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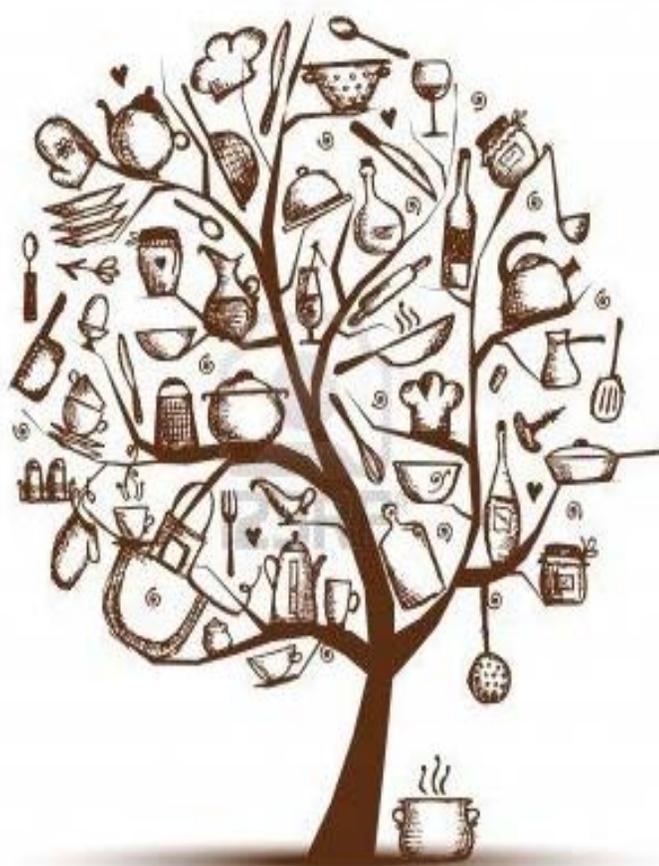
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# Been Cookin' for 90 Years!

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## From the Desk of the President

Greetings,

Wow! What a great celebration for 90 years of IAHCE we had at conference. There were many women who have been members for 60 plus years attending the conference. It must have been a great organization to retain members for so long.

Thank you for all the many first timers at conference. I was visiting Richland County last night and one of their board members had attended the conference for the first time. It was just great to hear her tell of her experience at conference and how excited she was to be there. She was encouraging others to go to conference next year.

Remember how important it is for each county, or unit, or just each one of us to keep our great organization going for many more years. We can accomplish that together by each one of us getting 1 new member this year. I want to challenge you to reach out to that friend, neighbor or newcomer and invite them to your county event or unit meeting. If you get 1 new member this year, send me a note or e-mail telling me what county, your name and the name of the new member. I will have a special display at the 2015 Annual Conference with your name on it. Have fun and watch HCE continue to grow!

It was so exciting to read about all the service projects HCE completed during 2013. You are AWESOME in your dedication and service to ones in need. Thank you.

I also want to thank you for all the counties that have participated in the NVON project "Water Around the World". I will be presenting a check to NVON at conference for all the money you have collected so that water filters may be purchased so others may have clean water. If you collect any money between now and July for water filters, please send the report form you received in the District Workshop 2013 packet to send the money to Bev Combs, newly elected Treasurer, and also the report to me telling me what you did to collect it. I must send a report to NVON's Vice President about Illinois donating money for the filters before the July, 2014 conference,

Have a great year of HCE activities. Remember 1 new member for HCE.



I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter, it will definitely be spring. See you at District Workshops in August.

Be Safe.

Blessings,  
**Marilyn Daughhetez**  
 IAHCE President



## EXECUTIVE BOARD



### 1st VICE PRESIDENT Norma Korte

Although I am excited to take on the position of First Vice President, I must admit my 'first love' was Family Issues. With the encouragement of many of the

members and voting delegation, I thought it was the right time for me to move to this office.

Treasa Brookman has been an outstanding First Vice President and I would like to continue her enthusiasm for learning. I hope to offer lessons that combine traditions from our past with new ideas for the present! Together, we can create lesson materials that provide new information for our current members while encouraging new members to join our organization.

Most of you already know about my family, my 40 years in 4-H leadership, and 42 years as a member of HCE. My husband Steve and I have four (fast-growing) grandchildren, with the oldest now in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be going to high school in the fall. The next two are getting ready for Junior High, and our youngest is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. With these changes, I am re-learning about the teenage problems these young people have to deal with in present day time.

As mothers, grandmothers, and aunts, we must bond together to learn more about what issues teenagers and young adults are dealing with so we can help them through this time. This is one reason I felt the need to move into the First Vice President office; more lessons need to be made available to our current and prospective young members that focus on family issues in this generation.

As a continuation of my position in Family Issues, I will be offering an award again this year for the Health Smart program. Just because I moved to a different office doesn't mean we should stop our efforts to lose weight and increase exercise! During the annual conference, I distributed a form that you may consider using to keep record of the total miles walked and pounds lost to turn in for next year's Health Smart Award. You can also get involved in different walks throughout the state to help you keep in shape and support the programs that are being sponsored.

If you have any suggestions of lessons we need to address, please email or call me with your recommendations.

I look forward to working with Jenna Smith, when she returns from maternity leave, to develop lessons.

Thank you again for your support!

*Norma Korte*

*"My biggest influences are strong creative women that chart their own path, lead their own lives & drive the course of history." – Rachel Ray*



### 1st VICE PRESIDENT RETIRED

**Teresa Brookman**

I have thoroughly enjoyed being First Vice President these past three years. Your cooperation

has been great. I know you will support Norma Korte as she becomes your First Vice President. If I may be of any help, I am as close as a phone call or email.

*Treasa Brookman*

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### 2nd VICE PRESIDENT Kathryn McNeely

I hope you had a great time in Decatur in March. Keep on working to get more HCE members.

Congratulations to the counties that gained new members in 2013!

Hopefully all counties will have several representatives at the District Workshops in August.

**SAVE THE DATES:** August 19 – District 1 & 2/3; August 20 – District 4 & 5; August 21 – District 6 & 7. You will receive more information from your District Director.

Have a fun summer!

*Kathryn McNeely*



# EXECUTIVE BOARD

## SECRETARY Donna Richards



Hope you found the 2014 State Conference fun, entertaining, and informative. I personally appreciated the opportunity to see, speak, and visit with many of you.

Reminder: After your County’s Annual Meeting, send your county officer information to both IAHCE Secretary and your IAHCE District Director. Fill form (guidebook page 21) completely out, include your full Board, not just the Executive Officers. We would prefer to have email addresses, but some people do not want to divulge this information. Our IAHCE First Vice President sends many e-mail messages across the state.

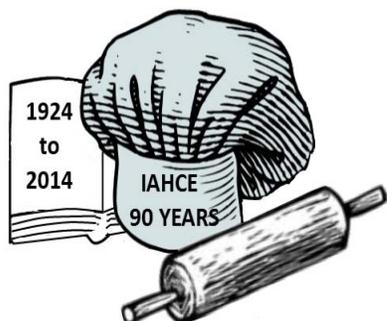
These lists are needed every year to keep our mailing lists up to date. We understand that sometimes the officers do not change, but a list lets us know that there were no changes. If you send a copied version, please check your copy to see whether you have copied the sheet fully.

If you want to submit your filled out form via email, my email address is [dsrichards001@hotmail.com](mailto:dsrichards001@hotmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you at the Secretary training during District Workshops in August 2014. Feel free to drop me an email or call me at 618-554-1790 any time with your questions.

Thank you,

*Donna Richards*



## TREASURER Beverly Combs



At your recent Annual Conference, I was elected your state treasurer. Let me tell you a little about myself.

I was raised on a farm south of Strasburg in Shelby County. I remember going to “Home Bureau” meetings with my Mother who served several stints on the county Board including Chairman of both Extension Homemakers (name had changed by then) and the Home Economics Extension Council. My Dad used Extension for farming knowledge, also serving as Chairman of the Shelby County Extension Agriculture Council. 4-H was a big part of my youth. I enjoyed cooking and sewing in my Home Ec club and showing registered Hampshire hogs through my Ag club.

I graduated from Illinois State University. With all my family background and experiences in Extension activities, it’s no wonder I ended up working for Illinois Extension — for 42 years. I began in Clark County as the Home Economics Adviser working with families, HCE, and 4-H/Youth. During those years, I got married, had two sons, became a grandmother to two grandchildren, divorced and got my Master’s degree from the University of Illinois.

When Extension reorganized in 1992, I became a Nutrition Wellness Educator at the Effingham Center. Working with 17 county units, my favorite programs to teach were *Dining with Diabetes*, *Food Preservation*, and supervising county staff working with limited resource families. During those years, I was an active participant in the Extension Home Economics Association serving in many capacities including treasurer (twice) and president.

Since retirement, I’ve had more time to spend with my two grandchildren who are now leaving their nests. I’ve found lots of satisfactions in volunteering at the local Food Pantry and Clothing Store and in creating machine quilted bed quilts and lap quilts.

I look forward to working and serving as your treasurer. A special thanks to Jane Chapman for all her work and patience in making a smooth transition for me in this new endeavor as treasurer.

*Beverly Combs*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Ladies, I sure hope you made it to our State Annual Meeting, it was a good one. I hope you like the changes we made, and if so I hope you filled out your evaluation forms, if not, well, I guess you still should fill them out. If you didn't make it, I hope to see you at the district workshop. You know, the counties that report having the most problems, are the ones that don't make it to the workshops, or annual day. When you go to these, you get ideas from other counties, and get new enthusiasm for your job; you might even get an idea or two from your state board members. Plus, we usually do something to make you laugh at, or with us. Please plan on coming in August and join us for a day of adventure.

For cultural enrichment "Cultural Arts Show" this year, the total number of counties sending in entries was 38 with 198 items entered. The count was up a bit this year. A big thank you to all that entered either for the "Show" or sent in your reports. I want to thank those that do projects in their counties that don't send in reports. Whatever we do in our counties to help the less fortunate is a good thing.

*Peggy Long*



## INTERNATIONAL Pat Weitzmann

The much anticipated announcement of the new country of study was made March 19 during the international Share Shop at the IAHCE Annual Conference.

*Germany is the new country of study.* Share Shop attendees watched a travel video from the German National Tourist Board, enjoyed a video of music and pictures from various places through-out Germany, and saw high lights of the PowerPoint lesson on German prepared from IAHCE members.

An extensive lesson package was provided for each county and an Associated Country Women of the World update, including the Triennial Resolutions and Recommendations. During the Share Shop suggestions for improving Special International Events were made with emphasis on using imagination. Two of the IAHCE members attending the Share Shop were born in Germany and one-fifth of the attendees were *Deutschamerikaners*.

