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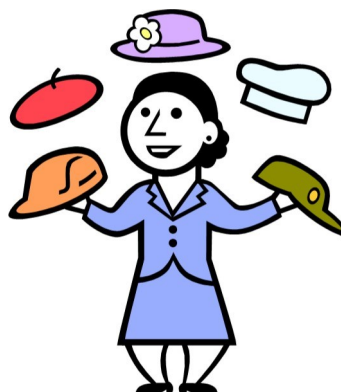
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From the Desk of the President

As I write this, we have just concluded the 89th IAHEC Annual Conference. Thanks to all for attending and helping make this conference such a great success. The conference chairs and board members work hard to provide a great conference. Of course, Elvis being there didn't hurt!



Membership, Membership, Membership. This is what you heard from everyone. It is essential to work towards this so that HCE can continue to educate members to make the lives of their family better. Please remember to ask a friend, a stranger, hairdresser, store cashier, neighbors or someone standing next to you in a line to your next countywide meeting or unit meeting or a lesson. Be ready to tell everyone what HCE (Home and Community Education) is all about.

It is very helpful to you and your board members if the packets you receive at conference are checked as they hold helpful ideas and lessons to help you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact a state board member listed on the inside cover of the state newsletter. This is online at iahec.org if you do not have a subscription.

The NVON conference will be held on July 16-18, 2013 at the Capital Hotel Plaza, Frankfort, KY. Would you like to attend? There are crafts and interesting speakers and share shops. It is a lot of fun. Please let me know if you would like to attend as we can pool rides. Check the NVON website for more details.

I want to let you know that I will be attending the ACWW Triennial Conference in Chennai, India this fall. I will be more than happy to share with you the details of my trip. Please just let me know when you would like for me to come.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at District Workshops in August.

Blessings to you and your family.

Marilyn Daughettez
IAHEC State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st VICE PRESIDENT
Treasa Brookman

Another successful conference has come and passed. So many ideas were shared, so many friendships were renewed and new friends were made.

In the First and Second Vice Presidents' share shops, a new membership survey was passed out. We would like for you to poll your members and get one compiled copy back from each county by July 31st. Then we will get you the results by the August workshops. The survey evaluates our programs, delivery, and much of what we do. If you should need another copy, please contact me and I can e-mail you a copy. I hope it can pinpoint where we can improve our membership and programs.

Jenna Hogan Smith, our liaison with University of Illinois, has obtained permission to add the current package lessons to our web site: www.iahce.org. As she gets permission we will be adding more. So check the website often for lessons, pictures and much more.

Thank you so much for participating in my friend Barbara Fairchild's Teddy Bear Project. She shared \$380 with us to give to The Autism Program (TAP) in Illinois. It was given in IAHCE's name.

In my letter to each 1st Vice President, I gave you a list of the surrounding states, where you may get programs and use. Illinois Extension has no new programs this year. We will poll you again in the fall for submitting in spring of 2014.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at District Workshops.

Treasa Brookman

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Kathryn McNeely



We (not just me or just you, but every one of us) have a very challenging task in recruiting new HCE members and retaining the ones we have. Those at the state meeting heard how we have lost over 8,000 members in the last 10 years. It's true there are many types of new communication devices since most of us joined HCE. Work schedules have changed and children are more involved in extra-curricular activities in school and in the community.

We have many members that have been involved for 50 and more years. Some of the things that keep them being members are the friendships that have formed and the person to person connection at meetings and activities held in the counties. Some have stated it is like getting a "college degree" with all the knowledge gained through the years with HCE. Perhaps you can spotlight some members in your local paper and they can tell the public what they like about HCE and encourage others to join.

It doesn't matter what type of a career one has, the basics still need to be done such as cooking, sewing, taking care of clothing, caring for families, having some fun and friendships.

Each unit -- in each county-- throughout the state-- needs to get at least 2 new members this next year and that would give us a good start. Each county or even **every** county member needs to fill out the survey that was in the folder for each county at the IAHCE Conference and get those turned in so we can evaluate them and it can be discussed at our District Workshops in August.

We are in this as a team (TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE)!

You can contact me for certificates for your 50 year members or any special year. If you would like to give something extra, pins with numbers of years can be purchased from Karen Halicki.

Kathryn McNeely

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECRETARY Donna Richards



Hope you found the 2013 State Conference fun, entertaining, and informative. I personally appreciated the opportunity to see, speak and visit with many of you.

Reminder: After your County's Annual Meeting, send your county officer information to both IAHCE Secretary and your IAHCE District Director. Fill form (guidebook page 21) completely out, include your full Board, not just the Executive Officers. We would prefer to have e-mail addresses, but some people do not want to divulge this information. Our IAHCE First Vice President, Treasa Brookman, sends many e-mail messages across the state.

These lists are needed every year to keep our mailing lists up to date. We understand that sometimes the officers do not change, but a list lets us know that there were no changes. If you send a copied version, please check your copy to see whether you have copied the sheet fully.

If you want to submit your filled out form via e-mail, my e-mail address is dsrichards001@hotmail.com.

In an effort to utilize our time together at the Secretary training during District Workshops in August 2013, is there anything you would like to see included in the Secretary's packet this year? Feel free to drop me an e-mail or call me at 618-554-1790 by July 1st, 2013 with your suggestion.

Thank you,

Donna Richards

TREASURER Jane Chapman



Wow, what a great conference we had! A huge pat on the back to Sandy and Karen in planning, preparing and presenting such a great event. As part of the silent auction committee, I want to thank all the counties that contributed items to the auction. The items were simply terrific!

The silent auction brought in \$2,697.00. The Pennies For Friendship collection at the Wednesday luncheon netted \$560.59, the 50/50 winner took home \$369.00 and the IAHCE was able to present the TAP organization \$380.00 which was obtained from Barbara Fairchild's teddy bear sales. Again, thank you to all that attended and to those that helped put on the conference, your generosity is overwhelming!

If you have not heard by now, IAHCE dues will increase effective January 1, 2014, to \$5.00/member. If you send a check postmarked by December 31, 2013, you can still pay the dues at \$3.00/member. I will cover this more in detail at the August District workshops. I sort of missed not doing a workshop at conference and am really anxious to do the one in August. I hope all county treasurers will be able to attend.

Here's hoping each of you have a great Spring and a super Summer! Now that I have this done I am going to go and watch some basketball - I love March Madness!

Jane Chapman



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Marge Wilcox



Greetings from Southern Illinois. I know all of you did not make it to Conference in March, but I'm sure if you talk to someone who did, they'll tell you how much they enjoyed it. I was not doing as well as I had hoped to (I had been what they call 'home bound' during the previous 4 months) but all of you and the rest of the ladies on the board made everything go so well.

Again this year we will focus on blood drives, food drives, paper goods drives, personal care item drives and drives to collect pet care products. Most of these items are things that people need, but cannot be bought with food stamps. You spend so little time, but do so much good when you collect these items. You might also be helping to save the life of someone you know or love by helping with a blood drive. Don't forget, if you have another project that you'd like to work on, go ahead. These are all great opportunities to let the public know who we are and what we do.

It was stated at Conference that the Education directors pour over your reports and many times want to pull out their hair because just as they think they may have a Grand Award Winner they read another report and it's just as good, or maybe even better than the last. This is a very difficult thing to do. I know I had many that really made me think very hard having to go down to the very nitty-gritty looking not for what was good but for the little differences that made their report stand out above the rest.

We talked about the reports that were sent in at the Community Outreach Workshop. So many were very good and some just needed a few adjustments to make them very good as well. Keep in mind the categories that are available to you to report on. Citizenship: this covers a multitude of topics. Safety: this can be safety in the home, workplace or anywhere that people

spend time. Energy: this can be ways to save or conserve energy, ways to use energy safely (this can also be reported under safety). Environment: this can be ways to help save the environment for our children, this includes use and reuse (trash to treasures), you can donate used blankets and towels to animal shelters – this not only keeps these items out of landfills but counts toward a drive for pet care items. Last but not least – Special Activities: this can include almost anything, especially things you do to promote HCE.

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

Marge Wilcox



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Fellow HCE Members, I really want to thank everyone for all your hard work on the Best of Show entries this year at our annual conference. We had 36 counties with 198 items entered and 183 votes. I know that takes a lot of work on your part, and I am always amazed at the talent our ladies have. I also really want to thank my helpers in the room. Needless to say, without them, I couldn't do it and especially this year, though they were the teachers, I was the greenhorn.

We changed several things, I made some mistakes, we all learned a lot, especially me, and next year we will try to do better. I hope to have a better way of recognizing the winners, that won't take too long, and want to change the size requirements. There will still be requirements, just easier for everyone to remember, those doing the work and those checking in the items. But you will have to wait until after the next board meeting to find out what they are, they have to approve them first.

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Please, if you are planning on working on projects this year and bringing them to conference for me to distribute, let me know ahead of time. I need to make sure I have room in my car and arrange a place to distribute them. Seems like we do such a good job of making items, it overwhelms the distributors and they won't take them all. Then I have to find another place that will take them. I don't like the idea of you doing all the work, then me giving them to a hospital, etc. in my area when you could just as easily give them to someplace in your own area. I hope you understand, and please keep making the items; we just need to figure out where they will go.

So now, on to working on next year's projects - The cards for "Operation Write Home" for our soldiers and "Halos of Hope" and the caps for cancer patients of all ages. I hope to see you all at the district workshops in August. If you have any suggestions or questions, contact me or bring them then.

Peggy Long

FAMILY ISSUES

Norma Korte

I have just returned from our IAHCCE State Conference and am overwhelmed with the support you have given to the aluminum tab collection, Gabe's Chemo Ducks and Autism Awareness programs. Thank you for your support of these programs over the past three years!



The Family Issues topic for 2013 is "Health Smart", with a focus on exercise for your heart. We have become a society that would like to be healthier, but lack the motivation to make strides to improve our health. We hear so much in the news about young people who are overweight in epidemic proportions. As mothers, grandmothers and aunts, we should strive to set an example for young people and others we encounter daily to help them improve their

overall health and fitness. The American Heart Association website provides several resources for proper nutrition and fitness. Our guest speaker at this year's state conference was Beth Walker from the American Heart Association. She works in the Southern region and has many good ways for us to improve our health. I have included in the packet a 7-week training schedule to prepare for a 1 mile or 5K run/walk. This is a great way to keep your body in good shape and to use up some of those unwanted calories! You have had several lessons over the years on wisely planning our meals and eating right, but any form of exercise is also a key factor to improving our overall health.

I am beginning a new challenge this year and we will continue it for the next three years. I am asking each county to keep a record of the number of miles walked by your members or you may keep a record of the number of pounds lost by your members. I will include in your packages at the August District meetings a detailed form for you to use, but you can start now on walking and losing those unwanted pounds. Get involved with Women Walk the World, 5K/1 mile walk/runs or even start your own 5K/1 mile fund raiser. Set the example to help show your family and community how important it is to stay healthy for your heart, diabetes, cancer, arthritis, and just over all good health. **Heart Awareness month was February, but you can make this year your Heart Awareness year!**

I hope you have a great spring and summer. Norma Korte, IAHCCE Family Issues Director
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Norma Korte



**ALL AWARD WINNERS ARE
LOCATED ON PAGES 37-47**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERNATIONAL Pat Weitzmann



Winter lingered and the renewing promise of Spring was not yet fulfilled as the IAHCE Annual Conference attendees gathered in Effingham, Illinois in Mid-March. The anticipation and curiosity about the next Country of Study was satisfied though. The International Share Shop attendees watched a brief video about South Africa, the new country of study. Ideas were explored on planning for special international events and raising Pennies for Friendship money. Having a tax-exempt non-profit federal Internal Revenue Service identification number is definitely an asset for any county when seeking donations or sponsorship. They left with a colorful brochure, map and Lesson on South Africa plus a Cookbook featuring family recipes from Anphia Grobler, Deputy President of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

In another IAHCE Conference Share Shop, Bev Earnhart of ACWW and Linda Gause, President of National Voluntary Outreach Network (NVON) teamed up. Bev spoke of our connection with ACWW through membership in IAHCE and the upcoming ACWW Triennial Conference in India. Linda talked of the "Water Around the World" 2013-2015 Project in Common. She also invited IAHCE members to attend the 15th Annual NVON Conference in Frankfort, Kentucky July 16-18, 2013. Go to www.nvon.org for more information.

Congratulations to the Winners of International Education Awards. As I reviewed the 33 award submissions, I was increasingly impressed with the level of planning and execution of International special events and Country /Other Country of Study educational activities. And, all activities were wrapped up in a "We're Havin' Fun" attitude. I was very pleased to award \$50 mini-stipends to the 22 counties submitting requests and documentation. That's \$1,100 back

to the counties from the 15% of Pennies for Friendship held with IAHCE. Thank you all IAHCE counties for your efforts that led to collection of \$15,522.48 for Pennies for Friendship in Year 2012. Without you the Empowering Women Worldwide - Encourage, Educate and Enrich efforts of ACWW would be diminished.

