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From the Desk of the President

I pray that you are having a safe summer. What a year we have had with rain, flooding, cold, heat, cold, heat. Weather cannot make up its' mind what to give us. Just keep looking for the rainbow!



Thank you to all who attended the annual conference in March. It was a lot of fun being at "The Circus Extravaganza". We had a record number of attendees—403. The talented HCE members demonstrated their expertise at the Cultural Enrichment display and the Linus Blankets entries. You all are just great!

I want to encourage you all to use the International packet you were given to study Scotland. Alison Burnett, the ACWW Treasurer, who is from Scotland, left us a lot of information and a power point to be shared with your county on her homeland. Please invite your friends and neighbors to your International program. Then invite them to join HCE. You will not know until you ask them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the August IAHCE District Workshops. I believe it will be an interesting and informative lesson being presented on Hobo Quilts. Each county will receive a copy of the lesson. If you have a copy of Debra Henninger's book, please bring it with you. She will be glad to sign your copy.

The State Board has also had to make changes in our directors. As you may know by now, Jan Edwards, District 4 Director, resigned due to her health but Peggy Ostermeier of Sangamon County agreed to replace her. Debbie Borries, District 6 Director, resigned because of taking a full time job but Marilyn Schaefer of Effingham County has replaced her. We appreciate each of them for stepping in at a busy time to help.

I pray that you will have another successful year in your HCE county program. If there is anything the IAHCE State Board can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Blessings,

Marilyn Daughette
IAHCE State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st Vice President Treaasa Brookman



Hi!

It's almost time for District Workshops. I really enjoy coming to visit the various districts.

I am still trying to compile an email list of 1st Vice Presidents. If you do not have internet, please find someone in your county that can be on my list. I will only send emails concerning IAHCCE Programs. No junk Mail.
Treaasa.brookman@gmail.co

When it is time for one of the telnets, please go. You will usually see the person at the start; during break or at the end of the presentation you may ask questions. They just won't have to travel to meet you or charge you for their travel. Master Gardeners have been using the telnet system for many years. It is how we get our educational training, except for going to their Educational Conference. We need to adjust to program delivery.

Sandy Bechtold and I are busy working on the Annual Conference. Jane Chapman is working on the share shops. Other board members are preparing their various duties to make your time at Annual Conference enjoyable and a learning experience. As volunteers, we are putting in our CVH hours.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Treaasa Brookman

2nd Vice President Sandra Bechtold



Hi Everyone!

I hope to see you at the IA-HCE District Workshops in August. Please bring your ideas you used during the year on membership. It's always enjoyable to hear what every county has done.

The District Workshop speaker will be a good one. Debra Henninger has written a book "Hobo Quilts". It is a good read even if you don't quilt with all the stories and comments about the hobo and their travels. She's used symbols that the hobo's wrote on buildings, sidewalks, etc. along the way in their travels. A lot of our members have had contact with someone who's fed or given work to the traveling hobos. With just our State Board talking about this lesson, we had a lively discussion about some of their experiences with hobos.

So come and join us in the caring, sharing and learning at the District Workshops. Have a good day and my God bless you all especially your loved ones in harms way.

Sandy Bechtold



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Secretary
Carolyn Fisher

By now most of us have had a chance to view the IAHCE Guidebook on line. We know there are some discrepancies; please be patient with us while we resolve them. We know that we have to change some pages. If you think you have found a glaring error, please let us know.

We have a second revision for the Secretary's Report. We are adding that you also need to send a copy to your District Director. Thank you to those of you who called our attention to this omission. I have been coordinating that page with the help of the District Directors to benefit all of us.

When Jane Chapman sent the International packet for Scotland to the counties, I supplied her with labels which were created from the county list that I had on file. She had some of the packets returned. Some county's lists have not been updated since 2005! Please send an updated list to the IAHCE Secretary and your District Director.

Also, we need to know the correct name of your county organization, and when and where you meet. As I've said before, the IAHCE President uses this information for planning future visits.

Last but not least, a new IAHCE Secretary will be elected at the 2012 IAHCE Annual Conference. This is your chance to work with planning state events and travel the state (August IAHCE District Workshops). I will have most of the Secretary's files on discs, ready to pass on to my successor. I have been working with a very competent crew of County

Secretaries. Wouldn't one of you want to work on the state level?
As always, be brief.

Carolyn Fisher



Treasurer
Jane Chapman

Happy Summer!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the spring days and the few summer days we will have had by the time your read this. We had a terrific storm go through here this morn and dumped an inch and one half of rain on us in a short time. We have had no shortage of rain as yet! Hopefully none of you are facing any shortages of any kind in your county.

I have just completed the filing of the state annual report and sent it with the ten dollar fee. Have all of you met all of your filing requirements?

I have received a few monies for the Pennies for Friendship (PFF) and I do appreciate that you are sending the transmittal forms along. If you do not have a transmittal form for the PFF, you can get one off the IAHCE website (www.iahce.org). I believe in paper trails and that is why I like to have a transmittal form with dues and PFF payments.

I am anxiously awaiting August when I will get to see all of you again, so until then have a safe and happy summer! Please remember to live well, love much, and laugh often. It is good for you!

Thanks,

Jane Chapman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



Community Outreach VI HUEBNER

This is the third and final year of my term as Community Outreach Director. The Nominating Committee will be looking for officers to replace the ones leaving the IAHCE Board; please say yes when asked.

I have certainly enjoyed working with a great group of ladies. Serving on the board is certainly a learning experience. I also enjoyed meeting each and every new member.

Keep working on the same projects. I will have new projects at the August Workshops.

I will see you in August. If you have any questions before then, please call me at 618-254-0368 or 618-972-2810.

Vi Huebner



Cultural Enrichment KAY BRINKLEY

Hi Everyone,

I am so sorry to all the "**Best of Show winners**" for not getting your names in the previous IAHCE State newsletter. Your talents were appreciated by all who toured through our cultural Enrichment room.

Cultural Enrichment "**BEST OF SHOW**" winners at 2011 State Conference are as follows:

Quilts: (Hand) Joyce Copp-Sangamon Co.
(Machine) Marcia Schutte-Adams Co.

Wall Hanging: Sharon Helms-Madison Co.

Crochet (Adult): Pat Kemp, Du Page Co.

Crochet (Child): Sylvia Dust, Effingham Co.

Knitting: Carolyn Fisher, Du Page Co.

Arts and Crafts: Sharon Helms, Madison Co.

Paintings (drawings): Tina Trotter, Jefferson Co.

Photography: Bob Humphrey, Pike Co.

Embroidery: Marie Worth, Lake Co.

Counted Cross Stitch: Cheryl Hackler, Madison Co.

Wheat Weaving: Joan Anderson, LaSalle Co.

Jewelry: Angela Hicks, Lake Co.

Scrap Booking: Diane Federon, Warren Co.

Nature and Wood: Rosemary Martin, McLean Co.

Wearable art (Childs): Donna Wessels, Livingston Co.

Wearable Art (Adult): Mariam Seevers, Piatt Co.

Recycling: Catherine Kellogg, Moultrie Co.

Art Work: Joyce Anderson, Pop/Hardin Co.

Baby Quilt: Phyllis McReynolds, Prairie Assoc.

Table Runner: Patricia Wilson, Lee Co.

Tatting: Rebecca Delong, Pike Co.

I also want to thank the "Best of show" judges. It was a very difficult job to accomplish with all the beautiful entries. I thank all county and District Cultural Enrichment Directors for participating in the "Best of show", making it such a wonderful Display of talents! I appreciate your dedication! Keep up the good work!

Please bring to District workshop a craft for "**Show 'N Tell**" with several copies of instructions on how to make the item to share with other counties. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at District Workshop. Be kind to each other!

Kay Brinkley

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Family Issues NORMA KORTE

Hello from Southern Illinois! I hope you have had a better spring than those of us that live close to the Ohio and

Mississippi Rivers. Several acres of our farm flooded due to high water from the creeks that flow into the rivers. Our two sons had to use a boat or large tire Jeep to get back and forth from their homes. Planting did not start until the last half of May, which is quite late for us. Ironically, now we are waiting for rain to help the crop continue to grow! It has been a challenging Spring!

Thank you for your helpful comments on ways to improve the 2012 IAHCE Conference. Some of you asked to see the

Top Ten Placings for the 2010 Tab Collection.

They were:

1. Hamilton County – 319
2. Christian County – 137
3. Champaign County – 116
4. Randolph County – 104
5. Edgar County – 79
6. Pike County – 78
7. Monroe County – 77
8. Marion County – 75
9. White County – 75
10. Macon County – 51

In a tie score situation, the tie was broken based on the total pounds of tabs collected. Thank you to everyone who participated in the project, and continue to collect tabs for 2011!

During the District Meetings in August, I plan to provide information on ways to fill out the Education Award applications. I will also be distributing materials on agencies that are

available to assist families who are dealing with childhood cancer. I have enjoyed reading about the various Family Issues that each county addresses in newsletter articles. It gives me a better idea of topics you would be interested in learning more about on another year. Many of you know why childhood cancer is important to me, but I would also like to educate families on the importance of early detection and treatment of this disease.

Family Issues and Cultural Enrichment are working together on the “Quilts for Kids” project this year. The quilt tops need to be sewn together by machine, and you do not have to quilt them. We will send them to the Illiana Chapter to be completed.

Remember to wear your Gold Ribbons in September for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

From the Korte family, our prayers for a safe and productive fall harvest.

Norma Korte



International JANE CHAPMAN

We got fair “drookit” in that shower o’rain’ that passed through last night! The storm that passed through this morn gave us quite a “gliff”! Our county was under a tornado watch for a while this morn, but it was a “braw” day for Father’s Day! Just checking to see if you have been working on your Scottish dialect!



I attended the June board meeting

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this week and returned feeling like the board accomplished a lot at this meeting! Some changes have been made on the, "County of the Year" form, additions and corrections made in the guidebook plus plans are in the works for the 2012 annual conference. It should be a great time for all and we hope we have a great turn-out!

District meetings are coming up in August and I have a lot of Scotland things to share with you. Alison left me with an abundance of goodies; so many I could not include them all in the lesson so I will share with you at district workshops. Hope to see all of you there!

Have a great summer but a safe one and I'll see ya' in August. I am a bit "peelie-wally" so I think I will sign off for now and go for a "muckle of "dram"!

