



The IAHCE Chronicle

Pearls of Wisdom Strung Together for 99 Years

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NEWS FROM YOUR STATE OFFICERS



Angela Hicks - IAHCe President

Dear Fellow HCE Members and Friends,

The 99th year of IAHCe has been unique, exciting, and memory filled. The theme was “Pearls of Wisdom Strung Together”. Throughout this past year many of us remembered times past and the wisdom gained; many of us made new memories to share; and many of us were looking into the future making plans for new memories. The words of wisdom were thought provoking, inspiring, and sometimes even hilarious! Let’s string together these “pearls of wisdom” as we begin celebrating our 100th year of remembering our past while gazing into what the future holds for IAHCe!

As my travels have taken me throughout the state of Illinois and further, I have been given a great gift by the HCE members. You have greeted me with warm welcomes, opened your homes to me, and provided a wealth of knowledge about our organization. Learning never stops – I am encouraged to learn age is not a factor when it comes to volunteering, teaching, and learning. I can truly say I learned something new about HCE, our members, and our state not matter where I go!

As you all know by now, I had the honor and privilege to represent Illinois at the ACWW Triennial Conference in Malaysia this year. This experience not only allowed me to learn more about ACWW but also meet other women who are like minded. I look forward to sharing with you my Malaysian experience in the coming year.

The IAHCe Board has some exciting news! We extended an invitation to the ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock, to attend the 100th Annual Conference in March. We are pleased to announce she will be attending the conference and will be a keynote speaker at the conclusion of the conference! So make sure you attend the last session (all are welcome) to hear Mrs. de Kock share information about ACWW and her life on her family farm in South Africa. Following this letter you will find a letter of introduction about the ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock.

The IAHCe Board encourages all county HCE members to attend the 100th Annual Conference in March – look in the Conference insert for many exciting opportunities to learn, share, and have fun! Encourage your members to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the **100th Annual Conference, “Diamonds Are Forever and So Is IAHCe”!**

I encourage each of you to continue to be positive and to continue building membership in HCE! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 100th Annual Conference in May and/or possibly in your county! Here is a thought as we close another successful year in HCE:

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” By Melody Beattie, American Writer

Angela 😊

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st VICE PRESIDENT – Kathy Peterson

Welcome winter and the holidays! I am bringing on Christmas movies (Hallmark, White Christmas and Peanuts). Change has been the operative word in my life this year. Mom is in a nursing home and looking through 52 years of boxes and closets in my house. Teras and laughter have been shed. I have a number of quotes and affirmations that I am using to keep me motivated in a positive direction. Here is one that I like:

Welcome change, embrace adventure, and make this new year one you'll never forget!!

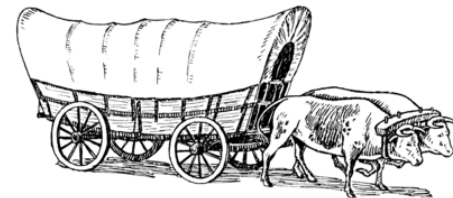
Cheers to 2024 🍷

My song that keeps me moving is Cindy Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun", so dust off your dance shoes and get ready because the first adventure is conference 2024 and the unveiling of the "Road to 100" Museum.

See you soon!



We are on the road to conference. Let's get the wagon ready with all our gear!



2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Mary Johnson

Christmas is a few short weeks away; how can that be? It seems like it was June just last week. I hope you have a blessed holiday season. This time of year can be busy and stressful with so much to do and so little time to do it. Remember to take some time for yourself.

With the end of the year galloping towards us, I want to remind you to turn in your End of the Year Membership Reports to your District Director by January 5, 2024. I induced a copy of the report in your officer's packet that you should have received in August. If you have misplaced that copy, you can find a blank report at iahce.org. Please remember that your End of the Year Report final number and the number your treasurer pays dues for must match.

Looking ahead to spring and summer annual meetings, if you need 25, 50 or 50+ membership certificates please get those names to me by January 31, 2024. Those certificates will be included in the officer's packet you will receive at annual conference. IAHCE only provides certificates for the above years.

Please take the time to read all the state officer's reports in this edition of the Chronicle. There are exciting plans being revealed for our upcoming 100th Anniversary Annual Conference! This is the conference you don't want to miss. Years of planning have gone into this conference. Many new and exciting events are planned and we'll have a very special guest. You will have an opportunity to see memorabilia from all IAHCE's 100 years in the "Road to 100" Museum. See the conference insert in the issue for all the details.

Walt Disney said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." What will you dream for 2024? You're never too old to dream big things or to learn something new. Together, let's dream big things for IAHCE. We've got 100 years behind us; we are just getting started!



SECRETARY- Cathy Eathington

District Workshops are over and we visited two new sights which were beautiful. A reminder that for lunch on Tuesday March 12, 2024 we will have our style show and each district is to dress in a certain decade. District 1 will wear 1920 or 1970's attire, District 2- 1930 or 1980's, District 3- 1940 or 1990's, District 4- 1950 or 2000's and District 5- 1960 or 2010's.

Our Annual Conference "100" Celebration" is March 12-14, 2024 at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. The theme is "Diamonds are Forever and so is IAHCE". Special clothing will be worn each day and these are listed in this issue of the Chronicle plus in the President's packet. Please check the Chronicle for all of the conference information. Please make your hotel reservations by February 19, 2024 or the price will increase.

The officers to be elected are President and International Chairman. The candidates were interviewed in October and are listed in this issue. Many changes have been made for Share Shops, Vendors, Bingo, the Scavenger Hunt, Silent Auction, and the Road to 100 Museum. Time has been allotted for you to be able to attend everything plus some down time to rest and visit.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in March 2024 at our 100th Conference. May your holidays be fun and relaxing. Wishing you and your family good health and happiness in 2024.



TREASURER- Melissa Chitwood

Pearls of Wisdom Strung Together IAHCE 99 Years What a fun and exciting theme to have for 2023! I loved wearing my pearls every chance I had! I admit, my pearl collection grew substantially. Costume in nature but authentic with our theme! I found the sharing of everyone's words of wisdom to be enlightening. Keep sharing your words of wisdom. They are like looking for a rainbow after the storm. Words of wisdom provide insight, inspiration, and hope. Although simple words, they may be just what someone needs to hear in the moment during or following a storm in their life.



Friendship Projects Fund money is still being accepted for the 2023 donation year. **Dues should be post-marked by January 5.** Remit dues for the **number of members as of December 31, 2023.** Please include the Dues Transmittal Form with your payment. Forms were included in the Treasurer's August District Workshop packet or can be found at iahce.org in the Guidebook section, page 22. Checks should be made payable to IAHCE and mailed to: Melissa Chitwood, 1408 East 2250 North Road, White Heath, IL 61884. The number of members you are paying for should match the Year End Membership Report that your 2nd VP mails to your District Director.

As the New Year approaches I can't express how excited I am for the IAHCE 100th Annual Conference, March 12-14, 2024 in Effingham (the conference registration packet is in this newsletter). The entire IAHCE board has been working hard to pull together a conference to celebrate the past and embrace the future. Diamonds are Forever and So Is IAHCE! Hope to see you there!

IF YOU REST, YOU WILL RUST!- KATHERINE HEPBURN

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Cultural Enrichment- Becky Belcher



Baby it's cold outside! But this issue of the IAHCE Chronicle is hot off the presses with lots of information about the upcoming 2024 Conference where we will be celebrating 100 years of IAHCE! But the Chronicle is more than just *information*. If you need *inspiration*, it can be found in here as well. Just take a look at what all the HCE ladies (and gents) are doing in their counties. Maybe you will find ideas for projects or events that your county can try.

I am looking forward to receiving Cultural Enrichment program reports for Educational awards from your county. Information on compiling and submitting these reports can be found in the guidebook on pages 62 – 66. (also in your packet from District Workshop) Please send no more than one report per category. Mail the reports to me, Becky Belcher, 8682 Co. Rd. 1600E, McLeansboro, IL 62859. They must be postmarked by January 31.

To enter items in the Cultural Arts Show held at the Annual Conference, the County Cultural Enrichment Director should send a completed registration form, from page 28 of the Guidebook, (also in your packet from District Workshop) along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to me, Becky Belcher, 8682 Co. Rd. 1600E, McLeansboro, IL 62859. Please note the following clarification to the size rule: the items must be no larger than 24 inches wide by 24 inches long. The height may be higher than 24 inches, within reason. The item must be able to be displayed on a table. The registration form must be postmarked by January 31. Please fill out the registration form accurately and **completely**, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I will send a tag for each item back to you. Bring the tags along with the items you are entering. These tags will be attached securely to the items when you check in at the show if you have not already done so. If you prefer, you may register your items by email. Fill out the form, scan it and email it to me, beckybelcher75@gmail.com by January 31. I will send your tags by email, which you must then print and attach as instructed above. I will send a confirmation email as soon as I receive your registration. If you don't get that confirmation email within 24 hours please resend or call me.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing you in March for the big celebration!

Family and Community Issues- Eleanor Gregory

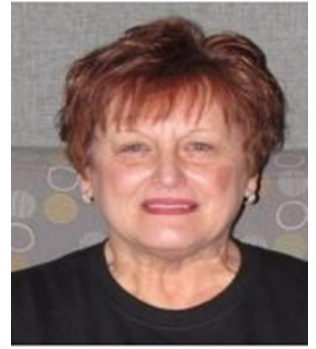


Greetings! Excited! Delighted! Thrilled! Moved! Energized! Enthusiastic! Eager! All of the above words describe my feelings about our 2024 Conference, Mary 12-14! We will be **CELEBRATING OUR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of IAHCE! I certainly hope you and your HCE friends can join us as we celebrate this auspicious occasion! When the ladies began this organization in 1924, I wonder if they had any thoughts about the impact they would make on ladies lives for an entire century!! To make our conference extra special we need applications for The Great American Family! Please know that if you have nominated a family in the past, nominate them again! All applications need to be to me by January 31.