It's been one year since you entrusted the International Director position to me. I thank you for the opportunity and plan to continue my role as coach and cheerleader with a "we can do it, but we still must have fun" attitude. Happy Spring!

Pat Weitzmann

PUBLIC RELATIONS Sharon Middleton



What a great 2013 Conference we had! If you missed it, you missed out on a lot of fun, classes, meeting your friends you met last year and making new friends for a lifetime. Congratulations go to Sandy Bechtold and Karen Halicki for a job well done.

I missed the many Public Relations directors from each of the counties since we decided CVH and Public Relations repeat so many things in our sessions, that we would hold off and have a great share shop with you at the District Workshops. If there is anything special that you want discussed in our class in August, please contact Karen or me so that we will have those topics ready for you.

Many of you will be applying for a proclamation to publicize either a special event or maybe HCE Week in October. If you have any questions on how to do it and cannot wait until August, please write or e-mail me so that I can be of help.

With spring, more people will be out and around. Invite someone new to your unit, a special event or a lesson at your Extension. Let your community know what HCE is and does, the

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services that we offer and promote HCE all the time. We need those new members to help our organization grow. Don't keep all the fun to yourself, share it.

I see that several of the counties will be featuring Eddie Weiss and tornado and weather preparedness. If you are close to any of those counties, attend them. Each have done a lot of work setting these events up.

I hope each and everyone has a great summer. Enjoy it now, it will be gone before you know it



Sharon Middleton

CVH/SALES Karen Halicki



Thank you to all who attended the 89th Annual Conference in Effingham. I did not do a share shop this year since I felt I repeat everything at the workshop in August. The total hours for 2012 was 574,336. Out of 8,547 members, I received hours from 2,044 members. Of the 79 counties who belong to IAHCE, there were 61 that turned in hours. Of these, we had 88 members turn in over 1,000 hours! 464 members turned in hours for the first time. Great Job!

Thanks for stopping by the sales table at the Annual Conference. If you need anything, I'll be glad to mail it or have it ready for the District Workshops in August.

See you in August at the District Workshops.

Karen Halicki



U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Jenna Smith

Spring has finally arrived! And another annual conference has come and gone. I'm going to take this time to share with you part of my speech at this year's annual business meeting:

Within my short 3 years with Extension and my 2 years serving as your Extension Liaison, you have seen Extension go through a multitude of changes. We are now in 27 units and not just individual counties, we are divided into 3 regions instead of 5, we may be in new offices, have new program areas, new job descriptions, and new staff. On the outside surface, we may look very different. But our commitment and our mission have not changed. That mission is:

"to enable people to improve their lives and communities through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work."

Now this mission sounds very similar to the mission of IAHCE. Your mission reads:

"to enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community."

Our missions are very similar. We both work to provide education to our communities to empower them to lead healthy, meaningful lives. And that is why Extension and HCE have enjoyed a long and rich history with a close working relationship. We are two organizations, and we both do great things. But when we work together, we are two organizations that do *extraordinary* things!

So please recognize that while we have *all* gone through changes, we are *all* committed to strengthening the lives of individuals, families and communities. You have shown that by the wonderful volunteer work you do each year. And

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Jenna Smith, con't

this year, is no exception. 2,044 HCE members turned in their volunteer hours, totaling 574,336 hours. By the way, this is over 80,000 more hours than last year. According to the Independent Sector, the Estimated Dollar Value of Volunteer Time is \$21.79 per hour. That means that your time of volunteer work for the past year is worth \$12,514,781.44. Let me say that again....if *you were to get paid* for all that you do, you would earn collectively, \$12, 514,781.44. I think that deserves a round of applause!

Oh, the "Many Hats of HCE." What an appropriate theme for this year's conference! You are a teacher, mother, caretaker, doctor, chef, advocate, volunteer, mediator, creative genius and friend. I want to send a sincere thank you from University of Illinois Extension for all that you do. We value our partnership and look forward to many more years of working together.

Jenna Smith
Extension Liaison
IAHCE Annual Conference 2013

Cookbook for 2014 History and Recipes Wanted!

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

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

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e-mails would be even better, send to:

halicki3@prairieinet.net

BOARD HAPPENINGS

- ◆ Announced that 2 tours were canceled due to not enough participation
- ◆ Barbara Fairchild donated 20% of sales for Teddy Bear package which amounted to \$380 to be given to autism
- ◆ Set date for June Board meeting - June 10-12, 2013 at Decatur
- ◆ Read the evaluations - Co-chair of conference will compile the information by next board meeting
- ◆ Discussed the necessity of increasing the IAHCE dues
- ◆ Suggested we use e-mail as much as possible to save on postage costs
- ◆ Board members discussed the successes and changes for the different conference committees



KNTTED BERET HAT by Carolyn Fisher

Many of us admired the knitted beret hats that were seen at the 2013 Conference worn by the Du Page members. Carolyn so graciously has the pattern to share. It is now on the website @ www.iahce.org under lessons. It will also be in the Cultural Enrichment packet at the District Workshop. Thank you Carolyn, for sharing this unique hat with "The Many Hats of IAHCE"!

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Women Walk the World

At the Annual Conference in March, I encouraged each county organization in IAHCE to seriously consider supporting this year's Women Walk the World event initiated last year by the Associated Country Women of the World. Hopefully, many counties had an event on or around April 29, ACWW Day, or are planning one on another date.

If your county hasn't discussed or planned a Women Walk the World event, I encourage each county to do so. It's not just a for your health and a good cause; it's a **public relations opportunity**.

Your Women Walk the World event can be used to draw attention to your IAHCE county organization, not just ACWW. And, if you wish you can draw attention to a local non-profit human services organization that your county HCE wants to support. Last year public notice and funds were raised for ACWW and a local charity by our neighboring Indiana Extension Homemakers Association. We can do it too.

Each county received detailed information about Women Walk the World with their educational packets from the International Share Shop at Annual Conference in March.

Last year 4 Illinois counties participated in Women Walk the World. Let's increase that 10 fold this year. A Women Walk the World activity can be simple or done on a more grand scale.

Be sure to send any Women Walk the World funds your county collected for ACWW to the IAHCE Treasurer, Jane Chapman. If you have funds for a local charity in your county, you distribute those funds yourself.



Please let me, Pat Weitzmann - IAHCE International Director, know when you have done a Women Walk the World activity. It's worth sharing.

The 2013 89th Annual Conference

Chair Sandra Bechtold and Co-Chair Karen Halicki

We would like to thank the IAHCE board and members for making this a wonderful event. There was much to do and fun to share. With 35 share shops, the members had a lot of information to take back to their counties and use for Lessons for Living.

At the Tuesday Luncheon, Norm Bauer from the International Foreign Youth Exchange, showed us slides from his time in Turkey. There was also a Make-it-take-it, Games and Bingo on Tuesday Night that was enjoyed by many following the Awards.

After the Wednesday Elsie Mies Day Luncheon, we had Barbara Fairchild talk to us about her charity work. She often quotes the scripture, "to whom much is given, much is required." Barbara has just created a very special teddy bear, Teddy Bearchild, and wrote a book called "Hi, I'm Teddy" to raise fund for children with Autism. She read her book to us and sang her song "The Teddy Bear Song". Everyone was able to purchase her book and bear at the conference which she then gave 20% to Autism.

With the business meeting on Wednesday many enjoyed the luncheon with Barbara and also the entertainment of Scott Wattles as "Elvis" at the Elsie Mies Banquet.

We would like to thank the IAHCE Support Fund Trust to help cover some of our expenses and for the 368 members that attended this years conference.



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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE!

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

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

BETSY, THE TRAVELING DOLL

BETSY, THE TRAVELING DOLL, has a bag full of greetings from our sister organizations throughout the USA. Betsy and her bag of greetings will travel with Bev Earnhart, ACWW Area President, to the Triennial Conference. There, Betsy and bag will be offered in the silent auction. Proceeds go to Pennies for Friendship. And, there's a chance those who include their name and address on the greeting would hear from an ACWW member from another country. That could be a "pen pal" opportunity. You do not have to be an ACWW member to participate in the Betsy Doll Greetings. Just put your words of greeting on a 3' x 5" card, mail it to Bev Earnhart; or e-mail your greeting to her. She'll make sure Betsy carries your message to the Triennial Conference. Include your contact information if you want; remember the "pen pal" potential.

Beverly Earnhart, 68906 CR 33, Goshen, IN 46526 or bevearn@bnin.net

My name is Betsy
And I'm making some plans
To travel to India
Where I'll meet some old friends.

We're sisters in spirit
And friends in our hearts
Our purpose is noble
So we must make a start.

We have sisters who need us
To give them a lift
To help them care for themselves
and their families.

I'll see motivation
Have some good food and great wine
I'll return home inspired
To make a difference this time.

Author - Lylene Scholtz USA

"My sisters and I are traveling to Chennai
Would you care to send greetings?
Add a post card or a note
About where I have been to the 2013 attendees."

Won't you help by giving to Pennies for
Friendship



COMMENT ON VOLUNTEER HOURS

From: Hoefft, Robert G
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 8:57 PM
To: Smith, Jenna Marie
Cc: McCaffrey, Jennifer
Subject: RE: HCE Volunteer Hours

Jenna:

Those are impressive numbers. When one considers that HCE experienced the major changes of our reorganization and are still coming back to give even more, the numbers are even more impressive.. I am convinced that our new organizational structure has given even more people the desire to do more for their fellow citizens and as these ladies have done respond to the needs of individuals in their community. Bob

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Marilyn De Vries



Hi Everyone!

Spring is here, well almost. Gardens are being readied for planting.

Conference in 2013 was great and it was great to see everyone from all over Illinois.

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

Have a very nice Spring and Summer. I will see you at the District Workshops in August.

Marilyn De Vries

HENDERSON.....

December was a very busy month for Henderson County. H.C.E. members volunteered at the Stronghurst Christmas walk. We also entered a float in the Oquawka Lighted Christmas Parade to promote H.C.E. Individual units and the county board enjoyed Christmas parties.

January was a quiet time due to bad weather and sickness.

Members are still busy volunteering various ways in the community. Members volunteered 1670 hours in 2012. There were many volunteer hours but members choose not to turn them in.

Several members attended Mercer county craft event as well as the Knox County event.

Our county project this year will be collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald house. We will also be working on projects for our soldiers and veterans as well as 4-H , baby basket for 1st New Years baby, college scholarship, school projects, relay for Life among others.

We are now working on plans for our annual meeting to be held April 27, 2013 at the Oquawka Methodist Church. Have a safe spring.

Bev Alecock
Public Information

ROCK ISLAND.....

Lots of action in Rock Island County takes us from Christmas and the winter holidays right up to Easter and the spring holidays. Right at present, it's looking much like winter with a coating of snow, but we're all thinking positive about spring weather very soon.

Our units were gifted with a personal visit from two of our board members sharing tea and "Celebrating Togetherness" lesson with us. Each member brought a large cup filled with goodies to share. Cups could be exchanged within the unit and one unit cellophane-wrapped theirs and donated them to Gilda's Club along with a money donation.

The action began in January with a special opportunity to learn the art of paper cutting by Keith Bonnstetter, a local area art teacher. Everyone in attendance was able to learn the craft of cutting snowflakes. This special lesson brought in many new faces to this county lesson. Mr. Bonnstetter has appeared on Martha Stewart show and donated a tree full of snowflakes for Newtown after their tragedy.

January also set off our annual geranium sales in which members and 4-Her's take orders for a May delivery. Our membership chairperson keeps giving great ideas to gain new members in our units. This ongoing task encourages making personal contacts, so prospective new members really understand our educational purpose. February Lesson for Living was on "Food Supplements? What is the answer?" giving members the chance to discuss their choices and making the best choice. Lots of good background on over-the-counter medicines was provided. Having lunch at Lagomarcino's in the Village of East Davenport in March was very special because it followed with a tour throughout the

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candy-making processes and were able to meet the chocolateers as they worked behind the scenes.

March also found one of our units sponsoring two sessions on "Little Dresses for Africa."

One of the original founders of Happy Hollow unit in Hampton was visited with a tea/coffee party full of yummy goodies and enjoyed viewing scrapbooks and pictures from 65 years ago. Lillian lives in an assisted-living facility and shared some stories from years ago. She was the "star" of the day with all the visitors in the party room.

Four board members attended State Conference in Effingham. Those attending truly enjoyed the programs, the wide variety of lessons available, and the tasty food. Our local display of handmade projects were well received. Two of our yearly notebook projects submitted were awarded honors—Environmental, done by Nancy Edlund and Carole Thorman, and Public Relations, completed by Lucille Mumma.

We look forward to our special activity in April at the German American Heritage Center in Davenport, IA. This is co-sponsored with University of Illinois Extension service. A German-inspired luncheon, museum tour and a program on its history will be presented.

The next three months have scheduled workdays for making recycling projects for the county fair. Other opportunities for tie comforters have also been assigned work days.

