



The Acorn

Newsletter

Adams County HCE Newsletter

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By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have had a very successful Applebee's Flapjack Day. Thank you for all you did to make this a success: organizing, selling tickets, bringing friends and family to the event and volunteering at the event.

Your two county presidents are busy working on our county notebook documenting what you have done this past year. We will also be attending the state conference in mid-March picking up ideas we can use here in Adams County in the next year.

We hope you are planning your raffle baskets for the Annual Meeting to be held on April 24. Remember that the money collected in the raffle will go to future scholarships. Paloma Unit members again will be coordinating the basket raffle at the annual meeting. The state theme is "Celebrations at the Crossroads", but since this year is also Adams County 100th birthday, we are shortening it to "Celebrations". The annual meeting will be at St. Brigid's Church in Liberty. Tickets for this event are to be distributed to the units at the Flapjack event and will be available to you at your March meeting. The speaker will be a woman from Illinois who went to Estonia as part of the exchange program. She is eager to share her experiences with you. The Tumbleweeds unit is in charge of the decorations.

Just a little reminder that the histories of your unit need to be sent to the Acorn editor a month before it is scheduled to be printed in the Acorn. Contact one of us if you don't remember what month your unit is assigned.

A committee will be reviewing all the scholarship applications that came in before March 1. You'll find out who won at the annual meeting.

If you are asked to hold a position on the county board, please give it a lot of thought and then say "yes". It is a valuable way to get to know more members, a chance to see how the Adams County Home Extension operates and it will be a valuable experience as well as exhilarating. Your board works hard to keep this organization well oiled and always on target to get things done. You will never regret your experience as part of the county board.

Heather Ator and Judy Milfs, ACHCE Co-Presidents

2017 Adams County Volunteer Hours

Our 2017 Adams County Volunteer Hours total were 16,404.50 hours (5,766.50 HCE/10,639.0 Other Community), down again for two years running. Unofficially with our total hours of 16,405.50, it should reflect 80% of our membership reporting. Individual totals will be recognized at our 55th Annual Dinner Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 24 at St. Brigids Church in Liberty, IL. The members of Adams County HCE reporting made contributions to their local schools, churches, and non-profit organizations. A thank you is extended to the following individuals who had a part in unit reporting to ensure it was accomplished by established deadline: Alice Rakers, Charlotte Green, Joyce Dietrich. Marge Shank, Sharon Frese. Pat Lawber, Paula Baker, Eunice Robinette, Linda Duncan, Heather Ator, Betty Harker, and Mary Ann Peter. A reminder that CVHs in 2018 reporting will continue to be separated between HCE Hours and Other Community Hours. It is highly encouraged for unit recorders to gather hours each month.



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.

- The Chatton Unit is in the kitchen again. They used the recipes from the "5 Ingredient Recipes" from the January Lessons for Living to make 4 or 5 recipes, including Skillet Spaghetti and Meatballs for lunch at their recent meeting.

Burton Home Bureau, Home Extension, HCE 1917- 2018

Burton Unit HCE was one of the Charter Units of Adams County Home Bureau, which is now HCE. They started in 1917 and some of the original members were Mrs. Golden Sims, Mrs. Harriet Sims, Mrs. Ada Oitker, Mrs. Isma Tandy, and Mrs. Frances Viehl. They often talked about going to the meetings with horse and buggy. And when the horses were in the field, they walked. They were willing to sacrifice to be able to take part in the fellowship and learning experiences found at the meetings. At one time our unit had around 30 members. We are now down to 7 members and 3 honorary members, having lost 4 members this year.

A few years ago the Plainville Day Unit joined our unit and just last year the Plainville Nite Unit also joined us. We welcomed them all.

Many of our members have been officers of the Adams County HCE board. One of our members, Bonnie Tenhouse also served as 2nd Vice President of the State HEA Board.

We have sponsored the Burton Flyers 4-H Club for many years. We furnish refreshments for their Organizational Meeting and help advise when needed.

The highlight of our year is always our summer trips. We have gone to Pere Marquette State park, Blue Rose, Carthage Jail, Nauvoo Temple, Hummingbird Farm at Astoria, Round House at Nauvoo, The Burton Museum and Doll House Museum in Quincy. We've also gone to the Dancing Rabbits Compound, had dinner at an Amish home, went shopping at Colony and Rutledge in Missouri, took many trips to Bed and Breakfasts and much more.