Also, consider the programs and projects that you have done, fill out the forms and document what you did in the Family and Community Issues area. These forms were in your packet given to you at the August workshop (or you can go online and find them). Again, these are due to me by January 31. On a personal note, I want to thank each and everyone of you who expressed your thoughts and prayers for me after the passing of my husband, Gean Gregory. His long bout with vascular dementia ended on September 9th. I am grateful for all the love and support I felt from the wonderful HCE ladies. Thank you! God Bless and All the Best!

International– Janel Kassing

First, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024. As I write this, it is Halloween week so it seems kind of strange but as soon as Halloween is over– it is the Christmas season, right? I know I will take down the many fall decorations and begin to put away extras and organize for Christmas decorating. As you can tell, I love decorating for holidays– any of them.



Now on to conference.. March 12 will be here before we know it. The board worked long and hard on conference at the October board meeting. It sounds amazing! Lots of fun to look forward to! I will be working with the Make-It– Take It session. Please join us for some fun, learning a new craft, or a way to use an old one. The themes for the various days sound like fun! We will have a very exciting guest for you to meet and hear from on Thursday. I can not wait! See you there!

The International committee distributed your 2022 Friendship Projects Fund monies at the board meeting. We gave money to ACWW, 4-H, the International Peace Garden, IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange), Illinois Food Bank, and some set aside for stipends and expenses incurred. Since ACWW, no longer gives us a say on how money to them gets distributed, we may change our % given at a later date. We will let you know about any changes. If you need an explanation, please contact me. It is really pretty simple as set by our guidelines.

A resolution passed at Triennial on food waste. Besides the mental health focus, we will also be focusing on food waste for the next several years. Please watch for info. I will be focusing on this in my next lesson to International directors in March. If you find something interesting, please forward the info to me. I will also give them further on Malaysia. Our next country of study has been chosen– will announce in August after being accepted by the board in June.

I look forward to seeing you in March. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe in the winter weather. Winter is not my favorite season so I will be counting down the days until conference (one day closer to Spring).

Feliz Navidad, Boun Natale, Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, and Merry Christmas!

Certified Volunteer Hours/Sales– Ashley Davis

It's fall already and the leaves are changing and temperatures are going lower. The perfect weather is in the mid 60's. If only it would stay that way all year round. Although I do like one good snow; a white blanket to cover the ground, but then I'm done.



The IAHCE State Board wrapped up the October Board meetings in Effingham this year. Man oh man, was it a busy meeting! There are so many exciting things coming everyone's way. We all should be gearing up for the 2024 IAHCE 100th Annual Conference. I am honored to be serving on the state board for the 100th! I hope you all have March 12-14th, 2024 marked on your calendars and your reservations made. I hope to see you all there!

In the meantime, you should be getting your hours together and turning them into your county CVH Officer. As always, I am looking forward to seeing the amount this year. For the year 2023, the national value of a volunteer hour is \$31.80 and in the state of Illinois, the value is \$32.68. I just learned from reading the Independent Sector online that there is a national value and a value for each state. I learned something new and interesting. Be sure to get those hours in.

Some of you have seen that the IAHCE State Board is selling the 100th Anniversary 20 oz. tumblers and garden flags. This is a fundraiser for the 100th annual conference. Both items are \$20.00 each. These items will be given at the 2024 conference in March. These orders are due by January 31s, 2024.

Also this year, we are offering you to be able to order your conference tote bag and conference t-shirt early. The tote bag will be \$30.00 and the t-shirt is \$25.00 for all sizes. Get your orders in for the IAHCE 100th memorabilia. The lapel pin will be for sale at the sales table in March for \$6.00. I don't want you to miss out on these items for the special year for our organization!

There will be grand awards for CVH! The grand awards are for the county with the highest total of hours reported, the county with the highest number of HCE hours reported, and the county with highest number of members participating. The certificates of recognition will be given as well as the gold seals.

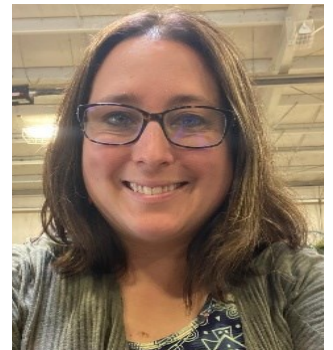
Reminders: The county summaries are to be postmarked (emailed hours must be sent by midnight) by January 31st, 2024, to be eligible for state awards. I am stressing that you please print the names (last names first). We all write in cursive differently and some handwriting is hard to read. If I can't read the member's name, it possibly will be misspelled on a certificate, therefore, I would have to replace that certificate. Reports that are emailed must be sent as an attachment. If you send as the body of the email, the report does not print out correctly.

We have a few new items coming to the sales table in March so be sure to come see what we have added. I hope to see you all at the 2024 IAHCE 100th Annual Conference! It's going to be AMAZING!

From Me, Donnie, and Bear Dog, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

Public Relations- Emily McDowell

Can you believe it's almost Christmas?? As I write this, Thanksgiving is one week away. I am looking forward to being off for the week to get caught up on some much needed rest and relaxation. Due to major confusion on the "state wide project" we discussed at District Workshops and the lack of participation, we have decided to postpone and try something else. You will learn more at conference, but I think you will find this will be easier and will be geared more towards our current members instead of the recruitment of new members.



Speaking of conference, are you as excited as I am?? There are lots of wonderful things planned so you are not going to want to miss it. I tell everyone that if you never go to another conference in your life, this is the one you will not want to miss and would be smart going to. It's not too late to do some fundraising in your county's to try getting some of your members there. Wouldn't it be great if we had some new members or old members that have never been to conference there? Think about it!

Please make sure you have your report to me by the end of January 2024. We changed criteria for awards categories which we brought up at the District Workshops. If you did not get the updated forms, please look for them online. We are making it easier to submit for awards so I anticipate lots of participation this year and I look forward to reviewing all of your submissions!

See you soon! Enjoy your holidays!

Failures are Lessons in Progress-Darlene Curry of
Tazewell

IAHCE 100th Tumbler & Garden Flag Fundraiser



20oz Skinny Stainless-Steel Double Wall Tumbler with Straw

IAHCE State Logo on one side and 100th Anniversary on the Other

Cost: \$20.00

12"x18" Garden Flag One sided/No hardware Cost \$20.00 each

Send order and money to CVH/Sales Director Ashley Davis

1787 N. 1750th St. St Elmo, IL 62458

Make Checks Payable to: IAHCE

These will be delivered at the 2024 Conference. NO shipping. Orders due by January 31st, 2023

Members Name: _____

Phone#: _____ County: _____ District: _____

Mark your Choice:

Garden Flag: _____ QTY: _____ 20oz Tumbler: _____ Qty: _____

Total: _____

If you choose to order both, please mark both and qty of each. Thank you for your support!

TIME IS THE MOST VALUABLE THING YOU HAVE SO
SPEND THOSE MINUTES WISELY BECAUSE YOU CAN'T
GET THEM BACK.—PATTY EDWARDS, FAYETTE COUNTY

DISTRICT 1 NEWS

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR – Becky Thomas



“All good things must come to an end”, is a saying when one accepts that enjoyable experiences cannot last forever, according to the Cambridge Dictionary. My District Director time is over, but is something I will always be thankful for. My favorite was traveling with the full board to all the district meetings doing the Ladies of Illinois. I was introduced to the ZOOM meeting concept, I found out that I am not good at planning parties and I finally learned that the Support Fund is not a secret. The International Committee has become clearer and I understand how it supports and promotes ACWW and other international projects. I have seen the IAHCE website become a toll for member and how useful it can be for finding information. For now though, the county officer lists still come to me and the 2023 membership report as well. The 2024 conference will be a glitzy celebration of the past and future. I anticipate lots of oohs and ahhs during our conference. Thank you for supporting me in my experience as District Director. “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good bye so hard.” - Winne the Pooh



Jo-Daviess

From the top of Illinois, fall greetings to all!

In this column we are celebrating the life of the late Marcella Arnold, a member of Jo Daviess County HCE since 1951. She was a member of the Woodbine Unit and held offices in the Woodbine HCE unit, Jo Daviess county board, and IAHCE state boards. She was also a member of ACWW and was a delegate to the conferences in the Netherlands and Australia. She was a 4-H leader for many years and also held offices in her church. Marcella and her husband Wayne were farmers and after Wayne's death, she and her sons continue to farm the Century Farm to this day. She was the proud mother of 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She will be missed, as she was an inspiration for everyone she met.



In other news, we held our annual Friendship Day in October, where members bought their cultural arts for display. We received very informative presentations from representatives of the Workshop, an organization who assists adults with needs and also from the Jo Daviess County Transit, a service for anyone who needs a ride for shopping, health appointments, and group outings. It was very informative. We enjoyed a lovely luncheon and comradery. Our units are busy with fundraisers with brat sales at local grocery stores and serving as runners at Culvers. Our units will also decorate a tree at the Stockton Heritage Museum for the Annual Festival of Trees and Christmas Walk. We have supported these efforts a number of years and always have a great time with decorating and conservation.



Season's greetings to all and enjoy your friends and family.

