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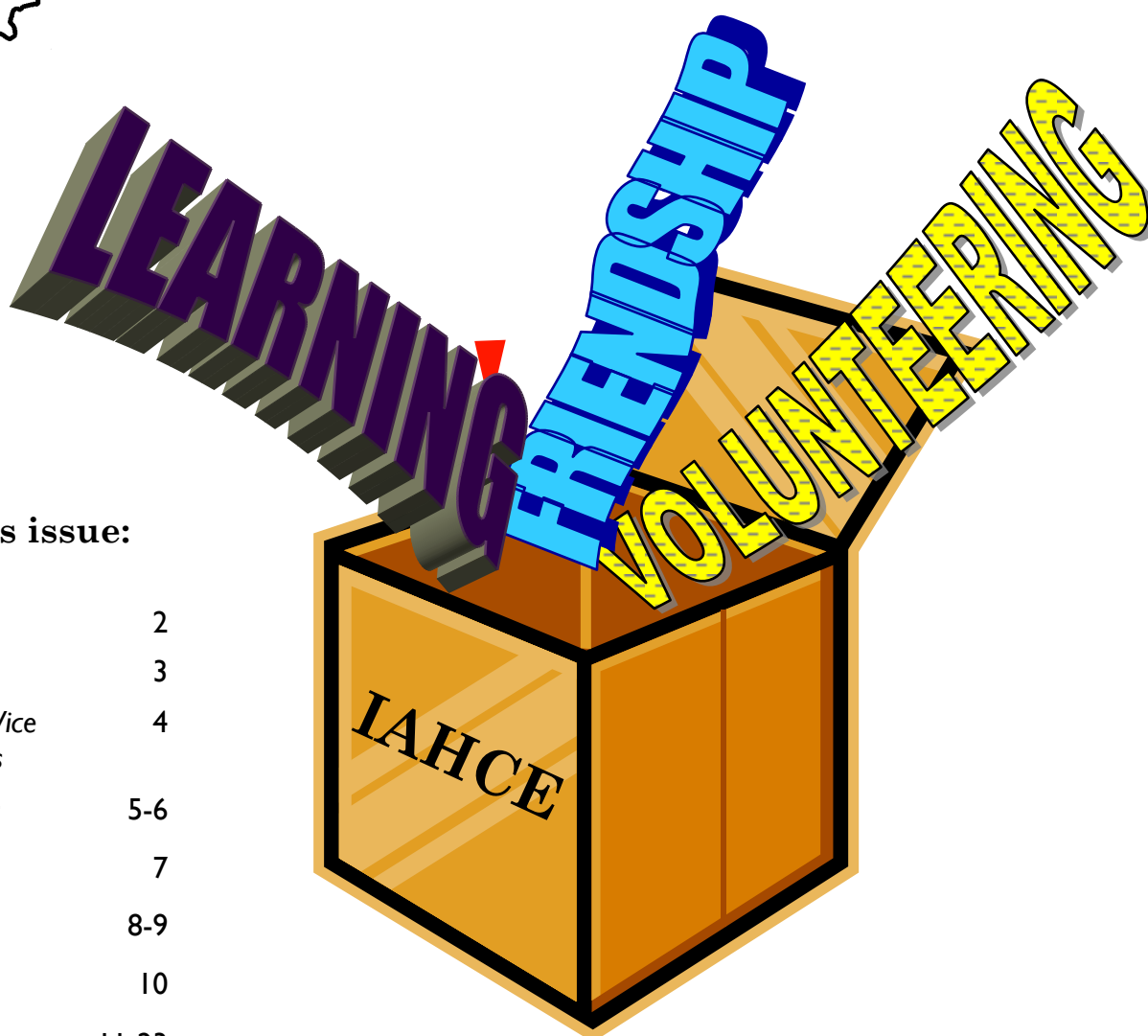
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# NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the President

**W**ow! Annual Conference has come and gone and I did live through it! Everything seemed to turn out real well and the ones in attendance seemed to have a good time...going to share shops, going through the exhibits, visiting old and new friends, enjoying the entertainment and eating delicious meals. For those of you who missed it, I hope you can be with us next year.



**W**hat a wonderful year has just passed. 2007 is already giving indications that it too, will be a great year for IAHCe. There are so many activities already being planned in all of your counties.

**A**s I have traveled around the counties, I have seen so many good projects that you are working on. I have started a new award called the "Presidents Appreciation Award". As I see the counties doing things that impress me, I will present them with a certificate of appreciation. I have been making a list and I did give some out at the annual conference. More will be coming as I see things in your newsletters or at your annual meetings.

**O**ur project in common with NVON has had a change. Due to overwhelming response for this project, all goals for "Stitches for Survival" have been met. Therefore, this project has been revised to continue with the "Stitches for Survival" theme, but will be supporting International Disaster Areas. The same suggested NEW items are needed: 3 yards of cotton blend, solid or print fabric, 1 pair sewing scissors, 1 package needles, 1 spool thread and 5-8 matching buttons. Wrap these items in the fabric, place them in a sealed one-gallon zip lock bag, enclose your NVON Project in Common form and send to: UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, P.O. Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Rd., Baldwin, LA 70514-0850. Please keep a record of the number of packets you send so we will know how our state responds.

**N**ancy Remmers and I are working on the CWC Meeting to be held in Springfield, IL in September. If you would like to help with this meeting, just let me know—we certainly can use your help.

**S**omething I would like to share with the members: "Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend".

Your Friend and President,

*Ellie Maroon*



## First Vice President - Carol Whitcomb

Thanks to all the County First Vice Presidents who showed up at our workshop in Effingham during the Conference! We were packed into a room—a bit warm—but ready to vote on the lessons for 2008-2009. Several Extension Educators were present along with Ruby Lingle who had organized the lesson ideas sent in by the counties. Dr. Richard Warner, from the University, found himself in the hallway outside our door—sorry we didn't know he was present! We had hoped to have our "Lesson Timeline" revised to make it a bit easier to understand—but it didn't happen this year.



With the retirement of Ruby Lingle, Susan Taylor will be our liaison to the state board. We look forward to working with her. Below is a list of the 2008-2009 "Lesson Topics" chosen by the group:

- Healthy Fruits and Vegetables (recipes and demos)
- Packaged Lesson - Small Appliances (Series-one per year)
- On-Line Catalog and Internet Shopping
- Choosing a Financial Professional
- Domestic/Elder Abuse
- Living Single in a Couple's World
- Growing Fruits in the Home and Garden
- Timeline for Home Garden and Landscape Tasks

I have had questions about the new "**Country Study**" for next year. It will be **Greece**. Looking forward to greeting you in person at the Fall Workshops.

*Carol Whitcomb*

## 2nd Vice President -

Margaret Duncan

Hello,

I would like to introduce myself. I am your newly elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I will be serving in this capacity for the next three years.



I have just finished a three year term as your Public Relations Director. I truly enjoyed this position on the IAHCE board. Of course, there were some ups and downs - but mostly ups! I met so many nice people and consider them friends. I hope we will continue to see each other at IAHCE events.

When one thing ends - there seems to be something on the horizon. In my case, I am remaining on the board as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I know I can never replace Mitzi Bray - nor would I want to - but will do my best.

My job on the IAHCE board will be attending to membership. With state membership over 12,000, this is a really big job. I hope I may count on all the counties for help. Just keep on bringing those members in!

Several years ago it was suggested that we separate membership and events, etc. from the "County of the Year Award." It seems to have been put on the 'back burner'. At the Annual Conference the state board members heard more about this from the members. It may take awhile, but we will try to have something different in place by the end of the year - when reports are due.