It's the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IAHCE's membership in the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). Beverly Earnhart, ACWW Area President, could not attend the conference; but, she sent a greeting. A copy of her greeting is in each county International Director's lesson package. ACWW has an updated website, including some information that may surprise you. The United Nations declared year 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is facilitating its implementation. ACWW invites its members to share activities or information about family farming (particularly if you are a farmer) with them at [un@acww.org.uk](mailto:un@acww.org.uk)

**April 29 is Women Walk the World Day.** At the time of the annual conference five counties indicated they had already planned a walk for this spring. Two other counties were still in the planning process. DeKalb County members were working with a local Walgreens store to enhance their Women Walk the World (WWW) event. Please send pictures of your country's WWW event to me and briefly describe it.

I'd like to share this information with my ACWW contacts and maybe get IAHCE mentioned in [The CountryWoman](#) magazine.

Congratulations to the Winners of International Education Awards. The thorough planning and execution that went into special international events and country of study education was evident in all 26 award submissions. And, smiling faces in pictures underscores that "We're Havin' Fun" attitude. \$50 mini-stipends were given to 18 counties. That's \$900 back to the counties from the 15% of Pennies for Friendship held with IAHCE.

I look forward to any questions or comments you might have relating to all things international. Just ask at [pweitzmann5@gmail.com](mailto:pweitzmann5@gmail.com) or 847-395-6255.

*Pat Weitzmann*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH Marge Wilcox



Greetings, I hope many of you were able to attend conference, I'm sorry I wasn't able to be there, I have developed something called 'pulmonary hypertension' (high blood pressure in the lungs) and am now on oxygen 24/7.

I was very proud of the reports you sent in. They were excellent, in fact it was very hard to judge them, they were **just** that good.

Between now and District Workshops this fall, please work on any projects you choose and try to go to your local nursing homes and/or assisted living centers and talk to the program directors, to take about an hour, to talk to the ladies there about what we do and maybe some of the things they used to do (you may even have to go back a second time). Who knows you may even find enough interest (especially at the assisted living centers) to start a new unit.

*Marge Wilcox*

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Marge Wilcox officially resigned her position on April 16, 2014 as Community Outreach Director due to her health. I appreciate all the work Marge has done as Community Outreach Director. Right now, all her efforts are going to help improve her health. Please remember her in your prayers.

Louise Rodatz of Wayne County has graciously accepted the opportunity to complete the remaining year of Marge's term. You will meet her at the District Workshop in August.

Her contact information is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Marilyn Daughetee  
IAHCE State President

**NOTE:** Since the above information was written, word has been received that Marge Wilcox passed away Thursday, May 1, 2014. Further information will be in the August newsletter.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS Pat Hildebrand



It's been really exciting to be in the position to get to read all the county newsletters and reports being sent. I'm enjoying the opportunity to work with Sharon Middleton, your former newsletter editor. She is so organized...and patient! A big thanks for all her help!!

Since I'm new to the Board, let me tell you a little about my background. I grew up in the small town of Hunt City in Jasper County (Yes, the home town of Burl Ives.) After graduating from the U of I and getting married, I lived in Decatur. I was in retail management and then taught science and home economics. When my husband had the chance to take over the family farm, we moved back to Jasper County — and so began my life with extension and "Home Extension" (just missed the era with the name "Home Bureau".)

I spent the next 38 years working with Extension and HCE in Jasper and then at the Effingham Center as a Consumer and Family Economics Educator. I've been an HCE member of 29 years.

I learned early on that without the support of volunteers in HCE, there wouldn't have been the programs and as many lives affected as there were. I am now retired and am trying to give back some volunteer time to help the staff and members as I was helped. I stay involved in professional and local civic organizations to keep that connection with the community. I have served as secretary, president-elect, and president on the Jasper County HCE Board a couple of times since retiring and provide programs whenever one is needed.

This organization has offered much and has even more to offer. It is important that there be good communications between members and people in our communities. Keep telling what all you do.

*Pat Hildebrand*

**NOTE:** *I'm sorry if I missed any of your articles or reports. Please let me know and I'll try to correct whatever I did or did not do in the next issue.*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



## CVH/SALES Esther (Joan) Stanley

Meet Esther Joan Stanley—your newly installed IAHCE Board CVH/Sales Director.

She has been a HCE member for 47 years.

In her unit, she has served as Chairman, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Cultural Enrichment and International Directors.

In Champaign County, Joan has been President, Treasurer and Cultural Enrichment Director.

She became a widow at the age of 35 and raised four children.

She has been a K - 12 teacher, Assistant University of Illinois Extension Home Advisor and ran her own income tax business. She is active in 4-H, church and community.

*Joan Stanley*

## BOARD HAPPENINGS

- \*Reviewed conference committees progress prior to beginning conference and worked on setting up display rooms and Share Shops.
- \*Reviewed conference evaluations afterwards during Thursday afternoon's board meeting.
- \*Conference committees reported on Thursday board meeting of successes and problems.
- \*Two bylaw proposals passed during business meeting.
- \*Successful selling of ads for program books was announced.

## FAMILY ISSUES DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Sharon Davis of Effingham County has been appointed to complete the remaining 2 years of the term for Family Issues Director.

You will meet her at the District Workshop in August.

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Thank you, Sharon, for accepting a position on the IAHCE State Board.

## U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Jenna Smith



I hope that you enjoyed Annual Conference this year. I'm sad that I couldn't attend, but as I am typing this in February with my baby bump almost hitting the keyboard and only days away from my due date, I know that home with my baby boy is right where I'll want to be!

Treasa Brookman has been collecting all of your wonderful lesson ideas, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's have narrowed down the lessons for University of Illinois Extension Educators to present starting January 2015. (Remember, new lessons will follow a calendar year in Jan!) As soon as I get the "okay" from the Extension teams, we will share the final pick of lessons with you and help you get registered.

As I look at the excellent variety of topic ideas that have been shared, I'm so excited to find out what the final lessons will be!

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# REPORTS

## UI Liaison, continued

HCE is proudly celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and at the very same time, University of Illinois Extension is proudly celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The longevity of these great organizations serves as a reminder of how vital we are for our community.

Check out our website:

[web.extension.illinois.edu/100yrs/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/100yrs/)

to read stories, look at photographs, and reminisce about the days of Extension.

You can even share your own stories and photos of how University of Illinois Extension has been an important part of your life. I look forward to meeting the new state board members, as well as working with the old (I mean “seasoned”) board members! As for the rest of you, I hope to see you at your district meeting!

*Jenna Smith*

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## **FAMILY UPDATE FROM JENNA!!**

My family is doing great! Jackson has been such a good baby and is now sleeping about 6 hours continuously each night! So momma is getting a bit more sleep! It’s so crazy how fast they grow!

I attached a couple of pictures.

The second one is his professional newborn photo that was taken when he was 7 days old. 😊



## **CULTURAL ARTS SHOW RESULTS**

Congratulations to all the winners from the Cultural Arts Show. I know a lot of hard work was put into all the entries, and I wish we could give more awards. I know a lot more of them deserved one. I appreciate all the ones that entered and all those that came and admired all the results of our many talents.

Here is the list of winners:

- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Machine Quilts       | Connie Lightle - Prairie    |
| Hand Quilts          | Ruth Nagel - Randolph       |
| Baby Quilts          | Marilyn Peradotto - Perry   |
| Wall Hanging         | Dona Wolzer - DeKalb        |
| Machine Embroidery   | Marge Houghland - Edgar     |
| Hand Embroidery      | Sharon Scherer - Monroe     |
| Heritage Needlework  | Judy Milfs - Adams          |
| Counted Cross-stitch | Jean Roe - DuPage           |
| Crochet Afghan       | Sylvia Dust - Effingham     |
| Other Crochet        | Sue Jehlicka - Lake         |
| Knit Afghans         | Beverly Wynn - White        |
| Other Knit           | Linda Schmidt - Effingham   |
| Wearable Art         | Marge Houghland - Edgar     |
| Crafts               | Sandra Henke - Lake         |
| Artwork              | Joyce Kerktra - Champaign   |
| Wheat W. Baskets     | Eileen Norin - McLean       |
| Natural things       | Betty Ohrberg - Rock Island |
| Wood                 | Linda Sichlaw - Sangamon    |
| Photography          | LaBay Smith - Rock Island   |
| Jewelry              | Betty Ohrberg - Rock Island |
| Scrapbooking         | Sharon Ellis - Champaign    |
| Recycling            | Judy Nally - Warren         |
| Rugs                 | Mary Lou Strack - DeKalb    |

And the top 5 that received the most votes are:

- Machine Quilt/ Connie Lightle
- Counted Cross-stitch/Jean Roe
- Hand Quilts/Ruth Nagel
- Hand Embroidery/Sharon Scherer
- Heritage Needlework/Judy Milfs.

To qualify for this award, there must be 5 or more entries in the category.

Peggy Long  
Cultural Arts

## DISTRICT NEWS



**DISTRICT 1  
DIRECTOR  
Marilyn De Vries**



### ROCK ISLAND.....

Even though Rock Island County has been snuggling under 61+ inches of snow and record cold temperature, the Home and Community Education Association has still been working hard educating our local clientele—both unit members and the general public.

December found the extension board enjoying a Christmas luncheon complete with our “hats”—Santa hats however—thanks to our board chairman, Pat Morthland. This was quite enjoyable and a big change from our normal business meetings.

January began our annual geranium sales and February gave us the lesson for living on Parenting.” Many positives were quoted about the internet lessons from the University. In March we’re having the “Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit” lesson.

Membership, an ongoing goal for us, has a striking, new information flier on the Extension program. It is available in offices and libraries around the county, as well as for unit distribution.

Family Issues has focused on exercise of mind and body for all involved. This is encouraged at all meetings and available in each county newsletter. Our CVH chair has reported a commendable rise in volunteer hours this year as well.

Our special Cultural Enrichment activities have definitely seen great interest for our members and the public. Pysanky Egg Painting was a special lesson, taught by experienced artist, that drew the attention of many. The ancient Ukrainian art produced masterpieces in the eyes of many.

Another special Cultural Enrichment activity is coming up March 29. It is a Craft Day with offerings of greeting cards, infinity scarves, designer candles, twisted scarves, paper butterflies, and ceramic coasters. It is open to the public, as well as current members.

Coming up April 22, our International Director has designed a program on South Africa. Lunch will consist of indigenous foods from that country and a native, Father “Ed”den Blaauwen, will speak following the luncheon. It will be an opportunity to learn about the customs and see artifacts from his native land.

Units have also been encouraged to begin moneymaking activities to purchase water filters for the Water Around the World Project.