May flowers will arrive the first weekend of the month and members look forward to the June annual meeting. The guests will be wearing hats that exemplify our interests/careers and our program will be a "Hello Dolly" presentation by Jalyne Riewerts.

As Spring has begun to show its colors, we will show our "own" growth in learning from our lessons, our leaders, and our communities.

Lucille Mumma, Public Relations

STEPHENSON.....

We were happy to find out that we had won a prize for our decorated Christmas tree at the Freeport Public Library. We received third prize in the Judges awards. Our tree featured the many activities of HCE. The star at the top was made from empty prescription bottles. These are collected by the members and given to local veterinarians. Another feature was a collection of food under the tree representing giving to local food banks.

Many of our units had Christmas meetings at restaurants. Some invited husbands and some have Secret Sisters that are revealed at this time.

13 members attended the State Conference in March. The highlight for us was being third runner up as County of the Year. We received four Education Awards and had the highest number of volunteer hours in District #1.

Super Saturday for the 4-H was held March 16 at Highland College in Freeport. Three HCE members taught classes. Diana Ethridge had a class on how to make a terrarium. Audrey Musser taught a class on knitting and Marjorie Lott taught a class on how to crochet. We were pleased and surprised to have a 4-H boy try the knitting and crochet classes.

We are looking forward to Heritage Workshop to be held at Mt. Carroll on April 6th. This is a joint program with Carroll, Jo Davies, Lee and Stephenson counties. One of our members, Lynn Lott will teach a class on how to make Corn Husk Roses.

On April 20th at 1 p.m. we will host a program on Autism Spectrum Disorders. The program will be held at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport and will be open to the public.

Ann Runkle
Public Relations

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DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks



Hello to everyone in District 2/3! Before I introduce myself to you, I would like to thank **Jean Pieroni** for her service and dedication to IAHCe and our District. She has truly been an asset to our organization! Let's wish her well as she drives off into the sunset with her husband--- you never know when she might be driving through your county on one of her car club drives! Those beautiful warm days for a Sunday drive are about to arrive! Good luck, Jean!

My name is Angela Hicks. I am originally from Louisiana. My husband, Steve, and our four children moved to Cary, Illinois in 1990. My very first friend was a HCE member in Lake County. She invited me to attend a lesson on Microwave Cooking! That group of ladies were so welcoming, well we couldn't help but stay put in Illinois. I became a member in 1991 and have learned so much from this organization. I have even collected lots of "moms" along the way! It is possible to grow with this organization--from a young working mom of four to a grandmother of seven! Along the way, I volunteered in other areas such as Sunday school, band parent, classroom mom, girl scouts, boy scouts, whatever my kids needed as well as worked a full time job as a Development Director of a private school in Elgin, Illinois. Being a part of HCE helped my family to learn the value of our community and to continue our educational experience. I have served as a Unit President, Unit Director, County 1st Vice President and two terms as a County President. I look forward to working with not only the members of District 2/3 but also my counterparts on the IAHCe Board.

I attended my 8th Annual Conference and learned so much once again!

Some of What We Learned???

- How to make an edible centerpiece.
- How to become a diet detective and uncover nutrition myths.
- How to love chocolate even more.
- All about baking with flour.

Hmmmm....it looks like there is a theme going here!

Not to mention seeing new and familiar faces, enjoying good food, and all the while learning about what goes on in other counties throughout Illinois.

I look forward to visiting the 13 counties in District 2/3. I already have a few visits scheduled. Keep in mind District Directors are your liaison to the State Board. We are available to install your officers, talk about membership, to help and answer questions. I will do my best to give you an answer and at the very least direct you in the right direction to get an answer! I want to hear from you...my address, phone number and my e-mail address is in the front of the newsletter.

Angela Hicks

Du PAGE.....

We closed out the old year with a delightful Christmas Tea. Guests brought can goods for the food pantry. We started off the new year with a well attended International Tea at the Extension Office. The room was decorated with flags and colors of Trinidad and Tobago. Members brought cookies and desserts to share. Several members brought a variety of International dolls and shared stories about them. Our International Director, Sandy Decker, gave an interesting talk on Trinidad and Tobago, plus the national bird, the hummingbird.

Our county also participated in the Du Page County 4-H International night at the fairgrounds. Trinidad and Tobago were featured

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at the booth with pictures and maps. The 300 visitors had to answer a question about Trinidad and Tobago (sometimes with visual help) before they received their chocolate treat.

Eight members attended the IAHCE Conference in Effingham. They enjoyed the classes, entertainment, friendship and good food. Our county received many Cultural Art awards: jewelry, Missy Kemp; nature, Anita Masters; and scrapbooking, Sandy Decker. We also received the 2012 Education Award in Membership, Cultural Enrichment, Public Relations and International.

Du Page members sported their matching knit "hats" made by Carolyn Fisher. Photo on page 10.

KANE.....

Kane County is very excited about our 2013 program. We just completed two fantastically interesting lessons--Heart Health for women. Terri Burritt, RN,MS and Alberta England, Women/Heart Champion Organization were presenters. Senior Moment or the Real Deal by Trish Uttich,RN and Re Kielar were presenters. These two lessons were the best ever as indicated by those in attendance. We are looking forward to Disaster Preparedness which we are co-hosting with Du Page County.

Our February County event was our Fun Day where centerpieces were made from cartoons, games were played giving fun and inexpensive prizes. Best of all was the program entitled 'Laughter Yoga'. The presenter was Dr. Teri Reasoner who trains students in laughter and how important it is for our physical and mental well being. Beginning with a power point presentation, she then took the audience through many types and sounds of laughter. Those in attendance laughed out loud and literally ended the afternoon walking out

laughing.

For our annual meeting 'The Many Hats of HCE' will celebrate our 95th anniversary. Not only will there be birthday hats and birthday cake but Dr. Kirstin Synnestvedt will present her 'Hats Off to Music' program. She is a one-woman show of 60 hats and she sings art songs, plays the piano and relates amusing anecdotes about the hats and the people connected to them.

State Conference 2013 was fantastic. It was so much better organized. Kane County is proud of their three awards--Special Activity, Public Relations, Membership. Have a happy, fun-filled and relaxing summer.

Elaine Bond
President

KANKAKEE.....

This new year brings new projects on the horizon. Right now, we are in the process of making Weighted Blankets for Autistic Children. Our locale has over fifty that are being requested. Looks as if we will be busy sewing for a good period of time. In our communities we have had very good response to our asking of donations of sheets and materials to make these blankets.

Several of our board members were able to go to Conference this year. With that being said, they have brought back a lot of information for us to use in the future.

Signing off for now.

Delores Workman



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KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE is celebrating their 75th birthday in 2014. The 15th Annual Victorian Tea will be held in September or October and other events are being planned. "Lessons from the Past" are being given to the HCE Units every month, and other history is being shared in their bi-monthly newsletter.



Joan McEachern
Public Relations

LAKE.....

The Lake County Association for Home and Community Education has been keeping busy throughout this winter which continues to hang on even though the calendar says spring. I am desperately trying to remember what 85 degrees felt like a year ago on this day (March 20). I've been seeing and hearing birds in the early morning, so I am hopeful that spring is truly just around the corner.

LCAHCE members celebrated HCE Day at Culver's restaurants in Grayslake and Island Lake in November. Also in November we had the first of a two part presentation from the Alzheimer's Association. Part two was in January. Both were very well attended and we have a third planned for next fall. Our annual cookie sale was held at the extension office in early December. We tried out some new signage in the area surrounding the office which proved to be helpful advertising. LCAHCE netted \$1377.00. Thanks to the sewing efforts of our members, 403 Christmas stockings were sent to Operation Support Our Troops America in December. Our county regularly sends listed items to Operation Support Our Troops, as well as donating to the Literacy Program, the Linus Project, and Ronald McDonald House. The "Volo Clippers", our group that collects, clips, and sends coupons to military families turned in totals for 2012.

\$1,218,537.00 in coupons were mailed to military families in Spangdahlem, Germany and \$469,901.00 in coupons were mailed to military families in Brussels, Belgium. I hear that the "Clippers" have been dealing with winter cabin fever by continuing to clip, clip, clip. We had two yummy events in February. On February 7, Volo Unit member, Betty Wertke, taught us how to make pie crusts just in time for us to bake and package slices of pie and other delicious sweets for our annual bake sale at the Lake County Fairgrounds on February 9-10. That sale netted us \$823.51. On March 7 LCAHCE had its International Day event, "A Trinidad and Tobago Carnival". Fifty-three people attended this event. The guest speaker was Matt Potts, founder of "Potts and Pans Steelband" of Woodstock, IL. Matt presented music and shared how steel pans are made and tuned, with some history thrown in. Trinidad and Tobago hosts the largest Steelpan Competition and Festival in the world. The presentation was followed by a luncheon with food typical of Trinidad and Tobago. The recipes were compiled into a cookbook with each attendee receiving a copy. The door prize was a basket of favorite items of the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Volo Unit of the Lake County Association for Home and Community Education celebrated its 80th Anniversary one year ago. The Volo Unit was organized on March 12, 1932. It was one of the charter units. Members, who were primarily from farm families, met in members' homes. The current unit has twenty-two members. They meet at the Wauconda Township Hall in Wauconda, IL. Members reside in Volo, Wauconda, Hawthorn Woods, Round Lake and unincorporated McHenry County. Only three members currently live on farms. Annie Petersen is the daughter of one of Volo Unit's charter members. Charlotte Bingham and Jackie Victor have been Volo Unit members for over fifty years. Members have held all county offices over the years and four members are on the current county board. Members appreciate the educational lessons. They like to have fun and participate in unit activities. Each member

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sincerely cares about the others and is always willing to help any time she is asked. Members range in age from fifty to ninety-two.

As you can see, our members have been keeping busy. Betty Wertke, our CVH coordinator, reported a total of 22,342 volunteer hours turned in by seventy members for 2012. We are looking ahead to April and our annual meeting.

Diane Shearer
Public Relations

La SALLE.....

Happy spring----spring? It may be officially spring but it does not feel like it! As I write this, it is below freezing and we have a wind chill on top of that. Happy Easter to all.

The November Blanket Workshop was a success. There were 40 blankets completed by members and distributed at Christmas, 27 to Zonta Club and 13 given to various charities in LaSalle County. The can tabs have all been collected and sent to Ronald McDonald House---a total of 60#. Pennies For Friendship have been sent to state---a total of \$294.00. These totals were made possible by our 104 members in LaSalle County.



The LaSalle County Board members just had a very successful and well attended Cabin Fever Reliever on March 2nd at Grand Ridge Grade School. This was our 15th cabin fever event. The theme

“The Many Hats of HCE” was very obvious. Some of our 30+ classes were flower arranging, card making, Easter fun with food, raised bed gardening, E-bay instruction, health & fitness, nutrition and many various craft programs. Each unit donated raffle baskets to raffle off and there were door prizes awarded. It was a great day of learning,

fellowship and sharing our talents with each other. I hope it will bring new interest to our organization to help our membership grow.



Another Community Outreach activity we are engaged with is sending manufacturer's coupons to a military base in Japan. Our first box has been sent and was worth over 32 thousand dollars in redeemable coupons on non food items and food items. It is very rewarding to give our “thanks” to them after they sacrifice so much for us.

LaSalle County will again be giving scholarships to students enrolled in a fulltime course of study at a community college or university. Applications have been sent to all the county high schools. Last year there were three, \$500 scholarships awarded.

The IAHCE Annual State Conference in Effingham is behind us now. LaSalle County came home with a couple Education Awards. We won an Excellence Award for our can tab collection.

In closing, I want to congratulate and recognize Handy Homemakers Unit on their 40th anniversary. They had their first meeting October, 1972. Way to go!

Penny Carter, PR

LIVINGSTON.....

The Livingston County Board Christmas Party was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 9:00AM at the Family Kitchen in Pontiac. We did not do a gift exchange. We asked each member to bring a Birthday Bag which includes a cake mix, can of frosting and candles to be given to the local food pantry. These are given to families who have children with birthdays in the given month. We enjoyed the breakfast, fellowship and each other.

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Livingston County members turned in 7,821 volunteer hours for the year of 2012. This number has decreased this year from last year for our county. I can't stress enough to please, please document your hours for any and all civic groups that you volunteer your time for.

Joan Haren, President; Arlene Martell, Family Living Director; and Michelle Janssen, Public Relation Director attended the Train the Trainer Workshop held in Bloomington, Illinois on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

We will not be serving in the 4-H kitchen this year during the 4-H Fair in July. We have been discussing future fundraisers and what our units will need to do to raise funds for our Treasury and Scholarship Fund.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th at 6:00PM at the Extension Office. We will have a light meal and a program.

We are planning a Garage Sale to coincide with the Red Carpet Corridor for the weekend of May 3-5, 2013. The garage sale will be at the Extension Office. We will also have a Bake Sale.

Livingston County 4-H Fair is slated for July 15-18, 2013 at the 4-H Park in Pontiac, Illinois.