Mercer

Mercer County celebrates Home and Community Education week for 2023 with 19 visitors and members of MCHCE. Mercer County celebrated HCE Week on October 11 with a presentation provided by Lois Retherford, member of MCHCE. The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education's theme for this year was "Pearls of Wisdom". Typically, this theme refers to a saying or advice from years gone by, that was meant to teach a lesson when someone experienced one of life's challenges. Mercer County flipped the "pearls" to teach a history lesson. Lois is working with the Essley Noble Museum of Aledo, IL. To research veterans who lived in Mercer County and whose family brought them back to Mercer County to be buried in home soil. From records, Mercer County has 3669 deceased Veterans buried in one of 49 cemeteries across the county. Lois has volunteered her hours of research for each and every veteran whom she had discovered in county newspapers and museum records and through "Find a Grave" website. This research has led her to discover historical facts about veterans and the wars in which they fought. Interestingly, Mercer County has two veterans from the Revolutionary War buried in two separate cemeteries. Now we are certain that the Revolutionary War was not fought on Mercer County soil but suppose that the families left the eastern seaboard, traveled West, and settled in Mercer County to make their new home and their relatives died and were buried here.

Through her research she has discovered that there are 41 veterans from the War of 1812 in Mercer County cemeteries but only five veterans from the war of 1832 with Chief Blackhawk and this war was fought in and around Mercer County. Lois's exploration then led her into the history of the Civil War. There are 753 Civil War veterans buried in Mercer County as well as nine confederate soldiers. Later she discovered records of 16 veterans from the Spanish American War and 61 veterans from World War 1, which at that time was called the Great War. This is where the Mercer County records seemed to end because continued accounting of the Veteran burials in Mercer County did not seem to be organized. Her further research then started with a monument at the Mercer County Courthouse that lists veterans who were killed in action during the recent wars of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. According to the inscribed monument, there were 12 veterans from WWI, 75 from WWII, 8 from Korea, and 15 from Vietnam listed on the monument. Lois has not learned what criteria was used to identify these veterans when the monument was erected, however, this is not to say that other veterans served during these wars but survived the war and passed away in later years.

Rock Island

On Saturday, October 14th, Rock Island County HCE celebrated a combined Cultural Arts and International Day. We celebrated Egypt, our country of study this year. Our table centerpieces were tall papyrus plants and three pyramids made out of decorated paper stamped with the Egyptian letters HCE. The meal was an authentic Egyptian meal: Hala Cart Chicken, Koshary, yellow rice with white sauce, and Pita bread, Naan bread, a veggie tray with hummus, Pita chips with hummus, stuffed dates, and Egyptian cookies and candies.

Our special speaker was Brian Alm, member of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. He spoke on "The Experience of Egypt" from ancient times to modern time. Mr. Alm is a scholar of ancient Egypt and an experienced traveler in the Middle East. We had many beautiful craft items on display and we voted on the ones to be sent to the state for next year's conference. Even though it was a rainy day, we had a wonderful time together.

PICK YOUR BATTLES.—SUE MCARTHY, WHITE COUNTY

Stephenson

This year the Stephenson County Fair ran from July 25-29 at the fairgrounds in Freeport. Stephenson County HCE had a designated area in the home economics building where we could display information on our organization and give demonstrations on everything from cooking to crafts. Some of the programs offered were small appliance demonstrations, make-and-take tootsie pop bunnies, rock painting, fresh flower arranging, and origami (paper folding). Then on Thursday, August 10, seven Stephenson County HCE members headed down to Mt. Carroll to attend the District 1 meeting at the Mt. Carroll Church of God.

On Thursday, September 7, Stephenson County hosted a multi-county (Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago) meeting at the Farm Bureau in Freeport. Those attending shared what was happening in their counties and what upcoming programs and events they were working on, as well as other ideas. On Saturday, September 23, Stephenson County HCE celebrated their 100th anniversary (1923-2023) with a party at the Farm Bureau. Those attending were served caked, ice cream, and punch. Guests could browse through decades of our organization's scrapbooks which had been carried down from the Farm Bureau attic. The history of Stephenson County HCE was on full display!

On Saturday, October 14, Stephenson County HCE held their annual and International Meetings at the Farm Bureau. IAHC State President Angela Hicks, spoke during the meeting. She also installed members who will service on the 2024 Stephenson County HCE board.

Becky Thomas, Blackhawk Unit, was presented the Homemaker of the Year award. Over the years, she has been very active in HCE and held several different positions on the HCE county board. She has also represented HCE on the Stephenson County Fair Board. Currently she is the IAHC District 1 Director. She belongs to and/or supports many organizations, including Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club, Eastern Star, and Beef Producers Association. Becky is a farm wife and an employee of FHN Hospital (forty plus years).

Stephenson County HCE gave out two scholarships this year to Nevin Erbsen and Lucas Meyer. Nevin graduated from Eastland High School in Lanark. He is pursuing a degree in agricultural systems technology at Iowa State University in Ames. Lucas graduated from Stillman Valley High School. He is attending the University of Wisconsin in Lacrosse. He is pursuing a degree in sports management.

The International Meeting on Egypt immediately followed the annual meeting. Judy Shippee, our International Director, introduced Karen Sirgany, retired school superintendent, who presented the program on her experiences when she traveled to Egypt.

HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

ALWAYS BE KIND

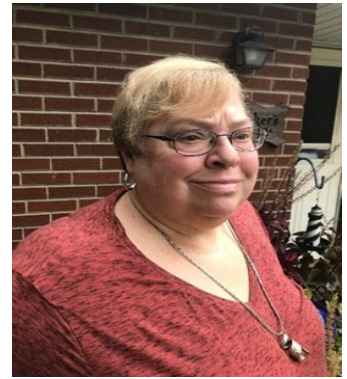
DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WANT OTHERS TO DO TO YOU

SMILE WHEN APPROACHING SOMEONE

DISTRICT 2 NEWS

DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR – Rita Overacker

Hello HCE ladies, It's hard to believe we just started summer and we're already thinking about fall. Before that I would like to remind everyone of IAHCE Workshops in August on the 8th, 9th, and 10th in the three locations throughout the state. There is lots of information to share with everyone. I know that everyone in District 2 is getting ready or already working hard on helping with county fairs and 4-H clubs. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing information on the 100th Anniversary in March and all the exciting things that are being planned. Please feel free to contact me anytime. I want to stay in touch with you all.



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In spite of the bad air from the Canadian wild fires, our members did attempt to enjoy outside activities. Besides the scheduled morning in the park on September 7th at Herrick Lake other units had outdoor picnics. Three members attended the IAHCE District Workshop in August. This information was shared at the Update (formerly Officer's Training School) and pot luck on August 29th. Our community service day on August 25th, had participants making ghost bookmarks for the local children's libraries. The lessons available to us at the extension office were "Addressing Aging and Promoting Inclusivity" and "What You Can Eat When You Can't Eat That". The Lunch Bunch met at the ever popular Carol's Garden in Carol Stream, Honey Jam Café in Naperville, and Manhattan Restaurant in Carol Stream. Our suggested activities for HCE Week were to donate food and clothing, call a mailbox member, have a unit breakfast outing, and attend the lesson for living on Monday.



Grundy

Nettle Creek is helping supply the micro parties around town each month. The book club has finished reading *Mercy* by Jodi Picoult, *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon, *My mess is a Bit of Life* by Georgia Pritchett, *In the President's Secret Service* by Ron Kessman, *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizaebth Strout, *Gossip Girl* by Cecily Von Zieglesar, and *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.



We just came back from the District meeting in Mount Carroll. We learned about the fundraising for the 100th Celebration and the theme for 2024. The tater family was very entertaining. I especially liked the "Agi-Tater" and the "common-tater". We were also entertained by artist and fellow HCE member, Becky Belcher who is the Cultural Enrichment director, on her painting skills. Morris Morning went to Lotton Art Glass Gallery and Studios, a glass blowing facility where they were able to see the glass blowing taking place and look at the lovely pieces and purchase them. PBS had a show "Eye on the Arts" featuring Lotton Art Glass.

We are so proud of Kathy Peterson for being elected 1st V.P. at conference. We know she will do a great job!

Kane

Kane County 4-H Fair Building was the site for a HCE table and unit exhibits from July 12-16th. Four of our five units brought examples of community service activities and demonstrated crafts done by members each day of the fair. A large display on International country of study, Egypt, had been created and complimented the 4-H International competition. Sign up sheets for information related to HCE were available. A free button give-away was a popular event and the final day, one 4-H leader was happy to take the remaining buttons for a 4-H craft project. Contact was made with four people requesting information.



Three officers crossed the state to Mt. Carroll for the District meeting on August 10th. Kudos to the state officers and directors for again leading the membership for an interesting and informative day. Seeing the countryside and farming along Route 64 was a most pleasant drive. The very next week Kane County had the 2nd annual summer all county picnic. We were honored to host Angela and Steve Hicks for a lovely pot luck luncheon and exciting bingo games. The information gained at the district meeting was delivered to units in a timely fashion.

The minor lessons that were included in directors packets have been used to compliment the Lessons for Living presented at the County Extension Office. Units in Kane County have used the lessons "The Real Story of Winnie the Pooh", Succulents, Disaster Preparedness, and "Why is Southern Illinois Called Little Egypt" and Scissors. These have been valuable and fun minor lessons. Four active members and one daughter attended the "Homemakers Craft Camp at the Memorial 4-H camp in Monticello in early October. Ann Rempfer taught two sessions of lessons, Succulent Wine Bottle Gardens and a fall wooden sign. Ann also won the name tag contest and had made fabric names tags for each of us, with a bowl of popcorn embroidered on them. The theme for the camp experience had been Pajama Party. The majority of participants wore an amazing variety of pajamas during the three day stay.

The following week brought the County Fun Day titled "Fun Day BEE-in my Friend. International Director, Naomi Redman, has continued her lessons on bees and will explore pollination further in the coming year. A short business meeting and election of officers proceeded the fun part of the day. Naomi Redman will assume presidency the first of January. Fine arts and crafts made by members this year were on display and eight exhibits were chosen to go to the state competition in March 2024, Joan Rossi, Cultural Arts Director, guided the selection of winners.

