

March, 2019

Dear County President and County Board Members:

The IAHCE Board would like to thank those of you who attended the 95th IAHCE Annual Conference! Interesting facts: 348 members from 64 counties plus 3 guests attended the conference. The IAHCE Board would also like to thank those of you who volunteered and donated items for table favors! It is participation that makes the conference successful, both by the Members and by the Board! The conference will be held in Effingham next year, so encourage *all of your members* to join us!

Let's welcome the new officers and/or officers in new positions – **Norma Korte** as the 2nd Vice President; **Cathy Eathington** as the Secretary; **Eleanor Gregory** as the Family & Community Issues Director; **Sonya Bishop** as the Cultural Enrichment Director; **Kathy Peterson** as the District 2/3 Director for a second term; and **Mary Johnson** as the District 4 Director. We would also like to thank **Angela Hicks (2nd VP)**, **Donna Richards (Secretary)**, **Norma Korte (Family & Community Issues)**, **Peggy Long (Cultural Enrichment)**, and **Mary Eustace (District 4 Director)** for their dedication and service to IAHCE!

The District 6 Director position was vacant and per the IAHCE By-laws, **Sharon Davis** was appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy.

Karla Belzer, U of I Extension Liaison, reported that the 2018 Certified Volunteer Hours as reported by the counties totaled 601,531. These hours are worth \$24.69 which amounts to an economic benefit to the community of \$14,851,800.39.

The Support Fund Advisory Committee would like to encourage you to apply! Due by June 1.

It is so very important that each county officer/director share the informational materials given to each of you in the officer/director Share Shops. Please pass these packets to the appropriate officer/director as soon as possible, then open and read them. The packets may have time sensitive information and new information that will be helpful for your county to have a successful year!!!

Installation time is upon us— as your District Director, the IAHCE Board pays my mileage to attend one event in your county per year. Give me a call and I will do my best to attend your annual meeting to install officers as well as give a short motivational presentation. Also, please send your new officer list ASAP to not only the District Director but also the IAHCE Secretary.

Membership Challenge: Continue to celebrate HCE by shining your light!

International: During the Conference we collected \$542.91 for The Friendship Projects Fund; this is an increase in donations as compared to this time last year. Kudos to all of the IAHCE Counties, Jane Chapman-IAHCE President, announced that 68 of the 72 counties collected \$8,664.31 for the “Zero Hunger Challenge”!!! Jo Almond, CWC/ACWW Area President, reported that the other member states collected \$4,096.39. So Jo Almond was very surprised at our enthusiasm for the project and thanked us immensely!

Important Dates:

21st Annual NVON Conference, Springdale, Arkansas	July 23-25, 2019
96 th Annual IAHCE Conference, Effingham, IL	March 10-12, 2020

IAHCE District Workshops

August 6, 2019 – Districts 6 and 7 -St. John's Lutheran, Effingham, IL
August 7, 2019 – Districts 4 and 5 - Southern View Chapel, Springfield, IL
August 8, 2019 – Districts 1 and 2/3 - Sycamore United Methodist Church, Sycamore, IL

One final note, encourage your members to attend the District Workshops!