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Dear County Board Members:

October 2019

“Power of the Past IAHCe Beacon to the Future.” The IAHCe Board would like to welcome all members to attend the 2020 IAHCe Conference to be held in Effingham, IL, March 10-12! Each county is asked to submit a **lighthouse to display** at conference. Each county that submits a lighthouse should have a pint mason jar with their county name on the bottom (on jar & lighthouse) to participate in the contest. Votes (monetary donations) will be collected in the jars. The donations will be used to help fund the 100th Anniversary Celebration of IAHCe in 2024.

The **Member of the Year Forms** and instructions have been revised. They will be presented to you at the 2nd Vice President Share Shop at the IAHCe State Conference in March. There will be one winner per District. Every county can submit an application.

The Illinois Map that was in the President Packet from the March and August workshops with the redistricting lines will be on display at the 2020 Conference. As you attend the 5 District meetings at Conference, you will go to your new District for your county.

We were very pleased with the number of members who completed the **August District Evaluations**. We appreciate your comments and are making plans for improving the next District Workshops on August 11-13, 2020. Because of your responses in the evaluations, **the Lighthouse t-shirts**, along with bags, will be available to order on the state conference registration form. The registration form will be available in the December IAHCe Newsletter. The pins will be available for purchase at the sales table.

IAHCe Conference Ads for the conference books will be available again. This helps pay for the booklet; please consider having your county place an ad. The cost will be: whole page, \$90; half page, \$50; quarter page, \$40; and business card size, \$25. The ads must be sent to Pat Hildebrand by January 31, 2020.

End of year reports (\$5.00 per member) that were given to you in the August Workshop 2nd Vice President packets must be mailed by January 5, 2020, to your District Director. A copy of the treasurer's report *with* the check should be sent to Bev Combs, IAHCe Treasurer. **The county Treasurer and 2nd Vice President reports must agree on the number of members before sending in the report.** The District Director copy can be emailed.

Let your District Directors know as soon as possible when your **Annual Meetings** are so they can mark their calendars to try and be present to conduct the installation of your officers.

The Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship is available for students who have a family member that is a HCE Member. Applications are due to IAHCe President, Jane Chapman, by March 1. Go to www.cwcusa.org for an application form.

Second Vice Presidents: If you need membership certificates, please contact Norma Korte by January 31, 2020 via letter or email (kortes@kortefarms.com). Please include name, no. of membership years, county, and date of presentation. (Please print information.) The certificates will be handed to you at the Second Vice Presidents share shop at the IAHCe Conference.

Important Reminders to Share:

- The Friendship Project Fund donations need to be sent to the IAHCE Treasurer, Bev Combs by November 20, 2019.
- All **Education Award Applications and report of volunteer hours** are due to the Education Directors by January 31, 2020.
- IAHCE **Conference Registration** forms are due January 31, 2020.
- Hotel **Reservations** are recommended to be completed by December 31, 2019.
- **IAHCE Conference reminders:** Bring Silent Auction Items, County Banners, County Lighthouse (with pint jar for each lighthouse).
- Articles for the upcoming **IAHCE newsletter** are due to Pat Hildebrand by November 1. Encourage your members to subscribe to the IAHCE newsletter. The price will go up to \$10 starting in 2020.
- Activities are being planned for the “**Road to 2024**” IAHCE 100th anniversary celebration. If you have something that was made or a special item from the early days of HCE that can be displayed, please contact Kathy Peterson, committee chair.
- Please encourage counties to have **two signatures on their HCE county treasurer accounts** and to have an audit each year. This helps protect the county and treasurer.
- If you would like your county featured in the slide presentation at conference, please mail photos to Sharon Davis 16015 E. 700th Ave, Watson, IL 62474, or email at skdavis21@gmail.com by January 31.

December, 2019 – Watch for, open, read, and share 2020 Annual Conference Packet in the Newsletter

January 31, 2020 – 2019 Membership activity reports & 50 Year Member Forms due to 2nd Vice President, Norma Korte

January 31, 2020 – President’s, Education Reports, & Volunteer Hours due (check your guidebook for details)

Support Fund – Intended Use: Programming, New Member Recruitment, Publicity! For more detailed information go to page 63a & 63b in your Guidebook! Would like to receive more applications!

August 11-13, 2020 – **District Workshops; we begin in District 1/2!!!**

****Remember we are on Facebook!** IAHCE has a Facebook page called “State IAHCE”!!!! LIKE US, FRIEND US, SHARE US! Share your county events and photos by starting a county Facebook page!

Welcome back the water bottles! We will be collecting dimes with a new water bottle wrapper. The money collected in the water bottles this year will be distributed as follows:

- 50% to FPF (Friendship Project Fund) for ACWW WE (*Women Empowered-old Pennies*) nutrition category
- 50% to **Feeding Illinois** (Illinois Food Banks)

This will be a short year for collection. If you would like to donate by check, please write the check to **IAHCE**. In the memo line, write **WATER BOTTLES at MARCH CONFERENCE**. This collection will give us the opportunity to help fight hunger in Illinois and the around the world, joining hands from here with our 9 million sisters around the Earth. Please continue to think about Zero Hunger, Zero Waste initiatives. Use your leftovers! The world loves and appreciates each of you!

(Contact Cara Ausmus with questions.)