Creative Recycling Director has once again organized three work days for assembling items for the county fair. Members save items all year and donate them for projects that are given away free at the fair. This booth advertises Extension to the public each summer at the county fair and is well-received by many.

Units are also working on a bag project for the annual “Homeless Veteran Stand-Down Day” held at the Q.C.C.A. Expo Center in Rock Island this past September.

Our on-going goal continues to support Rock Island County Extension and 4-H, so many volunteers work very hard on our two big fund-raisers—Playcrafters’ Theater production and Spring Geranium sales. This money goes to the Rock Island County Extension and 4-H Education Association Foundation and, secondly, to the Rock Island County Extension Foundation.

So you see, the Rock Island Co. HCE cannot be kept down! We continue to progress throughout the winter season and are eager to share lessons and activities through a wide variety of methods.

Lucille Mumma  
Public Relations



# DISTRICT NEWS

## STEPHENSON.....

Greetings from the far north of Illinois—Stephenson County! The past winter up here has been very LONG and ever so COLD! I think everyone is ready for SPRING!!

Back in December FHN Memorial Hospital held a Community Festival of Trees at the Freeport Public Library. The theme was “Beyond Words”—actions speak louder than words, especially at the holidays. Local service organizations, clubs and church groups decorated the many Christmas trees displayed throughout the library. Our HCE county board decorated a tree with picture ornaments of HCE programs/activities and objects representing some of our projects. We placed articles and booklets from programs on the tree skirt. Of course, we also had a hat topper as well as a hat on the tree skirt for “The Many Hats of HCE”.

Our December county board meeting was held in the decorated home of one of our members. After the business meeting, we all enjoyed the various dishes we brought for a holiday potluck.

HCE members turned in their volunteer hours for 2013. Our county had a total of 15,891 hours donated to many different organizations and individuals.

Super Saturday (sponsored by Stephenson County 4-H) was held at Highland Community College in Freeport in March 15 from 9 a.m. until noon. 4-H’ers were able to sign up in advance by paying a small fee to the University of Illinois Extension. There were many work shops to chose from including making candy, creative snacks, bottle painting, gardening, button flower making and many more. Becky Thomas, County HCE Board President, taught the session on button flowers. The morning was hands-on with learning, creating and fun for all!

In March, ten of our members attended the IAHCE Conference in Decatur and joined the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our organization. During the Awards Banquet, we were happy to accept 4th place for County of the Year.

Hope you all have a great SPRING!  
Janice Fryer  
Public Relations

## WARREN.....

We were so proud to be #5 in the list of top donors for Coins for Friendship. There are only 89 members but members that are more than willing to share what resources they have!

It is a small world.....we just discovered that the Christmas stockings we filled for the Veterans were sewn by the Fulton County neighborhood group of the American Sewing Guild. What fun to know that we interconnect so well.

Our own Judy Nally was the winner from State Conference in the recycled division.

We are so proud! There is a lot of talent in Warren County!



We had more entries this year than in forever and each one generated pride in the Board members who got to see them on the way to Conference.

We have been waiting impatiently for the remodeling of the Farm Bureau building. We have a lot of our activities in the meeting room and it is exciting to have a fresh clean area! Warren County HCE contributed to the new kitchen construction so we look forward to getting to use the new facility.

Barb Pearson  
Warren County HCE

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**EVERYONE**  
NEEDS TO WORK TO GET NEW MEMBERS!

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## DISTRICT NEWS



### DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks

It was so good to see so many of you at the 90th Annual IAHCE Conference! Now we are most surely enjoying spring weather.

I have already begun attending County Annual Meetings!

As I mentioned at the District 2/3 Workshop in March, I was encouraged to see that District 2/3 has gained members over the past year. Just keep adding “**just one more**” to the list!

Remember our little contest—add December 31, 2013 gained members to the new members added from January to June 30, 2014. This count is due to me by July 15th. At the August 19th meeting, the winner of the Membership Contest in District 2/3 will be announced and given a prize! I can hardly wait to see which District 2/3 county will be the winner, you all have a really good start!

See you soon....at annual meetings, District Work Shop, or other events in your county!

*Angela Hicks*

### BOONE.....

The Scholarship Committee reported that four applications were received.

The Annual Meeting will be May 7, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Our speaker is Kelly Epperson, author of 25 books and speaking on “Being Happy”.



The BCCA Healthy Living Expo will be June 3, 8:00 am – Noon, at Belvidere North High School.

Dr. Houselog, Superintendent of Belvidere School District, will share a report on the state of the district on April 3, at 1:00 p.m. at the extension office.

Pam Oberholtzer  
Secretary

### KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE will be holding their 16th Annual Victorian Tea on Sunday, October 19.

It will be held again at the Cross Lutheran Church on Illinois Rte. 47, south of Yorkville from 2:30 to 5:00 and will include three courses of tea goodies, many door prizes and an interesting program.

Information about tickets will be in the next IAHCE newsletter.

Joan McEachern  
Public Relations



### GRUNDY.....

Grundy County HCE members enjoyed the holidays attending parties, sharing gifts with each other as well as folks with needs. One Unit donated 2 bicycles and helmets for 2 lucky children in our community.

Many meetings were cancelled or postponed in January and February due to the heavy snow and severe cold. It was a great time for our Book Club members to get extra reading done.

Five of our county board members attended the State Conference in Decatur. We each had a rewarding experience and an enjoyable time.

On March 22nd, we hosted our HCE Day program at the Extension Office. Nancy Kuhajha, gave an entertaining and informative program titled *Yardening*. Refreshments were served and we learned many tips for getting our lawns and gardens ready for spring. Nancy is the Master Gardening coordinator for Will, Kane, and Grundy counties. Twenty members and guests attended.

We will host the annual Government Day lunch, April 8th. This involves serving lunch for about 100 students, teachers, and County officials. It is always a fun time. We are looking forward to the Grundy County HCE annual meeting on April 24th and hearing the program about BEES.

Ruth O'Hara  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS

### KANE.....

We began 2013-2014 with an Open House at the Extension office. Besides reviewing new lessons and yearly unit business, we had "Remembering Tupperware" as our program. This program was delightful! Besides hearing the history of Tupperware, we also were shown nearly 75 unusual pieces of this product. Committees of members tried to identify the usage of some very odd-looking plastic pieces. This was nostalgia-time at its best!

The county sponsored a tour of Ravenstone Castle in Harvard, Illinois Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Lunch followed at a nearby restaurant as our HCE members marveled about how we had a castle so close to home.

We have already completed two lessons - the one on "Gluten Free Diet" and "Finance Tips". We received a Proclamation from the county honoring HCE Week 2013.

Our International/New Member luncheon is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Ten new members will be honored and a native of South Africa will tell about her country as well as dancers presenting dances of this country.

The holidays are upon us - where does the time go? To you and yours from Kane County, our wishes for your happiest, healthiest and fun-filled holiday season.

Elaine Bond  
President



### LAKE.....

As the snow melts...sounds like the title of a soap opera; who remembers which one?...the Lake County HCE members are looking forward to the annual meeting on April 25. Even though we have had, or should I say, are still having a winter we will never forget, the women of LCAHCE have not let record snowfall and sub-zero temperatures keep them from units meetings, county events, and volunteer activities.

On November 12, we had our International Day, highlighting our country of study, South Africa. Guest speakers, Betty Overocker and Mary Johnson, shared their missions trip to South Africa not on a tour itinerary. We had a South African menu for our luncheon with a surprise dish, water buffalo chili, the water buffalo meat donated by member Anita Kunz. The raffle basket contained African wine and a purse made with African fabric among its contents. Member Elaine Aaltonen donated South African items which her son had brought back from his trips there.

The Alzheimer's Association presented its third seminar, Learning to Connect, on November 19. This program dealt with ways to relate to a person who has Alzheimer's. A second relevant topic was our January Lesson for Living: Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit.

On December 5, we had a media event during which a panel of media experts explained the where and how of placing items in local news outlets. We invited other local organizations and groups to join us. Feedback was so positive that we are going to schedule another one in the fall.

The snow did not keep our usual crowd of customers from attending the annual cookie sale on December 14. The few cookies that were left at noon were donated to PADS and to a group of sailors from the Great Lakes base. Profit from the sale was \$1,304.60.

ILAHCE continues to ship coupons to the military overseas. As of December 2013, coupons valued at \$1,982,938.00 have been shipped. Coupon chairperson Betty Wertke, received a nice letter from a military wife in Germany, thanking us for the coupons, which most definitely are needed, as shopping in Germany is very expensive.

As I type this, many ILAHCE members are packing to head south to Decatur for the IAHCE 90th Annual Conference. I hope the weather cooperates for all those traveling from all parts of the state. As the snow melts, enjoy your time and the conference in Decatur.

Happy Spring!  
Diane Shearer  
Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Mc HENRY.....

Greetings from the frozen Northern IL, this winter we were colder than Alaska. We saw two Robins this week, does that really mean that spring will be here soon? They are predicting snow for tonight.

Four of our members, Marlene Rader, Leona Rinn, Patti Sautter, and I attended the 90th Anniversary of IAHC in Decatur. We had a great time seeing other HCE members, attending classes, and getting new ideas. Thank you to all the board members for all your hard work! This April at our annual meeting we will celebrate our 96th anniversary.

Our lesson in February was "Organic Gardening" given by a University of Illinois Master Gardener. In March we had "Edible Arrangements" which was a lot of fun. We all took our fruit or vegetable arrangement home. For these two programs we had a good turnout on non-members. In April we will have a Fashion Show and dinner with clothing provided by the "Dress Barn".

We have been busy sewing, 15 quilted lap quilts which were given to a local nursing home, approximately 150 mini quilted Christmas stockings filled with candy for tray favors or ornaments were given to three nursing homes.

Pictured filling the stockings are Geri Pondel, Marion Lang, Carol Kruse and Leona Rinn.



Twenty five African dresses were delivered to Mike at the conference (his friend will take them to Africa).

We also are contributing to the program "Water around the World".

Wishing you a wonderful spring!

Florence Spesard  
Public Relation



## DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace

Enthusiasm garners interest! Don't you sometimes want to know what someone is doing that makes them so happy? HCE is a meaningful organization where not only members benefit but also the community benefits. Thank you for all you do throughout the year to promote HCE. Membership matters!!!

I am very proud of being a part of the IAHC as your District Director. Together, we will develop ideas of gaining new members because we do what we love. Ask a friend to join you at one of your meetings, bring one or two to a special event your County is holding. There are lots of opportunities to invite prospective members to fun activities.

How are your county marketing skills? Do you use the media to get the word out about your meetings? Your local radio station will announce "community events" every day if you make sure that they have the information. "Upcoming events" in your local newspaper will print what's going on in HCE. Give it a try. Let's try to add new members to our organization.

