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From the Desk of the President

G reetings to you all! I have had a wonderful, busy and exhilarating time the last month.

I want to thank the organization very much for the opportunity to represent you at the ACWW meeting in Finland. It was very interesting and I met women from many, many different countries. Quite a few attendees stayed in the same hotel as we did and we got really well acquainted with them. Three women from Wales were there in our hotel and they knew Dilwin (our 1st exchangee about 12 years or so ago). The complete conference was interesting and well planned and I enjoyed it very much. The delegates may have a share shop at our Conference in March and we will share a lot more with you then.



The board has been busy; we had the June board meeting in May because Nancy and I were going to be gone in June. Much business, including annual conference planning, was done. We are also making plans for the CWC meeting to be held in Springfield in September (If you can help, let us know.)

 ${f S}$ ome things that were brought forth and decided at the May business meeting of the board were:

- It was decided to purchase pins saying "Ask Me About HCE" and put them in the annual conference registration bags.
- The Education Directors programs were approved and will be presented at District meetings.
- The International Projects Committee's budget was approved.
- The board had a session with Susan Taylor, our U of I Liaison in which we discussed the future of our organization and what we see for it in the future.
- We went over the Annual Conference evaluation and spent a little time discussing them.
- We approved the PR/Newsletter person sending the Annual Conference part of the newsletter to every member in December.
- We were able to raise the amount of the scholarships to \$500 and gave 10 of them to applicants that were chosen by the committee.
- We decided our October board meeting should be held in Effingham, but not necessarily at the Hilton. To save money, we will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites. The room fees will be less and they have a breakfast included so that will save the cost of 17 breakfasts for 3 days---we are trying to reduce our expenditures.

S peaking of saving money, we worked very hard, and some long hours, to cut our May board meeting short by one day. This saved one night (9 rooms) and several meals (17 dinners and 17 breakfasts)— again we are trying to watch the budget and the money!

E lsewhere in this newsletter are articles about the projects chosen that our money sent to ACWW will sponsor. Hope you approve of them.

 \mathbf{R} emember, I want to use my leadership role---not to be the boss---but to help others.

I like to think outside the box but also to have FUN—it takes fun and seriousness to get things done and to get them done well. I have been reading many interesting things in your newsletters, so KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!



Your president and friend, Ellie Maroon

First Vice President

Where has the summer gone? Have you taken the time to spend with your family—especially the younger children who have been out of school for several weeks? So there are still weeds in the flower bed and



"dust kitties" under the beds, taking the time to be with family and friends is much more important. Writing a note or making a phone call to someone from your past—who you have been thinking about—can be a real boost in their time of stress, need, or illness.

It's the time when your county board will be making plans to carry out the special events, lessons, and other activities to maintain and increase membership. Many of these events will falter or fail because we did not give them the "planning time" they required. Like our families who need special attention, our HCE organization also needs a boost. Even though you may no longer be on your HCE Board, why not volunteer to help with one project each year—something you enjoy doing and probably do very well. Send an email or make a phone call to those hard-working Board Members to give them encouragement and offer at least some small assistance for the upcoming year.

Hopefully, I will be greeting many of you at the district meetings in Rock Falls, Urbana, or Mt. Vernon in August. By sharing our successes and failures in a "live setting" we can return home with new enthusiasm for the tasks ahead. A list of the new lessons chosen at the First Vice Workshop in Effingham last March will be placed in the packets at these district meetings. Call, write, or email me at <u>combwhit@winco.net</u>.

Carol Whitcomh

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

www. IAHCE.org

2nd Vice President

Hello,

I'm Margaret Duncan - your new 2nd Vice President. You elected me at the March, 2007 Conference in Effingham. I previously served as your Public Relations Director and Subscription Editor.



This will be a whole new ballgame for me! I am 'cramming' this summer and will hopefully get everything 'right' for the District Meetings in August.

I plan to go over the yearly report forms with all who attend the 2^{nd} Vice Presidents class at the workshop. I will, also, include the forms (from the gray guide book) in your packets. I have been told that this seems to be a problem for many.

I have learned that many members are not happy with the way the "County of the Year" is awarded. Many do not seem to think that membership should play such a large part in the selection.

Several years ago it was announced that the IAHCE Board would begin working on a new and improved way of selecting the "County of the Year". It was not followed through - because we ran into some problems. IAHCE 2nd Vice President, Debbie Somogi, had begun working on the 'new award'. It had been suggested that we have two different awards. Before Debbie could put anything forward, she had to resign for personal reasons. Mitzi Bray was appointed and she agreed to finish the one year left on the term.

I cannot guarantee that the "County of the Year" award will be changed, but it bears looking into. I am asking that all those who plan to attend the 2nd Vice Presidents class at the August District Meetings, compile a list of the things you would like to see changed or implemented in this program. Please ask around in your county and bring some written suggestions. This will be the members chance to get some input into this program.

See you at the August District Meetings!

Margaret Duncan

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The focus for Community Outreach this year will be the environment. Are our efforts successful? In the August IAHCE District Workshops materials will be given out that will raise quandaries. Remember that Illinois is a long

state and climates do vary, so what works in Pulaski County may not work in Winnebago County.

I have had questions regarding Linus Quilts. Someone called from Lake County, but only a partial message was on my machine and I could not return the phone call. As a result, Linus Quilts will be the IAHCE Community Outreach project for 2007-2008. You will receive a list of groups in Illinois who will receive your blankets.

Let's have a prosperous season.

Carolyn Fisher

Family Issues

Hello fellow members! The summer is going by so quickly. I can hardly believe it is the 4th of July. This year I am asking you to mail articles about Family Issues to me or bring them with you to the workshop. I want to build a scrapbook of them.



My emphasis this year will be on poverty; and its effect on all of us. I spent most of my working years for the Illinois Department of Public Aid and its counter part in Texas – The Department of Human Services. I have been retired over 5 years now and I am sorry to say that the problem is worse than when I left.

I will discuss the statistics and the way out of the cycle. The U of I Extension Office is offering CAPS "Community Action Poverty Simulation["], in which we will be role-playing the life of low-income families. I am very excited about this and looking forward to sharing what I learn with you.

I know this is not a pleasant subject but one we can no longer ignore. I hope to see all the County Family Issues Directors at the workshops.

Enjoy the summer.

Lynn Kearney, Family Issues Director

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

At the time of this writing, we had just finished our first board meeting after Annual Conference. We discussed this year's theme and already making plans for 2008.



Plans were finalized for the District Workshops which start in Mt. Vernon, goes to Urbana and ends up at Rock Falls. I am looking forward to meeting county District Directors at these meetings and encourage all county officers to attend. It's an informative day as you get to meet the new board members as well as renew acquaintance with others. Each Educator has a new focus for the coming year and these will be discussed. You will learn what the theme will be for 2008.

I enjoy getting your newsletters and reading about what you do in your counties. However, I need to correct something - you are allowed on five (5) entries in the Cultural Arts Show at the State Conference - 1 quilt and 4 other handcrafted items. As soon as you have completed your President's Award report, as well as your registrations for the craft show, you can send them to me. You don't have to wait until January 1st. Please make sure you send your letters to me at 8031 Mulkeytown Rd., Mulkeytown, IL 62865 - our you can e-mail me at:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

barbgail@shawneelink.net Please do not send your reports to the President, as you could miss out on an award. Since I am new at this, it will give me more time to review your reports and register your entries. I'm looking for some new and different entries this year.

Hope to see you at the workshops!

Barbara Spencer



INTERNATIONAL

My head is spinning! It is so full of ideas and information! I have just attended the May IAHCE Board Meeting in Springfield.

My name is Debbie Borries, and I am the newly appointed

replacement for International Director on the IAHCE Board. Phyllis Swanson has been ill this year and is unable to complete her term of office. She has done a great job; I hope her health improves and I wish her all the best. She will be a hard act to follow. Thanks for all your hard work, Phyllis.

I am from Shelby County HCE where I serve on the board as International Chairperson. (This will be my fifth year.) I am a member of Stewardson Night unit, where I currently hold the office of 2nd Vice Chairman and co-chair International. I have been in HCE for almost 28 years.

As I said, my head is full of so much! I will put all this information to good use in my new position. I am learning every day; please be patient with me. I will appreciate all comments and suggestions you may have for me. Be sure to contact me with your questions—-if I don't know the answer, I will search for it.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the District Workshops in August. I am working on packets for International Chairpersons in each county which will include your information about our country of study, Greece.

Thank you!

Dellie Barries

CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS/SALES

Illinois Counties turned in 123,510 hours in 2006 with 28 counties participating. 467 members turned in hours. Information below is from Susan Taylor, Extension Educator at University of Illinois.



Sheri Seibold-Volunteer specialist-State 4-H office gave me the answer to our question -

"What are IAHCE hours worth?" The new figure posted by the "Independent Sector" for the value per hour of volunteers is \$18.77. Independent Sector takes this figure & increases it by 12% to estimate the fringe benefits. If we take the number of hours volunteered multiplied by \$18.77, I'm sure the organization would be impressed.