We still have members sewing "little Dresses for Africa", crocheting hats for St. Jude and Christmas stockings for Soldiers. Also, our units are still collecting box tops for schools/education and pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Michelle Janssen
Public Relations



Mc HENRY

I just returned from the IAHCE Conference in Effingham with three of our board member, Leona Rinn, Marlene Rader and Pattie Sautter. We all enjoyed the conference and came back enthusiastic about some new ideas for our upcoming programs which hopefully will increase membership.

We did have some interesting programs the last few months. Two were given by the Woodstock Police Department on "Identity Theft" and "Safe Driving" targeting senior citizens. David Christensen EMA of McHenry County gave one on Disaster Recovery. He showed a map of the severe storms which hit our county last year. One, the high wind storms that hit went thru the back of my farm taking down trees, destroyed my neighbor's garage, tool shed and another neighbor's grain dryer. We all need to be prepared by making a basis kit, making a plan for shelter, being informed about the impending severe weather and telling your family where we will be. Another lesson was on "Herbs" given by a University of Illinois Master Gardener which was well attended by the public.

We are looking forward to our 95th Annual meeting. We are having a program on "Hats" given by Kirsten Synnestvedt who graduated from Julliard.

Happy spring!
Florence Spesard
Public Relations

WILL.....

Will County HCE members are busy preparing for their annual meeting. This year's theme is "The Many Hats of HCE" and each unit will bring in a decorated hat for a table decoration, personifying the many jobs that we, as homemakers, do in our units, in our personal lives and will continue doing in our futures.

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Renowned actress/singer Lori Mestas of the Musical Mestas fame will be our featured entertainment. She will portray various women in our history who have exemplified making a positive difference in our country. "Make Your Life Count" is the title of her program.

After a catered luncheon, our county's Master Gardener Coordinate Nancy Kuhajda will give us "Spring Gardening Tips for Will County." Her talks are always delightful as well as very informative. During the morning business meeting, State Conference information will be given out, along with CVH Awards.

Three of our board members were able to attend the State Conference and brought back with them a lot of useful information and enthusiasm for the coming year. Those attending the conference were Jeanette Johnson, president; Barbara Gast, treasurer; and Betty Shinn, secretary.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations



DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace

The excitement of visiting District 4 Counties is outstanding. I have been welcomed at two counties to perform my duties to install County Board Offices and give a talk on membership. It truly is my pleasure to do this. I am meeting some pretty awesome women who love HCE as much as I do. It is hard to increase membership but I believe our ladies are up to the challenge and want to work on it.

Both counties I have visited have talked about the membership questionnaire and the need to complete it for IAHCE. Possibly some clues as to how we can all help one another.

So I'm looking forward to our District Workshops this summer. If anyone in District 4 needs

additional enthusiasm, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Mary Eustace

ADAMS.....

On November 13, 2012, the Countywide International lesson was held. It was on Trinidad and Tobago w/Mecki Kosin as presenter. There were about 35 ladies present. Refreshments were served and there was lots of good food dishes. Following are some of them: Chicken Satey, Carrot Pineapple Muffins, Rice Curry Ground Beef and Trinidadian Corn Pie. YUM! YUM! We learned of the customs, lifestyle, diet, recreation (cricket, football, and soccer), economy and education.



The Kiddie Bazaar was held December 1, 2012 at 3 locations in Adams County. Even though the bazaar didn't open until 8:30 AM, the young shoppers were lining up by 8:00 AM.

We have all started the new year with some units collecting paper products and cleaning supplies for a local pantry.

Activities coming up are a blood drive and Salad Luncheon. Plans are under way for our annual dinner/meeting in April.

The Cultural Arts card making class was enjoyed by approximately 18 ladies. There were several different designs they could make. Refreshments were served.

Pat Vaughn
Public Information

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PEORIA.....

Greetings from Peoria County!

Change is steady here in Peoria County. For many years, our Cultural Arts/ International Day Luncheon consisted of members bringing their crafted/ art items to be displayed and winners were selected for the State Cultural Arts Display. It was also a potluck where members brought a dish to share. Members were encouraged to bring dishes representative of the country of study. Recipes were printed in the newsletter along with insight of the country. A guest speaker, knowledgeable of the specific country, would entertain the crowd. Because of the participation and size of the event, we needed to rent a hall.

Several years back we moved our Luncheon to the fall after many years of hosting it in late winter. This move was made because weather always seemed to be an issue and to adjust to the IAHC Cultural Art exhibit registration. Last year, because of declining participation, we were able to save a little money and move the event to our county extension office. There was plenty of space to accommodate the small crowd, the cultural arts display and potluck luncheon.

This year, our county office downsized and we lost the room that we set up the cultural arts display in. We needed to move the display to the same room as the event and changed the potluck to a "Taste of". Our International Director, Mary Ann Smith, provided a few of the more popular dishes of Trinidad. We also had the pleasure of IAHC International Director, Pat Weitzmann in attendance and sharing information. Our guest speaker, Rev. Linda Butler, has been going to Trinidad and Tobago since 1998 on missions trips and had most recently visited in September. While a few members were disappointed to not have a potluck, as a board, we felt the day was a big success with about 50 guests in attendance.

Another significant change this year was to not have our annual fundraising bazaar. In the past,

units set-up booths with items provided by members. We also had a book sale, luncheon, vendor tables and mini raffle items from each unit. Our profit from the last year's bazaar was \$1300. We also added, as a county, a raffle of a \$150 gas and \$100 grocery card as prizes. We asked each unit to make a donation to cover the cost of the prizes. We brought in another \$1300!

This year, with declining membership and little outside participation, the bazaar seemed like a thing of the past. After much discussion, we decided to focus on the raffle only and have the drawing at the International Day event. We matched last years raffle profit. This profit is what we had previously been getting at our annual bazaar. While it just didn't seem right to not be having a bazaar, we will roll with the punches that come our way.

Julie Courdt
Public Information

TAZEWELL.....

Tazewell County HCE units continue to provide Birthday Bags to area food banks in conjunction with its 4-H clubs. The bags contain cake mixes, frostings, candles, small gifts and assorted items appropriate for children's birthdays. Volunteers at the banks say the youngsters love them. Well over fifty bags have been distributed county-wide.

Members recently had a guided tour of the Tazewell County Historical Society's building in Pekin. At the board meeting following the tour, the board voted to sponsor the Society with a \$25 membership plus a \$75 donation.

A thank-you note from the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield acknowledged our recent cash donation gained through our collection of aluminum beverage tabs.

The House of Hope, Tazewell's safe house for abused women, received \$1,000 from HCE; this

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included \$845 from the sale of member Lily Vermillion's baby sets. The House has been a pet charity of HCE since its inception. Units regularly donate cash and/or useful items to the House.

Plans are being made for our annual meeting in May. We are eager to have our District IV Director, Mary Eustace as our special guest.

Shirley Kelly
Public Relations

coming and getting acquainted with your members. I will offer a short membership "pep talk" and install officers if you would like.

Continue wearing and showcasing your "Many Hats of IAHCE". Spring and hats form a pleasant picture for me.

Jane Wood

CHAMPAIGN.....

What a great IAHCE State Conference! The share shops were great, the food was great and, of course, great fellowship with old and new friends.

We are keeping busy in Champaign County. We are continuing to work on the weighted blankets and have March 28th and April 25th set for sewing days at the FBA. On April 25th, Jennifer Roscoe, of WCIA television's "Angels Among Us", will be joining us to do an interview for a feature story on the weighted blankets for Autistic children.

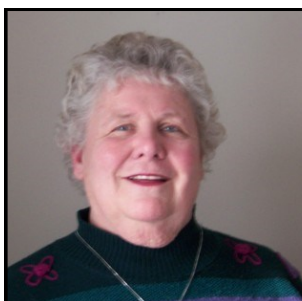
The CCHCE Board is planning a light lunch and tea. The "Hats off to Spring Tea" is May 3rd at the FBA from 10AM to 2PM. We will be following the state theme for this year, "The Many Hats of HCE" and are asking those attending the tea to wear a hat and bring a teacup or a mug. A free lunch will be provided at this fun filled event. We are asking unit officers to make an effort to attend for updates for the unit for 2013.

On August 17th we are planning our 2nd annual garage sale for HCE.

Our Annual meeting and luncheon will be in September. A date has not been set yet.

October 21 - 25, 2013 is HCE week. We will be having a Cultural Enrichment Day on October 21st and a membership day event on October 23rd.

November 15th is the date we have set for our International luncheon.



**DISTRICT 5
DIRECTOR**
Jane Wood

Hope you are sharing the information that you received at Annual Conference in March. While there, it was wonderful talking with so many of you.

Ladies, be thinking about your interest in running for District 5 Director. Let someone on the nomination committee know if you would be interested in this position. Nominating committee is Sharon Ryan, chairman, 1614 Keybridge Way, Bloomington IL 61704, 309-808-3188; Marge Probasco, 217-897-6601 and Nancy Remmers, 217-669-2178. The committee needs your application, found on pages 54 & 55 of the Guidebook, by August 1. You will be introduced and voted on at the August 21st District Workshop at Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln, IL and take office March, 2014.

District 4 and 5 Workshop information will be mailed by first of July. Hope to see everyone there.

I have several county annual meetings to attend this spring. If you haven't notified me of the date of your annual meeting be sure to do so. I enjoy

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Dorothy Rogers, our Special Activities Chairman, has planned another great trip. We will be going to Mt. Vernon, Illinois on Saturday, April 20th. The trip will include a tour of the Southern Illinois Artisan Shop focusing on the fine decorations, manufacturing and ethnographic arts of Illinois including paintings, pottery, glass art, quilts and more. We will enjoy a midday buffet lunch and then a tour of the GenKota winery, then off to the Southern Illinois Steel Guitar Show. We will have another food stop on our way home. Sounds like a fun packed day.

Sitting here with 11 inches of snow on the ground it is hard to think of spring coming. Easter is next Sunday and spring is not far behind. Happy spring to all of you.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

CHRISTIAN.....

The last few months have been busy for Christian County Home and Community Education Association—busy planning, busy preparing, and busy doing. In January and February we were planning and preparing for March and April events—Annual Meeting, Annual Conference, a field trip, the countywide International Lesson for Living and the spring fundraiser.

Things don't always turn out the way you expect. Tuesday morning, March 5 began with rain and a prediction of a wintry mix changing to snow. Our 77th Annual Meeting "Hats Off to Christian HCEA" was scheduled for 6:30PM. The decision to reschedule to Tuesday, March 26 was made. The joke was on us. Monday, March 25 all the kids in the county were out of school and building snowmen. The adults in Taylorville were digging out from a record 18 ½ inches snow.

Tuesday, March 26, dawned with sunshine and a lot of snow on the ground but the streets and highways were clear. The 77th Annual Meeting of

the Christian County Home and Community Education Association "Hats Off to Christian County HCEA" was held at 6:30PM in the auditorium of the U of I Extension Christian County. The south wall and dining tables were decorated with lovely vintage hats. After a wonderful meal, everyone had cake. Ann Bandy, nominee for 1st Vice President, had baked and decorated a delicious hat cake. IAHCE District #5 Director Jane Wood attended and spoke on membership. Later, she would install the new and returning officers who were each presented with a straw hat decorated by Center Unit.

Jeanne Lee, Cultural Enrichment and Community Outreach Director, explained that the beautiful red, white, and blue quilts being displayed in the auditorium had been donated and would be submitted to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, which Jeanne had learned about at Annual Conference.

Shelby Berta, an avid hat collector from Rochester, presented a fantastic program on vintage hats. Mrs. Berta wore an outfit and pillbox hat from the 1960s reminiscent of Jackie Kennedy. She spoke about her hats which ranged from a simple black bonnet from Pennsylvania circa 1850 to hats from the 1960s. The meeting ended with a touching Memorial Service. The three ladies remembered had all been members for over fifty years.

Five Christian County HCEA Board members, an officer elect and a County Past President attended the IAHCE Annual Conference "The Many Hats of IAHCE" in Effingham March 12 -14. Our other two Board members were unable to attend because one was in Florida and one was touring Ireland. Conference is a time to see old friends and make new ones. Christian County President Julie Pearson, a first timer, led the Collect at the opening luncheon. Elvis was in the house and Barbara Fairchild was tremendous. Everyone enjoyed their many activities and brought back a lot of information. As always, the conference was educational and fun.

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On Saturday, March 16, several members traveled with Cultural Enrichment and Community Outreach Director Jeanne Lee to historic Funk's Grove in McLean County. They seemed to step back in time as they toured the Prairie Home of Lafayette Funk and saw the trees full of buckets collecting sugar maple sap. They later enjoyed sampling maple syrup at Funks Grove Store. They also explored the Gem and Mineral Museum and the Sugar Grove Nature Center.

