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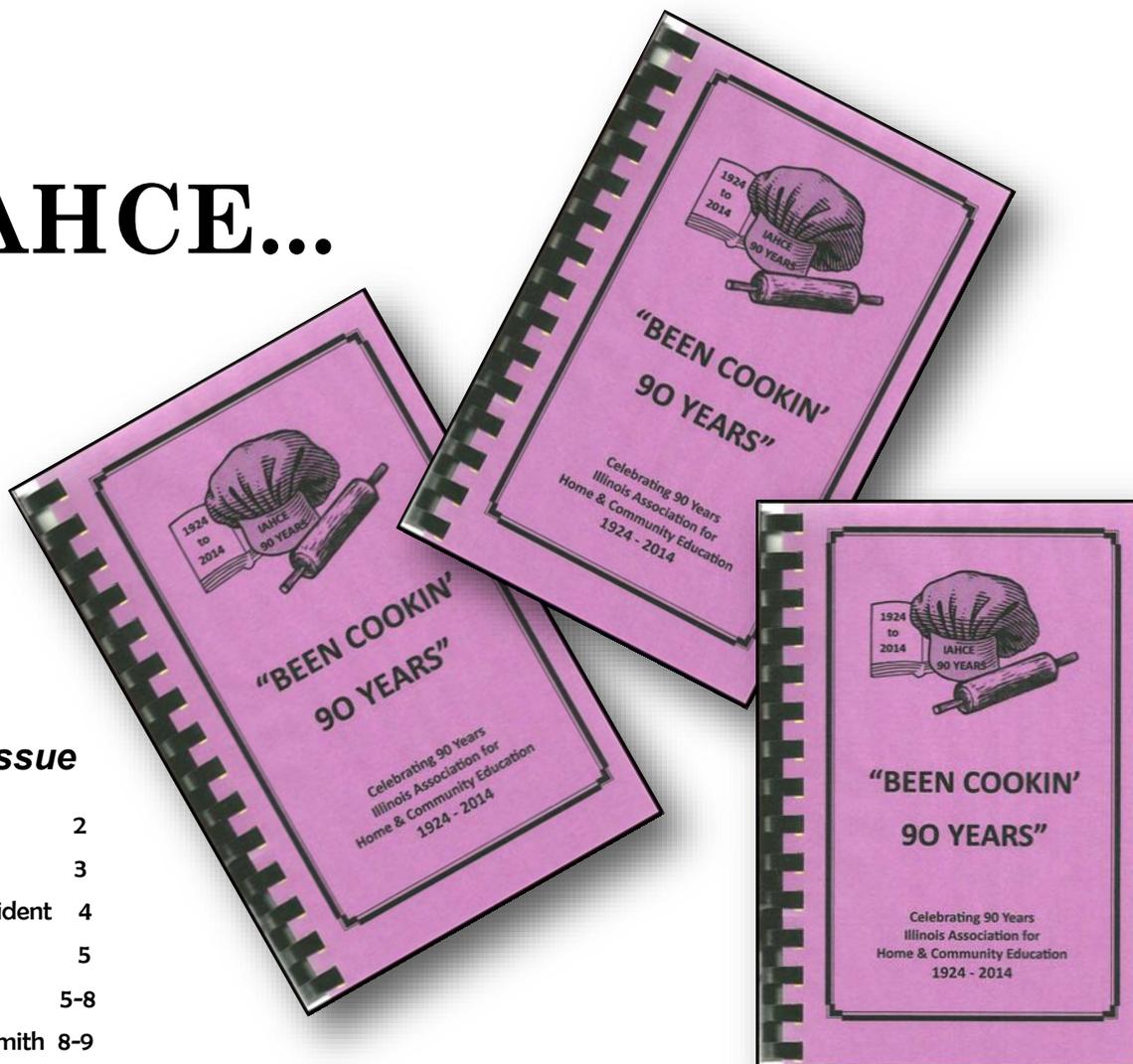
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90 YEARS!**

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From the Desk of the President

August 1, 2014

Dear HCE members,

First, I want to say thank you for the effort you have made to help Illinois HCE in the work of the NVON water filter project. You have been so generous in supporting this project. At District Workshops, I will give you the amount raised this past year which was given to NVON at their July, 2014 conference. Thank you so much for helping others in need of clean water.



Remember that word we are all using? MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. It is really important for us all to work toward this goal for the sake of our organization. If each one of us would get one new member, how great would that be? I have one new member for my unit. I would like for each of you to try getting "Just one more" during this year. If you do, please send me your name and the name of the new member you have gotten for your unit.

I want to say thank you for all the counties that have invited me to share with you about my trip to the ACWW Triennial Conference and sights of India. I have enjoyed it very much except the one week that I had 5 presentations and I left my saree hanging in the community building in Hoyletown (Washington County) after the third meeting. But thanks to Washington County President Bernice Hemminghaus, she came to my rescue and had it there for my 5th presentation. If you would like for me to visit your county, please let me know.

