

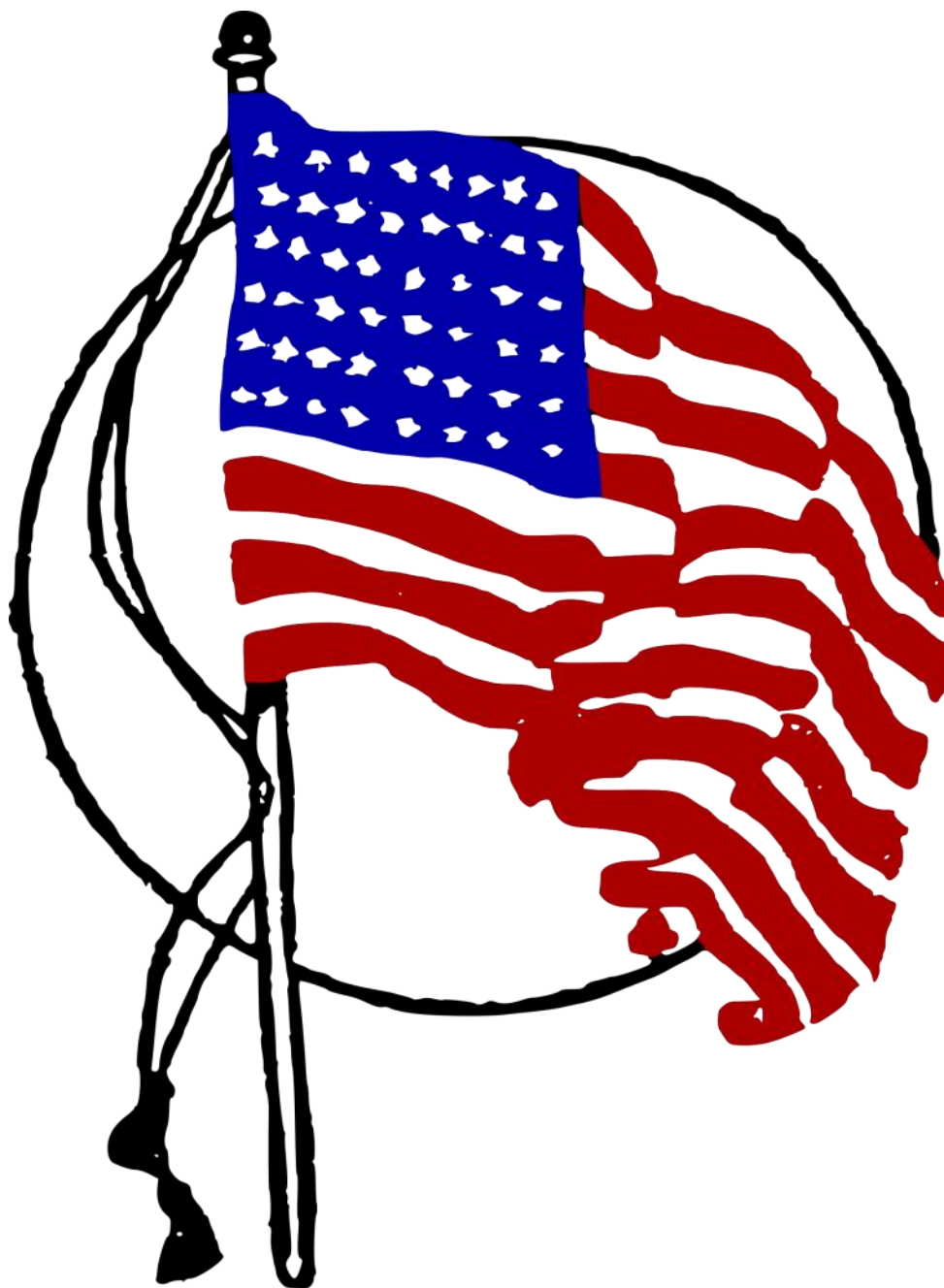
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GREETINGS FROM IAHCE PRESIDENT JANE CHAPMAN

JANE'S WORLD!

A "warm" Southern Illinois greeting to each of you! Yes, by the time you receive this it will be summertime! I really think that the person that wrote the song that refers to those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" must not have much of a life! Some of my days are a little hazy, some are very crazy, but I find no days to be lazy!

The June board meeting just concluded and gosh did we ever have a lot of business to discuss! We had new ideas to mull over and plans to be made for the upcoming District Workshops and annual conference next March. Yes, we are working on the next annual conference already. The work actually started as soon as the 2018 conference ended. One committee that has a very important task to do the next few months is the nominating committee. There are several board positions coming open this next March: second vice-president (must have served previously on the state board of directors to fill this position), secretary, cultural enrichment director, and family and community issues director. District 2 & 3 and District 4 directors positions also need filled. The two district director positions will be chosen at the District Workshops in August and the other board positions will be elected at the March annual conference. Applications for these board positions can be found on the IAHCE.org website and must be completed and returned to Mary Eustace, the nominating committee chairperson, by October 1. I'm not really hard to work with and I think the retiring board members will tell you that it is a very rewarding and personal growth experience!

"Pretty in pink" is the color for the counties on my map that I have visited this year and so far five have been counties I have not visited before. There are still several out there I have not visited. I would love to receive an invite from those counties not yet "in the pink" and you know who you are! I will come to something other than annual meetings, too, maybe a board meeting, membership event, or international event. I am pretty flexible.

I would like to leave you with this old Indian proverb;
"If you live in the river, you should make friends with the crocodile."

Later, Jane



One of
JANE'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st VICE PRESIDENT
Sharon Middleton

When did spring begin and summer start! It has been a whirlwind with the weather and now we finally had some rain to help gardens and yards and farmers fields. We now have lessons on our www.iahce.org website. Just look under lessons. It takes time but I'm gradually adding

to the lessons section. I received more while at the State IAHCE board meeting in June and will start working at getting those up. I would remind the members of IAHCE that you can send me lessons from your counties. Just be sure that you give the location and people whom you found your information and give them the credit they deserve.

The lessons chosen by the county First Vice Presidents at the March Conference should be ready for us by August District Workshop. For our time together, we need to help each county with the lesson planning. For most of us, that time is now. If you have special ways to fill your program booklet, bring them with you to share. Have a lesson to share with the other counties; bring a copy for each county if you can or at least one that I can copy and mail out to the others when I return home. If you will share a lesson, one that can be on the website to share with everyone, and I will bring one for each of you, we will have a lot of different topics to use in our upcoming year. Don't forget, bring a lesson to share with each of your counterparts. I will know how many in the class after July 26 and can give you a count as to how many you need to bring.

District Workshops will soon be here. The applications are on our website under forms (the very last one listed). Get this information to your District Director listed on the application as the deadline is July 26, 2018. There is a new category, Member at Large was eliminated, and Ways & Means was added for those that have an officer in your county that works with fund raising, etc. Any member of IAHCE can attend and chose any office share shop to take especially those that are thinking of running for an office on the State Board. See you there in August.

What a "Hot" summer it has been and will be for a while. I hope you all are have been drinking lots of water and saving lots of those small water bottles for collecting dimes for the "Zero Hunger". If you haven't heard of this collection, check with your International Directors for the challenge.

I think I have covered most things you might need to know for now. Have a safe trip to the District Workshop and will see you then!

Sharon Middleton

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Angela Hicks



Hello Everyone!

The light of summer is shining brightly...have you been shining your HCE light brightly as well? HCE celebrations, programs, events, and lessons are perfect opportunities to light new light in HCE! The "new light" would be new members! Continue spotlighting HCE in your county so that others see our "light within". This is your challenge to see how many "new members it will take to light up HCE" in the state of Illinois! Don't forget to keep track of your new members!

At August District Workshops (District 1, 2/3 - August 7; District 4, 5 - August 8; District 6, 7 - August 9) 2nd Vice Presidents and Treasurers will be together. We will highlight the importance of working as a team to build and track membership. Bev Combs, IAHCE Treasurer, and I hope as many of you as possible will attend so that we can share information that is mutually beneficial to your position.

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the IAHCE Board and the Membership Team, this is my last year as the IAHCE 2nd Vice President. The IAHCE nomination committee is looking for a former IAHCE Board member (per the current bylaws) to apply for this position. If you are interested in pumping up the membership, smiling, and assisting the District Directors — this position is for you! Yes, I am on the nomination committee — call me, email me, snail mail your application! We need your enthusiasm on the IAHCE Team!

Think about this quote by Norman Vincent Peale, "If you have zest and enthusiasm, you attract zest and enthusiasm. Life does give back in kind."

Smile, stay positive, and continue to build enthusiasm and membership in HCE!!

See you at the District Meetings!



Angela Hicks

"Light Up HCE"

EXECUTIVE BOARD



SECRETARY
Donna Richards

Thank you to those of you that have sent me your roster of county officers after your county's annual meeting.

Has your county had your annual meeting? If so, have you sent your filled-out Secretary Report Form (guidebook page 21) to me and your District Director? Our addresses can be found on guidebook pages 1 and 2.

Filling the Secretary Report Form (guidebook page 21) completely out every year keeping us updated as to your current officers even though there were no changes in your roster is very valuable. It allows your IAHCE Board the opportunity to better communicate updated information to you and your counties.

As you know, this is my last year to serve as State Secretary. I have totally enjoyed serving as your State Secretary. It gave me an opportunity to travel the State, to meet wonderful HCE members that makeup this organization and to work with a talented, remarkable State Board.

If you are looking for a challenging, rewarding opportunity to serve IAHCE, please contact me with any questions you may have. I will be glad to talk to you about the Secretary position on the State Board.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Workshops.

Donna Richards

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TREASURER
Beverly Combs

As I write this, it is again raining here in central Illinois. I think we have enough moisture for now but will probably be hoping for more rain during the coming summer months so as to have a good harvest this fall.



The District Workshops are rapidly approaching and I am looking forward to seeing many of you again and to meeting new people. I will have the new transmittal sheet for the Friendship Projects Fund (formally Pennies for Friendship) and for the state dues for you then.

As state treasurer, I am also chair of the Support Fund State Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of two representatives from each district with rotating 2-year terms.

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This year we are welcoming new members:

Trudy Goedeke from District 1
Vivian Gerrietta from District 4
Judy Millsap from District 6

We also want to recognize retiring members Marilyn DeVries, Mary Lee Prentice, and Charlene Woods for their time and service these past years.

Many of you may not know the other committee members are so I want to also introduce them to you:

District 1 - Mary Ann Johnson
District 2/3 - Sandy Henke and Marian Lang
District 4 - Mary Johnson
District 5 - Kathleen Emery and Chris Hagen
District 6 - Linda Schmidt
District 7 - Becky Belcher

Later this summer these gals will review the Support grant applications we received and they will make the decisions of how much money to award each.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and take some time for family activities.

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CULTURAL ENRICHMENT
Peggy Long



Great News, Ladies! I did get some changes done, the ones we talked about at Conference, with a little tweak here and there. Come to August District workshops to find out first-hand what they are and to get your forms for next year. You know it is better to be there and get info, and hear the discussions, than it is to just read what I said before all the questions. Also, remember to bring your craft ideas to share and your ideas for cultural arts projects.

ALSO REMEMBER, THIS IS MY LAST DISTRICT WORKSHOP. WE NEED SOMEONE TO REPLACE ME! THIS COULD BE YOU! Let me know if you are interested, don't wait for someone to ask you. You know you can do a better job than the other person that is thinking about doing it. So act now before it is too late! Throw your name into the hat, or forever don't gripe about my replacement.

See you in August.

Peggy Long

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INTERNATIONAL Cara Ausmus

G'Day! There are lots of happenings in the International World. I'm looking forward to the District meetings and sharing a new COS-country of study-and later in the day a new theme. Both are terrific!

We will be interviewing our outbound Australia applicants bright and early each day at District meetings. I will be contacting them individually to set these up. Our returning Baltic ladies Eleanor and Mary have been well received and busy sharing their trip around the state. Speaking of sharing the District Directors have prepared something special for the District meetings, too.

I have just returned from the ACWW Summit meeting in Indianapolis. We had World President Ruth Shanks and World Treasurer Heather Brenner along with USA Area President Jo Almond and women (and men!) from 12 state organizations/societies in attendance. It was a very informative and fun Summit. Sitting and visiting after the meetings about life, family, collections and passions with International officers and regional Americans was exciting!! We all have MUCH more in common than not! Our World officers and Committee chairs have a real passion for ACWW and International! Ruth and Heather packed May 23rd for London, Scotland, Trinidad & Tobago and Indianapolis and were expecting to return to Australia June 30th. That's a long time from home and a suitcase wardrobe for multi continents.

to be squeamish for personal reasons. One interesting question is 3 major concerns that you have for self and community. Near the end it asks for your country and we skip that as our state is previously listed and the USA is not on the selected list.

ACWW is growing with new member societies and added countries.

Come stretch and grow with us!

See you soon!

Cara Ausmus

P.S.

This survey will hopefully be followed up each triennial to see change, challenges and needs of women the world over.

Be a part and a voice for women
EVERYwhere.

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES Norma Korte

Hello again from Southern Illinois! The Lord has given us a challenging spring again, but when the rain stopped the guys planted as fast as they could.

I just returned from the IAHCE State Board meeting with good fellowship and ideas for an enjoyable August workshop. Lesson plans are being developed to give you some ideas that you can use in your counties.

Please remember there are several IAHCE offices to be filled this coming year. Please review the requirements for each office and consider applying. Officer applications are due October 1. You will not regret serving on the state board!

Be thinking of a family you can nominate for Family of Year. It takes a little time to put the report together, so

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*Four Illinois HCE members attended ACWW Summit meeting.—
Cara Ausmus, Alice Grooms, Marilyn Daughette and Pat
Weitzmann. Front row center; second from left: Officers
Heather Brenner, Jo Almond and Ruth Shanks.*

Please read AND participate in the International Forum on Rural Women Survey. ACWW has not completed one of these since around 1935. This will give ACWW and our work with the United Nations critical data and information. It does NOT have to be just members. Any female over 18 and city or rural. Remember many women will be answering this from both Developed and Developing countries and the data can be gleaned for many purposes. The most personal info is city state and age category. So no need



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start on it now. If possible, please include reference letters in the application.

There will be a lesson included in your Family & Community Issues on planning your estate. This past year our family has lost my husband's mother and the week before state board I lost my sister. Both experiences made me more aware of how important it is to make those estate plans for your family to know what your wishes are and to make things easier for your family. I hope to share some things we've learned through our experiences to help you plan ahead.

Blessings from the Korte's.

Norma Korte

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CVH/SALES
Ashley Davis

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer (just a little cooler weather would be ok with me). It has been a little busy for our family, trips to Alabama, planning a wedding, celebrating our granddaughter

Addilynne's 1st birthday and baseball with our granddaughter, Neveah. I have enjoyed every minute. I wouldn't have life any other way.

By the time you all receive this newsletter, the IAHCE State Board will be gearing up to travel the state for the 2018 IAHCE District Workshops. The IAHCE State Board starts in Sycamore, IL on August 7 for District 1 & 2/3 then to Bloomington, IL on August 8 for District 4 & 5 and final stop in Effingham, IL on August 9 for Districts 6 & 7. This year the workshops will be filled with learning, fun, food, fellowship and laughter.

As some of you know, we ran short on time in the CVH/Sales share shop at the 2018 IAHCE Annual Conference, so we have several things to cover at the District workshops. I know many you have questions and concerns. Just to give you a heads up on a few things we will be covering:

- ◆ The new Dedication Award for members turning in hours for 15+ years.
- ◆ The Member with the highest total of hours.
- ◆ Ideas and suggestions.
- ◆ Important due dates

I will have all the information that we will go over in a CVH/Sales packet for each county. Please bring all your questions and concerns with you. If I can't answer your questions, I will find someone who can. Keep encouraging your members to turn in their volunteer hours!

I would like to mention that the IAHCE Nomination Committee is accepting applications for 2nd Vice President

(must have served on the IAHCE Board before.), Secretary, Cultural Enrichment and Family/Community Issues. You can find the guidelines and requirements for each position in the Guidebook. Please turn in the applications to Mary Eustace, Nominating Chair, by October 1st.