Approximately 40 women attended the Christian County HCEA countywide International Lesson for Living: "A Taste of Trinidad and Tobago" on Tuesday, March 19 at the U of I Extension. The auditorium was decorated for the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival, which is held on the Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Tables were covered with tropical patterned material and trimmed with flowers, masks, noisemakers, beads, and coins. County International Director Ann Bandy talked about the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, one of the wealthiest and most developed nations in the Caribbean. She then invited everyone to sample cuisine prepared by HCEA units. They had a chance to taste coconut bake (bread), banana pineapple punch, and fresh fruit—coconut, mango, papaya, pineapple, plantain as well as quite a few other foods.

Deborah Kiefer
Secretary

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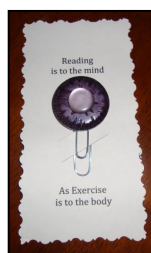
Eight people from DeWitt County HCEA attended the Annual



Conference in Effingham in March. In the attached picture they are from L to R: Jean

Wagner, Linda Long, Rosalie Summers, Linda Riva, Lu Crawford, Sharon Ryan, and Judie Knoth. Not shown were: Alice Grooms and Ruth Pevery. Ruth has been a member for 70 years this year.

We were pleased to receive 2 awards, 1 to Judie Knoth for Leadership, and one in Citizenship for our "Promote the Vote" campaign conducted prior to the election last fall.



We also got several of the girls together to make paperclip/button bookmarks (400 of them) to be included in the Annual conference goers "goody bags". Linda Long set up and organized a workday to accomplish this project. We had 17 women doing different aspects of it and we were able to complete the project and straighten up the room in just over 3 hours. Eight of us were able to make lunch at the Dairy Queen afterwards. It was a productive day. The bookmarks were well received and another group in Clinton has already chosen to do the same project.

Our most recent offering to the public was having the "Egg Lady" (Linda Moore) bring her amazingly intricate decorated eggs to show and tell us about what it takes to do "egging". She had a great variety of all sizes and kinds of eggs done in many styles of cutouts and trims. She also told us how it had changed from her start years ago. It is much easier to get the empty eggs now. Her first ostrich egg came from South Africa at a cost of \$22.00 and now they are grown in the U.S.A. and are less expensive. It was a good program and the refreshments done by Delores Niederer, Audrey Brantley, Jean Wagner and Pat North were delicious. The hit of the day were the "Peeps bouquets" brought by Linda Riva



Rosalie Summers
Public Relations

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EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE met with the county Superintendents of School on January 24, 2013 to donate to each of the 5 school districts a large box of school supplies. The school supplies of paper, pens, pencils, Puffs, Clorox Wipes, notebooks, glue, scissors, and other items were donated by the members of HCE.

Two members received Grand Champion Awards at the Cultural Enrichment Best of Show at the IAHCE Annual Conference, March, 2013, Marge Houghland for a wearable art jacket and matching purse and Dona Hoult for a machine embroidery pillow.



A countywide meeting was held on March 26, 2013 for the lesson on "How to Make a Stepping Stone for Your Garden". The lesson was presented by Carole Halloran and Tammy Frailey assisted

by Hailey Frailey. They demonstrated what supplies were needed, how to mix the concrete and the many ways to decorate the stepping stone.

Marilyn Daughhettee
Public Relations

MACON.....

Macon County had a very busy end of 2012. Thus far, this year has been very active too! In December, 2012, we took a very interesting tour of the Governor's Mansion. The mansion was decorated beautifully and we were able to take a very informative tour. We also took a tour of the Ronald McDonald house, and were able to see how the families are cared for during their child's stay at the surrounding hospital. We had 28 pounds of pop tabs that we delivered to the house too. The money that they received for the tabs would be used to help support the house, as the families do not pay for their stay at the house.

In February, our 2nd Vice President presented a

step-back in time with a Victorian Tea called "A Cup of Tea with Thee." The participants learned some of the interesting and unique facts about the enjoyment of tea and its health benefits. Since this tea was on February 14, the members and guests made an old-fashioned valentine too. Mike King from Mari-Mann also gave an interesting talk about the origins of tea.

The March lesson was a hands-on project with Jennifer Schultz-Nelson. She instructed us how to make a molded concrete leaf for our gardens. Everyone learned quite a bit, and really enjoyed this experience.

We had many people attend the state convention in Effingham this year. It was an exciting time for everyone because Macon County was named County of the Year again! We are so proud of our HCE group that has worked so hard this year. We have wonderful, dedicated people who put a great deal of time into making our HCE unit a learning and pleasurable experience for all of our members and our guests! We are so happy to have many new members join us this year.

Our upcoming lessons will be:
April—a visit from Shawn Guenther from Crime Stoppers. We will be able to hear what Crime Stoppers does in our communities. During the month of April, our unit also prepares the Master Gardener's training luncheons.

May—an intriguing lesson about inventive ways to use tortilla shells besides making tacos. This should help us get our families excited about coming to the dinner table!

As you can tell, we have a busy year ahead of us! Our goal, as always, is to increase our membership, as well as be a service to our community. We are hoping to have a food drive for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield are also looking into the possibility of cooking some lunches for the residents of the house. Of course, as usual, our individual units will be volunteering around our surrounding communities that make up Macon County.

Linda Austin
Public Relations

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McLEAN.....

The December 1st Holiday Party was a fun morning where we had Christmas ornament workshops and a program from the Home School Choir before our luncheon. Members also helped prepare holiday Operation Santa gift mailings for the troops overseas and some contributed to the Baby Fold Festival of Trees activities too.

Each month there are “Quilt for Kids”, “Kids Sewing Club” and “Little Dresses for Africa” workshops. A “Friendship Membership tea” held in February was the perfect opportunity to invite non members where they learned about Hall China from Paul Simpkins of Rantoul, IL.

Enticing programs have included: Food or Supplements; Grandparents Have an Important Role in a Child’s Life; Disaster Preparedness; and Beverages – Empty Calories or Not. Cultural enrichment topics challenged members to Exercise for Daily Health and develop a bird friendly yard. Our “Read and Share” book discussions, discussed the books *Last Child* and *Safe Haven*. Members and guests anticipate a trip and tour around McLean County to experience the “Barn Quilts” on May 1.

Members helped raise funds for Life-CIL (Center for Independent Living) by putting together more than 20 baskets to be raffled at their event on April 20. Bergner’s Community Days coupon books were sold in March to help generate funds for our many projects including the soldier comfort boxes. 16 comfort boxes have been sent to the troops since January 1.

A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS event is being planned by McLean HCE on May 4 at the Interstate Center. Eddy Weiss will share his storm chasing experiences and wisdom and representatives from local and area emergency services agencies are expected to be there with educational displays, the American Red Cross

vehicles, storm chaser vehicle, ambulance, police car, command post, Survive Alive House, medical tent, fire trucks, State Farm Catastrophe Response Vehicle, children’s games, activities for all ages and door prizes. Brad McCollum of the Bloomington Fire Department will present a program on fire extinguisher use and a puppet show. We are excited about this program and are working hard to get the publicity out.

Carmen Schnitker of Danvers, IL passed away on March 10. A 46 year member of McLean County HCE, she was responsible for programs and workshops which influenced HCE members and 4-Her’s alike. Her teaching skills in the creative arts and crafts will forever live on as her students knowledge filters down to future generations.

Fifteen members of McLean County HCE attended the 89th Annual Conference in Effingham, March 12-14: Jane Wood, Kathryn McNeely, Pat Pulokas, Robin Bagwell, Kathleen Emery, Eileen Norin, Bette Ohlenkamp, Jeanie Wager, Barb Erdman, Nancy Messamore, Leatha Poshard, Joann Steinberg, Jean Barrington, Linda Kobs, and Anna Marie Chrisman. We certainly enjoyed the varied workshops and also were pleased that McLean County’s Kathryn McNeely was elected IAHCE 2nd Vice President.

Pat Pulokas, Barb Jurgens,
Public Relations Co-Chairs



With their
“Many Hats”

And without!



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**DISTRICT 6
DIRECTOR
Marilyn Schaefer**

Hi everyone!

Easter is just a week away, I hope the weather changes to warmer and maybe not the snow that is expected this weekend.

I was so happy to see so many from our district at the State Convention. I hope you enjoyed it. We have heard nothing but good things about the conference. I know you must have all been tired from the convention, I know I was. I hope you got some new ideas from the share shops; we tired to pick ones we would enjoy attending.

The District meeting was well attended and I feel like we all came away from it with some new ideas

If you have not contacted me about your annual meetings, please do so as I am getting a lot of dates on my calendar.

Our 2014 State Conference will be in Decatur on March 18 - 20. Our District Workshop will be in Mt. Vernon on August 20, 2013. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

Marilyn Schaefer

BOND.....

A new year is awaiting for us for education, learning and enjoyment.

January found us dodging around the snow flakes to get to meetings or not. Our major lesson, "Mini Stroke? They are Not as Mini as You Think" was timely at the beginning of a new year. FAST
F-Face-does one side droop?; A-Arms-does one arm drift downward?; S-Speech-does the speech slur or sound strange?; T-time-call 911

immediately. F A S T

February had us hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive in Greenville. Sixteen donors presented themselves for giving blood. Thank you to all who helped with registration, refreshments and/or gave blood.

"Calling All Chocoholics" was February's lesson. Just in time for Valentine's Day! The cacao bean has been around over 2500 years originating in Central America. Its flavanol has shown to have anti cancer properties, can help reduce risk of diabetes, stroke and heart attacks. It is important to treat chocolate as an indulgence and not as a health supplement. Almost half of the world's chocolate is consumed in America. In 2006 more than 6.5 million tons of chocolate was traded worldwide. ENJOY!!

March brought the exciting IAHCE Conference, "The Many Hats of IAHCE", was held in Effingham, IL. Several Bond County ladies attended all or part of the days. "Flesors Candy Kitchen", "Technology is Here to Stay", "Barn Quilts Heritage Trail in McLean County", plus the officers training classes were some of the Share Shops attended. Speakers were very interesting, especially Barbara Fairchild with her "Teddy Bearchild" bear, book and song used to help children with autism.

Spring is just around the corner and we are off to a good start in 2013.

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations



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CRAWFORD.....

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was a huge success in December. A delicious meal was served in the Lincoln Room at Lincoln Trail College. Everyone was encouraged to tell about a special Christmas memory. It was a perfect time spent with friends and enjoying the "real meaning of Christmas".



Crawford also held a BINGO Night to encourage members to bring a "potential" new member with them. White elephant gifts were the prizes and everyone had a great time. Two 1 year-free memberships were given out as prizes also.

To celebrate HCE Week, Crawford County held a "wreath making demonstration" by the local florist and opened it to the public to drum up new members. Refreshments were served.

Barb Miller has held the president position for 3 years. She has single-handily inspired all the Units to host a special event every month throughout the year to encourage friendships across the county. She even started TWO new units! Every member has taken an active part in our local organization. We are so very proud of the work Barb Miller has done for HCE.



(picture of Barb Miller, right side with pumpkins on shirt and Hope Dennis Treasurer)

EFFINGHAM.....

March was a busy month for Effingham County HCE. Several of our members attended the annual HCE Conference held in Effingham.

We sold butter braids and cookie dough as a fundraiser.

On March 23, we had our annual quilt show with 68 quilts being entered and 89 people attending the show. Attendees were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank and were given a quilting magazine. Best of show winner was Melba Voelker, who also won last year, and people's choice winner was Ruth Terhune. A



drawing was conducted for a quilt made by county board member Nita Motogawa. She made the quilt and sold raffle tickets on it to raise money for chemo ducks given to children undergoing cancer treatments.

Jean Sporleder
Public Relations

FAYETTE.....

January 2013 was a relative quiet month for FCHCE. A Sewing Day was held at the Extension Office in Vandalia. The project was making tote bags .

February proved to have more activity as several new projects were suggested and accepted, i.e.: Valentines for the Military; A new Banner for Fayette County HCE in time for the State Conference in Effingham; To collect shoes to be sold and money used towards equipment to help provide water in third world countries; FCHCE had sent over 500 Christmas cards to the military in Kuwait and over 4,000 coupons to Fussa-Shi, Japan, to be used by the U.S. Military stationed in that country.

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March was a busy and exciting month as FCHCE prepared and attended the Annual IAHCE State Conference in Effingham. "The Many Hats of IAHCE" theme was fun as the members were encouraged to wear hats, ideally designed to represent their work(s) as a volunteer. There were many unique and cleverly-designed hats which proved to be real ice-breakers at the gatherings.

Flo Allen, Anna Jean Rhodes, Debbie Segrest, and Panzi Blackwell attended



all three days. Segrest and Blackwell were also delegates. Also in attendance for part of the conference were Fayette County members Phyllis Pryor, Elizabeth Kasten, and Debbie Swain. Shirley Klitzing and Panzi Blackwell represented Fayette County in the Best of Show competition with a quilt and a book of poems respectively.

Many vendors offered many opportunities for purchasing very nice items as gifts or for one's self. The Silent Auction was also well supplied with great items to bid on.

