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Dear IAHCE County Board Members,

The IAHCE Board would like to invite each member to attend the 2022 Conference – “**Aspire to Inspire**” – March 15-17, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL. Aspire to invite people in your community to be involved with HCE, inspire others to learn new skills and gain knowledge about family issues, and aspire to inspire others as we enjoy time together again during the IAHCE Conference.

As we look ahead to the conference, please be aware of the following ways to plan ahead and get involved in IAHCE activities.

- **Ads information for the program books** will be in the State Chronicle under Conference Registration. We are encouraging counties to place an ad in the 2022 Annual Conference Program. If you are interested in submitting an ad, please send your ad information to: Emily McDowell, 351 Main St., P.O. Box 522, Pierron, IL 62273 or email at emhohl@gmail.com.
- Interested in offering a “**Make It and Take It**” session for members? Please email Sonya Bishop, Cultural Enrichment Director, at sonya.iahce@gmail.com.
- If you would like your county featured in the **slide presentation** at the conference, please email photos (preferred) to Angela Hicks at angelahicksce@gmail.com by January 31, or by mail photos to 500 Moraine Hill Drive, Cary, IL, 60013.
- Counties are encouraged to apply for money through the **Support Fund Applications**. Applications are available on the website (www.iahce.org) and included in your new Guidebook pages. Please mail applications to Melissa Chitwood, 1408 East 2250 North Rd., White Heath, IL 61884, or email at mchitwoo@illinois.edu
- **Theme decorated t-shirts** (\$15) should be ordered and **theme decorated pins** (\$6) will be available for purchase at conference. More information will be in the IAHCE December 2021 newsletter.
- **Awards Night** will be a bit different in 2022. Grand Awards, County of the Year, and Member of the Year will be presented Tuesday evening. Education Awards will be presented during District Director Share Shops. An information sheet will be in the county packets.
- **Vendors** will attend the IAHCE Conference, but for one day only (Wednesday).

Thank you to everyone who came to the District Workshops and filled out an evaluation. The information you provide helps us plan each year. Pictures of the three days are on the www.iahce.org website. Did everyone receive their August Workshop packet for your office? If not, please contact your District Director or your County President and they will get you a copy of the officer packet. The 2022 District Workshops will be August 9-11, starting in District 1-2. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Conference District Director Share Shops for counties to indicate their availability and ideas to help reduce costs for the workshops.

IAHCE 2021 Membership dues (\$5.00/person) are to be paid by January 5, 2022, to Melissa Chitwood, IAHCE Treasurer. The 2021 **Membership Report**, prepared by the 2nd Vice President (included in the 2nd Vice President packet) *must agree* with the 2021 Membership dues sent to the IAHCE Treasurer. This report should be sent to your District Director. The District Director will pass on the information to the 2nd Vice President to prepare the membership report for the Annual meeting.

We received several applications for the Member of the Year Award. District 1, 3, 4, & 5 submitted applications. Each County 2nd Vice President who had a winning member will be notified by Norma Korte, IAHCE 2nd Vice President. The winners will be announced at the IAHCE Annual Meeting in March, 2022.

Ashley will be ordering more of the colorful HCE brochures. Special requests for your county can be made (pre-order) 25 brochures for \$10. Contact Ashley Davis at dadavis8755@gmail.com for more information.

Each county should submit a list of their officers to the IAHCE Secretary, Cathy Eathington, and your District Director *yesterday*!! Even if they are the same as last year, this list needs to be kept up-to-date for the state board to reach the members better.

Important notes to share:

- Articles for the upcoming **IAHCE newsletter** are due to Emily McDowell by **November 1**. Please encourage your members to subscribe to the IAHCE newsletter. The price is \$10 for three issues per year. Include **pictures and activities your county has been doing to encourage membership**.
- **Second Vice Presidents:** If you need membership certificates, please contact Norma Korte by January 31 via letter or email (kortes@kortefarms.com). Please include name, number of membership years, county, and date of presentation. (**Please print information.**) The certificates will be included in your county packets at Conference.
- **Education Award** applications are due to the Education Directors and membership applications to the 2nd Vice President by January 31.
- Activities are being planned for the **“Road to 2024”** IAHCE 100th anniversary celebration. A special share shop will be on Thursday at Conference for those who are interested in serving on the planning committee for the 100th Anniversary. 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.
- Please encourage counties to have two signatures on their **HCE county treasurer accounts** and request an audit each year. This helps protect the county and the treasurer.
- Share what you have done for HCE Week so others might get some ideas for next year! October 10-15, 2022 is HCE Week.
- The **Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship** is available for students who have a family member who is a member of HCE. Applications are due to IAHCE President, Angela Hicks, by March 1. Go to www.cwcusa.org for an application form.
- **NVON** will be in Evansville, IN, on July 25-27, 2022.
- The **CWC** will be hosted by Arkansas on September 20-22, 2022, in North Little Rock, AR.
- If your county is having trouble with the Extension Office not allowing HCE meetings or members in the offices, let Angela know. She will work with Karla the Extension Representative to try help out.

If you have questions about any of this information contact your District Director. We look forward to seeing several of you in 2022 at the IAHCE Conference.

Sincerely,

IAHCE District Director