Jane Chapman

Public Relations SHARON MIDDLETON



As I have been working on this newsletter, it does my heart good seeing all of the counties having a great time with this years' theme "Inviting you to an Amazing Happening at our Circus Extravaganza"! I think every article sent to me for this issue had something about circus in it. So continue having fun with your members and those that you are asking to come and see what we do, lessons, volunteer and much more. Now is the time to recruit new members for your counties when you are having such a fun time during your meetings. How many meetings can you say that you attend during a year in other organizations that there hare so many clowns, clowning around.

District Workshops are coming up soon. I hope that all of your officers will be able to attend and see what the State Officers have for you. As one of the Education Directors, I will go over how to apply for your Education Awards that you apply for in January.

I have made a note on page 43 to make sure that you send any change of addresses to me so that you receive your newsletter. I will not have address service requested any longer. It cost the organization \$3.66 each for those returned from the May issue. That adds up real fast if I have several address changes in a year.

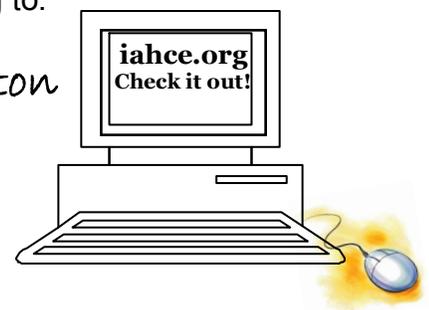
I hope that you have checked our website www.iahce.org recently. There are changes made at least monthly, and sometimes several times a month. We are working on making sure the Guidebook is correct and updated. Please be patient with us as we do work on any glitches. If you think there is something really wrong, please contact one of the board members and it will be checked.

Lessons will be listed when that information is available. You will then contact First Vice President, Teresa Brookman for copies of lessons that you want.

Karen has the IAHCE Sales on the website now. Check it out and make a list of what you want and either contact Karen for her to mail your items or call with the items needed and she can bring to the District Workshop.

So, as you can see, the board members are doing whatever we can to make IAHCE a great organization to belong to.

Sharon Middleton



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Sales/CVH KAREN HALICKI

I have just returned from my first Board Meeting held in Effingham, IL. What a great group of ladies to be working with. There is always something new to discover and learn at each committee meeting.

I will have all of the sale items for you to look over and purchase at our District Workshop in August. There are a several new items this year. Check out the our website (www.iahce.org) to view the items before the District Workshop, print out a list of the items and an order form.

For Volunteer Hours, I will have sheets for you to fill out for the end of the year and explain what you need to send me. You can claim hours volunteered three years (2009-2010-2011) if you have not already turned them in. I will only count this year (2011) volunteer hours for the awards and newsletter. The hours turned in previous to 2011 is to help you catch up on your certificates and seals (500 hours for 1 certificate and 500 hours for each seal to put on the certificate). After 4 seals, you will get a new certificate. When your certificate is full, you will have volunteered 2500 hours. Keep volunteering and helping others, it's a great life.

Karen Halicki

**DON'T FORGET TO KEEP
RECORD OF YOUR
VOLUNTEER HOURS!**

YOUR IAHCE BOARD AT WORK

1. Developed procedure to put lessons on website.
2. Researched creed origins, will discuss at district workshop
3. Secured speaker for IAHCE district workshops on Hobo Quilts
4. Worked on skit for IAHCE district workshops
5. Discussed ideas for Annual Conference share shops
6. Will move tours to Monday afternoon
7. Will not have chorus on Wednesday but sing-along on Tuesday
8. Accepted resignation of District Director 4 Jan Edwards because of health and District 6 Director Debbie Borries because she now has full time employment
9. Appointed Marilyn Schaefer for DD 6 and Peggy Ostermeier for DD4
10. Encourage county PR to contact Sharon, Web mistress, to set up page on website
11. International Director has even more information on Scotland which will be handed out at IAHCE District workshops
12. Counties may contact their District Director if they wish to have a table for fundraiser at District Workshops
13. Education Committee reported on their programs for the coming year
14. Will put page on website at beginning of guidebook indicating any changes and page numbers.
15. Selected scholarship recipients
16. Made some changes to County of the Year application
17. Jenna Hogan, Extension Liaison, made a presentation at Tuesday's board meeting
18. Toured hotel facilities to plan for 2012 conference

As you can see, President Daughetee has control over our state board meetings and she means business!



U of I LIAISON



U of I Liaison

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer. Things have certainly been heating up for me. I just moved into my new office at McLean County Extension on June 16th.

(Check the newsletter for the change in address). I sold my house in Springfield, which means I've been living out of a suitcase for the past couple of weeks and bumming off friends, family and a fiancé! We did find a beautiful house in Bloomington, and I will be all moved in near the beginning of July.

I enjoyed attending the June Board meeting in Effingham, and I've been starting to learn some of the wonderful and vibrant personalities of the group! We talked about setting and working towards goals and how each member plays an important part in attaining the goal. We played a fun activity, "When Somebody Claps Twice", that had people flapping their arms like a bird, singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and doing the "YMCA"! But we learned that when everyone did their part, the goal was reached. Of course, the goal was chocolate so everyone was very happy to act a little silly to get a mouth-watering piece! Wonderful discussion followed, and I encourage every one of you to discuss unit goals with each other. It's important to remember what you're working towards!

I also gave the latest update in Extension's reorganization process. By the time you read this, Extension will have about a month under our belts as working with our newly formed units. It will be a learning process for everyone, but excellent programming and education will continue to be a priority! We are grateful to

have just received second quarter payments from the Department of Agriculture and appreciate everyone's support and calls to their legislators to get the budget passed. Dr. Hoeft informed us that while the amounts were down slightly, County Board Match is actually above last year. The latest bill to look at, SB744 (Gaming Bill) could give Extension up to 5 million new dollars for programming over an expansion of a few years.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe and cool!

Jenna Hogan,
Extension Liaison to IAHCe Board

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The deadline for IAHCe State Officer applications is quickly approaching! As the Chairman for the 2012 Nominating Committee, please feel free to ask any questions about this process. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate for an IAHCe State Officer position, please fill out and mail the Officer Application (pages 54-55 of the Guide Book). The applications are due by **October 1**. The offices of IAHCe President, Secretary, International Director and Community Outreach Director will be filled at the March 2012 IAHCe State Conference.

Thank You,

Norma Korte, Chairperson
Nominating Committee

Kay Brinkley

Sandra Bechtold

Marilyn DeVries

Carolyn Fisher



2010 Scholarship Winners



Alison Grace Webster
 (1) Franklin County, graduate of Benton Consolidated High School, plans to attend Murray State University. Her goal is to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Cassie Nicole Ferguson
 (6) Pike County, graduate of Pittsfield High School. Cassie completed two years at Culver-Stockton College. Her goal is to obtain a BS degree in Nursing to become a Registered Nurse.



Mason Earl Riley
 (2) Tazewell County, graduate of Pekin High school, presently attending Illinois State University. His goals are to obtain a BA degree in Education; he wants to teach High school history or English and possibly help coach Hockey or football.



Allie Rebecca Little
 (7) Pike County, graduate of Pittsfield High School. Allie plans to attend Illinois College. Her goal is to obtain a Bachelor's degree. (she is undecided)



Kelsey Rae McClay
 (3) Washington County, graduate of Nashville Community High School. She completed 2 years at Maryville University. Her goals are to complete college with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Evan Paul Sheppard
 (8) Evan graduated from Pittsfield High School and plans to attend John Wood Community College. His goal is to obtain an Associate degree in Agriculture Transfer.



Renee A. Cripe
 (4) Bond County, graduate of Bond County Community No. 2 High School. Her goals are to attend Kaskaskia College and earn an associate degree in Criminal Justice.



Emily Frances Seeling
 (9) Du Page County, graduate of Juda High School. She is currently attending University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Her goal is to obtain a Bachelor of Science from UW-River Falls, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.



Michael R. Cripe
 (5) Bond County, graduate of Greenville High school. Michael completed one semester at Kaskaskia college and one semester at Lincoln Land College. His goals are to attend Lincoln Land Community College and major in Electrical Distribution.

Angela E. Epplin
 (10) Perry County, attended Pickneyville High School and is currently attending Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Angela plans to attend the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine or the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Her goal is to obtain a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.



DISTRICT NEWS



District 1
Marilyn De Vries

Hi Everyone!

I sure hope you are having a nice summer. Everyone is busy with so many things going on. Some fairs are over and some to come, just enjoy them.

HCE is busy also; most annual meetings are over for spring but are getting ready for the Cultural Enrichment room in March at the Conference. Silent Auction is for your items to sell.

District 1 Workshop is coming August 25th at 9:00AM. District 1 & 2/3 will be held in Dixon at the Loveland Building. We will follow the circus theme so if you want to dress for a circus, please do so. I'll send more information to your President. Please try to attend.

Enjoy your summer,

Marilyn DeVries

HENDERSON.....

Greetings from Henderson County.

We held our annual meeting April 30, 2011 at the Stronghurst Bethel Lutheran Church, the church ladies served us a delicious brunch. We were happy to have Marilyn DeVries, our district I director present, she updated us on changes to take place in July, she also installed our new board members.

Diana Foster gave a very good program on

"Compacts" she had many beautiful compacts on display and told the history of them. Doris Vaughn announced the winner of our scholarship for 2011. Hannah Allaman was the winner.

Our beautiful quilt was on display, we will be selling chances on it and will give it away in September. A big thanks goes to Mary Alice Huntoon for all the work she has done on this quilt.

H.C.E. members will be very busy volunteering for various duties at the Henderson County Fair in July as well as the 4th of July events.

We are planning a Henderson County H.C.E. get together on September 19 to outline our programs and goals for 2011-2012.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Bev Alecock
Public Relations

KNOX.....

Knox County HCE has had a busy spring. Our spring ways and means project, "Spring Fling", was April 30th and included a plant sale, soup and salad luncheon and vendor booths. We had good weather this year, had lots of fun and made some money too!

Our 78th Annual Day "Come Clown Around with Us" was held May 2nd. We enjoyed a brunch prepared and served by three of our units. Our District Director, Marilyn DeVries joined us in full clown costume and installed our officers for the coming year. Several of our members were dressed in the theme for the day. What fun! Our

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program was "The Humor in Human Behavior" by Jim King.

We have created two forms of communication for our county, an email address and a web site.

The email address is knoxcohce@gmail.com. We welcome anyone in our area to send us information about activities in your county and we will forward this to our members. We will also use this email, in addition to our monthly newsletter, to communicate with units and members during the month.

