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Missing: Rita Stewart, Jane Chapman, Jean Pieroni,
Marilyn De Vries and Margaret Duncan

From the Desk of the President

What an exciting conference we had in Springfield at the Crown Plaza Hotel. It was one big birthday party for President Lincoln and IAHC. A very sincere thank you to the co-chairs, Sandy Bechtold and Lynn Kearney, for all their work and dedication in making this conference successful!



Of course, part of the excitement for me was being elected your new State President and I cannot tell you how very honored I am. I feel my membership in this wonderful organization has made my life better not only from the lessons we have shared, but also in the friendships that were made. It is my personal goal that the State Board and I will work as a team to achieve the goals of IAHC.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Edgar County HCE board and county members for hosting a reception after the banquet. It was wonderful to meet so many of you from throughout the state.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments for improving our organization and increasing member benefits, please contact me by phone, mail or e-mail. My contact information can be found in this newsletter.

Naturally, one of our goals is to increase membership. I must ask each of you to reach out and personally invite a friend, neighbor or acquaintance to visit your next unit meeting. I am confident that when your friend discovers what a great organization we are, they will want to be a part of it, so be prepared to tell them how easy it is to join. If we all work together, our organization will continue to grow and improve.

I was excited that my son was able to attend the Elsie Meis Banquet and installation of Officers. He certainly enjoyed the dinner, entertainment by Ken Bradbury and the reception hosted by Edgar County afterwards. He called his wife and told her he didn't realize he would have so much fun at the conference with ladies as old as his mother! You know, he might join if he lived in Illinois!

See you in August at the district workshops.

Marilyn Daughhete
IAHC State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st Vice President
NYMPHA WHITE

It was great to see many of you at the 2009 Annual Conference which is now history. Though the number of attendees was lower than the previous years, we, the State Officers, tried to work hard in preparing everything for the conference so everyone will have a nice time for learning and enjoyment.

I would like to thank the County First Vice Presidents who attended my workshop and helped choose our Lessons for Living for the next HCE year. Likewise, the counties who submitted their suggested topics for the Lessons for Living. Your valuable input was really appreciated. To Susan Taylor, our University of Illinois Extension Liaison representative and the other two University Extension educators, Miss Patti Saughn and Mr. David Robson, who came and helped us by explaining the topics available for our lessons. We hoped that you will be pleased with the choices of Lessons for Living which was voted on at our Share Shop at the Annual Conference.

My heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of the Education and Membership awards as well as the non-winners too, for I know you all work hard or did your best in your county lessons and programs. As the saying goes, many are called but few are chosen. Maybe next year you will get it.

To all the Chorus Ladies of IAHCE, you're wonderful to work with and I thank you for your continued support in making our annual conference enjoyable by sharing your melodious voices. Please let me know if you would like to join us again at the NVON Conference in July at Our Lady of the Snow in Belleville.

Any county or member who would like to get a copy of the IAHCE Grey Guidebook, please let me know. The price is still the same, \$12.00.

Counties who also would like to apply for a Support Fund Grant, please refer to our Grey Guidebook for forms, requirements and deadline.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter season and a Happy Mother's Day.

Nympha White

2nd Vice President
MARGARET DUNCAN



Congratulations to our new IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughhete and our other newly elected officers and directors. Ours is surely an elite group! I was so sorry that I wasn't able to attend the entire conference this year. I had planned to spend Tuesday and Wednesday with all of you.. At least I was able to attend the opening luncheon, my 2nd Vice President's Class and the Tuesday evening Awards Banquet. I understand the entire conference was outstanding.

Congratulations to Perry County—County of the Year—Great American Family—along with Best Program of the Year. Congratulations to all the IAHCE counties in attaining the President's Awards and other program awards. You are an awesome bunch!

I was handed a challenge at the August Workshops—find a state-wide membership program. After a lot of thought, I put together a "membership quilt" using only one pattern piece. This tiny pattern piece starts with each member and forms connecting pieces that will mesh into units, counties and then the IAHCE state membership. It isn't complicated. You don't even have to make the quilt—it can be a "virtual reality quilt". I hope this will be well received. Just ask me more about it.

Reading has always been a passion of mine. I included 'literacy for both adult and children' in my 2nd Vice President's Class for conference. I cannot fathom people being unable to read and enjoy a good book....and get along in the world today. It is still hard for me to realize (even after being in literacy programs for many years) that many children and adults cannot read above a 4th grade level. They have "fallen between the cracks" in public education. I don't know who is really to blame. But clearly help is needed. You can consider yourself one of the lucky ones....if you can read! Just imagine being denied a good job because you cannot read well enough to follow directions. Please consider joining one of the many different literacy organizations in your community that are helping our citizens learn to read and live!

A little personal note—perhaps by this time many of you know that I had been diagnosed with colon cancer. I had surgery March 17th. I am now feeling better and cancer free. I had been ill for the most part of a year. I am still recovering from the surgery, but I am still so much better.

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I want to thank each and everyone of you for your cards, letters, thoughts and especially all of your prayers. I firmly believe that all of these, plus a good surgeon, and God's will pulled me through. I also thank my family for being there when I needed them. I don't know what the future holds in terms of chemo and radiation but with your continued prayers—I will survive!

Again, I can't begin to thank all of you for being my friend and please keep me in your prayers.

Margaret Duncan

SECRETARY

CAROLYN FISHER



Secretary Notes

Happy Spring! This is my first message to you as IAHCE Secretary and I will keep it brief.

As I told you during the Annual Meeting at our 2009 IAHCE Annual Conference, I am in the process of updating the IAHCE Past Board lists. None of these lists identify the board members by their counties. If you have information in your county archives or records of members who have served on the board of Illinois Home Bureau, Illinois Homemakers Extension Federation, Illinois Association for Family and Community Education, and/or Illinois Association for Home and Community Education, please let me know by postal mail or e-mail. Also, let me know if someone has changed their name or has died. Your assistance will reduce the number of pages of missing past members that will be a part of your Secretary packet for the IAHCE District Workshops in August.

My biography appears later in this issue. So I will not waste paper introducing myself.

Carolyn Fisher

**ASK A FRIEND TO
JOIN YOU
AT YOUR NEXT
HCE MEETING!**

Community Outreach

VI HUEBNER



This is my first year as Community Outreach Director. I haven't had a chance to do a lot of research, but plan to have a couple of new projects.

1. Promote the 3 R's ~ reduce, reuse and recycle.
2. Promote programs on how to avoid con artists and scams.
3. Adopt a highway.

Keep working on your individual projects and those Linus Blankets. They are appreciated more than you know.

Remember our NVON project in common "MAD", working with foster children. Foster children fall under the umbrella of DCFS.

Vi Huebner

Family Issues

Lynn Kearney



We have just arrived home from the 2009 Annual Conference. It was wonderful to see many of you at the Annual Conference.

The Family Issues class on Childhood Obesity with Dr. Sarraf was very well received. She had the latest statistic on the problem and told us what she is doing for children in and around Springfield, with schools, parents and children all involved in dealing with this problem. She wants all to know that this is a major problem in America. Check your packets and please pass this information on to your counties and units. If you did yet receive your packets contact your District Director.

We will be talking more about this problem at the August workshops, if you see any articles in the newspaper or magazines bring them with you. We learn a lot from each other. I am asking the American Heart Association to provide us with some written material. I do not intend to read to you, but to discuss this problem. As always, I am asking you to put the information you have been given to use in your counties as lessons. Now as you know with the Extension having to cut back, we need to step forward and educate our people. This is one problem that not only effects children but will affect them as adults.

Lynn Kearney

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INTERNATIONAL RITA STEWART

Many of you met Rita at Conference. She is from Perry County and has a colorful history which you can read later in the newsletter with the biographies of the newly elected officers. She has traveled to many foreign countries including Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, England, France, Greece, Turkey, Italy, formerly Yugoslavia, Bermuda and the Bahamas. So she will be a wonderful International Chairman. Welcome, Rita.

I know many of you wait for your craft shows.

Is there someone who would be interested in being the State Cultural Enrichment Director? You would be representing your county. My term is up next year and a new director would be installed at State Conference. You need not do a writing project This was my idea when someone asked me about one. The office would be yours and you could decide on a special project. Please be thinking about it. I'm sure you will enjoy it as much as I have.

Thank you again ladies for helping me to make the Best of Show a success.

Barb Spencer

Cultural Enrichment BARB SPENCER



State Conference 2009 is over and I want to thank all of you nice ladies who assisted me in any and every way at the Cultural Enrichment Best of Show. We had 152 entries and they were all superb. I keep hearing that hand quilting is on its way out - no it isn't. We had a beautiful selection of quilts, both hand and machine quilted. There are so many talented ladies in our organization and I'm glad that I wasn't a judge. Another thanks to the five ladies who were judges as they represented Cultural Enrichment in their counties. We had no accidents or disappearing items. A scrap book belonging to Pike County that was in the area with other displays must have been mistakenly taken and I'm sure will be returned. I feel that we had a good Share Shop too with a lot of sharing of ideas. Conference is a good time for that and Fall Workshop is where we work to get ready for reports for the next Conference and discuss Make-It and Take-It items. So bring any craft ideas and patterns you have to the Fall Workshops.

I appreciate all of the reports this year and wish I could give more than one Grand Award. This year it went to White County where they created a museum in their town. I hope that more counties send in reports next year. The Apron Tales book went over well especially at the sales table. I think there were only five left. We will do another little book for next year. It will be something a "Grandmother might want to tell a grandchild". The deadline for sending the "short" stories to me is January 15, 2010. The deadline reports is January 31, 2010 (early ones are welcome) and the deadline for Best of Show registrations is March 1, 2010. Early ones are welcome but

PUBLIC RELATIONS SHARON MIDDLETON



It was a great conference. If you missed it, you must be sure to come next year when we have our Annual Conference at the DoubleTree in Bloomington, IL.

I was excited to see all of the PR Chairman at my share shop. Although, time seemed short, there was discussion on how each of our counties could promote their membership with many ways to reach out to others in our neighborhoods to make them aware of what HCE represents to each of us. I hope to bring more information to all of the counties at our August Workshops.

I have been appointed the webmaster for our IAHCe.org website. Plans are underway at this writing to add lots of information for you and possible new members to HCE. Start looking for an updated site by June. I hope to also have information for counties to be able to link to this site so that their information will be available to any guest that might want to become a member in your area. This may be a way to make the younger generation aware of education that is available not only to our members but to all those in our communities. Be looking for our new look in June.

Congratulations to Edgar County on their Grand Award in Public Relations. I had many great booklets. I hope you all are keeping track of what you are doing

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in the upcoming year such as a:

1. Special Activity you are doing this year.
2. What you do during HCE Week.
3. All of what you are doing in PR all year.

That are the areas to work on so that you can submit your county for a President's Award which will be due January 31, 2010. Keep good track of each of your events and I expect to see a lot of reports coming my way.

Until the August Workshop...Have a wonderful Spring and a not so Hot Summer filled with fun, volunteering and working with HCE in your counties.

Sharon Middleton

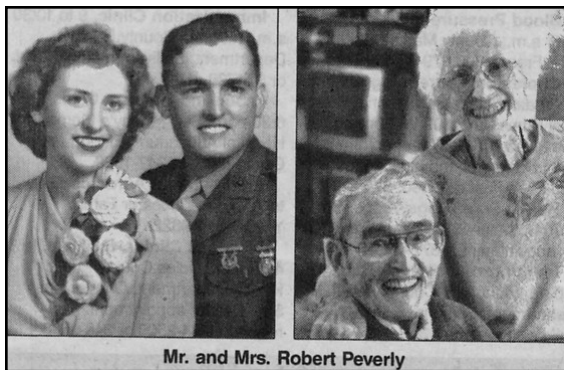
CERTIFIED CVU

Alice Grooms

The IAHCE members turned in 310,358 hours this year. What a great number. Continue volunteering and continue keeping track of the hours you volunteer and see if we can top those hours for next year!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peverly

As I was working on this newsletter, one morning while reading my local newspaper, I spied the above photo. I'm sure most of you know Ruth and Bob Peverly of Clinton, Il. April 8, 2009 they will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. A reception for them was held April 5, 2009 at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Cards can be sent to 13001 Taft Rd., Clinton, IL 61727 Congratulations Ruth and Bob!

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A note from Debbie Borries to International Chairmen--

I am sad to say I am being replaced as International Director, but happy to report that Rita Stewart from Perry County is my replacement, and she seems to be eager to be International Director! I think you will enjoy her sense of humor, and I know you will welcome her as you have embraced me. Thank you for the past two years--I have so enjoyed them working with you! I visited 16 counties (I think) and reinforced my belief that we have a great organization of women. I am so proud of you all! Keep up the good work and please keep in touch with me. Thanks again!

Debbie Borries

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We have just installed new officers on the State IAHCE Board, but there are openings to be filled each year. The Nominating Committee of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education is seeking the names of candidates who would like to serve a three year term on the State Board.

Officer and Education Directors to be elected at the 2010 Annual Conference are:

- 2nd Vice President - (in charge of membership) Works with the District Directors and must have been on the State Board previously.
- Cultural Enrichment Director - Shares her talent in arts and crafts. She must have served on her County Board.
- Family Issues Director - Selects the main topic of study relating to family issues. She must have served on her County Board.

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to represent your County on the State Board. Please help us by identifying members whose enthusiasm, energy and expertise will benefit this organization. Please send the completed IAHCE State Board application on pages 54 and 55 of the IAHCE (gray) Guidebook by October 1, 2009 to:

Barb Spencer
IAHCE Nominating Committee Chairman
8031 Mulkeytown Rd.
Mulkeytown, IL 62865



AWARDS WON DURING CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT AWARDS

During the Tuesday, March 3, 2009 evening at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Education Directors awarded their President Awards to many, well deserving Illinois counties in all categories. We would like to again mention those that went home with those awards!

Community Outreach Winners were:

District 1

Citizenship - Bureau County for School Supplies
 Environment - Lee County who focused on Native American Culture at Sauk Valley Child's Fair
 Safety - Warren County "Wartime Living-1941-45" program
 Special Activity - Knox County - Mitten/Scarf/Hat tree and toy collection box

District 2/3

Citizenship - Du Page County who made greeting cards for Veterans
 Environment - McHenry County - Family Alliance Day Care for the Elderly/Recycled items in craft classes
 Safety - LaSalle County networked w/agencies that served as a refuge for displaced children and safe homes for abused women and children.
 Special Activity - Kankakee County - Warmth - Blankets, lap robes, hats, mittens and scarves various needy.