If you have not registered for District Workshop in August, let your district director know ASAP. You will have the opportunity to meet all of the new officers elected at March conference and the 2 new appointed afterwards. Come find out the direction each of these officers and directors are working to help you have great programs in your county.

Good luck in your HCE work this year.

Blessings to all of you,

Marilyn Daughhete

IAHCCE President

EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st VICE PRESIDENT
Norma Korte



Have a blessed Summer and productive canning season!

Norma Korte

Hello from Southern Illinois! I just returned from the June Board meeting and I am excited to share some of what we discussed. The Education Committee welcomed two new members – Louise Rodatz and Sharon Davis. The committee discussed new ideas for the August District Workshops and developed a list of options to help make the state conference awards night run more smoothly.

As our organization continues to grow and evolve, we also looked at the criteria for the Great American Family award. We often assume this only relates to farm families, but please include the *whole* family in the application. We hope to honor the entire family, even if some have chosen to pursue careers outside of traditional agriculture. The application can be found on pages 31-33 in the guidebook. Please keep all your supporting materials to 10, double-sided pages.

As another note of interest, when you apply for any of the Education Awards, please fill out the form on page 52 of the guidebook and keep your supporting materials to 10, double-sided pages or less. Refer to page 51 for more instructions on preparing your applications.

During my transition to a new office, I will continue to oversee the Health Smart Program from last year. Application forms will be available in the District Workshop packets. I will also include a few new lessons you can use in your counties.

There will be four IAHCE state offices to fill at the 2015 Conference this year – President, Secretary, Community Outreach, and International – in addition to two District Director offices. **Please consider serving on the IAHCE State Board!** It is a great experience to meet new people, work together to help conduct programs for our organization, and help make a difference in the lives of people throughout the state who are involved in HCE.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Oglesby (August 19), Washington (August 20), and Effingham (August 21).

2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Kathryn McNeely



What is membership? The state of being a member or a group of persons associated by some common tie. Membership is also a way of belonging, participating, friendship, sharing interests, learning together, and fellowship.

All IAHCE members need to try and get one new member this summer/fall. Ask someone new in your neighborhood, a recently retired person, someone whose children are gone from home, or form a new unit of couples, or a specialty unit such as crafting, card players, exercise, sewing, book club, young mothers, or gardening. You could also give someone a membership as a shower or birthday gift.

Things won't get better, unless you think better.

If any counties need special membership certificates for 25, 50, or any special year, please contact me before August 17, if you need them before the March IAHCE Annual Conference. I need the name of the person receiving the certificate, number of years, county, and date it will be given to them. I also need the name and county of the person that I'm to deliver them to at the August District Workshops. My contact information is in the front part of the IAHCE Newsletter.

Thanks for your cooperation and I hope to see many of you at the August District Workshop in your area.

Kathryn McNeely

EXECUTIVE BOARD

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



SECRETARY
Donna Richards



Have you sent your county's officers information to both your IAHCE Secretary and District Director since your annual meeting this year? If not, please fill the Secretary Report Form (Guidebook page 21) completely out and send to our addresses that are on guidebook pages 1 and 2. Thank you to those of you that have sent me your roster of county officers after your county's annual meeting.

Filling the Secretary Report Form (guidebook page 21) completely out will enable your IAHCE Board to communicate updated information to you.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Workshops.

Donna Richards

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**
Louise Rodatz



Hello Ladies of IAHCE, I am Louise Rodatz, new Community Outreach State Board Member, feel welcome to contact me for any questions you might have.

I was raised on a farm in Wayne County, Illinois. My father was a Baptist minister and a farmer. My mother was a homemaker and helped with the farm operations. My parents being active in church work raised the family to work hard, respect others and love the LORD GOD. This upbringing created the passion and compassion I have today to become part of the IAHCE Community Outreach to help the residents of Illinois. I am an avid quilter and have started and lead two Missionary Baptist Churches to have sewing groups. These groups take in donations and make lap robes and other items for seriously ill people from our community and around the world.

I am a retired Medical Technologist that still does consult work for two Doctors in Mt. Vernon. I am an active church member and on the Building and Grounds Committee, Nominating Committee and an delegate to the Illinois Baptist Association.

I just returned from the IAHCE Board meeting held in Decatur, Illinois. I felt blessed to be asked to join these fellow board members, and have the opportunity to become part of the organization that can bring positive changes to our communities. The challenges to develop new programs and gain insights to help our communities and to provide services and information to all citizens.

I am looking forward to the District Meetings in August and meeting everyone. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and share information and maybe make a new friend. I will be bringing the new project for this year along with information on the changes in the IAHCE Guidelines, scholarships, and other information from the Board.