In sales we have added a few new items! We now have a magnet with the Women's Club Collect, nylon fans, coin purses and the NEW IAHCE BROCHURES. I am not sure if all know, but you can call in or email your order to me before the district Workshops. I can have it ready for you to pick up.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the District Workshops. May God bless you all and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Ashley Davis

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PUBLIC RELATIONS **Pat Hildebrand**



Thanks for all your articles and pictures! We learn a lot from each other—so many good ideas.

Take lots of pictures of your HCE summer events. Write articles and send to your local media.

Start planning for HCE Week—October 8-14, 2018.

At our March PR Workshop we talked about Publicity, Advertising, Marketing and Promotion of HCE Week.

Publicity—the widespread mention in the media or word of mouth or other forms of communication to gain public attention.

Public Relations (PR)—image building. Persuade the public to want what you have to offer. As a PR person, you need to create favorable publicity for the HCE reputation.

Advertising—brings our organization to the attention of Potential and current members. Advertising focuses on one particular event at a time with signs, brochures, personal contacts, e-mails, etc..

Promotion—involves ongoing advertising and publicity to keep the organization in the minds of the public and create a demand for what is being offered.

Marketing—promoting and selling HCE/IAHCE to meet the needs of the public.

Work on your HCE events through the media. Tell the public what you are going to do, tell them what you are doing and then tell them what you did.

I hope to see you all in August. Until then...enjoy this newsletter.

Pat Hildebrand

DISTRICT 1 NEWS



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Becky Thomas

Greetings, I am attending the June State Board meeting this week and am learning about the preparation of district workshops and conference. Ideas are flying freely and there is brainstorming going on for the next year.

I met Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension Liaison;

she is energetic about bringing HCE and the Extension working together. She is the Family Life Educator serving Carroll, Lee and Whiteside counties.

We reviewed parliamentary procedure with Dr. Debra Korte. She took time from the FFA State Convention and her duties at the FFA parliamentary Procedure contest to remind us of the proper way to make motions, "I move".

Thank You to the McLean HCE, the Downs unit, and Night Out unit for furnishing lunch and dinner at our board meetings. It was very convenient and kept us moving along.

Thank you to the McLean Farm Bureau for providing the meeting place.

Congratulations to McLean HCE for celebrating 100 years, they are excited about it. Have fun!

I have been invited to many Annual meetings with many memories to look back on. Bureau County started my year with festive decorations and a young harpist, Carroll County awarded four Scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Jo Daviess made book bags for elementary schools, Lee County has a fun auction, and Mercer County with a stunning Illinois quilt and a historical presentation of the state. I will visit more counties in the fall. I am looking forward to the District workshops in August.

Please invite your new members to attend with your county. Have a good summer and gardening season. As a reminder, a working phone number to reach me is 815-541-9492.

Becky Thomas

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MERCER.....

Organized 1917

MCHCE met on May 17, 2018, for their annual meeting at the Aledo Fire Station. We had a potluck dinner followed by a program presented by Michael Zecher. **This year is the 200th Anniversary of Statehood for the state of Illinois.** The State Conference for the Illinois Association of Home and Community Education had as its theme "Celebration at the Crossroads" in Commemoration of Illinois' Statehood. Michael was asked early on to present

a program of Illinois History in coordination with the IAHCE's Crossroad's Historical Theme.

Illinois is in the crossroads of all the travels across this country especially during the early years of Expansion of The United States. Because the Illinois Territory was huge, many settlers chose to settle here--finding good soil for farming and plenty of game for food. Actually, they had few options available to them when they encountered the Mississippi River—such an obstacle and found it difficult to cross.

Michael's program was about the early history of Illinois and the interaction of Abraham Lincoln's significant influence that he had on our State's history. If one has heard Michael present a program before, then you are well aware of the fact that he has a command of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and how he, Lincoln, is well connected to our state's history and/or development.

His view/perspective of Illinois History is connected quite distinctively with the presence of Abraham Lincoln. For example, even Mercer County has a connection to Abraham Lincoln. He is regarded with the blueprint of the street locations of New Boston. Interesting layout of the street design if you have ever driven the sightseeing tour of this town!

He has a history with the Blackhawk War during the 1830s. Abraham Lincoln was appointed captain for the militia during this war, oddly enough, he did not seem to be actively fighting nor was he in Mercer County.



*Michael's
Illinois History
program for
Mercer County
Annual Meeting*

Lincoln came to Illinois as a young man, but he soon learned much about the ways of the rivers with flatboats and steamboats. This practice soon taught him about trading and transportation on the major rivers. One trip he took as a young man, actually, took him to New Orleans.

Early on he taught himself to read and master mathematics. If he learned any new subject matter, he had to teach himself—today we refer to this as being self-taught. As time passed, he began to pick up books about law, case profiles, and "procedures and precedents"; he took the bar exam in the early 1840s without having had any formal education at a public school or university as we experience it today!!

He was soon a partner in a law office; however, Lincoln also had a distinguished career, so to speak, in politics in the state legislature from 1834 to 1840. Much of the discussions in the Illinois Legislature were due to the influence of

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Lincoln as a state representative. He led the way for a new state capital location, a new state banking system, and much more than I can relate in a short article! All the while Lincoln was an active lawyer and continued to practice law and argue cases in court and won many high profile cases of his day.

Michael's program was thrilling in the sense that we all walked away with a renewed sense of appreciation for history! He has a way of bringing history to life the way any "good" teacher would do if he/she were in the classroom. He used a prop that was brought as a project for IAHC and a decoration for the theme of this program. Interesting teachable moment!! Michael presented more than I could possibly put into print.



Those who attended the Annual Meeting

Our new District Director, Becky Thomas and local president, Cara Ausmus, both on far right.



Donna Pinger
Public Relations, Mercer County



ROCK ISLAND.....

Organized 1921

Where did spring go? Here we are well into summer and making plans for the new HCE year. We reported in the previous Newsletter selling 5000 plus Geranium plants expecting delivery in May. They arrived the first weekend of May, healthy, hardy and colorful, With the help of many hands, we were able to count, sort and distribute the plants in two days.



Pictured is a member hard at work counting and sorting.

The fundraiser has been a success for us as well as for the 4-H groups, so if the supplier continues to work with us, we hope to continue.

In June, a Lesson for Living, "Senior Credit Scores", was given to be used by the local units at their September meetings. This helps to get the new year off to a good start. June was busy for the board and units making plans for the 94th Annual Meeting of Rock Island County HCE. The meeting was held in the morning of June 23rd with registration at 9 a.m. and business meeting following.

Special guests, State Board members, International Director, Cara Ausmus and Peggy Long, Cultural Arts Director, were introduced. Also welcomed were past presidents. A memorial of deceased members lives was given ending with reading, in unison, the poem "Collect". We welcomed five new members.



Cara Ausmus installed the 2018-2019 Board.

The business of the day completed, we were favored with a speaker from Black Hawk College Speakers Bureau. Dr. Bill Hamps, sharing his great interest in history, gave a talk which fit nicely into the HCE theme for the year of honoring Illinois' anniversary. The retired professor spoke on "Abraham Lincoln and His Humor", enlightening us with some of Lincoln's jokes as well as the various ways he used his humor. Lincoln often used his humor to prove a point or to educate, even making fun of himself, but most interesting how he used humor to relieve the stressful live he lived. He urged us to try humor in our lives. To end the day, the group enjoyed delightful lunch around red, white and blue decorated tables.



Dr. Bill Hamps

Our president wasted no time in calling the retiring and newly elected board members together. Over lunch at a local restaurant, thoughts were shared and retiring members were thanked. Then the 2018-2019 Board began discussing and making plans for the new year.

Some events already had dates in place. Our next fundraiser is at the local Barn Theater and is to take place November 8th. It is the job of the membership to sell tickets and provide delicious snacks. The play, "A Wrinkle in Time" is adapted from the popular book of the same name; it should be interesting. We also have a date for Leadership Day,



DISTRICT 1 NEWS

➡ Rock Island County, continued

August 28th. Board members were reminded of the District 1 workshop which is to be held August 7th in Sycamore, IL. Those who could attend sent in registrations and look forward to an informative session. Cultural Arts Day well be held October 6th. A reminder to members was sent in our newsletter encouraging an increase in entries this year.

We didn't forget to include July in HCE activities. Again this year we had our recycling room at the Rock Island Fair. Our members always seem to find numerous and varied items with useful but no longer needed, to supply the room. Some fair guests look forward to stopping in each year to see what they can find. We hope you had great county fairs and an enjoyable summer.

Looking forward to this coming year in HCE

Mary L. Ecker
Public Relations, Rock Island County



STEPHENSON.....

Organized 1923

Well, here we are at August already! The kids will be back in school before we know it. Of course, the Christmas shopping season gears up earlier every year (or so it seems) and the stores start displaying their Christmas decorations--way before we want to start thinking of the holiday season!

In both the months of April and May, SCAHCE held work-days to make more fidget quilts. There will be a summer break and then the plan is to start up again in September, and perhaps, branch out with another project.

On May 14, our county held their International meeting at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau in Freeport.

*International Meeting
Judy Shippee (L) and
Terry Feinberg.*



Our International Director, Judy Shippee, arranged the program on genealogy. Terry Feinberg, President of the Stephenson County Genealogical Society and the Editor of the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly, spoke on the resources which are available for genealogical research in the History Room at the Freeport Public Library. She is working on a multi-year program of obtaining oral histories from Stephenson County residents. The individuals who

are interviewed will be able to tell you in the first person what life was like through the decades they lived through as children, teenagers, and adults. The interviews will eventually be available on line. A birthday cake, decorated with the 2018 IAHCE theme "Celebration at the Cross-roads" and in honor of Illinois's 200th birthday, was served after the program.

On Friday, June 8, our Stephenson County HCE members manned the A. J. Lena Maid Meats Brat Stand. Volunteer groups provide the labor to grill and serve the public an assortment of sandwiches--brats, pork chops, rib eye steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs. The organizations get to keep the profits. This stand is run on the same principal as the Cub Foods Brat Stand in Freeport, but you only have the stand one day instead of two.

The 33rd Annual Stephenson County Ag Breakfast was held at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 16. It takes a small army of volunteers to pull off this annual event which serves hundreds of people. The menu consists of whole hog sausage, beef bacon, scrambled eggs, cheese, home-made coffee cakes (many baked by SCAHCE members), ice cream, coffee and milk.

*AJ's Lena Maid Meats
Brat Stand 6/8/18
SCAHCE members Ann
Runkle and Diana
Ethridge helping serve
sandwiches to help boost
our treasury.*



The donation is only \$5 per person and children 5 years old and under are free. Members of SCAHCE had a display table where they handed out copies of past lessons, brochures about HCE and brochures on Illinois government to anyone who stopped in.

Well, that's all I have from Stephenson County this time. Hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!

Janice Fryer
Public Relations, Stephenson County



WARREN.....

Organized 1929

Hi Everyone, Sure hope you're enjoying your summer. 4-H is now in full swing, and HCE has been helping them out. They held their annual 4-H BBQ in June and then have a food stand at the county fair. HCE supports them by baking pies for the BBQ and help with judging and secretarial duties for their project show.

Our International luncheon was held in June with many salads furnished by members as we learned so much about "Illinois 200th Birthday". Diane Carlson, International Director, created a fun scavenger hunt about

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several area cities. Tom Best, area historian, presented some very interesting facts of our state history. Diane had an awesome handout for everyone, sharing so much about Illinois, including our State Song, State Banner and State Flag.

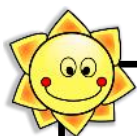
Our county has put together some very interesting lessons for our membership and friends. Here's a list of what's happened thus far: 1) April -Genealogy program & Scrapbooking, both open to the public. 2) May – Tatting 101 class that was so much fun for those who attended. 3) June –Painting class, led by Judy Nally, HCE Board member, a second class for everyone. Judy is so creative and visual. Everyone made another yard ornament & had a ball putting it all together, so cute!

This fall, August 8, we have another lesson, open to the public. The program is “Funeral Preplanning”, led by McGuire-Davies Funeral Home, Monmouth, IL.

Our next big events are our Warren Achievement Party in September and then our Annual Meeting in October.

Have a safe, relaxing summer.

Peg Chambers
Public Relations, Warren County



Wouldn't you know it....
Brain cells come and brain cells go,
But FAT cells live forever.

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DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Kathy Peterson

I wanted to thank you all for three years, that has been the most incredible adventure of my life.



You are the most amazing, talented and ambitious group of women (men), I have ever met. I am looking forward to seeing what ideas, challenges and experiences will come our way, together!



Kathy Peterson

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DE KALB.....

Organized 1937

Happy Summer from DeKalb County.

April was “Women Walk the World”. Well, April in DeKalb County was cold and wet including snow and ice. Not exactly the type of weather for taking a nice spring walk. However, a group of women gathered to celebrate the event. One brave soul did walk representing the group. The weather was great for enjoying the 3 homemade soups (chicken noodle, potato and hamburger) plus homemade rolls.

Our Annual meeting was on a nice spring day in May. Members were recognized for their volunteer hours and hopefully more were inspired to record their contributions. Perfect attendance was also recognized ranging from 3 years to members with 24 years (Lynn Schmidt and Barbara Twombly), 29 years (Mary Lu Strack), 37 years (Barbara Lawson) and 49 years (Elaine Goodwin).

Our program was presented by Jayeeta Chowdhury-Woodstrup on classic India dances including ones that take decades of training before one can even perform, can last from dusk to dawn or can have up to 63 hand movements. Angelo T. from a local restaurant has been providing our luncheon for a number of years. He enjoys researching and preparing the meals based on our country of study. This year, we enjoyed Aloo Gobi (braised cauliflower potatoes), Bhurtha (Indian Eggplant), Tandori Chicken (barbeque Indian chicken), Coconut Curry Pork, Onion Naan Moony Dal (Yellow Lentils) and Rice Pilaf.

Summer activities will include unit outings and picnics and attending the DeKalb County 4-H shows in July and August and viewing the projects resulting from hard work of the 4-Hers.



Above: Women Walk the World event (soup)



Left: Indian food serving line at Annual Meeting



Perfect Attendance members recognized at Annual Meeting.

Betty Fewell
Public Relations, DeKalb County

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DU PAGE.....

Organized 1930

The DuPage County HCE Annual Meeting and Luncheon took place at the St. Andrews Country Club in WEST Chicago. Following the business meeting, our District 2/3 Director Kathy Peterson installed the officers.

A patriotic theme was used to help celebrate our State 200th birthday. Red, white and blue flower Centerpieces and napkins, along with many small blue stars sprinkled around made for a colorful site. Some of the members dressed in patriotic colors for the occasion. There was a talented musical group that had everyone tapping their feet or clapping their hands. A few got up and danced a little.

Members attended the lesson at the Extension Office on "Food & Drug Interactions". Afterwards they shared their own personal experiences on the subject. We went out for coffee afterwards.

Members attending U of I lesson on "Food and Drug Interactions" at the Extension office



Our Spring Craft Day was well attended. Members made paper flowers to place in painted shadow boxes, painted and decorated small bird houses, also flower refrigerator magnets and made one of a kind, special occasion greeting cards using lace, ribbon and various embroidered flowers.

The Jail House Quilters continue to meet monthly working on holiday items, lap quilts for the needy and share their skills with other quilters.

The Lunch Bunch gathers monthly at different restaurants in the county. It's a great opportunity to socialize ideas with other units.

Members enjoy getting together to play cards at their unit gathering or at the Extension Office.

We continue with our Community Service projects making cards for our veterans, book markers for the children's library.

Warrenville librarian happily accepts flower book marks for the children that are participating in the Summer reading program.



Mary Lambert
President, DuPage County

GRUNDY.....

Organized 1938

At IAHCE State Conference, one of our own, Ruth O'Hara, was honored for over 60 years as a member.

Jane Chapman, left, IAHCE President, presented Ruth O'Hara a flower at Annual Conference.



Our three units met in March for a presentation of the Holy Land by four speakers who just returned from Italy. The pictures, places and presenters were very informative. The slide show and talk lasted almost 2 hours.

GCHCE members gathered together on April 12th to chop vegetables, fruit, and warm up the food. The junior high students during the morning were visiting with government officials and by the time they arrived for lunch they were hungry. We set up the tables with buns for sloppy joe and/or hot dogs, fruits and vegetables, chips, Jell-O and plenty of cookies for dessert. Along with water, lemonade, white and chocolate milk. The adults also enjoyed the free lunch.