Let's turn in even more hours this year., I know we have many volunteers out there. Let's start keeping track of those hours. You can go back three years to turn in your hours. If you have any questions you can call me -Vi Huebner at 618-254-0368 or e-mail me at: Vi2sam@yahoo.com.

Vi Huebner



STATEWIDE NEWS

FROM THE ASSOCIATED COUNTY WOMEN OF THE WORLD.....

At the State Conference in Effingham, March 2007, we were told of sending \$32,189.87 to ACWW from our "Pennies for Friendship". Their "thank you note" states how the money will be used. They "propose to apply 50% of this donation to the grants awarded for the projects" and those projects were: \$5,324 was used in Ghana for a "Maize Farm in the Volta Region, \$6,096 was used in Kenya for "Improving Fishing and Nutrition" for the Kayieko Widows and Widower Group and \$5,304 was used in Tanzani for "Women Empowerment in Social Economics Development (WESED)" for the Ihangiro Farmers Development Association (IFADEA).

The balance will be credited to our "Pennies for Friendship" Fund which will be used for general purposes.

This years donation to the "Pennies for Friendship" was in the amount of \$12,057. We received another "thank you note" from ACWW telling us how the money was used. \$5,088 was used in India for "Skill Training in Country Brick Making and Production", \$5,436 was used in Lesotho for "Boiteko Piggery Makaung/Mafeteng Projecte" and \$1,533.44 was used in Peru for "Jewelry Using Forest's Recycled Products" (Ecological Business).

So, as you can see, our "Pennies for Friendship" go a long way in helping many countries who are in need of it. Continue collecting for this worthwhile project!

FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE.....

We have received a "Thank You" from the University of Illinois 4-H Development and its International Exchange programs. It states, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Illinois Association for Home and Community Education for their continued support of our programming efforts".

It further tells us how and who benefited from our contributions. They were able to "provide support for six 4-Hers in making their dreams of traveling abroad a reality". The 4-Hers traveled to Japan, Finland and Mexico! This contribution was from our 2006 contributions.

Our 2007 contribution will send more young people abroad during the 2008 program year. Those 4-H Exchange Participants are: Kealsey Decker and Caleb Rinard from Crawford County, Marcus Rodriguez from Sangamon County, Savanah Jacobs from McLean County, Emily Chappell from Winnebago County and Sage Kozlowski from Kane County.

Our counties can call these young men and women for programs. They agree to make presentations when they get home.....so give them a call if you need a program! Call the State 4-H Office for their contact information at 217-244-6218.

WHAT IS "PROJECT LINUS"?.....

I wanted to let the counties know what the new Community Outreach program is. I'm sure Carolyn Fisher will have more for you. The following is an excerpt from www.projectlinus.org (with permission).

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two-fold mission:

First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

Project Linus National Headquarters is located in Bloomington, Illinois. National President Carol Babbitt, and Vice President Mary Balagna, both full time volunteers, direct and orchestrate the activities of Project Linus chapters located across the United States. Both have been involved with the organization since late 199%, as chapter coordinators and now as directors and officers. They also maintain a very busy Central Illinois chapter, donating an average of 350 blankets every month to local children. With chapters in all 50 states, Project Linus continues to grow. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Linus, con't

"I am extremely pleased by the outpouring of support Project Linus has enjoyed." states Babbitt. "The comfort brought to a child by a Project Linus security blanket should not be underestimated. Thanks to our many blanketeers and our chapter coordinators, millions of children and their families have been given comfort and security at a time when they need it most. In addition, blanketeers are given an opportunity to use their talents and abilities in a most rewarding way."

I am a blanketeer and have been for several years. It is a worthwhile project and very rewarding. Have a great year making blankets!

Sharon Middleton

SUPPORT FUND

IAHCE Support Fund received four (4) applications for grants by the June 1st deadline. The Advisory Committee is reviewing these applications and the candidates will be notified of their status soon.

The IAHCE Support Fund Advisory Committee member has a two-year term; however, many ask to remain on the committee longer. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee in the future, please have your District Director contact me.

Carolyn Fisher, Support Fund Chairman



SPECIAL REPORTS

*COUNTY OF THE YEAR" WABASH / EDWARDS

Congratulations to Wabash/Edwards on winning this award. This county worked very hard last year beginning with 53 members. They formed a diabetes support group and their numbers grew to 86 members by year end.



Patti Hanzel

Patti Hanzel spoke at the 2nd Vice President "Share Shop" at the Conference about how they went about getting new members in the County. She told the group how she started the "the diabetes support group" in her county and all of the support the Diabetes Foundation in her area had given them. Patti also talked about their other new units, one being the Wabash Welcome Womens unit.

With 33 new members during the past year, Wabash/Edwards members deserved this award.

Other awards the County won at this Conference were "Grand Award" for their Wabash Welcome Women submission and a President's award for the Diabetes Support Group.

As "County of the Year" they had a wonderful display in the lobby of our Conference showing what all they had done in the past year with articles from their local paper. Getting the word out about HCE is much easier if we work with our local papers to promote our organization, and Wabash/Edwards has done just that. Now that they are home from Conference, they have their own byline in the paper. Great going. Watch out for them next year. As their article in the Daily Republican-Register said "The only thing is, since we did win this time and get special seating and preferential treatment, nothing less will do next time. We have been officially "spoiled"."



CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN..... WABASH/EDWARDS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.....

Would you like to make a difference on the IAHCE State Board? Are you available to meet away from home for less than a week in June and October? Would you be willing to travel the state for five days in August? Are you able to come to the IAHCE Annual Conference two days early and leave one day later? Are you in good health and are able to drive long distances? Have you served on your HCE County Board?

Those are a few of the questions asked of an applicant for the IAHCE State Board. We will be interviewing candidates in Effingham in October and we will be electing and installing the following three positions at our 2008 IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham in March of 2008: First Vice President, Treasurer and CVU/Sales Director.

The First Vice President must have previously served on the IAHCE Board. This position chairs the Education Committee, serves on the Executive Committee, helps plan the IAHCE District Workshops and maintains the IAHCE (Gray) Guidebook, as well as other duties.

The Treasurer must have knowledge of accounting and bookkeeping. This chairman of the Budget Committee also serves on the Executive Committee, as well as other responsibilities.

It is recommended that the CVU/Sales Director has a van to transport our sales items and have bookkeeping skills. Compiling the Certified Volunteer Units and maintaining the records for our sales items are the primary responsibilities of this position.

Please send the completed IAHCE State Board Application on pages 54 and 55 of the IAHCE (Gray) Guidebook by October 1, 2007 to:

> Mrs. Carolyn W. Fisher IAHCE Nominating Committee Chairman 1919 Burlington Avenue Lisle, IL 60532

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BOOK CLAB BOOKS

Pike County Book Club just finished reading the book which was funded by an IAHCE project for a northern county. The box of books was obtained by Adams County, then by Pike County. The books are now ready to be moved on to another county that has a book club. If interested in this box of books, please contact Mary Lea Prentice at 217-285-2308 or e-mail: <u>limb30@verizon.net</u>. Mary Lea can bring the books to the August workshop in Urbana or other arrangements can be made.

STATE LIAISON CHANGE

Ruby Lingle, Extension Educator, Community and Economic Development in the Springfield Center retired March 31, after 37 years working for Extension. She and her husband have built a new home in southern Illinois. Ruby will be missed. I wish her the best in her phase of life.

When Ruby called, it was hard to say "no" to her. I am Susan Taylor, Extension Educator, Consumer and Family Economics in the Matteson Center. I have worked for Extension 27 years. I have been in this role for the last 14 years. I hold two degrees from the University of Illinois.

My roots with HCE are pretty deep. My Grandmother Rogers was a charter member of Knox County. My mother is a 50 year member and currently serves on the Mercer County Board. As a child, I remember helping my mother with shaping yeast rolls which was a lesson. I used the information for a 4-H foods demonstration,

I look forward to strengthening communications between IAHCE and Extension. I will see many of you at the fall IAHCE meetings scheduled in August throughout the state.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Well, I have my second issue almost done. I've had more county reports to type this issue and have enjoyed receiving them all and seeing the wide variety of things the counties are doing.



What a great time we are in "The Computer Age". Those that sent in their reports via e-mail - great going! It really gets the newsletter done faster and hopefully with less mistakes. That doesn't mean those that send your articles in by regular mail will be left out! Your articles are all important to me. I would love to have 100% of the counties send in what they have been doing between issues. So I'll be waiting for your county's information by the next deadline of November 1st!

As most of you know by now, I have the go ahead by the State Board to send out a special mailing to all of our members in December. Those without subscriptions will get a brief newsletter which will include registration and all that goes with signing up for the 2008 Conference in March. Subscribers will get the full issue including the extra news, District information from counties and any other items that is sent to me.

I have had several newspaper articles sent to my attention. I will briefly hi-light those that are of interest to all the counties.