I am looking forward to attending your County activities again this year. I love the installation process and meeting HCE members. If I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Please share your successful ideas with other counties as we know that District 4 Counties are awesome!

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.

*Mary Eustace*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## ADAMS....

Good Bye Ole Man Winter! Several units had to cancel January/February meetings because of the snow and below zero weather. So now we are coming into Spring at full speed.

Plans have been made and Adams County units are busy making preparations for our annual meeting on April 29, 2014. "Been Cookin' Since 1918" is our theme for this year. Yes, Adams County H.C.E. is 96 years old! Members are being encouraged to wear a favorite apron, new or old. Two (2) members from each unit are asked to model in an apron style show. Each unit is asked to donate a themed basket which will be raffled to help raise funds for the scholarship program. Three applicants will be presented with the scholarship award this year. The annual meeting promises to be an interesting and memorable evening.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adams county "Kiddie Bazaar" was held on December 7, 2013. Thanks to our ways and means chair, Carol Lichtsinn, and unit site chairladies, the bazaar was very successful. Two hundred ninety one (291) children shopped for gifts for their families. Thanks also to all members who made and donated items to be sold. As always, it was a busy and fun day.

Our cultural arts chair, Sandy McKelvie, along with several talented and creative ladies have presented wonderful programs. A "Make and Take" sewing project was held on February 27, 2014. Sixteen (16) members met to make tator bags and hot bowls. Everyone attending expressed what an enjoyable time they had with this useful project.

Learning to make edible centerpieces was held March 20, 2014. Members learned how to create decorative and yummy centerpieces.

And, we are looking forward to the next cultural arts program "Genealogy" on April 10, 2014. The Quincy Genealogy Society will have a presentation on where to begin your search. Members are asked to bring a favorite salad or dessert and enjoy luncheon before the program.

County board members President Ginny Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Linda Lavery, and Cultural Arts Sandy McKelvie attended state conference March 18-20 in Decatur. They absorbed as much information as possible and are anxious to share the new information with members here in Adams County.

Adams received four (4) state awards this year. Congratulations to Anne Willimann and Sandy McKelvie for Family Living and Cultural Arts Award and to Judy Milfs, her Hardanger Centerpiece won People's Choice Award in Heritage Needlework and also won Best of Show Award.

I know we are all looking forward to green grass, flowers, and warmer weather.

Hope you have a wonderful Spring.

Suzanne Williams  
Public Relations



## PEORIA.....

Peoria County AHCE hosted an Illinois Festivals themed Special Occasion Day (S.O.Day). Seven hosts and 50 guests enjoyed a BBQ style lunch and desserts provided by each hostess. Our speaker was Jim Wilhelm, the host of Illinois Adventure.

The WTVP Public Media of Central Illinois show has been in production since 1987 visiting over 200 Illinois sites. Jim talked about the production side of the show. He also discussed day trips, over night trips, and weekend trips.

If you have a tourist site in your area that is open year round and would like for Illinois Adventure to do a spot, contact producer Bill Baker at [william.baker@wtvp.org](mailto:william.baker@wtvp.org). They are always open to ideas.

Visit <http://www.illinoisadventuretv.org/> for more information of the show.

Julie Courdt  
PCAHCE

# DISTRICT NEW

## SANGAMON.....

We have been busy rescheduling meetings during the snowy, cold months of December, January, and February.

We had three full time attendees at the State Conference and several members that came on Wednesday for the Annual Meeting, then attended the meeting for their particular office.

We had several entries in the Cultural Enrichment Show and one won first place. One of our members donated a Longaberger basket with goodies for the silent auction.

We have had two fundraisers. We served lunch to the Master Gardeners on March 1 and had a flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's. It was well attended. We enjoyed the fellowship and eating pancakes after being in for the winter months.

We are planning a tour of the St. Francis Assisi Church, the Motherhouse of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield in May. Our Annual Meeting is April 25th. In May is our Membership Day, it had to be cancelled earlier. Our annual picnic is in July, we have it indoors, no bugs and no hot weather or rain.

We are planning our Fall Festival, that is our moneymaker for the year. It will be at Chatham again this year, we enjoyed having it there in 2013. Many units are already working on things to sell.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Thelma Harm  
Public Relations

## TAZEWELL.....

Eight people from Tazewell County HCE, seven of whom were HCE board members, were able to attend the IAHCE annual conference. President Beth Shipley and 2nd vice Jan Busche attended on Tuesday while 1st vice Vivian Gerrietts, cultural enrichment Kate Schmitgall, public information Shirley Kelly, family issues Pauline Trainor, and international Mildred Lamprecht attended all three days. Mary Jo Heger represented her East Peoria unit at the entire conference. Our Kate had a part in the Make-It-Take-It, her specialty, and Mildred Lamprecht was a facilitator for a share shop.

We had an excellent quilt workshop conducted by Kate Schmitgall in February at Minier. People from some different communities were able to attend thanks to the excellent publicity. The more people we can get involved, the better.

Tazewell HCE is concentrating this year on raising funds for the NVON to purchase water filters to help provide clean drinking water for needy people around the world. What could be more basic than the Water Around the Word project! All units whether large like Delavan or small like Beverly Manor are getting behind the effort. Hopefully a few other organizations will be able to help with the effort.

Plans are in the works for our May annual meeting with fun on the agenda and new ideas gained at the annual IAHCE conference put to use. The program will be the Art of Delicious Desserts featuring samples and an auction of some of the desserts.

The 4-H fair in late July will have 4-H federation youth helping in the food stand operated by Tazewell HCE. This co-operative venture has proved beneficial to both groups in the past. All involved look forward to the venture.

Shirley Kelly  
Public Relations



NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.)  
is looking for applicants for  
First Vice President and Treasurer.

Contact NVON President, Lylene Scholz at

920-769-0576 or [lylene@comcast.net](mailto:lylene@comcast.net)  
for information.

Check out the NVON website: [nvon.org](http://nvon.org)

# DISTRICT NEWS

## DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

Kathleen Emery



My name is Kathleen Emery. I am your newly elected District 5 Director. I am a very proud 3rd generation Home Bureau, Home Extension and Home and

Community Education member.

I live in rural Towanda, 10 miles north of Bloomington/Normal. I married a wonderful man in 1974 that brought with him 5 beautiful children between the ages of 11-19. I became a grandmother 6 months after I married at the age of 24. I now have 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren with 3 little girls coming between April and June. I have been buying lots of "pink". I have been a widow for the past 21 years. I retired in 2008 after 37 years from the City of Bloomington as their Water Billing Supervisor.

I am available to visit at your annual meetings, give membership "pep" talks and install your officers if you would like. I have already been contacted by several counties and look forward to visiting with yours. I hope to see all of you at our District Workshop in August.

My contact information can be found in the front of this newsletter.

Thank you,

*Kathleen Emery*

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## CHAMPAIGN.....

What a winter we have had! This just makes me look forward to spring even more. Eight of us from CCHCE are looking forward to going to Annual Conference in Decatur next week.

We are continuing to work on Linus blankets and weighted blankets for the Autistic. We also make blankets for Camp Coco (children with cancer and blood disorders). The camp is near Bloomington, IL. They take quilts or fleece blankets only. Our next sewing day is Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are continuing to collect gently used bras, shoes, purses and clothes for Women in Transition. Elizabeth Michael does a wonderful job as our Community Outreach Chairman.

Our International luncheon on November 15, 2013 was a great success. Vivienne Mackie was our guest speaker on South Africa. She has lived in South Africa and also many other places. She was very interesting.



We also had Carl Burkybile from "Healing Hands International" who works with South Africa. He demonstrated the "Wells Project".



Our entertainment was the high school choir from the Judah Christian School in Champaign. They were outstanding. It is great to use our local talent. It was a wonderful day thanks to the planning of Marge Probasco, our International Chairman. Marge gives us a wealth of information in articles in our Chatter newspaper. She also brings great treats to the board meetings using recipes from South Africa.

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## Champaign County, continued

We are preparing for our 96<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting and lunch at the Savoy Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are making table decorations after our April board meeting on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Marilyn Daughhete and our entertainment will be Beverly Wolf and Jimmie Divan from Danville, IL. We are looking forward to singing and dancing along with them. Our theme is "Been Cookin' for 96 Years With CCHCE". Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we are planning a membership event, "Cookin' in Our Kitchens Through the Years 1918-2014". It will be a fun filled day of some history, a style show with C J Banks, door prizes, bingo and more. August 9<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual yard/garage sale. This is our annual fund raiser.

Next week is the Annual State Conference in Decatur, IL. It is March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Spring can't be far behind. We have had some spring-like days (I call them teasers). We have also had some snowy, icy, blustery days which make us appreciate the better days ahead. Happy Spring!

Sue Christensen  
CCHCE Public Relations

Two ladies attended the State IAHCE meeting in Decatur. Bev Combs was installed as IAHCE treasurer.

During 2013, we lost our final charter member, Louise Burkybile.

Our Spring County-wide meeting will be April 17. The theme will be "Quilts, Care, Making of and History of the Quilts." This is also a lesson that came about while trying to change the lessons to what the ladies chose.

We are looking forward to more projects to get done and see what those 77 Clark County ladies can do.

Deloris Maurer  
Public Relations

## EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE combined forces with the Edgar County 4-H Program Coordinator, Cheryl Funkhouser, to make Neck Gaiters for the troops in Afghanistan.



HCE member, Marge Houghland, brought her serger to sew the center back seams together. Then 4-Hers and their mothers pinned up the hem on each side of the neck gaiter. Then other HCE members, Marilyn Daughhete, Beth Laborde, Gay Tegeler, Dona Hoult, Gertrude Wilson, Tami Frailey and Shaun Sullivan stitched the hems. 156 neck gaiter were completed in a 2 day endeavor.

## CLARK.....

The ladies of Clark County did a little struggling over the winter weather. Several had to postpone some months for the lessons and just simply talking to ladies that have so much interest in keeping the family homes going. We are now back to the speed that normally we do during the year.

We have had three lessons done by ladies of the county. Shirley Farrid wrote one "Declutter your Life and Home". Deloris Maurer made the lesson for November by working on holidays from October to Easter and how to do your celebrating. Kay Williams and Wanda Smith volunteered to write one on "Managing a Gluten Free Diet". Jackie Williams worked to contribute a lesson on "Adapting Devices for Future Care by Using Local Resources". All of the lessons have been enjoyed by the county ladies.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Edgar County, continued

The 4-Hers then wrote thank you notes to the soldiers thanking them for their service. These notes were included with the neck gaiters when shipped. We all had a great day which was held at the

4-H building sewing and visiting.

Thanks to all involved.