GCHCE members prepare food for junior high students and government officials.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch.



Twenty-seven members attended the GCHCE annual meeting. We enjoyed playing states bingo with corn kernels.

I would say that most of the members enjoy playing bridge, some play almost every day, others weekly or once a month.



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Some of our book club members went to see the movie "Book Club" in May. Laughs, only the movie didn't really talk about the books they were reading, they drank wine and talked about their own troubled lives. Is this what Book Clubs do? Are we missing something??

Our Walking Club started back up, later than usual because the weather was not co-operating. Something new this year will be picnics in the park once a month during the summer with brown bag lunches; dessert is provided and a lesson.

Monica Evans
GCHCE Public Relations



KANE.....

Organized 1918

One Hundred Years of organizational work is truly something to celebrate. A red, white and blue color theme greeted guests and Kane County's Annual Meeting was a celebration indeed.

Sandra Davis, Kane County Extension Director, Jane Chapman, IAHCE President and Angela Hicks, IAHCE 1ST Vice-president cut the 100th Anniversary cake.



Not only did we have two state officers, Jane Chapman and Angela Hicks in attendance (that was treat enough), an old timer Louella Parsons came in to inform us of the "goings on in Hollywood" all that many years ago.

Martina Mathisen, professional historical reenactor, spoke about Louella's life and relationships with the "stars" of the silver screen. She engaged us with a costumed, first person narrative, interactive presentation and supplied hats for all the participants as "any fashionable person wouldn't go out without a hat."

Martina Mathisen



Pictured L-R, Jean Jacobsen, Chris Patsch, Joan Ziethen, and Karen Cummings at the Annual Meeting registration.

Units had historical memorabilia on display, reviewing the "good old days." A Kane County display exhibited artifacts from as far back as 1924, including 3 cook books with recipes from members kitchens issued in the years 1931, 1991 and 2014.

Pat Kowalkowski with display.



Yearbooks starting with the year 1924 to the current year are on file in our historical bin. When reviewing the materials, we found that there were truly "good old days" with many members and units; Extension staff that would come to Unit meetings to present lessons; activities that included 4-Hers and county fairs; and so many Outreach programs. Our predecessors were very ambitious persons. Times are different and members involved in many activities but we see goals and objectives as much the same. HCE continues to cross the boundaries when providing members the opportunity to learn current and relevant information.

Following the July Board meeting, the Board will welcome Barb Mursu as Secretary and Mary Ebert as Treasurer with a New Officers Luncheon at a local restaurant. Both ladies are members of the Hampshire/Henpeck Unit and were installed by Angela Hicks at the Annual Meeting.

Kane County Program: Everyone had a hat to wear!

*Mary Lambert
Jean Rosse
Anita Masters*



Board meetings continue through the summer as planning for an Open House at the Kane County Extension Office on August 16th is scheduled for the public. Also in the plans for the 100 Year theme is a visit and tour to the Garfield Farm Museum at LaFox in Kane County. This museum is a project in progress, with restorations and programs throughout the year. It is centrally located in the county and we hope for a fine day and lots of participants.

We are looking forward to seeing the IAHCE officers and District 2/3 members at the August District meeting in Sycamore.

Nancy Haire,
Public Relations, Kane County

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KENDALL.....

Organized 1938

Kendall County 20th Annual Victorian Tea

The 20th Annual Victorian Tea, "Tea With Jackie O" will be on Sunday, October 14, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 P.M. Doors will open at 1:15 P.M.

Will be held at Cross Lutheran Church at Rt. 47 and Ament Rd., south of Rt. 71 in Yorkville. Call Beverly Scott at 630-554-1530 for reservations. Donation is still only \$15, and children 12 and under, \$8.00. Don't forget to bring your favorite tea cup (the church no longer has porcelain cups, and tea just doesn't taste as good in a paper cup.)

Tea includes program on "Jackie (Kennedy) O" and three courses of "tea goodies." For further information, contact Joan at mcskikat@gmx.com.



Last March of 2017, Jeff Sundberg also gave a presentation to our members on "Migrating Birds that Visit Lake County."

LCAHCE held their 86th Annual Business Meeting, April 27 at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake, IL. This year's theme was "Celebrate with LCAHCE". There were about 65 members in attendance, including McHenry County Board members, Kathy Peterson, (District 2/3 Director), and James Reaves (Lake/McHenry County Director).

Pictured below are the Lake County Board Members during the installation given by Kathy Peterson, District 2/3 Director. Two LCAHCE Members joined the Lake County Board. Pat Weitzmann, Cultural Enrichment; Ann Drevalas, Family & Community Issues. Thank you ladies for stepping up to take over these positions. Thank you Lauri Hargrove for serving on the Lake County Board for the last six years. You did an excellent job serving as the Cultural Enrichment Director.



Left to Right: Angela Hicks, Betty Wertke, Carmella Marshall, Candace Keegan, Sandy Henke, Pat Weitzmann, Ann Drevalas, Margaret Hilliard and Dianne Glozier



October 5 - 8, 2018 Illinois State Homemakers' Camp

Illinois Homemakers' Camp is a four day fall camp designed for adults over the age of 18. Campers come from Illinois and all across the United States. During their time at camp,

participants are able to enjoy traditional camp activities in addition to the many craft classes that are offered. For over 40 plus years the camp was held in July, after 4-H camps were over. For the past 6 years it has been held over Columbus Day Weekend. This years' theme is "Camp Safari". For registration and class information go to ww.illinoishomemakerscamp.com

Joan McEachern
President, Kendall County



LAKE.....

Organized 1932

Greetings from Lake County!

In spite of the unusual weather we have been experiencing (extreme heat and a lot of rain), I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I'm back again to report to you what is going on here in Lake County!

On April 5, LCAHCE sponsored a program called "Bird Identification" at the Extension Office. Jeff Sundberg, a Professor from Lake Forest gave the presentation. He was very interesting, educational and fun! We learned from his recordings of bird songs, how to identify different birds. The program was attended by 34 people, nine of them were guests.



It is with great pleasure we announced the Lake County HCE Member of the Year for 2017. This member is someone who works tirelessly for HCE all the while working full time and also as a caregiver. This member has been an official member of HCE for 8 years and an unofficial member for many years. She has held the 1st VP, Public Relations, Board Rep, and International positions in her unit, she is currently serving her second term on the County Board and has logged many CVH hours by volunteering on various HCE committees. She embodies the mission of HCE to enhance not only her life but that of her family!

Dianne was given a bracelet with a charm to commemorate this occasion at the LCAHCE Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon!

Congratulations!

**Dianne Glozier
Hickory Knoll Unit
Lake County
HCE Member of the Year"!!!!**



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The Annual Business Meeting Committee decided to have another Cakes & Pies Auction, only this time it was a silent auction with the starting bid of \$15.00 and they added a contest to it; "Best of Cake" and "Best of Pie." There winners were Sandy Henke, Volo Unit, for the "Best of Cake" and RoseAnn Rendl, American Unit, for the "Best of Pie." **Congratulations Ladies!!!** \$395.00 was raised from the auction.



There was a Money Raffle at the meeting which raised \$814.00. Our lucky winners for the Raffle were Jackie Victor, Volo Unit (\$100.00), Dorothy Rodewald, Volo Unit (\$50.00) and Bernie Schembari, Mail Box (\$25.00). **Congratulations!**

A wonderful lunch was served by "Catered Productions" followed by entertainment—a singer, Wynn Mainzer. She was very good and everyone enjoyed her music.

Wynn Mainzer, pictured at right. It was a fantastic day! Everyone really enjoyed themselves and had a great time!



On May 3rd, a Representative from Home Instead Senior Care in Grayslake, shared information with our HCE members about what is needed when making a decision about a Caregiver for a loved one. There was discussions on what you need to know and questions you should ask before making any decisions; what we should know before selecting an agency or Caregiver; tips on ways to adapt clothing and aids to make a person with disabilities more comfortable in their everyday life. This program was very informative and was sponsored by Lake County AHCE. Eighteen members attended the program.

We have a few programs scheduled—Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial," August 18; "Cast Iron Cooking with Margaret," August 29. Both programs will be held at the Lake County Extension Office. I will have more information about these programs in December.

That is all I have for now. Enjoy the rest of your summer.



You will be hearing from me in December. So long for now!

Dianne Glozier
Public Relations/Lake County

LA SALLE.....

Organized 1918

LaSalle County Home Community and Education held their 100th Anniversary Membership Tea at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Seneca, IL. The program was given by Julia Cain from Princeton, IL on Hats. Julia had many styles of Hats from the early years. Julia modeled some of her hats as she talked along with Sandy Martin and Becky Kendall.

During the meeting past presidents were acknowledged. We awarded Scholarships to 3 young Ladies. They were Ashley Passwater, Ottawa, IL. Emily Roach, Streator, IL and Emily Zollars, Leland, IL. They will be attending a college of their choice in the fall.

The 2018 Homemaker of the Year Award was presented to Carol Scheidenhelm Elmore.

Carol was born and raised on a farm in Mendota, IL. She is the daughter of Harold and Francis Scheidenhelm. She has one brother Paul and Sister-In-Law Jean. Carol taught Home Economics for 37 years at Lincoln Way High School in Frankfort. Carol has been involved with HCE for 12 years. Her mother before her was a member. Carol remembers going to meetings with her. 4-H was a big part of her life and still is. She judges every year at the fair in the cooking category. In HCE she has held many offices and has been planning the 100 year celebration. Carol has also been a caregiver for a friend and her Aunt. She belongs to the Methodist Church and volunteers for funeral dinners and fund raising. Carol loves to travel and has been all over the world. She has done many mission trips to Mexico to dispense eye glasses with Eye Care International.



Carol Scheidenhelm Elmore

We served tea, sandwiches, and cookies. the cookies were from the original cookbook that was sold back in the 1940's. Our Annual Meeting will be held in November. The board members wore aprons with the chicken scratch stitch. Many of the ladies mother's had made the aprons at a meeting.

Have a safe summer. Try to keep cool.

May God Bless You,

Darlene Hettel
Public Relations, LaSalle County



*And remember:
Life is like a roll of toilet paper.
The closer it gets to the end,
the faster it goes.*

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LIVINGSTON.....

Organized 1918

Livingston County Celebrates 100 years.

The Livingston County HCE Association held its 100th annual meeting on Monday, April 16 at the Eagle Theater in Pontiac. Besides the regular meeting agenda the group was visited by several special guests. After a quick wardrobe change board members impersonated a variety of Livingston County HCE celebrities from the past including those that began the organization, wrote the "Aim of the Homemaker", state officers and University of Illinois Extension Home Advisors.

Outgoing Livingston County President Linda Vercler introduced state President Jane Chapman who installed the officers for the 2018 - 2019 season. The board and each of the units had HCE historic items on display. African violets, the official Livingston County HCE flower, decorated the tables and were given as door prizes.



New officers for 2018 - 2019

Left to right: State President, Jane Chapman; Treasurer, Linda Vercler; Meri Knapp, International; Peggy Vaughn, Cultural Enrichment; Ellie Bossert, Secretary; Sandi Kimpling, 2nd Vice-President; Joan Haren, 1st Vice-President; Arlene Martell, President; Connie Kostelc, Public Relations and Certified Volunteer Hours, Marilyn Edwards, Family Issues and Kathy

After a luncheon, Bill Kemp of McLean County Historical Museum presented a program on Albert Cashier of Saunemin. Cashier, born in Ireland as Jennie Rodgers, enlisted in the Union Army during the American Civil War. Cashier adopted the identity of a man before enlisting and maintained it for most of the remainder of her life. She fought in approximately 40 battles.



Bill Kemp of McLean County Historical Museum gave a program on Albert Cashier

The Livingston County HCE Board was awarded a grant from the Illinois HCE board for a cooperative project with the Livingston County HCE units, Futures Unlimited, Inc. and Salem 4 Youth in rural Flanagan. Though the grant money has been spent it was decided that the project was so worthwhile that it would be a continuing project.

Units will also be collecting plastic bottle lids which are being recycled and the money will go to purchase wheelchairs. This is their latest environmental project.

With The Livingston County Ag Fair taking place Wednesday, July 18 to Saturday, July 21, the HCE ladies are keeping busy with working as superintendents, judges and any other ways they can help. The new air conditioned kitchen will be a great place to take a rest and have a nice breakfast, lunch or dinner. The group is also sponsoring a raffle of gift baskets from each unit and the board as well as selling Rada cutlery at the Fair as fund raisers. These have proven to be popular with Fairgoers.

Connie Kostelc
Public Relations, Livingston County



MC HENRY.....

Organized 1918

Hello from McHenry County, wishing you all a happy summer! Hope you will enjoy your county fair and please visit all the 4-H projects, those children spent a lot of working getting their animals and projects ready for their fairs.

Our county celebrated its 100th Anniversary at our annual meeting April 25th which was held at Starline Factory in Harvard. Each member attending received a Centennial Book which gave the history throughout the decades with photos and also members sharing their memories of our organization.

Woodstock Mayor, Brian Sager, presented the organization with Certificates from the State of Illinois House of Representatives 100th General Assembly, Illinois State Senate, McHenry County Board Chairman Jack Franks.

He also read letters of congratulations from Pamela Althoff, State Senator 32 District, and Jack Franks, McHenry County Board Chairman.

It was a memorable day for all of us reminiscing about the past and how proud we are of this organization and what we have accomplished.



Mayor Sager presenting Certificates of Recognition Seated: Carol Giammattei, Judy Corson

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Newly elected 2018-2019 Board Members; Florence Spesard, Kathy Krone, Christel Mueller, Barb Freeman, Marian Lang, Judy Corson, Jean Pieroni, Karen Wootten, Carol Giammattei



Our County along with Lake County HCE and our guests took a bus trip to Chicago Botanic Gardens May 23rd.

We took a Grand Tram Tour around the entire 2.6 miles of the entire beautiful garden grounds and saw the 81 acres of lakes, and 9 garden islands. The day was even more special because it was warm and sunny, not cold like our spring, we all enjoyed the day.

Florence Spesard
Public Relations & CVH Chairman, McHenry County



WILL.....
Organized 1938

The Will County HCE Association Annual meeting was a day of fun, delicious food, fellowship, and informative speakers. A group photo was taken (See below.)



Our new location at the American Legion Post 1080 resulted in a large attendance. A catered lunch, consisting of chicken, sweet potatoes, and garden salad was enjoyed by all. Dessert was again provided by Joan Fleckenstein, owner of Fleckenstein's Bakery in Mokena.

The board and membership appreciates her generosity for the many years that she and her family have contributed delicious cakes and tasty cookies to our events.

The morning's featured speaker was Sandy Vasko, executive director at the Will County Historical Society, who highlighted vignettes of the history of Will County. The change in hair styles and clothing over the years was fascinating.

After lunch, Nancy Kuhajda, Master Gardener Coordinator for Will and Grundy Counties, gave tips on "Small Scale Gardening" Her presentation was not only amusing but informative as well.

Other upcoming activities include the raffle of a patchwork quilt. The winner will be drawn in October. Proceeds will go into our treasury. A pot luck indoor picnic is planned for July 31. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. A variety of games are being considered to add to the fun and fellowship.

Our members are also busy working on their Cultural Enrichment projects in hopes of going to state with their winning entries.

Will County wishes you a happy and healthy summer and fall.

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations, Will County

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace



HELLO to all of my District 4 Counties. As I am writing this newsletter article, the 4th of July is right around the corner and that always meant we have reached the half way point of summer! I am happy gardening and ready to put up produce from my garden for the winter. I have been involved in 4-H judging and always love talking with the kids about their projects.

All of you should have read my June District letter by now as it is full of useful information. I am looking forward to seeing you at our August District Workshop. This year we will be electing a new District 4 Director. I am looking forward to training our new person. This is really a fun job!

The IAHCE Nomination Committee also has state positions available. You must complete an application and return it to me by October 1st. Please note you will also need a letter of recommendation from your current County Board member. Happy summer and see you our District Workshop.

Mary Eustace

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ADAMS.....

Organized 1917

Back for one more issue before turnover to our newly elected Public Relations Director, Amy Looten!