Continue sending me your county's newsletters. I read every one as soon as they get to me. Have a great summer!

Sharon Middleton

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT MEETINGS - August 21-23, 2007

CWC (County Women's Council) -September 27-29. 2007 in Springfield

IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham -March 11-13, 2008

Susan Taylor

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

SARA HUSEMAN - ADAMS COUNTY

At our May Board meeting, I was given an article about a member of HCE. The article was from a newsletter from Blessing Hospital on Sara Huseman and what a fighter she was. The article related her battle against several health problems. Of course, it was about how wonderful the hospital was and the great care that she received during her stay.

I called and visited with Sara. She hasn't slowed down. She has been a member of HCE in Adams County for over 40 years and served as President, then was District Director for District 4 and then on to being 2nd Vice President of our State. She did this after retiring from teaching.

Her activities now include being on a committee for 2009 NVON Conference, being a 4-H leader for 15, working with her town for their 150th year celebration this year and works at Christ Assistance Center which serves the needy, providing clothing and food.

She just finished helping paint a one room school house which had been moved to their historic site.

This is one special, busy lady. I'm sure we will be seeing her at District meetings and at next years Conference. Thanks for talking with me, Sara. Good luck in the future.

Sharon Middleton

LOLA BOTTRELL - SHELBY COUNTY

70 Years of Shelby County HCE Memories

Lola Bottrell, the only remaining charter member of the Shelby County HCE, spoke at the county's annual meeting on June 12. Lola was not one of the original women who held meetings and worked hard to get Shelby County "Home Bureau" organized, but she knew when the regular meetings started that she wanted to be a part of this important organization. She started in the Richland unit in September of 1936. At the end of the first year, her husband, thinking of the \$5 fee which was a "dear sum" in the 1930's, asked her if she thought Home Bureau was worth the cost. She thought about how much she would learn from the lessons and, being in a rural area, she knew that she wanted more of the wonderful educational opportunities it offered. So she told her husband, "Yes, it is worth it!" and he was happy to pay the fee. He became a big booster for Home Bureau and often told others, "We have lunch early on Home Bureau day," because he knew Lola didn't want to be late.

Lola recalled when the county fair was held at the park in Shelbyville. HCE members brought their food, supplies and paring knives and prepared the food there. Tents were set up and taken down and the grounds cleaned. In 1947-48 property was bought for the current fairground.

Lola said some things in HCE have greatly changed. For



example, the lessons have changed in content. Lola remembers making a dress form in the early years. She said they had met in someone's large home. She had to strip to her underclothes and put on some kind of gauze shift. Then others wrapped her in a special tape. When the tape totally wrapped her body, it was then cut up the back and taken off her body. Then it was re-taped closed to make the dress form. She used it for many years to help make her dresses. However, at this time, Lola had had a baby and before the taping, she had nursed him, knowing it would be some time before she was done with the taping process. Lola said that her dress form always was bigger on one side of the chest than the other, and she always had to adjust the dresses she made! She always told her husband, "After I am gone, you will still have my dress form!"

Lola mentioned many unusual lessons that she learned: making pheasant and guinea feather hats, making kid leather gloves, making sewing hams for pressing, and how to care for hosiery- nylon, rayon, or cotton.(Lola said she now wears support hose, so she still uses this lesson.) She said that lessons in cooking and decorating have changed as tastes and experiences changed. However, she said many lessons, such as planning a home budget, maintaining our health, child care, all phases of homemaking were timeless.

Lola carries a small notebook where she recorded her thoughts and insights that she wants to remember (written in 1979 for the 80's). These are a few of her thoughts that will never change as concerns for us as women in HCE.

- What is expected of us?
- What are the roles that women play?
- Women wear many hats.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, con't

- Take a look—do you like what you see?
- What will be our best achievements?
- What image will women leaves as their heritage?
- Work hard for the organization.

Lola admits it is a different world today. There is war. There are children living below poverty level. It is an age of machines. It is a computer age. "Changes in HCE are inevitable, but we need to meet the challenge...and do our best...and do it well."

Submitted by Debbie Borries, Shelby County

FEEL WELL SOON!

Harvey Ries reported that Marion had a bad reaction to her heart medication. She's now in the nursing home in Columbia recuperating. If you want to send her cards, send it to: 4045 Hanover Rd.,

Columbia, Ill. 62236

IN CASE of EMERGENCY or ICE!

This could be a lifesaver! If you are in a wreck or have a medical emergency and cannot tell who you are and who to contact, this may save your life. For those who have cell phones, the American College of Emergency Physicians strongly suggest you put ICE (In Case of Emergency) in your phone address book. Pick people who will know your medications, food and drug allergies and your Doctors' phone numbers.

Your ICE might be:

ICE-daughter 217-555-5555 ICE-son 217-555-5555

This suggestion just might save your life!

COUNTY NEWS ARTICLES

MACOUPIN COUNTY

The Macoupin County Association HCE reported that they will be holding it's annual Fashion Show and Tea fund-raiser, Saturday, October 20th. The article and photo was in the May 31, 2007 local newspaper. The write-up explained the fund-raiser and what will be featured at the show. They will be selling tickets for \$15.

What's more exciting is that they had a perfect article explaining what HCE is about and what they do for their community. I'm sure there will be lots of



ladies who would like to go to the tea and what an opportunity for Macoupin County to sign up new members for their county. Have a great tea and fashion show!

In another article from Macoupin County, they were featured talking about the winners of 10 scholarships they had given out. Each recipient received \$500! This, again, is great publicity for them to show what Macoupin County Home & Community Education Association does for their community.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

In the News-Gazette, May 21, 2007 Champaign Home & Community Education had a speaker on "junk" jewelry. But after listening to the speaker, Denni Hubert, they wondered what finds they might find at the next garage sale. Denni spoke of finds she had made such as the gold earrings worth \$150, tagged at an estate sale for \$1 or the real pearls worth thousands, sold in a bag of "junk" jewelry for \$12.

Whatever the program, try to get the information to your local paper, You, too, could have a wonderful write-up featuring your county HCE and you might just get some new members.

Sharon Middleton

2007 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

KYLIE HOUSE - MONROE COUNTY

Kylie's plans to major in Psychology and go on to attend medical school. Her college plans include going to the University of Missouri, Columbia.



NICOLE OSTENDORF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nicole will be majoring in Accounting at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville.

ALICIA M. SADDORIS - JERSEY COUNTY

Alicia is majoring in Communications with a minor in Spanish so she can work towards a marketing job. She is currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

STEVEN A. KOVARIK FRANKLIN COUNTY



Steven plans to major in Aviation Flight and Aviation Management. After school, he wants to be a flight instructor and a commercial pilot for a major airline. The

school he plans on attending is Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.



BRITTANY J. PHILLIPS JERSEY COUNTY

Brittany is attending Western Illinois University in Macomb. She is majoring in Agriculture Education. She plans on teaching high school Agriculture while earning her masters degree.



KIMBERLY R. LEWIN SANGAMON COUNTY

Kimberly plans to attend St. Louis College of Pharmacy working toward a Pharm-D degree. Her goal is to work at a Pharmacy and enjoys helping people.

SARA B. BROSE FRANKLIN COUNTY



Sara is attending Rend Lake College, majoring in Elementary Education. She is planning to get a teaching job between Kindergarten through the 4th grade and continue on toward a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology. She then plans to be able to teach Psychology classes.



BRIDGET L. KISTNER JASPER COUNTY

Bridget plans to attend St. Louis University to major in Chemistry and Pre-Medicine. She would like to get into medical school to become a Pediatrician.

RACHEL D. THIEMS BOND COUNTY

Rachel is attending Kaskaskia College, majoring in Elementary Education. She plans to transfer to SIU, Edwardsville and get a teaching degree.





LISA L. PRITCHETT EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Lisa plans to attend the University of Illinois, Champaign majoring in Mathematics. She wants a successful job where she can

use her mathematics degree.

DISTRICT 1

Bernice Livingston - District Director

CARROLL COUNTY.....

The good news from Carroll County is that at our annual meeting in April, we were able to fill the office of President. Last year we were unable to find anyone willing to accept the responsibility and we operated the whole year with our 1st Vice President, Margaret Hartman, doing double-duty. She did a wonderful job of leading and coordinating, but that's too much to ask of any one person. With the boards help, HCE survived.

We now have a President, Beverly Flickinger, and we are looking forward to a good new year. At the present time, we only have three units—so we have room to grow.

In the past year, we helped at the Carroll County Fair by providing help in overseeing the 4-H building. We also provided funds for the 4-H public speaking and food demonstration awards and participated in the "Coins of Friendship".

At our annual meeting, the annual "Dorothy Footitt" scholarships were awarded. There were eight (8) \$500 scholarships. This began with one \$500 scholarship from the Home Bureau given to honor Dorothy Footitt, Home Advisor, at the time of her retirement. Dorothy organized Home Bureau in Carroll County and served as Home Advisor until her retirement. Since that time, she contributed her own funds to build up the scholarship fund to where it is now self-supporting by using only the interest each year. Although Dorothy died a few years ago, her legacy lives on. What a wonderful example!