District 4

Citizenship - Peoria County - Children's Home; networked with the Children's Home and Youth farm to provide over 1,000 items from their wish list.
 Safety - Tazewell County - House of Hope - Had various fundraisers that enabled them to donate \$1,000 for Christmas presents to the shelter for abused women and children.
 Special Activity - Adams County - 90th Birthday Tea Invited the Public to learn about HCE, past and present.

District 5

Citizenship - Clark County - "It's More Blessed to Give than to Receive" - Milk money for school children.
 Environment - McLean County - Recycling Eye Glasses Networked with LensCrafters
 Safety - Edgar County - "Go Red for Women" Style Show

Heart attack and stroke awareness.

Special Activity - Macon County - 90th Birthday Tea Public was invited, historic HCE displays

District 6

Citizenship - Effingham County - Donated books to a local library and made bookmarks for the public libraries.
 Safety - Greene County - Hope, sewing for cancer patients and people in nursing homes.
 Special Activity - St. Clair County made bears, quilts, blankets, cancer hats and bookmarks. Collecting for the soldiers.

District 7

Citizenship - Wayne County - Food Bank Collection
 Environment - Jefferson County - Second hand smoke teachings.
 Safety - Franklin County - Blankets for Fire Department, fire victims, children's home, veteran's nursing home and community nursing home.
 Special Activity - Pulaski/Alexander - "What's It Worth" - Held an antique appraisal and bake sales to raise money for scholarships.

GRAND AWARD - PERRY COUNTY - District 7

Citizenship - Sent 205 Christmas cards and 65 Valentines to Veterans Home.
 Environment - Sponsored scholarships to people pursuing careers in Agriculture, Consumer or Environment Sciences.
 Safety - Personal items, toys, blankets, etc. given to local state police headquarters to be used by displaced persons of meth homes.
 Special Activity - Collected non-perishables for local food pantries and Back Pack Ministries.



Cultural Enrichment Winners were:

District 1

Textiles & Clothing - Rock Island - Sponsored and taught sewing lessons w/4-H Club members.
 Heritage Skills - Warren/Henderson - Held Cultural Arts Expo featuring lost handcraft skills.

District 4

Textiles & Clothing - Edgar County - Held a craft day as part of HCE Week and also made blankets for Linus.

AWARDS WON DURING CONFERENCE

Special Activities - Adams County - They held many special activities for educating HCE members and the public.

District 5

Heritage Skills - Champaign County - Held a Heritage Skills Exhibit, inviting public with demonstrations and speakers to support the ACWW projects.

District 6

Heritage Skills - Jersey County - Held Heritage classes for 8 months to encourage people to keep the lost arts alive.

Special Activities - Bond County - Reached out to the community with special projects such as Linus Blankets and collection for soldiers

District 7

Textiles & Clothing - Wayne County - Each month there was a new skill or project taught. Many non-members attended these classes.

GRAND AWARD - WHITE COUNTY - District 7

They created a museum in and for the village of Norris City to collect and preserve their heritage for the future generations.

Family Issues Winners were:

District 1

Jo Daviess County

District 2/3

Du Page County - Linus Quilts

District 4

Adams County

District 5

Special Activity - Macon County - Held a baby shower for the New Life Pregnancy Center during our Spring Annual Meeting with baby gifts and baby bottles filled with donations for other items they may need.

District 6

Family Living - Madison County

Special Activity - Effingham County - They created Christmas stockings and filled for the needy.

GRAND AWARD - PERRY COUNTY - District 7

Health, Food and Nutrition - A program called "Losers" was started. They all went on a diet, they exercised and they lost. Sara involved the members and the community. The community also gave them places to exercise. HCE and guests were in the group which was very successful.

International Winners were:

Country of Study - Lee County

District 2/3

Country of Study - Will County

District 4

Country of Study - Peoria County

Other International Country Study - Pike County

District 5

Country of Study - Edgar County

Special International Event - Macon County

District 6

Country of Study - Monroe County

District 7

Country of Study - Jefferson County

Other International Country Study - Perry County

GRAND AWARD - WAYNE COUNTY - District 7

Public Relations Winners were:

District 1

Public Relations - Jo Daviess County

Special Activity - Warren County

HCE Week - Lee County

District 2/3

Public Relations - La Salle County

District 4

Public Relations - Adams County

District 5

Public Relations - DeWitt County - They featured Ursula Gohs, ACWW President at a meeting, inviting members and guests, which was publicized to members all over the state and the public in local newspapers, etc.

HCE Week - Macon County - Several activities were chosen to do during HCE Week such as tying blankets for Linus, learning to make greeting cards and then making Valentine cards for the Veterans hospital and featuring a class on using cake mixes with a published cookbook.

District 6

Public Relations - Monroe County



AWARDS WON DURING CONFERENCE

District 7

Public Relations - Saline County
 Special Activity - Franklin County
 HCE Week - Perry County

GRAND AWARD - EDGAR COUNTY - District 5

Edgar County sponsors many events throughout the year including "Go Red" Style Show, walking in parades and many other events to promote membership. They reach out to radio stations, newspapers and all medias to reach new members.

wonderful person Jean is. She is 91 years young. Please keep her in your prayers. She hopes to be able to drive and be independent again.

Lynn Kearney, Family Issues

COUNTY OF THE YEAR PERRY COUNTY DISTRICT 7

GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY IBENDAHL FAMILY PERRY COUNTY DISTRICT 7



Calvin and Jean Ibendahl are the 2008 Great American Family winner. They only had one adopted son, but the people of Perry County will tell you that

all the children were their children. They were very active in 4-H and Jean was a teacher. Calvin farmed. They met at Southern Illinois University as students. Calvin quit but Jean got her degree. Later in life, Calvin went back to school at SIU and got his degree. They maintained a close relationship with the school and have given their nearly 500 acres and house to the school.

Jean fell at the Annual Conference shortly after she received her award. She broke her hip and was operated on the next day at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

I received the following message from Jane Chapman, Perry County President and newly elected IAHC Treasurer. "Jean is doing well. She returned to southern Illinois last Wednesday and is in the Marshall Browning Hospital Room #110, 900 North Washington, Du Quoin, Illinois 62832. Her home address is: 912 North Washington, Apt. #6, Du Quoin, IL 62832."

I am sure Jean would love to receive a note or card from you. If you were at Annual Conference, you know what a



President, Jane Chapman accepted the "County of the Year" award for Perry County. Her group even sported "Gold Crowns" for this honor. Jane explained all of the things that the county had done to win this honor. They increased their membership by 62 members.

To name of few of the things that the members of Perry County did to win this Award was to send 205 Christmas cards and 65 Valentines to a Veterans Home, sponsored scholarships to people pursuing careers in Agriculture and Consumer or Environmental Sciences, donated personal items, toys, blankets, etc. to the local state police headquarter to be used by displace persons of meth homes and collected non-perishables for the local food pantries and Back Pack Ministries.

Rita Stewart, Jane's sister, continued a popular Holiday Idea Day that is 40 years old. Perry County hosted an event to share knowledge and skills gained in HCE with the community.

The county rounded up two (2) Grand Awards and two (2) President Awards and to top that off, the Great American Family Award went to one of their members, Jean Ibendahl.

All counties need to look at all of the things the Perry County members have done to win this lovely award and work on their own count being named the "County of the Year" in 2009!

Great going, Perry County!

SPECIAL REPORTS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION FIELD LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

Susan Taylor

Greetings to IAHC members from the University of Illinois Extension. I want to commend the increase by counties in participating and recording the volunteer hours of members of CVUs. This year, 310,358 hours were submitted @ \$19.51 = \$6,055,084.50.

In 2008, 48 counties out of 87 counties participated. There were 11 new counties who participated. 842 members out of almost 11,000 members participated in CVU Program. 368 Members were new participants. Keep volunteering and keep up the good work. Your efforts help your communities and counties.

I shared your Volunteer information with Extension Administration and they were very impressed.

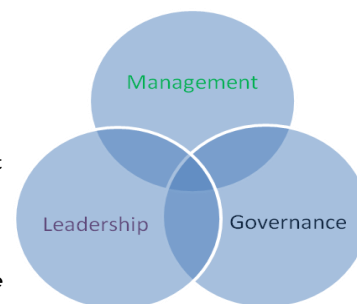
When I met with the State IAHC board after the conference, I shared two items with them. As you work on a committee, the work is better when you use the committee members. Like a 3-legged stool, if you only have one leg – it's hard to balance everything and committee members strengthen the work. I asked them individually – to write down items that could strengthen committee work. Then I had them pair up – the two individuals added to their lists. Finally, I had a group of four add to their list. The last grouping had the strongest list of how a committee could function. A few of the items were:

- Communication
- Do your part
- Contribute ideas, time and effort
- Follow meeting procedure
- Plan - vs doing - strategies
- Be prepared for meetings
- Understand who is responsible
- Follow your committee's objectives and purpose
- Make the committee operate efficiently

Like the three legged stool, think of a Three leaf clover – One - leaf – as **management** – work of IAHC – Concerns with performance at the level of individual, with the performance of the larger processes performances – committees, units, districts, and organization itself – One leaf as **leadership** – Organizations don't do anything – people do – give vision and directions in their leaders. One leaf as **governance** – power and authority that are exercised in an organization like IAHC – There are rules and limits on the exercise of power.

Things will overlap –

Management and Leadership
Leadership and Governance
Governance and Management



The second item that I shared with them came from the State 4-H website and I adapted it to IAHC.

Do You Sit on Your Hands Enough?

"Some HCE members I know sit on their hands. They are helpful, capable, and enthusiastic and love kids, but they sit on their hands. They tell me it's a habit that works very well.

One of the most difficult things a HCE leader must do is allow other people to use and develop their abilities. Whether it's a new member or a member that has been here for 20 years, the first meeting for the fund raiser, the HCE leader is often tempted to help. Sometimes he/she should sit on his/her hands.

We all know it's simpler and faster for the person who already knows how to do something to do it again. The muffins will be gently rounded instead of peaked, the meeting will be given by an experienced leader, the club business meeting will go smoother, and the booth will get a neatness award. But what happens to people in the process? Johnny doesn't remember to stop stirring. Mrs. Brown still hasn't had a meeting alone with the members. The club president decided Mr. Leader can do it better, so why bother to try. The members of the club booth committee still haven't had the experience of carrying out an idea as a group.

It's not easy to decide when help is needed and when help would stifle developing abilities in another person. Think about your last project meeting. Was there a time when you reached in to do something yourself, when a few directions to a member would have allowed him/her to do it him/herself? Did you hurry to clean up because the members take too long? There are no "right" answers. But consider it. Do you sit on your hands enough?"

"I hear --- I forget. I see -- I remember. I do -- I understand."

It takes time to develop effective committees and to involve others in IAHC, but consider the benefits of involving others and sitting on your hands.

Karen Stamm, Milwaukee County Youth Agent. Adapted from <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/committees/>

Keep up the good work and recruit new members and have fun with your members.

Susan Taylor

SPECIAL REPORTS

SUPPORT FUND DEADLINE

June 1st is the deadline for Support Fund grant applications. The new Support Fund Chairman is:

Nympha White
660 Myrtle AV
Grand Ridge, IL 61325
815-249-6411
nym1019@yahoo.com

Shelby County has two Support Fund Projects which are still in progress and may not have their paperwork completed by June. I recommend that they ask Nympha for an extension before the deadline.

Wabash-Edwards has had one extension and is not entitled to another. Their paperwork needs to reach Nympha by the June deadline or they forfeit their grant.

Remember, you must turn in your original receipts with your paperwork in order to be paid. Keep this in mind if you are applying for a grant this year.

Carolyn Fisher
IAHCE Secretary

SILENT AUCTION REPORT

Melva Reid, IAHCE Treasurer reported that the Silent Auction had sales of over \$2,500. We had a great number of silent auction items from baskets, to collectibles, handmade items and much, much more. We want to thank all of those individuals and counties who contributed beautiful items for this sale.

This year, Melva had everyone sign up for a number at the beginning of the show. Then when you wanted to bid on something, only a number was listed beside that item. Most people liked pre-registering before the bidding began.

The other thing different was that items won were to be picked up Thursday morning so that the people in charge were able to organize things before pick up.

The only comment I heard was that we needed more help at the tables when the merchandise was being delivered. So, be thinking about volunteering for this spot next year.

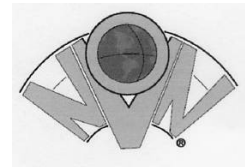
NVON REMINDERS

REMINDERS TO ALL COUNTIES CONCERNING NVON

- ⇒ Please return the NVON raffle ticket money and tickets to Kathryn McNeely by June. By selling these, all IAHCE counties are helping sponsor ILLINOIS NIGHT at the NVON Conference in Belleville on Monday, July 13, 2009. NVON is our national organization.
- ⇒ Thank you to the counties that have contributed door prizes for NVON. We could use a lot more. Either get them to Sara Husemann or Florence Dietrich in Adams County, Mary Lu Strack in DeKalb County or Kathryn McNeely in McLean County.
- ⇒ If you can get products to put in registration bags (up to 200), please contact one of the same people.
- ⇒ IAHCE is the host of the 2009 NVON Conference in Belleville on July 13-15, 2009.
- ⇒ If you are registering for the conference, please use the registration form in this IAHCE newsletter or go online to NVON.org for the information.
- ⇒ Sharon Middleton is in need of volunteers to serve as facilitators and hostesses for the craft workshops and seminars. Please call her at 217-877-7229 or
- ⇒ by e-mail at itole2@sbcglobal.net



Kathryn McNeely at the NVON table during conference.



NVON Conference

July 13-14, 2009

Registration form on page 42-43

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DISTRICT 1

Marilyn DeVries
District Director



I was born in 1942 and grew up with one sister and one brother. I graduated from high school and some college credits.

I married Norman in 1960. We farmed and had a family of four boys - Wendell, Delbert, Sheldon and Eric. I know have seven grandchildren ranging from 4th grade through high school.