Hope to see you in August, and keep a song in your heart for yourself and others.

Louise Rodatz



TREASURER
Beverly Combs

HELLO SUMMER!



I hope everyone is enjoying lots of summer activities. I enjoy watching my hummingbirds that eat about a half gallon of sugar water every day.

Here in my part of the state (east central) we have had plenty of rain so several of the past few June days have been quite muggy.

I just sent in IAHCE's state annual report along with the ten dollar fee. Be sure that your county has met all of your filing requirements on time.

I am looking forward to the August Workshops. If you have any suggestions you would like for me to address, please email me. If I don't know the answer, I will do my best to find such before we meet.

Be good to yourself the rest of the summer.

Beverly Combs

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



INTERNATIONAL Pat Weitzmann

The IAHCE June Board Meeting in Decatur, IL was a busy and very productive four days for all 17 attendees. From my international education viewpoint, it was particularly good. We reviewed our finances, made donations, made plans for the August District Meetings, noted Illinois' growing participation in Women Walk, and furthered consideration of an International Inbound and Outbound Exchange of "homemakers".

IAHCE member contributions to Pennies for Friendship made it possible for us to donate monies to three youth oriented programs and an organization celebrating international friendship and peace. Donations were given to the Illinois 4-H Foundation \$500, International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) \$500, Labo program (family based Japanese youth organization) \$600 and the International Peace Garden \$100.

By coincidence I met Anna Hevrdejs and her mother, Jill, at a farmer's market in Antioch, Illinois the day after the IAHCE Board approved the donation to IFYE. They were promoting the 4-H experience. Anna was noticeably excited to meet someone that knew of her upcoming trip to Japan and to hear how IAHCE supports 4-H youth. She will prepare a Power Point presentation about her IFYE trip and make some presentations on it. She looks forward to requests.

The International Peace Garden straddling the border of North Dakota and Manitoba is a 2,339 acre botanical garden with camping sites, summer camps that encourage cultural arts and athletics for young people, and more features.

I've been busy connecting with the Associated Country Women of the World, ACWW, on behalf of IAHCE members. I submitted articles to them

for possible publication in their magazine, The CountryWoman. The articles were about the IAHCE's 80th anniversary of our relationship with ACWW, and some of the Women Walk the World activities around our state.

Inquiries were made about adopting one of ACWW's new projects. Most interestingly I got a positive response when I contacted the ACWW Area President in Europe to do preliminary research on the possibility of an International Homemakers Exchange. So, review pages 36-41 in your IAHCE Guidebook. Let your IAHCE District Director and any other IAHCE Board member know of your interest and/or support for an Exchange. Only a country safe for foreign travel according to The United States Department of State will be acceptable. Together we can make this happen!

By the verbal and written accounts I've received from members, Germany is a popular Country of Study. I hope your education plans on this country critical to a strong European Union are going well. If you haven't checked out the CD of information I provided in March, I hope you do so. It's worth it just for the pictures.

I look forward to meeting and sharing information with IAHCE members in the counties at the District Meetings in August. You will receive the educational packet of information on our country of study for 2015. A clue to the identity is "3 for 1".

Our International meeting will cover succession planning, how to complete a Mini-stipend and Report Form, understanding more about ACWW, and what's next on the path to an International Homemaker Exchange.

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

Pat Weitzmann

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Well Ladies, I hope that by now you have you have thought up a real cool craft idea to share at district workshop. It is just around the corner you know. So, please bring a craft idea to share, and if you can't make copies to share, email or mail the pattern to me and I will make the copies for you.

Also I would like for you to be thinking about a "make it and take it" idea you could teach at our annual meeting in March. I will have a list for you to sign at district workshop. I do need a picture, or bring the item and I will take a picture to put in the next newsletter, along with the cost. And thank you so much, let's make this another fantastic make it take it, like last years.

I did make some changes in the categories for our Cultural Arts Show, but nothing that will affect your projects much, mostly just numbering and rearranging the categories. I did add a new category that I think you will like, hopefully, but you will have to wait until district workshop to find out what it is. So come see us then, and let's have a fun day together.

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you are up to now.

Peggy Long

Again, my name is Sharon Davis and last week my husband, Alan, and I celebrated 38 years of marriage. We have two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren ages 15 down to 9 months.

My husband and I owned a pharmacy for several years in which he is still a pharmacist there. I also worked for a doctor's office for 12 years.

Our sons are both in law enforcement—one a city police officer and the other for the county. Both of our daughters-in-law are Registered Nurses. Along with being busy with the family, I'm involved with the church, quilt guild, HCE county board where I served as treasurer for the last 3-4 years and vice president before that, and now the IAHCE State Board.

It's a busy life and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Ladies, I believe we are going to have a GREAT year in HCE and I'm looking forward to meeting several of you in August at the District Workshops.