One of the units also helped with the 4-H community service project "Choices", filling suitcases with personal items needed by women and children needing to flee an abusive situation.

In March, we hosted the Tri-County Heritage Arts Festival

where we worked with such crafts as wood carving, quilling, tatting, soap making and cake decorating. We also had presentations on bee-keeping and maple syrup.

HCE also sponsored a health fair in May. This was a great opportunity to receive several tests and much information on various health issues. Fruit, muffins and coffee cake were available following the tests.

We are hoping to increase our membership this coming year and revive interest in some of the programs which have been dropped.

Lois Nycum, Public Relations Chairman

Greetings from HENDERSON COUNTY....

The 68^{th} annual meeting of the Henderson County H.C.E. met for a brunch meeting with 38 attending.

Judy Roessler and Virginia Ross spoke and presented Trudi Lefler, an H.C.E. board member, a special award for selecting the book "A can of Peas" for their project -"Henderson County Reads One Book". We were happy to get the Presidents award for H.C.E. 's part in this project.

Becky Bechtel presented the program on "Impatient Decorating". She is so talented! The program was enjoyed by all. A memorial service was held for Jean Meyer, H.C.E. member, who passed away in 2006.

Theresa Brokaw was the winner of our scholarship; she attends the University of Illinois .

Each unit gave a report on their activities for the year. They have all been very active especially in community activities and volunteering to help others. After our business meeting, District Director, Bernice Livingston spoke about the happenings of I.A.H.C.E. She is a very gracious lady. She will represent our district very well. Bernice installed the new officers for 2007-2008. The meeting was closed by Mary Alice Huntoon. Mary informed H.C.E. members of what their were duties at the

upcoming Henderson County Fair in July.

Beverlye Alecock Public Relations Chairman

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY.....

Rock Island County HCE held its 86th Annual Meeting on June 16th. Our program this year, "To Iraq and Back", was presented by Dan Michels, who served with the US Army in Iraq. He shared a very informative and enlightening slide presentation on his personal experiences in Mosul, Iraq. A catered luncheon followed the program and our most recent 50 year member, Helen Katzell, was honored. Raffle items, that included a quilt donated by Ellen Johnson and numerous door prizes were awarded.

Although, officially the HCE 2006-2007 year is winding down, Rock Island County is making full use of those "dog days" of summer. Nancy Edlund, Creative Recycling Director, scheduled two Recycling Workshops in May and June. Members brought household items that included greeting cards, water bottles, calendars, and CDs that were then fashioned into items that will be given out to children at the Rock Island County Fair, July 18th –

20th. The HCE booth at the Fair educates leaders and teachers about the joys and benefits of recycling, provides instructions for recycling projects in the classroom, and teaches children who come to the fair the fun of re-using



"throw-a-way" containers. Nancy also encourages our members to remember our Homeless Veterans and continue to collect items that HCE will donate to the Vets at the Stand Down Days in September. Box Tops for Education are another "collectible" item that will provide support for our schools. Rock Island County is trying to do its part in battling the garbage dump "waste-line".

In addition to our Recycling Booth, HCE will sponsor a "Dress a Bear for Charity" booth. Children will be able to choose from clothing sewn by members and dress a stuffed bear that will then be given to local charities.

Have a great summer!

Brenda Wells, Director of PR

DISTRICT 2/3

Lorraine Wildman, District Director



DuPAGE COUNTY.....

We held our annual meeting in April and had a very good crowd. The place where we had our banquet was a very nice place and the food was excellent as was the entertainment. Certificates and awards were handed out.

Our county has delivered many blankets and lap robes for use with wheel chairs for those in need. We had a very successful craft day making scrubbers for dishes and pans.

At the DuPage County Fair at the end of July, the women will have a booth for HCE. We will also give out information on what the organization does and continues to do. Projects will be displayed showing what we do for the community. The awards for winners of the 4-H exhibits are paid by our HCE. Winners will feel proud to receive these awards.

Our county starts in September with a meeting followed by a potluck. Information on what each position on the board does is explained. Then we will have time for questions and answers.

Have a great summer!

Miriam Ferguson, P.I.

A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

Author Unknown

MCHENRY COUNTY.....

The 89th annual meeting of the McHenry County Home and Community Education (HCE) was held on April 25th at the Crystal Lake Country Club. The theme of this years meeting was "Learning, Friendship and Volunteering".

Honored for 60 years or more of HCE membership were Selma Davidson - 67 years, Jeanette Gardner - 66 years and Margaret Richardson - 62 years. Also honored were Hazel Kniebusch - 40 years, Florence Spesard and Dolores Leiting - 10 years. One new member, Kathi Simmonson, was welcomed. Richmond Evening unit had the distinction of recruiting the most new members in 2006-2007. Their unit name will be engraved on the membership plaque in the University of Illinois Extension office, Woodstock.

Past Presidents present and recognized were Connie Steffan - 1976-77, Margaret Richards - 1985-86, Leona Rinn - 1990-92, Marelene Rader - 1992-94, Dolores Hermansen - 1996-98, Carol Kruse - 2000-2003 and Carol Giammattei - 2003-2006. Visitors included HCE unit members from Lake County.

Newly installed on the HCE board were Nancy Moore -1st Vice President, Marelene Rader - Board Secretary and Yvonne D. Kemp - Public Relations Director.



The 2007-08 McHenry HCE Board L to R**:** Nancy Moore, Joan Jones, Marelene Rader, Jeanette Broughton, Dolores Hermansen, Hazel Kniebusch, Geri Pondel, Leona Rinn, Yvone Kemp, Jean Pieroni

County Director, Don Schellhaas spoke on such topics as "Childcare Support Groups for Grandparents" and "Master Gardener Programs" of the University of Illinois Extension office. Entertainment was provided by the "Chicago Gear & Transmission Company". Included were familiar songs such as "The Girl from Ipanema" which featured our very own President, Jean Pieroni.

McHenry County HCE unit members continue to support local charities and collection, craft projects for the Ronald McDonald House, etc.

Pictured are County Director (U of I Extension Office), Don Schellhaas and Margaret Richardson, HCE Richmond Unit and 62 year member of HCE.



Yvonne D. Kemp, Public Relations Director

KANE COUNTY.....

Our 89th annual meeting, held May 23 at Mill Creek Golf Club in Geneva, featured Cathy Morelli, *Peaks and Valleys* columnist for Chicagoland newspapers. With ninety in attendance, laughter and knowing smiles filled the banquet room as Cathy donated her time to share with us her understanding of the care and feeding of girlfriends who are "like oxygen". Providing box-themed, flowered centerpieces, our units also contributed 397 books and 235 specialty magazines for the Little City Foundation's June book sale. (Little City provides services, opportunities and smiles for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities).

We are proud of our 2007 Woman of the Year, Junia Epperson, whose unit called her "small, but mighty and a bundle of energy"! A consummate supporter of a vast array of charitable causes and our current scrapbooking Historian, Junia says,. "Wherever there's a need, we're willing to go lend a helping hand." Her motto is reflected in many of our units, as well as in community service reports from other HEA/HCE counties.

Kane County HEA begins its 90th year celebration at Open House Thursday, August 23, 2007, from 1pm to 3pm at St. Gall Parish, located at the intersection of Route 47 and Shannon Street in Elburn. Double-billed entertainment

includes ventriloquist/pastor Dan Anderson and Chiropractor Dr. Danna Landin. Noted for his ability to convey serious information in an appealing fashion, Dr. Landin will speak on both *Stress-Is It Killing You?* And *Falling Into Sleep Debt and How to Change It*. Light refreshments include a new Coffee-mate product which will enrich our coffers through a taste survey-how great is that!

Beth Engbrecht, Public Relations Director

LaSALLE COUNTY.....

Three local officers recently attended the IAHCE 83rd Annual Conference in Effingham, Illinois. 438 statewide members were in attendance. The following members from LaSalle County attend: Gail Hayward of Grand Ridge -Public Relations, Carol Elmore of Mendota - 2nd Vice and Nympha White as past State International Chairman.

"Our IAHCE Box, Learning, Volunteering and Friendship" was the theme of the opening luncheon followed by a county banner parade. Members then attended share shops of their choice. Classes were held on everything from health issues, gardening, investment, Grapes in Illinois, Glamour on the Go and classes pertaining to our offices. LaSalle County was presented with a State President's Award for Cultural Enrichment and an award for Certified Volunteer Units for all the volunteer hours our members donate to other organizations than our own.

The Illinois Great American Family award was given to the Lee and Phyllis Farlow family of Adams/Brown County. They have a farming operation and have many generations involved in community activities.

The second day was in honor of our founder, Elsie Mies. The business meeting was held with 138 voting delegates in attendance. Three new state officers were voted into office. Ruby Lingle, the University of Illinois liaison, gave a welcome. The choir, led by Carolyn Fisher sang for the group. The banquet and installation of officers was held that evening.