A little personal history for those of you who don't know me - I have been a Franklin County HEA officer for many years.

I live in Benton, Illinois - that's deep in Southern Illinois. My husband Jim and I have already celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have three adult children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Many of you may know that we just added a new great-grandchild - all the way from China!

Jim and I enjoy traveling and working in Franklin County HEA's many community events. Yes, Jim belongs to our 'Family' unit. He even writes a column for our county newsletter! A little secret - Jim does my baking when we have to have food at our county events. They accuse me of not knowing how to cook - BUT I DO!

It is springtime in Southern Illinois, so that means we will be doing a lot of fishing in southern Illinois lakes.

I hope this tells you a little about me and my life. Please feel free to e-mail or call me if you have questions or a problem. If I don't have the answer, I will try to connect to someone who does.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Duncan*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**From - Carolyn Fisher**



First, let us clean up some unfinished business. Nancy Remmers wants me to remind you about the NVON / IAHCE projects which have been completed. We are no longer collecting nurses uniforms, embroidery floss, seam binding or items for the Tarahumari Indians of Mexico. Our current **2007 NVON Project** in common is a revised form of "Stitches for Survival". Please refer to the NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network) website ([www.nvon.org](http://www.nvon.org)) under "projects" for the complete information and instructions. This time they are very specific about what they need to be sent.

The second item is current unfinished business. In the Community Outreach 2006 IAHCE District Workshops, sources for wool yarn were questioned. My article with sources was not printed in the previous newsletter. However, since then changes in some sources have occurred. I have found "Lion Brand Wool Ease" in the following chains: Hancock Fabrics, JoAnne Fabrics (New York Fabrics, Cloth World) and Walmart. Since then it has been rumored that Walmart will be eliminating its fabric and craft section. I have yet to receive an answer from them as to whether or not this is true. The best mail order source is Herrschners, 2800 Hoover Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54492. Their retail store is a fun place to visit. Besides having their basic mail order catalogue, they also have a yarn catalogue. Their telephone number is 715-341-8686, e-mail address is: <http://www.herrschners.com>.

Currently, the IAHCE Community Outreach project is to collect school supplies for a school in your area. Other successful outreach projects from your county in 2007 may qualify you for a President's Award!

On the environmental front, mercury is again a rising concern. Those new high density energy saving light bulbs are now rumored to contain mercury (which means they cannot go into the landfill). Mercury is also a component of Thimerosal. Thimerosal is commonly used in some contact lens solutions and flu shots. Keep

Keep watching this space for further information if it becomes available.

*Carolyn Fisher*

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## FAMILY ISSUES

Our new Family Issue Director is Lynn Kearney from Atwater, Illinois. Here is a little information about her:

I went to High School in Springfield and then to college in Kansas where I got my degree in Business Administration. I was employed for 31 years, mainly in the welfare system for the states of Texas and Illinois. Working with the people who were on welfare has given me a greater insight and sensitivity to many problems and family issues we all face. I believe I can bring this knowledge to the job of Family Issues Director.

I currently am the Macoupin County International Director; this is my third year on the board.

This year, I co-chaired a Vintage Style Show and High Tea as a fund raiser for Macoupin County HCE. I coordinated securing the site, keeping track of all the tickets sold, coordinating food we served and assuring table settings for 18 tables were in place. We had the support of each unit and were very happy to have sold 140 tickets and made \$2,474.00. This was an extremely successful venture for Macoupin County HCE. Also, in an effort to attract more members to HCE, we kept a list of the people who attended, noting who is not yet a member. This has given us a contact base to seek new members. We also attracted many young people to HCE through the tea and style show by utilizing them as models for the vintage fashions shown.



I also am active in Macoupin County Historical Society, Catholic Charities, Lincoln Power Squadron, my high school reunion and Classic Hattitudes, a Red Hats Society group.

*Lynn Kearney*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

**From - Barbara Spencer**



Hello!

I was elected to be your new Cultural Enrichment Director at the Annual Conference. You probably read my short bio in the last issue of the Newsletter. I have worn many hats over the 42 years where I worked either as a bookkeeper, secretary, laboratory technician and chemist. Now I am sort of retired - being a grandmother explains the "sort of" part.

I know it will not be an easy task to replace Lucille as she was such an efficient and very imaginative director. Like other new directors, it will take me time to get into the "swing of things", so I ask you to be patient with me.

The Cultural Enrichment of the Annual Conference went very well and there were some very outstanding projects enrolled. Each of you are a winner for your hard work and creativity.

However, I want to remind you that there is more to Cultural Enrichment than hand crafted items. Read page 25 in the Gray Book and you will see many other categories listed. (Board members have this Gray Book) I challenge you to try many of them in your counties. Start thinking now about what you could enter next year. In the meantime, I will be thinking too, about something we can do as a special project. I look forward to meeting you at the District Workshops in August!

*Barbara Spencer*

TAKE A FRIEND TO  
YOUR NEXT  
HCE MEETING!

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

**From - Sharon Middleton**



My knees are still shaking from the experience at the Annual Conference. Walking up to the lectern to read a short speech seemed to take an eternity. My husband of 40 years told me to breathe deep, talk slow and pretend to be Hilary Clinton. He said, "This is your 15 minutes and you own the stage". Telling you how nervous I was wasn't just an ice breaker, but the truth. Standing in front of hundreds of your peers is not my cup of tea. We all survived the experience and learned a lot.

I want to thank Karen Halicki for nominating me at the conference and all the Macon County HCE members for urging me to run for Public Relations Director. Thanks also to all the members of the Annual Conference that voted me into office. Creating newsletters are my cup of tea.

I wish to thank the IAHCE board for such a nice welcome. Lynn, Mary Lea and I are the newest board members. A smiling face from everyone feels really good.

Now down to business! Looks like everyone found my mailing or e-mail address. The mailbox has been full with articles pouring in from around the state. My husband has been collecting all the beautiful postage stamps before I can get the letters open. All counties are sending in wonderful reports. It is great seeing what you all are doing in your counties for HCE. All reports received by the deadline will be included in the newsletter. Since the articles are displayed by District and county, inserting late reports into the center of the newsletter when I'm typing up the last few pages makes a lot of extra work. Thanks for being prompt.

The criteria for articles are: No more than 500 words without a photo. No more that 350 words with a photo. I will resize all photos for best fit. Since this newsletter is new for me, these article criteria may change later.

Just to remind you that the next issue will be out August 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for those articles is July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or ideas for the newsletter, either write, call or e-mail me.

As the front cover shows, we are going to work outside the box.

*Sharon Middleton*

## MEMORIALS

### Eunice Pagel - Past State President 1917 - 2007



**Martha Eunice Pagel, 89**, of Rockford, died on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at the Springwood Nursing Home in Rockford. She was born April 14, 1917 to Eleanor and Neil Gale of Burritt Township. She graduated from Rockford High School in 1934. She married Charles E. Pagel, lived and worked in Rockford for years, then moved back to Burritt Township to farm and raise their adopted infant son. Eunice was a 4-H club leader for 25 years and helped young ladies with countless prom and bridesmaid's dresses.

She taught sewing lessons at the Champion Park Apts. for five years, worked as the bookkeeper at Schacht-Tuck Co. five years and the Farm Bureau nine years. She was later named Manpower Temporaries' Secretary of the Year and was with Colonial Caterers 40 years, supervising at hundreds of events, including the Kentucky Derby five years.