Available were "Make and Take" activities for choosing and making; included were: Greeting Card Boxes, No Sew Star Ornaments, Burlap Fall Pumpkins, Book marks, and Pinecone Bird Feeders. All materials were supplied and instructors were members of HCE. The collection for Friendship Projects Fund had quart jars decorated with pearls, that stimulated a healthy donation of green bills. Kane County has a \$1,000.00 goal to be donated for the 2023 year. A baked potato bar with all the fixing was served at noon, topped off with a beautiful cake and beverages. This final county event for the 2023 year was a huge success. Activity director was Ann Rempfer. All board members had a part in the planning, participation, and cleanup for the day. The Extension staff helped with scheduling, printing, and overall guidance for the room use. We could not do it without them. It does not seem possible that the 2023 "Pearls of Wisdom Strung Together" year is coming to a close. We all have enjoyed wearing the pearls some of us had to get out from the bottom of the jewelry box.



Lake

Hello from Lake County! It seems like 2023 is flying by way to quickly, as it is already time to deliver an article for the last state newsletter of the year. Several members of our board attended the IAHCE District Meeting in Mount Carroll on August 10. The drive took me through parts of IL. I don't normally get to visit and I enjoyed the road trip. The women of the Mount Carroll Church of God took very good care of us with breakfast snacks and a great lunch. There were no hungry attendees on their watch.

Cooking lessons and learning about new foods is always a treat. Barb Rowland, our Vice President and Lauri Hargrove, President of our Nimble Thimbles unit presented the August lesson on making Pirogi. The first thing we learned is this good is also spelled Pierogi. They demonstrated how to make them and relayed the family histories that went along with their preparation. Barb's daughter, Christina Rowland, was on hand to assist.



Barb Rowland and Lauri Hargrove Making Pirogi

Christina Rowland

Patty Steffen, RoseAnn Rendl, and Margaret Hilliard

We learned later from our American unit they had a great evening making potato-cheese, sauerkraut-bacon, and plum pirogi. They completed the feast with fruit, sausage, and poppy seed, nut, and cinnamon potica and Kolacki.

In September, we held our cultural enrichment event with it's craft show and contest. Our Cultural Enrichment Director, Pat Weitzmann, had planned this for Saturday, September 30. Everythig was on track for this date; what could go wrong? The venue was our Lake County Extension Auditorium. A couple of weeks earlier, a water leak was discovered coming from the restroom next to the kitchen that ruined kitchen cabinets and walls. The room needed extensive repairs before anyone could use the auditorium for anything. TIME TO REGROUP!!

Pat was able to find another venue on September 29. She and our President, Angela Hicks, contacted everyone involved and the event was pulled off without a hitch. We had 54 people attend and craft show entries encompassed 13 of the 23 cultural enrichment categories.

Pat had encouraged all who came to wear their favorite color to reinforce the topic "How Color Affects Your Everyday Living" and we were a colorful bunch. Our speaker, Joanne Kizior, talked ot us about how color influences our decisions even down to how much we ate.

We are looking forward to the IAHCE 100-year anniversary celebration next year. We do not know how many Lake County members will be attending yet, but our entire board is planning to come.

Stay well and be safe until next time.

Photo— Angela Hicks and Cultural Enrichment Director, Pat Weitzmann



LaSalle

LaSalle County HCE held the 105th Annual Meeting on November 2nd. Twenty-two members and guests attended along with IAHCE 1st Vice President, Kathy Peterson, and District 2 Director, Rita Overacker. The cultural arts contest was held and the program futhered cultural arts with Mollie Perrot, of the Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum sharing stories of residents who built mansions along the bluffs of the Illinois River. The annual business meeting was conducted by President, Paula Freepartner. International Director, Carol Elmore, gave an overview of the Friendship Projects Fund and \$100.75 was collected during the meeting. CVH Chair, Judy Waldron, acknowledged CVH awareness. Five fifty + members were recognized along with twelve members attaining twenty-five + years.

Livingston

Hello from Livingston County HCE. I do believe winter is upon us as I get older, I don't really care for it much anymore. Our 4-H fair was held July 19-22, 2023. The weather was nice and much better than the other fairs we attended when it was very hot. The ladies of 5 units provided very nice raffle baskets to raise money for HCE. We have 73 members and we presented two scholarships for college students and some adults that are wanting to attend more college. The board has been getting lessons ready for 2024, learning about a new country, President Arlene Martell, sent a nice post card out to all of the membership for HCE week. We are going to be celebrating 100 years of HCE next year. I think the convention will be a great time, so make sure you get signed up. We have come along way ladies.



We have it a bit easier with all the bells and whistles these days, but I am not too sure if it is the best way. I am a bit old-fashioned and I like to do things like my mom did. October 23, meeting was a group meeting help at the Pontiac Extension office. We had 22 ladies present. Nancy Flessner was the guest speaker for the night. Nancy gave a wonderful presentation about the art center that is in Pontiac. If you are ever in the area, stop in and see the great talent we have in Livingston County. The Art Council has also invited people from different counties to display. You will not be disappointed. Refreshments were served. I think I have mentioned everything about us. We want to wish all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless!

McLean

McLean County units started the program years with enthusiasm! At the McLean County Fair in July, HCE organized and offered Young at Heart Day. Entertainment, music, refreshments, door prizes, and educational booths of groups who serve senior citizens provided a wonderful day at the fair. Our own Eileen Norin received the Golden Clover Award at the McLean County Fair for 40 years combined as a 4-H leader and superintendent.

Office Orientation for the coming year was held by the McLean County HCE Board on August 22. Local leaders shared with units "Scams and More" in September. "Pearls— Treasurers from the Sea" in October and November, "Fill Your Pantry— Canning with Confidence", where we also learned about steam canning. Minor lessons Egypt for units monthly were Republic of Egypt-History Timelines, Food and Economy, Geography and Climate. International Day found county members together listening to Colleen Harris, who presented "Welcome to Egypt" plus a buffet of snack foods and an Egyptian item display.

THINGS HAVE A WAY OF ALWAYS WORKING OUT

The Community Service Days met each month making Christmas stockings (the goal is 800) and stuffing them with items to be given to seniors in nursing homes and veterans. Doll blankets are also made by seamstresses. Members met for Read and Share of The Children's Blizzard, a non-fiction book by David Laskin and Snow Falling on Cedars by David Gunderson.

The 105th Annual Meeting with a Cultural Enrichment and Fine Arts Show was held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Normal on July 11. For 2023, a \$1,600 HCE Scholarship was awarded to Claire Malinowski of Normal. A great program, "The Secret Life of Honeybees" was presented by Patti Koranda, beekeeper, followed by a luncheon.

Cultural Enrichment programs started off in September with a tour of the C.H. Moore Museum in Clinton followed by lunch at La Tea Da Tea Room. October found members spending the day in Atlanta, IL area, eating at Chubby's Bar and Grill, and touring the Wertheim Garden plus making herbal tea bags, brittle candy and chocolate dipping. November was a "cookie exchange". It's never too early to prepare for the holidays!

Family Issues/Community Outreach continues to collect for Home Sweet Home Mission— women's stick deodorant, individually wrapped tooth-brushes and men's socks.

Eleven attendees went to the District 3 meeting in Springfield on August 9th, soaking up the information presented for each office.

The ever-popular HCE Attic Treasurers Sale was Saturday, October 21 at the McLean County Fairgrounds in the mini expo building. This 11th annual fundraiser has 80+ tables of treasures of every variety and baked goods and crafts made by HCE members.

We look forward to a holiday party in December and more wonderful programming in 2024.

For updated information and more details, visit our media sites— **Website: www.mcleanhce.org and LIKE our Facebook page at : McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education.** The website is still being worked on due to problems from the website service. Facebook is more reliable for informing our upcoming events.

See you in McLean County! Come visit!



Will

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful colors of Autumn. Here it is almost November and all of the leaves are still clinging to their branches. Probably, one day, a strong wind will blow and everyone will be wading in a foot or more of fallen leaves.

Ooops! I think that day is today! Our Will County branch of the IAHCE has been busy since the last report in August.



In September, we had another successful Bunco Party. Players brought their lunches and the board provided drinks and dessert items. Everyone enjoys playing Bunco because they meet and are partners with other members or their guests. Prizes are those provided by local businesses. On October 11th, some of our members helped with the Witches Night Out event in Joliet which benefits area agencies that help women and children.

On October 17th, we held our cultural arts event at the Will County Farm Bureau. The theme was Egypt since it is our focus country of 2023. The table decorations included pyramids, palm trees, and snakes on a golden mat. Attendees were provided with a hieroglyphics alphabet and asked to use it to write their names in a drawn cartouche. All the units names were likewise printed and members asked to identify their unit cartouche. The highlight documented and researched the history of Egypt. They visited Egypt in 2020 right before the close down due to COVID. In their talk and with their slides, they brought to life the many interesting sights up and down the Nile River Valley. We seem to think there are only three pyramids, but there are actually hundreds of varying shapes and sizes. Egypt has many grand museums displaying artifacts from them.



Thursday culminated a delicious luncheon catered by Pop's and dessert catered by Tony's Market. Snack items were collected for the Will County Children's Advocacy Center. In the next few weeks, members of our WCHCE will write good will holiday messages in holiday cards that will be provided at the Manteno Veterans Home. Also, on December 9th, our members will help at a Big Brother's Event. Over 200 children are expected to rotate into our table to create a fun craft.

On December 6th, we are planning a group Christmas party at a local restaurant. In the past, only board members attended. This year we have opened it to our entire membership. It will be nice to see everyone in their holiday colors.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and blessed prosperous New Year. Let's pray for "Peace on Earth".

Christmas and a truly happy and

Share JOY! - Paula
MILLER, McLEAN COUNTY



DISTRICT 3 NEWS

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR – Karen Cahill



What an exciting and busy year it has been as we have shared 99 years of our Pearls of Wisdom! I enjoyed getting to know many of you better as we got together during the year. We just held our second District 3 mini meeting and had a good turnout. If you were not able to attend, please review your District 3 Newsletter for lots of important information, or feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. There are many upcoming dates to be aware of for turning in reports. I hope to see many of you at the 100th IAHCE conference in March. You DON'T want to miss this one!!