Our web site URL is <https://sites.google.com/site/kcahce/>. Please visit our site to find out more about our county activities. The site will be updated as we plan our 2011/2012 activities.

We also plan to use the email and web site addresses as contact information in our advertising and public information notices to the general public.

Have a cool and fun summer!

Lois Hobbs
Public Information

ROCK ISLAND.....

With a bag full of Animal Crackers and a clown's big red nose (that wouldn't stay attached) District I Director Marilyn DeVries installed a new Rock Island County Board at our 90th Annual Meeting on June 18th. It was quite appropriate since Rock Island County with its whirlwind of activity resembles a three-ring Circus.

Emma Hoke, President, was pleased to recognize Marilou Simpson as a 50 year

member from Rock Island County. She announced that deceased member Edna Sebelien was awarded her 50 year plus member certificate just prior to her passing several weeks before our Annual meeting. Emma also gave tribute to Rock Island County Past Presidents who were in attendance Emma Jean Russell, Joan Blaser, Doris Lawson and Cynthia Gross.

Brenda Wells, CVH Director, commended all members for again participating in the CVH program. She announced that Rock Island County members had increased CVH hours by approximately 1000 hours. The magic number in 2010 was 10,687! Three Certificates of Recognition, two Certificates with one Gold Seal attached, and 10 Gold Seals were awarded.

After Marilyn DeVries installed our new officers, featured speaker, Deb Layer, owner of the Forest of Flowers, gave a demonstration on creating floral bouquets and basket arrangements. A Salad luncheon following the meeting was enjoyed by all. Our top Raffle prize, a quilt donated by Lucille Michels, was won by Levinia Campbell. Levinia was camera shy and didn't want to show her face so.....I decided to publish it in the State newsletter. That's her peeking over the quilt she won. Many door prizes were awarded as well.



DISTRICT NEWS

Rock Island con't....

Our Cultural Enrichment Director, Lucille Michels, has been juggling many varied and entertaining enrichment activities. The last Comforter Tying Day until fall was held in April. To date Lucille has delivered 54 comforters to charities that include the Veterans, hospitals, and crisis centers. Two oil painting classes were held in May and June. A 4-H sewing class in May taught by Lucille and several members made a simple summer dress. Several Rock Island County members attended and also taught at the Homemakers Craft Camp which is held annually in Rock Falls/Sterling.

Our next County event will be the Recycling booth that is sponsored by HCE at the Rock Island County Fair July 20th through July 22nd. Creative Recycling Director Nancy Edlund has held two recycling workshops in preparation for the Fair this year. Craft and educational items that have been made from recycled material by members are given out to the general public who attend the Fair. Additionally we have a "Take Me Home Free" table which is a great hit. Raffle tickets for a denim quilt made by Lucille Michels are also sold as a fund-raising activity.

Since this is my last newsletter article, I would like to say it's been educational and enjoyable working with you. And as always....the show must go on!

Brenda Wells and Pat Morthland
Co-Directors, Public Relations



STEPHENSON.....

On April 2, 2011 Stephenson County hosted the Tri-County Heritage Workshop. This is a combined effort of Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Davies counties. In the morning, Dr. Dammann spoke and showed slides about Civil War Medicines. Workshops were held after the talk and again in the afternoon.

Workshops included: Wheat Weaving, Cloth Origami, Crochet Rug, Basket Weaving, Whittling, Beginning Acrylic Painting, Daisy Chain Bead Work and Corn Husk Dolls. A soup and sandwich lunch was provided.

Members of the Stephenson County Board spent a windy Saturday morning picking up trash on Highway 73. We adopted this mile several years ago.

On May 11 the Annual Meeting was held at the Farm Bureau Building. A Circus theme was used in the decorations. Centerpieces were spoon clown faces and colorful flowering plants. Red and White Stripe material was used to make an archway at the door and also on the head table. Several members dressed in Circus costumes. State President Marilyn Daughettee installed the officers for the coming year.

We honored 93 year old Lois Flack as Homemaker of the Year. She has been a member for 61 years. Pearl City Unit was honored as Unit of the Year. The program was "A Bed Turning". Many units brought quilts for the program. As the quilts were shown, a short story was read about the quilt.

Ann Runkle
Public Information

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WARREN.....

Warren County is now part of a multi county cluster along with Knox, Henderson and McDonough counties. An Open House was held at the Monmouth Extension Office on June 30th to wish those leaving us a fond farewell. We have enjoyed many years of their constant support and leadership. They will be sorely missed by every HCE member.

Change is ongoing, so now we look forward to new faces, new hope and new ideas. We don't lose our old friends, we simply add new friends to our circle. Welcome all!

Fall is our busiest time of the year, both on the farm and in HCE. We kick it off with our **International Brunch on September 7th**. This special day is shared with Mercer and Henderson Counties as we learn about the British Isles, England-Ireland-Scotland-Wales. Our International Director, Lynne Devlin is vacationing in the British Isles in August so she has the latest information on those countries. This will be an awesome Brunch and party!!!

September 14th we host a party for **Warren Achievement Center**. There are usually 50+ guests joining us for food, singing, dancing, and getting creative with their artistic talents. We enjoy the party as much as our very special guests do.

October 19th will be our **Annual Meeting**. This will be another fun one, with the theme: "Under the Big Top". Gretchen Allert, Cultural Enrichment Director, already has many decorations planned. Please come join us and see what creative ideas she'll present this year!

Peg Chambers, Public Relations



DISTRICT 2/3 JEAN PIERONI

It seems summer is off to a pretty rocky start. For even one day, it's hard to plan what to wear. Oh well, that's why we live in the Midwest, never a dull moment. At the IAHCE June board meeting in Effingham, we learned more of flooding, etc. in the rest of the state.

I had thought it would be a good idea to get our district together for something this summer, just for fun. With the strange weather, that won't work this year, so maybe this would be a good time to get to know the other counties in your unit as put together by the extension. What do you think? If you're done so already, let me know.

I visited many of your counties this spring, a few I hadn't been to before. I'd love to see and hear from all of you.

Two dates to put on your calendars: (more information will be coming soon):

1 & 2/3 District Workshop in Dixon Illinois
August 25, 2011

IAHCE Annual conference in Effingham,
March 27-28, 2012

Jean Pieroni

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Du PAGE.....

Du Page County's HCE Annual meeting and luncheon was held at the St. Andrews Country Club in West Chicago. The Circus theme was carried out throughout the dining room. Quilt squares and County entries, that were judged at the State Conference, were also on display. Two of the entries were 1st place winning items by Carolyn Fisher and Pat Kemp.

Quilt Block of the Month continues to produce a new pattern block at each session. In early fall we will put them together and make a pretty Sampler quilt. We continue to learn new things from each other to improve our quilting skills.

Members also continue to meet once a month for our Lunch Bunch outing and the UFO, that is now being held at the Extension Office. Quilts for Kids, Prayer Shawl and Quilts for Valor groups have received many hours of help from our county.

Mary Lambert

KANE.....

Kane County won several awards at the State Conference and is very proud of the accomplishment. Since I was the one who was asking the other counties what they did to win their awards. I will describe what we did.

Our International Luncheon was held at St. Gall's Church, Elburn, IL. Irene McNamara, International Director, planned the luncheon and with the help of the board decorated the hall in blue and white, with beautiful table decorations. Every member who attended got a Dreidel game with gold coins and instructions

on how to play the game, which we all did. After a menu of Israel dishes, Cathy Wachowiak, presented slide tour of Israel and Guy Greenfield explained Israel customs. We also had wonderful displays of the country.

The Public Relations award and the Grand Award for Special Activities go hand in hand to promote HCE week. We went to an Elgin All Neighborhood block party, the Volunteer Fair at the Gail Borden Library and Mayor Schock proclaimed October as HCE month and the 2nd week in October as HCE week. We had a display at the Centre in Elgin during HCE week. A big "Thank You" to Beth Engbrecht, Dorothy Hanson and Nancy Haire for helping to promote HCE.

As a County we worked on promoting the Certified Volunteer Hours and by the awards we received, we accomplished our goal. We are very proud of all our members for all the volunteer work that they do. This year we are really pushing the members to keep track of all the volunteer hours that they give to the different organizations. We will beat the numbers of last year.

KCHCE Open House will be on Tuesday, August 30th at the Extension Office, St. Charles, IL. Units will receive their year books and we will present the lesson "Cooking from your Cupboard". Board members will make dishes from the lesson for members to sample and Cook Book author, Charlotte Zierer, will cook and present a dish for members to enjoy. If interested in attending, call the Extension Office at (630) 584-6166.

The International/New Members Luncheon will be on Wed. November 9th at St. Gall's Church, Elburn, IL. Other counties are invited,

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reservations are required. Call Irene McNamara at (847) 695-1377.

Joan Ziethen
Co-1st Vice-President

KENDALL.....

Kendall County HCE has 150 "Little Dresses for Africa" to be delivered to Nancy's Notions in Wisconsin by Joan Mc Eachern, on the way to the NVON meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The county is also still collecting and delivering bras to the Support1000 Foundation, which helps women in developing countries, and also in the USA.

The 13th Annual Victorian Tea, "From Gibson Girls to Flappers," will be on Sunday, October 2, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church on Rt. 47 south of Rt. 71, in Yorkville. Tickets are still only \$12.00. Contact Beverly Scott at 630-554-1530 for more information and tickets.

Joan Mc Eachern

LAKE.....

LCAHCE had a very successful International Day with attendance of 68 people. We were fortunate to have a fascinating program presented by, Steve Sukenic, Israel Committee Chairperson of temple Chai in Long Grove, and his wife Maxine. The program was very informative and the audience participated with many questions and comments. Although the designated topic was the Kibbutz system in Israel the speakers graciously allowed us to ask about other topics concerning Israel.

Our members prepared and served various foods that are enjoyed by the Israelis. Raffle tickets for five baskets containing food, drink and skin care products from Israel were raffled off to raise funds for Pennies for Friendship.



Betty Jean Thompson
Public Relations

La SALLE.....

La Salle County sent eight HCE board members to the State Conference in Decatur, Illinois. Over 400 statewide members were in attendance. We are proud to report we received two awards. Our president, Gail Hayward, accepted a Leadership Award for presidents and Joan Anderson won the Best of Show Ribbon in Heritage Arts. Congratulation ladies!

We have been very busy this year with our projects and activities. In March, we offered Cabin Fever Reliever to the public. It was a fun

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filled day with many classes available plus raffles and a delicious luncheon. We had about 100 people in attendance and gained some new members.