Her talents for homemaking were only surpassed by her leadership abilities. The Illinois Homemakers Extension Association elected Eunice to three terms as Vice President of Cultural Arts and Textiles, then to a term as State President in 1987-1988. She attended the International convention in Ireland, then reported on it to local chapters across the State of Illinois.

The Rockford Register-Star published an article recognizing her as a positive role model, and she was named a "Super Senior" in 2001. She was a lifelong active member of the Burritt Community Methodist Church in Wempletown.

She loved plants, animals, children and rural living. She was always helping others, cheerful, optimistic, witty and a solid source of moral support for everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Edward J. (Sylvia) Pagel, sisters Dorothy (Howard) Hays of Rolla, MO and Louise Shepley of Tucson, AZ plus many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by husband Charles and sister, Fran.

Remembrances can be sent to: [eipagel1@netzero.net](mailto:eipagel1@netzero.net)



### Janet Sawyer Past State Board Member 1914 - 2007

**Janet E. Sawyer, 92**, of Manor Care Champaign, IL died February 1, 2007 at the home of her daughter. She was survived by four daughters and two sons. A memorial service was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Champaign. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church, Empty Tomb or DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance) of Urbana, Champaign. Janet was a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a major in library science. She and her husband lived near Urbana from 1950 - 2001. Janet was an active HEA / HCE member for many years. She was Public Information chairman for her local HCE unit, served on her Champaign County board and two years as P. I. Director for the State Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation (IHEF) Board. Later she would cover 4-H club news for the local papers. Employment included working in the Binding Division of the University of Illinois Library from 1973 - 1984. Her achievements included being one of three authors - writing a substantial portion of a book published in 1999 called "An Aim for the Homemaker: 75 Years of Education and Outreach 1924 - 1999". She became interested in writing poetry as she supported her husband in his writings. She is preceded in death by her husband. Condolences may be offered at: [www.renner-wikoffchapel.com](http://www.renner-wikoffchapel.com)

This space is for memorials to past IAHCE members. If you want to spotlight a member of your county who has passed away, send it to me for this page. This will just be a place to acknowledge them for being in IAHCE. Space will be limited to what can be inserted. We'll start with 2007 and not before.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 CONFERENCE

## Entertainment



**Gospel Generations**  
Vickie Hollingsworth, Kay Brinkley, Nancy Harper



**IAHCE Singers**  
Lead by Carolyn Fisher



One of the Cultural Enrichment Winners



**The Great America Family**  
Lee & Phyllis Farlow  
Adams-Brown County



Safety for Women



Cultural Enrichment Display

## Classes



Gourd Craft



Tai-Chi



Teneriffe Embroidery



Carolyn Fisher  
Community Outreach



Carol Whitcomb  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



Scrapbooking





**Certified Volunteer Hours / Sales**  
Vi Huebner



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Center Row L to R: Marilyn Daughhete, Barbara Spencer, Vi Huebner, Sandy Bechtold, Mitzi Bray, RBene'  
Front Row L to R: Nancy Remmers, Ellie Maroon, Lorraine Wildman, Lucille Michels, Margaret Duncan

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**Co-Chairman for 2008 Conference**



Sandy Bechtold & Marilyn Daughhete

Back Row L to R: Melva Reid, Carol Whitcomb, Carolyn Fisher, Bernice Livingston, Sandy Bechtold  
Middle Row L to R: Treasa Brookman, Marilyn Daughhete, Barbara Spencer, Vi Huebner, Lynn Kearney, Sharon Middleton  
Front Row L to R: Nancy Remmers, Ellie Maroon, Lorraine Wildman, Mary Lea Prentice, Margaret Duncan

After great classes, entertainment, speakers, food and hospitality, it is time to head home and share all of the things we have learned this week. Get ready for the District meetings in August and we'll see you again in Effingham next year!



Having a box lunch before going home!

# SPECIAL REPORTS

## SUPPORT FUND DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2007

The IAHCE Support Fund has grant money available for IAHCE member county organizations and / or University of Illinois Extension units to receive funding for the creation of an original program or a promotional idea. You will find the Support Fund information in the IAHCE (Gray) Guidebook on pages 63, 63a and 63b. The application form for a Support Fund Grant is on pages 64 and 65. Please send the completed form to:

Mrs. Carolyn W. Fisher  
IAHCE Support Fund Chairman  
1919 Burlington Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532

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## 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 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 electing and installing the following three positions at our 2008 IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham in March, 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 maintain 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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## SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction at Conference was a success. We thank all the county donors who brought items for our Silent Auction. The ending total received was \$1,732.25. This fund is a source for the Annual Conference scholarships given to county members during the District Workshops.

Melva Reid and Carol Whitcomb, Co-Chairs

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**9th Annual NVON Conference -  
July 19-21, 2007 in Lexington, KY**

**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**

# DISTRICT NEWS

## DISTRICT 1

Bernice Livingston - District Director

### HELLO ALL MEMBERS OF IAHC.....

I heard great comments on the classes given by Board members at the Annual Conference and the variety of classes was excellent. GOOD JOB!

Conference in 2008 will again be in Effingham, with efforts to change the location for 2009 to a more northern or central location. Your help is needed to locate a convenient site location, even if it means it will be more expensive. Locations will need at least four large rooms that will accommodate 80 to 100 people, four large rooms that will accommodate 40 to 80 people and two smaller rooms. Also needed would be a banquet size room for 500 people and would have good meals available. Any information you can send me, I will present to the Board members and the Conference Co-Chairmen. Rockford might have such accommodations, or maybe something closer to the Chicago area. Rosemont has a conference center but I'm not sure of rooms or hotel accommodations. Please HELP locate a facility that will fill our needs.

Workshop for District 1 & 2/3 is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2007 and will be held in Rock Falls, IL at the Harvest Time Bible Church, 1802 Dixon Avenue. Cost this year is \$15.00 and we are asking each county to bring a table centerpiece. These will be given as door prizes. Bring your beautiful smiles and your enthusiasm for a fun and learning filled day.

Bernice Livingston

### KNOX COUNTY.....

Knox County will have hosted it's 24th annual Class Day at Carl Sandburg College February 24th.

This year we were able to keep our cost of \$20 for 5 Classes plus lunch the same. We had 68 classes to choose from. This takes a lot of co-ordinate effort between the Class Day Committee, chaired this year by Joyce Hagerty, Carl Sandburg College and volunteer instructors from all walks of life and professions. Our goal is to use the proceeds to continue to offer scholarships to CSC for KCAHCE members,

family members and 4H members of 4 years or longer.

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, KCAHCE we will present "SPRING FLING 2007" at the Knox Agri-Center in Galesburg. Featured will be a variety of crafts by numerous vendors and a plant sale by KCAHCE. A salad luncheon will be served for 11:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be a master gardener presentation at 10:30AM.

Knox County Public Relations - Sherry Hughs

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### ROCK ISLAND.....

The cold weather of January and February only served to light a fire under Rock Island County HCE members. Our Cultural Enrichment Director, Lucile Michels, organized a Comforter Tying Day on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Comforters completed are taken to local veterans, women's abuse shelters and children's charities.

It's obvious we can't wait for the warm breezes and bright skies of Spring. First Vice President, LaRue Fraser, gave our members a jump-start by scheduling "Ground Covers" as our February Lesson for Living.

Our annual Spring sale of geranium plants is one of our most popular fund-raisers. Again this year we had a fantastic response. Our Ways and Means Directors, Beverly Skelton and Jeannie Ahlf, reminded us that the proceeds from this sale benefit both the HCE and the Rock Island County 4-H program.