Marilyn Daughhete  
Public Relations

## MACON.....

The weather has certainly played havoc with some of our scheduled activities in Macon County this winter. Despite the weather, we have been able to have a class, taught by our president, Sharon Middleton, who gave some of us the opportunity to finish some of our unfinished crafts or projects. It was appropriately called the UFO Class, Unfinished Objects Class.

Our scheduled tour to the Macon County Health Department in February was cancelled due to the weather. We hope to reschedule this tour in the future. Our March lesson will be about heart health, and we will have Dr. Kairouz from the Prairie Heart Cardiovascular Center speak to us. In April, our group will be touring the Richland Culinary Department to learn from the students who take part in this program.

Our May lesson will be at the ADM Research Kitchen to see what they do with all that they produce. Another food lesson will be done in June by Caitlin Huth that will get us ready for grilling weather. We are certainly looking forward to the next few months!!!

As Macon County prepares for the State Conference At the Decatur Conference Center Hotel on March 18-20th, we have been working diligently on the "Goodie Bags" for the attendees. We have had several workshops to work on these special gifts.

We have also been working on assembling the Cookbooks that will be sold at the State Conference.

I hope you all enjoy the "Goodie Bags" and will consider purchasing a cookbook. I know how much everyone enjoys cookbooks and these are very special because they are comprised of our members' favorite recipes, as well as the history of the recipes.

One of our very best fundraisers is catering lunch and a bake sale for the Gardening Insights at Richland Community College in February. It was a very successful day! We also prepared lunches for the Master Gardener Training programs in February and March. We certainly appreciate all of the work that our members do to help with these lunches.

Our Spring Meeting will be held on April 30 at the Illini Room in the Extension Office. Our tables are to be decorated by each unit with "cooking items". Our guest speaker will be Brian Replogle, who is the person responsible for the management of the Ronald McDonald House. We are anxious to hear about the daily programs and the families who stay at the House. Our members continue to prepare meals for the Ronald McDonald House. We were able to donate the aprons that any volunteers who work at the House can wear. We are very proud to be part of this worthwhile program for families who stay at this House.

As always, we are anxious to increase our membership. We will continue to give programs at local libraries to the general public this spring and summer. We are looking forward to our members presenting these programs, as they have done in the past. HCE continues to grow in Macon County!!!

Linda Austin  
Public Relations



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Mc LEAN.....

Despite the crazy winter weather, McLean County Association for Home & Community Education has offered fun and education for members and the community!

HCE supported the local Baby Fold fund raiser Festival of Trees by contributing a wreath for the silent auction and preparing baked goods for the bake sale. Early in December all members met for the Holiday party “A Madrigal Morning” and festive Make It Take It. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by 44 people who braved the nasty winter road conditions. We were entertained by the U-High Madrigal Singers.



HCE held a Friendship/Membership tea in early February for prospective members invited by members.

Kelly Mathy of Kelly’s Bakery & Café presented the Valentine program including samples of Chocolate Soup and Shortbread Sticks. Attendees AGAIN braved the poor winter road conditions and 70 people attended.

Cultural Enrichment activities include “Read and Share” book discussions every other month. The book “Helga’s Diary” by Helga Weiss was most recently read. Each month we gather to make greeting cards to send to the soldiers, “Comfort Quilts” and “children’s dresses and shorts” workshops. Enticing programs have included A Caring for Tropical Plants, History of Feet, The Assessor and You, Cutting Food Costs plus fact finds on Sage, Oregano/Marjoram, Peppermint/ Spearmint and Fenugreek.

On a Super Saturday March morning three lessons were taught to local leaders of units in Tri-county area to include McLean, Livingston, and Woodford HCE. We also were happy to hear Marilyn Daughhete present the program on her recent NVON trip to India. By the way, the weather conditions were better but it still spitted snow outside.

Twenty McLean county HCE members traveled to the IAHCCE Annual Meeting in Decatur. We had fun, learned a lot and were glad to connect with old and new HCE friends.



Highlights were receiving the Illinois County of the Year Award.



McLean County also had the winning Illinois Great American Family entry. The Lynn and Linda Rader family received this well deserved honor. They are an inspiration to all.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## McLean County, continued

McLean County HCE is planning a second free Disaster Preparedness program on Saturday May 3 for the whole family to be held at the Interstate Center. There will be a blood drive, info booths, displays of emergency equipment and children and family activities. Eddy Weiss and Saxby, the Readiness Squirrel of [Chasing4Life.org](http://Chasing4Life.org) will be there along with Captain Brad McCollum of the Bloomington Fire Department presenting a new puppet show.

See you in McLean County – come visit.

Pat Pulokas and Barb Jurgens  
Public Relations

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## VERMILION.....

“Splinters from the Board” of Vermilion County Home and Community Education.

Everyone has experienced the “Deep Freeze” weather that the Midwest has forced upon us in the past three months. So now that it is the middle of March 2014, maybe we can get on with some enjoyment of walking, driving and just staying a little warmer! And continue on with our scheduled meetings!

The Vermilion County Home and Community Education has our new informational and invitational brochure completed. The brochure includes Our Mission Statement, Homemakers Aim, Upcoming Lessons, Events and much more. The brochure is brought up to date every couple of months and is available from any VCHCE officer, unit members and upon request a copy can be mailed. This informational brochure is a great “Advertising Tool” for HCE. Any ideas for improvement of the brochure are welcome. Call Eleanor White 217-759-7237.

Pat Bailey, Program-1st Vice, has been working very hard with the University of Illinois Extension Educators to have all of the lessons set for January 2014 – January 2015 year. Our program books have been compiled and completed by Jo Anne Gerard, VC Treasurer. Books have been delivered to the units of VCHCE.

On March 14, 2014 Cultural Enrichment sponsored a Soup Luncheon at the Crossroads Christian Church, Danville, Illinois. Millie Cook and Cathy Hahne were the hostesses for the luncheon. Natalie Richards, Chairman of the Liberty Unit prepared two different kinds of soup for the twenty two ladies who attended. Also French bread, desserts and drinks were served. Ladies brought recipes to share and exchange at the luncheon. A wonderful afternoon was shared by all.

March 18-20, 2014 the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education held the 90th Annual Conference in Decatur, Illinois. Four members from the VCHCE Board attended the conference. They were Eleanor White, County Chairman, Jo Anne Gerard, Treasurer, Mary Stampini, International and Diane Reddy, Public Relations. The 90th Conference was a huge success with all of the organization of the registration, group events, daily share shops, meals, trade show, annual business meeting, cultural enrichment display, banquets and many more events. We have “An Awesome Group of Ladies on the IAHCE Board” that worked very hard to create the 90th Conference! Vermilion County HCE Says, Thank You!

Mark your calendars for June 1, 2014. It is Vermilion Counties Annual Meeting! It will be a special event having our IAHCE State President, Marilyn Daughhetee, speak on her trip to Chennai, India for the Associated Country Women of the World Triennial Conference.

For more information please e-mail or call Eleanor White. 217-759-7237 or [eleanor.white@aol.com](mailto:eleanor.white@aol.com)

Diane Reddy  
Vermilion County Public Relations



# DISTRICT NEWS



## DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR Marilyn Schaefer

As I am writing this it is a beautiful day outside, it is telling me that spring is just around the corner. I do want to apologize to some of my District 6 units, due to my husband being very ill I was unable to come to some of your annual meetings. Wilbert is doing much better now so hoping to get to see all of you soon. I hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

*Marilyn Schaefer*



### **BOND.....**

Winter set in strongly with snow and ice causing some HCE meetings to be cancelled. The hardy rallied by having a very successful "Baby Shower" for our local Pregnancy Center. Baby clothes, gifts and monetary donations totaled over \$800.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive was sponsored by HCE on February 4 between 2-6 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Greenville with 15 persons braving the cold, snowy, blustery day to donate much needed blood.

Get out your mixing bowls and baking pans to begin using the new Bond County HCE Cookbooks - available beginning December, 2013. It was a good way to spend the winter. Books available from the HCE office in Greenville, IL or any HCE member for \$10.00 each.

Many will be attending the Bond County Health Fair in Greenville on March 21.

Besides serving as volunteers - HCE members will be manning a booth telling about activities in the county and extending an invitation to come join us. The annual Illinois Association for Health and Community Education (IAHCE) conference was held in Decatur, IL. on March 18, 19, and 20 with

Georgianne Tompkins, Pat Sutton, Linda Muncy, Esther Henry, Carol Boatright, Phyllis Bandy and Carol Bohle attending. Share shops were enjoyed by all - especially "the Secrets of Growing Great Tomatoes", ID Thefts, Scams and Frauds, Growing Your Family Traditions, and Laughter Works. Much was learned from the officers training sessions. Our county was recognized as having an excellent International meeting on Africa.

The centerpiece donated showed Bond County seat - Greenville, Illinois - as having several tourist attractions for such a small county. There are three antique/resale shops; a "sweets shop"; Greenville Free Methodist College American Heritage Farm Museum's "Little Red Barn", Fort Hill reproduction and a military equipment display; Greenville Lake and Marcoot Family Dairy. State conference was again a success.

Shirley Volentine  
Bond County Public Relations

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### **CLAY.....**

Clay County experienced the coldest winter with the most snow in several years. We are all ready for warmer weather and outside activities.

Joann Stanford and Margie Dettmer attended the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education Conference in Decatur, Illinois on Wednesday, March 19th as voting delegates.

Clay County HCE received a 2013 award in International Study for an outstanding program in the category of South Africa with the working together of Rotary International and Home Community Education. Clay County also received a mini fifty dollar stipend toward the expenses of the International Program.

Our money making project for the year was selling Butter Braids which was successful. We found them easy to sell especially if they had used the product.

Our Farmerette Unit takes a great interest in the nursing homes. Needless to say these folks look forward to their visits. They took socks and pumpkin pies which were appreciated.

# DISTRICT NEWS

These ladies made 75 more dresses for the girls in Haiti adding pockets to each dress. Imagine the surprise when the girls found panties stuffed in each pocket.

Our local community Food Pantry receive contributions each month. They average serving around 600 people so all help is appreciated.

These ladies are planning a Spring Tea for the Flora Care Center. They will distribute bibs which they have made.

May we all enjoy some warm weather this summer.

Mary Ann Brentlinger  
Public Relations

## FAYETTE.....

It seemed like the seven units of Fayette County Health & Community Education were “snowed” or “iced” in much of the time during the winter months. By the February Board meeting, however, there were several plans & projects underway.

For the Board meeting, the room was decorated with little chef’s hats on blue and white checked gingham cloth napkins, with tiny kitchen utensils and a centerpiece of a Precious Moments doll in blue/white checked dress, white apron, topped with a small chef’s hat, holding a tiny rolling pin and a tiny “Fayette County HCE Cook Book”.