Our Spring Tea was May 12th in Serena, Illinois. Our theme was "Swingin' into Spring with Song". We were entertained with beautiful music and fellowship.

We are finalizing plans for our 93rd Annual Meeting on June 30th. Using the state theme, "Inviting you to an Amazing Happening at our Circus Extravaganza", our entertainment will be a magician.

Our next big project will be running the food stand at the 4-H Fair from July 13-17th. We serve a variety of foods from 7AM to 8PM; our homemade pies are the most popular.

We will be initiating new board members and helping them transition into their new positions in July.

We've had a good year so far and are looking forward to Fall.

Carol Link, Public Relations



LIVINGSTON.....

Six members of Livingston County attended the IAHCE State Conference held in Decatur, Illinois the latter part of March. Those attending are in the photograph under the Tent.

L-R: Arlene Martell, Joan Haren, Marsha Weber, Wes Stalter, June Stalter and Ellie Bossert.



The District 2/3 reception welcomed ACWW Treasurer, Alison Burnett from Scotland in the Kane County Extension Office. Marsha Weber, Livingston County Board Chairman, Alison Burnett and District 2/3 Director, Jean Pieroni are shown here.



Sue Shavers was the speaker at the Livingston County Annual meeting held April 18th at the Extension Office. She spoke on her travels to Africa and the work she did through a religious group and the work of dispensing medicine to the people there. She said the 291 dresses made by the county HCE members that were displayed around the room would sure make a difference in the lives of those girls.

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One lady from our county made 104 of those dresses.

Another lady from Livingston County delivered them to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam, WI.

The State IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughettee, installed the new officers for 2011-2012 year. She used a circus theme in the installation as did we for the decorations that evening.

Joan Haren, Public Relations

Mc HENRY.....

One of the units, West Dunham, held a Spring Choral Concert at our counties nursing home, Valley Hi. The residents were given sheet music of Easter songs so they could sing along with us.

We had a spring workshop at the University of Illinois Extension office where we made Christmas Stockings for our Military Personnel, sixteen neonatal quilt tops for "Kids for Quilts" and one member is making little dresses for girls in Africa. We had a great time cutting, pinning, sewing and, of course, talking. We each brought a bag lunch.



Our annual meeting was held at the Crystal Lake Country Club in Crystal Lake in April. The entertainment was a style show sponsored by the Dress Barn. The models were HCE members from the different units.

International Day was held in May. Our speaker Kathy Wachowiak gave a wonderful slide presentation of her pilgrimage to Israel. She showed us her Religious wood carving made from olive wood and her scrap books. We all enjoyed the Jewish Food which was made by our members from the Israel lesson. Enjoy our Midwest summer!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations

WILL.....

Our annual meeting on May 16 was enjoyed by all those in attendance. Past presidents and 50 year members were recognized for their dedication to our organization. In addition, a memorial for deceased members was also on the day's agenda. Shawna Gordon, our 4-H speaker, gave an excellent presentation on how to prepare a healthy smoothie.

A catered lunch was provided and board members donated Jell-O salads. Delicious pastries were provided by Joan Fleckenstein, our Cultural Enrichment Chair and owner of Fleckenstein's Bakery. The Wilmington Island City Homemakers is our newest unit and they received a very warm welcome and recognition for being well represented at the annual meeting.

The featured entertainment for the afternoon was Chris Stapleton, who specializes in classic

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country music (Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn to name a few). Stapleton has loved music her whole life. When she performed she introduced each song, gave the artist, the year the song was released and where it made it on the charts. She also told an interesting story about some of the songs.

Plans are in the making for our upcoming picnic in July. Our homemakers' board is also planning on having a monthly craft day because of interest generated by the membership.

We wish everyone a very healthy, happy and safe summer.



Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Information



DISTRICT 4 PEGGY OSTERMEIER



Greetings from your interim District 4 Director, Peggy Ostermeier of Sangamon County. Jan Edwards has resigned in order to concentrate on her treatments to fight breast cancer. I am a 34 year member, farm with my husband Fred and our oldest son B.J in the Chatham area. Vegetable gardening, cooking, canning, baking, sewing, reading, walking and recently "motorcycles" are my hobbies or interests. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the members in District 4. See you at District Workshop in Washington on August 24th.

Peggy Ostermeier

ADAMS.....

Our Adams County units donated a total of 50 Little Dresses for Africa. Some of our Ladies have been donating items to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

On April 28th the ACHCE held its annual dinner/meeting in Paloma. The theme was Circus Extravaganza. There were 115 members and 11 guests in attendance. Klutzy the Clown entertained us throughout the evening. Jan Edwards, the District 4 Director installed the new officers. We appreciated having her there.



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May 5th the ACHCE had a plant exchange and program given by Pat Beckman. We had a nice group of about 20 ladies attend the cultural arts plant exchange. Each lady brought a plant and they in turn took a different one home. Pat has a



Hosta Farm, also other kinds of plants. He spoke on caring for and the planting of the plants. It was very interesting...

All of our units have been planning their special outing or picnic for June.

Pat Vaughn
Public Information

PEORIA.....

Things are changing here in Peoria with the U of I Extension changes and cut backs. We are teamed up with Fulton, Mason and Tazewell counties now as far as Extension goes. We are thankful that we still have a local office to meet at but it has been cut down in size. We are still teaming up with Tazewell Homemakers for a few of our Lessons for Living.

We had our Officer Training in June. A few years ago, we switched to having a continental breakfast provided by board members and then splitting up into the officer groups. This works great for us.

Our 4-H fair will be in August. Our ladies donate pies and man the food stand for the busy 4H families. This is one of our main fundraising events.

Just thought I would throw this out to you as a fundraising event. I have a friend that is a

Master Gardener. They have a Plant Bingo Night. Members donate flowering plants and such for prizes. Everyone that buys a card gets a free plant and win plants for bingos. I did not attend so I do not know exactly how it works but thought it was a wonderful idea.

Julie Courtt
Peoria County HEA/HCE

SANGAMON.....

On April 29, 2011 we held our 63rd Annual Meeting. After a lovely luncheon prepared by two of our best cooks, we installed new officers giving each a Circus title. A historical program was given by Raymond H. Montgomery, on Menard County Circus History.

Good-Bye, Illinois State Fairgrounds! Yes, we're moving. The Sangamon-Menard Extension Service will moving to a new location at the end of September. At this writing the new location has yet to be announced. We have had to say good-bye to friendships we have created with staff members. Sadly many were relocated.

Imagine for a moment what you would do with 63 years of stuff? This is our challenge. We have speaker equipment, dishes, pots and pans, historical records just to name a few. Thankfully, we have an Odds 'n Ends table at our Fall Festival on September 24, 2011 from 9 AM to 2 PM. This will be our last event at the fairgrounds before the big move.

We've also made the commitment to grow our organization with a major membership campaign during this whole moving process. While some would think we're crazy, we call ourselves committed.

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We are proud that Peggy Ostermeier stepped up to fill in for Jan Edwards as District 4 Director. We send our thoughts and prayers to Jan as she begins her healing process.

Vi Lanum
First Vice President

TAZEWELL.....

Tazewell County HCE is extremely proud of one member in particular from the Gourmet Gals Unit. Lily Vermillion knits sweater sets for infants and sells her wares through the generosity of a local restaurant in her hometown of Morton. Lily donates all of the money received to the House of Hope, the county's shelter for abused women. To date she has raised over one thousand dollars, receiving nothing for her time or materials except the appreciation of the House of Hope and her fellow HCE members.

The county treasury contributed one hundred dollars to the shelter in June; it has been a pet project since its inception years ago.

Officers were re-elected in May: President Mary Jane Riley, 1st Vice Ingrid Smith, 2nd Vice Jan Busche, Secretary Wilma Pulfer, Treasurer and Ways & Means Rosemary Palmer, Cultural Enrichment Kate Schmitgall, Public Information Shirley Kelly, Historian Lily Vermillion, Family Issues Pauline Trainor, and Community Outreach Beth Shipley. Added as a new director is International Mildred Lamprecht.

An ongoing project of donating one hundred dollars each month to a deserving charity continues. An extra effort is made to publicize

this in the local newspapers so the various communities are aware of some of the work of HCE in Tazewell County.

Shirley Kelly
Public Information

WOODFORD.....

Lots has been going on in Woodford County during 2011 with reorganization, funding, personnel changes, etc. Woodford County is now aligned with Livingston and McLean counties sharing some of the same staff and working together with lessons and programs. Our County Director, Cynthia O'Neill has resigned her position, and she will certainly be missed. Other staff changes are in the process of happening.

Mary Schultz, our Special Events Board Member, planned a most enjoyable program for our Annual Meeting. "And Baby Makes Three" was the theme and she invited several mothers of multiple births to speak and share their experiences. Persons in attendance were encouraged to bring baby items to share with Heart House, a local organization where mothers and children can come to find refuge. Members were very generous and Heart House was very appreciative.

Our County has joined other counties in the State of Illinois in collecting aluminum tabs. There is a collection box at the Extension office where they may be brought. Some 4-H clubs have pledged to help in this collection also.

We had a most enjoyable evening in June enjoying the garden of Bonnie Gerst from Congerville. It was a beautiful evening and along with strolling through Bonnie's gardens, she showed us how she makes garden

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ornaments from glassware. Leslie Thomas, our Cultural Enrichment Board Member planned this delightful evening.

The 4-H Fair and Ice Cream Social are big involvements during July and August. It's always good to support our young people as they work hard on their projects for the Fair.

Betty Bekermeier
Public Relations



DISTRICT 5 NANCY REMMERS

Hello Ladies,

I just finished attending my first state board meeting as your District Director. I didn't realize I would have all these things to do, but I am learning and sure hope to learn more.

District #5 Workshop will be in Washington, IL on August 24th. I would like to see all of my counties present. We will have an interesting speaker and you will learn what the theme will be for the 2012 Conference.

Please send me your suggestions for getting new members. If you have any questions or comments, please call and I will do my best to answer your questions.

I hope you are having a safe and happy summer.



Nancy Remmers

CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County Home and Community Education had our 93rd Annual Meeting and Luncheon on April 25th. It was held at the Savoy Methodist Church in Savoy and 111 ladies attended. We had a delicious lunch prepared by the Methodist Church ladies.

