



# The Acorn

## Announcements

### Adams County HCE Newsletter

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A lot of events are coming up in the near future. Please mark your calendars for the Flapjack Fundraiser (see below) and the St. Louis Botanical Gardens Bus Trip (see Page 2).



**Enjoy a short stack  
for a tall cause.**

#### Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

This is the 3rd year for the ACHCE Flapjack Fundraiser. Our membership and friends support us by coming to this breakfast, and consequently, raised funds for ACHCE Scholarships.

DATE: February 25, 2017

DAY: Saturday

TIME: 8:00am - 10:00am

PLACE: Applebee's Restaurant

COST: \$5.00/person

3827 Broadway

Quincy, IL 62305

217-228-8451

REMEMBER: out of every \$5.00 ticket used at the breakfast---we receive \$4.00!!!

Anyone who is able to help on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Applebee's is welcome. Volunteers need to be inside Applebee's by 7:30 a.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEED TO WEAR:** comfortable shoes, an apron and a **purple shirt** to distinguish servers from patrons.

Services needed to be done at Applebee's Fundraiser are as follows:

- Collect tickets
- Sell tickets to walk-ins
- Lead patrons to tables
- Take Orders for drinks: Coffee (cream or sugar), Tea (sweet or unsweet), Soda, Juice (Refills are available for drinks)
- Bacon & Flapjacks (butter & syrup)
- Clean tables
- Keep coffee made in kitchen for refills
- Keep cups in kitchen available for juice

Thank you for any help you are able to give.

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Co-Chairs Ways 'N Means



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## HCE Bus Trip to

 MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Saturday March 25**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$53/person

8:00—**Depart from Lowe's Parking Lot**, 6030 Broadway

10:30—Arrive at Missouri Botanical Garden

10:45—**Private Tour of the Gardens**—One of the knowledgeable Garden Guides will introduce our HCE ladies to the Missouri Botanical Garden. We will learn its history and see their featured gardens and conservatories. Walking distance is approximately 1.5 miles. Japanese Gardens included.

12:45—**Lunch at the Sassafras Café**. We will grab a light meal or a quick snack, Dutch treat. Seasonal menus include delicious Garden-themed salads, sandwiches, soups, and snacks, with daily specials.

1:30—**Orchid Show**. This annual show offers visitors a once-a-year opportunity to see a rotating display of hundreds of orchids from the Garden's expansive permanent living collection amid a tropical oasis inside the Orthwein Floral Display Hall.

2:00—**Visit the gift shop**.

2:30—**Load buses for home**.

**We must have a minimum of 30 ladies to cover the cost of the bus.**

If fewer sign up, then we will cancel the bus and must drive on our own.

Guests welcome!

**Registration and payment is due by Feb. 28.**

Send names of ladies and payment to: Amy Looten, 2124 N. Wilmar Drive, Quincy IL 62301.

Call Amy at 217-242-9980 if you have any questions.



## The Oak Leaf

This is our new column named the "Oak Leaf." The purpose of this column is to recognize and highlight the many contributions of Adams County HCE members in our communities, along with the fun and unique activities or events by the units.

**Why the Acorn? Why the Oak Leaf?** Carol Lichtsinn provided information about how the Acorn Newsletter began. The Acorn newsletter started when Bonnie Tenhouse, Carol's aunt was County President. That was 1976-1978. The HEA (later the name was changed to HCE) was a very strong organization. They were trying to get 1000 members. So the oak tree was a strong tree, like HEA. There was a lot of units and the units were the branches. The Acorn came from the tree. It was Adams County Organization Rural News. That is when Carol became a mailbox member of the Burton Unit to help her Aunt to get 1000 members. We chose the name Oak Leaf for this column to continue with the Oak Tree theme. The "oak leaves" are the activities of the branches (units).

At each monthly meeting the Quinsippi Unit President, Debbie Cramsey, highlights a special "This Day" with information and provides treats or handouts. For example, at the January 3rd meeting the special day was Sleep Day. She provided tips to help you sleep better and gave each of us a banana which was one of the tips. The Quinsippi unit also does a "Member Spotlight" each month. Jeanine Karlstrand interviews each member and writes up a story of their life. She gives us clues to guess which member is being spotlighted.

Our Adams County HCE Units contribute in many ways to our communities. Here are some of the extra ordinary activities that were shared from last year:

- The Beverly/Liberty unit donates cash to sponsor a child for the school year in the "weekend backpack" program.
- The Quinsippi Unit donated school supplies to Washington School students in September.
- The Tumbleweeds donated cash to "Guitar First" to help pay for guitar lessons for a veteran.
- The Chatton ladies donated and served a meal at a benefit for a child with cancer.
- The Adams Co. board and Past Presidents donated toiletries and snack items to IVH residents.
- Many units supported our fundraising efforts for the Honor Flight Breakfast.
- The Quilt Club made 23 clothing protectors for IVH residents and donated a red, white and blue quilt to the Quilts of Valor.