Our units, for the 100th year of HCE in Adams County, have continued to contribute history articles for publication in our monthly ACORN newsletter. The articles have been both interesting and educational.

On April 17 our Lesson for Living, "Native Plants, Native Insects and our Environment", was presented by guest speaker, Master Gardner Cathy Carpenter in the Farm Bureau Basement. Cathy's vast knowledge was very helpful.

The 55th Annual Adams County Dinner and Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 24, at St Brigid Church in Liberty, Illinois. There were 114 in attendance (104 members/10 guests). Under the guidance of Joyce Welsh (Beverly/Liberty) and her husband Phil, dinner was prepared and served by the kitchen crew of St Brigid Church. The meal was self-serve, with assistance from the St Brigid Church Youth Group. Our dessert--birthday cake was prepared by Barb Higley (Chatton Unit). Amy Looten (Quinsippi Unit), Mary Ann Peter (Unity Nite) lead the group in singing, "Happy 100th Birthday!" before Joyce Welsh and Nancy Boone served the cake with homemade ice cream.

After dinner our guest speakers, IAHCE Outbound Homemaker Exchange Program Representatives, Mary Johnson (Sangamon County) and Eleanor Gregory (Madison County) provided those in attendance a brief look into their shared September 27-October 20, 2017, travel experiences through the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania). In addition, on display were crafts, clothing, and unique mementos they purchased from throughout the Baltic States.

Eleanor Gregory and Mary Johnson



Heather Ator, Co-President, announced two (2) Adams County HCE scholarship award winners. The deserving recipients were **Elizabeth Dietrich**, daughter of Tim and Christine Dietrich and granddaughter of Florence Dietrich of the Paloma Unit and **Collin Tenhouse**, son of Douglas and Deborah Tenhouse and grandson of Edna Flesner of the Chatton Unit.

We celebrated our memberships as Nancy Aden, 2nd Vice President, recognized the following members:

65 years

*Rosemary Moore (Camp Point Day)

60 years

Esther Aden (Chatton Unit)

55 years

*Claudine Fearneyhough (Beverly/Liberty)

50 years

Alice Rakers(GEMS)

Marilyn Schafer (Burton/Plainville)

* not present

In addition, eight (8) new members were welcomed into Adams County HCE this year. We are looking forward to integrating them into the organization. Each of these members sponsors were entered for a drawing for a one-year membership. The winner was Betty Golden (Chatton Unit).

Community Volunteer Hours were announced by Leslie Geschwandner and presented by Pat Lawber, CVH Director. Adams County volunteer hours totaled 16,406. The results of these volunteer hours were two (2) District 4 awards -- highest number of members participating (134) and highest percentage (72.1%) of members participating. We garnered the IAHCE 3rd place County of the Year Award. There were twenty-seven (27) members recognized with either a certificate or seal depending on status as part of the 500 Plus Club. The friendly competition between Adams County and Pike County HCE continues ... Adams County had to greet "Priscilla the Chicken" back for the coming year. The goal is to send "Priscilla" back to Pike County next year!

A memorial service was led by Mary Voorhis and Florence Dietrich, to recognize and say goodbye to eight (8) members – Thelma Rabe, Marilyn Clark, Louise Voth, Mildred Chandler, Sally Dedert, Hazel Schwartz, Barbara Robertson, and Antoinette J. "Dolly" Genenbacher - who passed away during the year. Our family will miss them personally and for the leadership and many contributions they brought to their units.



Memorial Table

The business meeting was called to order by Heather Ator, Co-President. Judy Milfs, Co-President recognized the outgoing officers – Judy Milfs, Co-President; Nancy Aden, 2nd Vice President; Mary Ann Peter, Secretary; Leslie Geschwandner, Public Relations. Elections were held and Mary Eustace, District 4 Director, installed the following new officers to the board for 2018-2019: President – Heather Ator, Co-1st Vice Presidents – Sandy McKelvie and Ginny Miller; 2nd Vice President – Joyce Welsh; Secretary – Susan Sprague; Treasurer – Edna Flesner; Family Issues – Heather Ator; Community Volunteer Hours – Pat Lawber (requires a replacement); Public Relations – Amy Looten; Co-Cultural Enrichment Directors – Sara Huseman and Juanita Moss; Ways & Means – Mary Voorhis (requires a replacement); ACORN Editor – Linda Chezem (requires a replacement); and

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Subject Matter – Judy Milfs. Although not installed, the District Directors will be North – Bonnie Peters; South – Charlotte Green; East – Barb Higley; and West – Pat Vaughn.



2018-2019 ACHCE Board Members



A big thank you was expressed to the following committees: *decoration committee*--led by the Quincy Tumbleweeds in keeping with the theme "Celebration at the Cross roads" and the *basket raffle committee*--led by the Paloma Unit. The raffle basket raised \$728 for future scholarships.

On May 10, the Sunshine Girls toured the Boudreau Visitors Center at Clarence Cannon Dam. The ladies had lunch at Rustic Oak en route to Perry and New London, Missouri for antique shopping. The final stop of the day was for homemade pie and ice cream at Hootenanny's.



(Back, L-R) Mary Voorhis, Eunice Robinette, Lois Schneider, Camie Hempelman, Pat Vaughn, and (Front) Juanita Moss



Attendees awaiting signal for lunch to begin!

Susan Sprague, Cultural Enrichment Director, did a great job with our County Wide Annual Salad Luncheon held on May 30 in the Farm Bureau Basement.

In keeping with our 100th anniversary theme, attendees were asked to bring a salad or dessert for sharing along with recipes that highlighted "heritage" or "old time" dishes. There were 34 in attendance (30 members/4 guests).

After lunch Susan introduced Marie Baumgartner, who demonstrated multiple floral arrangements. All her creations were given as attendance prizes.

In addition, Deborah Hunsar from the Quincy Herald-Whig, published a cooking feature article in the Wednesday, June 13, newspaper sharing a few recipes.

The Quinsippi Unit held their annual unit meeting/auction on June 5 in the Farm Bureau Basement. All the members brought a carry-in dish for sharing. After a fine meal and a short meeting member, Casey McGartland and her parents, Robert "Toot" and Janice Ewalt, conducted the auction. The items being auctioned off were donated by members. Each person was given a bid number and paid for their treasures with funny money earned during the year.

Background: each unit member from June 2017-May 2018 was able to accumulate funny money through a range of events, i.e. attending meetings (\$50) to having name in print (\$10 – paper/ACORN/ minutes). I was an invited guest this year and was given the opportunity to participate in the auction. It was an enjoyable evening.

On June 9, the Quincy Tumbleweed Unit gathered at the Bailey House Restaurant in Camp Point, Illinois for lunch and fellowship. After the meal some members took a drive and went to Homestyle Foods (Amish Store) at 1244 East 300th Street; Clayton, Illinois to shop and have ice cream!

Planning for our 100th year of HCE in Adams County is in final stages for execution on October 18 from 4-7 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement.

Special Interest Groups

HCE Book Club

The Book Club meets on 3rd Wednesday of the month. The following books were discussed since the last newsletter:

April 18 – "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah and the last one of the year took place on May 16 – "Jayber Crow" by Wendell Barry. The ladies will be meeting July 18 to review the books selected for the 2018-2019 year.

HCE Quilt League

The Quilt League meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement.

HCE Card & Game Club

The Card & Game Club meets the 4th Wednesday from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement. The group last met on April 25. Anyone who loves to play

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➔ Adams County, continued

cards & games, should mark their calendars and plan to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors, public is welcome! The group will resume in September.

The three-year ride is over and in closing out I would like to thank Pat Hildebrand and Sharon Middleton at the state level; my fellow Adams County Board Members and unit members for their cooperation, support, and understanding while serving as the Adams County Public Relations Director. The new County Board is setting their eyes on the IAHCE District 4 Workshop to be held on August 8 in Bloomington, Illinois and the President's Dinner on August 23. Thanks again!

Looking forward to the summer break and coming back together in September!

Leslie Geschwandner
Public Relations Director, Adams County



PIKE.....

Organized 1938



Last pieced quilt by Barbara Guthrie.

The quilt is a memorial to Barbara Guthrie. She passed away January 1. This was her last pieced quilt and will be an Opportunity quilt with proceeds supporting the 2019 HCE scholarship fund for graduating seniors.

The quilters have given their new quilt to our fire department for a raffle to have added funds for the fire station. This is in conjunction with our efforts to honor the First Responders. A new sign was placed at the jail and 911 station across from the courthouse. This quilt will be on display at the August workshop in Bloomington.

The Garden Club of HCE started in 2013 with 4 members and has grown to 15 members. They explore flowers, landscaping, yard decorations, and have some type of craft during their 2 ½ hour meeting. They devoted their April meeting to make bouquets to be given away for May Day.

Ann Ferguson
Public Relations, Pike County

SANGAMON.....

Organized 1947

The 70th Annual Sangamon County Association HCE meeting was held on Friday, April 20th at the University of IL Extension Bldg. After a morning business meeting and Memorial Service, Mary Eustace, District IV Director installed the new officers. President, Elaine Murray; 1st Vice President, Jody Harden; 2nd Vice President, Judy Bartels; Secretary, Sue Chamberlain; Treasurer, Linda Schlau; Community Outreach, Mary Johnson; Family Issues, Roxy Ulm; International, Ruth Ann Theis, and Cultural Enrichment, Barbara Young. A special thanks to outgoing officers Marty Shores and Kathy Romans for all their work. Thelma Harms gave out several local and State Awards.

The Winners were: Ruth Ann Theis for International, Mary Johnson for State Newsletter, Jerome/Lincoln Trail Unit won the Pennies for Friendship Banner, Blue Ribbon Awards to Auburn-Chatham Unit and Capitol Unit. The Homemaker of the Year Award was presented to Mary Alice McNaught who is a former Home Economics teacher and community leader from the Auburn-Chatham Unit. A special thanks to outgoing President Thelma Harms for her 8 years of service to our County organization.



Mary Alice McNaught — SCAHCE HOYA for 2018

The Membership Tea Party was extra special this year. Several mailbox members and guests were present along with our active members. Many varieties of tea pots and plants graced our tables.

Delicious cookies and teas were all provided by the Membership committee and the Unit 2nd Vice Presidents. Membership certificates for 50 year members were presented to: Margaret Pusche and Mary Moody—50 years; Marcia Fidler received a certificate for 55 years. Helen Poe accepted a 50 year certificate posthumously for Juanita Yoswig who passed away on 4/18.



Margaret Pusche



Mary Moody



Marcia Fidler

LuAnn Ribley gave a summary of countries where ladies and men make jewelry and other products to sell through her company, "Trades of Hope" in the USA. Her sales that day were a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund for next year.

Will host a Co-County event with Macoupin County, July 10th at 1:00 p.m. Our program will be presented by Andra

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Ebert owner of Heartland Mini Hoofs Mini Equine Visiting Program. Heartland Mini Hoofs provides animal therapy visits to nursing homes, hospitals, Alzheimer Units, schools and mental health centers. Bringing smiles, laughter, healing and comfort to others through equine assisted therapy and activities using miniature horses.

SCAHCE has planned a one-day bus trip to Bloomington to tour the Davis Mansion and gardens, the Ropp Cheese Farm, and then travel back to Elkhart for antiques, lunch at the Wild Hare Café and a tour of the historic chapel. This fun event will be Wednesday, September 19.

Mary Johnson
Public Relations, Sangamon County



TAZEWELL.....

Organized 1918

Greetings from Tazewell County-Tazewell/Mason/Peoria County HCE celebrated their 100th anniversary at their annual meeting on a beautiful day this spring.



Dottie Carey with our county banner.



Mary Johnson

Special guests included IAHCE President, Jane Chapman; District Director, Mary Eustace, and Mary Johnson who spoke of her experience with the IAHCE Outbound Exchange Program when she went to the Baltic states.

The day began with the annual business meeting, a greeting from Jane Chapman, a message from our Extension Unit leader, Earl Allen, presentation of awards, installation of officers and the program presented by Mary Johnson. Commemorative mugs with our anniversary logo were presented to all present.

After lunch we traveled to the Farm Bureau building (also Tazewell County University of Illinois Extension office) where we served dessert and dedicated a bench in memory of Mary Fouts who was our extension adviser for 20 years. Special guests for the dedication were Dave Myatt and Merna Leddy who were former extension employees and worked with Mary.



Mary Eustace installed officers.

They spoke very kind words about her as did correspondence from another former employee, Marilyn Norman. Mary's daughter also sent a message thanking us for honoring her mother.

The bench sits in front of the building where it can shelter us from the weather as we wait for a ride!

Some 50+ years of membership ladies

We were so pleased to have a great turnout for our celebration and the support of the IAHCE.



Darlene Curry
Public Relations, Tazewell County



While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the man, "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR Kathleen Emery

I don't know where the time goes but it is July and when you get this newsletter we will be getting ready for our District Workshops. I hope you are planning on attending them.

The District 4/5 Meeting is on Wednesday, August 8th in Bloomington at the Chateau. Remember you don't have to be an officer to attend any of the meetings. It is a great way for you to understand the workings of an office you might want to try in the future. If another district meeting is closer to you, feel free to go to it just let your District Director know you will be attending another one so we will be able to get your paper work to you.

Keep inviting friends and neighbors to your units activities to let them see how wonderful of an organization we have.



Kathleen Emery

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

CHAMPAIGN.....

Organized 1918

2018 is an exciting year for Champaign County Home and Community Education. We are celebrating our **100th Anniversary** with a celebration on July 7, 2018. We are having a "tea party" with displays, power point on our history and entertainment from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Savoy Methodist Church. Three of our Units are celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year also, Dewey/Fisher Unit, Savoy Unit, and Somer Unit. Dewey/Fisher Unit had a special celebration on April 16, 2018.



Dewey/Fisher Unit 100th Anniversary Celebration

May 7 was our 100th Annual Meeting at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Congratulations to two CCHCE members that were honored at the meeting, Joan Cahill, Staley Unit and Alice Duitsman, Royal Unit, for their 50 year membership in CCHCE. Guests attending were Sharon Middleton, IAHC 1st Vice President and Kathleen Emery, District 5 Director. Kathleen installed the new officers for 2018.

*Joanne Cahill,
Staley Unit
and
Alice Duitsman,
Royal Unit*

50 Year Members



The guest speaker was Fred Christensen speaking on the History of Illinois since this is the 200th Anniversary for the State of Illinois. Also recognized at the Annual Meeting were members for their 2017 volunteer hours. Two members with over 2,000 hours Pam Lindell, Bondville/Seymour Unit with 2,572 and Bobbi McEntire, Dewey/Fisher Unit with 2,005. Six members with over 1,000 volunteer hours were Carol Froeschl, 1,895, Mayview Unit; Bonnie Whiteside, 1,778 and Rebecca Gatewood 1,510 Savoy Unit; Vickie Siebenhaar, 1,395 and Richey Vanderspool 1,109 Bondville/Seymour Unit; and Lisa Lewey-Shields, 1,083 Penfield Unit. Total hours for the County was 33,803.

Again this year the County is having the "Passport" project. Each member will receive a passport with lists of events to attend and are given points for events attended. The person with the most points will win a gift certificate to Silver Creek Restaurant and will be given at the Fall membership event in October.

May 18 and 19 was our 1st Spring Craft and Plant Sale at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. We had 16 vendors, lots of plants and a bake goods on sale. The event was a great success and the county is planning to have another one next year. For several years, we have our annual Holiday Trees and Craft sale in November.

On June 20th, we had our Membership Event "Shine the Light on HCE at the Crossroads." The guest speakers were Pat Lacey, from the Staley HCE Unit and member of the Champaign County Genealogy Society and Perry Morris, President of the Genealogy Society gave a very informative talk on "What Champaign County Genealogy Society Can Do for You". The program was a cut out shape of a yellow light bulb to go with the theme "Shine a Light on HCE". We shined the light on the number of years the members attending have in CCHCE. One member attending is a 65 year member of CCHCE, Roberta Farley, Bondville/Seymour Unit. A power point presentation was given on HCE. We had a salad luncheon with lots of delicious salads. We had one guest join HCE at the event. We now have seven new members join CCHCE since the first of the year. Our goal is to have 20 new members by the end of 2018. We ended the day with group singing that all enjoyed.