I have been in IAHCE for 41 years. My husband passed away 12 plus years ago. I continue to farm. My oldest son and I work together but I can drive everything from a combine and semi to skid loader and lawn mower.

I am looking forward to seeing you at your counties events.

Marilyn DeVries

HENDERSON.....

Henderson County H.C.E. members have been very busy volunteering for community service, such as E.M.T.'s church and community Christmas events. We had a decorated tree at the "Stronghurst Christmas Celebration" and entered a float in the Oquawka lighted Christmas parade.

Many individual units had special Christmas parties.

Books on "Abraham Lincoln" were donated to West Central Schools as well as money for nutritional snacks for needy children at the school.

We have been doing a lot of cooking lessons and manage to serve the food at our local unit meetings.

The quilt that is to be raffled this month has been finished (thanks to Mary Alice). It will be raffled off in September. Proceeds from this will help fund our many community projects.

The baby basket full of goodies was delivered to Henderson County 2009 New Year's Baby. The winner was Charley Byron Cargill born on January 5, 2009 to

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cargill.

Our school scholarship winner will be chosen this month.

Our 4-H sewing workshop will be held on April 10. HCE members will teach this workshop. We are pleased to announce that 4-H enrollment is UP in Henderson County.

We are busy planning for our annual meeting to be held April 25, 2009 at the Biggsville U.P. church.

All HCE members need to pray for our country during this stressful times, especially for the people that are losing their jobs.

Beverlye Alecock
Public Relations

ROCK ISLAND.....

Rock Island County welcomed the spring season with a High Tea hosted by Michael Woods, County Director, and his staff. This was held Saturday, March 14th at 11 a.m. There were 86 in attendance including both HCE members and guests. His staff helped prepare the festive setting and served us many flavors of tea with each course. The first was a delicious Potato Leek Soup with Cranberry Sunflower Seed Bread. This was followed by Raspberry Vinaigrette Cole Slaw, Focaccia and Pumppernickel Breads with Chicken Salad Fillings and Crepes with Ham Filling; and closed with Cranberry Orange Scones, Chocolate Drizzled Cherry Bars, Shortbreads and Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Vanilla Strawberry Rose Tea. We were each given an attractive program booklet with recipes for the delicious food, descriptions of the teas we drank along with poetry and the history of heirloom tea parties.

At 12:30, lessons were given to be used at the units in April, May, and June. These lessons continue the theme for this celebration: "The Living Legacy Project", "Heirloom Cookbooks" and "Planned Giving: Leaving Your Legacy". In addition to HCE members attending these, 15 of our guests took advantage of these presentations. Even though the general public is always invited to our lesson presentations, very few do come so it was a pleasure to have these ladies attend. Hopefully they will want to become members of HCE with what they experienced that day.

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For those of us attending this, I'm sure each would say it was the highlight of the HCE activities this year.

We continue to be grateful to Lucille Michels and her group of ladies as they made 40 comforters which they gave to Christian Friendliness and a local Women's Shelter. We also celebrate with Lucille as she received the President's Award for her Cultural Enrichment activities in our county at the IAHCCE Annual Conference in Springfield on March 3rd. Congratulations!

Our ladies learned more about using herbs in their cooking at the February meetings and in March we are finding out what a Tuffin Garden Miniature is. Rock Island County continues their successful money-raising project for the Rock Island County Extension Trust Fund for the 4-H programs and our HCE by selling geraniums to be delivered in early May. The 4-H clubs also get orders for this project. We know our county landscapes are more attractive with the addition of these geraniums in the yards.

Pat Morthland
Public Relations Co-Director

STEPHENSON.....

Last fall we held our International meeting having a local jeweler, who had been to Belgium several times to purchase diamonds, as our speaker. We also held our craft day in November with units having tables of crafts and baked goods as well as other vendors.

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Marjie Otte, has been collecting used greeting cards from members and recycling them into new cards to give to residents in nursing homes on holidays.

We are now planning our County Annual Meeting to be held in May. Also, we are looking forward to our County Fair which will be held in July this year instead of August. There, we will have the Dining Hall where we serve full meals every day as our major fund raiser of the year.

Nine members of our county attended the State Annual Meeting in Springfield. Marilyn DeVries, from Stephenson County, was installed as District 1 Director. Those pictured with the statue of Abe Lincoln are:

Miriam Stortz, Marilyn DeVries, Judy Prasse, Carla Meyer, Abe, Lynn Lott, Mary Kerr, Becky Thomas, Audrey Musser and Jean Wenzel.

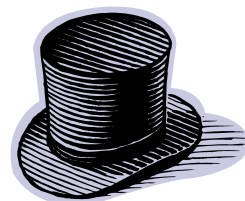


Audrey Musser
Public Information Chairman

KNOX & WARREN..... See page 32.

DISTRICT 2/3

Jean Pieroni
District Director



Hello,

My name is Jean Pieroni and I am your new District 2/3 Director. My husband, Joe, and I live outside of Woodstock in McHenry County, about as far north in Illinois as you can go. I'd been a member of HCE, first living in Mundelein in Lake County, before working full-time outside the home. After retirement, I became a member here in McHenry (10 years ago); first as a HCE member and representative to the county board, then as secretary for five years and for the past three years as President. Counting mailbox members, we have 93 county members. In both counties, I've met wonderful and interesting women.

For hobbies, I knit, read, do water aerobics and belong to Curves.

I look forward to my next year as District 2/3 Director and hope to meet and gain many more friends.

Jean Pieroni

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DUPAGE.....

Now that the holidays are over and we are into the New Year, it is time to think of spring and to make decisions what to do with flower beds and what you want to get rid of and put in new. I love a garden but we ended up fighting squirrels, bunnies and chipmunks for the veggies. No more garden.

We are making plans for the rest of the year. Congratulations to our many volunteers as they make a difference in peoples lives.

Our crafts are starting up again. They have made many things; blankets, cards for the veterans, magnets, aprons and much more.

Members wearing aprons they have made.



We are still accepting items to be shipped our soldiers. They can use many items but not things that can melt. Items needed are lotions, powders, toothpaste and many more things.

The lesson on Crock Pots was very good. Many have them but use them once in awhile. But this lesson gave us new ideas and tested recipes. So off to the kitchen, load up the crock pot, then relax - dinner is cooking.

We are looking forward to our annual meeting. To see old friends, enjoy a great meal and entertainment. We will have a relaxing day after the work we have all put forth.

Miriam Ferguson
Public Information

GRUNDY.....

Greetings from Grundy County!

While reading through the December issue of the State Newsletter, the word busy cropped up over and over. Units across the state were volunteering, supporting 4-H, fundraising and much, much more. It is inspiring to read about all that is being accomplished by the

women of HCE.

We in Grundy County have also been busy. On February 10th, area students filled the halls of local government as they participated in the U of I Extensions annual government day. Students in 4th through 8th grade submit essays telling why they would like to serve in a particular county government office. The winners are picked and then get to shadow an official for the day and see county government in action. Members from HCE help by cooking and serving lunch at a local church to the student and adults who participate. One hundred (100) were fed and a good time was had by all.

On March 7th, the county HCE ladies set up a booth at the 18th annual Grundy County Environmental Fair. This event is put together by the U of I Extension at a local high school. As our contribution to "go green", our women teach visitors to the fair how to make boxes with removable lids out of old greeting cards, calendars and wallpaper. While helping people make boxes, we get to tell them about HCE and get them interested in recycling.

Also in March, we are celebrating HCE day. We are having a craft day where you'll be able to make a cloth/canvas bag or can bring a project of your own to work on. A lunch of homemade soup with bread, desserts and drinks will be provided.

April 16th will be our annual meeting. It's going to be a big one as it is our 70th birthday. In April 1937 the idea for bringing the Home Bureau to Grundy County was brought up and on December 13, 1938 the idea became a reality. Our county has changed its name several times, changed our membership numbers and changed our location, but we haven't changed our core, the idea that IAHCCE enhances the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and encourages leadership and service to the community.

Happy Spring!



Marlene Ryder
Public Relations

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KANE.....

Five members of our Association for Home and Community Education attended IAHCE's Conference March 3 through 5, with all its excitement of classes, good food and good company.

We enticed 52 people, including six guests, to brave the afternoon chill to attend our first Spring Fling at the Extension Center on March 25. Dressed in white tops, black slacks, and black or red visors, board members manned the tables as attendees learned new card games and got reacquainted with old ones, including UNO, Bunco, Wham-O, Kings in the Corner and Skip-Bo. Cake, lemonade or tea and the thrill of winning a small donated prize rounded off the two hours nicely.

Our Kennedy Unit continues its tradition of putting together thousands of baskets the first week of April for many happy Aurora recipients through their Kids Count-Because-2009 program, aided by many generous donations and volunteers.

Kane County's 91st Annual Meeting returns to Lincoln Inn in Batavia May 20. Retired County Director Cindy Worsley offers thoughtful insights through her talk on *Joy in a Box*. Once again books will be collected for an upcoming Little City Foundation Used Book Sale (the largest of its kind in Illinois).

Beth Engbrecht
Public Relations

KENDALL.....

ACWW World President, Dato Ursula Goh, left, from Malaysia, was a special guest at the Kendall County HCE 10th Annual Victorian Tea last October, along with ACWW USA Area President, Louise Nichols, right. A special "Pennies for Friendship" collection was taken at the tea and presented to Goh, by Joan McEachern, center, President of KCHCE. As part of "October is HCE Month," Kendall County

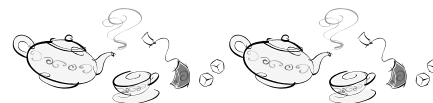


HCE gave small fabric "apples" to the residents of area nursing homes. Maggie Bowers, HCE Family Living Director, left, shows the apples to Ann Smith, right, a resident of Tillers Nursing Home in Oswego. Smith is a long-time member and Past President of HCE. Over 300 "apples" were given to the nursing homes.



The 11th Annual Kendall County Victorian Tea will be on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

Joan McEachern
Public Relations



LA SALLE.....

Local Officers Attend IAHCE Annual Meeting
LaSalle County Wins Award

Seven local officers recently attended the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE) 85th Annual Conference in Springfield, IL. Over 300 statewide members were in attendance. The following members from LaSalle County attended: Gail Hayward of Grand Ridge, President; Pat Workman of Ottawa, Treasurer; Paula Freepartner of Seneca, Cultural Enrichment and International Director; Judy Waldron of Grand Ridge, Secretary; Carol Elmore of Mendota, 1st Vice President; Judy Rosengren of Serena, 2nd Vice President and Nympha White of LaSalle County on the State Board.

"Happy Birthday President Lincoln and IAHCE" was the theme of the opening luncheon with a speaker Kathryn M. Harris as Elizabeth Keckley, Mary Todd Lincoln's personal dressmaker. Members then attended share shops of their choice. Classes were held on everything from health issues, gardening, investments, State Parks, quilting and classes pertaining to their offices. The Awards dinner was held with LaSalle County being presented an Honorable Mention Award in Community Outreach, a President's Award in Public Relations and a President's Award in Safety with our project for the County Advocacy Center. The Illinois Great American Family award was given to Jean Ibbendahl family. They have a farming operation, involved in Ag in the Classroom and were active

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members of Pork Producers.

The second day was in honor of founder Elsie Meis. The business meeting was held with 125 voting delegates in attendance. Five new state officers were voted into office. Susan Taylor, the University of Illinois liaison, gave a welcome. The choir, led by Nympha White, sang for the group. The banquet and installation of officers was held that evening. Lincoln hats for "Coins for Friendship" were collected to benefit our International affiliate ACWW. The Best of Show in all categories of the Cultural Arts contest were awarded. Ken Bradbury entertained us with music and laughs.

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.



Left to Right: Judy Rosengren, Gail Hayward, Paula Freepartner, Pat Workman and seated, Carol Elmore

Gail Hayward
Public Relations

Mc HENRY.....

We are very proud of Jean Pieroni who has accepted the position to be the new IAHCE District 2/3 Director. Jean has been our president for the last three years and before this our secretary.

Vice president, Nancy Moore did an outstanding job of lining up special programs this winter. The first was "Women's Health" given by Angie McAuley, Senior Vice President of Women's Health at Centegra Medical Center in Woodstock. She and her team talked about the various health issues that women face. The second program was on Caring for the Caregiver given by Siobhan White for Hospice of Northeastern IL. This program provided us with the resources and helps you need to meet as a caregiver. In April we have a

lesson on making Polymer Roses taught by Marie Payne.

Our board is very active in supporting and working with our Counties 4-H Clubs. Delores Hermanson "4-H Director", who was present at the Counties 4-H Award and Ice Cream Social, is especially proud of Laura Gallagher of Crystal Clovers 4H Club who won the "Henry Marlowe Award", "IDare YOU Award", and "The Sally Harrison Award." These are all great awards and she has put a lot of time, effort and work into them.



Laura

On February 27th, Jean Pieroni: President, Geri Pondel: International Director and Marlene Rader participated in the 4-H International Night that was held at Creekside Middle School in Woodstock. Twenty-one 4-H Clubs participated along with us. Each club chooses a country to display. Each display had to include at least three different themes. Our display was Belgium; we showed Belgium chocolates, Brussels Lace, Belgium Beer and their multilingualism. The ladies from our units made Brussels Sandwich Cookies that we passed out to those who visited our display. Everyone had a great time.

Marlene Rader & Geri Pondel at 4-H International Night



Florence Spesard
Public Relations



DISTRICT 4
Mary Lea Prentice
District Director

After the busy IAHCE Annual Conference held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield last month, it is time to regroup and digest what I gained from the share shops, the special programs, the Cultural Arts displays and all the other functions in which board members must be involved. There were a few snafus in dealing with hotel management. Our treasurer and conference chairs have decided to involve the Better Business Bureau

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and other legal entities to get a better handle on the problem and trust that other conference attendees can avoid the same problem. I will explain the problem further when I meet with each of you at your county annual conferences.

Many of you have already planned your conferences around the theme, "Happy Birthday President Lincoln and IAHCCE". I look forward to attending your counties to see how you have developed the theme. It's going to be hard to top the "tea" theme, isn't it?