Nancy Remmers installed our new officers. Our entertainment was Debra Joy Hart (aka Daisy the Clown) from St. Joseph. She delighted us with her humor and gave us the needed exercise (laughter) after lunch. She believes in physical healing through laughter. Did you know laughter burns calories? "Daisy" said she had so much fun, she decided to join HCE. We concluded our day by having Mary Jane Wood draw the name of the lucky winner of our quilt raffle. Norma Ripkey from the Staley unit was the winner. The quilt was made and donated by Stephanie Humphrey from the Mahomet unit.

We continue to collect tabs from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. We also continue our sewing days for Community Outreach. We have completed 25 more neck coolers and 8 Linus Blankets. Four weighted blankets for the Autistic Children were completed in addition to the five we gave away in a drawing at the Autistic Walk and Fair at Parkland College on Sunday, April 17th. Elizabeth Michael and Sue Christensen set up a table at the walk/fair and explained the use of the Autistic Blankets. We met a lot of wonderful people and found a great need in the community for the blankets.

We now have 411 members in our county and are continually asking everyone we know. We are planning a membership day during HCE

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Week. We have set November 28th as the day for the International Luncheon and we have our lessons lined up for the coming year.

Dorothy Rogers, our Special Activities Chairman, is working on a bus trip for us in August or September.

Our unit officers meeting will be August 31st after our State meetings on the 24th of August.

We are looking forward to another busy year.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

CHRISTIAN.....

Christian County HCEA held its annual Table Setting Luncheon and Plant Sale on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Fifteen tables were set to the them "Celebrate Through the Years: There were three categories - casual, elegant and youth 18 and under. Edinburg Nite Unit won the casual category with their setting of "Poppy Fields Forever".



Center Unit won the elegant category with their setting of "Tea for Two" and the Clover 4-H Club

won the youth 18 & under category with their setting of "Happy Birthday to You".



Winners were chosen by ballot of the attendees.

The committee deemed the event a success. It was well attended, the participants complimented the meal (over 220 meals were served) and most of the flowers were sold. We look forward to another successful event next year.

Sewing for Soldiers

The first of three "sewing for soldiers" workshops was held on Friday, June 17th. Two more are scheduled for Friday, August 19th and Friday, October 21st. We make the stockings for Operation Santa based in Peoria, Illinois. For more information on this see www.operationsanta.info. This is one of Christian County HCEA's major cultural enrichment projects.

Our Lesson for Living for June was on Israel. The Honorable Judge Ron Spears who has toured Israel was the speaker. This training was open to the public and was well attended.

Georgette Merrifield
Public Relations

CLARK.....

Hello from Clark County!

The ladies of Clark County have been working on projects for the Quilt campaign for the Children's Cancer hospitals in the area. Our goal is set for at east twenty-five (25) tops to be completed and ready for quilting. We are over half way there. Many of the ladies are looking through their material stash to help the ladies that will sew them.

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Also, the end of July is coming and ladies have volunteered to sit at the 4-H Fair to keep the Arts Hall open for others to view the lovely projects completed.

Fair time has drawn on the talents of ladies to take their own quilts and canned food to both Marshall and Martinsville fairs to show what women in the area actually do while working with the farms.

Our membership is holding steady this Spring. We do not gain much, but all the ladies seem to be busy working for new membership.

The County HCE Board has been working with the Extension Office with the change of personnel. Our new seat will be with Clark, Crawford and Edgar counties all with the same supervisor. Susan Guinnip, our director and helper for HCE over the past several years retired and an honoring celebration took place on June 24th. She will be greatly missed.

March 27 we hosted a tea in honor of Alison Burnett, the ACWW treasurer of Scotland. Several from Edgar and Clark counties were there to hear her comments. Scotland was chose as the International lesson for 2011. She was quite interesting and we had lots of questions for her.

Yes, we are doing a lot of projects that do not always make the top headlines, but we are co-operative.

Deloris Maurer, Public Relations



De WITT.....

DeWitt County Home Community Education Association held their 76th Annual Day Luncheon on June 10, 2011. They elected new officers and honored members of long standing.

Rozanne Karr of Wapella, was honored for 60 years



membership.



Joann

Bateman of

Farmer City was honored for 50 years membership. Also

recognized were Eleanor

Griffin for having 30 years,

Fayette Isaac for 25 years, and Marie Anderson for 20 years. There were 3 ladies present who had over 60 years membership. They were Ruth Peverly, Caroline Manock, and Phyllis Hieronymus. We appreciate all their years of service and dedication.

The members looked back over the past 76 years of activities and remembered the people of them through HCE and Home Bureau scrapbooks presented for their viewing. The scrapbooks were on loan from the Vespasian Warner Library. There were other memorabilia such as plaques, awards, and program books on display as well.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with Macon and Piatt counties on September 15th. This will be the International Day program about the country of study this year which is Scotland. DeWitt County will help with the food and will supply an informational display about some facet of Scotland.

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The officers are seated left to right: Rosalie Summers (Secretary and Public Relations), Lucretia Crawford (Treasurer), Nancy Remmers (Dist. 5 Director & Installer), Standing left to right: Sharon Ryan (International and Family Issues), Linda Long (Cultural Enrichment), Rozanne Karr (Community Outreach), Judie Knoth (President), and Alice Grooms (1st Vice). Not shown Sue Sronce (2nd Vice).



Rosalie Summers
Public Relations

EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE held their 74th annual meeting decorated with the "Circus Extravaganza" theme on April 19, 2011 at the 4-H building. A catered meal was served followed by the entertainment of an illusionist. The business meeting began with the usual order of business, had election of officers and installation and then there were calls on individual's cell phones.

Another storm was on its way! Members began to leave but the ones that lived in the path of the storm dispersed to the inner hallway and bathroom and then left as soon as the all clear had been given. It was the most dramatic ending to a business meeting that Edgar County has experienced.

The first board meeting with the newly elected officers and the retiring officers was held on May 16, 2011 at the Randall Manor Bed & Breakfast. After a delicious supper, the meeting was conducted by reelected president, Marge Houghland. She welcomed newly elected officers, Alberta Steiner, Treasurer; Martha Fox, Ways & Means; Shirley Rideout, Cultural Enrichment/Community Outreach and Marilyn Daughhetee, Public Relations. She thanked the retiring officers for their service, Priscilla Hunt and Carole Halloran. Plans for the quilt project, 4-H Pork Chop Dinner, 4-H Fair and District Workshop were discussed.

On May 25, 12 members of the Edgar County HCE and the Paris Bee Quilters met at the 4-H building to make a quilt using the Turning 20 pattern. The quilt has been donated to the Edgar County Relay for Life's auction. Carole Halloran, HCE member, said she does not sew but would help by providing a delicious lunch for all those present. The quilt top was finished by lunch and afterwards taken to Peggy Cline, a member of the Paris Bee Quilters, to be quilted. Another Paris Bee Quilter, Margaret Huckleby, will do the binding. It was certainly a fun and rewarding day.

On June 25, Edgar County HCE members helped the Edgar County 4-H at their annual fundraiser, 4-H Pork Chop dinner. HCE members baked 400 potatoes that the 4-Hers washed and wrapped in aluminum and baked 30 sheet cakes for desserts to assist them in their fundraiser.

Marilyn Daughhetee
Public Relations

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FORD.....

At the March Board meeting for the University of Illinois (HCE) Home Extension, seven women met at the home of Pat Haskins to make pillow case dresses to be sent to Africa. Those in attendance were Chris Hazen, Marinell Jones, Jo Carson, Pat Haskins, Janet Flageole, Virginia Ricks and Florence Wycoff.

Any size pillowcase can be used to complete the process of making the dresses and may obtain the directions by contacting any HCE board member. Also, anyone wanting more information may contact Marinell Jones by calling 217-784-5933. The ladies found the pillow dresses a simple and rewarding project to complete.

After the meeting, twenty-nine (29) dresses were mailed to:

Little Dresses for Africa
ATT: Nancy Notion's
333 Beichl
PO Box 683
Beaver Dam, WI 53916-0683

Marinell Jones



MACON.....

After a very busy first half of the year (can you believe that we're into the second half of the year already) Macon County continues to work to provide exciting lessons for our members. April brought the WAND TV weatherman, JC Fultz and his O'Brien Storm Runner Van. This was just after several tornados had touched down in Central Illinois. JC gave us great information on how tornados come to be and lots of other facts concerning weather. Everyone enjoyed this lesson along with guests.

Before the weather lesson, our Tri-County board members met to generate ideas on how we can work together, share lessons, trips and much more. We met at the Macon County Extension Office; plans were made to meet again in Piatt County and later in the year we will meet in DeWitt. It was a very enjoyable morning getting to know members from the surrounding counties.

In May there was a community SenioRama fair. Many vendors showed what they had to offer senior citizens whether it be health related, housing, or information on lessons that are offered to seniors which was where we came in. Macon County HCE had a booth with information on who we are and what we do, lessons coming up and invitations to visit us. With two drawings, we had lots of names to send out notices to reminding them what we are all about. It takes two to three times hearing a name for it to register. A post card was sent out after the community fair and then a newsletter will be sent out later to again remind them what we have to offer. With our Circus themed booth and set up, we also won the most attractive booth.

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Our units continue to work on membership, helping with community projects and volunteering their time. Mt. Zion unit reported making flower decorations for Easter and delivering them to the heritage Manor Nursing home in Mt. Zion and as of the end of May had turned in almost 1200 volunteer hours.



From creating "Stepping Stones" to Heritage Embroidery, Macon County has had lots of fun and learning, but has also worked on membership. Have a great summer and we will see you during the District #4 - #5 Workshop in Washington, IL in August.

Mc LEAN.....

McLean County Association for Home & Community Education chose to participate in the "Quilt for Kids", (quilts that go to hospitals for kids who have long-term illnesses) project that IAHCE promoted at the Annual Conference in March. We held an all day workshop on April 27th at the Extension Office open to members and non-members. Women came throughout the day to help select fabrics to cut, sew, press, etc. Fifteen quilt tops were completed that day. It is an ongoing project, meeting for half a day each month. By the end of June, 35



quilt tops have been completed with the help of members, non-members, and 4-H members.

July is a busy time preparing for our Annual meeting and the fair at the beginning of August, so we will plan the next workshop for later in August.

