

# IAHCE District Newsletter



Effingham 2022

## March, 2022



The 98th IAHCE Annual Conference was held March 15-17 in Effingham. One hundred and ninety-six members attended a wonderful three days of fun, share shops, great speakers and entertainment. Members enjoyed many beautiful and inspiring items in the cultural enrichment room, shopped with our vendors, made fun make-it/take-it crafts, bingo, enjoyed the scavenger hunt and bought items from our silent auction. Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension Educator, reported that IAHCE members reported 333,380 volunteer hours in 2021 with an estimated value of 9.5 million dollars!

### THANK YOU!

IAHCE said goodbye to board members Norma Korte, 2nd Vice President, and Sonya Bishop, Cultural Enrichment Director. Norma has served on the IAHCE board in many different positions and will be greatly missed! Sonya is an incredibly talented woman and we appreciate her service to the IAHCE board.

### WELCOME

Becky Belcher and Karen Cahill are our two new IAHCE board members. Becky joins the board as the Cultural Enrichment Director. She is from Hamilton County and has a creative bent that makes her perfect for this position. Karen is from Macon County and has served her county in various positions, she has taught many share shops at Annual Conference, and has a heart for HCE. She is the new District 3 Director, replacing Mary Johnson from Sangamon County. Mary was installed as 2nd Vice President. Mary served three years as District 3 Director and looks forward to the challenge of encouraging counties in attracting new members.



### IAHCE District Workshops

**August 9, 2022**—District 1 & 2 United Methodist Church, Sycamore, IL

**August 10, 2022**—District 3—Southern View Chapel, Springfield, IL

**August 11, 2022**—District 4 & 5—St. John's Lutheran Church

Registration is open to all IAHCE members—more details available in June

Program— "Disaster Preparedness"



**Packets, Packets, everywhere!** It is important that the Officer packets received at Annual Conference reach the correct officer or director in each county. These packets contain vital information about deadlines, upcoming events, forms, and IAHCE happenings. The information in each packet should also be shared at your county board meeting as well as with all your units. These packets are a vital link between the state board and each and every member. PLEASE take the time to read each packet completely and SHARE IT!



Your District Director is ready and waiting to come to your Annual Meeting and install officers! Give them a call and get them scheduled to come ASAP! Also, send your new officer list to your District Director as well as IAHCE Secretary, Cathy Eathington.

**Support Fund Applications** are due to Melissa Chitwood by June 1, 2022

**Scholarship Applications** should be sent to Cathy Eathington and must be postmarked by May 1, 2022.



### Open Officer Positions for the IAHCE Board

- 1st Vice President—Must have previous IAHCE Board experience
- CVH
- Treasurer
- Public Relations
- Applications should be sent to the Nomination Chair, Carol Harms, no later than October 1, 2022
- Forms are available at: [IAHCE.org](http://IAHCE.org)



### IAHCE “Road to 100” Committee

If you are interested in serving on the 100th IAHCE Anniversary Committee please contact committee chairs: Melissa Chitwood or Kathy Peterson. The committee met for the first time at Annual Conference. We are “on the road” to our 100th anniversary in 2024. Join the fun and help make this anniversary one to remember! For more information go to: [IAHCE.org](http://IAHCE.org)



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**IAHCE AWARD WINNERS**

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**

*Special Activity:* Lake & Perry Counties

**Grand Award—Madison County**

*Textiles:* McLean & Perry Counties

*Heritage Skills:* McLean County



**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**District 2**

*Family Living/Safety:* Kankakee County

*Citizenship/Environment:* Kane County

*Special Activity:* McLean County

**District 3**

*Special Activity:* Macon County

**District 4**

*Family Living/Safety:* Marion County

*Special Activities:* Madison County

**District 5**

*Family Living/Safety:* Jefferson County

*Health/Food and Nutrition:* Monroe and Randolph Counties

*Special Activities:* Perry County

**GRAND AWARD CITIZENSHIP/ENVIRONMENT:** Massac County

**Honorable Mention:** Kane County

**Honorable Mention:** Jefferson County

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

*HCE Week:* Kane and Edgar Counties

*Public Relations:* Perry—Massac—McLean Counties

**GRAND AWARD:** White County

**INTERNATIONAL**

**GRAND AWARD—Country of Study:** McLean County

**GRAND AWARD—Special Event:** Kane County



**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS**

*2021 County with Highest Total Hours Reported per District*

District 1: JoDaviess

**District 2: McLean—leader with 24,858 hours**

District 3: Sangamon

District 4: Macoupin

District 5: Jefferson



*2021 County with the Highest Members Reporting Per District*

District 1: JoDaviess

**District 2: McLean—leader with 155**

District 3: Champaign

District 4: Macoupin

District 5: Jefferson

*2021 County with the Highest Percentage of Members Reporting*

District 1: JoDaviess

**District 2: Grundy and Kankakee and McLean ALL with 100 %**

District 3: Morgan

District 4: Macoupin

District 5: Jefferson

*2021 County with the Highest HCE Hours Reported per District*

District 1: JoDaviess

**District 2: McLean—leader with 6,712**

District 3: Champaign

District 4: Fayette

District 5: Jefferson

*2021 Member with the Highest HCE Hours per District*

District 1: Rock Island, Nancy Edlund

District 2: Kane, Marie Curless

**District 3: Sangamon, Betty Paul—Leader with 2000**

District 4: Madison, Joyce Cornwell

District 5: Jackson, Jean Conrod

**CVH GRAND AWARD—COUNTY WITH HIGHEST TOTAL HCE HOURS**

**District 2—McLean County—10,658 HCE hours**