On June 30th, we had an afternoon of great music, lunch and fellowship. A band, "Keenager Kitchen Band" made for fun enjoyable time singing some old time songs and playing their special kitchen instruments. Following the kitchen band was a quartet "Always in Tune" that sang some beautiful gospel songs.

July 27 & 28 is 7th Annual Garage Sale at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. This is our yearly fundraiser. We will be collecting items from our members by traveling to the different communities where our member live and pick up their items for the sale. We are also having a bake sale and lots of plants to sell on both days.

We are continuing to support the local Developmental Service Center (DSC). Five Units (Mayview, Rantoul, Bondville/Seymour, Staley and Early Risers Units) support a group home with activities and sending cards by recognizing the residents on their birthdays and holidays. Our county continues with the Weighted Blankets project for Champaign County. Monthly, several members meet and bring their sewing machines to sew the weighted blankets for autistic children.

Please check our website for information on CCHCE events. www.champaigncountyhce.wordpress.com

Carol Froeschl,
Public Relations, Champaign County HCE

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CUMBERLAND.....

Organized 1949



Evelyn Icenogle at the Cumberland County HCE and Toledo Life Center Dress Making Day.

The HCE and friends met at the Life Center April 9 and 10 to make little dresses and boy's shorts for Liberia Africa. Several have expressed interest in sewing these projects at home so fabric and kits (already cut out) dresses and shorts are available at the Life Center in Toledo. We are grateful so much fabric and trims have been donated and money to purchase underwear to send with the dresses or shorts.

We had such a good response to the dresses and underwear we sent last July, that was given at Christmas we decided to continue, so if you have time, please consider sewing at home or we could have other sewing days. Please have finished items to the Life Center or Extension office by July 1. Thank you again for all interest and donations.

Cumberland County Office



DE WITT COUNTY.....

Organized 1935

Can you believe summer is here with the heat and not too far away school will be starting up again. Our board has been busy planning for upcoming events.

July 17 we will be having our Annual Potluck at the Extension Center. We will meet at 11:30 and play Bingo after we eat. There will be bingo prizes and everyone always has a good time! If anyone wants to come to Clinton and play Bingo come on out! We are looking forward to going to the Chateau in Bloomington for the District meeting August 8th.

September 14th and 15th we will be at the Clinton IGA selling pulled pork sandwiches. Last year was the first time to do this and it proved to be a great fundraiser!

September 19th will be our International Day. Since we are a Tri-County with Macon and Piatt, we will be using the Macon County Extension Building. DeWitt County is in charge of the program this year.

Emmy and Debby Bates are our International Co-chairmen for the year and they have done a fantastic job getting

ready for everyone to learn about Australia! We have tasted food samples and the girls have passed out the recipes to all three counties for everyone to share.

We will be honoring our First Responders in our smaller communities in Dewitt County. We will give snacks to the Firemen and the Police departments. This will be done during HCEA week instead of September.

Some plans have been made for HCEA week. October 8 we are planning a sewing day to make walker bags and wheelchair bags for our local nursing home. We will be honoring First Responders, and some other plans are being made. We would like to have something each day.

Our local Walmart in Clinton is closing July 20th. They donated a lot of material for us to use for sewing projects.

September 29th and 30th will be our local Apple and Pork Festival. Last year we sold tickets for the tram for a fundraiser. We are hoping we have that opportunity this year. Come to Clinton that weekend for a good time!

Linda Riva

Newsletter/ CVU, DeWitt County



MACON.....

Organized 1918

Our Macon County HCE has been very busy this spring and summer. We have had some very interesting programs: a lesson from our various libraries around the county about the library services that are available to us, and our Spring Meeting where many of our members made crafts to sell as one of our fundraisers. We also had a speaker at our Spring Meeting from Operation Enduring Support that spoke to us about the needs of the military that they support.

In June, we had a very educational farm tour to Fox Run Farm and Twin Silos Farm.



Twin Silos with Lavender Field



Sheep are for Yarn & Felting



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Macon County, continued

In July, our dedicated member volunteers are presenting a program about "Cooking for One or Two". Our cooking programs are always popular with our membership as well as prospective members. This is a membership drive and we have asked our members to bring their families and friends.

Our scholarship applications are due July 2nd, and we look forward to awarding it to a deserving student.

Our Annual Planning Program is in July. This is a time that the general membership, along with our County Board members, "brainstorm" for programs for 2019. We also have a trolley tour, and a visit to the Oglesby Mansion planned for July.

In August, we will be sending many of our County Board members to the IAHCE District Meeting.

We always enjoy visiting and exchanging ideas with other counties. Another educational program about the use of the newest small kitchen appliances will be ably presented by a few of our members.

International Day will be at the Extension Office in September. Our general membership, along with DeWitt and Piatt counties, always look forward to this day.

August 11th will be the day that the Bread Monk will be at our Extension Office to present his program, "100 Years of Baking." The tickets are \$15 and are available at the Macon County Extension Office.



Perhaps our most exciting event this year will be our 100th year celebration! We are working diligently to have a wonderful celebration at the Decatur Club on Saturday, September 8th. As of now, our plans include some entertainment and a catered lunch, all for \$20. The speaker will be Paul Osborne, the editor of our Decatur Tribune weekly newspaper. We look forward to having a memorable day!

We continue to work on our pillowcases to distribute to adults and children around our area. We have a new project that we are starting on for the Cancer Care Center. We are making chemo port pillows. These small pillows help hold a car seatbelt away from a person's port to help make their car ride more enjoyable. We enjoy doing these projects to help around our community.



**CELEBRATE HCE WEEK STATEWIDE
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MC LEAN.....

Organized 1918

McLean County Association for Home and Community Education members are so excited as we near the 100th Annual Meeting – "100 Years of Purple Passion"! The "Celebrate at the Crossroads with McLean County" Annual Meeting on July 10, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be in the Mini Expo Building at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Don Meyer, retired U of I Extension Director will speak and there will be a Hat Style Show and a plated lunch. Featured will be many displays of quilts, kitchenware, cultural enrichment projects, all HCE cookbooks, Margaret Esposito items, Unit and County scrapbooks, and Collection of McLean County Units histories: 1918-2018. HCE members are marching in 5 parades during 2018 to celebrate 100 years, having marched in 7 last year. "Purple" is the color worn! Each month units continue to hear fascinating "fact finds" about units' individual 100 years of history. A new McLean County cookbook will be introduced for sale.

May 15th was the eagerly anticipated spring trip. Members and guests toured the Waterwheel Gristmill in the Chicago area plus the Naper Settlement Museum and Martin Mitchell Mansion in Naperville. Twenty one members and eight guests enjoyed the excursion. Play Day on June 4th started with a train ride to Springfield to enjoy the Lincoln Library.



Members in front of a beautiful church moved to the Naperville settlement.



Cindy Kelly at the Graue Mill milling grain

A special exhibit portrayed the 4 Illinois presidents – Lincoln, Grant, Reagan and Obama. The Feed Store was a delicious lunch stop. The Old State Capital guided tour and a guided tour of Lincoln's home concluded the walking tour with 11 members and 2 guests delivered back to Normal safely on the train.

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*Lincoln's Springfield home pictured behind
Play Day tour group*



*Guided tour at
Old State Capital*

Workshops and classes were ongoing each month –on Community Service day busy hands work on crafts or other special projects – including hats, scarves, and mittens for local children, fidget lap quilts and eye glass cases for developing nations and special projects for the 100th Annual Meeting. Fifteen cultural art participant members attended a local Tri-Valley high school play, “Shakespeare Trilogy”, in April after dining at a local restaurant. At least twenty-one members planted pots at the Flower Pot Party held at a local nursery Niepagen’s May 14th.

Books read in April and June, and then discussed by members were – *Wright Brothers* by David McCullough and *Stars are Fire* by Anita Shreve. 5 Ingredient Fix, Living with a Hearing Loss, and Fairy Gardens were lessons for April, May and June. Some units doubled up lessons in May and planned special trips or meals for June to recognize the end of the program year.

Looking ahead - HCE summer bake sales at the Downs Village Market start June 13th. Sales bring eager consumers who line up to buy the wonderful delicacies talented members bake to sell. Our McLean County HCE members work tirelessly on money making projects because we believe in and want to support our communities and our local 4-H youth programs.



*First bake sale
of 2018 at Downs
Farmers market*

runs August 1-5. This event is for 60+ who will enjoy senior vendor displays, entertainment, refreshments and lots of fun. Seniors get into the fair free that morning and have free parking.

Several members anticipate the NVON meeting in Pewaukee, WI, July 16-18th. The August 15th IAHCE District 5 Workshop is also on the calendar. Orientation for old and new board members will be August 28th. The Cultural Enrichment Fine Arts Crafts Fair will occur at orientation with entries brought that morning to be judged.

McLean County HCE website is: www.mcleanhce.org. Check out events and pictures of events posted on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education>. Our Public Relations team developed a new website thanks to Mary Kay Kurtenbach.

Remember “100 Years of Purple Passion for HCE” July 10th! Info: Kathryn McNeely at 309-275-8898 or Kathryn.mcneely42@gmail.com. Pictures will be shared from the 100th Celebration next issue!

See you in McLean County – come visit.

Barb Jurgens

McLean County Public Relations Team



PIATT.....

Organized 1930

Piatt County HCE has kept busy this year. Our Cultural Enrichment committee has been working to provide items that will enhance the Piatt County Extension Office.

Martha Lynch and Colleen Vaughan are shown standing beside a curtaining project that covers and hides away what is stored in two large open front cabinets found in the public meeting room.

Our group has also helped the local extension office staff collect needed houseware items for the kitchen to make it more easily functional on a daily basis.



*Martha Lynch and
Colleen Vaughan*

Kathleen Glenn
Co-Public Relations, Piatt County



“Light Up HCE”

Thursday, August 2nd, 8:30-11:30 McLean County HCE will sponsor Young at Heart Day at the 4-H Fair which

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PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION.....

Organized 1938

As usual, a great Convention; plus all the first timers - so there is hope. On Wednesday, seven of our board members were there and am sure they learned a lot in their officers share shops.



The officers have been busy sewing the little dresses and pillow cases for veterans. A few of us are sewing school bags to fill with school supplies this fall for the missions. Plans are to host another fun day at the Eberhardt Village Assistant Living doing crafts with the citizens and HCE members.

Was very special sharing with Mary Johnson's guest, Sara Kenney, who came to this area to learn about my Amish heritage and life growing up in the Amish country. Leaving the Country Cafe, where we had lunch, I took Sara with me driving past the Amish farms including the Marner farm where I called home. We stopped at an Amish owned grocery store where we toured back to the bakery where my Amish friend, Barbara, was finishing the last details. Sara delighted in the visit with her and ended it with a hug. Sara also had her picture taken by a horse and buggy. My nephew's widow, Lorene, invited us into her farm house for pie and coffee, plus to see Lorene's beautiful quilts that she makes. Did not get to visit as much as I had hoped; Sara was very respectful to not take pictures of the Amish.

My newspaper buddy, Kent, came out and took pictures. Kent and Sara exchanged information for Sara to send an article on her sheep ranch. The picture and article will be printed in our local newspaper.

May 4th, Cheri Burcham and Dave Shiley from the Arthur Extension Office had "A WALK IN THE PARK" event in Walnut Point State Park. Seven ladies from the HCE Bourbon Unit plus three other ladies attended. First part of the walk was under the poplar trees where Dave told how trees planted in a row were planted by people, the rest by God and the birds. Into the more dense forest, Cheri and Dave knew the names of the wild flowers, the cottonwood trees which have bark like an alligator's skin, the honey locust trees which grows big beans pods, etc.

Cheri had us be very quiet standing on the pine needles and moss and be within the present time. I felt as if I was standing in the midst of a symphony of flowers and the swaying of the forest. Can you imagine ten ladies be quiet that long!

Josephine Marner
Public Relations, Moultrie/Douglas Counties

VERMILION.....

Organized 1919

Hello from Vermilion County HCE!

Vermilion HCE held a Women Walk the World picnic and walk on April 26, 2018 at Kennekuk Cove County Park near Danville, Illinois, U. S. A. Nine members and one guest attended. Pennies for Friendship were collected and information about ACWW projects were shared. The weather was perfect, and we stayed to visit and eat footprint shaped sugar cookies.



*Vermilion HCE
Women Walk*

Vermilion County held their Annual Meeting at the Vermilion County Museum in Danville, Illinois on June 12th.

Many celebrated the 200th Birthday of the State of Illinois! HCE presented a Red, White and Blue theme for the annual meeting. Applewood Catering served our luncheon.



Annual Meeting

The museum property has a new display building. As you walk through the building there is Abraham Lincoln to greet you, a coal mine for you to explore. Lincoln's display of his law office with the original furnishings.

A gift shop with very interesting items to purchase. Our members also enjoyed the home of Doctor William Fithian. Tour of the home was another walk back in time of Danville's history. Vermilion County Museum Society is "Keeping History Alive!"

Diane Reddy
Public Relations, Vermilion County

It's not the fall that kills you,
it's the sudden stop at the end.



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR Debbie Segrest

Waving a Big hello to all of you!!!

This has been a hard summer already, with the heat, storms, and mosquitos!! I don't like sweating and since I'm a mosquito magnet - I really don't enjoy summer very much anymore.



I love my garden, though. What tastes better than a BLT and a fresh salad with tomatoes, spring mix, and cucumbers from your own organic garden? And the homemade pickles and relish, yummy!!!! Other than my garden ----- bring on Autumn!!! I hope all of you are keeping cool in the heat and safe in the storms we have had.

I have really enjoyed visiting some of your counties and installing your officers. I have enjoyed the wonderful food, entertainment, and auctions! Thank you for the terrific gifts! I love each and every one of them! You made me feel so welcome as your new District Director. I'm looking forward to visiting the rest of you. I'm usually really good with names, but there are so many new ones to learn that it will take me awhile.

We recently came home from our June IAHCE board meeting. It was very interesting and informative.

I hope to see all of you at our District Workshop August 9th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 901 West Jefferson in Effingham, IL. The District Directors have a special program planned that we are really looking forward to. And I think you are going to absolutely Love our new theme!!! There is so much everyone can do with it. So be prepared to let your imaginations run wild!

Encourage everyone in your county to attend August 9th, it is not just for county board members. Remember to send in your forms along with \$20 per person. See you August 9th!

Debbie Segrest

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BOND..... Organized 1944

Summer is here early - May/June - with temperatures in the high 90's. Enjoy all the summer activities!

Two scholarships were awarded to girls from Mulberry Grove High School, Mulberry Grove, IL. Rauna Stiff and Krista Waters ranked high in their grade ratings with both girls being accepted in local colleges.

Pennies for Friendship went to our local 4-H organization.

Several area blood donors presented themselves on June 12 for the American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by

Bond County Home and Community Education. A nine gallon (72 pints) donor and a one gallon donor received pins in recognition. A first time donor received a blood drop pin. Our thanks to all blood donors.

Our last two major lessons: "Aging-Everyone's Doing It" and "50 Ways to Live Longer" are giving us answers for our senior citizens for the next decade -- plus.

Plans are underway for annual meeting and the Bond County Fair coming soon!

Shirley Volentine
Bond County Public Relations



CLINTON..... Organized 1945

Clinton County HCE has been busy! At our 73rd annual meeting the new officers for 2018 were installed (see picture) by District 6 Director Debbie Segrest, President – Kay Peters, First Vice – Denise Sinclair, 2nd Vice – Carol Petermeyer, Public Relations – Karen Voss, Secretary – Janet Schmeink (absent from photo), Treasurer - Diane Sinclair, International – Cindy Niemeyer, 4-H – Anita Brandmeyer.



Also at the annual meeting HCE made a total of six check presentations to county food banks and a snack pack program. The \$1,200 in total donations were made possible from HCE "Uncork the Holidays" and "The Bread Monk" programs.

Other programs and activities we recently held were: a spring bus trip to The Hill in St. Louis. This trip was a great success so a 2019 trip to Effingham area is being planned. International night featuring the Philippines with a local resident from the Philippines doing an excellent job doing the presentation with food, items of interest and a informal talk was given.