Although we are small, we still participate in many of the programs offered by HCE. We take lessons and attend the Cultural Enrichment lessons, and we participate in the Book Club and Card Club.

We have contributed to the Dress An Angel, Salvation Army Christmas, Food Pantries, 4-H Trophy at the Fair, Make it and Take It and Kiddie Bazaar.

Current members of our unit are Carol Lewis, Loretta Fuller, Betty Harker, Marilyn Schafer, Mary Speckhart, Susan Sprague and Dorothy Wright. Honorary Members are Judy Fisher, Shirley Sorrill and Pat McIntire.



(Left: A visit to the Doll House Museum)



(Left: 1991—Burton HEA members gather around Marilyn Schafer's Christmas tree and display ornaments they made.)



(Above: 1991 — Burton members plant a pyracantha [firebush] at Good Samaritan Home.)

Liberty Unit History 1942-2018

Liberty Unit of HCE has been an active unit since 1942. Charter members included members who transferred from more distant units as well as new members. Members' children enjoyed Adams County Extension Advisor, Miss Walbridge's treasury of toys as their mothers enjoyed lessons presented by Miss. Walbridge. "Old timers" told about selling baked goods, garden produce, chickens, eggs, noodles, and other things on Saturday mornings at the Home Bureau Exchange in Quincy.

Membership has included ministers' wives, new mothers, new brides, teachers, 4-H leaders and 50 year members. Old records show that there have been several 2nd and 3rd generations of families and members. In the mid 1980's Hazel Akers became the first generation of her three-generation family to become members of the Liberty Unit.

Through the '70s membership was consistently over twenty and homes were stretched to have meetings. In 1975 and 1976 Liberty held Quilt Shows. Members made quilts to sell at these shows. They dressed in old time dress. Coffee and tea were served from silver tea pots. Cookies were delicate and fancy and, of course, homemade. Quilts shown were from brand new to very old as well as from far away distances because many viewers brought their own quilts to display.

Members from Liberty Unit have filled various positions on the Adams County HEA/HCE board, including President. Individually, members have chaired Annual Meeting committee, District meeting committee, Kiddie Bazaar co-chair, and District Kiddie Bazaar chairman. As a unit, Liberty made elephant ears and decorations for the HCE Week Party in 1995. During HCE Week in 1996 the Liberty Unity Hosted a Tea Party. Also in 1996 Liberty Unit planned and carried out decorations and favors for the Annual Meeting. They have participated in many other HCE activities. In 1995 and again in 1997 Liberty was the Honor Unit for South District.

Funds for charitable donations to various organizations and individuals as well as the many craft projects have been raised in various ways over the years. Participation in the 1986 and 1977 Christmas Show is very memorable. Members made Raggedy Ann and Andy Dolls to sell. Two members dressed as Raggedy Ann and Andy. In 1983 Liberty sold Elephant Ears at the Liberty Fall Festival. They have had many bake sales, quilt shows and white elephant auctions at Unit meetings.

Annually the unit has club Tours in June, Family Picnics in July and a Family Soup Supper in January or February (whenever weather permits). Tours have been to places such as historical sites in Springfield, Nauvoo, Hannibal, Rutledge, craft shows, museums, The Villa Katherine and various other locations in Quincy.

Often Liberty Unit members have carry-in meals for Craft Days. Classes are taught by members and others recruited from the community. Often food or other things are worked into meeting agendas from Special Feature lessons. These have included such things as noodle making, baking bread, rolls, and Danish pastry. Many an angel has been crafted from wood, string, Paper Mache and various other materials. Dolls have been made from buttons, with soft bodies, and also from soda cans. Sweatshirts have been painted, appliqued, decorated with thread stitches, material gridded on the wrong side and the skirt then cut into holes. Other craft projects have been fake fur flowers, material flowers, door hangings, reworked lawn chairs and much more. Occasionally things are thrown out and we start over, but most often we wear or display our projects with pride and go on to make many more similar items. Sometimes it seems as though we're always eating. All in all, Liberty Unit meetings and craft days are informative, interesting, and always enjoyable!

As of September 2016, Beverly/Liberty units combined, merging together as a combined unit, due to low membership.