What could be more appropriate than a Baked Potato Luncheon on St. Patrick's Day? We paired the luncheon with our Spring Fling and added the 3 in 1 Spring Lessons for Living:

1. "Touring Illinois on Route 66"
2. "Healthy Snacks"
3. "Is it an Antique"

However, we didn't let the grass grow under our feet. Six of our County Board members, one HCE member and one State Board member traveled to Effingham for the Annual Conference.

Rock Island Public Relations - Brenda Wells

# DISTRICT NEWS

## STEPHENSON .....

In May we held our Annual County meeting. Our business meeting was held in the morning followed by a catered luncheon. In the afternoon, we were entertained by Pat Leimbach. Being a farm wife, she gave such funny reports of how incidents happen that she had the HCE members laughing continually because most everyone could relate to the stories she told.

In June, our members furnished Dairy Coffee Cakes for the Ag breakfast held at the Fairgrounds. Also, many members helped prepare and serve the breakfast.

In July, HCE helped the Recipe Contest held at the Freeport Pretzel City Celebration.

In August was the Stephenson County Fair. This is when we have our big money making project by organizing and running the Dining Hall where full meals are served a la carte. Several of our County Board members attended the District 1 meeting.

In September, we sponsored a bus trip to Dubuque, Iowa. We went to Breitback's Restaurant for lunch in Balltown. We then went to the Mathias Ham House. This was followed by a cruise on the Mississippi.

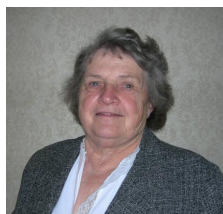
In October, we had our International County meeting with snacks of various quick breads and Nicaraguan coffee. Our guest speaker was David Mann who has been to Nicaragua as a missionary on several different occasions.

Stephenson County Public Relations, Audrey Musser

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## DISTRICT 2/3

Lorraine Wildman - District Director



## DuPage.....

We are trying to get things done before the end of June. Our County had an International Luncheon. It turned out to be very successful. Our meal was catered with the food and flavor of Nicaragua. Our units brought the desserts, using bananas, nut and other products. They were delicious. Slides were also shown from Central America.

We are working on plans for our Annual Meeting. We will have good food and a good time. It is our highlight of the year. Awards will be presented on what we have accomplished during the year. We always have good entertainment to enjoy.

Our county has sent many items to our soldiers, embroidery thread to the needy people and made lap robes for the Vets and other hospitals. Valentines and Easter cards have been sent to the Vets and hospitals.

We have learned the importance of reading tags on clothing, canned goods and appliances which can be important to ones' health.

In the county newsletter, there was an article that described the signs one should look for in recognizing a stroke.

We wish to thank our many volunteers for the help that they do for others around us.

DuPage County Public Information - Miriam Ferguson

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## LAKE.....

### INTERNATIONAL DAY - FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Fifty-eight members of Lake County units gathered at the extension office to celebrate International Day featuring the country of Nicaragua. Our guest speaker, Karl Price, former Wauconda High School educator, discussed Central America and Nicaragua in particular. After speaking about the history and politics of the region, he continued describing his personal experiences and knowledge. Karl's adopted son, Danny, is from Venezuela. Juan, a young boy from Nicaragua, was under guardianship of Karl. Sadly, Juan was shot and killed in Nicaragua. Slides of Central America and Nicaragua were very interesting, and Karl's adventures were even more fascinating. He is sure he witnessed a meeting of the Contra. Political intrigue is still in today's news. During the discussion and questioning session, foods typical of Nicaragua were served.

The fare was so colorful - almost too beautiful to eat. Exotic fruits of red, orange, yellow and green were mounded in bowls. Black beans, pinto beans, corn, tomatoes and cabbage

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in various combinations became soups or chicken (pollo) dishes. The three-milk cakes made fantastic desserts as well as corn meal muffins. Spices and herbs (cilantro, chili powder, bay, onion, thyme, cumin, oregano, celery and chilies) added flavor to the dishes.

Table decorations featured blue and white, the colors of the Nicaraguan flag, lined the tables and centered were peppers of every size and color with bowls of dried beans interspersed.

What a wonderful celebration of the culture of our neighbor to the South! Nicaragua.

Lake County Public Relations, Co-Chairs, Doris Aimers Voss and Ella Kawolski

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## LaSALLE.....

The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the LaSalle County Association for Home and Community Education met for a dinner meeting with over 70 members and guests in attendance. Two members of the Homemaker's Board from Lee County also attended. Esther Duncan presented the program on the "Legacy of the Farm Women's Aprons". She had many examples of the styles of aprons and fabrics that changed throughout the years.

President Judy Waldron called the meeting to order. Pennies for Friendship were collected, which benefits international projects.

Bette Meyer, last years' recipient, presented the major honor of **Homemaker of the Year** to Margaret Grober of Seneca. Margaret has been an active member of the Seneca Morning Unit. She has served on many church and community committees over the years. She was chosen "Citizen of the Year" by the area Chamber of Commerce. She served on the Citizen Advisory Panel and on the Park and Recreation Board. She spearheaded some fundraising to complete the new park.



She is a retired registered nurse serving 20 years as an occupational nurse. She also enjoys gardening and decorating. Margaret has been married for 47 years and has 7 children and numerous grandchildren.

After a great meal, the minutes of the last annual meeting and the 2006-2007 budget were approved.

Norma Duffield, Secretary, announced attendance. Judy Waldron awarded "Unit of the Year". This year the honor went to the **Seneca Morning Unit**. They accumulated the most points for activities and community service of all the county units. Unit President, Karin Rinaldi accepted the plaque. **Vertie Carlson** of the No Township Unit was awarded a pin and certificate for being a member of LaSalle County Homemakers for **50 years**.



Vertie Carlson with Shirley Oetken

Karin Rinaldi conducted the Memorial service. She paid tribute to the seven deceased members of this past year.

The officers for the coming year are Judy Waldron as President; Shirley Oetken, First Vice President; Carol Elmore, Second Vice President; Norma Duffield, Secretary; Darlene Hettel, Treasurer; and Pat Workman, Assistant Treasurer. Serving as Directors for next year are the following: Shelly Diss, Community Outreach and Family Issues; Marge Hill, Cultural Enrichment and International; and Gail Hayward as Public Relations.

The meeting was closed with Darlene Hettel announcing details of the upcoming 4-H fair. Mary Lou Wilson, of the Marseilles Morning Unit, won the floral arrangement.

LaSalle County Public Relations - Gail Howard

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## LIVINGSTON.....

Livingston County has had a very busy 2006. In January, a workshop was held. Maurine Kalkwarf taught how to make a jewelry picture using old jewelry from your own jewelry box or that you found at flea markets or garage sales. Some of the designs made were Christmas trees and wreaths. Everyone brought a sandwich and enjoyed homemade vegetable soup made by Jean Ruff and brownies made by Carol Kiminke. Our Community Outreach project this year

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was a contest to see which unit donated the most items to their local food pantry between November 1, 2005 and the annual meeting in April. Pleasant Ridge unit won, donating 355 items. 900 items were donated to 8 food pantries in the County. Another project was "Stitches for Survival" in which we donated sewing items to the Indians in Mexico.

The Annual Meeting was held April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was an evening meeting with dessert of D.Q. ice cream sundaes. Nancy Flessner of the County office gave the program "Quilts and the Underground Railroad". It was a very informative and interesting program.