I hope you have a happy and healthy winter and holiday season with friends and family! "One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up instead of what they have to gain".

Champaign

Champaign County HCE held their Game Day on August 23, 2023. It was a fun day of playing a variety of games. One of the favorite games is at the last 30 minutes playing card BINGO. Lunch was served with gourmet hot dogs, beans, chips, and cookies. CCHCE offered two \$500.00 scholarships to any Champaign County HCE member or the child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew of a CCHCE member. The Champaign County HCE offered the scholarships to any Champaign County 4-H club members for three or more years. Scholarships were awarded to Sophia Stierwalt, a graduate of Unity High School. She has been accepted to attend the University of Illinois majoring in statistics. She wants to be a Statistician or data analyst at a local company. The other scholarship was awarded to Johanna Schmitz, a graduate of St. Joseph-Ogden High School. She has been accepted to attend the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, majoring in Animal Science. She wants to be a Wildlife Veterinarian.

Our 105th Annual Meeting was held on September 18, 2023 at the Champaign County Fair Bureau Auditorium with 51 attending. Our guest speakers were Perry Morris and Mary Butzow from the Champaign County History Museum, giving a power point presentation about the museum. The museum is located at the Historic Cattle Bank, which was built in 1857. Also, talked about was the Champaign County Newspaper Digitization Initiative (saving our past for our future). Several articles were brought about the beginning meetings of Champaign County Home Bureau. Members received awards for their volunteer hours for 2022. Karen Cahill, District 3 Director, installed the newly elected county board members for 2024. A monetary award was given to the unit with the most members attending the meeting— Savoy Unit (First unit organized in Champaign County in 1918) was the winner.

Our cultural arts show and membership event was held on October 19th at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Several members brought their special project to be judged for IAHCE State Conference in March 2024. Items selected included a tree skirt and diamond art tree by Marty Long; Grandma's finger print by Nancy Benz; recycled purse by Rebecca Gatewood; ornament with conference theme and dried flower framed picture by Melissa Chitwood; flower photo and counted cross stitch pillow by Bonnie Compton. Membership awards were given to members attend the event; 70 year members Roberta Farley, Bondville-Seymour Unit and Nancy Mathis, Mayview Unit; 65 year Mary Miller, Mahomet Unit; 55 years, Joanne Cahill, Staley Unit; 20 year member, Linda Holzhausen, Mayview Unit; 10 year Rebecca Gatewood; 5 year Marty Long. At the present we have 12 new members joining CCHCE in 2023 and have joined by attending unit meetings. Guest speaker at the event was Sally Danhart from the AMBUCS club speaking on the AMBUCS Amtrykes. AMBUCS gives away over 50 of these therapeutic tricycles for children and adults in Champaign County per year. Champaign County HCE donated \$500 towards this AMBUCS project.

CCHCE Book Club continues to be very active with several members attending the monthly breakfast book discussions. In October, the book club met at the Country Cottage Farm in Fisher for breakfast. The book discussion was on October book selection, "This Tender Land" by William Krueger. Afterwards members enjoyed visiting the two home and garden décor consignment shops and enjoyed the lovely gardens. CCHCE members own this lovely farm and consignment shops.

Our sewing group continues to make the needed weighted blankets for autistic children in Champaign County. CCHCE units are assigned a holiday and are making favors for 40+ residents at the Illini Heritage Rehab and Care facilities in Champaign. Members are donating clothing to the "Family Room" that helps the foster children in Champaign County. Units continue to support the Developmental Service Center group homes.

Our next event is our 8th Annual Holiday Trees and Craft Sale on November 3rd and 4th at the Farm Bureau Building Auditorium. Our International event will be on November 20th. See our website for details of the events and our monthly newsletter "The Chatter". CCHCE website Champaigncountyhce.wordpress.com

Dewitt

In August we had our annual picnic with about 15 of our members attending. This is a potluck and we usually play bingo with members bringing several prizes for the winners. Everyone always has a good time. It is a good way to just relax and enjoy. Alice Grooms was fortunate to be a delegate to travel to Malaysia. She had lots to tell about her trip. Alice also worked the Farm Progress Show. She is the only one from DeWitt County. Six of our members went to the International meeting held at the Macon County Extension. Piatt County presented the program on Egypt and everyone enjoyed the program and the food. Piatt County did a wonderful job. They worked hard on this and we had a lot of history.

We helped Macon County by cutting out and sewing some hearts for the NICU units in hospitals. We gave the one we did to them when we hosted the Tri-County Meeting on October 2nd. During HCE Week we decided to honor our elementary teachers in the schools with the youngest students. We presented each teacher with a monetary gift to help her with expenses during the school year. We received a thank you from one of the teachers and she said she is constantly buying Play-Doh and other supplies. We hope to do the same for the other younger elementary school we have in town. In the picture of the teachers, Alice Grooms is presenting the first gift.

Another activity we did during the week was as a group of eight, went to Monticello to eat lunch and shop. We are making plans for our annual day in November and our Christmas party in December. We are looking forward to our Mini District 3 Meeting November 1st at Macon County.



THIS IS THE DAY THE
LORD HAS MADE, LET US
REJOICE AND BE GLAD
IN IT.- ARLENE MARTELL,
LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Macon

We have been a very busy group since our last article. Our planning meeting in July produced some wonderful ideas that the membership voted on. We are looking forward to some amazing programs in 2024. International Day on September 20 was a great success. It was Piatt Counties' turn to be in charge of this day and they did a wonderful job. The food was prepared by Chef Tucker and the Richland Culinary Department. The menu was: hearty lentil soup, pita chips with hummus dip, tabbouleh salad, Hawawshi served on pita bread, and Basboosa served with a dip of ice cream. Many informational boards were displayed. Kathleen Glenn and Frances Kure presented an exciting journey through Egypt via a video.

HCE Week, October 9-13, was an exciting week full of wonderful programs. Gini Smith did an amazing job of sharing her Christmas ideas with us on Monday. She had numerous Christmas trees that were fully decorated, gave many good suggestions to make Christmas more special, and had delicious Christmas cookies and cider. On Wednesday, we had a "special tea" to celebrate our 105 years of existence. This celebration was held at a special room at Richland Community College. We also conducted the fall meeting at this time. On Thursday, many members attended the tour of the Macon County Fire Training Center.

On November 1st, Karne Cahill, our District Three Director, and an active member of our MCHCE, will present a mini-district meeting at the Macon County Extension Office. This will be the second one that she will do. She will have current information about the state conference in Effingham in March as well as other exciting news!!

Carol Ropp, another very active member, will be presenting a delicious program about those yummy lemons. Everyone always loves our food programs. November 29th will be the Cultural Enrichment Day. This is the day that our membership can show off their creativity. Several items will be chosen to go on to the state conference competition. We continue to donate our homemade pillowcases, our "hearts" for the babies at the Springfield hospitals and pop tabs. We wish a happy holiday to one and all!



LIES HAVE SHORT LEGS

The second half of 2023 has been a successful year for Piatt County AHCE.

On July 11, Piatt County AHCE hosted an informational meeting for both its membership and the general public titled “How Financially Prepared are You”. Sixteen people, a combination of membership and community residents, attended this very informative meeting.



Piatt County AHCE hosted our 2023 International Day study of Egypt on September 20 at the Macon County Extension Office. Fifty attendees enjoyed an informative day. Our guests enjoyed the sounds of recorded Egyptian music being played while they signed in, collected their information packets, took time to view the Egyptian picture boards that were set up around the room, grabbed a cup of coffee or hot tea, selected their table seat for the day, and chatted with their friends. The selected speaker for the day was an hour long YouTube video presented by the popular world traveler Rick Steves: “Egypt: Yesterday and Today”. We took a break around 11:30 a.m. in order to give our caterer, Chef Tucker’s Richland Community College students, time to set up. Lunch consisted of the following menu: date cup appetizers, pita chips with hummus dip, Tabbouleh salad, Hawawshi, and Bassboosa, served with a dip of ice cream. Our meeting broke up about 1:00 p.m.

The one new approach to presenting the Egyptian research this year, included the inclusion of six monthly released research articles that were prepared for all three of our counties to be used in their own monthly newsletters or in any other way that they so chose. We all had a great time exploring Egypt!

Piatt County AHCE celebrated AHCE Week during the 2nd week of October by keeping actively involved with learning from others, sharing their own skills, and communicating with both new and old friends. Four of our local members participated in Homemakers Camp from October 6-9. On Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. we met at the Cisco Center in order to learn about Paw Paws from our guest speaker, Extension Educator, Doug Gucker. Mr. Gucker lives north of Cisco and has an orchard of 17 mature paw paw trees. The paw paw pulp is a creamy, pale color and it’s aromatic smell hints of banana, mango, papaya, and pineapple. On Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., six of our AHCE members viewed a Skype lesson (What to Eat When You Can’t Eat That) presented at the Macon County Extension Office. This was a lesson about dealing with food allergies. Refreshments were served that included 7-Ingredient Chocolate Granola (peanut free) and a piece of Chocolate Wacky Cake (milk and egg free). Eating is believing. They were sooooo good!

The 92nd annual meeting of the Piatt County Association for Home and Community Education was held on Friday, October 12 at the Church of the Brethren, Cerro Gordo, IL. Five guests were introduced.:

Angela Hicks, IAHCE President and husband Steve, Karen Cahill, District 3 Director, Alice Groom, program and member of DeWitt County AHCE; Tamara Buse, Nutrition and Wellness Director of the Tri-County.