Please place Wednesday, August 19, on your calendar. This is the date of the District IV and V Annual Fall Workshop, to be held at the Northfield Inn off Sangamon Avenue in Springfield. District V Director Jane Wood will be collecting your money this year. We discussed the necessity of raising workshop fees at the IAHCCE Conference. Food prices have risen and are due to raise again in October, according to our hotel contact. Therefore, we made the decision to increase the workshop registration fee to \$20.00, a \$5.00 increase over previous years.

August 19 is also the date a new District Director will be named to replace me whose three-year term is up March 2010. Jan Edwards, Pike County, has agreed to chair the nominating committee. Jan's telephone number is 217-285-1987 — give her a call and she will tell you how to go about applying for this position. Others on the committee are Marcia Schutte from Adams County and Anna Marie Behrends from Mason County. (Addresses and telephone numbers have been given to your county officers.)

For those who attended Annual Conference remember how noisy it was next door as Region V was having its meeting? I found out their members were celebrating significant membership increases in each of their counties. I think Region IV should challenge them for the coming year, don't you? I have an idea that I will present to you when I visit you in your counties. We can show Region V that we, too, can increase our membership and we will attend Annual Conference 2010 with our noise makers! Region V Director, Jane Wood, has become a great friend and I know she will be expecting (and preparing) her counties for this challenge.



I read a book this year entitled, Three Cups of Tea, a true story about Greg Mortenson who was rescued and lived with an Afghanistan family for a few weeks after obtaining a serious injury while attempting to climb a mountain in the Kabul, Afghanistan area. One of the passages reads and is a quote from the very poor household man who became very fond of this American: "The first time you share a cup of tea, you are a stranger. The second time you take tea you are an honored guest. The third time you share a cup of tea you become family." This passage pretty much sums up my feelings toward you, my District IV friends, as I shared many experiences with you these past two years. I look forward to another year with you!



Mary Lea Prentice

MORGAN.....

We held our yearly International program and luncheon October 16, 2008 at the Morgan Extension Office with 32 members and 5 guests.

Eda Johnson, Morgan County International Chairman, welcomed everyone with an invitation to a Tea Party. She explained Belgium is a country bordered by three countries—France, German and Netherlands. She introduced Debbie Borries, State International Director, who was the speaker for Belgium. She displayed a poster with information about Pennies for Friendship and Associated Country Women of the World. Mrs. Borries showed slides of Belgium and interesting sights. A varied luncheon consisting of Belgium dishes made by members of HEA units were enjoyed.

Arron Dufelmeir gave an update on some changes in the Cooperative Extension Service. Cost recoveries always emphasized to employees. Lincoln Pins were presented to Debbie Borries, Mary Lea Prentice, District 4 Director and Collene Cooksey, Jacksonville Journal Food Editor.

Morgan County is to make 400 pins to go into the goody bags for the State Conference.

Mrs. Borries won the door prize, a basket of different flavors of tea, cards, candy, chocolate drink and embroidered tea cloths. Mary Lea Prentice announced

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the August Workshop will be in Springfield in 2009 at the Northfield Inn on August 19, 2009

Ending the day, members were treated to plates of Belgium Sausage Fudge Candy and sleeves of tea. All enjoyed the variety of Belgium foods and complimented on the day as enjoyed.

Eda Johnson
International Chairman

PIKE.....

Greetings from Pike County

Pike County had 10 members attending the State Conference in Springfield. All had a great time honoring Abraham Lincoln. We were pleased that our own Elizabeth Aton was a presenter and Ken Bradbury an entertainer for the conference. We were pleased to have Rebecca DeLong win the Best of Show with her tatted table cloth and napkins. Really a work of art.

Our States lesson this year was a hit. We enjoyed the history, weather, industry and famous people of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Of course, the best part were the scrumptious foods of the area. We had every dish from dirty rice to seafood lasagna. What a feast.

We are planning our 70th Annual Meeting on April 16, 2009 and would like to invite all surrounding counties to attend. We will have the theme of Dining with Abe and will celebrate his 200 years and our 70. We have two ladies reading letters between husband and wife during the Civil War. Please send reservations to Betty Orr by April 3rd. Dinner is only \$8.00.

We will have our biannual tea this year. Cheryl Zimmerman is in charge and it will be a delightful afternoon of tea, live music and a special style show. Hope all can attend on May 7th from 4 to 6 PM.

Out extension events include Pick up the Pace: Walk for Better Health, Cooking for Diabetes, Get Ready to Garden and Resident opinions for better programming. A special lesson, pies, pies and more pies will be held on May 5th, 5:30 P.M. at the Farm Bureau Hall.

Our afternoon book club will have Lloyd Lawber speaking on Frank Lloyd Wright architect in April. Contact Mary Lea Prentice for more details.

Ann Ferguson, PR



DISTRICT 5

Jane Wood
District Director

What a wonderful Annual Conference! It was good to see so many from District 5. Be sure you share the information you received

at your share shops or officers meetings.

Sunny days make us think of spring and planning annual meetings which may mean new officers. I look forward to visiting your counties and meeting these new officers.

District IV and V meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at Northfield Inn, Springfield. Be sure to reserve the date.

Wishing you a sunny spring.

Jane Wood

CHAMPAIGN.....

Our county continues to make neck coolers and Linus blankets. Six people completed 18 neck coolers and partially completed 21 more at the February 17th workday. Jean McCall, Early Risers Unit, had made 450 neck coolers at home and plans to have 1000 finished by April 1. Wow, what dedication! Ann Wade of the Fisher-Dewey Unit has a grandson in Iraq so we now have a name to whom neck coolers can be sent. Seventeen blankets/quilts were turned over to Sew Sassy for delivery to the Central Illinois Linus Chapter. March 23rd is another scheduled workday.

15,607 volunteer hours were turned in for 2008 with 105 members participating. Outstanding volunteer was Jan Peterson for 1,088 hours of service to her community.

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International Luncheon was February 16th with 90 members attending. The Unit Chairmen and Champaign County Board members arrived early to set up, etc. A big hit was the chocolate fountain—Jan Peterson's idea. She offered to get supplies and maintain the operation. We had not one, but two excellent speakers from Belgium, Maryline Parca, Ph.D and Jenny Vasaune, owner of Bon Voyage Travel. It is a miracle in itself since Belgium is such a small country. The office of Belgium Consulate provided a beautiful video of Belgium. Debbie Borries, our State Chairman, was also a guest. Thanks to Joanne Cahill and all her helpers for a job well done.

April 3, 2009 is the date set for our annual meeting. This meeting will take place at the Champaign Country Club, Champaign. We are looking forward to this day.

As of the end of February, our membership was 369 members.

Millie Hoch, Public Relations

CHRISTIAN.....

Christian County HCEA Board members started February 19, 2009 with an important lesson, "Healthy Desserts". This was presented by Fananne Finck, the U of I Extension nutrition and wellness educator. All in attendance were very pleased to have new as well as healthy recipes.

February 24, 2009 was our Annual Dinner Meeting and installation of new officers.

Newly elected officers pictured:
Left to Right: Jeanie Lee, Jean Wattlelet, Berniece Larimore, Debi Kiefer, Genova McChristy, Janet Hurelbrink and Roberta Gordon.



Our theme was "Building for Tomorrow". This was with the thought of helping and improving life in every country. Our speaker was Mark Wolfer. He had been on a "Mission Trip to Liberia", and had many slides to

show us how they leived and how very hard they worked to build anything by hand. God Bless Mark Wolfer, he has volunteered to go again to Liberia in 2010 and assist in helping and teaching them better ways to improve their life. As he stated at the end of the program, "Be ever so grateful you live in the U.S.A.... Here we have indoor plumbing, stoves to cook on, electricity and a washer and dryer.

April also is a busy month for us, but, we are happy when busy and productive. I will fill you in, in the next issue.

Oops, almost forgot, best wishes to all new officers installed at the Annual State Meeting, March 3-5, 2009 in Springfield, Illinois.

Enjoy spring and start summer on a happy, healthy note.

Jean Wattlelet
Public Information

EDGAR.....

Party Time in Edgar County

If you love to party, Edgar County is the place. Whether it be a service project, a money raiser, a membership event or a social event—in Edgar County—it's always fun.

In December, we held our Annual Membership Tea. Each Unit was invited to decorate a table for six (6). These were judged and prizes awarded. New members were recognized and those responsible for them joining were recognized. Cookies and punch were enjoyed by all.

At the recent IAHCCE State Conference, Edgar County brought home several well earned awards, hosted a "Party" style reception for our new State President, Marilyn Daughhettee. Marilyn is a member of the Chrisman Nite Unit in Edgar County, where she is outgoing president. In the past, she has also served as County President and District 5 Director. Over 100 of you attended our reception for Marilyn truly enjoyed the "party".



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Thanks for coming!

On March 31st, we will be hosting a bunco membership party. We expect to have lots of fun and gain some new members. Much lies ahead here in Edgar County.

- Annual Dinner Meeting
- Helping at the 4-H BBQ and 4-H Fair
- Mayo Cookers
- Collecting School Supplies
- HCE Week.....
- And Lots More!

Everyone loves a party and that's what HCE in Edgar County is"

- A "Party" in SERVICE
- A "Party" in FUN
- A "Party" for ALL

As we pack up to return home, we look forward to seeing all of you again at next years conference in Bloomington.

Betty Porter
Public Information Director



thank them for their wonderful help and friendship.

Lots of lessons were taken home to share with others. English Paper Piecing has already been taught to a group of ladies.

After arriving home, we had a wonderful lesson by Barb Wall who formally owned a small restaurant/ bakery and who also catered. She gave us some wonderful tips on baking food and desserts. We even had samples of her cinnamon rolls using a cake mix. Very good.

We just finished having our first bake sale of the year during the Gardening Insights (lessons for Master Gardeners). We had breakfast items for them during the breaks between classes. The money will go to our new scholarship fund.

April 1st, we had an outing to the Macon County Historical Museum and found out how Abraham Lincoln was involved in our Macon County history.

Have a wonderful Spring!

Sharon Middleton
State Public Relations

MACON.....

Macon County started the year out by have a Cultural Enrichment display to chose items to be sent to the IAHCCE State Conference Cultural Enrichment displays. Many items were on display and hard to chose just five. There were paintings, aprons, knitted beaded coin purse necklaces, scrapbook pages, knitting and crochet to mention a few.

In February, each of our 11 units made 10 valentines (total 110) that were delivered to the Veteran's office for them to deliver to the Veteran's Hospital in Danville along with small gift boxes that were handmade and filled with candies.

Eight members attend the 85th IAHCCE Annual Conference held in Springfield. Karen Halicki, President; Loretta Kibler, Community Outreach/ Family Issues; and Minnie Poll, 1st Vice were of great help to Sharon Middleton, State Public Relations Director in all aspects of the conference from helping at the registration table, helping with 50/50, finishing last minute things in our room and much more. I want to

McLEAN.....

December was a busy month for our HCE members. December 6th we had a float in the Bloomington Parade. It is a good way to show the community who we are and what we do. On that day we also had a Welcome the Holidays Soup Luncheon for members and guests. It was a welcome treat on a cold, blustery day to fellowship over warm soup, and enjoy special music as young musicians shared their talents. We enjoyed viewing the special Christmas table settings the units had on display. During this month many women shared their cookie baking talents as we sent over 6,000 cookies to service personnel who have been deployed from our county. Many notes were sent back letting us know how much our remembering them had meant.

Our Community Outreach Project of providing flannel quilts and fleece blankets continues. In January and March we held workshops. We worked together providing fabric and making bright blankets that hopefully brings joy to those in the hospital who receive one. We are grateful to the Tri-Valley

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Elementary girls to make fleece blankets and to non-members of HCE who help us continue to meet this need.



The Cultural Enrichment Committee continues to offer monthly workshops that are educational and enjoyable. In February, they held a "Recycled Denim Jean Angel" workshop. The ladies were pleased with the creativity they used to make their angel. In March, they made a "Coin Purse" by Felting with Alpaca Fiber. Silk Flower Arranging was offered in April and Basket Weaving in May.

The Read & Share Group continues to meet bi-monthly and enjoy reading and discussing Fiction and Non-fiction books. The book for April was "A Thread of Grace" by Mary Doris Russell. It chronicles the Italian resistance to the Germans during the last two years of WWII as they aided the Jews.

Fifteen women attended the 2 ½ days of the IAHCCE Annual Conference in Springfield March 3-5. It was the 1st time for some of our ladies and they shared that it was very enjoyable and informative, plus being very busy. We liked the Share Shops we choose, and the entertainment was very good. Four of our ladies sang in the IAHCCE Chorus during the business meeting. We are proud of Jane Callahan, of Dry Grove Unit, whose photograph, "Ripples in The Water" was part of the Cultural Enrichment "Best of Show" parade at the Elsie Mies Banquet.

McLean County is excited and happy to help host the IAHCCE Annual Conference March 23-25, 2010 at Double Tree Conference Center. Planning has already begun. We look forward to greeting all of you.

Sheila Wells
Public Relations

CLARK.....

On the move.....

Clark County HCE ladies are on the move with community projects. We are working hard to let the area really know what the HCE (Home and

Community Education) really means to all of us. We have had a work day that finished up 1800 bookmarks. One hundred and fifty (150) were delivered to the three area elementary schools for the first grade classes. The remaining ones were delivered to the five active libraries in Clark County. They had a sticker on the back advertising our great organization.

Two local units wanted their Pennies for Friendship money to remain locally. This was donated to schools to help children have milk that could not afford it during these rough times.

Some ladies have made and delivered fifty-eight pillowcases to the Lighthouse Mission to be given to women and children that are moved from their homes keeping them from abuse. Each is given a case to load what they can in a few moments to take with them.

We are still working on each of these projects during the year.

We will be having our Spring Countywide HCE meeting on the second of April. Our theme is "Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln" and each unit is doing a portion of the history on Mr. Lincoln. Our meals will be ham and beans, potato soup, corn muffins, cookies using Mrs. Lincoln's recipes and drink.

Several will be inducted into new board offices with the ceremony being done by Jane Wood.

Crafts and projects from the winter will be on display and a fun day is planned. More about this in the summer edition.

Yes, we are active and trying to keep the ladies busy.

VERMILION.....

Six of our county officers attended the District Meeting in Decatur in August.