The doll was standing beside an original



illustrated poem in a frame bordered by tiny kitchen utensils... all in keeping with this year’s “fun-to-do theme, “Been Cookin’ 90 Years”. We have used the tiny chef’s hats, mini kitchen utensils, and other related accessories for most of our meetings this year, along with regular sized chef’s hats.

\*In preparation for the IAHCE Annual State Conference, two Fayette County HCE baskets were on display. One basket, representing our county places, projects, and people contained food products of a rural Mennonite family and an Amish cloth doll made by HCE member Flo Allen.

\*Also on display were the following Fayette entries for the upcoming Conference: Photograph category-Ardith McFarland; Recycled category-Brittany Nichols; Crafts category-Ashley Davis-shadowbox; Debbie Segrest- wreath; Panzi Blackwell-Poem (“Been Cookin’ 90 Days-a tribute to IAHCE past & present) in decorated frame. (Unfortunately, the above were not judged at the conference, the reason given was, there were not enough entries in that category. They were given yellow “participant” ribbons.)

\*The Fayette County HCE unit “Vandalia Day” formed a team of nine members for the “Relay for Life” fight against cancer. They named their team, “The HCE Honeys” and are holding a fund-raiser every month for the Relay for Life until the main event on June 7th. They kicked off their activities in \***February** with a chili supper, cake walk, raffle of a handmade quilt and a Kitchen Goodies basket, and a 50’50 drawing.

\*In **March** they held a soup dinner, with a raffle which included a loaded Gardening Basket.

\***April** will offer a Bake Sale and \***May** will offer an Auction.

Note: the team “Honeys” members contributed all the items for the well-filled raffle baskets. The HCE Honeys are stirring up favorable interest for the HCE as they are getting well-deserved publicity on their efforts to help fight cancer.

Plans are in place for our Annual Get-Acquainted Day” on April 10th. We are urging all to wear an apron and we will enjoy decorating appropriately with our tiny chef’s hats, aprons. Cooking utensils, etc.

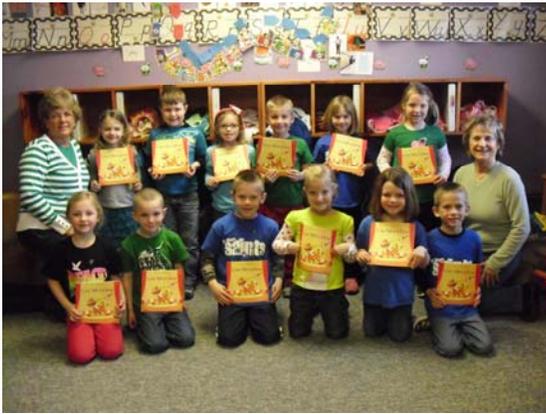
Thank you for your neat ideas for our themes each year!!

Panzi Blackwell  
Fayette County HCE

# DISTRICT NEWS

## JASPER.....

Our Books4Beginners book, Usborne's "Cow Takes a Bow" was read and passed out to 15 kindergarten students on Monday, March 17 by Nancy Ginder, Judy Burnell, Freda Weddell, Jane Ochs, Connie Elliott. and Marjorie Thompson. The students were excited to keep the books. Jasper County HCE will be selling RADA knives as a fundraiser to support "Books4Bginners project.



The IAHCE state conference in Decatur was attended by Donna Richards (IAHCE Secretary), Pat Hildebrand (newly installed IAHCE Public Relations/Newsletter Editor), Jane Ochs (Board 4-H/Community Outreach Chairman) and Marjorie Thompson (Board Secretary/Public Relations Chair.)

Our annual meeting will be April 28 with the theme of "Been Cooking Since 1945". State president, Marilyn Daughhettee will speak about her trip to India.

The 2014-2015 programs will be:

September-Tour of your choice, October-German Food, November-Today's Clothing Fashion and Accessories (county meeting), December — Christmas Party, January—Yoga, February—Calling all Chocoholics, March—Delicious Desserts (county), April—Making Your Own Cleaning Products, May- Herbs of Biblical Times verses Now, and Food Allergies (handout).

Marjorie Thompson  
Public Relations

## JERSEY.....

After a very busy year, our 2013 calendar wound down rather quietly. In November, Gary Letterly, Environmental & Energy Stewardship Unit 18 Educator presented a program to us on "BioEnergy". It was a very well presented and interesting program, but our ladies didn't attend this program as well as we would have liked.

Our countywide Christmas Brunch and party was held on December 3. After a delightful meal, we all worked on Christmas crafts, played some games and had an optional gift exchange.

On December 16, the board had their Annual Christmas luncheon at Reeta Marie's in Brighton, after which we went shopping at Sinclair's Grocery in Jerseyville to buy food and supplies to take to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Jerseyville.

Our Christmas giving project, in which each unit participates, was very well funded again this year, so we were able to restock the food pantry with everything they had requested.

In January we all visited Jerseyville Manor nursing home, at which time Brady Dabbs, Marketing Director presented the U. of I. Lesson for Living to us on "Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit". This program was very well attended and was very informative and the nursing home was very gracious to us, even furnishing refreshments.

Andrew Holsinger, Agricultural & Natural Resources Unit 18 Educator presented our February Lesson for Living on "Edible Landscapes". This again was a most informative and very interesting lesson and was well received by those in attendance. Dr. John Dinkelman of Wood River is returning on March 27 to present abitger organ ti ysm this time on Health and Nutrition. We expect another "full house", as he is very popular. He was our speaker in October 2013 during HCE Week on his native country of South Africa. So many people wanted to hear more about his approach to "holistic medicine" at that time that he agreed to do another program.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Jersey County, continued

Jersey County HCE is the host county for the upcoming HCE Retreat in Unit 18 to be held in Hillsboro and will be furnishing both the meal and the craft session for this event. The weather this winter has not been good for scheduling meeting and this event has been rescheduled twice and is now set for April 8.

Elizabeth Schwab  
Publicity Director

May: *Finance Tips for Retirees in Today's Economy.*

June: *In the Kitchen with Whole Grains.*

Our Cultural Arts director holds monthly sessions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, making interesting projects. Also there is a quilting group that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. They have made some very nice items besides quilts.

Donna Greenslade  
Public Relations

## MACOUPIN.....

In December, the ladies of the Macoupin County Board traveled to Brighton, Il. for their annual Christmas outing. They lunched and shopped at Reita Maries Tea Room and Gift Shop. It was a fun trip and the food was very good.

Also in December, 66 bibs made by the Do More Unit were delivered to the Sunrise Nursing Home in Virden. They are planning to make bibs for Pleasant Hill Village in Girard also.

January was a whole new ballgame, weather made for a lot of cancelations. The winter retreat to be held in Hillsboro, for the ladies of Christian, Macoupin and Jersey Counties was postponed from January 21, 2014 to February 11, 2014 mother nature didn't cooperate that day either. We are looking forward to a "spring" retreat on April 8, 2014. We'll see. March brought a little better weather and we were able to have our meetings as scheduled.

Seven ladies from Macoupin County attended the State Conference in Decatur. Making new acquaintances and renewing others. It was a very busy three days, a lot of walking, (which I am not used to), share shops were varied and interesting, (couldn't attend them all), food was good, overall a good conference.

Lessons for January, February, and March were as follows: *Electricity: How it Works and Safety*

*Issues; Managing a Gluten-Free Diet You Can Have your Cake & Eat it Too.*

*April: Planning for Life-Changing Events*

## MADISON.....

As everyone in Illinois, we are looking forward to warmer weather and Springtime. Since our last article, we had a very successful "Christmas in November" with around 200 people attending our event. On February 1, winter warm-up was very successful with 77 attending various classes through the day. Thanks to Claudia Harju and Joyce Cornwell in coordinating the vent, Senior Service Plus of Alton for wonderful facilities and lunch and all of the many instructors who presented workshops and crafts as well as many other who help with registration. It was a fun day!

We are getting ready with our Annual Meeting on April 28, with storyteller, Barb Kay to present the historical background of Martha Washington, complete with recipes and dress of that time period.

We will have our Membership Tea on May 6 and on May 22, our County Tour to Magic Chef Mansion and historical Belfountain Cemetery and lunch at Zia's on the Hill.

Our Family Issues Director, Wendy Brady, is working on a booklet of healthy recipes for distribution to our members later in the year.

Many of our board members are looking forward to the week ahead as we attend the IAHCE conference Decatur.

Gloria Hartmann,  
Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## MARION.....

Marion County is busy getting ready for our Annual meeting which will be April 25, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. Our guest will be Jenell Chairman, she will be speaking about places to visit within 350 miles of Salem, IL. She will also be giving us tips on packing our suitcases for trips.

Phyllis Hensen

## MONROE.....

Monroe County had a very busy fall and winter: In September, we held our first-ever “Slash Your Stash” event. We rented the Odd Fellows Hall in Waterloo, IL so HCE members could rent a table at a nominal fee to sell their unwanted craft and sewing supplies; all sales receipts went to the vendors themselves.

Our crowd was good, but best of all the event increased interest in Monroe County HCE membership among those in the community who are interested in sewing, crafts and heritage skills. We had lots of opportunity to talk with, and tell shoppers about our organization.



Also in September, we participated in the annual Waterloo St. Paul UCC Health Fair, demonstrating healthy recipes and handing out samples.

In October, the Monroe County Board of Commissions signed a proclamation declaring October 14-20 as HCE Week. Also as part of HCE week, we held a fundraiser at the Waterloo Dairy Queen with 10% of total evening sales going to ACWW's “Water for all Project.” Much publicity for this event was done through Facebook.

November brought a fabulous “International Night” with about 50 members and guests in attendance to hear Lisa Roggeman, a South African native from St. Louis, and enjoy lots of wonderful South African food.

We continue to make Linus Blankets; wheelchair bags, walker totes and clothing protects for our local nursing home. In early December, after the devastating tornados in central Illinois, our members joined forces with Monroe County 4-H-er's to make over 40 fleece blankets for 4-H families directly affected by the storms.

Although January and February's weather was awful, it gave us a chance to re-group and think of even more exciting programs for the coming year!

Gracia Schlafly

Acting Public Relations Chairman



## DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing



As the new District 7 Director, I am anxious to meet many of you so I thought I'd introduce myself. I am married to Norbert for 38 years. He is a PE teacher, coach, and athletic director in New Athens for 35 years. He also refereed 4-6 night a week for 30 years during basketball season. He's a golfer and enjoys keeping our cars sparkling. He loves retirement as much as I do.

I taught for 34 years—31 of those in 2nd grade. I also taught 3rd and 4th grades. I enjoy many hand-craft projects especially counted cross-stitch, sewing, and quilting. We enjoy camping in our camper with ALL the conveniences.