Day three was spent attending workshops and learning about your county office responsibilities. Members visited

photo displays, a cultural arts contest, a silent auction and a vendor area.

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education enhances the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences, encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community.

Fifteen members of the LaSalle HCE group enjoyed making fleece blankets to donate to local organizations. Blankets were cut and tied in various sizes and patterns for babies to adults.

The blankets will be donated to local organizations, such

as, LaSalle County Sheriffs Dept. and the Red Cross to be used in emergency situations.

Cabin Fever Reliever The LaSalle County HCE recently held



the Eleventh "Cabin Fever Reliever". This fun and learning event had a great turnout of members and guests. Eighty men and women took part in over 23 classes. These classes were held to make bracelets, raviolis,



baskets, crafts and jewelry, quilt runners, candy, braided bread, cinnamon rolls and painting. Participants also learned about osteoporosis, knitting, gardening, Bonsai trees and appetizers. Everyone enjoyed this all day event and many new ides are already being planned for next year.

Completing her Smoke Joe Basket

Gail Hayward, Public Relations Director

To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Author Unknown

DISTRICT 4



Mary Lea Prentice - District Director

District 4 counties are alive and well! The Scott County annual meeting was held June 21 in Winchester. Although attendance was small, enthusiasm was there. During the year members made blankets with everyone donating money, material and work to donate 140 blankets to Project Linus and Passavant Hospital. One six-year old boy attended his mother's funeral service where he asked that a purple Linus blanket be wrapped around his mother's cremation urn. He couldn't hold the urn but by wrapping the blanket (her favorite color) around it he felt she could feel his hug.

A story teller was the guest speaker at the Cass County annual meeting held June 18 near Virginia, Illinois. Harold Tyson reiterated the life of William Sewell from 1794 - 1846 from reading his diary and commenting, "If the facts weren't there in the diary, I'll lie a little bit about it." Harold had a good handle on the history of that time period in the Beardstown - Virginia area. Cass County members collected soap bars which they give to the Food Pantry in Virginia and they also collected money to send several boxes of goodies to service men and women in Iraq. Peoria County held their annual meeting May 3 at the Fairview Restaurant in Peoria. They also had a story teller for their speaker who used members to enhance her stories. The Peoria County units are keeping track of their volunteer hours to submit to state IAHCE. This is something all counties are urged to do, so I urge you to follow Peorial County's model.

Judi Sutton showed and talked on her collection of stoneware for Pike County's annual meeting held April 26 in Pittsfield. Pike County had many special events during the year which included two basket making classes, their first "tea" where various table settings of formal and informal china and silver were displayed, walked in parades and handed out IAHCE flyers to promote membership, and visited a local herb and flower garden. Two quilt units and one book club unit were formed. Members continued to send encouraging notes and gifts to service men and women throughout the year.

As I continue to visit and install officers in District 4, I will keep you updated on happenings in other counties. It is important to share ideas to promote IAHCE membership and to advertise the importance of the organization in our state.

Mary Lea Prentice

ADAMS COUNTY.....

Adams County HCE annual business meeting and banquet was held at Paloma Community Center. President Catherine Bienhoff welcomed everyone to the meeting. Camie Hempelman did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of the speaker was done by Susan Sprague. Speaker was Bobbe White, certified Laughter Leader "Life in the Laugh Lane ". She is also an author. Susan sure started the evening off on a good note because if you needed a laugh, Bobbe White provided several.

Adams County scholarship recipients were Amanda Bienhoff, Anna Moore, Britany Gibson and Megan Woodworth.

New members for 2006-2007 were recognized, of which there were 24. Ellen Scheuermann - Camp Point Nite, Leona Shaffer - Indian Grave, Shirley Simon -Tumbleweeds, were recognized as fifty-year members. Way to go ladies. Thank you for being supportive of HCE for so many years. There was a memorial service for members not with us anymore but not forgotten.

Paul and Mary Aden were presented as Adams County 2007 Great American family. Mary has been a member of Chatton unit for 46 years.

The business meeting was held. Election of officers and installation of officers took place at our meeting.

Gem unit provided decorations for the meeting. What an

excellent job they accomplished.

F.C.C.L.A. students from Central High School and Ronda Frese caterer provided and served the delicious meal. They all did a great job.

Pike County extended an invitation to a tea. A few of our members attended. Tables were set up with different themes for a tea. Recipe books were made up on what was served at the tea. Our ladies enjoyed themselves; they said the tea was very nice.

Our Book Club is going strong. Seven units were represented at the meeting in June; they are taking a summer break. We will be following the schedule year of HCE.

HCE units have taken part in sponsorship of 4-H trophies, Ag Awareness Classroom Programs, Scholarships, Local Festival, and numerous other events.

Upcoming events: Riverfest, Annual Locally Grown Foodfest, District Workshop, Presidents' Dinner and "A bit of Quilts and a bit of Salads".

Bonnie Smith, Public Information

HANCOCK COUNTY.....

What a busy spring and summer it's turning out to be for Hancock County HCE members! Many of us took part in the bus trip to Arcola and Arthur, Illinois on June 8th where we enjoyed learning more about the area, shopping, having lunch in an Amish home and touring Rockhome Gardens. We're in the planning states for another bus trip this fall to Van Buren County, Iowa.

Several members of the organization did a cook-out at Weber Meats in Carthage on June 1st. Weber's grill the sandwiches and different groups can book a day to work the stand and at the same time promote their organization. What an excellent fundraiser for the group! It was so successful that they plan to do another cook-out in July during the 4-H Fair. Members will also be working in the food stand at the 40th Annual Western Illinois Thresher's Show in Hamilton in early August.

The HCE board just announced two contests for the group including a membership incentive to bring in new members, but to also bring back members that may have not been active in the last couple of years. This contest will run from July 1st through the end of October. The winner of the contest will receive a gift certificate from a local restaurant. The second contest is for all members and units to increase their giving towards "Pennies for Friendship" with the winners announced at our October 16th International Night.

Community Outreach projects in the works include collecting school supplies to help out local elementary schools and also to purchase one age-appropriate book for each of the 1st Grade Classes in the county. These books will be presented during HCE Week along with bookmarks that we will be making. Members have also been asked to select a class to read to.

Initial plans are also underway for an all-day craft day during the fall with invitations to be sent to neighboring counties. There has been interest expressed for forming a noon Lunch & Learn unit that the board is working on.

Susan Sewell, Pubic Relations

SCOTT COUNTY.....

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Scott County Homemakers Extension Association was held June 21 at the Nimrod Funk Building.

The session began with the business meeting in the morning. Mary Lea Prentice, IAHCE District 4 Director, installed the officers for the coming year. Minnie Cooper will serve as the new President and Merna Wisdom as Treasurer/Membership Chairman. Continuing officers are Helen Lehmkuhl - First Vice President, Jo Clough - Secretary/Public Information Chairman, Phyllis Rhodes - Community Outreach Chairman and Frances Brown - Family Issues Chairman.

Frances Brown, from Jolly's unit, recognized 21 members for having perfect attendance at unit meetings.

Janet Nesbo, Addi Rogers and Joy Merriman, from the Bluffs unit, conducted a memorial for deceased members: Fran Pond, Bluffs unit; Florence Metternich, member-atlarge and former member of the Mettnick's unit; Frances Turner, Winchester Day unit; and Phoebe Little, Winchester Day unit.

Following a potluck luncheon at noon, Janet Gant from the Jolly's unit and her grandson, Caleb Long, entertained the group with musical selections.

Nadene Bent from Camp Point gave a humorous and inspiring program entitled "Planting Seeds of Happiness".

Donations of miscellaneous personal items, clothing and money were collected for the Illinois Veterans' Home in Quincy, an on-going project of the Scott County HEA.

The meeting closed with the distribution of door prizes, flowering plants, in keeping with the meeting's theme.

Jo Clough, Public Information

TAZEWELL COUNTY.....

Pictured is the Gourmet Gals of Morton. The beautiful quilt they made was donated to the House of Hope for a fund raiser. The House of Hope, a shelter for abused women and children, is the pet project of Tazewell County.



From L to R: Pat Alexander, Connie Young, Deanna Chism, Lila Abner, Bonnie Dufelmeir, Gwen Keach, Lily Vermillion

Other units have provided toiletries, paper products, linens, stationery items, cash donations, etc. to the House. Collections are taken at county meetings. One lady, Lily Vermillion, knits beautiful baby sweaters and accessories which are sold and the money is donated to the House.

The county board has decided to eliminate the annual March Scramble. Even though it has been fun for those who attend, the attendance has been sparse. Instead, each unit will plan its own March meeting with a regular lesson. The board hopes to provide another activity perhaps during the summer months.

Many in the county are being more aware of the clean water projects. Members hope to contribute more funding for this project this year.

Of course, the members are all trying to attract new members even though it seems a huge task. The board has yet to come up with a great idea. One at a time seems to be the method that works best.

Shirley Kelly, Public Relations Director

DISTRICT 5

Marilyn Daughhetee, District Director



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY......

