

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR IAHCE BOARD

An HCE Version of "*The End of the Year*", read to the theme
A Night Before Christmas

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Twas the end of the year and all through the state..



The HCE members were celebrating this date.



The state officers have been busy planning for next year,



In hope that conference would soon be here.



County wide functions that didn't take place,



Might soon find their way on the calendar, with God's grace.



Local units could start planning like they once did,



The events that were cancelled or temporarily hid.



When suddenly, it makes sense to meet and chatter,



When the world is now safe, because ALL LIVES MATTER!



We can all gather around in close distance,



Following a path of now least resistance.



We won't have to fear six feet apart.



For now together, by using our hearts..



We can celebrate, socialize and even attend,



Every meeting, every party, and even every event!



With speakers galore and many topics to cover,



We will press forward and celebrate one another.



We will laugh and sing and praise like before.



Covid won't take much of us anymore!



We will cook and bake and decorate.



We will sew, and knit, and crochet.



We will be happy in our quilting bees.



And making things our eyes want to see.



We will donate and give like never before.



And open up all those once closed doors.



To a world full of more possibility,



In a land where we will remain to be free!



And then when we think we have had quite enough,



We'll continue on and really show our stuff!



We will teach and train like never before.



People will be begging us because they want to know more!



About this little organization that's been around for years..



The one that's brought so much hope
and less tears!



The one that's made a difference great and small.



A place for everyone, for everyone of us and all!



It will be time to show the world what we are all about!



In ways that are big or small, in any amount!



We will pick up the pieces where we once had been,



And leave our mark more bound and determined!



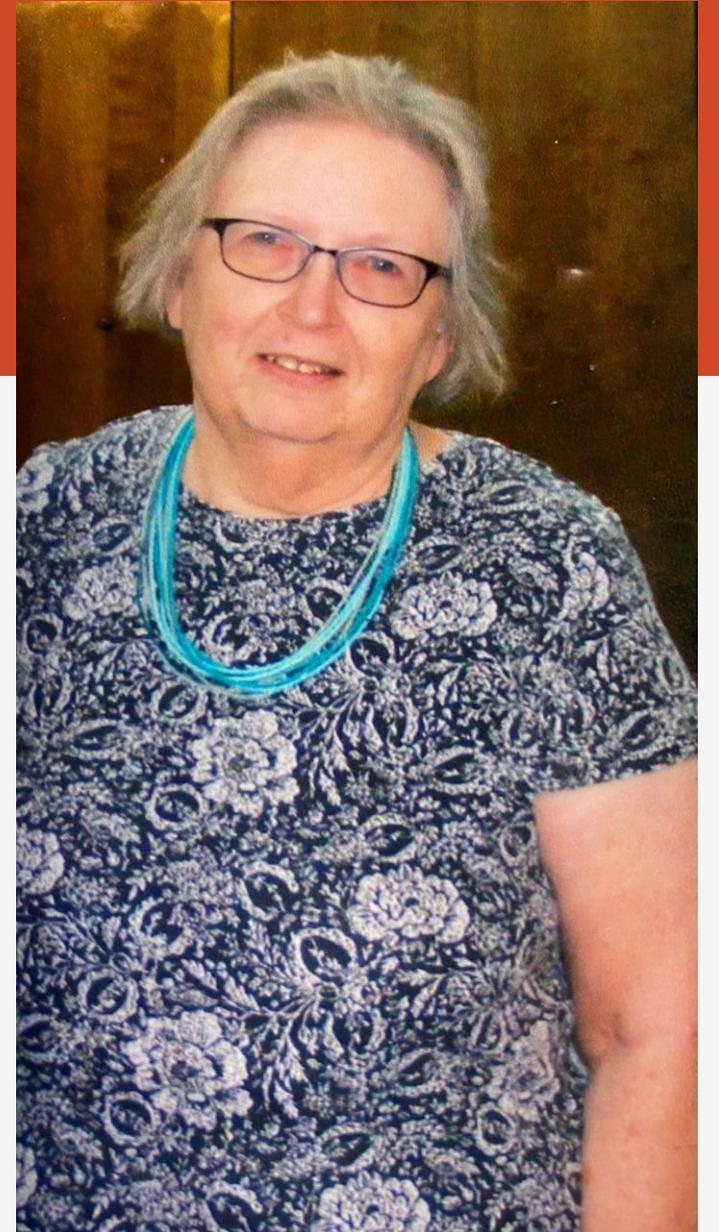
To show what a great unit we are,



Showing others they too can be a star!



And they too will come to be,



Part of the greatest organization known as HCE!



For now is our time to get others involved,



In making a difference- there are problems to solve!



Things to do and parties to plan.



Let's make this world a better land!



As we reflect on the year we leave behind,



I think in spirit you'll actually find,



Our hurting world is needing us more,



So let's go out there and remember who we are fighting for!



Merry Christmas to all, from your IAHCE Board!



THE END