In May, the Scholarship Committee selected Kelly Ann Murphy of Dwight for the \$1,000 scholarship and Robin Holzhauser of Cullom for the \$300 HCE scholarship. The tuition scholarship is awarded to a senior pursuing an education in Family and Consumer Science field or related fields. They are chosen on their grades, leadership, participation in school activities, community and church work and letters of recommendation. The HCE scholarship is awarded to any HCE member who is continuing their education.

On June 16, county members took the SHOW BUS to Streator to tour the Weber House and Gardens and had lunch at Rosie's Restaurant.

In July, HCE members were at the 4-H fair working in the fair kitchen. This is our big moneymaker of the year. After a two year break, we were again in charge of the kitchen which is a big undertaking. Breakfast and lunch are served for four days and supper for two days. We made a profit of \$2,600 which we use to provide all the Project Books for the 4-Her's in the county.

In November we held our "Holiday Happening" which featured a holiday cookie sale, which was very profitable, and also displays from each unit of "Holiday Handiwork", demonstrations on "Bread Making" by Barb Farner of the Exension, a Holiday Floral arrangement and Button, Button by HCE member, Maurine Kalkwarf.

Ending the year was the HCE Board Christmas Luncheon in the home of President, Jean Ruff.

Livingston County Public Relations - Shirley Meen

### DISTRICT 4

Mary Lea Prentice - District Director



I am your District 4 Director, replacing Mildred Lamprecht. I retired as Pikeland School Library Media Supervisor ten years ago, and again in 2006. I will now be able to direct my energy to this new IAHCE position. I have two married children and seven grandchildren. I have been a widow for five years, so my family is very important to me. We are loyal Cardinal baseball fans so find ourselves motoring to St. Louis several times throughout the season. I like to travel and have visited 24 countries and all but four states. I am completing my term as Vice President of Pike County HCE. My granddaughter and I recently formed a new Pike County HCE unit, a book club unit entitled Care About Books (CAB) club.

### ADAMS.....

Adams County HCE ladies have been working outside their boxes to make their areas in the county a better place.

The **HCE Book Club** is going strong and growing. They have some lively discussions, interesting topics and enjoy discussing their love of books.

The new unit formed by Wilma Wiewel made up of mothers and their home schooled children is still going strong.

Adams County HCE has an annual "Kiddie Bazaar" for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades at three locations in Adams County. Items made by HCE members are sold to the children for their family members for Christmas gifts. The gifts are wrapped and have name tags on them before the children leave the bazaar. It gives the children an opportunity to do their own shopping in a safe environment and how to budget their money, shows them that it is as much fun to give as to receive and how to make decisions. Despite the terrible weather this time, our hard working co-chairmen, Susan Sprague and Mary Twaddle, and all the HCE ladies made this a successful bazaar.

Six members of the Adams County board attended the Annual State Conference in Effingham. Adams County was honored to have their "Great American Family" recognized as the "Illinois Great American Family" at the awards banquet. Phyllis and Lee Farlow of Camp Point received this honor.

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Ruth Bene',  
State Family Issue,  
presents award to  
Phyllis and Lee Farlow

Adams County also received honorable mention in the areas of Membership, Community Outreach, Cultural Enrichment and Public Relations! Cultural Enrichment ribbons for "Best of Show" were received by **Caroline Van Fleet** for her quilt and **Sally Dedert** for her wooden Easter bunny.

Adams County would like to send a "Congratulations" to Mary Lea Prentice from our neighboring Pike County for being chosen District 4 Director.

Adams County Public Relations - Bonnie Smith

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## SANGAMON.....

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR REPORT

Approximately 33 individuals attend the seminar on Human Trafficking presented by Sr. Patrice Colletti on Friday, November 10, 2006.

Charlene Edmiston with the Illinois Rescue & Restore Campaign was a guest who shared about the status of current projects in Illinois .

Sr. Patrice stated that human trafficking is now the #1 illegal activity in the world, ahead of the illegal sale of drugs and weapons. Human trafficking involves over 12.3 million humans; 4 million are sold across international borders, 50% of which are children and up to 80,000 come to the USA. Eighty percent (80%) of all trafficked victims are females and children and 70% are sold into the commercial sex trade.

Why is there trafficking? Sr. Patrice listed four reasons:  
1. Vulnerability of the victims due to social and economic deprivation.  
2. Greed—its BIG\$\$ - \$10 Billion annual.  
3. Corruption - either no laws or weak ones, corrupt judges and law enforcement officials.  
4. Invisibility - for every one victim that comes forward, there are 10 - 12 others not rescued.



Sr. Patrice concluded by sharing a model of response. It consists of four parts.

1. Awareness of the problem - which was the focus of this seminar.
2. Prevention of trafficking - address the root causes as listed above.
3. Protection of victims - many of the projects of the Rescue & Restore initiative are working on this issue.
4. Restoration of victims - the long range needs of victims.

Our seminar was only the beginning for becoming aware of the Human Rights problem. We must learn to look beneath the surface in our society to find victims, learn what can be done to help prevent human trafficking and learn how to protect and restore its victim.

Sangamon County Public Relations - Liz Muench

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## SCOTT.....

### Blankets for Ailing Children

For the past five years Scott County Homemakers Extension Association (HEA), with the help of the community, have been making blankets for preemies to teenagers who are seriously ill or going through trauma in their lives.

What started as a Project Linus project has also become a community service project to the pediatric department of Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville. Blankets delivered to the hospital carry the label "Made by Scott County Homemakers Extension Association", while the blankets for Project Linus will have their label.

In February, 2006, some thirty blankets were delivered to Project Linus Central Illinois Chapter and seventy-five blankets were sent to the Passavant Hospital.

Donations from the Scott County HEA, as well as the community in the way of fabric, money and helpers make this project



L to R: Frances Brown, Leanna Wynn, RN, Barb Surratt, RN., Merna Wisdom

successful. Merna Wisdom (HEA Quilters Chairman

Scott County Public Relations - J. Clough

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### WOODFORD.....

Happy Easter to all from Woodford County. Spring is definitely on its way with all the increase in bird activity and early morning chirping.

Our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held March 14<sup>th</sup> with 60 members present. Also, in attendance were Ellie Maroon, President and Nancy Remmers, Secretary from the State Board and Mildred Lamprecht, our District Director. Officers and Special Committee chairs were installed and are as follows: Virginia Withers, President; Marilyn Weidner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Jeanette Malcome, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Mary Schultz, Secretary; Linda Pfister, Treasurer; Leslie Thomas, Cultural Enrichment; Jane Roth & Wanda Bean, Co-Finance; Gerry Meares, Public Information; Mary Adams, Special Events; Jennifer Adams, Family Life; and Jane Hartter, At Large Representative Member.

The program on the "History of Feed Sacks" was presented by Anita Revelle of Lexington. She shared the history of feed sacks used from the late 1800's through the 1950's when they started to fade out. The material used to make the sacks changed over the years and during WWII many of the sacks were reused due to need. It was also interesting to see the change in patterns over the years. Anita had many sacks to share. Cloth bags are still used today, mainly in Amish/Mennonite communities. For someone who grew up in the big city and wasn't really familiar with feed sacks, I found this presentation extremely interesting while the older women who grew up in a rural area were having fun reminiscing and shared a few memories.