Our annual meeting was April 5, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Urbana with members from 17 of 19 units answering roll call. We had 86 members plus 5 guests for a total of 91 present. Marilyn Daughhetee talked briefly telling us how much she had enjoyed the director's job and encouraged everyone to take the state newsletter. She installed the officers for the coming year. Our entertainment was Chrissy Corson playing the keyboard and singing.

Denni Hubert, owner of Second Hand Rose Antiques, St. Joseph was the speaker for our all county meeting on May 9, 2007 at the River Valley Church of Christ, Fisher. Denni told about finding gold earrings worth \$150 tagged \$1 at an estate sale, pearls worth thousands sold for \$12 in a bag of junk jewelry at an auction and jewelry pieces worth \$7000 priced at \$1.20 in an egg carton at a garage sale. Several of our members brought old jewelry for Denni to give "guesstimates" as to value. She offers to travel to rummage sales of churches or other non-profits without

payment before the doors open. She wants to make sure they don't sell donated items for less than they are worth.

Leatrice Helbing with item she brought.

The district meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at the Holiday Inn, Urbana. Our officer information meeting will be August 30th at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Champaign.

Millie Hoch, Public Relations Director

EDGAR COUNTY.....

Summer is parade time and Edgar County HCE has hit the parade trail.

We are very proud of our HCE program in Edgar County, and have chosen the "Parade Route" to let everyone out there learn more about "who we are" and "what we do".

Several Edgar County HCE members and their families have been participating in area parades. We have had a lot of fun meeting people and handing out various HCE logo items and brochures about our activities, programs and goals here in Edgar County.

Some of the members walk, while others ride in decorated cars. Five free memberships are handed out at every parade and several people have taken advantage of them to join their local unit. Our county banner is carried in front of the group. Scattered among the walkers are members wearing our purple aprons with the HCE logo on them. Purple balloons can be seen bobbing above, and our HCE song can be heard all along the parade routes.



EDGAR COUNTY JOINS THE "PARADE TRAIL"!

So far we have participated in the Brocton Parade, the Paris Shriners' Parade and the Newman Parade. We have several more planned, including the Kansas Festival Parade, the Chrisman Days Parade and the Paris Honey Bee Parade. A great feeling of satisfaction is achieved by the smiles, greetings and applause we receive along the parade routes.

All of our county units baked cakes for the Annual 4-H Bar-B-Q and will be baking pies and working the food concessions at the 4-H Fair.

We are indeed marketing Edgar County HCE this summer--and we are having a really good time doing it. What a deal!!! Hope you are having a great summer too.

Betty Porter, Public Information Chair

MACON COUNTY.....

Macon County held their Annual Spring County Meeting on May 2, 2007 at the Macon County Fairgrounds in the 4-H building. We honored all members who had belonged to Macon County HCE for 50 years or more. All who were

present received a certificate, a red rose and a 50 year membership pin if they had not already received one. We have 12 members who have been members for 50 years or more and Donna McKinley,



who joined in 1945, and has the most years of membership. As a little something extra, we had them precede the board in the catered lunch line.

President, Karen Halicki presided over the business meeting, Anna Belle Farrell conducted the 50/50 drawing and Rosemary Knap held the winning ticket. Bonnie Lanham collected for the service people overseas. The money will be used to purchase items for the service men and women and to help pay postage.

Our Illinois State IAHCE President, Ellie Maroon, was here and spoke about ways to increase our membership.

Awards for 500 hours or more of volunteer service were given



out to Carol Flitz, Karen Halicki, Gigi Langhauser, Sharon Middleton and Carol Bork. Macon County Public Relations Chairman, Dorothy Albert, received the President's Award at the spring conference and was given her certificate.

Each unit decorated a table with a different holiday and provided snacks for everyone to taste. It was very colorful and some tables were just loaded with decorations.

Our speaker for the day was Gretchen Potter who spoke on the history of hats. She brought many different styles and told us of the eras the styles were worn.

She invited the ladies to try on her hats and that was a fun thing to do.





encouraged to wear a hat to the meeting, Gretchen also enjoyed checking out our hats and hearing our hat stories.

After a delicious catered lunch, we departed until the Fall County meeting October 31st at the same time and place.

During the summer months we will sell baked items at the Master Gardener's plant sale, at the two band concerts in the park, tour Allerton Home in Monticello, have a display at the County Fair and tour the ADM kitchens.

Dorothy Albert, Public Relations Chairman

McLEAN COUNTY.....

Twenty nine people attended the Spring in Bloom Garden Stroll held in and around Lexington, Tuesday, June 12th from 9:00 to 12:00 AM. This garden stroll was sponsored by the McLean County Home and Community Education units.

Our first stop was at the Native Prairie Nursery at the Franklin Farm Project west of Lexington. Tim Lindenbaum told us about his 12 acres of native plants and grasses. He started gathering seeds and planting two years ago. Eventually, these plants will grow a root system that will kill any grass or weeds that originally were present. The planting will change appearance as the summer progresses as different plants will be blooming. Tim was asked where he got the seeds and he said mostly along railroad tracks. As you can imagine, a lot of tedious hand work goes into this project. Tim plans to market the seeds when they are mature. A very interesting stop.

Our second stop was at Jeanene Payne's unique garden; featuring rocks and interesting yard art. Trees provided shade for some beautiful plants requiring shade. Even though the day was warm, a breeze in this shade was wonderful! Her positioning of rocks and plantings in between were done in a very beautiful, tasteful way. Jeanene and her Mother, Shirley Brown, joined us for the rest of the tour.

We then went to the shade garden of Bob and Yvonne Wahls, our third stop. The many hosta were beautiful and so large. Other plants and flowers were featured and made some beautiful landscaping for the Wahls property, both front and back of their home. Very well done!

Stop number four was the Lexington Keller Park. A beautiful butterfly garden was planted near the children's play area north of the picnic shelter. This garden has benches so people could sit and watch the butterflies and also at the same time, watch their children in the play area. Another flower garden is planted near the parking lot entrance. We noted the many walks provided for people wanting to walk and the many ball diamonds available for Lexington ball games. This park is a great addition to the Lexington area.

Our 5th stop was at Trish Morrison's. She has a garden of herbs and flowers she uses for dried arrangements. An addition was built next to the machine shed and gives Trish and her sister, Lucy, a chance to work with their plants year round as the building is heated. Looking up, we saw bunches and bunches of plants drying to be later used in their various projects. There were many plants outside and we enjoyed going out to see them also. We had some light refreshments and a cold drink before we left to go to the next stop.

Our last and 6th stop was at Connie Lindenbaum's. A beautiful place surrounded by a wooded area. Red mulch and brick paths invited us to walk and see the many plants

and flowers—some surrounding trees. John said he carried 100 bags of mulch as red mulch is not sold in the bulk. Besides the many plantings, two buildings were available to examine; a bear house and a carriage house with heat and air conditioning so it is used not only for storage, but for projects, as well, year round.

After enjoying the beautiful scenery outside, we all went inside to enjoy some crackers, dip and water seasoned with editable flowers.

This was a very enjoyable morning. We wish to thank Connie for the idea and the planning the Lexington area garden stroll. We also wish to thank Marjorie Martin for taking reservations and selling the tickets.

Mary Lou Schuler, PI Chairman

SHELBY COUNTY

Shelby County HCE celebrated "70 Years of Wonderful HCE Memories-HCE-Treasures of the Past" at their June 12th annual meeting. The meal was catered by Moweaqua Foods. Units brought box-themed centerpieces that were

used for door prizes. Each member was asked to wear a hat; some wore vintage hats they had or made in early HCE. Lola Bottrell, the only remaining charter member, spoke to the group. Special guest was



Marilyn Daughhetee, District 5 Director, who installed the new treasurer for the county, Tina Coleman.

After the business meeting run by President Kim Mathias, each unit put together pictures and artifacts to make scrapbook pages to commemorate the 70th year. Wanda Brooks, 2nd Vice, had contacted Daisy Lane Scrapbooking of Mattoon, IL and had a table of papers, stickers, and supplies from them for unit members to use. A salesperson from Stampin' Up, a stamp and decorative company, provided supplies for a card-making center where members could make cards if they wished. Other members enjoyed looking at the displays of historical scrapbooks from the past 70 years.



DISTRICT 6

Sandy Bechtold, District Director

Dear IAHCE members,

I do so enjoy going to all the county annual meetings and

special occasions. There is never a time I don't learn something and I always have a great time. Our members are so talented and I hope you are all inviting friends, neighbors and others to come join you in all the fun. We're such a great organization and need to spread the word about all the caring sharing and learning that we do. I wish all of you the best year and many new members. Don't forget that you don't have to be a county officer to attend the IAHCE Annual Conference. We have such a good time and the State Board works so hard to make it a success. Have a good day and May God Bless all of you, especially your loved ones in harms way.

Sandy Bechtold

CLAY COUNTY.....