The 2024 State of Officers included the following: President– Carol Drayton, 1st Vice President– Joyce Boeringer, 2nd Vice President– Judy Greene, Secretary– Kathy Harris, Treasurer– Judy Greene, Community Outreach and Family Issues– Miriam SeEVERS, Cultural Enrichment– Martha Lynch, International– Frances Kurr, and Newsletter/Public Relations– Kathleen Glenn. This 2024 slate of officers was accepted and Karen Cahill, District 3 Director, installed our officers with the help of IAHCE President Angela Hicks.

Alice Grooms presented a program on “What is ACWW?” She gave us a picture of us and how we fit into this organization: our unit, our county, our state, the National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON), the Country Women’s Council (CWC), and finally the International Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). She along with four other Illinois Association of Home and Community Education members attended the Triennial Conference in Malaysia. What a trip!



Yes, we have been busy this year and we are looking forward to 2024!

Tazewell

October found nine members of Tazewell HCE attending the Illinois Homemakers Craft Camp at Allerton Park. This is a great place to meet in new people, learn crafts, and enjoy all the park has to offer. Kate Schmitgall and Kathryn Baker, each taught a craft this year. The last evening of camp is always a fun time with campers showing off their talents. Join us next year over Columbus weekend and see what the gnomes will have for you. Three days after we returned home, we had our annual International Day luncheon. Denise Latho is our new International Director and she did a fabulous job of making the day special. Our program was presented by Carol Ropp of Ropp Farms. She and her husband had recently traveled to Egypt and she had many interesting facts and photos to share with us. Our luncheon featured Egyptian dishes prepared by the board members and a representative of each unit in the county.

Several of the board members attended a mini district meeting held in Decatur. Our director, Karen Cahill, shared information about the state conference and the special things the state board has planned in celebrating of 100 years of HCE. We are anxiously waiting for the publication of this newsletter so we can send in our registration to attend. We are hoping to see all of you in Effingham, March 14-16, 2024!



Vermilion

Vermilion County Association for Home and Community Education is very thankful for all the help from the Vermilion County University of Illinois office located in Danville and for the lessons provided by the U of I educators. Vermilion County HCE has had a very eventful 2023! May 2nd was our "Annual Women Walk the World". Eleven members met at the East Park Church of Christ for our indoor event because of cold weather. Lunch was provided by Mary Stampini, International Chairperson. Mary told of the many activities and history of the Women Walk the World. Pennies were collected for the annual walk. The members had a very nice visit at this event.

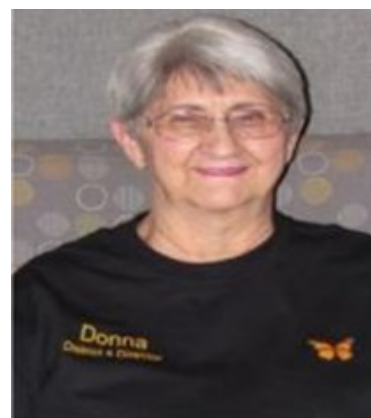
VC HCE had our 104th Annual Meeting in which thirteen members met on Tuesday, June 13th at Red Lobster, North Vermilion Street, Danville. Meet and greet was at 11:15 a.m. The theme was "Pearls of Wisdom Strung Together". Wearing pearls, hats, and gloves were optional. The speaker was Sheri Walker, SNAP Educator for the Danville U of I Extension office.

The annual HOBO style soup picnic was held at Kickapoo State Park Big Pavilion in Danville. The picnic was a wonderful sunny day on Thursday, September 14th. Some dressed like HOBO's, played games, crafts, and just had a good time. Hobo soup was made by everyone bringing two cans of vegetables. One can for the soup and one can for a food pantry. Fourteen members also brought a dish of their favorite recipe for all to share. Good food and good fellowship!

Never carry a lazy load! - UNKNOWN, BUT SHE SAYS "MY MOTHER WOULD IMPART THESE WORDS WHENEVER WE DROPPED ITEMS WE WERE CARRYING BECAUSE WE WERE CARRYING TOO MANY THINGS AT ONCE. WE 5 CHILDREN WERE ALWAYS IN A HURRY TO PLAY

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR – Donna Richards



Hope you had a great fall and look forward to the holidays. We had a great mini meeting on Tuesday, October 24th. The soup luncheon went very well. We had a lot to eat. Thank you for the soup, sandwiches, etc. We reviewed the October 2023 District Director Newsletter which had a lot of information about the upcoming IAHCE 100th Anniversary celebration at the 2024 Annual Conference. The counties were divided into round tables where they discussed how to get membership and upcoming events. The conference will be at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, March 12-14, 2024. Watch for more information in the December IAHCE Chronicle or within the president's packet that will be mailed to each county president around December 1st.

Our next District 4 mini meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Unity Baptist Church in Vandalia. Please mark your calendars and include the date in your planning. We will be planning a salad luncheon. County officers, please watch for the invitation that will be sent out in May.

I find it amazing to see the diversity of the counties within District 4. We are all different but at the same time we all strive to achieve the IAHCE mission statement, objectives, Aim of the Homemaker, and the Collect. I learn something new during each county visit and meet delightful, wonderful people.

Mark your calendars for IAHCE 100th Anniversary Celebration– Annual Conference, March 12-14, 2024 at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, District 4 Mini Meeting– Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at the Unity Baptist Church in Vandalia, and District 4 & 5 August Workshops– Thursday, August 8th, 2024 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the March 2024 Annual Conference!

Effingham

Effingham County HCE has kept busy these past few months.

Claudia Berg, 1st Vice President, arranged a daytrip to Josephine's, Lewis & Clark Museum, and Fayette County Museum. It was a fun, educational trip for the 15 ladies who went on the adventure. Other day trips are in the planning stage for 2024.



It was the 83rd annual meeting for Effingham County. Becky Belcher, IAHCE Board director, presented an intriguing drawing, the HCE board was installed, and members were recognized and congratulated for their work in the organization. In keeping with the theme, everyone who attended wore their pearls! Can't wait for next year to see everyone sparkling with their diamonds.

Meet the 2024 HCE Board! Pat Tappendorf, International and Family & Community Issues; Elsie Voelker, Cultural Enrichment; Marilyn Schaefer, President; Nancy Hoene, 2nd vice-president; and Ruth Abell, Secretary.



Ten members were recognized for continuous membership and dedication to HCE.

Front row: Bernice Broom-53 years; Marilyn Schaefer-58 years; Ellie Maroon-50 Years.

Back row: Elsie Voelker-52 years; Joan Gare-58 years; Linda Schmidt-59 years; Jeanette Westendoft-60 years; Eloise McGuire-60 years; Pat Tappendorf; and Donna Wetherell-50 years.

Pat Tappendorf accepted the certificate for her mother, Anita Sidener, who has been a member for 72 years.



Barn quilts are very popular. Fifteen ladies participated in the painting workshop creating their own piece of art to display at their homes. Ruth Abel and Marilyn Schaefer received some hints on their project from Instructor Crystal Habing. This looks as if it might be a repeat workshop for those who missed this one ...or, want to create another design.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Effingham in March!



Jersey

Hello everyone! We've had some interesting programs this last year including "How to attract Hummingbirds", "Attracting bees and butterflies", "Host to make a Living Wreath", and "Chair exercises". Upcoming lessons and programming include "Iris Paper Piecing Christmas Cards" that we will be teaching for the Jersey County Arts Council and also to our HCE craft group. We're still a small group but have gained five new members. We are really looking forward to the 100th IAHCE State Conference. Hope to see you all there.

Madison

Our fall has been pretty busy. We had a Fall and Halloween craft workshop in August. Our International Night in September, our Christmas in November on November 2nd, and a Christmas craft workshop on November 11th. We wrapped up our mini barn quilt classes this past week and our last craft and cooking night is slated for December 5th. Next year we are trying something new. We are doing a "cork club" where participants will be educated on different wines, sample the wine chosen for the month as well as appetizers and foods that pair well with the wine, and then be able to craft using wine corks. We are hoping this is something people will have interest in and that it will bring new members to the county. Our 3rd annual craft camp takes place in January at a new location for this coming year. It is bee themed. Participation is open to anyone. Please email me for a registration packet at emhohl@gmail.com. In August we had a chocolate class where participants learned the history of chocolate and got to sample over 30 varieties of chocolate (many we took home). At the suggestion of an attendee, we are working on a popcorn lesson which we hope to present in February. Plans are underway for our May county trip to Arthur/Arcola area as well. Hope to see you at conference!



Marion

University of Illinois Extension Educator Chris Lueking presented a lesson about Drying Flowers prior to the Marion County HCE Board Meeting held August 17. She shared several techniques and examples of some of the different flowers you can dry. Many hold their colors well and others can be dyed or spray painted to introduce new color to a bouquet. She also explained how pressing flowers can be done and how they can be used in artwork. Flower pounding was a technique introduced that members were not familiar with and can be used to transfer the color and shapes of flowers onto tea towels, handkerchiefs, or clothing.

The Final Annual Book Sale to benefit the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund will be held Friday, September 15, from 9-2 with members asked to be present at 8 to set up. The Book Sale will conclude Saturday, September 16, from 9-noon with remaining books being donated to the Sandoval Library, elderly care facilities, and the Little Lending Libraries located in Marion County.

Discussion was held regarding distribution of the remaining General Funds of the Marion County HCE that are not already budgeted for the 2023/2024 Year. Treasurer Connie Williams has provided a list of known expenses, their total, and the remaining funds not allocated for the Board since May. A list of Options for Disbursal of Funds Not Allocated has been developed since that time as a result of input from members. In addition to the Marion County HCE 4-H award for 2023, we will provide one for the year 2024. Pat Young, member of the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund Committee, reported all 3 recipients of last year's scholarships are still pursuing their education at the same schools they attended last year. \$500 scholarships will be disbursed for each.