Our Officers Training Workshop was held in September for all unit officers. Each county officer explained the duties of their office and gave each unit officer a packet containing our constitution, a list of officer duties and other information they had received at the District Meeting. Officers from all 6 units attended. Program booklets for the year were distributed.

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Our 90th anniversary was celebrated (a little early) during HCE week in October with a birthday party open house held at our Extension Center. Our Vermilion County Home Bureau was the 15th county to organize on April 10, 1919. The constitution adopted at the organizational meeting states, "the object of this organization shall be to promote the development of practical methods of housekeeping and homemaking along special economic and educational lines to the end that all women shall find in their environment the satisfactions and opportunities of a well-rounded life." It was a very broad and encompassing goal that seems to still apply to our organization today. During the open house, those present looked at scrapbooks, old unit minutes, and pictures and had fun reminiscing about how the organization had changed over the years. Birthday cake and punch was served and 90 helium filled balloons were released. One lady from Plymouth, IN called our President, Meni McNeese, to say 2 balloons had landed in her yard.

In November, members participated in Elder Beerman's (department store) Community Days. Organizations in the community sell \$5 coupon booklets which contain coupons for \$ off a variety of clothing, shoes, jewelry, household items and other merchandise. Our organization keeps the money we receive from our booklet sales.

Members enjoyed a lunch buffet at Ryan's Restaurant in Danville for our Christmas party. Each member brought items for our Women's Shelter (care center for abused women and their children). Members showed the items (towels, washcloths, toothpaste, body lotion, books, etc.) they had brought and 2 large boxes were filled delivered to the shelter.

A Valentine Party was held on February 11th. Each unit brought a beautifully decorated box filled with valentines. At their January or February meetings, some of the units had used their artistic talents and made very creative homemade valentines using lace, sprinkles, foam hearts, doilies and stickers. Bingo was played and the winners selected wrapped prizes brought by those attending. Cake and punch was served by our county officers. All the units participated and 265 valentines were delivered to our Illiana Veterans Hospital in Danville to be given to our veterans on Valentines Day.

Rosalynn Maudlin
Public Relations

PIATT.....

After one more blast of winter, our Cultural Enrichment Day was rescheduled to "snow date", February 4, 2009. Attendance was good with members bringing many beautiful craft items and foods to be judged.



Cerro Gordo Unit members at Cultural Enrichment Day
L-R - Janet Crandall, Elaine Dresback, Audrey Jay, Vivian Faulkner-King, Susan Albro, Evelyn Eads
Seated L-R - Joyce Williams, Leslie Clark, Martha Lynch

Pastor Dan Lynbarger, Indian Chief for the Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina was the speaker. He talked about native Americans and the culture of the Cherokee.

Cerro Gordo Unit members took home the majority of ribbons for their food and craft items, also winning Best of Show with Holly Dodd's beautiful quilt, pictured.



Our 79th Annual Meeting will be April 2, 2009. It will be a luncheon meeting with the theme "Celebration of Lincoln's 200th Birthday". Don Chamberlain of Decatur will speak on "Lincoln, The Early Years".

On March, Craft Day work was done on a new project - One Day Quilts. Members came armed with rulers, cutters, scissors, sewing machines, irons, etc. working assembly-line fashion finishing many blocks. These are smaller throw size quilts and will be given to Piatt County Emergency Services for distribution to different departments for handout in emergency cases. This is a great project and greatly appreciated by the services and the recipients.

Libby Glasgow
Public Relations

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DISTRICT 6 District Director Debbie Borries

Hello! Let me introduce myself. I am Debbie Borries, formerly known as the IAHCE International Director for the past 2 years. I live in Effingham County, near the little town of Shumway. I have an Effingham address, a Shumway phone number, am in Banner Township and in Beecher City School District (nothing like being in a constant state of confusion!) I am married; my husband, Mike, is a brick mason, and we live on 5 acres of woods. We have a son, Jake, who is grown and lives in Dayton, Ohio. I work for the Regional Office of Education #6 as a Parent Educator for Early Childhood. (I am a storylady!) I also work at a local hotel part-time and at a local school as an after-school teacher. I like to keep busy!

I have been a part of HCE in Shelby County for the past 30 years; I joined in that county, because my mother needed a driver when she was night blind for a time. I have served as international, cultural arts, community outreach, family issues, and county district director on the Shelby County HCE Board as well as in all the offices in my unit, Stewardson Night. I am also currently in Effingham County as a mailbox member. I have always loved being in HCE and being an active member. I am excited to serve District 6 as Director. Sandy Bechtold will be a hard act to follow—she is a good friend of mine now and she is a wonderful person. I hope that I can do as good a job as she has done. Thank you, Sandy! I am filling up my calendar for county annual meetings and installations of officers. Thank you for the invitations. Please contact me as soon as possible, so I can schedule your county meeting.

Debbie Borries

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On November 23, 2008 members of the Dudleyville 4-H Club packed 122 care packages for American soldiers stationed in Harm's Way in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 4-H members received help from members of the community including help from the Bond County HEA. Members of Bond County HEA clubs sent donations of supplies and monies for postage. There were several HEA members in attendance

helping with the packing of the boxes. Food, toiletries, books, magazines and greeting cards were included in the flat rate boxes. They will again be sending care packages to American soldiers stationed in Harm's Way on March 23, 2009. This project was started on December 7, 2003. Some of the soldiers receiving care packages are former Bond County 4-H members and some are grandsons and granddaughters of current Bond County HEA members.

Some of our members turned in their CVU hours. Of those reporting their hours, we had a total of 2,468.5 CVU hours reported! One of the male members reported 1,387 hours! Our volunteers have spent time volunteering in our local nursing homes, hospital, barbeque fund raisers, church related activities, helping at 4-H functions, American Farm Heritage Museum and the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). We are hoping to have more members reporting their volunteer hours at the end of 2009!

At the November 2008 4-H Achievement night, the Bond County HEA was recipient of the Friends of 4-H Award! HEA members accepting this award for the Bond County HEA were Pat Sutton, Rosalie Thiems and Marlene Mollett.

February 2, 2009 we held our Belgium International Dinner with 39 attending. On February 5, 2009 we sponsored the American Red Cross blood drive. There were 20 donors and 1 new donor.

Bond County HEA members have enjoyed their recent lessons of "Finding Your Get Up and Go" and Energy Drinks/Products" at the January meeting; "Living Single in a Couples World" and "The Female Car Kit" in February; "Slow Cooker" and "A Book Review" in March; "Choosing a Financial Professional" and "How to Prepare for Tax Time" in April; and in May we are looking forward to "Outdoor Entertaining" and "Growing Small Fruits in Your Home Garden".

It will soon be warm weather and time for mowing grass, yard work and working the fields and attending the State and County Fairs! The Illinois State Fair is August 14-23, 2009 and the Du Quoin Fair is August 29-September 7, 2009 and the Bond County HEA will again this year have their air-conditioned food stand on the Midway of the Bond County Fairgrounds in Greenville, IL. We hope that you can come enjoy some

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of our fried chicken, ham or other great food that we will be serving.

Brenda Sue Thiems
Public Relations

CRAWFORD.....

Like everyone else the ladies of the Crawford County Units have been very busy with a variety of activities. With all of the different choices of special programs they plan, they like the saying “we offer something for everyone” as a member of Crawford County HEA.

Their Annual Meeting was a catered dinner followed by a very interesting program on Greece. A world traveler, Winnie Piper, brought several items from the Greek Isles and told several stories about her Greek Adventures. This program was to highlight the featured country of the year, Greece!

Since so many of our members read, they decided to have a book exchange. It was amazing at the number of books which were donated and then exchanged among our members. There was such an assortment ~ mysteries, historical fiction, romance, biography, travel, cookbooks, self improvement, decorating and lots of others. This was such a success, it may become an annual project.



Talk about a blast from the past! A local gentleman has a collection of pressure cookers and offered to present a program about their history. Of course the HEA Board took him up on the offer and he gave a very informative and memorable presentation to a group of HEA ladies



who currently reside in a local senior citizen home.

They shared stories and tales of the “good old days” when everyone had a pressure cooker and actually used it!

As always, the members donated items to be given to a local Veteran’s Home, The Heritage, in Hutsonville, IL. There are 43 of our country’s veterans living in this facility, and the HEA ladies make it a priority to visit them at least twice a year taking lots of needed items such as socks, pajamas, hats, gloves, toiletries and clothing. One HEA member even baked and decorated jumbo cupcakes with an American flag. As you can imagine, they were a hit with the guys, as was all of the candy and sweet treats which were given as bingo prizes when the HEA ladies served as callers.



With the flooding which took place in this area early last summer, the HEA Board organized a Disaster Preparedness program in the fall. It’s never too early to start getting things ready for weather related emergencies, and with the professionals presenting the program and handing out information, it was a very well attended community event.

The annual TNT Luncheon (Then, Now, Together) held in December gave HEA members a chance to visit with charter members as well as past and present members too. The Sunday school class of a country church cater the lunch and HEA Board members presented the humorous program, “Grandma’s Apron” to the group.



It seems like everyone has lots of “treasures” to sell. The HEA Board was inspired by a program about “Shopping on the Internet” presented by Pat Hildebrand, Consumer and Family Economics Coordinator from the U of I Extension. They coordinated a workshop entitled “Buying and Selling on eBay”. There were so many people enrolled in the workshop, that a waiting list was started. Due to the popularity of the workshop, another one may be planned in the near future.

The new year will hopefully bring new members to HEA. Announced soon will be the newest recipient of

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the Crawford County HEA Scholarship Award, which helps a young homemaker of the county. Members continue to turn in their CVU (Certified Volunteer Units), with the most recent total being over 2200 hours! That's a lot of volunteer time and we are proud of our HEA ladies and the variety of the organizations to which they choose to volunteer!

Debbie Tedford
Public Relations

JERSEY.....

After a very successful Christmas Project in Community Service, Jersey County HEA members took a break from some of their activities due to inclement weather in December. However, after the holidays we were ready to "get back in the saddle" and kicked off with an armchair presentation by Jennifer Russell, County Extension Director on Traveling Suitcase, which gave us many ideas for things to go see and do just in our immediate area for very little money.

In February we had our own version of the Antique Road Show. The public was invited to a brunch and appraisals of their family heirlooms, etc. We had a great turnout, even though again, the weather didn't cooperate.

HEA members Karen Ziegler, Melvia O'Neal, Mary Lou Hess, Barbara Wock, Mary M. Thompson and Sandra Bechtold attended the IAHCE Annual Conference in Springfield in March. Sandy retired as District Director 6 at this meeting, but still plans to remain active at the State level.

In April, our own John Schlafer will give our Lesson for Living on Small Fruits for the Home Garden. John & his wife Judy, who is an HEA member, come from Minnesota to Jersey County and are very active in the community – they have small fruits and vegetables in their own garden and are very active at our local Farmers' Market in the summer.

This year is our 78th year of HEA in Jersey County and at this time we are busy finalizing plans for our 78th Annual Meeting which will be held on May 14, which is the date our organization was formed in 1931. We are also busy collecting dues at this time and are proud to

say that we still have 116 active members and 8 units, 7 of which are still the original units.

Several HEA members are also still active working with the Tri-County Antique Club in presenting the Agricultural Enrichment Programs for school children ages Preschool through 6th grades every spring and every fall since 2001 – to date over 6,000 children have been shown how "Grandpa and Grandma used to live". They are gearing up for another session which begins on April 17 and runs through June 26.

Elizabeth A. Schwab
Public Relations

MADISON.....

Spring Greetings from Madison County. Currently we are planning our Annual Meeting for April 30th. Our theme is "Aprons - Good Things from the Kitchen". We plan to display some aprons received by members through the years. Also, we are privileged to have Ruth Bickline of Highland, IL give a presentation on the History of Aprons as well as share her hobby with us.

We are planning our Victory Tea on May 21st with Cindy Hahn-Jones planning a delightful evening for our new members and their sponsors from this past year. She did a wonderful job last year and we look forward to a evening of fellowship, entertainment and good food this year again. Thanks so much Cindy!

One of our projects in the county has been making Linus blankets for a local agency. Marilyn Korte received the following message and a blanket from a recipient of one of these blankets.

"In 2007 my son had surgery at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO when he was about 18 months old. When my husband and I entered my son's room we were surprised to see a quilt that was intended for my son while he stayed in the hospital. We were touched that he would be allowed to take the quilt home. Our son is now 3 years old and we still have his quilt in a keepsake box. It will always be a reminder of how precious life is.

I am now the Daisy Girl Scout Leader for my daughter's Troop #850 of Iuka, IL. I thought it would be a great

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idea for my girls to make a blanket for the Linus Blankets, Etc. and so that's exactly what we did. Hopefully these blankets bring as much comfort to a child as my son's did to him."

Sincerely, Lisa Morris" (Copied from Buzz News, March 2009

This is a lovely reminder to our ladies that our projects do make a difference.

Edwardsville A hosted a Quilt Night on March 10th with Arene Burgess presenting a program on "Quilt Kits" and slides of various quilts she has. She was extremely informative including dates and history of various catalog companies that offered quilts and the names/types they advertised. It was a very enjoyable evening and Edwardsville A should be commended for their initiative. Also, we had some ladies from the county share quilts they made or ones with special stories.

Saline Helvetia Homemakers Unit made a monetary donation to Safe Kids Organization-Madison County. Another example of keeping involved in the community.

All of the units are very diligent in making Linus Blankets, care bears and turbins for hospice and it is most appreciated by our board as well as the organizations receiving them. Thanks to our ladies.

We want to thank IAHCE for a wonderful conference in Springfield. We enjoyed it very much and wish them much success this next year. We look forward to attending in Bloomington next year!

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations



DISTRICT 7
Treaasa Brookman
District Director



WOW! Did we shine at conference 2009? Perry County was awarded County of the Year for 2008. They had a total membership gain of 62 members.

Then Calvin and Jean Ibendahl family from Perry County won the Great American Family Award.

Rita Stewart from Perry County was elected International Director for three years. Jane Chapman will fill the two years of the Treasurer's position and she resides in Perry County.

It took me a while to re-coop from the stresses of conference, but District Seven will have me busy in the coming months. I have 13 counties to visit. Maybe catch the other 5 in the fall.