The main business to start out the first of the year was making plans for our annual county meeting in April which will be the 60th year for HEA in Clay County. Plans also were made to attend the Annual State Conference in Effingham. Several planned on going and did go which all enjoyed!

At our county meeting, we had a lady give a great talk on "Feed Sack Sewing of Clothes and Etc.".

Our luncheon was catered. Before the meeting was adjourned, we had cake and ice cream and several gifts were won.

Sandy Bechtold, our District Director, installed the officers for the year and those who will continue from the year before.

Different units got together and made 30 plus lap robes which were later delivered to the different care homes in the county.

Debbie Borries

The HEA members furnished cookies for a Blood Drive and helped otherwise. The extra cookies were given to the 4-H Horse Campers Show.

We will be furnishing fruit pies for the 4-H Bar-B-Q at the County Fair in Clay County.

We have been collecting empty medicine bottles and sending them to Central America for the past two years. We have decided to discontinue with this.

We have increased membership in some units and now we have 5 units. Our county HEA has a very busy and interesting upcoming year.

Eula M. Lewis, Public Relations Chairman

FAYETTE COUNTY.....

Incorrect information was given. "Fayette County is proud to be the only club that gained new members the past year" should read "Fayette is proud to be the county that had each of the seven units send in recipes for the IAHCE State Cookbook and Fayette County has the most in the book—there are 60 recipes (almost half of the members in the county participated)." The other correction is to Shirley Klitzing (not Blitzing).

JERSEY COUNTY.....

Frieda Fritz, a 70-year member of the Jersey County Homemakers Education Association (formerly Home Bureau) was given an Honorary Membership at the recent 76th Anniversary celebration held at the Peace United Church of Christ in Jerseyville. Frieda joined "Home Bureau" as a new



Frieda Fritz with Emma Sullivan

bride back in 1937 and has been a continuous member since that time. She currently is a member of the Jerseyville "B" unit. Officers and directors of the organization were also elected and installed at this meeting and they are: Sandra Bechtold, McClusky Unit – President; Mary M. Thompson, Fieldon Unit – 1st Vice-President; Emma L. Sullivan, Fidelity Unit – 2nd Vice-President; Elizabeth A. Schwab, Jerseyville "B" Unit – Secretary-Treasurer/ Publicity Director; Jane Bush, West Prairie Unit – Community Outreach Director; Ida May Pickel, Panhandle Unit – Family Issues Director and Jayne Bennett, Homemakers E. T. C. Unit – International Director. Karen Ziegler, non-voting delegate was installed as Cultural Enrichment Director. Elsah Unit and the Mailbox Members are unrepresented on the board at this time.



Sandra Bechtold IAHCE District Director 6 has also informed Jersey County HEA members, Shirley Bowman and Elizabeth A. Schwab that their granddaughters have been awarded scholarships from the IAHCE Scholarship Fund.

Brittany Phillips, granddaughter of Shirley Bowman just graduated from Lincoln Land College and will be attending Western Illinois University in Macomb this fall. She is studying to be an Ag teacher. Alicia Saddoris, granddaughter of Elizabeth A. Schwab is a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She is majoring in Communications with a minor in Spanish. Both girls' extensive 4-H background contributed toward this achievement!

Elizabeth Schwab, Publicity Director

Advice for the aged—— be young for a very long time!

Author Unknown

MADISON COUNTY.....

Our annual meeting was held on April 23rd with a special guest speaker, Tracy Reichman of H.I.S. K.I.D.S.

(Happiness is Serving Kids in Distress Situations). The group gives support to children with cancer. We are having a handmade quilt raffle and the money will help pay for those children and their brothers and sisters to go to camp. The camp is Camp Wartburg in Waterloo.



At the meeting, we had five blue ribbon units recognized and volunteer hours were awarded. Our new officers were installed as 2nd Vice President - Maureen Betts, Treasurer-Cindy Jones and Public Relations - Charlene Bandy.

May was the month for the county fun day. It was a cloudy day outside but a sunny day inside where 54 members enjoyed eating a potluck meal. Pat Harmon was the MC for the HCE version of "Deal or No Deal". There were even commercials made by JoAnn Ruhl advertising HCE and what it has to offer.

We have some wonderful people in our organization. We try to spread the word in our community by the few things we do and the items we make and give away.

Charlene Bandy, Public Relations

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County Association for Home and Community Education celebrated HCE week March 18 through March 24.

On Sunday, March 18, members attended the church of their choice.

Monday, March 19, the Lesson for Living "Groundcovers to Know and Use" was presented at the Extension Office in Hillsboro by Kelli Basset of the Hillsboro Montgomery Extension Office staff. There were ten members in attendance. The Salad Supper was held on Tuesday, March 2O, at the U of I Extension office's large meeting room. The program was presented by retired missionary, John Gilmore from Greenville. Mr. Gilmore has visited Nicaragua several times. The theme was "Thinking Outside the Box". The Butler Grove unit took care of registration, Coffeen unit made box table favors and College Hill unit cleaned up. The salad super honors members. Montgomery County had one new member, Joyce Frederick of the New Hope unit.

On Wednesday, March 21, twenty one members and guests met at Weller's Café in Witt for lunch. Following the meal, the group toured the Witt Museum.

Thursday, March 22, three members made greeting cards at Creative Choices in Hillsboro.

On Friday, thirteen members visited Nokomis Gift and Garden Shop in Nokomis, owned by Lola and Tom Spears. A demonstration on making a spring arrangement was given.

Saturday, March 24, members visited their local libraries and acquainted themselves of what services the library has to offer. Libraries do not just loan books.

Mary Reynolds, Public Relations

A Smile for You

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin; when he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth. A single smile, just like mine, could travel 'round the earth. So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected- - Let's start an epidemic, quick and get the world infected!

Author Unkown

DISTRICT 7

Treasa Brookman, District Director



It sure has been a busy spring since I was appointed District 7 Director. IAHCE

Board meeting, after you all left, got me in the swing of things. I even volunteered to be in charge of the share shops for 2008. I hope to have some new ideas.

Then I hit the road. I first visited Perry County for their 60^{th} anniversary. Then it was the 66^{th} Wabash/Edwards Chinese Auction and the 59^{th} Union County Apron Party. That sure was a long day and 187 miles. I had a couple of days off before going to more celebrations. Pope/Hardin County's 59^{th} was my next destination, husband in tow. Next found an evening with 65^{th} Wayne County and a man making cheese cakes. Franklin had their 61^{st} where I was joined by Ellie Maroon, IAHCE President and we later that evening made it to Washington County's 76^{th} with a brief stop at Hamilton County's 46^{th} . May found me at Randolph County's 89^{th} and Jackson celebrated their 69 years.

Before I was installed, Johnson County had celebrated 57 years, Massac County had 60 years and Saline County had 89 years. I'll try to catch them next year.

I never saw so much enthusiasm and excitement as each of these counties had. It was fun to sit back and listen to the exchange of friendship. If we could only bottle this up, we would have so many new members we would not know what to do. We have to figure out a way to let others know the enjoyment we all have; besides we have educational lessons to boot.

I am so proud of Wabash/Edwards "County of the Year" 2006 who is in my district. Of course, I'm partial to Southern Illinois.

Remember, September 11-13, 2007 will be the Southern Illinois Craft camp at DuBois, Illinois. Give me a call if you would like to come for a day.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.....

Greetings from Southern Illinois

We are having hot - hot summer weather in Franklin County, deep in the heart of Southern Illinois! But this is not keeping Franklin County HEA members from continuing our many summer projects.

The Benton Car Cruise, held on the 2nd Saturday evening of May, June, July and August has kept us hopping. I mean this literally! Our food stand has turned out to be one of our largest money makers. Many of our unit members show up to work and others just come by, with their lawn chairs, to see and be seen. The crowds are numbering the high hundreds.

Our crew worked at the 4-H Fair in July. Our main serving was before the home show and there were certainly some very hungry people. Our homemade pies were a sell out!

Franklin County HEA is now a proud member of the Benton-West City Chamber of Commerce. We were invited to join this busy group of civic minded people. We already work hand-in-hand with the Benton Civic Center, so we felt this was another way to help our communities and get our HEA/HCA name out. By becoming a member, we have a vote and voice on many community decisions. We also receive statewide publicity, i.e. their booklets and publications.

I would also like to tell everyone that two cookbooks are on sale at the Rend Lake Visitors Center and Museum. They are also on sale at Navy Pier in Chicago. These books were vetted before they could be put on display. Let us know if you happen to see one.

Plans are being made for our 3rd Annual "Picnic in the Park". We are already gearing up for our Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair. We plan to attend the IAHCE District workshop in August in Mt. Vernon. So see you there!

Margaret Duncan, Public Relations

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Treasa Brookman

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DISTRICT NEWS

JEFFERSON COUNTY.....

During the Christmas season, we give hats and gloves to the county schools. We have donated quarters to the veterans at Marion, Illinois. We have given money to Sarah Waite, who is making "Prayer Squares" for the military which also helps with the postage. The "Prayer Squares" are red, white and blue and are crocheted 50 across, indicating 50 states are praying for them. Twelve rows of each color make a square. They are then put on the alter and a prayer is said for each one. The squares are then sent to the soldiers to put in their pockets.