A program on Elder Law - Safe guarding your money from the nursing home was very well attended also. Now we are busy planning our 2nd annual "Uncork the



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

► Clinton County, continued

Holidays" for Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Carlyle KC Hall. It is a wine, food and kitchen event featuring speakers, food, vendors and of course wine. Last year's event went over very well so we are doing it again, and we invite all HCE counties to come Clinton County and join us! Pre-registration is necessary, come talk to us at the Fall district meeting about registration and attending our event.

Karen Voss
Public Relations, Clinton County



CRAWFORD.....

Organized 1947

Twenty-seven members enjoyed the annual June picnic, which was brought inside due to rain showers, but none the less, everyone enjoyed delicious food and fellowship. A program was given on "being positive".



A \$400 scholarship was awarded to Mandy Wilson, Hutsonville. Back row, L-R: Susan Allison, Jeannie Adams, Helen Brackett, Mandy Wilson, Sandy Bryans, Hope Dennis. Front row: Barb Miller, LaDonna Harris, Phyllis Adams.

Ty Tuttle played beautiful music on the clavivova



Attending the Membership Luncheon were: Pat Kincaid, Leah Buser, Jeannie Adams, Phyllis Adams, Mary Stampini, Susan Allison, Bonnie Finn, Martha Holt, Beulah Inboden, Margaret Inboden, Carolyn Coleman, Doris Killingsworth, Carolyn Powell, Donna Harris, Sandy Bryans, Donna Newbold, Jo Carter, Marilyn Michl, Madeline

Harris, Phyllis Neeley, LaDonna Harris, Erma Fielder, Beverly Newbold, Velda Eubank, Marge Shipman, Nancy Wall, and Helen Tuttle.

This year's International program was on the Philippines. Maria Garrard (right) spoke about her families' country, her heritage, and showed pictures & items of what life is

like for many Filipinos. She also cooked a delicious authentic dinner and desert.

Maria Garrard

Attending the event were Pat Kincaid, Leah Buser, Jeannie Adams, Susan Allison, Bonnie Finn, LaDonna Harris, Martha Holt, Pat Scholfield, Shirley Adams, Erma Fielder, Barb Miller, Hope Dennis, Billie Bailey, Helen Brackett, Myra McNair, Brenda McCoy, Molly Houser, Norma Thompson, Carolyn Coleman, Marge Shipman, Jo Carter, Carolyn Bradbury, Phyllis Neeley, Coreta Sparks, Phyllis Adams, Mary Stampini, and Mary Lee Shaw.



President Susan Allison, shown at right, demonstrated for board members what she learned "salad in a jar" at this year's State Conference. She showed how to layer the ingredients and tips on keeping your salad fresh and crisp, and told of the benefits of making it ahead of time.



Crawford County HCE donates items to Hutsonville's Heritage Home for Veterans

Pictured left: Kaye Waggoner, Dorothy Osborn, Jeannie Adams, Coreta Sparks, Rhea Hayden and Hope Dennis

Hope Dennis
Public Relations, Crawford County



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

FAYETTE.....

Organized 1948

Thirty Fayette County HCE members and five guests gathered at the new Golden Years building in Brownstown with a potluck meal and meeting for the 70th annual meeting of the association. Fayette County HCE Board president, Flo Allen welcomed all present and the blessing for the meal was asked by Panzi Blackwell. Allen called the business meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag. The report of attendance was given by St the St. Elmo unit.

The Memorial Service was presented by Ashley Davis and Panzi Blackwell. Tributes were paid to members of Fayette HCE who had passed in 2017. The traditional Memorial Table and reading were observed with the following additional tributes held. Donna Blair of the Ramsey/Bingham Unit had prepared a display board for Goldie Beck with photos and notes pertaining to her membership, accomplishments and her personality. Panzi Blackwell had prepared displays for Sefton Unit members, Lucille Fisher and Shirley Klitzing, featuring photos and samples of their hobbies and accomplishments. The visual tributes were accompanied by brief tributes in words.

Fayette County HCE reports given by following:

Certificates and awards were presented by Anna Jean Rhodes.

- ♦ Mary Smith was presented a certificate for membership of 25 years; 23 of them were perfect attendance.
- ♦ Perfect attendance: Anita Smith - 22 years; Flo Allen - 22 years; Kate Jennings - 20 years.
- ♦ Sefton and Vandalia Day units - CO-Unit of the year
- ♦ Hoann Schaal & Panzi Blackwell - Co-Homemaker of the year.

Installations of officers was officiated by IAHCE District Director, Janet Kassing, who referring to the meeting theme, "Celebration At The Crossroads", noted that Effingham sits at the Crossroads of I-70 and I-57 and that we all have crossroads in our lives where we need to make a decision - often a major one, be it medical, relationship, etc., where it may be a major decision. She asked, where did we turn for help? She referred to possibly maps, GPS or a guidebook. Comparing the guidebook to the HCE officer Installation, she gave each officer a sense of duty, as a well-written book would represent:

The program, "Nuts About Nuts", was presented by Karen Voss, of the Voss pecans farm. She gave a very interesting presentation of life of a pecan grower, with display photos of the many steps involved in producing the delicious pecans, of which she gave each a free sample.

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations, Fayette County

JASPER.....

Organized 1945

Four Jasper County HCE Board members, (pictured below, L-R), Judy Millsap, Kathy Yager, Donna Richards, and Rose Michl attended a Russian Tasting Luncheon sponsored by the Effingham County HCE Effingham Extension Center. Linda Schmidt and Linda Soltwedel told of their visits to Russia and Siberia. Everyone attending the event enjoyed traditional Russian foods and seeing the colorful mugs and Matryoshka dolls.



Jasper County HCE Board members attended the Russian Tasting Luncheon. Kathy and Donna (center) are holding "fidget mats" for Alzheimer's patients.

The Effingham HCE ladies distributed these to anyone that works with patients after the Luncheon. They also make these and donate to Alzheimer's care facilities.

Judy Millsap
JCAHCE Board President



JERSEY.....

Organized 1931

Hello, My name is Lena, I am new to HCE. I am currently in the Jersey County McClusky Unit.

At our Annual meeting on May 17, 2018 we selected new Board Members. They are as follows:

*President: Sandra Bechtold *Co-Chair 1st Vice: Mary Anne Hagedorn & Karen Hoffman *2nd Vice: Mary Lou Hess * Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Thompson *Family & Community Issues, Ida May Pickle *Cultural Enrichment, Sandra Bechtold & Mary Lou Hess *International: Mary Anne Hagedorn & Karen Hoffman and *Newsletter/Public Relations/CVH, Lena Robeen

We also learned about the Baltic States from speaker Mary Johnson. She talked about her experience when she visited those states. Mary also showed us items she brought back from the Baltic States. We learned a lot and it was a great experience.



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

➡ Jersey County, continued

We started 2018 off with 2 package lessons: Creating a no waste kitchen and Money talks. We have also had lessons on Food and Drug Interaction by Lisa Peterson who works at University of Illinois Extension office. Planting Flowers for Humming birds by Andrew Holsinger also with University of Illinois Extension office. Upcoming lessons are as followed: File of life, what you didn't know about local history, new ways to cut Electricity Bills, Cooking with Squash, HCE Week Minnesota state, safely recycling of plastic.

We will be doing a Craft day with the 4H kids making Flowers out of soda cans. We also be going to the Jerseyville Manor nursing home to help them with a craft day making Irish paper folding Cardinal card. Our Quilt club has finished out mystery quilt. Soon we will be working on another project.

On a sad note we have lost a few members but, we will not let that bring us down. We will be thinking outside of the box to find new members for the Jersey County HCE.

Lena Robeen
Newsletter/Public Relations/CVH, Jersey County



MACOUPIN.....

Organized 1930

March 13-15 seven Macoupin County Board Members attended the Illinois HCE State Convention in Effingham.



Pictured: Back row – Vicki Laughlin, Carol Polo, Cynthia Gan. Front row – Carol Rimar, Donna Greenslade, Joyce Duelm, Kay Kalaher

Be proud! And.....thanks to all of you, our County was awarded two Certified Volunteer Awards in the Awards Ceremony!

One for having the highest number of hours reported – 22,661 hours in Macoupin County! The other award for having the highest number of members participating in the County! WOW! I am so proud of all of you!



It was great to see so many at our annual meeting May 24th. We had so many great items up for bid at the silent auction! Great entertainment by “Mature Traditions” of which our board member Carol Pollo is a member!

Volunteer Service Awards Given at Annual Meeting:

A certificate is given for every 500 hours of volunteer work that is not paid for nor done for family members. After that a seal is given for each 500 volunteer hours. After you have 4 seals on your certificate – indicating 2500 hours, a new certificate is given and you start again earning seals to place on it, etc.

The following received:

- ◆ Seals for their certificates earned previously.
Eleanor Bain, Denise Cadmus, Jan Cloud, Ardry Costello, Barb Greaves, Donna Greenslade, Donna Hubert, Alice Kulenkamp, Vicki Laughlin, Elizabeth Miller, Carol Pollo, Margaret Rievis, Melva Reid, Marilyn Rhodes, Carol Rimar, Kathleen Rondi, Dorothy Stierwalt, Cindy Tipps, Toni Wargo, Gloria Wiese.
- ◆ Two seals to Rachel DeMartini and Jo Marie Ellis.
- ◆ Certificates were awarded to Jennifer Brown, Margaret Caulk, Cynthia Gan, Shirley Heller.
- ◆ Certificate and seal to Dixie Lamparter, Tina Olroyd, Kristy Rosentreter, Phylles Taylor.
- ◆ A certificate and 2 seals to Joyce Duelm.
- ◆ A certificate and 4 seals to Pamela Lawrence.

I am so proud of all of you for all the volunteer work you have done and still do! Many people and organizations benefit by all you do for them. Keep up this great volunteer work! You are blessed as you bless others.

At the Annual Meeting an award was given to one member for turning in hours to me to report to the state. As stated previously, and as was done last year also, one name was drawn from all who responded with reporting hours. This year the winner was Elizabeth Miller. So, keep on recording all your hours and send them to me at the end of the year. YOU may be the lucky winner next year!!!

During this ceremony all HCE ladies in the state in attendance who were members 50+ years were honored and given a red rose. Joyce Duelm was honored for being a member 51 years.



*Joyce Duelm and
Ashley Davis,
IAHCE CVH/Sales*

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The county was given an afghan to raffle off with proceeds used to help with county projects and events. Tickets will be available at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. It will be given this fall at Founders Day event.

Our ladies have been doing various projects this spring: --Mt. Olive Unit filled 50 bags with books, coloring books and colors for the students in Macoupin County Head Start in Benld. They were sent home with them the last day of classes to give them something to do this summer.

--Monday Niters Project: Nancy Duckels makes baby quilts for premies to fit in hospital nursery incubators at St. John's, Springfield. Loretta Tawfall and her quilt group (Carlinville United Methodist Church) hand tie the quilts to finish them.

--Staunton Unit members contributed towards the purchase of Youth Study Bibles.

HCE is still promoting thank you/honoring local ambulance personnel, first responders, firemen and policemen. An appreciation dinner was held for them in Mt. Olive. Other units baked cookies and delivered to various groups. Any kind of recognition is greatly appreciated by them.

We have had some interesting lessons in our county: Food and Drug Interactions, Strawberries, Shade and Sun Plants, Fix Ahead Meals for 1 or 2 and Birds of Illinois.

In July Macoupin and Sangamon counties will again meet for an enjoyable get-together. Hosted by Sangamon, Macoupin will bring the desserts. Heartland Mini Hoofs will give a presentation on how these horses are trained to be therapy animals.

Joyce Duelm

Public Information/CVH, Macoupin County



MADISON.....

Organized 1936

Madison County has had a very good start to the new year with our many projects and events.

We started off the year with our winter warm up in February. We had around 65 participants attend and they were able to make a variety of items ranging from topiaries, greeting cards, and wreaths to learning about essential oils and caring for day lilies.

In April, we had our annual meeting at Leclaire Christian Church in Edwardsville IL. Members and guests enjoyed a catered meal and entertainment and could participate in a silent auction. The new board was installed and we recognized special members with an awards program.

May brought warm weather and the chance to go on the annual county trip which we took to Carlinville. While there we got to tour the "Million Dollar Courthouse" which

was built of limestone carried by oxen a street away. We also got to tour a Sears Home which was built during the era of mining in Carlinville. We stopped for lunch in the town's square and went shopping and did a drive by tour of Blackburn College. We also toured the Macoupin County Historical Site which is home of the Anderson Mansion. It was a fun day of learning about a town rather close to us which just goes to show there are hidden gems all around us if we simply look for them!

In June, we had a special afternoon presentation from Eleanor Gregory and Mary Johnson on their trips to the Baltic States. Cookies and punch were served.

This August we will be having our annual Summer Cool Down where participants can learn new skills, create art projects and crafts, or learn about important topics ranging from gardening to healthcare.

In October we will be having our annual International Night with the country of study being Australia.

Our Christmas in November will be held the first Thursday in November.

For more details on any of these events please send me an email at emhohl@gmail.com and I will be happy to tell you in!

Try staying cool! It's a hot one out there! :)

Emily McDowell

Public Relations, Madison County



MARION.....

Organized 1946

The April meeting of the Marion County HCE Board began with Roll Call and the Membership Report. Pat Young made her final report as Treasurer noting disbursements that had been made as well as income in the form of dues paid. At least \$350 has been received from the Book Sale held to benefit the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund and donations are still being accepted. Donations of \$25 each from the HCE General Fund to the Scholarship Fund were approved in memory of Charter Members Wilma Vandever and Ruby Schaeffer who recently died.

She reported that the year end audit was held April 16 and all records were found to be in order. A budget has been proposed for 2018-2019 and will be presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 25 at the Marion County Extension Office in Salem. Plans were finalized for the Annual Meeting and a reminder made that the final County Training will be held Thursday, April 26, at 1:30 pm at the Marion County Extension Office. Becky Purcell, owner of The Cloth Cottage in Salem, will speak about Upcycling Fabric.



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

➡ Marion County, continued

Further discussion was held regarding the upcoming fundraiser for our General Fund which will feature George Portz and the Friends of Bluegrass Saturday, June 30, at 7:00 pm at the Salem Community Theatre and Cultural Center. Remember to save the date!

The Marion County AHCE held its 72nd Annual Meeting at the Marion County Extension Office in Salem on Wednesday, April 25. Co-Chairman Phyllis Henson called the meeting to order; First Vice President Connie Williams led the group in the Pledge to the American Flag and the Club Collect. Co-Chairman Dorothy Bruce then introduced the entertainment for the program, John Shaw, local poet. His verses about husbands and wives, politics, and everyday life brought laughs from the crowd.

Second Vice President Ruth Jones then conducted Roll Call noting the number of members present from each unit. The Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were approved and Nominating Committee member Helen Leonhardt noted that Connie Williams was nominated for the position of Treasurer, replacing Pat Young who was thanked for her years of service. Following the election of Officers, the Installation of Officers was conducted by Donna Richards, Secretary of the Illinois State Association of Home and Community Education.

Following the reading of the 217/2018 Financial Report, 2018/2019 Budget and 2017/2018 Membership Report a time of remembrance was held for members who passed away during the last year. Special note of the deaths of the final remaining Charter Members Wilma Vandever and Ruby Schaffer was made. Former Homemaker of the Year Rosalie Maxey then introduced the new Homemaker of the Year, Ruth Jones.

Ruth Jones. left, is presented the 2018 Homemaker of the Year Award by the 2017 Homemaker of the Year, Rosalie Maxey.



Following the recognition of Certified Volunteers and the distribution of door prizes those in attendance enjoyed food and fellowship together.

Upcycling Fabric was the topic of the April Lesson for the Marion County HCE. Thirty-two were in attendance as Becky Purcell of The Cloth Cottage located at 423 South Broadway in Salem shared a variety of ideas to reuse not only fabric scraps, but t-shirts, sweaters, sweat-shirts, and other articles of clothing. Besides decorative framed items featuring handkerchiefs and quilts; rugs, boot socks, a dog bed, and keepsake memorabilia were displayed. One of the most interesting items was a tote bag made completely of fabric selvage.