The Annual Meeting, "Circus Extravaganza" will be July 12th. Maureen Brundale, who did a Share Shop at the IAHCE Annual Conference, will give a program about the Circus. There will also be jugglers and animal balloon makers to entertain during the lunch. The Cultural Enrichment Chairperson has asked each Unit to have a table that displays craft items their members have made. Hopefully this will encourage the women to display their items in the Cultural Enrichment Booth that HCE will have at the fair. This is open to the public and will be judged with winners in the different categories receiving ribbons. Members who receive 1st place ribbons can have their item entered in the Cultural Enrichment Contest at the IAHCE 2012 Meeting.

The McLean County "HCE Star" display will be at the Annual Meeting and the booth at the fair. A short article and picture of a member is shown giving some background and activities she is involved in. Though she is involved in many other activities, HCE is an organization that she desires to be involved in and why it is important for her to be an active member. We hope this will encourage more women to learn, grow, and have fun being an HCE member.

We are participating in the Downs Village Market again this summer. On the 2nd Wednesday from 4 – 6PM we have a baked goods booth which does quite well. We cannot begin selling until the bell rings at 4PM, but shoppers are already in line to grab up the

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many goodies. It has been a good money maker for us as well as making the shoppers happy.

Sheila Wells
Public Relations

PIATT.....

Piatt County HCE held their 81st Annual Meeting on April 14th at the Monticello First Christian Church. Each unit had a part in the day's activities. Decorations were vintage kitchen utensils with an apron for a dish soap bottle for each attendee. Honored were 50 and over year members and new members were also recognized. Installation of the new officers was conducted by IAHCE President Marilyn Daughhettee. Program was entitled "What's It" given by Stan Seevers. Antique kitchen and home tools were passed and we were to guess what the item was used for. We were very surprised at the uses of these tools. The committee did a great job in planning for this event.

Several Board and Unit members attended the IAHCE Conference in Decatur. At our March Board meeting, all who attended told of what they enjoyed about the conference. Several attended the March 26th meeting in Heyworth to hear about Scotland, our International County of Study next year. April 21st, several Board members attended the Tri-County (DeWitt, Macon, Piatt) HCE meeting held at the Macon County Extension building in Decatur. Next Tri-county meeting will be at Piatt County Extension, Monticello, on August 1st.

Last fall we discussed a fund raiser for the year. A Quilt Committee was formed and HCE members were asked to donate fabric in

off-white, dark blue and brick red for a Patriotic Quilt. Since October on Cultural Arts day, we have worked on this quilt. In February the quilt was set up in a member's home and HCE members were invited to join the quilting parties and the quilt will be finished soon. We hope for a successful Patriotic Quilt raffle.



Jo Bauer, Mary Kludas, Vivian Faulkner-King, Janet Crandall

Lessons scheduled to finish the year are: Memory Fitness: Keeping Your Mind Healthy; Celebrations and Memories; Breath-Exercises that are Beneficial.

September 13, 9:30-11:00AM, "Cooking with Herbs" presented by Mindy Peterson will be held at the Piatt County Extension, Monticello. Tri-County HCE members and the community will be invited to attend. There will be a small fee.

Nancy Born
Public Relations



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DISTRICT 6 MARILYN SCHAEFER



Hello, I've been a member of HCE for 42 years in Effingham County where I have served in several positions on the Board. I am presently serving as

President.

I am married to Wilbert for 49 years, we have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

I will be serving the remainder of Debbie Borries District VI position. I was Debbie's 4H leader when she was younger. Debbie, we all wish you the very best in your new job. So when Debbie interviewed for her new position she called and ask me if I would consider filling the remainder of her term. I finally said I guess. I am looking forward to doing this. I would like someone from each of my counties to send an email address from your county so we can keep in touch, also if you need anything just email me at: marilyn67@frontiernet.net.

I found out less than a week before I was to attend my first State Board meeting that I would be the new District VI Director and the ladies that serve on the board are great ladies and these ladies do a lot of work. When we are behind the scenes we don't know all the work they do.

I hope to see everyone at District VI and VII meeting in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

Have a great day and keep up the good work.

Marilyn Schaefer

CRAWFORD.....

Try Hard Unit sponsored the annual picnic on June 15th. After a stormy morning, it turned into a perfect day of sunshine! 40 HCE members and friends attended the picnic at the Forest Preserve between Robinson and Oblong. Six residents and 3 attendants came from CMH Long Term Care to enjoy the lunch, visiting and entertainment. Shirley Thacker, president of the Try Hard unit welcomed everyone and offered the blessing on the meal. Lunch was pork BBQ and various salads, desserts and drinks.



LaDonna Harris reported on the 2 benches donated by HCE to the Forest Preserve. Following lunch Beth & Katelyn Leggitt played their Dulcimers. They played 5 instruments, and gave their history. Beth plays with the Red Hill Dulcimer Society. Katelyn is 10 years old and also plays the violin. Barb Miller, HCE President thanked everyone for attending.

Crawford County HCE members are asking for donations of pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald house. The Ronald McDonald house helps families who are in the middle of a child's medical crisis.

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HCE donated two benches (with plaques) to the Crawford County Forest Preserve located west of Oblong on Illinois Route 33. Pictured here are: Shirley Thacker, Lucy Dennis, Jeannie Adams and Leota Smitley. The benches are placed around the park for people to sit and enjoy the scenery.



SCOTLAND VISITOR

Barb Miller, Crawford County HCE Board President, and Jean Rains, HCE member, attended the informative program on our country of study, Scotland, held in Effingham. They are pictured with Allison Burnett, ACWW Treasurer. She delighted several audiences across the state with stories about Scotland.



Debbie Tedford

EFFINGHAM.....

Dr. Michael Schultheis, from Effingham Obstetrics and Gynecology, was the featured speaker at a program on ovarian cancer on

Thursday, April 14th at the Effingham County Extension Center.

Dr. Schultheis has practiced in Effingham since 2004. Dr. Schultheis received his B.S. degree from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Dr. Schultheis' presentation on ovarian cancer and other related women's health issues was followed by a question and answer period. The program, sponsored by the Effingham County Home and Community Association, was open to the public.

While the units take the months of July and August as vacation months, there are still county HCE activities planned.

During the past few years, HCE has donated walker caddies to area nursing homes during HCE Week. The nursing homes are very appreciative of this donation. In an effort to have more walker caddies to donate, we are planning a workshop to make some caddies, or hopefully, answer any questions on how to make them. The workshop will be held at the Extension Center on July 18th from 9-11:30AM.

We will also be selling Culvers ice cream at the fair as a fund raising project.

Linda White
Public Relations



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JERSEY.....

To kick off our 80th Anniversary year, Jersey County Homemakers Education Association was proud to present Father Dominic Garramone of "Breaking Bread with Father Dominic" fame on April 30TH. We had a sell-out crowd of over 300 at this event, "Basic Dough & Beyond", in the Jersey Community High School cafeteria.

This charismatic priest had people literally "rolling in the aisles" and they were begging for more. He actually engaged the audience in his presentation and everyone was able to sample his creations. Father Dominic has agreed to come back to Jersey County in the fall of 2012, at which time he will be presenting a program on "Holiday Breads". If you weren't able to come to our last presentation and are interested, please mark your calendars now and get your tickets early, as there is already a waiting list! As soon as the actual date has been set, we will start publicizing the event.



Then on Thursday, May 12 we celebrated our 80th "birthday" and this was another big celebration as we wanted to make this something special. We are the oldest woman's organization in the county and are still quite active in the community. Several of our members have been in the organization for over 60 years and there are 16 members who have been in the organization for over 50 years. Esther Searls of Olathe, Kansas traveled to our

meeting and luncheon with her husband and daughter, as she is now the member who has been in our organization the longest which is 64 years. She had received her membership as a wedding gift, which was a common occurrence in the past years.

After lunch we were "royally entertained" by the King – Elvis impersonator Steve Davis of Brighton. Several of the ladies got up and danced with him, as he had the place "rockin' and rollin'". One of our older ladies said "I even enjoyed Elvis and I thought I wouldn't". We also honored our Unit Director, Jennifer Russell who is leaving us due to the



reorganization of the Extension program. Denise Kistner, our new Unit Extension Director was introduced, as we are now joining Macoupin, Montgomery and Christian Counties as a new Multi-County Unit, effective July 1st.

Elizabeth A. Schwab
Public Relations

MACOUPIN.....

Our Macoupin County HCE is made up of 147 active members and 21 mailbox members divided into 11 Units. Each of these Units is a unique group, representing several talents and achievements. We will be hosting another four county board luncheon in September, an exact date had not yet been set.

The one in February, hosted by Christian County was a fun and enlightening get

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together. A time of sharing ideas, what works and what doesn't. Also a time of fellowship and getting to know new people in the organization.

Melva Reid was invited to the Do More Unit meeting to clarify "Volunteer Hours" what can be counted and why it is important to HCE. As a result of this visit, I believe our Unit will be turning in many more hours this year.

On May 19th, our county board members provided a soup and salad evening meal for our annual meeting. Since our program was to be "Death by Chocolate" given by Sandy Bechtold, of course the dessert was chocolate. A chocolate fountain was set up, with strawberries, pineapple and marshmallows for dipping. Many other chocolate cakes, brownies, fudge and cookies. Good thing it was "low cal" right? Sandy gave an interesting program and shared some recipes.

Our Cultural Arts group has been busy, Sandy Bechtold was invited to share her denim projects with them. This was a very enjoyable and useful program. They have also made potato necklaces and Christmas stockings for the Military. Several units and individuals have been working on the little dresses for Africa.

The Master Gardener's held a Plant Sale at the Macoupin County Historical Society and also hosted "A Garden Tour Through the Countryside" of Modesto, Palmyra, Hettick and Scottville. Points of interest were "Whimsical Gardens", "Backyard Water Gardens", "Fruit Orchard", "Unique Metal Sculptures", "Tour of Backwoods Berry Farm", "Mahan's Arboretum", (over 100 tree species) Scottville Historical Center and A Garden's Flea Market in the Modesto Park.

Our July lesson will be on Flower Arranging. August is vacation month, unit's choice. Do

More is planning a trip back to the Petersburg area, with a lunch at the Morning Star Cafe in Salisbury and then on visit "The Farm" just on up the road. It should be fun, looking forward to it.

Donna Greenslade
Public Relations

MADISON.....

Since our last article, it seems we have had a lot of events have gone on in Madison County. We had a successful annual meeting on April 25th; our theme was "A Three Ring Extravaganza". We elected 3 new board members: Shirley Drexelius, Treasurer and a 60+ HCE member, Bethany James, Buzz Editor and Rebecca Wayne, Special Activities Director. We welcome our new board members and look forward to working together. We had two members receive 64 year member awards-- Delores Casper and Edith Ruehrup both of Alhambra-Leef Unit. We most appreciated having Marilyn Daughhetee and Debbie Borries as our special guest. The next evening some of our board members were able to relax and enjoy the festivities of the Monroe Annual Meeting. Thanks Ladies!