A motion was made by Pat Young and seconded by Connie Williams to donate \$1,000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Salem. This organization makes beds and presents them complete with a new mattress and bedding to those in need in Marion County. The motion carried. This gift will sponsor two whole bunkbeds for a total of 4 children complete with 4 mattresses, 4 pillows, 4 twin sheet sets, and 4 comforters. Sleep in Heavenly Peace was one of the first organizations near and dear to the hearts of our members that was mentioned as suggestions were made for distribution of our remaining funds. They are making a difference in the lives of people in our community and for that we are grateful!

Marion County Ag in the Classroom Literacy Coordinator Meggan Hiestand presented a lesson to the Marion County HCE Board at the Marion County Extension Office in Salem on Thursday, October 12. She has worked in this role for 15 years and still finds it a great educational opportunity for students and the adults who teach them. She shared several of her favorite books with Ag themes, a current mAGic Kit that can be borrowed, and shared an Illinois Ag Mag about apples with us. She also shared how she meets with students outside of the elementary classroom through events such as Kid's Day at the Fair, the High School Career Fair, FFA Envirothon, Earth Day, Conservation Tours, 6th Grade Farm Safety Day which she coordinates, and more! The program is completely funded through grants and donations.

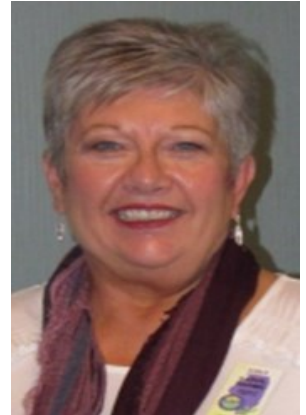
The Marion County HCE Board met immediately following the Lesson. It was announced the Marion County HCE Book Sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund made \$605.48 in September. Leftover books were sorted with a bag each going to the Salem Manor at the Woods and the former Doctor's Nursing Home in Salem and the rest being donated to the Sandoval Library. Phyllis Henson-Phillips, motioned we make a \$1000 donation to Marion County Ag in the Classroom. Pat Young seconded that motion and the donation will be made in the new calendar year. Connie Williams made a motion that we make a \$1000 donation to the

Marion County 4-H Foundation. Phyllis Henson-Phillips seconded the motion and that donation will be made at the Marion County 4-H Achievement Night to be held Friday, November 4. Connie Williams announced that Miranda Yates has been chosen as the Marion County 4-H HCE Award winner. Phyllis Henson-Phillips reissued the invitation Jefferson County HCE made to our members to join them. A new meeting date and time for the Board was scheduled Thursday, November 16, at 1:30 pm. The focus of this meeting will be the dissolution of the Marion County HCE and the continued distribution of funds. There were no further suggestions for programs and a final Annual Meeting is being planned for March of 2024 at a date and time to be determined.

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR – Carol Harms

My goodness, fall is finally here and winter is around the corner! By the time you read this, we will all be preparing for Christmas and the start of 2024. I just cannot believe how fast time flies at this point in my life, and I feel like things move along much too quickly.



Plans for the 2024 conference are coming together. I have put the finishing touches on the Share Shops, and I hope you like the selections. We have cut down on the number of Share Shops so you will have more time to check out the Cultural Enrichment entries, Silent Auction, vendors, AND the 100th anniversary museum that 1st Vice President Kathy Peterson has put together. There will be fabulous table favors and special guests, and I really hope that you will plan to attend, especially if you haven't been to conference for a while. One tip, get your room NOW! The hotel information is in this newsletter. I hope you read through all the conference information, because there is a lot of it, and this is NOT your typical conference.

You should be working on your end of year reports now, and I want to remind the 2nd vice presidents to send your Year End Report to me **at my new address:** 1123 Flint Street, Red Bud, IL 62278 or via email (which has not changed) charmsway@yahoo.com **by January 5, 2024.**

Reminders:

1. Keep track of those volunteer hours, both for HCE and other volunteer opportunities. Add them up and get them to your CVH person who will turn them in to Ashley Davis. I know that all my counties are doing a lot of volunteer time, and you will all turn it in, right??
2. Make plans to attend the 100th annual conference in March 2024! Seriously, it will be a great party and I expect a big turnout from our district.
3. Even if you can't attend the conference, I hope you will order an IAHCE garden flag, 100th anniversary tumbler, t-shirt, and/or a tote bag. I'm sure you can get someone from your county to bring it back from Conference for you, or let me know and I will bring it back to you.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and wonderful, blessed 2024!

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE.—Karen Davis

Hamilton

The Hamilton County HCE ladies found time in July to have a sewing day. A small group of members gathered to sew lap robes. Lunch was provided and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Also, the HCE had an opportunity to sponsor Bingo one weekend in conjunction with the Ageless Iron Tractor Show and the Farm Bureau Fun Day. HCE members donated prizes worth \$25 and up. It was a very hot day, but several folks came out and had fun! Bingo lasted until all the prizes were won.

In August, the District Workshop was held in Mt. Vernon. Four board members were able to attend. They were Lucille Auten, Becky Belcher, Rhonda Millenbine and Jennifer Rister. The ladies all enjoyed the individual sessions for the officers as well as the delicious food that was provided! We hope more ladies will attend with us next year.

In September the Hamilton County HCE hosted a Fall Picnic at Dolan Lake. The White County HCE was invited to bring food and games also. Angela Hicks was also in attendance and spoke to the group. To round out the month, a county Cultural Arts Show was held by Hamilton County HCE during the Fall Festival in Mcleansboro. There was an Adult Division and a Youth Division. All entries were judged and the top 3 from each category were awarded a ribbon. This is something that our group hopes to make an annual event.

We are looking forward to finishing out the year with another fundraiser and a community service project.

Jackson

It has been a gorgeous end of Summer and Fall. The leaves are pretty. Jackson County HCE ladies have been so busy. We celebrated HCE week with a quilt raffle. A quilt guild member won the quilt. Nancy Osinga. We congratulate her in winning this quilt. We hope she enjoys it. We had a wonderful International Lesson on Egypt with Esraa Aly who presented on her home country. We tasted many of the wonderful foods from that country. Esraa prepared a dish called Koshari. It was wonderful. We had 54 members and non-members in attendance. What a wonderful evening we had. Esraa brought her children and husband to share in the program.

In November we will be preparing our Christmas cards for Veterans and Nursing homes. Then on to our Christmas Festivities. Units will be celebrating in their own parties and donations to the community. Then, we will say goodbye to our Pearls of Wisdom for 99 years and will move into our 100-year celebration IACHE. We cannot wait to see the festivities.

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU
WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED.

—BARB ROWLAND, LAKE
COUNTY

BE KIND TO ALL AND LOVE
ONE ANOTHER.—CONNIE
HERRSEHOP



Jefferson

June County program was by Local Historian Kerri Dillingham and she presented “Spooky Illinois. Listing local haunted houses, businesses, places and etc. Several members attended and will take back to their units. County 4-H fair was held in July and 4-H BBQ in July. Members provided baked goods. July was a free month for units and most ate out and attended patriotic events in their area.

A grandson of one of our members Logan Hall has been scanning important details from our 60 Plus years of scrapbook and it is added to our web page. It will be an ongoing project for awhile. (check our page <https://www.hcejeffersoncounty.com>). August found us helping with the District 4/5 meeting at West Salem Trinity Methodist church and getting a tease about the 100th Annual Meeting in March.

Several times throughout the Summer we have taken non perishable foods to Youth Build for them to use for snacks. Youth are trained in hospitality and construction and are helped to get their GED. They are not provided lunch so our snacks really count. Several members have grown Monarch butterflies. I am sure over 125 have been hatched and released. Members also make small quilts for the Amy Center for abused children.

August also brought Julia Quinn, a local Family Mediator, who told us what she did to help children and families. It is beneficial and cost effective. One of our members, Sarah Mae Waite, contacted Illinois Chapter of Holy Sews, who put together layettes for still born and preemies. They are provided to hospitals and funeral homes; this will be an ongoing project.

September found us getting ready for our BIG YARD SALE. We have proved “Someone’s trash is someone Treasure”. Our left overs were donated to the C.E.O. Class at the High School. September we partnered with the Farm Bureau and AG in the classroom.

On Sept. 13th, we toured Cedarhurst Mitchell Museum. We learned they focus on Illinois art and artists. They had a quilt show at the same time. They also have photography and art shows throughout the year. In September we helped CASA with a couple leap frogs,

October found us handmaking card for Veterans. We will provide about 75 local veterans with a thank you card for their service. Then it was HCE Week.

Monday was do random act of kindness for another. One member took 40 small watercolor paintings to give to those that didn’t have family or friends to visit. We also took monetary donations and supplies to the Family Life Homeless Center. Tuesday was our Bus trip to Cario’s “Little Egypt”.

Wednesday was our board meeting and we invited unit members to come. A couple came and would like to job shadow some board members to later become board members.

Friday we asked someone to join. As PR I put an article on our Facebook page and a couple of other pages explaining what we do and some of our projects. Our units all meet in the daytime, so I asked if they were interested in a evening unit. So far 3 have responded. We will follow up on this. Saturday was a day of pampering yourself and recharge!



Massac

Community Outreach the last few months: 5 sheets for Lourdes Hospice, 215 “Labor of Love” Cards and word search were delivered to care facilities in the county, and 50 Care bags were delivered to Veterans in the county care facilities.

International Night was held at Lutheran Church of the Cross on September 21. We want to thank each of the units for providing the desserts and to Melissa Simpson for planning and the interesting program on Mexico. Our Guest speaker was Nadia Mota, who came to the United States about 11 years ago and became a citizen. Thank you, Nadia, for sharing with us your story of how you helped in Mexico with the children and when you came to America how God had a plan for you and your family. A special thank you to the 23 guest who came, and to Melissa’s family for all your help. We had an enjoyable evening.