I hope you enjoyed the Share Shops and learned a lot. Maybe some ideas can be used as programs in your counties. I have offered to do the share shops for 2010, so send me your ideas for share shops. Planning what you want is what I want to do. So send me your ideas. tbrook@hamiltoncom.net

Treaasa Brookman

HAMILTON.....

Spring is here and Hamilton County HEA is blooming. We are over the 109-member mark and expect to keep growing as the year progresses. HEA is developing a strong presence in our county by offering educational programs such as disaster preparedness presented by our local emergency management director and a lesson on drug interaction/ reactions presented by two of our local pharmacist. Upcoming programs will include a presentation from our county historical society, a brunch lesson developed by our members, and a fun filled countywide picnic. HEA is making a difference both inside and outside of our community by

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supporting our veterans with VA Valentine donations, sending used cards to support St Judes Ranch, donations to our local Crisis Closet and cakes to celebrate nursing home resident's birthdays.

This spring's fundraiser will include the sale of baked goods and a homemade chicken noodle luncheon. We are hoping for a crowd so we can help support more community programming.

As we look forward to our Annual Day, we are thankful for the great leadership of our current board members and are excited about all the new board members that are soon to be installed. It takes many different talents and skills to keep our organization strong and we are grateful so many members are stepping forward to meet the challenge.

Susan Johnson
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

We, in Jefferson county, were truly blessed over the winter months. While many counties throughout the state were hit hard by severe weather we were spared. Schools were only closed 2 to 3 days and we suffered no major power outages.

In Jefferson County, we have the best lessons! In December we enjoyed a 'Make it and take it' craft lesson. My 2 favorites, of the 5 craft items we were taught by District 7 Director, Treasa Brookman, (our County 1st Vice.) where we learned how to make a wonderful crocheted chain stitch necklace and a dessert made in a canning jar. January, we learned about 'Living Single in a Coupled World'. February was about Violence. March was a delicious month, we learned 'What you can do with Frozen Bread Dough & More'. April will teach us 'Fruits & Vegetables: What's new on the market'.

January was spent by Board members trying to get their respective reports sent in to State and encouraging our members to gather and report their CVU's.

In February we made and finalized plans to attend the

IAHCE Annual State Conference in March

In March, Jefferson County had 8 Board members in attendance, including our 1st Vice, District 7 Director, Treasa Brookman, at State Conference in Springfield. After Conference, the time moved ahead one hour and we've all been working extra hard to get that hour's work completed. We held our Spring Presidents' Advisory Meeting with 9 of our 10 units participating. Then Spring arrived and we had really pretty days so we decided to heck with that one hour we lost and enjoyed the weather!

March, 15 members attended a Saturday event 'Making Bird Houses' and in April we are going to meet on a Saturday for a 'Fun Craft Day' where everyone will bring their own craft to work on and share their knowledge with others.

On April 1st we will have fun playing jokes on our friends and family members, then we will all take a few days off to celebrate Easter with our families, before we make sure our taxes are in by the 15th.

Our nominating committee is hard at work trying to fill 2 seats on the board.

Our main County fundraiser for the year is our quilt raffle. The quilt blocks have been embroidered, it was sewn together and is now being quilted.

The Past Presidents' scholarship applications have been delivered to area schools.

Jefferson County will be offering 2 scholarships to 4-H camp this year and we are eagerly awaiting essays of 'Why I want to go to 4-H camp'.

Annual Meeting plans have begun for our May 4th Annual Meeting. We will be voting on Constitutional and By-Law changes at our Annual Meeting. We are also going to be accepting non-perishable food items and hygiene products to be donated to a local food pantry.

In May we will hold another Flea Market & Luncheon. This becomes a fund raiser for both the units and the County.

We are exploring the possibility of forming a Book Club'



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We are also in the process of making new handouts promoting JCHCE.

We will be implementing a new way for our members to keep track of and report their CVU's. I'll report more on this after we see how it is working.

ENJOY SPRING !!! It only comes once a year.

Marge Wilcox, Public Relations

PERRY

Jane Chapman, Perry County President, presented a humorous "Gone Fishing" lesson to the older but active members at Manor at Mason Woods. The lesson "Something Fishy" was the basis for the afternoon program.



Perry County was declared "County of the Year" at the state conference. Many other awards were garnered also. The upcoming Perry County Annual Meeting on April 30 will be filled with acknowledging all those who helped make this year so successful. Members who walked around Perry County (virtually 86 miles) will be recognized.

Since the fall report was filed, a new group of Biggest Losers have made it through the 12 week program. Donations have been taken up for elementary school back-pack program, Quarters and Christmas cards for Anna Veterans Home, donations of clothing, personal hygiene products and toys for children taken from Meth home environments, food pantry items have been donated, and the quilting of the raffle quilt took place in February.

The Passport Party featuring Belgium and Hawaii is April 2. Two Perry County HCE scholarships will be awarded at graduation time.

Rita Stewart has accepted the position of International Director and Jane Chapman is now the State Treasurer on the IAHCE Board. Working together, Perry County has met many goals this spring. The ABC's of success are in place.

Carolyn Bathon, Public Relations

SALINE.....

Saline County has been busy doing our projects.

Weather was very slick in February but we met anyway to finalize plans for the Annual meeting and the Art and Crafts display. A lot of talent was displayed with so many different handmade projects. Many of the items got to go to State Conference. It was hard for the judges to make a decision with so many to choose from. The Arts and Craft items were left for the next day to display at the Homemakers Education Association Annual Ham and Bean dinner.

The tables were decorated with Aprons and pretty tableware for the potluck. Of course, the meal was delicious. The Unit tables were judged and 1st, 2nd and 3rd were awarded a monetary gift.



Saline County Officers: Barb Lambert, President; Louise Mc Clusky, alternate; Bonnie Absher, Treasurer; Jeanette Alexander, Family Issues; Georgia Murphy, Public Relations; and Brenda Shell, alternate and Past to Present entertainment.

Our County craft chairman is teaching Ester centerpieces and Prayer Shawls. If you can crochet, you can help make thee Prayer Shawls for individuals having a problem or you can make one for someone that is celebrating something. Wal-Mart has the patterns. With your help, we could TOUCH many lives.

Marjorie Dotson, a past president was in charge of the annual January Birthday Party at a nursing home the county Homemakers sponsors. Craft gifts of lap throws, bibs and walker aprons were given to all with a birthday. Cupcakes, ice cream and drinks were served to all at the nursing home.

The County has been working in the Food Pantry and the Soup Kitchen. We see many desperate troubled lives and it is good to be serving rather than being served. Have a good Easter.

Georgia Murphy
Public Relations

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WASHINGTON.....

Washington County HCE members have been busy. Three members, Kathleen Betlyewski, Norma Slone and Adeline Blumhorst attended the 85th annual conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL. The theme was "Happy Birthday President Lincoln and IAHCCE" which was displayed throughout the conference. A centerpiece and a basket for the silent auction were taken to the conference and the banner was displayed during the banquet.



Adeline Blumhorst, Norma Slone, and Kathleen Betlyewski

A quilt was hand quilted by the ladies at the U of I office which will be raffled at the November Christmas program.

A new unit was formed at the Friendship Manor Nursing Home, Nashville, IL called "Young Hearts Activists" with Jeanette Thompson, Chairman and the Program Director. She has an activity planned for each monthly meeting.



Adeline Blumhorst, Jeanette Thompson (receiving check to cover expenses for the new unit from), Kathleen Betlyewski, Doris Meier, Ann Schnitker, Bernice Engelmann, Mary Barrett

The County HCE annual meeting will be April 28 at the Okawville American Legion Hall, Okawville, IL. The theme is "Happy Birthday Abe".

The HCE members and guests enjoyed a one day bus trip to Highland, IL to hear an organ concert; visit the Litzer Homestead, home of the founder of Pet Milk Co.; shop at the "Quilt Shop" and "Chocolate Affair" and lunch at the "House of Plenty".

We welcome Spring with the beautiful flowers and

flowering trees. Congrats to our member, Mary Barrett, for highest number of volunteer hours turned into the IAHCCE.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

FRANKLIN.....

Franklin County Homemakers Education Association sends you spring greetings from deep in Southern Illinois. The trees are full of colorful blossoms, the Easter flowers are in full bloom and the birds are chirping in the early morning hours.

Franklin County HEA had seven members attending Annual Conference in Springfield. We were down a few conference goers this year. We have seen a lot of sickness and many were unable to make the early trip. Everyone attending said they really enjoyed the conference and are in the process of bringing all the new information back to our county members. They reported that the classes were good—just too much walking! One of our members, Delores Boyd, is making it her mission to convey her appreciation of the annual conference and she is inviting more of our members to attend in 2010!

Back from annual conference—and on to our 5th Annual Spring Home, Garden and Craft Show on March 21st at the Benton Civic Center. It was a beautiful spring Saturday. We had over 80 vendors—from handmade quilts, machine embroidery, new windows, home siding, plants and garden equipment. There was something for everyone! Several nice attendance prizes were given. Attendees came from six surrounding counties. We registered over 500 people. It was an exceptional day for both HEA and the vendors.

Sunday, March 29th was the Annual Channel 3 TV Arthritis Telethon. Franklin County Board and members again acted as hostesses for this area event. Approximately \$106,000 was donated and pledged during the afternoon. Franklin County HEA gave a large monetary donation, plus we furnished all the food for the guests and volunteers. It is a highly emotional day—hearing the testimonials from the arthritis

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sufferers, and hearing the doctors and telethon workers describe the research going on in the arthritis field—much of this is due to the donations and pledges made during the month of March. This is certainly one of the most important areas we serve as members of HEA.

April 28th, we will hold our 66th Annual Meeting at the Extension Building. Special guests will be newly elected IAHCCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee and District 7 Director, Treasa Brookman.

Other events are planned for this spring and summer. During the summer months, we will again participate in the car cruises on the square. This always brings a lot of attention to Franklin County Homemakers. Also, as members of the Benton-West City Chamber of Commerce, we have been asked to participate in the Fourth of July Celebration at Rend Lake. This should be a lot of work and a lot of fun! In July, we will be bringing meals to the 4-H Fair. Then it is time to start planning our Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair for the 1st Saturday in November! WOW! We also want to examine IAHE 2nd Vice President, Margaret Duncan's "new membership quilt". Hope we can make it work for Franklin County HEA!

Margaret Duncan
Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

power, but it was still difficult. It should be noted that this storm was predicted by the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. [Makes you want to go out and get one, huh?]

Living out in the wilds of the Shawnee National Forest, winter can be isolating and lonely. Thankfully, we have IAHCCE and our Unit meetings to keep us connected. Unfortunately, sometimes we have to cancel a month's meeting due to extreme weather – ice, floods, winds, tornadoes. When Spring arrives, we turn our thoughts to gardens, seeds and bulbs. The annual canning jar inventory accompanies our garden planning. Will we plan to fight the raccoons for the corn, or just buy it at the Farmer's Market? What about tomatoes – how many plants can we fit in? What if I grow my zucchini on a fence; can I fit in some kohlrabi? Is it too late to plant my potatoes? (After all, St. Patrick's Day is already past.)

Think how you can incorporate the changing of the seasons with your Unit meetings. The Hilltoppers are having a plant exchange at their next meeting. This Unit makes an annual effort to share extra "starts", or divided bulbs, or thinned out perennials with one another. The homemakers of extreme Southern Illinois want to extend a special invitation to the rest of you to come down and enjoy a return to simpler, happier times in Pope and Hardin Counties.

Janet Coen
Chris Brown
Public Relations

POPE/HARDIN.....

Spring is finally coming to Southern Illinois! The daffodils, bluebells, redbuds and tulip trees are in full-bloom everywhere and the May apples are starting to come up through the soggy soil. There are even some hints of visits to secret mushroom haunts for an early harvest.



We have had an especially challenging winter this year which ended with a devastating ice storm. After last year's ice storm, we thought there wasn't another tree around that could possibly shed a branch, but we were Sooo Wrong. More of us were better prepared this year with generators to keep the freezer and refrigerator going over the week (more or less) we were without



WILLIAMSON.....

We are very proud of our County. In the last two years we have formed two new units. We may not have the largest membership, now a total of 101, but we most certainly have enthusiasm and genuine caring for all of our members and community. It is a matter of pride that our members are able and willing to be productive and take part in our annual Holiday craft bazaar and in attending and giving lessons. We have a few mailbox members who can no longer be so active, due to health or other prior commitments but even some of our mailbox members will attend our annual meeting. We have 14 members serving on our County Board which indeed makes us feel blessed. We had seven members Williamson, con't

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Williamson, con't

attend the State Annual Meeting & Conference. For the last two years Williamson County has been so honored to receive a "Best of Show" award. This year the handmade jewelry competition by member Jeannie Talbott and last year in the quilt competition by Louise Runge.

Our most recent community effort has been to purchase groceries, prepare and serve a lunch at our Homeless Shelter in Marion. We enjoyed the project as well as the residents and have agreed to continue for all 5th Saturdays this year. This was done by Board Members the first time, but our unit members are volunteering to help in the future. We are just starting a new project to help our military overseas with the help of a lady from Iowa.

Our Extension Director, Ed Billingsly, has helped us by providing knowledge and teaching some of the Lessons for Living in the past and also plans to in the future. Our Extension secretary, Debbie Blumenstock, has been ever so helpful in MANY ways.

Ursula Richey
Public Relations

Later arrival - DISTRICT 1

KNOX.....

Knox County KCAHCE co-sponsored with Carol Sandburg College, it's 26th Annual Class Day at Carl Sandburg College, February 28, 2009. There were about 253 people in attendance, including students, teachers and helpers. Part of the profit will be used to give two scholarships to family members of HCE members to Carl Sandburg College. There were over 60 classes in 8 categories to choose from.

The KCAHCE Board will be presenting its' 7th annual Spring Fling 2009 Luncheon, plant sale and craft show at the Agri Center on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The event will run from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The admission is free. Master Gardner Tips will be given by Pat Asbury. Luncheon to follow. This is a good opportunity for some of the ladies to meet their friends for lunch.

On Friday, May 8, 2009, University of Illinois Extension Vocational Education System and Carl Sandburg College will host nearly 800 eighth grade students from Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren counties, along with the Avon School District to "WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD"! This requires about 100 volunteers. This is an active, hands-on, real-life simulation that gives young people the opportunity to explore career opportunities and make like style and budge choices similar to those adults face on a daily basis. They choose their career, are told what their salary should be, then learn about deducting taxes, educational loan, charities, housing, transportation, insurance, utilities, groceries, clothing and entertainment. It is a good eye opener for these young people. Knox College, Carl Sandburg College and Monmouth College rotate years to host the event.