On May 10th the board members had a retreat in Alhambra to tie up some loose ends for the upcoming months and brainstorm on new ideas and suggestions without the normal business of our monthly board meetings. We enjoyed lunch made especially for the attendees and fellowship.

On May 16th Joyce Cornwell, our 2nd Vice President, put together a wonderful high tea with the help of the 2nd Vice Chairs in our local units. We had 17 new members with 10 in attendance. The attendees were welcomed

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under the big top, each table was decorated in a circus theme according to the host for that

table, June

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entertained the group with his magic. Joyce made tote bags for each new member with the HCE logo and included information about HCE the Homemakers Aim.

On May 25th, 56 ladies and gentlemen made a trip to Amish Country in Arcola, IL. We had the pleasure of shopping at Beachy's Bulk food store, touring a local Amish woodworking shop and eating in an Amish home. The food was delicious.....! We topped the day off with a quick shopping stop in Arthur and went home.

On June 1st, we had our board meeting with our new board members and saying good bye to our board members leaving us--Pat Harmon and Maureen Betts. Thanks for all that you have done and your dedication in the past years and we look forward to having you serve with us again.

June 20th, our board members met with 4-H members from the area and made bookmarks with HCE and 4-H contact names and addresses to leave at local libraries and appropriate public facilities. We had the privilege to work with 4-H members earlier this year on a S.P.I.N. project featuring "Visual Arts

with a focus on Paper Crafts", so this gave us another opportunity to work with them.

We are working diligently on an exhibit to be launched with a reception on Sunday, August 28th 1-4p.m. at the Madison County Historical Museum, 715 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL "Celebrating 75 Years of Enriching our Homes and Communities, 1936-2011" showcasing the transformation of Home Bureau to Home and Community Education. This exhibit will run through December, 2011. Please join us for the reception on August 28th or tour our exhibit in the months ahead. One of our guest presenters will be Arene Burgess who will speak on Quilt Kits from the Past, a very interesting and knowledgeable lady on the history of quilts.

A monetary scholarship will be presented to Lewis and Clark's GED program this year prior to the start of the Fall semester.

Our Christmas in November--"A Tree-mendous HCE Christmas" will be November 3, 2011 w/ doors opening at 6:00PM, meal at 6:30PM at the Rox-Arena, Park Dr., Roxana, IL. As of now the tickets will be \$8.00 and sent to Shirley Drexelius, 1 Hadley Ct., Edwardsville, IL 62025 by Wednesday, October 24, 2011. Please join us for a fun evening as we get into the holiday spirit.

Of course, the International Director is working on International Night featuring "Scotland" and Family Issues Director is working on a HCE Walk hopefully to be done in October as well.

Have a great summer and look forward to the District 6&7 Workshop in Mt. Vernon, in August.

Gloria Hartman
Public Relations

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MONROE.....

IAHCE President Marilyn Daughhete thanks the Monroe County HCE Board members for the invitation to the special anniversary dinner. She also enjoyed her time visiting with family, who lives close to the metropolitan St. Louis area.



Janice Au Buchon, 2010-2011 Family Living Issues Chairperson presented Tiffani Baum, of Valmeyer, Illinois, with the Monroe County HCE Scholarship and Tara Hannon, of Columbia, Illinois, with the Monroe County HCE Memorial Scholarship at the 70th annual dinner.



2011-2012 Monroe County HCE Installed members:



Front Row: **L to R:** Judy Wild, Community Outreach; Toni Blandford, Treasurer; Janese Mehrtens, President; Norma Reheis, Secretary and Kim Strellis, Family Living Issues

Back Row: **L to R:** Ericha Sondag, Public Information; Bernadette Gregson, Cultural Arts; Virginia "Ginny" Sweet, Special Activities; Debbie Borries, District #6 Director; Doris Matzenbacher, 2nd Vice President and Fay Stamm, 1st Vice President

****Not pictured is Ruth Ann Beard, International Chairperson

Ericha Sondag
Public Information



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DISTRICT 7 BARBARA SPENCER



Well, we went from soggy to windy to dry - and no spring. But we here in Southern Illinois will cope like we usually do.

I have really enjoyed visiting counties and have seen more clowns than I have ever seen before (some real). The theme has been an entertaining one. I've been able to see many old friends and hope to make many new ones. My husband was with me a couple of times and he thoroughly enjoyed himself. His statement "you ladies have really good times and serve great food!"

I hope to be able to visit with more of you in the next few months and look forward to coming to your special events.

Encourage more of your Board Members (or those who are considering coming on the board) to come to our District Workshop, August 23, 2011. We have a really special speaker this year. Be sure and bring a sweater though!

Barb Spencer

FRANKLIN.....

Neither, ice, mud, nor heat has slowed the Franklin Co. HEA down very much. I think the heat bothers me more than the other two. We started off with Conference in March, and it was fantastic. Five of our ladies were able to attend conference this year. The Board was hilarious as clowns and all in all it went really well. We came home to host the Lawn, Garden and Craft show. We didn't think we were going to be able to have it this year due to remodeling work, but at the last minute we were able to use about two thirds of the building. We

didn't have quite as many vendors due to the space, but everything was well received and more than 400 came through the Show. If you want something done, just tell a woman - especially an IAHCE woman.

Franklin Co. held their 65th Annual County Meeting with their "founding member" Lucille Craddock as special guest. Other 50 year members were also recognized. Joy Richey, former U of I County leader, installed officers. The building was decorated using the Circus theme and there were clowns everywhere, one immobile one that was used for picture taking, and two real ones who are actually law enforcement officers, one at the Rend Lake Prison and the other is an Illinois State Trooper. Each unit decorated their table with a circus theme and Joy judged them. Scholarships were given to Alison Webster, Bobbi Bauman, and Troy Stickel. The luncheon potato bar was well received and the potato skit done by the board members - with no practice, was hilarious.

We've had several well attended lessons for living so far this year. We started with The History of Jello, Frozen Bread and It's Uses, Hanging Gardens, Internet Safety, and The State of Texas. We served lunch during the 4-H Fair on July 10. Typical IAHCE ladies, we don't let obstacles get in the way such as no ice machine, no air conditioning. Our Family Unit member, Jim Duncan, came to the rescue purchasing the ice, then flipping a few breakers and we had air.

One of our projects this year is helping the Pre-K classes in our county. We are collecting items that can be recycled into projects - such as egg cartons, coffee cans, paper towel rolls, yarn, scraps of fabric and many other things. We continue to collect the soda tabs and cancelled stamps. Some of our ladies have crocheted the little caps for small cancer patients and will be sending them and some soft fleece blankets to Children's Hospital. Like many other counties, we can't sit still.

Margaret Duncan & Barbara Spencer
Public Relations

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HAMILTON.....

The last three months have been busy and exciting for the Hamilton County HEA, as they began celebrating their 50th Anniversary. They started their celebration with a quilt show containing more than 100 quilts both handmade and machine quilted on display. Crafts from the past were also on display. A sandwich and soup lunch was served with a nice crowd attending both events.

On April 25th the annual meeting was held. Charter members, Past Presidents, board members, and guests were recognized. Membership awards and certified volunteer hours awards were presented. Barbara Spencer, District 7 Director, installed the new officers for the coming year. Following the business meeting, a delicious dinner was enjoyed by the 60 ladies in attendance. A special "Back in Time" program was conducted by Kay Mayberry. Several ladies wore hats, bonnets, gloves, aprons, and other attire from days gone by. My, how things have changed in 50 years. Karen Rapp and Lucille Auten presented a slide show and written history commemorating our 50 years as an organization.

Our last lesson of the program year was "Hand and Nail Care." It was a big hit with all the ladies receiving a manicure just in time for Mothers' Day. Our annual picnic "Circus Extravaganza" was held June 6 at Dolan Lake. It was a fun day for the 95 both young and old that attended. We had a lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks while the crowd was fascinated by professional clowns, Baggy Geenz and Wul-Wee (ViGene and David Ritzert). Baggy Geenz talked to the group about the three faces of a clown, history of clowning,

and different types of costumes, while Wul-Wee demonstrated how to put on his make-up. The Circus theme, which originate earlier this year at the IAHCE Conference, was in full swing during the program with popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones available for everyone.



Looks like the coming months will be as busy as the past months. We will be entering a float in this years Fall Festival Parade and our Annual Style Show will be in November. We are getting new members so hopefully we can get more young ladies involved. Hope everyone has a great summer!

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

JEFFERSON.....

Summer is here HOT and heavy! I hope everyone has survived the many storms, tornadoes and floods around the state without too much damage.

At my last writing I said I'd tell you more about the 'tele-net' lesson. I personally found it to be okay. It was to the point without a lot of side excursions. I've heard some say they didn't like it as well, maybe I didn't dislike it because the topic was not something I'm really interested in. So I'll hold my opinion until a time when the subject is more to my personal tastes. In May we also learned about "Planning for End of Life Issues" presented by a local Funeral Home

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Director. Many things were discussed that we don't often think about.

Our Annual Meeting was in May and was great! We were very glad to have Barb Spenser there to install the officers for 2011-2012. Our guest speaker was Bill Hill, Chief Rabbin of the East St. Louis Ainad Shrine Temple speaking about the Shriner's Circus, their biggest fundraiser, helping to support Shriners' Hospitals for children.

We were able to give three scholarships this year, two 'Past Presidents' and one 'Oma W. Jones Memorial Scholarship'. We also collected food items to be donated to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

June in our area brought hot weather and cool weather, more storms, tornadoes and flooding. Our June Lesson was on "Senior Services" given by Comprehensive Services. While I really enjoyed it and found it to be very enlightening about services available to Seniors, I was really surprised to find out I qualify for most of them. I'll investigate and let you know more later.

July brings new officers (see photo) to the board. We have a new President, three co-chairs for our quilt committee (formerly two), a new International Director, a new Family Issues Director and 2 new co-editors of our newsletter.