WE have two children. Nicholas is married to Sarah and they have 3 children; Noah is 6, Sydney is 4, and Natalie is 9 months. He is a manager at US Bank. They live in Red Bud. Chrystie is married to Scott. They have 3 girls; Grace is 11, Hannah is 8, and Lydia is 6. They live across the street from us.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## District 7 Director, continued

I volunteer in the older 4 kids' classrooms weekly and love it. I have all the joys of teaching and no grading or disciplining.

I like to walk with friends, attend yoga classes, and a weekly Bible Study class. I also work part time for a local retired Home Economics teacher who has a business where she offers classes and food parties. I really love it. Even doing dishes there is fun.

I live on the Main Street of Red Bud in a house over 100 years old and love to decorate it and change décor for the holidays. I'm a busy girl but ready to take on this new challenge while I can still enjoy visiting your county. Looking forward to meeting you.

*Janel Kassing*

## FRANKLIN.....

The weather has been as weird here as elsewhere and we hope Spring came to stay. We stay busy all year, but did slack off just a little in October to prepare for our annual Christmas Ideas Day and Health Fair the first Saturday in November. We always expect several hundred people during the day. We appreciate all of our unit members who volunteer for that day, making treats for Taster's table, setting up their own displays, or anywhere they are needed. We especially appreciate Mic and Linda Boeke from way up north for coming every year to help. Our Lesson for Living was on *Poor Farms* and the attendance was really good as many don't remember them.

We started off the year in January with a lesson on *Wrap It Up* taught by Loma Baxter, and many were surprised when tasting the many things cooked up for them — especially the chicken and dumplings. We hosted a *Stamping Up* Craft Class between snows, taught by Linda Reaney, a unit member.

In February was our annual Membership Luncheon. The weather misbehaved, but we still

had brave ladies coming out for "cabin fever relief" with good food, friends, games, and speakers. The Lesson that month was on Genealogy with two ladies who have researched their own families and helped others research theirs.

The Home, Garden, and Craft Show was too early this year, but we had to use the date given us and the crowd, not quite as large, found many interesting decorating ideas, crafts, and good food at the concessions.

At the time of this writing, our Board will be getting ready for the Annual Meeting in Decatur and hoping it doesn't snow while we are there. After returning home, a busy week is planned. On Tuesday, our Lesson for Living will be on the *Civilian Conservation Corp*; Wednesday is *Neck Cooler Day* which is usually held the third Wednesday every month, and most of us will return on Thursday for a Craft Class to make those pretty ruffled mesh wreaths.

At this time, activities in April are mainly dates on the calendar, but we will celebrate the 100th birthday in Franklin County, have a lesson on Mini Strokes, and our 68th Annual meeting.

Barbara Spencer

## HAMILTON.....

My what a winter we had this year! Lots of snow, frigid temperatures and many cancellations but we all survived and we were blessed that Southern Illinois missed a lot of the real bad ice and snow storms.

Our 2013 Style Show, Salad Luncheon and Bazaar in November was a great success and well attended. We had a great lesson in November on *Identity Theft and Other Scams*. We are continuing to collect donations for the NVON *Water Around the World* project. To date we have collected enough to purchase four water filters.

For Make a Difference Day in the fall, we delivered treats and snacks to the employees of the Post Office, newspaper office, and Sheriff's office.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Hamilton County, continued

At our December board meeting, we all enjoyed a Christmas party with catered food, entertainment and games.

In January, our members along with 24 4-Her's sponsored a Barn Quilt workshop which was very successful. The 2x2 painted quilt designs will be displayed at their choice of locations.

On February 24th, we sponsored a Taco Salad lunch and Bake Sale. It was a great fundraiser.

Our February program on *Navigating Horizontal Drilling (Fracking)* was interesting and well attended. We have had some great lessons during this past year.

Our Community Outreach Director, Karol Brown, is still doing a fantastic job collecting soda tabs, plastic lids, coupons for schools, etc. Approximately 500 items were donated and delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Marion, IL on Valentines Day.

Sue Deitz, Family Issues Director, has done a great job of organizing a Walking Project every Wednesday at 12:15 PM in the courthouse basement.

Our March lesson was on *Food Substitutions*. It was a real hit with all the ladies. Samples always help!

Four ladies from Hamilton County attended the State Conference in Decatur.

You can see that our Hamilton County HEA members have been very active. Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!

Bernadine Drone  
Public Relations

## JACKSON.....

Our ladies in Jackson County have been very busy and continue to be very busy! We well Rada Cutlery; it continues as a year round Fundraiser! Our program lessons have been very well attended by the community and our Jackson County HCE Membership.

We have worked on crocheted prayer shawls donating them to several churches in our area,

- Our lessons during this late summer and fall were the *Odd, Strange and Curious Happenings in Southern Illinois*
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- International Lesson on South Africa
- November we will celebrate Veteran's Day with a lesson called *This Able Vet*

Many of our Board Members have been busy judging 4-H window display competition and 4-H project books for Achievements and Recognition of our 4-H youth. Our County Board members always attend District Workshops, faithfully.

The Jackson County HCE Board set up in our community at the Annual Apple Festival distributing information and class schedules of upcoming lessons and gave out membership information about our Jackson County HCE organization to interested community members. Many of our individual units within Jackson County HCE are busy with their projects and raising monies for scholarships and other donations to the various agencies in our area. We continue with our sharing of special recipes from Jackson County HCE Food and Nutrition Chair. And as always..... we have FUN!

Jean Conrad  
Public Relations

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**July 21-23, 2014**

**Sheraton at Keystone Crossing**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

# DISTRICT NEWS

## JEFFERSON.....

Greetings, at least the daffodils here in Jefferson County know that it is spring. The inspiration we need to keep our hopes up this cold weather will soon be gone.

Our January lesson was on chair exercises, it was the perfect lesson to start the New Year with since Mother Nature had most of us stuck in the house. It is possible to work up a sweat just moving in a chair, and any type of movement is better than no movement at all.

We also had the opportunity to help with a blood drive at one of the local churches; despite the weather it was very successful.

February we held a Stone Soup Supper/ Game night / membership drive. Admission was a can of vegetables, or a monetary donation. Sarah Mae Waite spoke about the history behind stone soup and read a Stone Soup story. Many game tables were set up, if you were not sure how to play people were eager to explain. We donated \$70 and 18 cans of vegetables to a local food pantry. We also added one new member.

We had a lesson on Sugar and Salt in your diet. Did you know a 20 oz. Mountain Dew has 20 teaspoons of sugar? The small size box of raisins has 8 teaspoons. A large navel orange contains 8 teaspoons of sugar, it is a natural sugar, but still can add calories and weight gain. You can search on line and find more; you may be surprised at what you find. Salt in our foods are just as concerning, read the labels, and choose lower sodium foods. To live healthy one must be concerned with the sugars and salts added into food.

Our March lesson was a lesson on Monarch and other butterflies. After the winter we had, the butterflies will be a welcome site.

Most of our board members attended the conference this month. It seemed that everyone had a nice time and came back with new ideas.

We also had some of our members help out with the University of Illinois Extension SCOFY break. An educational conference offering "Sessions Chosen Only for Youth" We helped serve lunch to 259 8<sup>th</sup>

grade students. We have sent 20 caps for *the soft caps for cancer* campaign. We also continue to help our 4-H and youth.

We are whipping up new membership drive ideas, and other ways we can be visible in the community. We will start selling quilt tickets for our raffle on International Night, we did well with our quilt last year, and we hope to do even better this year.

We hope that all of you will be enjoying the warm days and beautiful flowers of spring soon.

*"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn".*

-Hal Borland

Silvana Morss  
Public Relations

## PERRY.....

The Cards for Veterans at Anna Home was a complete success. Christmas cards and Valentine cards were sent which contained money for vending machines. A letter of gratitude was received from the administration office.



Passport Party was held April 3. This traditional night is a combination meeting of 4-H members and HCE members to learn about the country of study - South Africa and a state of the United States - this time Kansas.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Perry County, continued

Items were collected for Pregnancy Matters to help low-income mothers in the area.

Jane Chapman went to State Conference and turned over items were collected for Pregnancy Matters to help low-income mothers in the area.

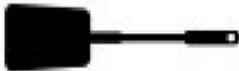
IAHCE Treasurer duties to her successor. Alberta Woodside and Rita Stewart also attended the Conference.

Nancy Webb of Southern Illinois Healthcare presented a lesson to the units and mailbox members on "The Incredible Shrinking Woman" in early April.

Annual Meeting was May 1 this year at Sunfield Methodist Church. New officers and a guest speaker highlighted the day.

With all the nasty winter weather all anyone can think about is a warm spring. May all our flowers bloom beautifully very soon.

Carolyn Bathon  
Perry County Public Information



## **RANDOLPH.....**

Randolph County HCE members were happy to get out of their homes for a Cabin Fever event that was held in February.

Board members presented a program on various crafts and easy ideas to share. They included making an apron from a man's dress shirt, making a pin from a zipper, yo-yo ornaments, button wreaths, Christmas and Easter favors and more. A Tupperware representative also demonstrated some products and prepared a cake in a microwave. A salad and soup luncheon, along with dessert was served.

A white-on-white quilt was quilted and will be the major fundraiser for the year.

The eight attending the IAHCE Conference will be wearing the aprons made from the man's dress shirt. They will also be shown at the annual meeting on April 22.



Pictured is Janel Kassing modeling her apron. We are proud that Janel will be the new District 7 Director. In May, the board was requested to help the 4-Hers with a sewing project.

Jane Lucht.  
Public Relations

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## **WASHINGTON.....**

Washington County HCE members are busy as we have "Been Cooking" since October 1947, when our County "Home Bureau" was organized. A cookbook was published by our "Home Bureau" members in 1954, so we are using some recipes from that cookbook for our food buffet at our annual WCHCE meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Hoyleton Community Club Hall, Hoyleton, IL.

Our IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughette will speak of her travels and our District Director, Janel Kassing will install our officers. Our quilt which was hand quilted by the ladies of Washington County will be on display along with raffle tickets as it will be raffled to a winner at our November Christmas Special program. here will be silent auction items and members are requested to wear an "APRON".

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Washington County, continued

The IAHCE Cookbook “Been Cookin 90 Years”, will be displayed along with items from the IAHCE Conference. Bernice Hemminghaus and Adeline Blumhorst were delegates to the IAHCE Conference in Decatur, IL.

Certificate Education Award was received for “International Program” booklet by Bernice Engelmann along with a monetary stipend and a Certificate Education Award for the “HCE Week WCHCE”.



This is a poem from the booklet “Apron Tales”.

### **My Mother’s Old Checkered Apron** (anonymous)

My mother’s old checkered apron was a garment full and wide  
It filled its humble mission and a mission more beside.