The varied share-shops were interesting and informative and well-presented. Among the favorites mentioned were "Laughter Works", "Cherokee Indians", "Flesor's Candy Kitchen" (high on the list), "Quilts of Valor", both "Fresh" and "Silk" Flowers Arranging classes, "Barn Quilts" and "Pork, the Other White Meat".

Also much enjoyed was the warm and friendly appearance and music of Barbra Fairchild. Scott Wattles as "Elvis" at the last evening meal was beautifully and tastefully presented, as he sang Elvis' songs and chatted with the audience.



The culmination of the conference was the meeting with our District 6 Director, Marilyn Schaefer, on Thursday morning. She conducted an interesting, informational and beneficial meeting as several of the members joined in the discussion of HCE and of the conference.

Although it was the last of a busy, full, three days, most still seemed enthused about the conference and, hopefully, returned to their home counties refreshed and with new ideas. Fayette County HCE's appreciation to all who worked so hard to bring the 89th Annual IAHCE State Conference to us.

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

JERSEY.....

Jersey County HCE continues to stay active and involved! Our most recent program that was community oriented was the "Skywarn Program", Spotter Training Class held on February 19, 2013 at the Jersey Community High School.

It featured Jim Kramper, Chief Meteorologist with the National Weather Service out of St. Charles, MO. The "Skywarn Program" is intended to promote a cooperative effort between the National Weather Service and communities. The emphasis of the effort is often focused on the storm spotter, an individual who takes a position near their community and reports wind gusts, hail size, rainfall and cloud formations that could signal a developing tornado.

Fifty-eight individuals from Greene, Jersey, Calhoun, Macoupin and Madison counties in Illinois were in attendance to receive the training to become a certified "Skywarn Storm" Spotter.

In November we had a lesson on "What Is Gluten Free?" with Diane Stumpe of Nature-Kist Health Food Store as our guest speaker. She gave us information on gluten-free diets and lots of recipes on how to cook gluten-free.

In December, after enjoying a luncheon at

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Magnolia's in Carlinville, the HCE board went shopping at Sinclair's Grocery in Jerseyville, spending the money we had collected from the units for the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Jerseyville. We are happy to report that our ladies were extremely generous this year and we were able to restock the Food Pantry with items they most needed at that time.

Jim Siebert, from Extension Adviser presented a lesson on "Planning for Life Changing Events" in January, where we learned how to create a plan of action of tasks we wish to do in preparation for a situation when we can't speak for ourselves. This was a most useful and informative meeting.

February brought more bad weather, so we had to cancel our Lesson for Living on "Totally Tasty Tortillas". We had handouts ready, which were later distributed to each unit, which included plenty of new recipes on something new and different for your family and to "spice up" your meals. Our county policy is whenever schools are closed; we cancel any event that we may have scheduled.

Elizabeth A. Schwab
Public Relations

MACOUPIN.....

Lessons so far this year have been:

1. Live Wise-Live Well, concentrating on how our eating habits have changed in the last twenty years. Eating out more often, more prepackaged foods etc.
2. Grandparents have an important role in a child's life. What activities do you enjoy doing with your grandchildren or what do you remember doing with your grandparents?
3. The Cost of managing your money. Are there fees you feel are wrong?
4. Beverages, Empty Calories or Not? What is your favorite beverage?

These have been fun and informative lessons.

Six of our ladies attended the State Conference in Effingham the 12th thru the 14th of March. There we attended Share Shops on Laughter Works, Edible Centerpieces, Cherokee Indians, Recycling in the Future, Putting the "Magic" Touch in Kitchen, The Fully Dressed Women, The Sewing, Technology is Here to Stay, Flesors Candy President's and 1st Vice President's Workshops, Cultural Enrichment, All About Baking and Exploring Recipes and Accessorizing Your Wardrobe. Lots of information and ideas to take home to our County and individual Units. It was an enjoyable time meeting new people and renewing old acquaintances.

We are currently planning two events, a Tri-County meeting (Christian, Jersey and Macoupin) to be held on April 30th, also our Annual meeting to be held in May. We are looking forward to both of these.

Our Cultural Arts group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We have made pins from felt, Hawaiian leis from fun fur or eyelash yarn and decoupage Easter eggs. The Quilting class meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. These classes are open to the public, you do not have to be an HCE member to attend.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

MADISON.....

Thanks to IAHCCE for another great conference--our hats off to you for a job well done!

Madison County had a successful "Winter Warm Up" on February 2nd with another good attendance with over 25 classes being offered. Classes included basket weaving, tatting, Swedish weaving (thanks Jersey County), knitting, crocheting (including ruffle scarves), Zentangle, quilting, cookie decorating, reverse glass painting, iris paper folding, pie making, lace knitting, and one of the instructor's husband conducted a gardening class. Thanks to Joyce Cornwell and all of her helpers for a job well done.

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On the afternoon of April 14th we will have our Emergency Preparedness Fair. Eddy Weiss (chasing4life.org) will be our main presenter with various vendors from Madison County, Monroe and out-of-state. We are looking forward to a very educational day that will showcase the awareness to "be ready" for any emergency with residents of Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties.

On April 29th we will have our Annual Meeting-- The Many Hats of MCAHCE with Debbie Henniger presenting Hobo Quilts. We will present scholarships to Morgan Demczak (granddaughter to Joyce Cornwell) and Aaron Uhe (son of Patty Uhe, grandson of Lorene Uhe).

On May 6th we will have our membership tea inviting some 40 new members, 29 of which have joined this year. We also have two new clubs-- Night Rox from Roxanna and Collinsville Unit. We appreciate their initiative to start a new unit as well as Vi Huebner and Joyce Cornwell's dedication to encourage them.

On May 14th we are taking a county tour to Moonshine IL for lunch and visiting the shops in Martensville and Casey, IL. We are hoping for good weather as we visit small town America.

In our last article to the state, I missed informing many people who might have known Sharon Helms from Edwardsville, IL of her passing this past fall, 2012. Sharon was known for so many talents many of which she shared in Cultural Arts at the IAHCE Conference. She was an avid quilter --lap quilts, wall hangings, and quilts in general, wearable art, porcelain, etc. She was our mentor as we prepared our 75th HCE exhibit for the Madison County Historical Museum in 2011. She served on MCAHCE Board as president and other roles throughout the years. We were blessed to have shared time with her throughout the years and she is missed.

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations



MONROE.....

The Monroe County HCE Board, along with several HCE members, attended 89th Annual Conference "The Many Hats of IAHCE", held in Effingham, March 12-14th. Several of the interesting Share Shops included: Monarch Butterflies, Barn Quilts Heritage Trail, Laughter Works and Edible Centerpieces.

The theme of the year "The Many Hats of IAHCE" recognizes that we all wear many hats in our life and as being a member of HCE. There are many ways you wear a hat, in your family.....you cook, you clean, you get your children (or grandchildren) ready for school and many other extraordinary ways.

I have been very proud of myself, and the many hats I have worn, while a member of the Monroe County HCE Unit. I served as Public Relations, in the New Hanover Unit for several years, as well as served on the County Board, as Public Relations, for 6 years with the help of Tina Johanning, we were able to get a group of gals together, to form the Spring Chicks unit. I am currently the President and Public Relations for this new unit.

I've enjoyed being your Monroe County Public Relations Board member. It's time for me to take a break, as I would like to focus on the new "Spring Chicks" unit, formed with younger ladies, focusing on having a family friendly atmosphere assisting more on the challenges and struggles of daily life, so that the woman can find time for herself to learn and grow. I've met many people, county-wide, as well as state-wide. I enjoyed attending several state conferences and hope to attend many more. Best of luck to the new County and State Board and I look forward to working with you and seeing you in the future.

Ericha Sondag
Public Relations



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DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Barbara Spencer



I was very pleased to see so many from our area at the Conference. Thank you for the help that many of you were able to give. Many of you attended our workshop and took part in discussions. I appreciated the kind applause I received when introduced at the installation. Thank you.

I know from your newsletters that you have many different plans for the next few months and I wish you well in all of them. You accomplished so much last year and I'm sure that you will once again. I'm looking forward to visiting your counties for your annual meetings.

Barbara Spencer

FRANKLIN.....

We have had the most unusual weather in our part of the state but we keep busy through most of it. Looking forward now to garden time. I missed all those things that "dried" out last year. The first Saturday in November is always our Christmas Ideas and Health Fair. We had many different vendors as well as our usual cake walk, food stand, Taster's Table and Country Store. Many were able to get flu shots and get other medical questions answered. We appreciate all who walk through the door and I would say we saw about 700. We received one new member.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving saw us busy once again at the Benton Civic Center Craft Show where we put out information about our organization as well as selling a few things like bread, cookies, etc. We also had a Lesson for Living in November entitled "Finding Strength in Trying Times".

In December, we had our Christmas Board Party a

little early and then went to the Extension Office where we filled stockings for the Franklin County Veterans. Our unit members were very helpful in supplying items for the stockings. We only missed one month in sewing neck coolers to be sent over seas. We appreciated the ladies and one gentleman who came out to help make them. We were able to finish 2100. Units were very helpful in supplying material and money for postage. We already have orders from two commanding officers for 800 each.

We had a lesson in January about "Choosing Reliable Nutrition Information in the Kitchen with Whole Grains".

In February, we held our annual Membership Luncheon. More than 50 attended. Donna Redmon of our Board made many different kinds of breads. The board supplied soups and salads and units provided desserts and sandwiches. Rev. Ralph Brandon was a special hit with all - he's quite a funny guy. Jama Stanton of the Woman's Center gave an insight in what they do and how they even serve men who have been abused by spouses. Our theme was the "Many Hats of HEA" and most of the ladies wore hats, some quite unusual - and they were judged. We also received two new members. Also in February was our lesson on "Food Allergies - Gluten".

March was a busy month trying to fit in unit meetings for Board Members, getting ready to go to conference and planning for the spring Home, Garden and Craft Show. You might say hats could be a theme as our ladies wear a lot of different ones this day. Right after conference was our Lesson for Living on "Roses" which will be taught by Sonia Lallemand.

I don't know how much we'll slow in April with all the various projects the Board and Units are involved in. For sure there will be a Lesson for Living on the "Computer". I don't know what will be taught, but I better be there. April 30 is our Annual Meeting and, of course, the theme is "The

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Many Hats of IAHCE". I'm sure there will be much more scheduled than I have reported, but that will be for another time.

Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

HAMILTON.....

It is hard to believe that winter is over and we can begin to enjoy some nice spring weather. Although we had some snow and cold temperatures, we were blessed compared to many areas of our country.

On November 17, our Hamilton County ladies held their annual style show, salad luncheon and bazaar. The luncheon was delicious and we had some great models. We had several vendors with nice gifts and food items for sale. We gave away a beautiful quilt which was a great fundraiser for us.

Our HEA Board meeting was held on December 3rd followed by a board Christmas luncheon and holiday Bingo.

We continued collecting soda tabs, postage stamps and card fronts all through the winter. We have reminded our members to keep track of their volunteer hours. It's amazing how many hours we have in a years' time.

On January 21, we held a craft day for HEA and 4-H members. Becky Belcher taught how to make feed sack tote bags. It's a great way to recycle feed sacks. Since last year's Family Issues focus was Autism, we collected sheets to be used in making weighted blankets for Autistic children. We donated them to Champaign County.

In February, we sponsored Valentine Bingo for the residents at the Heritage Woods Assisted Living. We also collected and delivered 853 gifts and over \$80.00 worth of quarters for patients at the VA Hospital in Marion. 4-Hers made valentines to accompany the veteran gifts. Karen Rapp taught a lesson on *Color in Quilts and Simple Quilt Blocks*. Several ladies took blocks to

complete. Karen will piece the blocks. After the quilt is finished, it will be donated to Hamilton County Relay for Life for a fundraiser.

Five board members attended the IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham. We are very excited that Hamilton County won first place in the soda tab collection contest for the third consecutive year. This year we turned in 141 lbs. Our community has helped us a lot with this project.

On March 19, Joy Richey, retired Extension educator, taught an informative lesson on *Making Your Own Cleaning Products*. There was a good attendance. With April fast approaching, we are working on plans for a taco lunch/bake sale fundraiser and Annual Day. Seems like there is never a dull time for HEA members.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. Maybe temperatures will be cooler than they were last year.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

Happy Spring!?! Spring here in Southern Illinois has been playing Hide and Seek, just when you think you see it, it hides again. We can take comfort from an old Proverb, "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow."

Jefferson County HCE started the New Year filling out new program books and looking ahead to the lessons we will be learning this year. We started off with a lesson on information about putting soy in your diet. Sometimes we have preconceptions of things without having really tried it. We had a few samples of food made with soy, and it was surprisingly good. Some of our members went home, tried it on their toughest critics, and most came away with good results. It is never too late to try to eat a little healthier, and this lesson on soy showed us a new to do this.

The Lifeboat Alliance was very grateful for the bags we made for the children and fortunately,

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there are not any children living in the shelter right now but our bags are there for when they do come in. We have switched our efforts to helping the women of the shelter with personal female products they need.