The June meeting of the Marion County AHCE Board included plans to finalize the concert to be held at the Salem Community Theatre in Salem on Saturday, June 30, beginning at 7:00 pm. George Portz and The Friends of Bluegrass are the leading acoustic music group performing in the St. Louis metropolitan area, and their shows are enjoyed by all ages. Made up of leader and founder George Portz, award-winning fiddle player, lead singer David Dalton, champion lead guitar player Dave Montgomery, banjo picker Zack Hardesty, upright bass player Kathie Pohlman, and vocalist Brenda Cook, the group blends their fiery Bluegrass roots with some fine traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun music. Their "Cajun Set" has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. They will be joined by local favorite Herman Perry and 10-year-old Little Miss Country Ruby Pearson. This is a 400 seat air-conditioned theatre so getting a good seat will not be a problem. Proceeds will benefit the Marion County HCE and will help fund events, programs, and sponsorships for members and within the community. The Salem Community Theatre Board will offer concessions that will benefit their organization.

Newly elected Treasurer, Connie Williams, reported that she and newly appointed Financial Officer Phyllis Henson-Phillips have completed the paperwork necessary to be the new signers on the account at the former First Bank which has been purchased by People's State Bank of Newton. New checks and deposit slips have been acquired. We are so very grateful for the years of service given by former Treasurer Pat Young and former Financial Officer Betty Eutsler who both chose to retire this year.

Connie Williams
Public Relations, Marion County



MONROE.....

Organized 1941

The Evening Homemakers from the Monroe County HCE, sewed blankets to donate to St. Louis Children's Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Members met three times during the winter and spring to cut out and stitch the blankets. Lunch was enjoyed at each session and provided several days of great fellowship. They delivered 176 blankets to the hospitals in St. Louis.



Pictured: Hospital representative, Sandy Patrick, Dorothy Kohler, Doris Matzenbacher, JoAnn Roider, and Nicole Koch

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Members of the HCE Board volunteered at the Blood Drive in Columbia. A promotion of the St. Louis Cardinals was held in conjunction with the drive. Those donating received a T-shirt.

Picture: Doris Matzenbacher and Toni Blandford. Also helping were Carol Hoffmann and Rose Anne Bense



State of Illinois Representative Demarius Blanks recently presented a very interesting program on Organ Tissue Donor. She discussed the benefits of becoming a donor and making sure that your driver's license has the indicator if you wish to donate.



State of Illinois Representative Demarius Blanks (right) and Doris Matzenbacher (left) who coordinated the presentation.

Brittany Blandford is HCE's 2018 Scholarship winner. Her field of study will be Criminal Justice. Brittany is the granddaughter of HCE member, Toni Blandford.



Dorothy Kohler, HCE Family Issues Chairman (left) and Brittany.

HCE held International Night featuring the country of Australia. Guest speakers were Lloyd and Betty Wacker, retired teachers from Waterloo High School. They are world travelers, having visited 23 countries. Carol Hoffmann (left) organized the event



Monroe County HCE members plus others attended the annual Linus Blanket Luncheon held in Belleville, IL. Those attending were thanked for making the blankets and heard stories from various agencies that received and distributed the blankets. The blankets are donated to the Linus Blanket of Southwestern Illinois, an organization that was started in 1997 with a goal to provide security blankets to seriously ill/traumatized children. Over 63,000 blankets have been made since its beginning, with 2,427 donated in 2017. Blankets are then provided to various recipients in the Metro East and St. Louis area.



Rose Anne Bense
President/Public Information, Monroe County



EFFINGHAM.....

Organized 1939

The Effingham County HCE along with the Effingham Farm Bureau who was celebrating their 100th birthday held a quilt show on May 11th and 12th. The show was held at St. Johns Lutheran Church with approximately 100 people attending. Everyone got to vote for their favorite quilt.



Thanks to everyone who entered a quilt

Sharon Davis
Public Relations, Effingham County

DISTRICT 7 NEWS

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing

It is with a heavy heart that I write this article. As many of you know, my husband died suddenly on June 5th. Fortunately I was home (or maybe unfortunately), but my children have been my stronghold. They live close by and were with me quickly. He was my chauffeur to many of our district's Annuals and thoroughly enjoyed many of your delicious meals. Thank you for all the cards and messages I've received.



I feel a bit out of touch with you because Jane did the mini district meeting with you and I missed the June state board meeting, but I hope to get back into the swing of things soon. I'll see you in August in Effingham. I know you received your registration form and district letter from Jane or shortly after if you were not present in Benton.

I hope you enjoyed the suggested reading lists from the state of Illinois. I planned to read several of those books to report on (I did read "So Big" by Edna Ferber and enjoyed it.) but God had other plans.

I will have a lesson for you in Effingham.

Thanks for your kind words. Next year's Annuals will be very bittersweet for me. It will be my last year and I won't have my travel buddy. Remember as you plan that I will be out of the country from approximately March 20-April 15. Will keep you informed.

Love, Janel

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HAMILTON..... Organized 1961

It took a long time for summer to get here but the month of June has been very hot and humid. Hopefully we've had the worst.

Our Annual Day in April was very nice. We had the usual business meeting and installation of officers followed by a wonderful meal. A group of local dancers performed a square dance (the Illinois State Dance) and then we had an Illinois Trivia Competition for those attending.

We had a great lesson in April on "Feed Sacks and Aprons". It's amazing how many things can be made out of feed sacks. We had planned a lesson in May touring historical homes in McLeansboro but it had to be canceled until a later date.

We held our Spring Taco Salad Luncheon but the weather was disagreeable and the crowd was not quite as big as usual. We also had a bake sale and it did well.

In April we joined with 4-H members for National 4-H Day of Service by sewing dresses for Operation Christmas Child.

Our Community Outreach leader, Karol Brown, is still collecting plastic lids, small plastic containers, soda tabs, stamps and Box Tops for Education.

We held our June meeting at Dolan Lake followed by our Annual Picnic. The weather was perfect for a picnic. We had several guests from local nursing homes and others in our community including 4-H members who presented a program after the picnic lunch.

Several ladies from our county attended the District Mini meeting held at Benton in June.

Enjoy the summer and try to keep cool!

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations, Hamilton County



JOHNSON..... Organized 1950

The annual meeting of the Johnson County HCE was held on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Building in Vienna. Members and their guests enjoyed a bountiful potluck, provided by the HCE units and the board. HCE board president Faye Mize welcomed a full house. Steve Yandell, a guest, provided a prayer prior to the meal. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by board member, Cara Webb. The annual financial report was given by treasurer, Betty Yandell.

The membership report was presented by 2nd vice-president, Kim Collins, with a total of 47 members. One new member is Pan Franklin, who has joined the Longview unit. Members in each unit include: Longview--9, Ozark--8, Tunnel Hill--26, and one sustaining member, plus three honorary members: Catherine Muck, 78-year-member, Betty Jo Casper, 68-year-member, and Sally Summers, 54-year-member. Three members have passed away: JoAnn Elliot, Edna Alsip and Norma Martin.

Said President Mize, "One of our missions is to encourage membership growth. It is important we reach out to friends and neighbors to extend an invitation to Johnson CHCE. We are a service organization, which provides many opportunities for involvement, learning and fellowship. We welcome others to join our unique team of community minded individuals."

The program was given by Sherrie Crabb, Executive Director of Family Counseling Center, Inc. and Mallory Hartman, Admissions and Marketing Manager of Autumn Ridge Supportive Living Facility in Vienna.

Crabb provided pertinent information on the services that are available at FMC Inc., that opened in June 1974, in Pope County, and expanded into Hardin and Johnson Counties, to provide mental behavioral health outpatient services, and has now expanded into Alexander and Pulaski Counties. The 9-member board of directors is elected from those five counties.

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Hartman shared information on Autumn Ridge, the Johnson County-located 45-apartment complex for those over sixty-five, that offers supportive living assistance. Family Counseling Center, Inc. can be reached at 618-658-2611 or www.fccinonline.org. Autumn Ridge can be contacted at 618-658-2775 or www.arslf.com Weitzman

Special guests were: Jane Chapman, Coulterville, IAHCE President; Janel Kassing, Red Bud, IAHCE District 7 Director; and Norma Korte, Metropolis, IHCE Board Family/Community Issues Chair. Recognized was Irene Webb, retiring HCE Board Secretary. She served 23 years in that position, doing a tremendous job, and was presented a hanging geranium. Webb will be replaced by Ann Ford, who was welcomed to the board.

Board members were installed by Kassing. Her theme was "Celebrations!" She challenged those present to welcome new members, with, "Good luck in lighting up Illinois!" The board members include: President--Faye Mize; 1st Vice-President--Rosemary Rouse; 2nd Vice-President--Kim Collins; Secretary--Ann Ford; Treasurer--Betty Yandell; Community Outreach--Cara Webb; Cultural Enrichment--Carol Racey; Family Living--Phyllis Webb; International--Ann Stachowiak; Public Relations--Dixie Terry. Each board member was presented a book mark by Kassing and a potted plant by President Mize.

Chapman emphasized "What will work in your county?" as she talked of changing times and needs in each community in Illinois and meeting those needs via HCE.

Door prizes of either potted plants or lotions were presented following the meeting, to these: Wilma Key, Janel Kassing, Mary Yandell, Ann Stachowiak, Maxine Ellet, Maxine Burdick, Belinda Penrod, Kim Collins, Cara Webb, Ann Ford, and Jane Chapman.

L to R: Norma Korte, Janel Kassing, Jane Chapman, Faye Mize, at the annual meeting of the Johnson County HCE on April 17.



HCE Board Installation—Betty Yandell, Cara Webb, Faye Mize, Irene Webb, Dixie Terry, Phyllis Webb, Kim Collins, Carol Racey, Ann Ford, Ann Stachowiak.

Dixie Terry
Public Relations, Johnson County

MASSAC.....

Organized 1947

Craft Activity:

Ten members and guests attended the craft night on April 19. Amanda Quint and Judy Parr helped the group make photo coasters, while Norma Korte and Rozann Wilkins worked with participants who created the "Tree of Life" pendants. Thank you to these ladies for preparing and providing material for the lessons. More craft activities are planned for the next few months.



Members and guests participated in a craft activity.

Market Street Spring Fling was held on May 5 near the Happy Hearts Center in Metropolis. Massac County HCE had a booth with baked goods and plants available for sale. HCE also provided a display of education lessons, brochures about HCE, and information about the state organization. Several people inquired and requested more information. Please find those special people that want to be part of HCE, and invite them to attend a meeting. Thank you to everyone who provided baked items or plants and worked throughout the day. Food items that were not sold were donated to Guardian House.



The nutrition display and baked goods available during the

Family & Community Involvement:

Massac County HCE members facilitated workshop class sessions during the two-day Celebrate Youth Conference at Shawnee Community College on May 15 & 16. Seventh grade students from the AJMPU 5-county unit attended the conference to learn about career opportunities, health, safety, and science-related topics.



HCE members helped 7th grade students during the Celebrate Youth Conference to make small cheese pizzas and fruit pizzas



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➡ Massac County, continued

Massac County HCE was responsible for the “Snacks in a Snap” workshop. HCE members taught students about the “My Plate” nutrition recommendations and how to read food labels. Students then had an opportunity to make two types of snacks that they could also make at home.

Thank you to HCE members who assisted with the workshops: Judy Parr, Susie Henley, Kathy Hutcherson, Anita McConnell, Dorothy Holt, and Norma Korte.

Norma Korte
Public Relations, Massac County



PERRY.....

Organized 1947

Perry County has kept its membership very busy the past quarter. In keeping with our theme “Then and Now”, celebrating 70 Years,” a county-wide lesson on pie crusts was presented in April. Pie crust making was demonstrated by Sara Tanner, using a recipe the 4-H pastries project of many years ago. Francis Milan, demonstrated her pie crust from a Betty Crocker cookbook given to her in 1958 when she graduated from high school. Sue Kuhnert shared her pie crust that uses vinegar in it and whole wheat flour. For the “now” portion, Jane Chapman gave a demonstration and everyone made their own personal pie using wide mouth rings and flats.

April was also the “Passport Party” month. At this event, we share information and food from our country of study. In our case, it was sharing the Philippines to the Perry County 4-H members and the community. The 4-H as a county wide project study a state in the US that has a lot of the HCE country of study population or history, in the instance of the Philippines the 4-H studied California as it has the largest population of Philippines’ in the US. This event was attended by over 100 HCE members, 4-H members, and members of the community.

Right: 4-H members pose with their educational displays during the Passport Party.



Left: HCE members take a break to pose for the camera while serving samplings of Philippine dishes during the Passport Party.

In May, we continued the tradition of our Annual meeting. Perry County also sponsored a coloring contest for area school children in celebration of the bicentennial of Illinois. The top winners received gift cards to Dairy Queen.

Jane Chapman with coloring contest winners from St Bruno school.



Summer doesn’t slow us down. In June, a county-wide lesson on “outdoor grilling” was presented by Jane Chapman. Members enjoyed a potluck and “sweet onion BBQ burgers” with a special sauce. For the “then” portion of the lesson a copy of a grilling lesson given in 1985 was included with the handout, as well as a little history of outdoor cooking, safety tips, and grilling with gas versus the 1985 lesson that used charcoal.

Our yearly trip was also taken in June with a trip similar to one taken in 1965 to the Amish country in Arthur, IL. Fifty people enjoyed learning about the culture of the Amish while enjoying a tour of the country, an Amish home, and enjoying a meal served in an Amish home. The day was concluded with some shopping in Arthur stores. While making the two hours plus bus trip to Arthur, all on board enjoyed some “laughter yoga” to keep in shape.



HCE members and guests pose for a group photo during their bus trip to Arthur.

Before we reached Arthur, we stopped at Arcola where we viewed the “Hippie Memorial”, toured the old railroad depot that contains a history of “corn brooms” and at the time we were there a Raggedy and Andy display. The day was enjoyed by all and reaped Perry County a new HCE member!

Sara Tanner
Public Relations, Perry County



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PULASKI-ALEXANDER.....

Organized 1945

The Shawnee Unit gave \$50 to the Century Blessings in a Backpack Program. They also have been collecting personal items for the Cairo Women's Shelter and food for the community Food Pantry in Grand Chain.

Reflections have been made on the Annual Conference in Effingham and District Meetings in Benton, IL. Members Emma Dell Bennett, Flora Helman, and Martha McMunn were privileged to attend. Presentations from exchange groups were most informative,

We continue collecting for Friendship, scholarships and our units at each unit meeting. Our Council meetings are informative with the various officers giving a report on a monthly basis. We enjoy new lessons, a way of learning something new. We collect soda tabs, milk bottle tops, and canceled stamps.

The Pulaski Unit will motor in early July to Giant City Lodge for a lunch outing.

Plans and assignments have been made for the food kitchen our homemakers will have in late July for the 4-H Youth Fair. This will be a two-day event. August will be vacation month for both units. A basket of food will be raffled off at the Pulaski County Fair.

We look forward to District workshop in August at Effingham at St. John's Lutheran Church.

By the time this is printed, many will have enjoyed vacations, time with grandchildren, maybe a wedding or two, or you may welcome a new baby into your family circle.

April has been a busy month for both the Pulaski and Shawnee Units with planning and service at the annual Hillbilly Dinner. Our crowd was great, knowing their support was for our Annual Scholarship Fund. Brent Miller did an outstanding job with the auction after the meal was served. This afforded awarding of four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors, two each from Meridian and Century High School.

Three members of the Pulaski Unit, Flora Helman, Amy Kerr, and Debbie Brown from the Pulaski Unit provided a meal for the FFA group at Meridian High School.



HCE member Margaret Ann Grace with winners Ann Lance, Alexis Crain and HVE member Ledillon Powers, at Awards Night at Meridian High School.



Right: June Badgley (center) presented scholarships from HCE to Carson Hight and Molly Williams on right, at Century High School on Awards Night.

Blessings to all.

Martha McMunn Public Relations
Pulaski/Alexander



RANDOLPH.....

Organized 1945

Members met for their annual meeting, and they had the pleasure of hearing Susan Allers give a presentation on the Philippines. She was born in that country and married an American. She has been living here for many years, but she also goes back to the Philippines often. Susan came dressed in a native costume.



Speaker—Susan Allers of Red Bud was the guest speaker about the Philippines at the annual meeting of the Randolph County HCE..