Anita Revelle

The Cultural Enrichment program this winter was presented on February 5<sup>th</sup> by Joyce Borzello on "Sock Monkeys". All present shared memories of sock monkeys. Some of those attending brought sock monkeys for all to see. One person owned 23 sock monkeys and brought some to show. Joyce presented a PowerPoint program and all learned about the history of sock monkeys and saw photographs of the monkeys from Midway Museum in Rockford, IL. They also learned how to make sock monkeys. Three lucky women won door

prizes...socks to make their own monkeys. The upcoming Cultural programs will be on Swedish or Huck weaving and on lavender - back by popular demand.

Woodford County Public Information - Gerry Meares

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### DISTRICT 5

Marilyn Daughhetee, Director



### CHAMPAIGN.....

A highlight of our year was the International Luncheon on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Marge Probasco, International Director, was fortunate enough to find a gentleman from Nicaragua to present the program. His name was Octavio Castillo. Besides giving a PowerPoint presentation about the country, his whole family demonstrated dances which were popular in Nicaragua. The family included Octavio, his wife, son and daughter. Octavio and his wife have been married for 25 years. The family also contributed a huge Nicaraguan dish for the potluck. Members not able to be present missed a great day. What a delightful family!

Part of our projects this year: Donated new underwear to schools to have on hand in case of "accidents", made valentines for the servicemen serving in Iraq and we are still collecting for wells. Our members have been very generous.



Eleven of our members attended State Conference in Effingham.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Urbana. Crissy Corson will entertain us with her music. Marilyn Daughhetee, District 5 Director, will install the officers.

Our 19 chairmen have been invited to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting with a potluck lunch to follow. Board members will furnish the food for the potluck. This will give us an opportunity to share ideas and gain some insight as to what members might like.

Dorothy Rogers, Special Activities Director, has been busy



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planning trips for our members. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is an overnight trip to Muscatine, IL. In August we will be going on a mystery trip. November 23, 24 & 25 will be a trip to Branson, MO.

Champaign County Public Relations - Millie Hoch

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## CLARK.....

The Clark County ladies have been busy making lap throws and small comforters for the county nursing homes and Heritage Home in Hutsonville. Some will also be taken to the Lighthouse Mission in Terre Haute, IN. This has been a countywide project over the winter. Several of the ladies met one day and got the project going and others have joined along the way. Approximately twenty-five have been made for this project.

Also, the members have been working on membership. We have talked about different ways to obtain this membership.

Our Spring countywide meeting was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the County Extension office with the installation of officers and other light business. The theme was "Family Ties Through the Apron". Each lady wore and modeled an apron with some family ties related to it or just a good story. As they were being modeled, each unit had a dialogue to go with the style. It was lots of fun for all! We have two 50 year members that were honored. They are Edith Cooper and Serobba Mascher. Congratulations on the long run in your units!

The Cultural Enrichment committee of Kay Williams and Deloris Maurer had a lovely display of quilts, holiday works, jewelry, hand sewing and crafts and even some baked and decorated goodies. Several new classes were added this year. A lot of good talent went into this program.

Our day ended with a lovely salad luncheon that was furnished by each unit.

We have goals of adding membership and trying new lessons for the next few months.

Clark County Public Relations - Deloris Maurer

## EDGAR.....

Edgar County Home and Community Education (HCE) reached out to meet need in hurricane ravaged Mississippi.

Cookbooks were one of the many things lost or destroyed when flood waters invaded homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As homeowners are getting back on their feet and trying to return their lives to a new normalcy, cookbooks were one item they seem to be searching for.

According to the Hancock County Extension Unit in Mississippi, community members came into their office daily looking for cookbooks.

Our Edgar County HCE joined with 4-H Clubs, HEA / HCE units and extension staff throughout the state to answer their call. Over several weeks, all units in Edgar County collected both new and "gently used" cookbooks. These were sorted and boxed by our Edgar County Board members. We were able to send over 500 cookbooks to the Hancock County Extension office in Mississippi.

A good bowl of soup from your favorite recipe warms a tummy, but this project warmed our hearts!

Edgar County Public Relations - Betty Porter

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## MACON.....

On November 9, 2006, the Macon County HCE held their Annual Fall County Meeting. The theme for the day was "Fall Blessings". The business meeting was conducted and new officers were installed by our District 5 Director, Marilyn Daughhettee. Karen Halicki was elected to be the new President for 2007, with Sharon Middleton as Second Vice President and Historian; Bonnie Lanham will be our Community Outreach and Family Issues Chairperson. A cash collection was taken for the Northeast Food Bank. We also sold tickets for a 50/50 drawing.

As we have voted to change our name from HEA to HCE, a new banner was needed and a contest was held and Sharon Middleton won with her design. Her Hickory Point unit will receive the \$25 award.

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A ballot was presented with a selection of different lessons so the members could vote for the ones that they were the most interested in having for the coming year.

LaVerne White, our Community Outreach and Family Issues Chairperson, collected greeting card fronts, pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and used eye glasses.

Our guest speaker was Claude Rivers. He spoke on the history of Camp Butler Cemetery. He was an excellent speaker and our ladies really enjoyed his talk. We learned about the cemetery from the time of the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln decided we needed a training camp in this area to what is going on at the cemetery today.



After a catered luncheon, we had the drawing for the 50/50 cash prize, door prizes and a special drawing for the members who were wearing their stars!

After a good meeting, great speaker, delicious meal, we are looking forward to having a wonderful year in 2007!

Macon County Public Relations - Dorothy Albert

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### McLean.....

Ten McLean County HCE Board members attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Association for Home and Community Education State Conference held at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, March 20-22, 2007.

One of our board members, Carmen Schnitker of the Dale Unit, designed and helped make a name badge in the shape of McLean County for each of us to wear. Two ladies machine embroidered IAHCE; MCLEAN COUNTY on each badge. Our individual name was also embroidered on each of the name tags. A backing and pin had to be sewn and then the badge was finished.

Carmen also brought fabric, already cut, thread, portable sewing machine and a gadget that punched out letters with her. Most of us attending from McLean County met in

Carmen's room Tuesday evening after the awards banquet. Each of us made a tote bag. In order to advertise our State and County, each tote bag had IAHCE, the shape of Illinois and the shape of McLean County ironed at the correct spot and McLean County written by it. Again, everyone could see where we were from as we attended the many festivities of this conference.

McLean County was fortunate to win the following awards this year.

1. **Grand Prize** for the **International award**. This was mostly achieved by our sending a very large number of boxes of needed items to our service men and women overseas. Many of our units collect these items at each unit meeting as members bring and donate items from a "suggest" list. We, also, make knitted or crocheted helmets and neck coolers to send our service personnel.
2. **Phyllis J Doran**, Normal Unit, won "**Best of Show**" on her watercolor painting entitled "Flood Plain Farm—Great River Road"
3. **Rosemary Martin**, Night Owls Unit, won "**Best of Show**" on her beautifully hand woven basket.

Each County furnished a centerpiece for the dining room tables. Two of our attendees won a centerpiece as our names were drawn after the Elsie Meis banquet.

We each had registered beforehand to attend 6 of the 41 "Share Shops" classes. Most were excellent and the topics were varied. Something for everyone!

For a few years now, McLean County Home and Community Education has chosen to have an International County meeting in place of our regular unit meetings in March with most of the units participating. In this way, unit meetings are not held on our annual State Conference meeting date. Our International Night featuring Germany, was presented on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Farm Bureau auditorium on Hershey in Bloomington.

Our outstanding speaker was Lauren Karplus, a student at Heartland Jr. College. She titled her presentation "**Germany Today—A Presentation on Exchange and Culture**". Germany also sends 250 students to the United States. This great exchange program began in 1983. The students

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from the United States spent a month studying the German language, customs, etc. before going to live with their host families. Lauren lived in Emden Ocfriesland for eleven months with three different host families.