Our members have been volunteering their time helping the 4-H youth with beginning and advanced sewing classes and a class on crocheting. These classes will go on for several months.

In February the JCHCE held a Soup & Sandwich Supper and Game night fundraiser. Thirty people came and donated money for a soup and sandwich meal and then enjoyed the games set up to play. This was such a successful fundraiser and it was nice to have fellowship with other members in a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere. Unbeknownst, we have some serious domino players amongst us, and they taught a few how to play 'chicken foot' and 'Mexican train'; everyone seemed to have a joyous time, we will be organizing another social night in the future.

The JCHCE lesson was a presentation on CASA. A CASA or guardian advocates for the purpose of representing a child. The Illinois CASA Association is the organizing body for CASA in Illinois, and supports thirty local programs that recruit, train and manage CASA volunteers. Often times the CASA volunteer is the only consistent unpaid adult in the child's life. The voice of every child needs to be heard; clearly this is an organization that needs volunteer help across the state of Illinois.

JCHCE members also continue to collect items for the Love Box and deliver them to the residents of a nursing home of each unit's choice. The residents are appreciative of our gifts of love to them; even a small pocket sized package of soft tissues receives a smile.

March madness, an appropriate word for the JCHCE this month. The month started off with a very successful Blood Drive, several of our

members volunteered for set up and clean up as well as donating for the cause. Several members attended the Annual Conference and came back with many ideas to share. The Illinois Extension held their annual SCOFY Break and our HCE members helped serve lunch to 250+ students (8th grade), in 45 minutes.

In addition, several of our members joined with the Waltonville, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and went to the Marion VA nursing home and assisted in several games of Bingo. Residents would win a certain number of quarters, quarters that were collected from JCHCE, along with the Ladies Auxiliary. What an honor to bring one hour of smiles to the faces of men and women who served and fought for our freedoms.

Our March lesson was held at our public library in Mt. Vernon, an institution that also is in need of volunteer help. A tour of the facility was given and some members renewed or signed up for library cards.

Members from the Jefferson County Home and Community Education will be participating for the next six months on a "GROW Committees" to step through questions that will guide the HCE to a future vision of getting new members into the association and to strengthen the organization. Recommendations will be made to the county association from the result of the answers that are gathered from each county's HCE members. Helen Leonhardt is the Program Coordinator.

JCHCE units have been busy creating hat centerpieces for our Annual Meeting next month. As we move along through the year volunteering to educate and help organizations, families and individuals a quote by Everett Mamior sums things up nicely, "The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

Silvana Morss
Public Relations



DISTRICT NEWS

MASSAC.....

The Massac County HCE Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, March 24, at the Metropolis Community Center. The program theme was "The Many Hats of HCE". The center was decorated with hats of all types. Each unit decorated a table using the theme with some creative ideas. Five 2012 new members and one 50 year member, Velma Libby, were recognized during the meeting. Norma Korte, received the Outstanding HCE Member Award. The five HCE Scholarship winners were introduced: Leah McConnell, Elaney Sommer, Will Bunting, Jonathan Haverkamp, and Kashana Simpson. Each student is very active in their school and community, and we are pleased to help them further their education.

The program "The History of Hats" was presented by Kendra Sisk, Town & Country Unit won the award for the Best Table Decoration and Volleville Unit won the Best Attendance award. Thank you to American Heritage Unit for hosting the annual meeting this year. Great job! The New Frontiers Unit will host the 2014 Annual Meeting.

A total of 41 members and 13 guests attended the 2013 Annual Meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this meeting so special!



HCE members, parents, Vickie and 4-H members met on March 4 to work on Weighted Blankets to be given to Early Childhood here in the county. The 4-H members learned a little more about sewing and worked together to make the blankets. We need some more good used sheets to stuff the blankets. Thank you to everyone who came and helped in any way to this project.



Norma Korte, Public Relations

PERRY.....

Perry County HCE hosted a successful program on "Disaster Preparedness." Chief Meteorologist Jim Rasor from Channel 3 spoke at a LFL February 14th and assisted the participants with programming their weather radios. His main topic was "Inconvenient" in the fact most people will not change their plans even when violent or severe weather is predicted that can get them into trouble or death can result. When threatening weather is possible don't leave home or do change your plans for the day.

The HCE quilt was put in the frame and finished the week of February 18-22nd. Many hands made light work on those days. The finished quilt is our money-maker for the year and scholarships are awarded with the proceeds.



Representatives were in Effingham for the State Conference in March. Jane Chapman continues as State Treasurer.

Donations of quarters and cards were sent to Anna Veteran's Home for Christmas and Valentine's Day. Collections of card fronts were sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Baby items were donated to Pregnancy Matters at the local hospital.

Passport Party occurred on April 11th at the elementary school. The countries of Trinidad/Tobago were presented as our International program and the 4-H kids did a display on the state of Louisiana. The theme was "Mardi Gras celebration."

May 2 brings Annual Meeting and election of officers. It will be at Sunfield Methodist Church. The new theme of the year will be announced.

The unit meetings where we "group together" seem to be accepted by Perry County. This saves the presenter going to so many small gatherings. A Master Gardener will present the next one on "Herbs of the Bible." The June lesson will be "Honey" with a gathering at Manor at Mason Woods in Pinckneyville. A picnic may follow this presentation in the local park.

Carolyn Bathon
Public Information

DISTRICT NEWS

RANDOLPH.....

Randolph County has had several events in the past year, with good attendance. An annual end of summer salad supper was held, and many great salads were brought by those attending. Everyone really enjoyed the Seeds of Blessings speaker, Jan Denby, at that gathering.

In October, a Holiday Showcase was held which included a floral arrangement demonstration, style show, lunch and a hands-on cooking demonstration with those attending participating in the preparations. We gave away our annual quilt that day, and a member of one of the units took home the prize.

With a lot of interest in quilting, a quilting group was formed and is meeting monthly. It was started by some of the HCE members and has attracted a lot of women who are not members.

This spring, a Cabin Fever event was held. There was a demonstration of salad greens and how to use them. The product was also served at the luncheon. The popular fluffy scarves and t-shirt scarves were demonstrated and the attendees learned how to make them.

Plans are to assemble quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also to keep collecting items for local food banks and veterans.

Four of the board members attended the conference in Effingham and took home many good ideas to pass on to the local members.

The annual meeting was held April 30 and Sonja Lallemand was the guest speaker.

Jane Lucht

Congratulations
on winning
Grand Award
for pounds of pull tabs
collected!!



WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members welcomed the year 2013 and are ready for new events and activities. We are all waiting for some warm Spring weather as the Master Gardeners are having a "Plant Swap" in Nashville, IL.

Our members are busy as our quilt is set up and a beautiful quilt will be quilted for our raffle in November during our Christmas program.



Our 67th WCHCE Annual meeting will be held April 23rd at the Original Springs Hotel, Okawville, IL. with the theme "Our Many Hats in HCE". A delicious meal will be served followed with a short business meeting. New officers will be installed by our District Director. A variety of decorated hats will be displayed throughout the dining room along with the members that will be wearing their favorite hat! Our speaker, Ms. Barbara Kaye, will present the program portraying Clara Barton, who wore many different hats during her lifetime. A silent auction will be held. A collection for the Hoyleton Children's Home will be during the Annual meeting.

The 4-H Director reported that the program "Simply the Best" will be held at Nashville High School in April and judging of the 4-H shows will be held in July.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

DISTRICT NEWS

2013 CONFERENCE

WILLIAMSON.....

Williamson County H.C.E. is looking forward to Spring, but looks like we will have to wait a little longer. As of March 24-26 we are having snow. January was a slow month for us, but February was a busy month. Our board meetings began on the 6th. Then on February 28th we had our International Country Luncheon. We had a lady that goes to Trinidad and Tobago every year come and speak to us about the area.

In between the first and last of the month we collected tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and items for the Gum Drop Project. We are also collecting items for the Women's Shelter in Carbondale, Il. and items for Knight Shield Project.

The Board will be cooking lunch at the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter on March 30th. Our ladies are a very busy and dedicated. The Board has had a couple of ladies to step down due to health problems but we have already replaced one and by the April Board Meeting we hope to have the other position filled.

We had five from the Board go to the Conference in Effingham on March 12-14. March 18 we had a Craft Day at the Extension Office and had a very good turn out. The ladies worked on several items of interest.

On April 18, we will be having our Annual Meeting. May has all ready started to fill up. The Crab Orchard Unit will be having a yard sale to benefit Pregnancy Matters on May 3-4 and on May 16 Care and Share Unit will be having a High Tea for all the units and anyone else who would like to attend. We are also working on our Family Issues Update Program due to be held in September. Franklin County hosted it last year, so it is our turn to host it this year.

I'm sure the summer will be a busy time for us also. It always is. Stay safe and God's blessing on you all.

Charlene Morris, President

THE GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY!

This year's Great American Family Award was presented to David and Barbara Higley of Adams County. David and Barbara are the parents of four children and have four grandchildren. They have proven their dedication to agriculture and have opened their farm to many organizations and their church family. They have also been volunteers for several church and 4-H activities. Over the past 20 years of their 54 year marriage, David and Barbara have overcome two extremely challenging times when they lost one son in 1991 and a second son in 2011. Despite their losses, their daughter Tammy said, "They continue to have great faith and love. I have never heard them ask why us?" This demonstration of commitment, trust, and faith is something we can all admire and respect.

Throughout their application and reference letters, they were described as the "behind the scenes people" that make everything work. Barb enjoys making crafts, baking, and decorating cakes. She has served as a 4-H Leader, Sunday School teacher, and HCE member. Dave is active with the church as a greeter and council member, and is actively involved in helping with youth and family events.



DAVE and BARB HIGLEY

with IAHC Family Issues Director, Norma Korte.

2013 CONFERENCE AWARDS

CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS 2012 Education Awards Karen Halicki, Director

Highest Number of Hours Turned In

District 1	
Stephenson County	15,965
District 2/3	
Lake County	22,342
District 4	
Pike County	21,019
District 5	
Champaign County	38,421
District 6	
Madison County	20,769
District 7	
Jefferson County	21,146

Highest Percentage Members/County

District 1	
Warren County	58%
District 2/3	
Grundy County	81%
District 4	
Pike County	57%
District 5	
Macon County	77%
District 6	
Clay County	45%
District 7	
Jefferson County	48%

Highest Number of Participating Members/County

District 1	
Warren County	57
District 2/3	
Kane County	84
District 4	
Pike County	121
District 5	
McLean County	150
District 6	
Madison County	56
District 7	
Jefferson County	95



Volunteer Services



- ◆ Eighty-Eight (88) members with 1,000 in hours.
- ◆ 2,044 members turned in hours.
- ◆ 572,477 hours were turned in by January 31st.
- ◆ 60 out of 79 counties reported.
- ◆ There were 464 new members turning in hours.
- ◆ I will be giving out 357 certificates and 618 seals.
- ◆ In 2011, 1,817 members turned in 490,024 hours.

District 1 (9)	2012 yr Lake	District 5 (19)	District 7 (20)
Jo Daviess	Therese Fenney 1633	Champaign	Franklin
Dorothy Ellinor 1164	Sandra Henke 1712	Marjorie Campbell 1080	Loma Baxter 1466
Marilyn Wurster 1123	Verna Minarik 1404	Carol Froeschl 1288	Barbara Spencer 1087
	Dorothy Rodewald 1048	Pam Lindell 1330	Leonda White 1249
	Patricia Weitzmann 1095	Betty Logue 1200	
Rock Island		Ellen Plummer 1061	
Debbie Finch 1206	LaSalle	Marge Probasco 1207	Hamilton
Marilou Simpson 1473	Louise Brucker 1692		Kay Mayberry 1071
	Elaine Elzer 1092	Edgar	
Stephenson	Gail Heath 1840	Marilyn Daughhetee 2898	Jackson
Diane Ethridge 1451			Linda Clutts 1637
Vera Kempf 1000	McHenry	Macon	Rose Lipe 1000
Judy Shippee 1410	Leona Rinn 1543	Sharon Middleton 1488	
		Joyce Pirtle 2000	Jefferson
Warren	District 4 (5)	Gini Smith 1085	Barbara Shurtz
Lois Brechbiel 1072	Morgan		Tina Trotter
Maxine Stewart 1159	Peggy Flynn 1047	McLean	Marge Wilcox
		Karen Carrigan 1618	Perry
District 2/3 (28)	Peoria	Kathleen Emery 1450	Colleen Furry 2412
Boone	Cathie MaGuire 1287	Eileen Norin 1247	Pam Morgenthaler 1000
Marge Heindl 1954			Alberta Woodside 2801
Jo Ann Wienrank 1012	Pike	Piatt	
	Mary Winner 1572	Jo Bauer 1045	Randolph
DuPage		Louise Brewer 1500	Jane Lucht 1085
Sandy Decker 2371	Sangamon	Twila Machey 1022	
Carolyn Fisher 1731	Glenna Schlemm 1092	Mirian Seevers 1010	Saline
			Wanda Raley 2530
Grundy	Tazewell	Prairie	
Patricia Buchholtz 1357	Lily Vermillion 1277	Marlene Phillips 1327	Union
Yvonne Canik 1246			Deborah Rossberg 2590
Lynn Sampson 1080		Vermilion	
		Sheila Rene Blessent 1248	Washington
Kane			Mary Barrett 3613
Barbara Bauler 2000		District 6 (7)	
Barb Geisen 1394		Effingham	White
Joyce Harner 1045		Marilyn Schaefer 2650	Alvin Campbell 1040
Marlis Hutchinson 1830			Joy Hoffman 1092
Sally Swanson 3717		Fayette	Ladene Taylor 1043
Sylvia Wennlund 1155		Debbie Segrest 1026	
			Williamson
Kankakee		Madison	Jo Barger 1149
Helen DuFour 1328		Joyce Cornwell 2611	
Mary Noble 1000			
Rita Overacker 1500		Rich Huebner 1520	
Lorraine Wildman 1100		Vi Huebner 2291	
		Precilla Plocher 1508	
Kendall		Marion	
Karen Klatt 1085		Ann Chappell 2780	
Joan McEachern 2102			



CVH - MEMBERS WITH 1000 HOURS & OVER

2013 EDUCATION AWARDS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

2012 Education Awards
Marge Wilcox, Director

District 1

Environment

Stephenson County
Rock Island County

District 2/3

None

District 4

Special Activity - Adams County

District 5

Citizenship - De Witt County
Safety - Macon County

District 6

Safety - Monroe County
Special Activity - Effingham County

District 7

Citizenship - Massac County
Saline County



COMMUNITY OUTREACH WINNERS

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT WINNERS



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

2012 Education Awards
Peggy Long, Director

District 1

Special Activity - Henderson County

For Dresses for Africa and working with 4-H, Girl Scouts, etc.