Nine members attended the meeting in Effingham. We all had a great time.

Jefferson County is helping with the Angel Cove in Mt. Vernon. We are teaching the girls to cook and are donating money for their personal needs.

Our annual meeting was great. We had 73 members present. We gave out two scholarships this year. Our past Presidents gave a \$200 scholarship and the "Florence Kane" scholarship was \$500 from her family in her memory.

Sidney Laird, Public Relations

RANDOLPH COUNTY.....

Randolph County celebrated it's 62nd anniversary at our annual meeting May 3rd at a restaurant in Coulterville. Acting President, Bonnie Piel, welcomed 45 members and two guests to the meeting. Charter member, Eunice Buening from Chester unit was honored as the charter member present. Fifty year members, Elizabeth Montgomery from the Coulterville unit and Elaine Hargis from the Early Birds unit (pictured) were honored. Our

Randolph County Co-operative Extension director, July Mumbower, was introduced to the membership and welcomed Treasa Brookman, who installed the new officers for 2007-2008 and clued the membership in on future plans for



HCE in Illinois. Seven of the eight units in Randolph

County answered roll call.

We are looking forward to a new year with the cooperation of our new director with several lessons coming up. One of our units, Wine Hill, enjoyed their mystery tour of "Our Lady of the Snows" complex; others have had lessons on "Home Remedies", "Milk" and "Disaster Preparedness".

Chris Doerr, Public Relations

WASHINGTON COUNTY.....

Washington County Home and Community Education (HCE) celebrated their 60th year anniversary at their annual meeting the evening of April 24, 2007. The meeting was held at the American Legion in Okawville. The theme for the evening was "HCE Diamond Jubilee, 60 Years of Learning". After the delicious meal, the meeting was called to order by HCE Board President, Bernice Hemminghaus. There was a short business meeting, election of officers and a silent auction.

Special guests for the evening were IAHCE State President, Ellie Maroon, and HCE District Director, Treasa Brookman. Ellie Maroon spoke to the group about the importance of membership growth. Treasa Brookman did the installation of officers.

The beautiful hand quilted quilt, crocheted doily, crocheted baby afghan, a doll with a crocheted dress and a cookbook



were on display. These items will be given away at the Christmas Special in November.

In 1947, an organization was formed with the original name of "Home Bureau". The first president was Mrs. George Dueker. Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Schleifer was the

second president of Home Bureau. The beautiful black dress worn by Charlotte for her installation as president at the second annual meeting in 1948 was on display at this year's annual meeting. In 1962, the name was changed from Home Bureau to Washington County Homemakers Extension Association (HEA). In 1974 the name was changed to



Washington County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE).

Charter members were invited, four were present and presented with a floral gift. The four charter members present for the special celebration were: Eileen Auld, Flora Maschhoff, Vera Grathwohl, and Gertrude Rennegarbe. A very enjoyable pre-recorded video interview with six of the original charter members was shown; the ladies answered questions about their memories of Home Bureau. It is interesting to note the dues in 1947 were \$5 per year and today 60 years later they are only \$10. The ladies in the video were: Charlotte Schleifer, Flora Maschhoff, Gertie Stieg, Olga Hake, Gertrude Rennegarbe and Eileen Auld.

Past Washington County Extension Advisors in attendance were Sue Ibendahl, Shirley "Rowland" Dry and Joyce Pyatt. Larry Paszkiewicz, County Extension Director/Agriculture and Roger Greten, Community Worker/Youth & Family were also in attendance.

A display table with pictures, news articles, and crafts made during the past years were displayed. On April 26^{th,} a tree planting and tea was held at the Washington County Extension Office, Nashville, Illinois to commemorate the 60th anniversary of HCE. A plaque placed at the foot of the tree will serve as a lasting reminder of the anniversary.

Sue Mueller/Linda Summers, Public Information Co-Directors



CWC - ACWW MEETING

SILENT AUCTION - At the September CWC-ACWW Area Meeting there will again be a Silent Auction to benefit the ACWW Pennies for Friendship fund. For those who are coming and want to contribute, please bring something for the Auction or a monetary donation to contribute.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST.....

The ACWW Triennial Conference in Finland raised the membership rates for all categories going into effect January 1st next year. Therefore, any membership fees that are received on or after January 1, 2008 will have to be at the new rate. New rates are published in 2007 Summer News Sheet in the report from Louise Nichols.

ACWW's Executive Committee at their March meeting this year, also changed the individual membership year for all individual members to run from January 1 to December 31. ACWW is currently working out the finer details and possible computer system changes that have to be implemented. At present, all individual memberships are being treated as per the current renewal date change.

The ACWW Magazine will be reduced to three (3) issues.

COMING IN JULY TO SOCIETY PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMEN

A proposed CWC budget for 2008, the voting credentials form for the September CWC-ACWW Area Meeting, and anything else the CWC Chairman wants to put in that envelope will be coming to you the latter part of July. If your society president/chairman hasn't received this information by July 31, please notify the CWC Secretary immediately.

If you have any further questions not answered here, contact me or any of the CWC Board members.

Marian Brown, Editor of Country Women's Council USA

Hotel Registration Information

CWC-ACWW Area Meeting

September 27-29, 2007

Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center (located at the corner of 6th & Stevenson) 625 E. Saint Joseph Street Springfield, IL 62703 Phone: toll free (888) 707-8366; or (217) 529 6626

Fax: (217) 529-4666

When calling for reservation, ask for the CWC Block to get the special conference price.

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out is 12:00 p.m. <u>Central Time Zone</u>

Room Rate: 72.00 plus tax or 79.20 if 1 - 4 in the room.

Room rates include breakfast Thursday - Sunday.

Fourteen (14) days prior to the Meeting, any rooms not booked will be released to the public. After September 10 you will not be able to get the special CWC rate.

This hotel building was the first Holiday Inn to be constructed in the state of Illinois. It is an older building decorated in the décor reminiscent of the days of traveling along U.S. Highway Route 66. A nostalgic trip back in time is in store for you.

To learn more about the hotel, you may visit the web site at <u>www.rt66hotel.com</u>. You will find a map and directions on this site. CWC News Sheet will have this info as well.

Travel Information

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES -- plane, bus, train, or automobile

Getting there is easy. By car you'll find them on Interstate 55 (or parallel to Route 66 for nostalgia lovers), just 200 miles from Chicago, and 100 miles from St. Louis. By plane, Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is linked with the international gateway airports of St. Louis Lambert and Chicago O'Hare for daily flights. And, by train, Amtrak offers daily stops in Springfield between both Chicago and St. Louis.

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Winning the Way for Women 69th General Meeting Country Women's Council USA and ACWW USA Area Meeting September 27-29, 2007

Tuesday September 25, 2007

7:30 p.m. CWC Board meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

8:45 a.m. Board meeting resumes

Noon-9:00 p.m. Registration

Thursday, September 27, 2007

6:30-8:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:00-9:00 a.m. Registration

8: 30 a.m. Tour leaves and returns 4:30 p.m.

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Conversations around the punch bowl

8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Silent Auction opens for donations

Friday, September 28, 2007

6:30-8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Tour leaves and returns 4:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Opening session of 69th Annual Meeting Judy Bender, Chairman Flag Ceremony, Song: All Over the World, Local Welcome

9:00 a.m. "What Does It Mean to Have an ACWW rep at the UN?"

Patricia Altshuler, ACWW UN Rep.

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Business Meeting

Judy Bender, Chairman

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. News from Finland - ACWW Triennial Louise Nichols, USA Area Pres.

3:00 p.m. Comments from ACWW Committees Loy Walker, Jo Ellen Almond,

Jean Ehlinger, Lynda Pracht, Debbie Czarnopys-White

4:30 p.m. Meetings of the Societies

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Entertainment: Singing Trio of IAHCE members from Edgar County

2007 CWC Annual Meeting Registration Form

September 27-29, 2007

Registration Deadline - August 31, 2007 (Friday)

| Name | Phone (|) |
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All Fees are Transferable but <u>NOT</u> Refundable

REGISTRATION FEE – Required by each person attending Meeting or tours. Full Time: \$160.00 Includes meals (as noted, September 27-29) and sessions.

 One Day:
 \$80.00
 Thursday_____
 Friday _____
 Saturday _____

 Late Fee:
 \$10.00
 After August 31, 2007

Tour(s)

_____ Thursday - \$52.00 (includes lunch & driver's tip; space limited, need reservation by 8/20) "Springfield Through the Eyes of Mr. Lincoln"

Spouse / Guest Tours

_____ Friday - \$32.00 "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" ...and more, includes lunch

_____ Saturday - \$14.00"The New Lincoln Museum" includes lunch

Costs for the Friday and Saturday tours may be less. If so, you might be refunded some of the fees.

Check or money order payable to: IAHCE

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Fees: Registration:

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