Pictured left to right: seated; Sidney Laird, 2nd Vice and Quilt co-chair; Barb Austin, Secretary; the clown in the center is our new President and Quilt co-chair, Imogene Lamczyk; Vivian

Scott, Treasurer; Barb Shurtz, 1st Vice; back row; Marge Wilcox, PR, CVH, Ways & Means, Newsletter co-editor; Cassandra Wolf, 4-H and Youth; Treasa Brookman, Cultural Enrichment; Tina Trotter, Family Issues and Historian; Janice Wagner, International; Sarah Mae Waite, Quilt co-chair; not available Diane Laur, Newsletter co-editor.



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at District Conference in August.

Hope everyone has a great summer!

Marge Wilcox - Public Relations

JOHNSON.....

For the fourth consecutive year, the Johnson County Home and Community Education has hosted a successful "What's It Worth?" event. The combined fundraiser and community gathering provided yet another eventful project, for which HCE is noted, on April 28th.

The event was held in cooperation with WPSD-TV in Paducah, Kentucky, and took place at



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“The Gambit Event Center” in Vienna. The taped segment was later shown on a television newscast.

In recent years, HCE has donated a \$100 scholarship to one senior at each of the county’s two high schools. This year, the HCE board decided to offer \$200 scholarships. “What’s It Worth?” provides for those scholarships, plus additional funds for other community projects.

For \$10, area folks could bring up to three antiques or collectibles, to be professionally appraised, with a gourmet lunch provided, along with an opportunity to purchase signed paintings by a young local artist, who has won numerous state and national awards for his nature renditions. He also provided a print of one of his paintings for the silent auction that was also underway. Several door prizes were also given away, thanks to the generous community.

HCE board member, Fay Mize, Family Living chairman, who with Phyllis Webb, board president, who co-chaired the event, said, “It turned out to be a wonderful event, and quite successful!”

Other board members who assisted were: Patsy Bishop, Mary Yandell, Irene Webb, Maxine Ellet, Ann Stachowiak, Dixie Terry and Pat Swieca, as well as unit members.

“What’s It Worth?” will be on the HCE agenda in 2012, which is also when Johnson County will celebrate its bicentennial. Come on down!

Dixie Terry
Publicity

PERRY.....

“Under the Big Top with HCE” was the theme for annual meeting held at Sunfield on April 28th. Business agenda followed a delicious meal and our Family of the Year was on hand as special guests. Angela Epplin was announced the winner of the HCE scholarship. She will be attending veterinary school this fall. New officers were installed by Anne Tabing. Marilyn Williams provided a great article on Celiac Disease for the county newsletter. Recipes were published the following month for three gluten-free foods.

The after school reading program wrapped up as school let out.

Our disappointment came when the trip to Arcola was cancelled due to lack of participation. It had been scheduled for June.

The audit committee met and made sure the books balanced for the year. Jane Chapman hosted Alison Burnett, the state visitor from Scotland, several days while she traveled the state.

Members received literature on the “Quilts for Kids” project and the crochet caps. The newsletter contained an article on Childhood Cancer. More donations were made to the local food pantries and Pregnancy Matters office. 4th of July cards with quarters were sent to Anna Veterans Home to retired military personnel.

Several members served as superintendents for the local 4-H Shows held in June. Jane Chapman held a luncheon at her home for

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retiring and new HCE Board members on June 27th. Plans began for a mini-workshop focusing on health to be held in the fall. President Jane will visit the units at their September meetings as she has the past three years.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Remember this aphorism: Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind while the ones that mind don't matter!

Carolyn Bathon
Public Information



Sometimes don't you wish we could go back? A picture for those who like me, grew up in the 50's and 60's.

POPE-HARDIN.....

Our Spring has been busy with various activities. The 65th Annual Meeting of the Pope-Hardin Home & Community Education Association was held at the Golconda Golden Circle on Sunday, April 10, 2011. A lovely Spring day greeted our members and guests. Programs were presented, awards and memorials for our deceased members Irene Bender, Bonnie Green, Doris Johnson, Ruth Roberts and Dorothy Williams, were given. There was a lot of gaiety over the 2nd annual Chinese Auction. Most of those present left with something for their homes or gardens thanks again to the brainchild of Joyce Anderson, our Special Activities Director. A wonderful array of fine crafts and artwork was also on display during the Cultural Arts display and contest

Our Special Activities Chairman again organized and hosted a Tasting Luncheon at the Hardin County Golden Circle in April. Pope/Hardin County Home & Community Education members submitted recipes and donated the food products for the Tasting Luncheon. Each attendee received platefuls of the samples of delicious food and a recipe booklet. It was fun and successful.

We are most thankful to our ladies for submitting all of their donations to our Marion, Illinois Veteran's Hospital. The week prior to Memorial Day we delivered the car load of items for the veteran's use at the hospital and nursing home. They are certainly enthused when they see us drive up with all of the treasures needed by the veterans!



We have had a very busy Spring and are looking forward to our Summer Activities.

Joanne Martin and Helen Gallimore during 2011 IAHCE Annual Conference



Joyce Anderson with her Best of Show during the 2011 IAHCE Annual Conference

Joanne Martin
Public Relations

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SALINE.....

Saline County along with a lot of other counties has been busy helping clean from the floods. A lot of people lost their homes and still have no place to go while cleaning and rebuilding. Several unit members helped cook for the disaster teams that came here and stayed at churches. The community was GREAT in helping with food, toilet supplies, gloves, and shelters during this time.

Barbara Agin, Saline County Community Outreach leader is in charge of the getting Baby Blankets for WADI, a child program. Some units are making them at craft night. Country Friends are doing the flannel tie ones. Barbara is willing to share any information on making blankets if interested.



Left is Fain Bolin of Wadi Child Care with Barbara Agin, Saline County Outreach leader.

Dana Hilliard, Saline County Craft chairman taught how to make Bird House yard signs at the last craft night for your yard. They then painted them red, white and blue like the flag. Very cute.

Everyone have an enjoyable summer. Hope it cools some and not so many storms.

Georgia Murphy
Public Information

The Union County HCE members have been quilting this spring. The group has finished two consignment quilts and the 4-H quilt. They are presently working on another consignment quilt.

The consignment quilts were modified flower garden designs and were pieced by the owner's mothers. The heirloom quilts were very unique and beautiful. The group felt honored to be entrusted with quilting these heirloom quilts.

These quilts will be a treasured memory of their mothers.

The group also quilted the queen-size 4-H quilt. The blocks had been embroidered by the experienced and skillful hands of Ann Coffman and were donated by Susan Sherwin.

A committee including Lois Clutts, Debbie Heinrichs and Susan Kessler, selected the fabric to assemble the quilt. The blocks in a feather-wreath design were cross-stitched in brown and pieced with a floral fabric in shades of pink, brown and beige. This quilt was quilted in the month of March as a fundraiser for 4-H scholarships. Twelve to fifteen members were on hand to work on this quilt. All unit members participated in one way or another by providing food, support and interest in this project. Everyone enjoyed the fun, fellowship and laughter while working on this quilt in spite of the snow, rain and slick roads. Everyone sacrificed their time and talents for this worthwhile project.

Jane Bauer
Public Relations

**Members are pictured on the following page.

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Shown in photo (left to right) Eunice Chilman, Helen Sanders, Suzie Kessler, Debbie Heinrichs, Bonnie Hileman, Joan Fisher, Lois Clutts and Jane Bauer. Quilters not pictured: Betty Bland, Deb Rossberg, Linda Poston and Barb Bauer.

Youth/CVH-Christine Beirl, Way & Means-Marietta Dahncke, Public Relations-Adeline Blumhorst, Cultural Arts/Co-Chairman-Shirley Hagene and Kathleen Betlejewski.

We will celebrate HCE Week in October beginning with the International Program October 10th at the St. Paul's Parish Hall, Nashville, IL.

We will host a "Christmas Special" program in November, when we will hold our Quilt Raffle, which was hand quilted by our ladies in March, 2011.

Our members helped with the "Linus Project" making quilts for the children in Washington County. Members also helped with "Cake Wheel Raffle" at the Cancer Relay for Life at Nashville Grade School, Nashville, IL on May 13, 2011.

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations

~~Last minute article from county:~~

WASHINGTON.....

HCE members held their 64th Annual Meeting, April 26th at the Okawville Legion Hall, Okawville, IL with their "circus" theme carried out with table decorations, skit, and of course, "the clowns"! The Oakdale Lamplighters decorated the tables, clown figurines were loaned for our table decorations and the two HCE members from Clinton County dressed as clowns and entertained us throughout the evening with their skits and demonstrations.

Barb



Spencer, District 7 Director, installed the 2010-2011 officers: President-Ann Schnitker, 1st Vice President-Gerri Schnitker, Secretary-Eunice Reuter, Treasurer-Kathleen Betlejewski, Community Outreach/Family Living-Sharon Hosler, International-Bernice Engelmann, 4-H/

DISTRICT 4

PIKE.....

Summer time and the living is easy. Hard to believe how fast the summer activities speed by. Sometimes I need a few more than 24 hours in a day! Our Pike County HCE members marched in the "4th of July" parade in Pleasant Hill and passed out lots of membership information flyer's to parade watchers. We have 6 area festival parades we are participating in this summer. The purpose of marching in local parades is to bring awareness of our HCE in Pike County and to increase membership.

We have our "International Dinner" scheduled for Sept 15 at the Pittsfield Farm Bureau starting at 6 pm. We always appreciate membership support at our HCE activities.

We are looking forward to the District Workshop to be held on August 24th in Washington, IL.

We are also saddened that our District IV representative, Jan Edwards had to step down due to illness. Jan is very special to all of us in Pike County and our prayers are with her as she continues her battle against cancer. Great strides happen with prayers & friendship.

Mary Eustace
Public Relations

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Sharon Middleton
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**IN MEMORY OF
Jane Molt**

Jane Molt, former State Board member passed away due to lung cancer on Sunday, June 26, 2011. A Memorial service was held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at Blue Funeral Home in Goreville. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Jane was a dear friend, I will miss her so much. She and husband Dick spent years and years judging for 4H. She served 2 terms on State Board.

Mitzi Bray

UPCOMING DATES

2011 IAHCE Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3.....August 25
Dixon, IL Loveland Building
- District 4 & 5.....August 24
Washington, IL Crossroad United Methodist Church
1420 N. Main, Washington 61571
- District 6 & 7.....August 23
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

2012 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 27-29, 2012 at the Effingham Hilton Gardens
Check the Website for more information as it becomes available.

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 19-21, 2011 - Hotel Sierra, Green Bay, WI

CWC - September 22-24, 2011 - Columbus, Ohio
ACWW September 26-October 2, 2013 - Chennai, India.

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