During Lauren's presentation, she told us many interesting facts about Germany, their schools, customs, food and the like. She also showed us a few slides, demonstrated a type of pasta called "Spaetzle" noodles. Two of the McLean County units were our hosts and served us a variety of cookies and a delicious German dessert named "Apfelkuchen", tea, coffee and punch. We also received several German recipes to take home. A very enjoyable evening.

McLean Public Relations - Mary Lou Schuler

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## PIATT.....

We started off the new year with a successful Cultural Enrichment Day in January. The program was by the Hat Lady, Gretchen Porter. She has a 350 hat collection, bringing many of these. She modeled each hat and talked about each one. Some were from the 1900's. Guests wore their hats of the past and lots of pictures were taken. While the Hat Lady talked, cultural arts was judged. There were lots of beautiful quilting, and the quilt pictured was our President, **Vivian Faulkner-King's** blue ribbon winner. A good lunch followed with some great soups, quick breads and desserts. We were pleased to have some guests from Macon County HCE.



Our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is now history. Held on March 27, 2007 with the theme "**Victorian Aprons**". The usual business was conducted. Past Presidents and new members were recognized. Fifty year members were given certificates. Volunteer workers were awarded certificates. A Memorial service for deceased members was given. Past President, Miriam SeEVERS, installed new and hold-over officers. Monticello Unit received the gavel for having 91% attendance. Meeting adjourned and Sharon Lash, program speaker was introduced. She had a beautiful collection of all

white Victorian aprons. It was a very interesting program and she commented on the aprons our members wore or brought for display. A catered lunch followed the program.

From the funds we made at the Farmers' Market, the board voted to give each of the units \$100.00 to give to charities of their choice. Faith in Action, Food Pantry, Piece Meal, Toys and Gifts, school band programs have been the recipients of these funds. Cerro Gordo and Voorhies units with other funds earned have given to local grade school, Food Pantry, Toys for Tots and even helped a family with heat.

We are proud of our organization. Board meetings are well attended. The officers and directors do a tremendous job. Now "On with Spring"!

Piatt County Public Relations - Libby Glasgow

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## DISTRICT 6

Sandra Bechtold - District Director



## FAYETTE.....

The holiday rush is officially on now for women of the world. Are you ready to shop and bake? Fayette County ladies have kicked off the season being involved with the Vandalia old time Christmas. We had a booth at the annual bazaar.

There were so many goodies provided by some wonderful cooks.

In October, the annual International Dinner was held with Shirley Blitzing officiating. She lined up a great program on Australia. Each year these are informative and a lot of fun. The Vandalia chapter raffled off a Christmas gift basket for the caring and sharing Christmas giveaway to come the middle of December. Other handmade items will also be donated to it to help the needy families of the area.

Busy fingers has been the order of the day. All the units were asked by our Board Chairman, Flo Allen, to make teddy bears to donate to hospitals and police departments for children in crisis. Our county works really hard for our children. We donate layettes to the Lighthouse pregnancy center and also

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gave books to the health department to be handed out to a child after a shot.

Other items made and donated were lap robes, walker caddies for residents in the nursing homes and hat liners for the soldiers in Iraq. Units also have donated many books, lap robes, clothing items, coffee, stamps, etc. to the Marion, VA.



Vandalia unit members...Sitting - Vi Bare  
Back Row: Janet Lusch, Alvina Noffsinger,  
Joyce Carter, Faye Williams, Joan Moxie, Anita  
Smith, Martha Thompson, Mildred Evans, Betty  
Arnold, Irene Smith

Janet Lusch and Vi Bare of the Vandalia unit devised a unit directory complete with pictures and history on each member. It will be shown at the next State Conference and maybe other units can do likewise. It is the first time our unit has had a history like this.

Fayette County HCE members are looking forward to a good spring gathering for Get-Acquainted day in Brownstown Senior Center. It is always the most popular event of the year with members and guests. This year there will be a brunch, make it, sew it or bake it auction. Our guest performers will be the Prairieland Pickers.

Board Chairman, Flo Allen and Secretary, Anita Smith attended the conference in Effingham. They agreed that the food was better this time than any other time. Attendance was good.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in Vandalia June 19<sup>th</sup>. That will be a noon potluck. June 25<sup>th</sup>, the annual membership tea will be held after the monthly board meeting. Fayette County is proud to be the only club in the state that gained members this past year. The tea has been somewhat of a way of getting HCE into the public eye.

Think happy spring thoughts, even though the weather has turned badly for Illinois. Maybe the flowers and fruit will survive this cold shock and be as lovely as they are each year.

Fayette County Public Relation - Janet Lusch

### GREENE.....

May 27, 2006, the Greene County Home Community and Education held their Annual Meeting. This was our 72<sup>nd</sup> year. We had 25 members in attendance with two guests. Chairman, Darlene Cooper told of the school project which we have just finished. Collected were school supplies for the area kindergarten and first grade schools. Those included were Carrollton, Whitehall and Greenfield Schools.

Elizabeth Schwab (from Jersey County HCE) installed the officers, which are: Chairman, Darlene Cooper; First Vice President, Janelle Hamel; Second Vice/Treasurer, Carolyn Steinbach; Secretary/Cultural Enrichment, Mary Francis Tunison; International, Mary Lou Lehr; Family Issues, Marlene Gillespie; Public Information, Doris Shaw.

Georgeanne Marine gave the memorial for two members, Louisa Mae Taylor and Marilyn Ford, both from the Whitehall Unit.

The Board members served the lunch of soups, sandwiches and cake, which we took a donation of \$3.00. We had a silent auction to help with the cost of our speaker. The afternoon session was our speaker, Dr. Lisa Hart, a local Chiropractic & Acupuncture. She gave a talk on the benefits of Acupuncture, Auriculotherapy and hair analysis.

Six members had attended the Annual Conference in Effingham this year, which we really enjoyed.

On all, we have had a pretty good year but would like to get more members.

Greene County Public Information - Doris Shaw

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### MADISON.....

What a fun year in our County! The Annual Meeting started out with the installation of County officers for 2006. District Director, Sandy Bechtold installed the new officers. Also, the Blue Ribbon Clubs in the county were recognized. Seven clubs from the County received these awards.

Our speaker for the day was Jan Goodwin, a ventriloquist with "Spencer" who helped



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her tell us about "Impact", in Alton who help the handicapped with ramps, wheelchairs and handicapped accessible sidewalks and stores. We were impressed with the activities of the group and IT made us more aware of the trials of the handicapped.

Another crown of interest this year was participating in a **Pie Baking Contest** at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville during their Theater production of "State Fair".

**LaVerne Bloemker** of the G.R.O.W. unit was the winner with her apple pie. It was cut into slices and sold for \$5.00 donations. We think a few more people were made aware of Madison County Association for Home & Community Education.



For International night, we studied the country of Scotland. Each club/unit was given a recipe to prepare so that all present could sample and taste. Examples of recipes were: Scotch Broth, made with lamb neck bones, cooked with vegetables and barley; Finnan Haddie, haddock served with mustard sauce; Colcannon, mashed potatoes, cabbage and scallions; Beef Roll, ground chuck, ground ham, bread crumbs, spices, egg and baked; Oat Cakes, shortbread and rich scones; Dessert was Blackbun, pastry with black raisins, white raisins and candied fruit peel. This is served on New Years' Eve.