Pat Waymoth
Public Relations

WARREN.....

Warren County HCE just participated in the Women's Life Style Fair again at Monmouth College on Mar 11. We served a healthy snack, displayed a story board of HCE's involvement in the community, and offered a "FREE" year's membership to anyone signing up at the event. We are so excited to have registered 10 new members that day. Wow!

Upcoming events include:

"Welcome to the Real World" program, provided by University of Illinois Extension, is Fri., May 8, at Carl Sandburg College. Approximately 800 eighth grade students from Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren Counties attend this simulation. Many HCE members (100) volunteer during this event, to help educate students about this real life program.

On May 20, our Cultural Enrichment Chair, Gretchen Allert, has organized a trip to La Fayette, Illinois, to visit the woodworking shop of Jerry Rupp. Lunch will be enjoyed at Good's Furniture Store in Kewanee before we return home.

On Jun. 17, another trip is planned by our International

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Chair, Lynne Devlin. We will travel to Rock Island and Moline to visit Museums & gift shops, enjoy Belgium waffles, and learn more about Belgium, our Country of study in 2009.

Our 4-H clubs are really quite involved now, enjoying special workshops on woodworking, welding and sewing. We average about 30 new 4-H members each year. They just recently enjoyed a "Family Fun Night" at the YMCA in Monmouth. Over 100 attended the activities...swimming, playing games and meeting fellow 4-H'ers.

Peg Chambers
Public Relations

My Grandmother's Apron

by Elizabeth Phillhower from
Bureau County



I don't believe I ever saw my grandmother without her apron when she was home, a printed cloth apron trimmed in rick-rack or bias tape. It was homemade and probably made by the same pattern as all of her aprons. It was over the shoulders with a strap in the back and a large tie at the waist and in the back. Grandma not only used her apron to keep her dress clean but for many other things. If she would be outside and not have a basket, she would make an apron sack and hunt eggs or pick up apples, or pick a bouquet of pretty flowers. All went in grandma's scooped up apron. She would sometimes take the end of her apron and dust off a table or dresser. She may not have changed her dress every day, but every day she wore a clean ironed apron. My grandmother had beautiful red hair and a nice smile, so she always looked pleasant and clean in her apron.

Sometimes grandma's apron was a gift to her. People made aprons from grain sacks. I remember being cold standing by grandma and she would wrap her apron and her arms around me to keep me warm. What a loving grandmother.

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MARILYN DAUGHHETEE PRESIDENT



My name is Marilyn Daughhete. I live in Chrisman, IL in the east central County of Edgar. I have 5 children, 4 daughters and 1 son. I have 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. I am a very young great-grandmother). How young am I?

I have been a member of Chrisman Nit Unit of HCE since moving to Chrisman in 1969. HCE has given me so much in the past years by the many lessons provided by the University of Illinois Extension, the friendships I have gained and opportunities to volunteer. My goal was to give back to the organization so someone else would be sue to receive the many advantages of membership in HCE.

I have served as president, secretary, 2nd Vice Chairman and Ways and Means at the county and unit level. I also have served on the State Advisory Extension Council. During that term, the council traveled to Washington, D. C. to speak to our congressman representing our district. It was a great experience to be in the Capital Building explaining how important Extension is to our community.

I was elected as District 5 Director 4 years ago. During my 3 year term, I traveled 15 counties. While attending annual meetings, I installed the officers and gave a membership talk. It was certainly a blessing to meet so many throughout the district, making new friends with HCE members. While on the State Board, I have served on the following committees: Leadership Training, Nominating, International Projects, Homemaker Exchange, Budget, Scholarship and Membership. I also served as co-chair of the Annual Conference in 2007 and Chairman of Annual Conference in 2008. Since I served as chairman of conference, the skills of working with the board members to have a successful conference has enhanced my ability to work with others. The theme "Have a Cup of Tea with IAHCE" made the conference so much fun, informative and successful.

I have served as president, vice president and secretary in organizations in my community, such as The Shakespeare Club and The Priscilla Club. I also attend

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Grace Lutheran Church where I am a member of the choir. I have served as president, vice-president and secretary of our mission group. I also taught high school age Sunday School. We also attend 3 youth gatherings, traveling to Normal, IL, Fort Worth, TX and Orlando, FL. If you survive traveling with teenagers, you can handle anything.

My goal is to continue the benefits of being a member of IAHCE to more people in the state and further the goals of our great organization. We must work together to continue the success of IAHCE.



CAROLYN FISHER SECRETARY

I began life, the third daughter of a family of three girls, in the small subdivision of LaGrange Terrace which was in the cornfields south of LaGrange in Cook County. At one time there were fifty-three children living on our block allowing everyone at least two other playmates your own age. Together we learned different skills and developed talents. The area later incorporated into Countryside. Just shy of age eleven we moved "into town" to Western Springs. I attended Lyons Township High School and graduated one of the years that the basketball team won the IHSA State Tournament.

I was a Pre-Nursing major at Valparaiso University, but transferred out before formal nursing classes due to chemical allergies. I did earn an Associate of Arts Degree from the College of Du Page, worked as an educational records clerk for a trade association for Savings and Loans, and studied five of their courses. Even now when an extra verifier is needed, I have helped to update voting records and addresses. I have been married to Mylon for 30 years and together we raise aquatic turtles (rescue house). My sewing, knitting and baking have received blue ribbons at the County Fair. Spare time is devoted to watching sports, Logic Puzzles, Cross sums, folk mandolin and reading mysteries.

Music has always been a major part of my life spending many hours in and out of church and school and church choirs. I have served as Music Librarian in three different capacities: high school one year, church seven years and Windy City West Sweet Adelines four years.

My father would frequently bring home bolt ends and overruns from the felt factory where he worked. I learned to create clothing and costumes with that felt and continue to create fashions from bolt ends and remnants of other fabric.

I've been involved with my church in many ways besides choir and folk mass: Episcopal Church Women's Secretary (2 years), Assistant Typist of our church newsletter (2 years), editor of our church newsletter (3 years), church Antique Show Publicity Chairman (7 years) and Chairman of the church Antique Show (3 years). I also served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Women of the Moose (1 year). Making maps and posters have always been part of my duties.

I was introduced to Homemakers when we moved to Lisle in Du Page County. On the unit level I have been Young Family Issues Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Chairman, International Chairman, Secretary and Unit County Board Representative; for the county, I have been Young Family Issues Director, second Vice President and Community Outreach/Family Issues/CVU Director, on the State level I have served as Young Family Issues Director (2 years), Young Family Issues/Family Living Director (1 year), District 2/3 Director (1 year), First Vice President and Community Outreach Director. In addition, I was registrar for a CWC conference held in Illinois.



JANE CHAPMAN TREASURER

A big Southern Illinois "Hi" to all! My full name is Edith Jane Chapman and I was born the youngest of three and several years behind the other two! I grew up on a farm, was driving a tractor by the time I was six, and loved being out of doors!

I belonged to 4-H for ten years with black Angus cattle being my favorite project. I am still a 4-H leader, actually I think they call me a mentor as I don't actually lead a club, I help out with all clubs. I've been a leader for about twenty-two years now. I've been in HCE for a total of fourteen years. I'm also a Master Gardener and serve on the Extension board. I hold the position as advisor for our local Farm Service Agency county committee.

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I'm married to a great guy named Mike and he originally came from Arkansas. Okay, go ahead and ask, "how did I meet him"? I met him in Florida and it is a long story! We have been married for thirty-eight years and have two girls, Jennifer and Sara. Both girls are married and they each have three children. Sara lives in the same neighborhood as I and Jennifer lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

I retired from an agricultural retail store in 2005 where I had worked for eighteen years. I was hired there as a billing clerk and worked my way up to be assistant manager. I now do taxes for about four weeks at a local H & R Block office. My work credentials also include working for a coal mine, Decca records and my husband and I farmed.

My past time is spent enjoying the family, traveling, camping, gardening, reading, playing golf and volleyball and sharing time with our many close friends. I'm president of the Swanwick Cemetery/Picnic Association that holds a big picnic each year to benefit the upkeep of the cemetery. I'll try just about anything once and sometimes twice. I love a challenge, humor and having a good time! I look forward to serving as treasurer of the IAHCE, traveling the state and meeting all the great people in this organization.

RITA STEWART INTERNATIONAL

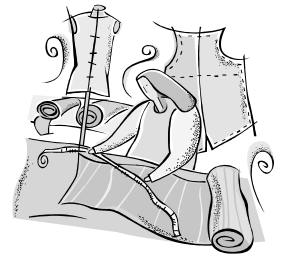


I was born 72 years ago in Perry County, first born to a young family (the baby being Jane Chapman for those that didn't know that they were sisters). After attending a one room country school and Pinckneyville High School, I attended SIUC where I received a Bachelors degree in education with a major in history and minors in English and Art. In Taylorville, IL where I taught the fifth grade, I encountered several students with special learning abilities from trainable to gifted. This experience caused me to decide that I would get a Masters degree in special education. I did this in three summers and while teaching two years at Pinckneyville High School. Then I moved north to Waukegan to teach the Educable Mentally Handicapped in junior high. After three years I resigned to take a job teaching the EMH in the Niles

High School system where I remained for the next 28 years.

While at Niles in the Skokie area, I received many opportunities and experiences, which enriched my life and learning. First I loved teaching the high school youngsters. They had a much more difficult time in high school since the cities from which they came were from homes where parents expected their kids to attend college and become attorneys and doctors and professionals. I began going into the communities, locating jobs for the older students and placing them in the work setting. This turned into a full-time job as more and more students were staffed into special education in this large school district with about 8,000 youngsters.

Secondly, I was given the opportunity to work in the high school theater department as their costumer. Really the director learned I did a lot of sewing, and since he was desperate to get someone to costume FUNNY GIRLS, he took a chance on me. Bob and I hit it off, or rather my designs and sewing ability suited his requirements. We worked together on about 30 musicals, one for each March and one each summer from 1969 to 1992, Creating costumes for shows like MY FAIR LADY, DOLLY, CHORUS LINE, WEST SIDE STORY, OLIVER and many others gave me something artistically to do. (I moved north to the Chicago area with the plans to study dress design at the Art Institute.)



In 1977, my third opportunity came when I was asked if I would be interested in becoming an administrator in the district. Now talk about "opening a new window" (I never costumed MAME.) but when I said I would, it was like opening Pandora's box. So for the next 15 years I held three different positions as director/assistant principal. We closed one high school where I was called a building manager (really it was like an assistant principal) and moved staff and students and equipment and supplies into the two other existing schools, prepared for the Nazi march in the very Jewish Skokie, hosted President Carter at a political rally in our Niles East gym, ran student activities and many other duties.

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After I became Director of Student Services, the biggest department in the district, supervising 35 certified staff and 15 clerical and security. I will not go into detail about all of those responsibilities, which I assumed for 8 years. Then the Central office decided they would create a position with responsibilities in two high schools. I now was Director of Fine Arts. For four years I supervised the art, music, theater and dance departments. As Director of Fine Arts I attended many parent meetings, went to all the performances by all the music, dance and theater departments, traveled with the groups when they went on tour and God knows what else! I retired at 55 before the Central office staff could get creative again.

After "retirement" I took a ten week trip to celebrate. This took me to all but two (North and South Carolina) states I hadn't as yet visited. When I came home in time to vote in November of "92" election, I sat around for a few days, then got a job part-time in a fabric store. While working there I got many sewing jobs starting my own business. The music department asked me to design a skirt the girls in the orchestras and chorus

could wear while performing and which would not reveal too much when they played the cello. Not only did I design an A-line skirt, but also over the next several years, I made over 400 of them. When I got bored sitting in the sewing room making garments and having only the TV as my companion, I then

managed to get a position as counselor for low income and first generation students at the local community college. I was desperate to spend more time with people like I did when in school. This was a half-time position so I then took a half-time one at my old high school as dean in charge of discipline and attendance. This was an administrative job I wanted to do from the first, but they said I had too much ability for that. (A joke!) That turned into the most difficult part-time and /or full-time job I had held! This kept me busy until it was time to sell my house and return to my place of birth in Southern Illinois.

I had bought the house my parents had built. And prior to my return I designed the floor plan for the renovation of the basement. The builder had it finished to my specification when I moved back to Perry County in June of 1997. I continued filling my days with gardening and quilting and making the skirts and substitute teaching and doing volunteer work with

4-H, HCE, bowling officer and raising funds for maintenance for the Swanwick Cemetery. I should end this before it develops into something I might try to sell to a publisher (with many changes and additions, of course). But first I should list the out of States travel I have done. The countries are: Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, England, France, Greece, Turkey, Italy, formally Yugoslavia, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

VI HUEBNER COMMUNITY OUTREACH



My name is Vi Huebner and I live in Wood River, in Madison County. I graduated from Alton High School and attended Lewis and Clark Community College. June 10, 1955, I married Rich and we have a son, Rick, and a daughter, Donna. We have been blessed with five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

HCE has been my passion since I joined in 1984. I love to have fun and am active in the Red Hat Society, a Bunco club and a Jazzy Kitchen Band. I like to play cards, especially Pinochle. I like to meet people and go to new places. In the past, we enjoyed traveling and have seen much of the United States.

Rich and I have been campground hosts at Pere' Marquette State Park for ten years. We were honored in 2007 as campground host in October. We have a fish fry and a Halloween costume parade each October for the campers. It is quite a hit. We have made many lasting friendships and countless memories.

I have served in almost all offices at my unit level and on the County Board, I have served as Community Outreach, Secretary, Vice President and President. On the State Board, I served five years as Sales and CVU Director. I am glad to be returning to the board and will be serving as your new Community Outreach Director.

SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT DURING CONFERENCE



Kathryn Harris came to us as “Elizabeth Keckley” seamstress and confidante of Mary Todd Lincoln after our lunch on Tuesday. She gave us some information on how she had become Mrs. Lincoln’s seamstress and friend. She explained the style of dresses Mrs. Lincoln liked and what they were made of and much, much more. Everyone in the audience listened intently while she spoke. She couldn’t imagine women in “pants” as she saw here today! What a great look into our history.



