she played the banjo.

It was a day of sharing and learning from Alison about her country. She also told us about the ACWW and its projects. She told if we could get a water spigot in each village it would help. ACWW is also trying to educate woman in the third world counties. She would like to get 1 million more members world wide. Donating the equivalent of an English pound. We were honored to have her visit our area.



Treasa Brookman  
District 7 Director

# ALISON'S TRAVELS

After visiting with all of the Districts, IAHCE President Marilyn Daughettee took Alison to a few of the sites between Effingham and St. Louis. They visited Illinois famous Tallest Man, Robert Wadlow's birthplace in Alton, Illinois. He stood almost nine feet tall and by the statue, those beside the life-size statue did look small.



Alison then was taken to Cahokia Mounds. I believe that Patricia Wilson, Lee County had her workshop at conference on the Indians of Cahokia Mounds.



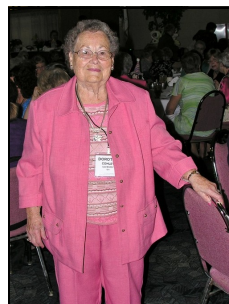
And then on to the one of the famous St. Louis sites, the Arch.

Alison found the weather like Scotland, you never knew when you got up what it was going to be like, warm and sunny or cold and damp. We were glad to make her right at home. We do hope she had a good time. Members and guests of HCE really enjoyed her and will always have a friend in Scotland! Thanks Alison!



## A FEW PHOTOS OF CONFERENCE 2011!

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