’Twas made of 6 cent gingham, it was neither fine nor grand  
Just a plain and simple pattern fashioned by a busy hand.

It had a little cross-stitch along the bottom row  
And two long strings that tied behind in a half-stitch bow  
It had no lace or ruffles no pretty applique  
But its simple home usefulness was an epic of its day.

’Twas used to shoo the chicken, to dust, to shoo the flies  
’Twas used to wipe the grimy tears from streaming infant eyes  
’Twas used to fill the kindling box with chips or cobs or twigs  
And tote the pesky parsley from the garden to the pigs.

’Twas used to carry home the eggs concealed in leafy bowers  
And bring in half-drowned chicks, caught in sudden showers  
’Twas used to snatch hot kittles, when no pot rag was at hand,  
And tighten on the fruit jar lids, when winter stores were canned

’Twas used to gather stuff and peaches from the hill  
And many a goodly mess of greens did Mother’s apron fill  
Her hands were shielded from the gale beneath the sheltering  
fold

And tiny bare feet nestled there on morning bleak and cold.

It was a queenly garment and Mother was a queen  
As Memory brings it back, it was the noblest thing I’ve seen  
And when I join the Heavenly throng, with their robes so bright  
and fair

I’ll say, “this old checkered apron is what I want to wear”.

In 2009 the IAHCE Cultural Director published a booklet of stories about aprons worn by Moms and Grandmas, sent by members of the Illinois HCE.

A blessed Easter filled with hop, joy, and peace with your family and friend.

Adaline Blumhorst  
Washington County  
Public Relations

## **WILLIAMSON.....**

Spring is just around the corner in Williamson Co. where an April 24 Annual Meeting is to be held at Crab Orchard for a salad potluck. Installation of officers and our new district director will be featured.

For those contributing volunteer hours for 2013, we have seals and certificates as recognizing new members and those who recruited them. This year will not have special entertainment, but we always have cute decorations and enjoy visiting and sharing ideas.

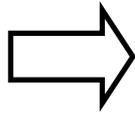
Some of our units are hard at work making items for the fall Bazaar—our only fundraiser. Barbara Eastwood and her Lone Oak Unit are creating another quilt to be raffled with a Christmas Theme. Different u nits will help provide the batting and quilting costs to keep expense down. Lone Oak has donated much fabric Already. Care & Share unit had hoped to get a craft day Scheduled most months. We had one craft meeting to make breast cancer Awareness yo-yo and button trimmed pins.

Care Share is doing the homeless shelter lunch for the Lighthouse in Marion March 29. The board and some units take turns doing this public service.

Marie Samuel  
Public Relations Chair

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

# CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS RESULTS



## CVH WINNERS FROM 2013

### Highest number of hours reported

Dist 1	Warren	16,189
Dist 2/3	Lake	24,168
Dist 4	Pike	20,417
Dist 5	Champaign	38,145
Dist 6	Madison	12,254
Dist 7	Franklin	12,254

### Highest number of members participating

Dist 1	Warren	53
Dist 2/3	Kane	100
Dist 4	Pike	119
Dist 5	McLean	178
Dist 6	Macoupin	53
Dist 7	Massac	29

### Highest percentage of members participating

Dist 1	Warren	.616
Dist 2/3	Kane	.632
Dist 4	Pike	.626

## DISTRICT 2/3 (30)

<b>Boone</b>	Marge Heindl	1169
	JoAnn Wienrank	1030
<b>DuPage</b>	Sandra J. Decker	2069
	Carolyn W. Fisher	1281
<b>Grundy</b>	Patricia Buchholtz	1242
	Yvonne Canik	1393
	Lou Kellogg	1100
<b>Kane</b>	Elaine Bond	1063
	Virginia Franzen	1158
	Joyce Harner	1521
	Sally Swanson	1092
	Mary Veach	1690
	Sylvia Wennlund	1021
<b>Kankakee</b>	Helen Dufour	1349
	Rita Overacher	1918
	Sharon Reilly	1150
	Lorraine Wildman	1150

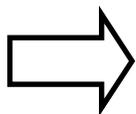
<b>Kendall</b>	Joan McEachern	2300
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<b>Lake</b>	Donna Bijus	1540
	Georgene Hrdlicka	1144
	Susan Jehlicka	1119
	Verna Minarik	1175
	Dorothy Rodewals	1286
	Patricia Weitzmann	1107

<b>LaSalle</b>	Penny Carter	2427
	Margaret Grober	1244
	Nymph White	2784

<b>Livingston</b>	Linda Vercler	1050
	Marsha Weber	1132

<b>Will</b>	Regina Harris	1531
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## CVH 1000 HOURS FROM 2013

### DISTRICT 1 (13)

<b>JoDavies</b>	Donna Beyer	1031
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<b>Rock Island</b>	Donna Dual	1093
	Kitty Humphrey	1550
	Susie McCormick	1585
	Elaine Seevers	1177

<b>Stephenson</b>	Diana Ethridge	2487
	Vera Kempel	1200
	Judy Shippee	1079
	Pat Yeagle	1253

<b>Warren</b>	Lois Brechbiel	1176
	Lynne Devlin	2224
	Joanne Nelson	1181
	Maxine Stewart	1122

# CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS RESULTS

## DISTRICT 4 (5)

<b>Adams</b>	Phyllis Harlow	1432
<b>Morgan</b>	Peg Flynn	1057
<b>Pike</b>	Mary Winner	1500
<b>Tazewell</b>	Janice Allgood	1037
	Lily Vermillion	1387

## DISTRICT 5 (20)

<b>Champaign</b>	Pam Lindell	1440
	Susan McArthur	1157
	Elizabeth Michael	1570
	N. Ellen Plummer	1043
	Marge Probasco	2005
<b>Edgar</b>	Marilyn Daughhete	3161
	Nancy Harper	1227
	Marge Houghland	1020
<b>Macon</b>	Karen Halicki	1071
	Sharon Middleton	1370
	Joyce Pirtle	1000
<b>McLean</b>	Jean Barrington	2513
	Karen Carregan	1017
	Kathleen Emery	1867
	Marjorie Martin	3264
	Eileen Norin	1087
	Leatha Poshard	3200
<b>Prairie</b>	Marlene Phillip	1066
<b>Vermilion</b>	Sheila Blessent	1257
	Catherine Hahne	1500

## DISTRICT 6 (14)

<b>Bond</b>	Unice Hediger	1149
<b>Clay</b>	Eunice Golden	1146
<b>Effingham</b>	Kate Dickens	1146
	Marilyn Schaefer	1952
	Donna Wetherell	2004
<b>Fayette</b>	Donna Blair	1062
	Elaine Dunn	2240
	Joyce Mueller	1056
	Debbie Segrest	1216
<b>Madison</b>	Cheryl Hackler	1220
	Rich Huebner	1368
	Vi Huebner	1666

## DISTRICT 7 (17)

<b>Franklin</b>	Loma Baxter	1526
	Kathy Page	1105
	Barbara Spencer	1095
	Leonda White	1568
	Deanna Wilkerson	1074
<b>Jackson</b>	Linda Clutts	1725
	Jean Conrod	1016
<b>Pulaski-Alexander</b>	June Badgley	1520
	Phanda Badgley	2434
	Joan Fish	2434
<b>Randolph</b>	Jane Lucht	1025
<b>Saline</b>	Wanda Raley	1540
<b>Washington</b>	Mary Barrett	3285
<b>Wayne</b>	Marie Rutger	1095
<b>White</b>	Ezra Millspaugh	2346
	Ludene Taylor	1045
<b>Williamson</b>	Juanita Jo Barger	1121

**Check out the  
IAHCE website:  
[www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)**

# DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



TOP CULTURAL ARTS SHOW WINNERS

## AT THE IAHC CONFERENCE



MACON — COUNTY OF THE YEAR



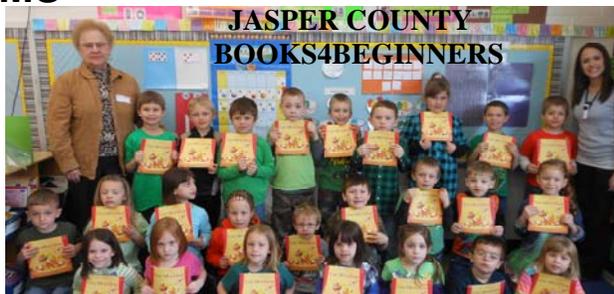
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PRESIDENT  
MARILYN  
DAUGHETEE

## AT COUNTY PROGRAMS

### MONROE -INTERNATIONAL



JASPER COUNTY  
BOOKS4BEGINNERS



PERRY COUNTY

### FAYETTE COUNTY



PERRY COUNTY PASSPORT ACTIVITY

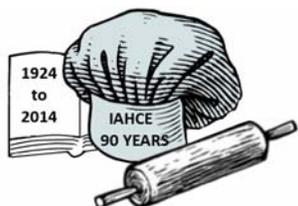
# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CWC, USA Scholarship

The CWC-USA Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship applications were due to our state president on March 1, 2014, and due to me by April 1. As CWC Vice Chairman, and in charge of having the scholarship judged, I was very disappointed to learn that no applications were received from Illinois. I know that we have excellent applicants in Illinois. Before next year, check out the application form on [www.cwcusa.org](http://www.cwcusa.org) and encourage your county members to search for applicants. The scholarship is not only for graduating high school seniors, or others currently in college, but it is also for an older student returning to school, perhaps one of our members!! I hope to see many applications from Illinois HCE in 2015. There are usually four \$500 scholarships awarded.

Contact me if you want more information:

Joan McEachern,



**THANK YOU**  
**to all IAHCE counties for your efforts**  
**that led to**  
**collection of \$14,764.77 in**  
**Pennies for Friendship in year 2013.**  
**See the next newsletter in August for**  
**information about its distribution.**

**—Pat Weitzmann**

### UPCOMING DATES

#### 2014 IAHCE District Workshops

District 1 & 2/3 ..... August 19, 2014  
 TBA

District 4 & 5 ..... August 20, 2014  
 TBA

District 6 & 7 ..... August 21, 2014  
 TBA

**NVON** (National Volunteers Outreach Network)  
 July 21-23, 2014 in Indianapolis, IN.

**CWC** (Country Women’s Council USA)  
 September 25-27, 2014  
 Manitowoc, Wisconsin

**ACWW** Triennial Conference  
 August 18-24, 2016  
 University of Warwick, England

## Support funds

### REMINDER:

Support Fund applications are due June 1.

We have about \$5000 available to use on your programs.

Read the guidelines on pages 63a & 63b in your Guide Book to see if your program will qualify.

Fill out the application on page 64 & 65 and send the application to me by June 1.

Thank you,

Norma Korte  
 Support Fund Chairman