Thank you for all the amazing ways HCE contributes to the wellbeing of Adams County.

Does your unit do any special recognitions or activities? Please let us know and we will highlight it here.

## Scholarship Deadline Fast Approaching

The March 1 deadline to apply for a \$500 Adams County HCE scholarship is now only about four weeks away. Has your high school senior or college student started their application yet? The applicant can be your grandchild, child or possibly yourself, as a HCE member. Darlene at the Extension office has application packets ready to be picked up or ask your Unit President. The sponsoring HCE member must have been a member for a minimum of two years. Completed applications along with references, transcripts and biographic statements must be postmarked by March 1 or turned in at the Extension office by the 1<sup>st</sup>.



To complete the application the student needs to include:

- The completed application face sheet.
- To ask two (2) people to write references for them before March 1. You might suggest a teacher or college professor that the student has worked with, or an employer. The strongest references often address the students' leadership skills, responsibility and interest in the chosen course of study.
- A High school transcript to date or a recent and up to date college grade report.
- A biographical essay. What are their long term career goals? How and where will they use the scholarship money?
- A wallet size photo.

# Things to Do..... Places to Go!

## HCE Book Club

February's book for discussion: 3rd Degree by James Patterson. Ginny Miller and Lucille Churchwell will be discussion leaders.

The Book Club meets at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Daylight Donuts (48th & Bdwy).



**Description:** This book is James Patterson's 3rd book in the series of the Women's Murder Club. Lindsey Boxer is jogging along a San Francisco street, when a townhouse owned by a millionaire with him inside explodes. A mysterious message is left at the scene. Later a prominent businessman is found murdered under bizarre circumstances. Again, a mysterious message is left at the scene. Lindsey asks her friends: Claire Wasburnn, M.E., ADA Jill Bernhardt and news reporter, Cindy Thomas, to help figure out who is doing the killing and why.

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Anyone who loves to read is welcome at the book club. We have many opinions about the author and the books. For information, contact: Mary Voorhis 217-224-0084.

## Lesson for Living

### I'm positive, I'm Aging!

February 10, 10-11 a.m., Farm Bureau Basement  
Minor lesson: Medical Tidbits

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**UPDATE.** Deadlines came and went for January – December 2016 County Volunteer Hours and Walk Around Adams County Miles. The stats were sent to state no later than January, 31 and are in the history books now! In 2017... remember each of your volunteer hours are very important ... it helps make Adams County HCE strong. Leslie Geschwandner, Public Relations/Volunteer Hrs/Walking Around Adams County requests you please plan to track your Volunteer Hours using the correct state forms (IAHCE Guidebook pages 75 & 76 available at [www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)). I guarantee using these forms would make recording a lot less painful on everyone!

## Dates to Remember

### February

8	Quilt Club	9:00 AM	Farm Bureau Basement
10	Lesson for Living: I'm Positive, I'm Aging!	10:00 AM	Farm Bureau Basement
14	ACHCE Board of Directors Mtg.	9:30 AM	Farm Bureau Basement
15	HCE Book Club	11:00 AM	Daylight Donuts 48th & Broadway
25	Flapjacks Fundraiser (article on page 1)	8-10:00 AM	Applebee's
28	Deadline for Registration & Payment for Botanical Garden Bus Trip (see page 2)		

### March

8	Quilt League	9:00 AM	Farm Bureau Basement
14	Board Meeting	9:30 AM	Farm Bureau Basement
15	Book Club	11:00 AM	Daylight Donuts (48th & Broadway)
14-16	IAHCE 93rd Annual State Conference in East Peoria		
21	Lesson for Living: Attracting Butterflies to your garden	6:30 PM	Farm Bureau Basement
25	Bus Trip to St. Louis Botanical Gardens	8 AM-5PM	Depart from Lowes Parking Lot
29	Cultural Enrichments Lesson	1:30 PM	Farm Bureau Basement

# Kiddie Bazaar 2016

The Kiddie Bazaar takes place annually the first Saturday in December. The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiddie Bazaar took place on Dec 3. The funds raised during this event will help finance HCE operations. The total net income this year was \$2,301.57. Each of the Adams County HCE unit Treasurers should be receiving their income checks soon. A big thank you to all those who had a part in making this event a success for our little shoppers!



Only 6 items left at Camp Point! Good job!