Arlene Burgess developed this program. It was very enjoyable! Included was a page of history and facts of Scotland. A trivia game was developed and enjoyed.



We were also entertained by a Bagpiper who showed us several different bagpipes and played them for us. He is a teacher at the local high school. The evening created much interest for our guests and members present.

Our Annual Fund-Raiser was "**Homemade Christmas**". Each club assembled several centerpieces of "homemade" cookies or breads with the recipe included. Some had a baking pan or ingredients. These were cleverly displayed with Christmas paper or bows. Another part of the evening was entertainment by a group called the Gibson Variety Band. They are ex-PTA members who use their earnings for charity. A lively group who played instruments,

sang and danced. (And they were of a wide range of ages.)

We had a profitable "silent auction". There were also attendance prizes (theme baskets) made by each club of the county. Other activities included Coins of Friendship, Pot-of-Gold drawing and sampling of the various sweet breads and cookies. A Fun Evening!

Madison County Public Relations - Harriet Cooper

## MONROE.....

Monroe County HCE offered a fall craft class in October. They made fall wreaths and other fall and Christmas crafts. Rosemary Yaekel, Cultural Arts Chairman, taught this class.



Twelve local residents attended the Monroe County HCE "Let's Make Candy" program on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The lesson was taught by Gene Olsson and Rosemary Yaekel. An earlier class was given on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was a hands-on experience with everyone taking home a sample of thirteen different candies including three sugar-free. Peanut brittle, heavenly hash, fudge, toffee crunchies, Chinese chews, turtles, peanut butter cups, coconut bonbons, chocolate covered cherries, marzipan pecans and mints were some of the candies created.



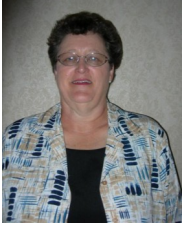
Both classes were well attended and there was great interest in future classes. The classes are open to the public.

Monroe County Public Relations - Marcia Weber

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## DISTRICT NEWS



### DISTRICT 7

Treasa Brookman - District Director

We are embarking on a new adventure. This is the first day of our working together.

**Lets get out of the box**, find new members. They are all around us, friends down the road/street, friends at church, or maybe old classmates. Just ask them to join, let them know the fun you are having. Maybe no one has asked them. Lets break all records. We can do it!

I live in Jefferson County, Opdyke, IL. I have been married to Alfred 49 years this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We have two married sons and four grandchildren.

I love to garden and have been a Master Gardener since 1994. Al and I have a new camper and we plan to be "On the Road Again". I joined HCE in 1968 as a 4-H Club leader.

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### FRANKLIN.....

Franklin County is busy, busy, busy. I guess everyone is hosting annual meetings this time of year. Our Annual Meeting was held February 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a larger turnout than usual. We have had many events going on, and everyone was anxious to hear about them, and what will be happening in Franklin County during 2007.

I must tell you that the nine members who attended Conference in Effingham came home and began telling our other members what they had missed. Several of our ladies were heard telling their group that it was, perhaps, the best conference that they had ever attended. It did seem to please most everyone. Of course, with that many people attending and the people planning it living all over the State of Illinois, you could expect a few glitches. But the IAHCCE Board seemed to have things under control.

Coming home from conference didn't mean that Franklin County HEA could slow down. Quite the contrary - we held two big events on the same day! On Saturday, April 31<sup>st</sup>, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home, Garden and Craft Show. It was well attended with over 1,000 people passing through our registration booth. The day started at 8:00 AM for many of

the board and units. The show was over for the spectators at 3:00PM - but - then the tearing down began.

At 3:00PM of the same Saturday - was the Annual Arthritis Telethon - held at Channel 3 TV. Our county served as hostesses for the area event. Over \$100,000 was raised and it will be used in the Southern Illinois area. We graciously served all the visitors and TV crews. We got our 15 seconds of fame as several of our board members were interviewed. We told about our organization and the fact that IAHCCE is open to everyone.

We will get a short reprieve - then we will begin the Benton Car Cruise Saturday nights. This is always a lot of hard work, but it is always an enjoyable night. We man our food stand and take turns resting and meeting and greeting people, many we haven't seen since last summer. It's a moneymaker too!

Well, I'll leave you for now. Begin making plans to attend our August workshops. I know the IAHCCE board will carefully plan, and as always, it will be well organized!

Franklin County Public Relations - Margaret Duncan

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### RANDOLPH.....

Randolph County has welcomed our new Director, Julie Mombauer, and are looking forward to working with her. We have enjoyed several lessons lately. We have had a lesson on "Exotic Fruit" given in our county by our Food and Nutrition specialist at that time. We were happy to have the Extension Educators give us lessons on "Food - Facts or Fiction" and "Forgiveness". One of our local Master Gardeners, Joan Davis, presented the lesson on "Body Smart Gardening". One of our local units prepared a lesson on "Vinegar". Our Wine Hill unit is looking forward to their annual "Mystery Tour" and the Coulterville unit is making favors and decorations for the Coulterville Care Center.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at our annual meeting in April. Plans are being made for another Fall Extravaganza with a Vintage Fashion show as the highlight.

Randolph County Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## SALINE.....

We enjoyed a large attendance for the February Homemakers Education Association Annual Meeting and Pot-Luck dinner. We always have a GOOD turnout for the dinner events. The food is at its BEST and nothing as exciting as all age ladies getting together for COUNTY FELLOWSHIP. We older ones can learn from the younger groups and hope they learn from our experiences.

The tables were decorated to match the theme "Think Out of the Box". Learning, from all the lessons that have been given by professional; Volunteering, or time to do projects in our community; Friendship, helping those in need or that are shut in or listen to someone share their problems. Our County Craft Chairman, Wanda Percy, always has projects lined up to make for the nursing homes or neck coolers for the service men at our monthly craft meeting. The Cultural Arts were on display and judges awarded many with ribbons. Some got to show at State and those that went to State, also won ribbons.

New Officers were installed and table prizes were given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> table decoration winners. Certificates were given to those that had sent in the reports and the Unit of the Year was named.

Past Chairman, Marjorie Dotson, gave a Memorial for those members our county had lost this year.

Our County Chairman, Wanda Raley, has done an EXCELLENT job keeping on top and informing the units of all the activities in our monthly newsletter.

Saline County Homemakers Education 2007 Chair Officers



Standing L to R: Georgia Murphy, Public Information, Wanda Roark, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Wanda Raley, Saline HCE Chairman, Elizabeth Woodworth, Membership, Bonnie Absher, newly elected Treasurer, Jeanette Alexander, Bloodmobile, Donna O'Neal, 4-H Chairman  
Seated: Charlotte Taborn, International, Barbara Lambert, Secretary  
Absent: Wanda Percy, Cultural Enrichment, Menthia Prather, Community Outreach

Saline County Public Information - Georgia Murphy

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### **DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

This year we will study resources in your Community, County, State and Federal levels that address the problems that affect the family.

I am currently asking the District Directors to pass this information on to the County Family Issues Director who will then pass it on to the unit Family Issues Director. I hope to see the Unit and County level Family Issues Directors become more involved with this project.

We, in Macoupin County, have found the more involved the units are with a project, the stronger the whole county.

I am currently asking the District Directors to pass on to their Counties my request for the involvement of all their members. I am asking them to mail any newspaper articles related to Family Issues in Illinois to me. From these articles, I will choose the most common problems and the resources available.

I will be preparing a scrapbook of these articles for the District Meetings in August and the Annual Meeting in March of next year.

Sincerely,  
 Lynn M. Kearney

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