Textiles & Clothing - Stephenson County

For working with the 4-H to do Little Dresses for Africa.

District 2/3

Special Activity - Du Page County

For teaching crafts to girls in the Summer Program.

District 4

Special Activity - Hancock County

For Paper Baskets.

District 5

Special Activity - Edgar County

For the Craft Day with a craft show.

District 6

Textiles & Clothing - Effingham County

For Dresses for Africa workshop.

District 7

Special Activity - Jefferson County

For their multi-county bus trip for handicap assessable.

Textiles & Clothing - Wayne County

For their craft club, making a quilt.



2013 CONFERENCE AWARDS

FAMILY ISSUES

2012 Education Awards
Norma Korte, Director

District 1

Health, Food & Nutrition - Lee County
For Childhood Cancer Awareness

District 4

Health, Food & Nutrition - Adams County
For a Relay for Life Team and Pink
& Powerful

District 5

Family Living - McLean County
For Quilts for Kids program.
Health, Food & Nutrition - Macon County
For Autism, Cleaning Products &
Tab Collection
Special Activity - Champaign County
For Autism Awareness & Bra
Fundraiser

District 6

Health, Food & Nutrition - Effingham County
For Chemo Duck Awareness &
Fundraiser

District 7

Family Living - Franklin County
For assistances to Teen Pregnancy
Center
Special Activity - White County
For crayon bags for Autism students
& Tabs

INTERNATIONAL

2012 Education Awards
Pat Weitzmann, Director

District 1

County of Study - Stephenson County
For Education booklet and
distribution thorough.
Special International Event - Knox County
For mask making; joint project an
inspiration.
Other Country of Study - Lee County
China Came Alive - PFF Efforts paid
off.

District 2/3

Country of Study - LaSalle County
For event video created supports
community education.
Special International Event - Du Page County
For International dolls and
hummingbird presentations unique.

District 4

Country of Study - Tazewell County
For well researched articles and fun
with Hot Pepper quiz.
Special International Event - Sangamon County
For "Hats Tell the History" a
creative tool.
Other Country of Study - Pike County
For superb printed event program.

District 5

Country of Study - Champaign County
For great education through
newsletters, special event and press
coverage.
Special International Event - Macon County
For well planned and supportive of
IAHCE objectives.



2013 EDUCATION AWARDS

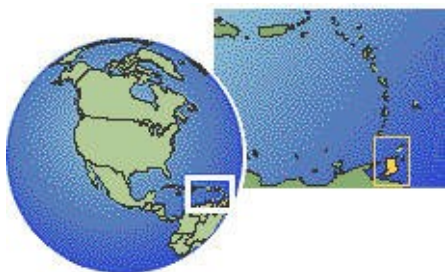
INTERNATIONAL AWARDS, con't

District 6

- Country of Study - Monroe County
For a well planned and executed education program and special event Good Trivia Contest
- Special International Event - Clay County
Great exhibits and program
- Other Country of Study - Effingham County
For hands on education a good approach to learning.

District 7

- Country of Study - Washington County
For good education booklet and newsletter articles.
- Special International Event - Jefferson County
For a great pre and post event publicity and good presentation variety.
- Other Country of Study - Massac County
For an eye catching display and good use of member talent for speaker.



MEMBERSHIP

2012 Education Awards

Sandra Bechtold, 2nd Vice President

District 2/3

- Special Activity - Du Page County
Membership open house held at the Extension office.
- Membership - Kane County
HCE presentation at the Volunteer Fair at the Gail Borden Library.

District 5

- Membership - Edgar County
Promoted Edgar HCE by updating 4-H bulletin board regularly, using special aprons at events and a membership contest.

District 6

- Special Activity - Madison County
Summer Cool Down program - A one day workshop planned to teach heritage skills to members and non-members.

District 7

- Special Activity - Massac County
Workshop of nine presenters and one keynote speaker with information given out to prospective members.



2013 CONFERENCE AWARDS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

2012 Education Awards

Sharon Middleton, Director

District 1

Special Activity - Stephenson County
 For featuring a great idea to promote HCE with their Christmas Tree decorated with items in miniature of things they have worked on during the year..

Public Relations - Rock Island County
 For looking for outside resources to help promote HCE.

District 2/3

HCE Week - Du Page County
 For promoting lessons during HCE Week.

Special Activity - Kane County
 For promoting HCE through a lesson at the library.

Public Relations - LaSalle County
 For promoting HCE throughout the county.

District 4

Public Relations - Tazewell County
 For promoting in several county newsletters during the year about upcoming lessons and events.

District 5

HCE Week - Champaign County
 For promoting their HCE Week events.

Special Activity - Macon County
 For the many ways they promoted "Tornado's, Are You Ready for the Ride?"..

Public Relations - McLean County
 For their monthly promotions of lessons and events featuring several ways to get information out to members and non-members.

District 6

Special Activity - Madison County
 For the "Summer Cool Down" promotion

District #7

HCE Week - Washington County
 For their promotion daily during HCE Week.

Special Activity - Franklin County
 For their promotion of the areas of Volunteering.



CONGRATULATIONS



PUBLIC RELATIONS GRAND AWARD WINNER
 EFFINGHAM COUNTY

2013 CONFERENCE AWARDS

MEMBERSHIP GAIN TOP 12 MEMBERSHIP

Sandra Bechtold, 2nd Vice President

SHELBY COUNTY – 15.85%

Macon County	9.32%
Wayne County	8.89%
Carroll County	7.41%
Pulaski/Alexander County	5.88%
Effingham County	5.83%
Monroe County	5.48%
Tazewell County	5.16%
Henderson County	4.76%
Hancock County	2.53%
Kanawakee County	2.33%
Du Page County	1.61%



COMMUNITY OUTREACH
GRAND AWARD WINNER
PIKE COUNTY



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT
GRAND AWARD WINNER
MACON COUNTY



MEMBERSHIP GRAND AWARD WINNER
MACON COUNTY

FAMILY ISSUES
GRAND AWARD WINNER
MONROE COUNTY



2013 CONFERENCE AWARDS

COUNTY OF THE YEAR



MACON - COUNTY OF THE YEAR

	<i>Points</i>
1. MACON COUNTY	13,760
2. McLean County	10,520
3. Stephenson County	7,980
4. Champaign County	7,310
5. Edgar County	7,070

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE COUNTIES!!

TAB COLLECTION AWARDS

Norma Korte, Family Issues

Pounds & Scores

1. Randolph County	206.5
2. Hamilton County	206
3. Champaign County	181.65
4. LaSalle County	135
5. Monroe County	123.46
6. Jefferson County	115
7. Du Page County	106
8. Macon County	103
9. Sangamon County	97
10. White County	90.6
11. Pike County	73.8
12. Prairie Association	73.5
13. Tazewell County	69
14. Jersey County	46
15. Stephenson County	42
16. McLean County	41
17. Jackson County	15



INTERNATIONAL
GRAND AWARD WINNER
LAKE COUNTY

CONGRATULATIONS
CONGRATULATIONS

TIED WINNERS

RANDOLPH/HAMILTON



"BEST OF SHOW" AWARDS

Cultural Enrichment

100 - Quilts

A. Machine

B. Hand

C. Baby

200 - Wall Hangings

300 - Embroidery

A. Machine

B. Hand

400 - Heritage Needle

500 - Counted Cross Stitch

600 - Crochet

A. Afghans

B. Other

700 - Knitting

A. Afghans

B. Other

800 - Wearable Art

900 - Crafts

1000 - Artwork

1100 - Woodcraft

A. Wheat Weaving

B. Natural Things

C. Wood

1200 - Photography

1300 - Jewelry

1400 - Scrapbooking

1500 - Recycled

1600 - Rugs

Alice Kuleukamp

Marie Worth

Josephine Marner

Dona Walzer

Dona Hoult

Shirley Schadewaldt

Barbara Abbott

Joyce Shearer

Ginny Franzen

Joyce Capp

Joyce Capp

Linda Schmidt

Marge Houghland

Rose Kremer

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Johnson

Barbara Abbott

Macoupin

Lake

Prairie

De Kalb

Edgar

Stephenson

Macon

Peoria

Kane

Sangamon

Sangamon

Effingham

Edgar

Effingham

Champaign

McLean

Du Page

Effingham

Du Page

Du Page

White

Macon



Here are some of the "Best of Show" Winners!





IN REMEMBRANCE

RUTH PEVERLY 1922-2013

I was sad to open the paper today and read that Ruth Peverly of DeWitt County had passed away. We last saw her at the 2013 Conference with daughter, Alice Grooms. To send condolences to the family send to:
13001 Taft Rd, Clinton, IL 61727

Peverly

CLINTON — Ruth Walker Peverly, 90, of Clinton died 4:28 p.m. Thursday (April 18, 2013) in Dr. John Warner Hospital, Clinton.

Celebration of Life services will be at a later date in Clinton Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Illini Cemetery, Warrensburg. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials: Associated Country Women of The World or Clinton Presbyterian Church. Send condolences: www.calvertmemorial.com.

Mrs. Peverly was born Nov. 21, 1922, in Clinton, the daughter of Carle and Ruth Kent Walker. She was a lifetime member of Clinton Presbyterian Church. She was active in Homemakers Extension. Ruth was a lifetime member of Associated Country Women of the World. Ruth and her husband, Robert, attended conferences all over the world. She was the Welcome Wagon Hostess in the 1970s. She was a member of the Illinois Association of Wheat Weavers. She also enjoyed quilting. Most of all, Ruth loved spending time with her family. She married Robert Corman Peverly on April 8, 1944, in San Diego, Calif. He passed away May 4, 2010.

Surviving are her son, Kent (Susan) Peverly of Everett, Wash.; daughters, Janice (David) Peverly-Field of Las Cruces, N.M.; Alice Grooms of Clinton; Virginia (Keith) Erickson of Urbana; sister, Caroline Manock of Clinton; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; one brother; and one sister.

Many of you knew that Ruth was a very active member in HCE and ACWW.

UPCOMING DATES

2013 IAHC District Workshops

District 1 & 2/3 August 22, 2013
TBA

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

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

2014 IAHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 18-20, 2014 Decatur Conference & Hotel

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

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

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

LETTER FROM AUTISM PROGRAM

to Norma Korte

I was pleasantly surprised to receive the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education's donation of \$380 for The Autism Program at the University of Illinois! I enjoyed reading about the "Teddy Bear" fundraiser that resulted in us receiving this generous donation. Thank you for sharing this donation with us. We plan to use the money for our Autism Family & Community Resource Room. Our Resource Room has many books and DVDs which can be checked out as well as free give away visual supports. We make many free visual schedules and learning activities for parents of children with autism and professionals who work with people with autism.

The usage of our resource room continues to increase as more people learn we are here to help. Last year we hosted over 1,000 visitors to our Resource Room and gave away over 4,000 visual supports (schedules, transition boards, self-help strips, etc). Through your efforts, we will be able to purchase new resources to help keep our collection current.

Again, thank you for your kind donation, for your previous donations of the weighted blankets for children with autism, and for promoting autism awareness among your members and local communities.

Warm Regards,

Linda Tortorelli
Coordinator – The Autism Program-UIUC

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