The units continue to collect items for Ben's Boxes which is a project to send personal items to soldiers serving in the military. They are also continuing to make lap quilts for veterans and baby quilts.

Randolph County's HCE president, Janel Kassing, experienced the loss of her husband, Norb, suddenly in June. We extend our sincere sympathy to her and her family at this time of their loss. Norb accompanied her to many of the district events.

Jane Lucht
Public Relations, Randolph County



SALINE.....

Organized 1918

A year of planning was celebrated on April 28, 2018. Saline County celebrated the 100th Anniversary as an organization. Member Sharon Tanner researched our history and shared the information throughout the past year with newsletter articles.

At the celebration, members displayed crafts, lessons, cookbooks and other memorabilia from years past.

President Colleen Alvey opened the meeting with reading of the City Proclamation signed by Harrisburg Mayor,



DISTRICT 7 NEWS

Saline County, continued

John McPeck. Colleen also read a letter Saline County Homemakers received from Rep. Shimkus. The letter was a copy of the Congressional Record minutes where Rep. Shimkus brought before the Speaker of the US House of Representatives 115th Congress recognition of the Saline County Homemakers 100th year. We are now part of our nation's Congressional Records.

After the 100th Celebration, we held our Annual Meeting. We welcomed our guest and recognized our oldest members, our new members and unit awards. Wanda Raley gave memorials for our members we lost in 2017.

Joy Richey and Lynda Roper gave a memorial for Mary Harper who was a Saline County Advisor. It was a wonderful day of celebrating history and friendship. We had another successful Chicken and Dumpling Dinner fundraiser in May. We continue to collect plastic lids for the Eldorado Garden Club park bench project and plastic containers for the Chossier Kitchen carry out meals.

Our members are helping with the summer 4-H shows as judges and assistants. In August, units will be inviting 4-H clubs to meetings to show off their projects, awards and ribbons.

Sharon L. Tanner - oldest living Saline Co Extension Adviser ...served two times 1965-1972 and 1980-1992 when Extension structure changed and counties no longer had Extension Advisers; Carla Martin is the earliest Saline County Homemakers Extension Association Board President who served from 1968-1970

Sharon Tanner (left)
and Carla Martin



Picture at left is from vintage cookbooks beginning with a 1940 edition through the 1970's as well as some crafts created at Homemaker's camp and local craft lessons.

The Saline County HEA Board shared this exciting milestone with every current member and former members who share memories of our organization. Each of them was a unique piece that collectively made up the history of the Saline County Homemakers.

Barb Lambert
Public Information, Saline County

WASHINGTON.....

Organized 1947

As the song goes, "In the good old summertime", we enjoy the sunny but maybe "hot" days and then a thunderstorm or two.

Our WCHCE members have finished quilting, so we have a beautiful and unique quilt for which we will sell raffle tickets. We will have a booth at the Nashville Fall Festival, Okawville Wheat Fair, and other locations. We will hold the drawing for the quilt at our WCHCE Christmas Special program in November 2018.

The HCE board has planned a fun movie night at the Nashville Library on July 30th, and everyone is invited.

The 4-H Style and Economic show will be held at St. Paul's Parish, Nashville, and HCE members help as recorders and judges.

Several members plan to attend the District 6 & 7 workshop at Effingham, Illinois.

Some Illinois facts as we celebrate the 200th birthday of Illinois:

- Q: What is the state insect?
A: The Monarch butterfly.
- A: How many state parks are there in Illinois?
Q: Seventy-two.
- Q: What is the most valuable farm product?
A: Corn.
- Q: What is the second most valuable product?
A: Soybeans.

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is companionship
The joy of sharing fun
Of games, cards, and notes sent
That keeps us on the run

Friendship also shares the times
When sorrows come our way
To have dear friends who care
Makes grey days go away.

Friendship is a lovely gift
A special gift from above
To bring us happy memories
As life's long path we trod.

By Mary B. Conn

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations, Washington County



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WAYNE.....

Organized 1942

Wayne County has been very busy this Spring. Our annual pork chop sandwich sale was held in April, also many wonderful homemade baked items were on sale. This event is well attended by the entire county and involves the entire county HCE.

Our annual meeting held in April was a big success and was well attended. The annual quilt raffle drawing was held and the 2018 quilt was won by Debbie Varris. The 2019 quilt will be ready for our county fests this fall.

Wayne County boasts about eight new members and one special sixty-five year member, we are honoring Mary Lou Henson. Mary Lou has been a member of the Hickory Hill Homemakers for over 65 years. She started attending "Home Bureau" meetings with her mother Elsie Cornstubble who was a Charter Member of Wayne County.

At the age of 92 years, Mary Lou keeps active with reading, needle work and crocheting mats from recycled plastic bags. Her family and friends supply her with the bags which she cuts into strips and crochets. The various colored bags allow her to make strips in the mats.

Mary Lou has made over 60 mats. The first she made were sent to Haiti with a missionary. The mats were given to those in need including expectant mothers so they would not have to give birth on the bare ground. Others were given to a hospital that did not have beds for all their patients. The mats Mary Lou is currently making are taken to East St. Louis to be used in an outreach program.

Jessica Simpson
Public Relations, Wayne County



HCE quilt



Mary Lou Henson



I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

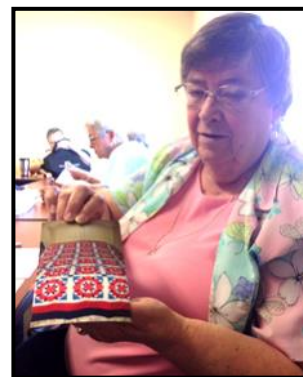
WILLIAMSON.....

Organized April 1918

Williamson County has several units with civic projects. Shown here is Crab Orchard Unit delivering some of the more than 200 lap quilts they have made for a Carrier Mills Nursing Home. (See picture below.)



Right: Barbara Eastwood has pieced a patriotic-themed queen sized quilt for this year's raffle for Williamson County.



The red, white and blue quilt is being hand-quilted. We hope to show it at the five county meeting September 20 in Marion, IL.

We will also have a patriotic themed basket to raffle that day and expect other counties may bring quilts & raffle items and sell tickets.



Shown here at the June 30 4-H judging for Williamson County are Care & Share HCE members who volunteered to be judges. Left is Judy Cox, center is Debbie Donohue and right is Marie Samuel. Cooking, photography, visual arts and international studies are a few topics covered by these judges.



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Williamson Co. is Hosting The Five County Meeting

Date: Sept 20th
Time: 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
Place: KC Hall in Marion

Program: History of Williamson Co.,
Bounce Back...rehabilitation program, and
entertainment by the Joy Singers.
(Also, Care of House Plants presentation)

Raffle displays are welcome from other counties.

The 5 counties are: Franklin, Williamson,
Jackson, Perry, and Randolph .

Marie Samuel



WHITE.....

Organized 1940

With Summer officially here with all the rain we had in June we should have a lesson on WEED CONTROL. Time seems to fly by. We will soon be hearing about the holidays.

"I'm positive, I'm aging, each day now, I find now just getting a shower is a real target for the day! Taking a nap is not a treat anymore...it's mandatory! Because if I don't on my own free will...I just fall asleep where I sit.

April has been a busy month our 78th Annual Day was April 25th, with a potluck luncheon and the honor to have our district director, Janel Kassing, to install the White County Board Members for the 2018-19 year.



Annual Day

Janel presenting Fran Matheny Volunteer of the Year Award
Janelle Liz Masterson, Fran Matheny, Mary Bingman, Joy Hoffman

The special Entertainment was Claudia Parson from Crossville, IL. She showed us how to make brooms. It was enjoyed by all. She gave a broom for a door prize.

Annual Day



"Brooms by Claudia Parson"

Broom Making Machine

Claudia Parsons showing
how to make a broom



Annual Day — 50 Year Members:

Janel Duvall, Jo Ann Mundy, Vera Blackman, Sue McArthur

Our Style Show and salad luncheon was April 28th with Barnaby Square presented clothing with HCE. members modeling. Our basket raffle and door prizes was drawn.

We have had our mini district meeting and it was well attended. We are now looking forward to our district meeting in Effingham on August 9th. Hope to see everyone there.

Ruth Norris. White County
HCE Hustlers at Relay for
Life Cancer Crusades.
\$1,060. was raised.



Our White County Organization goals for the coming year is to better our homes and community through Public Educational programs and lessons.

Fran Matheny
Public Relations, White County

Let's Build Enthusiasm & Membership in HCE

10th ANNIVERSARY

Weighted Blankets for Autistic Children (Champaign County)

It has been 10 years since Elizabeth Michael learned to make weighted blankets.

It all began when Elizabeth met with a group of more than 125 women who gathered in a church gymnasium in Normal to make these distinguished quilts stuffed with bed sheets. She was among those sorting the sheets—all part of learning how to make the weighted blankets so she could teach other members of the Champaign County HCE.

Elizabeth, a 49-year HCE member and members of the Eastern Illinois Chapter of Project Linus, says, “At first we filled the blankets with used sheets—now Project Linus asked us NOT to use used sheets. Now we have to ask the families to get together with family members to give their clean used sheets and work together to fill the pockets. I am so grateful for those members that come to help sew and fold these blankets. There is a real need in our community and county for these blankets.”



Elizabeth Michael, right, and Sue Goodin prepare to insert folded bed sheets in sewn pockets in weighted blankets



*Oct. 2012
Elizabeth Michael showed how to make weighted blankets for autistic children at a County Event. Joan Stanley is at right. Elizabeth also showed how to make these weighted blankets at the District Meeting.*



*April 2014
Elizabeth Michael and Jennifer Roscoe from WCIA who came to one of the CCHCE Sewing Days to tell the story about what CCHCE does with their Project Linus Weighted Blankets for Autistic Children in Central Illinois*



*January 2015
Weighted Blanket sewers—Ellen Plummer, Elizabeth Michael, Carolyn Philips, Mary Ann Rinkenberger, Jean Cornell, and Janet Whiteside. (Note: These same ladies are still sewing on this project.)*



*April 2015
Autistic Walk at Champaign County Fair Grounds—Elizabeth Michael and Judy French*



*April 2016
Elizabeth Michael and Judy French set up a booth at the Autism Walk. There were 28 weighted blankets made by CCHCE members that were given out by drawing—each was a blessing to a family.*



*June 2017
Weighted blanket sewers—Seated: Stephanie Mumm, Letrice Helbling. Standing: Mary Ann Rinkenberger and Janet Whiteside*

*January 25, 2018
CCHCE Sewing Day—Back row: Jean Cornell, Jean McConkey, Terry Crowley, Letrice Helbling. Front row: Janet Whiteside, Elizabeth Michael, Lynn Trotter.*



Jean McConkey



Elizabeth Michael



Lynn Trotter

*April 7, 2018
Disability Expo—Judy French and Elizabeth Michael gave away 20 weighted blankets for autistic children at this event.*



Weighted Blankets (project formerly known as Linus Blankets) have been described as being like a “big bear hug,” giving that soothing feeling of safety and may aid in sleeping and better focus in the classroom.



Over the past 10 years, the Champaign County Weighted Blanket Project group met once a month. An average of 12 ladies participated making 8-10 blankets each month. Champaign County alone has made and given over 1,000 blankets to families.

EXTENSION REPORT



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Summer greetings!

I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful summer weather and are staying cool. As I am traveling around the state, I am always surprised by how beautiful Illinois is. I encourage you to get out and enjoy it – before long, we'll be in the middle of winter!

I thought it would be good to remind everyone where you can connect with the University of Illinois Extension online. If you utilize social media like Facebook or Pinterest, be sure to connect with us on line:

UI Extension: www.facebook.com/UIExtension

UI Extension: Around the Table: www.facebook.com/KidsFoodMoneyandMore/

Nutrition & Wellness: <https://www.pinterest.com/ILextNutriWell/>

UI Extension @families: https://twitter.com/uie_families

UI Extension: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UIExtension>

UI Extension Blogs: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/blogs.cfm>

All local Extension Units have local webpages and many have Unit Facebook pages. These are excellent ways to stay in touch and up to date with happenings in your local Unit.

The 2019 Lessons for Living flyer is in the final stages of production. As soon as it is completed, I will pass it along to the IAHCE Board as well as the UI Extension staff for distribution within the counties. Please contact your local Extension office to have them register your unit for lessons.

If you have any suggestions or comments on FCS lessons provided by UI Extension, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 815-632-3611 or by email at kbelzer@illinois.edu. As I am often out of the office with programming, it may be best to reach me by email as I can check my emails on the road.

I hope you have some fun in the sun!

Karla Belzer
Family Life Educator, UI Extension Liaison

Looking for something?



THE IAHCE BOARD IS
LOOKING FOR.....

YOU!!

There are four (4) positions open on the IAHCE Board for a 3-year term — 2019-2022: 2nd Vice-president, Secretary, Cultural Enrichment, and Family and Community Issues.

It's as easy as 1-2-3-4
to apply for one of these positions!

1. Fill out the application which includes a personal reference from a County Board member. (You can find it in the Guidebook on page 44 and 45).
2. Send your completed application by OCTOBER 1, 2018 to:

Mary Eustace
48010 166th Avenue
Pearl, IL 62361

3. Participate in an interview by Nominating Committee from the IAHCE Board at an arranged time.
4. Give a 2-minute introduction of yourself at the IAHCE Annual Conference Business Meeting.

Your rewards will be learning about new things and sharing ideas along with fun, fellowship and making new friends.

HCE WEEK

October 15-21, 2018

HCE Week is an event designed to promote and stimulate the interest of non-members and create public awareness as to the purpose and standing of HCE.

Ideas to promote the activities of the week:

- ◆ Organize a special committee to plan activities.
- ◆ Develop a publicity campaign using all forms of available media.
- ◆ Have the mayor sign a proclamation declaring a county HCE Week.
- ◆ Host a brunch to acquaint public with HCE.
- ◆ Give a "Friend of HCE" Award
- ◆ Recognize local business/organizations who have been supportive
- ◆ Give bookmarks with HCE information to library.
- ◆ Offer place mats with HCE information to Senior Centers, Assisted Living.
- ◆ Place flyers about HCE in grocery bags.
- ◆ Place HCE "table tents" in restaurants

"LIGHT UP HCE"



The IAHCE Board was served marvelous meals during their June Board meeting.

Thank You:

McLean County Board
McLean County "Downs Unit"
McLean County "Night Out Unit"

DATES TO REMEMBER

IAHCE District Workshops

District 1 and 2/3 August 7, 2018
United Methodist Church
160 Johnson Ave., Sycamore, IL

District 4 and 5 August 8, 2018
Chateau Hotel & Convention Center
1621 Jumer Drive, Bloomington, IL

District 6 and 7 August 9, 2018
St. Johns Lutheran Church
901 W. Jefferson, Effingham, IL

CWC/ACWW Area Meeting
Dubuque, IA September 9-12, 2018

HCE WEEK, statewide October 8-14, 2018

95th Annual IAHCE Conference
Effingham, IL March 12-14, 2019

ACWW Triennial Conference
Melbourne, Australia April 3-10, 2019

IAHCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Joseph Weber



Haleigh Day



Ethan Erwin



Duncan Bradshaw

Congratulations are in order for the following 2018-2019 recipients of the IAHCE scholarship. They were chosen by the Scholarship Committee at the June State Board meeting from a field of 22 applicants. Congratulations to all these recent High School graduates and present college students. Good luck in your coming school year!

Joseph Weber is from Aurora in Kendall County. He attended Waubensee Community College and will transfer to Lewis University in Romeoville in the Fall, majoring in Aviation Administration with a minor in Chinese Language. He hopes to become a professional pilot and aerial photographer.

Haleigh Day is a fourth year Pre-Med/Biology student at Mc Kendree University. She plans to go to med school to become an OB/GYN. Haleigh is from Sandoval in Marion County.

Ethan Erwin, a biology major at Rend Lake College, is from Wayne City in Hamilton County. His plans are to attend SIU to pursue a research career in Biology. He is currently a 4-H leader.

Duncan Bradshaw is from New Salem in Pike County. A recent graduate of Griggsville-Perry High School, he will attend U of I as an Ag Business Major. Duncan plans to acquire a position in the agriculture field back in Pike County.

Enjoy your course work and best wishes in your future endeavors!

The Scholarship Committee

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