We had wonderful speakers and entertainment during our 2009 Annual Conference in Springfield held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Here are a few photos.



We listened to our own IAHCSE singers dressed in bonnets and shawls at the beginning of our Annual Meeting, Wednesday morning. Led by Nympha, White, First Vice President, with accompaniment by Melva Reid, our Treasurer, they sang songs appropriate for our Lincoln Theme. Wonderful, ladies!



“Seven and Senators” Singers from Springfield High School were an absolute great group of young singers. They entertained us during our meal on Wednesday.



Wednesday evening after our dinner, we had the talented Ken Bradbury back to entertain all of the ladies! His songs and talk centered around our theme of Lincoln. Everyone recognized a lot of the songs and hummed and tapped their toes as he made that piano bounce with his tunes. He was a wonderful entertainer and I’ve heard he has been going to some of the counties for their Annual Meetings.



Hello IAHCCE Members:

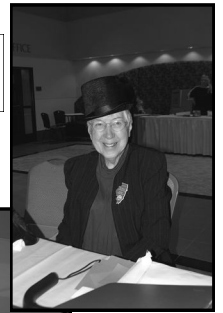
I hope those of you who attended the 2009 Annual Conference had a good time. Lynn and I want to thank those that volunteered and the State Board for all their hard work. The evaluations have been written up for our report and the Board will review them in June. Work has already started on the 2010 Conference and I hope you will all come, have fun and volunteer to make it another good conference. Lynn and Sharon will be hard at work on it all this year. Thank you again, and it was good to see you all. See you at the next conference.

Sandy Bechtold, Chairman
Lynn Kearney, Co-Chairman



Conference Chair, Sandy Bechtold

Bernice Livingston
Registration Chairman



Karen Halicki, Macon County & Jane Wood, District 5
Director helping at Registration Desk



Margaret Duncan
Second Vice President



Alice Grooms
Sales/CVU



New IAHCCE President
Marilyn Daughettee
and son, Rusty



McLean County helping with 50/50!



Carolyn Fisher, Community Outreach
Ellie Maroon, President
Nancy Remmers, Secretary



Barbara Spencer
Cultural Enrichment
with some of the
Best of Show
Winners



Past State President
Joan McEachern
with her winning
Artwork

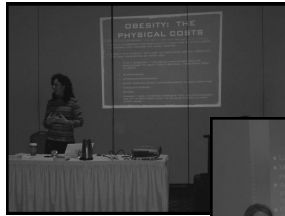


Cultural Enrichment
Winners





Tresa Brookman, Chairman of Share Shops
What a great job getting those wonderful share shops!



Two of the many share shops!



PERRY COUNTY!
County of the Year
Jean Ibendahl - Great American Family
and Winner of many awards!



Winners of Awards



Louise Nichols, ACWW USA Area President, with money that was donated to ACWW for Pennies for Friendship and the upcoming Triennial in the USA April 21-28, 2010 In Hot Springs, Ark.



Waiting to do a Make-It Take It on Tuesday Evening



Nancy Harper, Pianist
Thanks so much for adding your music to our conference!



President, Ellie Maroon congratulating a winner!



Silent Auction Chair, Melva Reid and Debbie Borries, Co-Chair holding a silent auction gift basket!



50/50 WINNER!
During the Tuesday lunch, we sold 50/50 tickets. We collected \$452.00. During the lunch on Wednesday, the winner was drawn and the winner was: Kathleen Betlyewski from Washington County. She collected \$226.00. The remaining \$226.00 went to Pennies for Friendship. Congratulations Kathleen!

Ruth Anderson, President of NVON with Past President, Ellie Maroon



RECIPES FROM ARGENTINA - 2009 COUNTRY OF STUDY

SOUPS/APPETIZERS



Veal and Vegetable Stew From ALLRECIPES.com

INGREDIENTS

2 medium onions, chopped
 3 cloves of garlic, mashed
 2 pounds of veal or beef
 1 can whole peeled tomatoes (chopped up)
 50 grams butter
 oil- SMALL AMOUNT
 2 carrots, cut into slices
 1 sweet potato, cut up
 1/2 pound of squash, cut up
 3 potatoes, cut up
 2 corn ears, cut up
 1 cup of rice
 1 can peaches or apricots
 salt and pepper
 beef broth

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Brown the onion and garlic in the oil and butter.
- 2) Cut the meat into squares and add to the pan.
- 3) Brown the meat well.
- 4) Add the tomatoes, carrots, and beef broth to cover the ingredients.
- 5) Season as desired.
- 6) Cook 15 minutes and then add the rest of the vegetables.
- 7) Cook until the vegetables are half done; then add the rice and the peaches.
- 8) Continue cooking until everything is done.
- 9) Serve sprinkled with parsley or basil.

APPETIZER

BACON WRAPS FROM ARGENTINA

Submitted by: The Master Chef
 From ALLRECIPES.com

INGREDIENTS

1 package bacon
 1 loaf bread
 1 can sweet condensed milk
 about 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 Worcestershire to taste
 mustard to taste
 toothpicks

DIRECTIONS

Cut the package of bacon in half (not lengthwise), take three slices of the cut bacon and lay them side by side. Remove the crust from a slice of bread. Place the slice of bread on top of the three slices of bacon and flatten it.

Next, mix the sweetened condensed milk with mustard and Worcestershire sauce to taste. The mixture is should be sweet and sour. Spoon the mix on top of the bread. Sprinkle a handful of shredded cheddar cheese over the milk mixture.

Roll the three pieces of bacon up and skewer three toothpicks through the rolls making three separate sections. Then cut the roll into thirds.

Repeat until all of the bacon is used up. When finished making the wraps, put them on a broiling pan and bake at 375°F degrees until bacon is cooked and brown.

DATES TO REMEMBER

IAHCE WORKSHOPS

District 1 & 2/3.....August 20, 2009
TBA

District 4 & 5.....August 19, 2009
 Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL

District 6 & 7.....August 18, 2009
 Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

IAHCE Annual Conference.....
March 23-25, 2010
DoubleTree, Bloomington, Illinois

NVON National Conference.....
July 13-15, 2009
Our Lady of the Snows
Belleville, Illinois

Country Women's Council.....
West Des Moines, Iowa
September 21-22, 2009

ACWW Triennial Conference.....
Hot Springs, Ark.
April 21-28, 2010

FUNDRAISING FOR 2010 CONFERENCE!

For the 2010 Conference (and future conferences) we are beginning to venture into areas that we can fundraise for our organization to help defray the costs of the conference. We did do some with Pampered Chef last year and we are continuing that again this year. You need to contact Crystal Wiese at: 217-854-7160 or 217-415-5228 or e-mail at: wiese114@yahoo.com You can also look on-line at pamperedchef.com to see what is offered so that you can place your order with Crystal. We receive 15% of the total of sales over \$600 and if it is under \$600, we receive 10% each month. So if you are interested in quality kitchen utensils, check the website and then call Crystal with your order. It is also great for a gift basket, etc.

The other way we are raising money is to sell ad space in the conference program booklet. A full page will cost \$190, a half page \$100 and an 1/8 page will be \$20. What a great way to publicize your county? For \$20 you could advertise that cookbook you have for sale, etc. Contact Sharon Middleton at the address inside the front cover for information or to send you ad "copy" to. Deadline for ads will be September 1, 2009.

We would like sponsors for the program booklet too. If you know of any business that would like to become a sponsor, just contact Lynn Kearney or Sharon Middleton, Chair and Co-Chair of the 2010 Conference in Bloomington, IL - March 23-24, 2010 and we will be glad to contact them with the information.

All of this fundraising is to continue to keep the costs of the conference down and to keep you, our members, from having to pay higher registration costs.

Thank you!

Lynn Kearney, Chair
 Sharon Middleton, Co-Chair



National Volunteer Outreach Network

Annual Conference

July 13 – 15, 2009

United for a Better World - "Cultivate the Mind; Harvest the Future"

Our Lady of the Snows – Belleville, Illinois 62223-1023

Hosted by: Illinois Association for Home and Community Education

Registration Information: The full registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday and Monday Evening ILLINOIS NIGHT Picnic, courtesy of University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Association for Home and Community Education.

Room Reservations: Must be made with Our Lady of the Snows, 442 South De Mazenod Drive, Belleville, IL 62223-1023, Phone: (618-397-6700 or 1-800-682-2879). Room Rate: \$72.32 including tax for 2 queen size beds, 1-4 people. Be sure to mention you are with NVON to receive conference rate.

Rooms are also available at Ramada, a short distance from Our Lady of the Snows, at Route 159 and I-64, Fairview Heights, IL 62208, phone: (1-800-947-0317). Room Rate: \$76.59 including tax for 2 double beds, 1-4 people. Be sure to mention you are with NVON to receive conference rate. At either place, they will accept reservations for Saturday/Thursday at the same rate when making your room reservations. They both have a deluxe continental breakfast. **There is no parking fee.**

Cut-Off Date: Cut-off date is June 12, 2009. After that date the hotels will release the block of non-booked rooms to the public. Rooms booked after June 12th may receive conference rate if rooms are available.

Check-In/Check-Out: Check-In time is 3:00 PM; Check-out time is 12:00 NOON.

Airport Transportation: Metro Link comes from St. Louis Airport to near the hotels. Indicate on your registration if you need to be picked up near the hotels and provide the needed information such as day – time – and exact stop (Fairview Heights).

Swimming pool: There is no swimming pool at Our Lady of the Snows. Ramada does have a swimming pool.

Dietary Restrictions: Include any necessary dietary request with your conference reservation. If you have any dietary concerns before sending your reservation, please contact the conference chairman.

Workshop & Seminar Registration: Choose the class you would like to attend in each of the time periods by placing the numbers 1, 2, or 3 (indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) in the space before the selection. Omitting the 2nd or 3rd choice will *not* insure placement in 1st choice. Classes will be filled as registrations are received.

Workshop and Seminar Fees: Craft Workshop and Seminar fees will be collected at the session door.

Registration Confirmation: If you would like to receive a registration confirmation please include a self addressed stamped envelope or your e-mail address with your registration.

Conference registration deadline is: June 12, 2009. *Your fee may be transferred but not refunded.*

*Be sure to bring along **a new item** for the "Pennies for Friendship" Silent Auction.*

Additional Information contact: Kathryn McNeely (309-473-2283)

E-mail: kamnvon@verzion.net

Make check payable to: IAHCE/NVON 2009 Conference

Send registration to: Peggy Ostermeier,

5057 Alpha Rd.,

Chatham, IL 62629

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2009 NVON Conference Workshop Registration
United for a Better World
"Cultivate the Mind; Harvest the Future"
National Volunteer Outreach Network Annual Conference
July 13 – 15, 2009
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Belleville, Illinois
Hosted by: Illinois Association for Home and Community Education

Registration Form **Please Print or Type** **Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009**

Name (One Form Per Person) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Member _____ Guest _____ First Time Attendee _____ E-mail Registration Confirmation _____

Include a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a written registration confirmation.

Choose the class you would like to attend in each of the time periods by placing the numbers 1, 2, or 3 (indicating 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice) in the space before the selection. Omitting the 2nd or 3rd choice will *not* insure placement in 1st choice. Classes will be filled as registrations are received.

Monday Tours:

- ___ 9:00 – 4:30 All Day Tour
- ___ 10:00 – 11:00 Trolley Tour of Grounds
- ___ 1:00 – 2:00 Trolley Tour of Grounds

Monday Entertainment:

- ___ 2:00 – 3:00 Dulcimer Music
- ___ 3:15 – 4:15 Laugh with Liz

Craft Workshops: Session #1 - Monday, July 13th, 9:00-10:15

- ___ Necktie Handbag
- ___ Folded Star
- ___ Tenerife Embroidery
- ___ Wheat Weaving
- ___ English Paper Piecing

Session #2 – Monday, July 13th 10:30 – 11:

- ___ Recycled Denim Angel
- ___ Folded Star (continued)
- ___ Tenerife Embroidery (continued)
- ___ Wheat Weaving (new or continued)

Workshop fees will be collected at the session

Seminars: Tuesday, July 14th 2:00 – 3:00

- ___ Simplify Your Life
- ___ With Eyes Open, A Southern Girl
- ___ Travel Along the National Road
- ___ Comparing Fad Diets – The Good
- ___ What's Your Credit History Score?

Seminars: Tuesday, July 14th 3:30 – 4:30

- ___ How Food Affects Your Mood
- ___ Motivation and How It Relates to Recruiting
- ___ To Iraq and Back
- ___ Hummingbirds from the Egg to Flight
- ___ What's in Your Diet?

Seminars: Wednesday, July 15th 2:00 -3:00

- ___ Caring for the caregiver
- ___ Projects! Blessings or Disasters?
- ___ Finding Your Get Up and Go
- ___ Forgiveness: The Gift You Give Yourself
- ___ China: A Trip of a Lifetime

Seminars: Wednesday, July 15th 3:30 – 4:30

- ___ Likes and Differences, Group Membership
- ___ AKWAABA: Greetings from Ghana
- ___ Put the Fun in Fundraiser
- ___ Beyond Brainstorming: Enhancing Idea Generation
- ___ Human Trafficking

Registration Fees:

Full Registration \$110.00 \$ _____

One Day Registration:

Monday, July 13..... \$55.00 \$ _____

Tuesday, July 14 \$55.00 \$ _____

Wednesday, July 15..... \$55.00 \$ _____

Late Fee (after June 12). \$10.00 \$ _____

Registration Fee required to participate in tours

Tour Fees:

All Day Tour..... \$40.00 \$ _____

Spouse/Friend Tours:

Plan Your Own Tour, Own Transportation

Visit Hog Operation & Large Farm, Own Transportation

TOTAL FEES:..... \$ _____

Workshop and Seminar Fees Collected at the Session

I will be attending the following:

___ Mon. Eve. Picnic ___ Lunch Wednesday

___ Lunch Tuesday ___ Banquet Wednesday

___ Dinner Tuesday

I have a special Dietary need: _____

Please state: _____

Make checks Payable to: **IAHCE- NVON 2009 Conference**

Send Registration to: Peggy Ostermeier, 5057 Alpha Road, Chatham, Illinois 62629

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