County Wide HCE outing on August 15. At “The Farm” LaCenter, Ky. Was attended by 21 and everyone enjoyed just having the time to visit and share. After lunch several visited the “Sister and Friends”, where we found some special bargains. Thank you to all who came and to those who drove for the car pulling.

IAHCE District meeting August 8 at Mt. Vernon was attended by Judy Parr, Judy Ferguson, Dorothy Holt and Norma Korte. Susie Henley and Norma Korte had an interesting, fun day with students from elementary schools in Massac County and Cairo. They had a **Food/Kitchen Safety** class at the Farm Safety Day, September 29, that was sponsored by Farm Bureau, Ag in the Class, and Massac County FFA/ Ag students.

HCE Week was October 9-13. I know some of you wore your purple ribbons and others had a sign or ribbon at their home. This is one of the signs that was on display. The local Radio Station had an article in the yellow pages that go out to the community. New Frontier’s had their family Picnic during HCE Week. Looks like they had a good time and attendance.



Monroe

Perry

Perry County HCE really gets rolling in the summer and fall. In August, Pinckneyville has a Thresherman Show at which we offer a huge 3-day yard sale. Members donate items and the profits go toward our scholarship fund and activities. This year we made \$1300!

Our Quilt Block Party Unit finished a couple more quilts that were given to families in need. The one pictured went to a family who lost everything in a fire. The fabric, batting, and backing is all donated. They have saved time and money going to tied quilts, but that way more families can be served.



In October we had a Pumpkin Party group meeting. Jane Chapman taught us all about pumpkins, we ate wonderful savory and sweet pumpkin foods, we painted pumpkins and made pumpkin pudding! Robin Ridgely, Family Life Educator from U of I Extension, presented part one of the Brain Health Series. About 38 people attended the event, several guests arrived for the brain health series, and we signed up a few new HCE members!



Pinckneyville's 101st Mardi Gras was held on October 28th. At the morning vendor fair Perry County HCE set up a booth to promote HCE in the community, boost membership, and spread kindness! Quilt raffle tickets and window wipes were sold, we gave away promotional magnets and bags personalized with our organization's contact information, and we gained several new contacts for membership!

Upcoming events include gathering for our Holiday Idea Day on November 1st where the quilt raffle winner is drawn, the Bus Trip to Branson November 10-11, and decorating a tree at the Du Quoin State Fair Festival of Lights to promote Perry County HCE. We look forward to telling you all about those events!

Randolph

The Randolph County HCE had a busy fall. In September a Five-County Event was held at Pour Vineyard in rural Red Bud. Around 80 people were in attendance from Randolph, Monroe, Jackson, Perry and Williamson Counties. Since it was advertised as a public event, there were also numerous ladies from the local area in attendance.

Presentations were made by Judy Pour on the vineyard, Chris Juelfs spoke and gave a demonstration on Air Fryers and members of the Leedle family gave an interesting talk on bees and honey. Jane Chapman also spoke about the Bee project. Several local vendors were also present with their wares. Entertainment was provided by Cora Worthington who played the guitar and sang.



In October the 78th annual meeting was held in Chester. It was a privilege to have the IAHCE President Angela Hicks there as the guest speaker. Throughout the year, several hundred quilts were assembled by various groups and donated to local schools and other charities which will be distributed to families in need. The City of Red Bud has a lamp post decorating contest in October and the county HCE participated. An article was printed in the local newspaper explaining the post and another way to promote HCE.

The Union County HCE marked its 75th anniversary with a buffet luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The annual fall county-wide meeting took the form of a diamond jubilee party and program at the University of Illinois Extension Center in Anna. "Diamond" decorations and a motto of "Aspire to Inspire" set the theme for the day. Board chairman, Suzie Kessler, welcomed those in attendance, conducted proceedings and introduced notable members and special guests. She thanked event chairman, Jane Bauer, U of I staff member, Amy Shuck, and others who helped make the event a celebration.

Illinois Association of Home and Community Education president, Angela Hicks, from Cary, brought greetings and spoke favorably about Union County's participation in district and state outreach activities. Her challenge to the group was "To Aspire to Inspire". Special entertainment was a "painting to music" by Becky Belcher. Belcher is from McLeansboro and is chairman of IAHCE Cultural Enrichment.

Union County Home Bureau charter members who were the first 21 ladies to enroll in 1947. Suzie Kessler introduced guests in attendance who are relatives of some of the charter members. Present HCE member Maxine Bernhart Ellis and Ron Ellis represented her charter member mother, Lydia Bernhart. Marilyn Fink Russell represented her mother, Mildred Fink. Alice Foreman Boyd, was invited to honor her aunt, charter member Serena Miller. Blanche Mosby, was represented by her grandson Bruce and his wife, Cindy Mosby. Charter member, Maude Kinder, was honored by her niece, Linda LaFoon. Linda LaFoon, also spoke in honor of her aunt, Helen Goodard, who was a director of the newly formed association in 1948.

Union County HCE member Joann Miller was recognized for her 66 year membership. Guests in the audience eagerly shared their memories and experiences as HCE members over the years. Others told how the organization had mentored or given support to 4-H, the Union County Fair, and many other community agencies.

The history of the 75-year Union County Home Bureau/Homemakers Extension/HCE was highlighted by member Barbara Bauer. Bauer's mother, Vivian Boyd was an early member of the Home Bureau and organizer of the Union County 4-H in 1948.



DO YOUR BEST AT WHAT
EVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO-
NORMA KORTE, MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY

White

Sometimes we don't know how or where to begin to relate positive and uplifting messages, but I think everyone who attended the District 5 Mini District Conference meeting came away with a positive attitude, that they are still good people, good times, and good leaders, like Carrol Harms, Jane Chapman, and Janel Kassing, who was strong about the days and months ahead. We left that meeting feeling good about the messages they instilled in us. They showed us how worthwhile this organization is through their leadership, caring attitude, and kind words. Jane's smiles are a plus. She makes us smile when we don't feel like smiling. So thank you, from all of us for sharing some exciting plans they have for us at the 100 Year State Convention. So thank you for giving us a reason to be more positive about what we are doing for our communities.

Williamson

Shown here are members of Williamson County HCE board at the Tea they planned to celebrate during HCE Week. On Thursday, Oct. 16, around 30 HCE members and guests enjoyed having hot assorted teas and finger foods and desserts. Wearing hats and pearls was optional. We were glad our District 5 director, Carol Harms could attend as well and several U of Illinois staff members and 4-H director, Ramona Girtman. County President, Judy Cox, feels a Tea may become an annual event.



I ALWAYS HATED WHEN MY MOTHER WOULD
ADMONISH US WITH "never say never!" SHE
WAS RIGHT! - CHERYL MCCARTY

SMILE AND THE WORLD SMILES WITH YOU.-
MAGIE JODETTMER

NEVER PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUST SHUT
UP.-DEBBIE ROSSBERG, UNION COUNTY



Nominating Committee Report

The IAHCE Nominating Committee interviewed potential candidates for the IAHCE Board on October 15th. The following names will be placed on the ballot for election at the 2024 IAHCE Annual Conference Business Meeting on March 13, 2024.



Angela Hicks of Lake County has applied for the **President**. On her application for a second term, she states, “I feel the Board has a good momentum going into our 100th Anniversary and I would like to see it through way beyond 2024! It is my goal to not only encourage but also to continue to develop leadership qualities within the board for a smooth succession when the time comes. On the Board level, it is my goal to develop the understanding that without members there is no need for programming so each works hand in hand to accomplish the mission of IAHCE. It is my goal to continue to encourage our membership to build IAAHCE membership and to build recognition in our state. I personally will strive to maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude, to continue to act in the best interest of the organization with the utmost professionalism as possible and to continue to have open communication.”

Janel Kassing of Randolph County has applied for the position of **International Director**.

On her application for a second term, she states, “As I complete my first term as International Director, I look forward to remaining on the board. Being a District Director prior to this position I had some basic knowledge of the details of the International Committee. In the past 3 years, I have become involved with ACWW, NVON, and CWC to give me a broader vision of the components of the International position. I enjoy being on the Board and participating in the meetings necessary to complete my job. I am looking forward to continuing in this position to continue to choose and research the County of Study chosen.”



Respectfully submitted,
IAHCE Nominating Committee

Donna Richards, Chair
Mary Johnson
Becky Belcher
Janel Kassing
Karen Cahill

BEING a WIFE and MOTHER MY WORDS OF WISDOM are:

DON'T Make THREATS, Make PROMISES and KEEP YOUR PROMISES.—RUTH OHARA

SMILE! (THAT MIGHT Make THEM THINK YOU'RE GUILTY BUT THAT'S OK

Important Dates to Remember

IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 12 – 14, 2024—Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham

NVON

July 15-18, 2024- Asheville, North Carolina

IAHCE DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

August 8th, 2023— District 1 and 2

August 7th, 2023— District 3 – Southern View Chapel, Springfield

August 8th, 2023— District 4 and 5— St Johns Lutheran Church, Effingham

CWC

September 24-26, 2024— Destin, Florida

PEARLS OF WISDOM

NEVER GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT ANGRY AT YOUR SPOUSE. -VICKIE
HOBBS, WHITE COUNTY

ALWAYS DRINK UP STREAM FROM A HORSE.- BETH FANCHER

DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF, IT'S ALL SMALL STUFFY.-SHARON
SCHERER

IF YOU HAVE THE TABLE SET, IT MAKES IT LOOK LIKE THE MEAL IS
SOON.-BONNIE COMPTON

DO THE LITTLE THINGS WITH LOVE.-ST TERESE QUOTE SUBMITTED BY
BONNIE COMPTON

LISTEN CLOSELY AND QUIETLY AS YOU WILL LEARN A LOT THIS WAY.-
MARY JOHNSON

AN ORIGINAL IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN A COPY.-LAKE COUNTY

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