January 2018 – 11 active members still enjoying craft and monthly meetings at members' homes. For the past several years we have been busy with the Kiddie Bazaar (the first Saturday of December), caroling and snacks for Timber Point nursing home, collecting toiletries for Illinois Veteran Home, family potluck and of course, enjoying dessert at each member's home, as well as learning together with monthly lessons.

Current members of Beverly/Liberty HCE Unit. Melba Funk, Charlotte Green, Joyce Welsh, Lorie Graham, Betty Huddleston, Carol Owens, Diane Owens-Dickman, Donna Rogers. (Suzanne Williams and Claudine Fearneyhough)

INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION!!!

Adams County HCE 55th Annual Business Meeting and Banquet

("Celebration at the Crossroads with IAHCE 2018")

All Adams County HCE Members:

You are all invited to join us for the "ACHCE Celebration." The Adams County HCE is 100 years old! The Illinois State HCE is 200!! It will be a fantabulous event filled with food, fun, fanfare, and frivolity--the Annual ACHCE Business Meeting and Banquet.

Where: St. Brigid's Catholic Church in Liberty, Illinois.

When: April 24, 2018. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Menu: A faultless feast: roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, a tossed salad, homemade rolls, homemade ice cream, and birthday cake. (There may be sprinkles, too!)

Program Highlights:

Featured speaker Mary Johnson, the Illinois HCE exchange visitor, focusing on fascinating facts from the far-off Estonia.

Fanfare for formidable scholarship winners.

Farewell to outgoing Adams County Board members and a fervent welcome to the new.

A finale of individual and unit award winners and raffle basket winners.

Don't forget your raffle baskets. Paloma has agreed to handle the raffle that supports the scholarship fund again.

So don't be a fuddy-duddy or a fence sitter. Come! It's going to be a fabulous HCE Celebration complete with ice cream and cake.

An envelope with tickets for each unit was given out to someone from each unit who was serving at the Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast on Feb. 24th. If no one from your unit worked that day, the tickets will be mailed to your president. Send money and all unsold tickets to the HCE Board Treasurer, Edna Flesner, no later than April 10th using the addressed envelope included with your tickets. **If you need tickets earlier for your meeting in April, call Mary Ann Peter, and she will tell you how to get them.**

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COME LIGHT SOME CANDLES WITH US!

(It's a lot of candles.)

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

HCE Book Club

The March book for discussion is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer. The discussion leaders will be Florence Dietrich and Judith Fisher. The Book Club meets at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Cheryl Loatsch Studio-Sunshine Bakery and Café (334 South 48th Street).



Description: Librarian Abdul Kader Haidara organized a smuggling operation to keep centuries of old manuscripts out of the hands of al-Qaida. A band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of "Oceans Eleven."

THE NIGHTINGALE by Kristin Hannah is the book for April. Discussion leader will be Camie Hempelman and Donna Wilson.

 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

Creating a NO Waste Kitchen

Minor Lesson: Shopping for a New Bed and Mattress?
 March 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement.
 To be presented at your April meeting.

HCE Card & Game Club Meeting



The HCE Card & Game resumes meeting this month. Come join the fun!

The next HCE Card & Game Club meeting will be on March 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement.

For reservations, contact either Camie Hempelman, 217-577-5293, or Sharon Beedle, 217-224-0709. The public is welcome.

Dates to Remember

March

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| 6 | Board Meeting | 9:30 AM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 14 | Quilt League | 9:00 AM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 13-15 | IAHCE 94th Annual State Conference in Effingham IL | | |
| 20 | Lesson for Living: Creating a No Waste Kitchen | 6:00 PM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 21 | Book Club | 11:00 AM | Cheryl Loatsch Studio (334 S 48th) |
| 28 | HCE Card & Game Club | 11:00 a.m. | Farm Bureau Basement. |

April

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| 10 | Board Meeting | 9:30 AM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 11 | Quilt League | 9:00 AM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 17 | Lesson for Living | 10:00 AM | Farm Bureau Basement |
| 18 | Book Club | 11:00 AM | Will decide each month where to go |
| 24 | Adams County 55th Annual Meeting/Dinner Liberty, IL (Doors open at 5:15). (See invitation on Page 4) | 6:00 PM | St. Brigid's Catholic Church |
| 25 | HCE Card Club | 11:00 a.m. | Farm Bureau Basement. |

Photos from the Flapjack Fundraiser—February 24, 2018

We will have a full report of the Fundraiser in the April Announcements. In the meantime, enjoy some photos.