Thanks,

Sharon Davis

PUBLIC RELATIONS Pat Hildebrand



Thank you so much for the articles and pictures for this newsletter. Keep up the good work!

We all want to hear about your unit and county activities. We learn from each other. HCE members are busy.....lots of creativity and enthusiasm in our organization!

I want to apologize for not getting all the articles in the last issue and for problems with the mailing list. Our computer suffered a virus and was then was "hacked"...that was a learning experience to say the least. So, now we have a new computer and a new e-mail address. The

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FAMILY ISSUES DIRECTOR Sharon Davis

My name is Sharon Davis and as I'm writing this I'm at my first IAHCE State Board meeting. It

amazes me how hard these ladies work for you and to make IAHCE the best it can be.

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Public Relations Continued

new e-mail address probably contributed to some of the missed articles. I'm sure I missed some this issue. Let me know and they can go in the next issue along with your December article. ..by the way, articles for that issues are due November 1.

Please note this new e-mail address:

normpat4@yahoo.com.

On another note, a couple of years ago, my husband and I planned an anniversary cruise for this August, so I will not be attending the August District Workshop. I will have packets for each county with subscription information, a short 5-question survey, news release, and other information to share. I will miss seeing all of you.

Enjoy the Workshop! Enjoy the summer! And keep me posted about what's happening in HCE in your county!

Pat Hildebrand



CVH/SALES Joan Stanley

We are getting 200 more IAHCE "Been Cookin' 90 Years" cookbooks. Please let me know right away if you want one. They went very fast as they contain great recipes and our history. Cost is \$18.00.

Also check the IAHCE website page 67 and let me know of anything else you will want me to bring to your District Workshop in August. Postage is expensive so--plan ahead.

And remember to keep a list of volunteer hours.

Hope I see lots of you at District Workshops.

Joan Stanley



U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Jenna Smith



Hello! I hope all of you have been enjoying your summer. My 5 month old son loves the outdoors so we've been doing a lot of "front porch sitting!" And while we've been sitting, my husband has been busy gardening! I'm especially excited and ready to start preserving all of our wonderful produce!

University of Illinois Extension will once again be offering food preservation courses. We have just released our new online food preservation training, "Preserve the Taste of Summer" so that you can get detailed instructions on making jams and jellies, pickles, tomato products, pressure canned goods and more!

You can take the class at any time and in your own home in front of a computer! Register at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/foodpreservation>.

Those that take the training will also be eligible to receive hands-on canning workshops held in various locations throughout the state. Plus, we are continuing to test pressure canner gauges in the class, "Yes! You Can: Preserving Safely." Call your local Extension office for more information.

Plus, University of Illinois Extension has a lot of new and exciting HCE lessons that will start in January of 2015. They include, "The ABC's of GMO's (Genetically Modified Organisms)" and "Eating Well as You Age" from the Nutrition and Wellness team, "Mindfulness and Soul Care" and "Someday is Today: Live Your Bucket List" from the Family Life team, and "Health Insurance for People 65+ Years" and "Saving Money on a Limited Budget" from the Consumer Economics team.

Let your Extension staff liaison know if you want to have any of these lessons!

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U of I Extension Liaison continued

The summertime generally offers multiple opportunities to volunteer. Many of you are

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actively involved in the 4-H fairs, and University of Illinois Extension thanks you for that! Don't forget to keep logging your hours. It's nice to be recognized for all of your efforts as a volunteer organization.

See you at the District Workshops!

Jenna Smith

FAMILY UPDATE FROM JENNA!!

5
month old Jackson Smith



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Marilyn DeVries

Hope you have a great summer! Looking forward to seeing you August 19th at the District Workshop .

Marilyn DeVries

COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD

Marilyn DeVries

- 1 large container cottage cheese
- 1 big can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 3-ounce package flavored gelatin
- 1 8-ounce container whipped topping

Mix and serve.

(From "Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)



ROCK ISLAND.....

Once again we've "been cookin'" with activities all through this rainy springtime here in Rock Island County. State Conference was attended by five of our board members and three of them were there for the first time. It was a great learning experience for all, coming away from conference with ideas and the motivation to implement them.

On March 29 we held our "Spring Fling," a multi-craft day with six enticing crafts (cards, candles, T-shirt scarves, butterflies, coasters, and knitted scarves) from which to select. Around thirty-five attendees enjoyed the day creating several of the possibilities, and they requested another such activity next year.

International Day, April 22, Father Ed den Blaauwen, pastor of Christ Church in Moline, IL, spoke of his early life in South Africa where he was born and lived until 13 years ago. The crowd, including many guests, were privileged to learn through his multi-media presentation and question/answer session. It proved to be an extremely, worthwhile learning experience. This was followed by a bountiful luncheon of twelve native dishes indicative of South African fare.

One of our fund-raising projects, geranium sales, to be delivered in early May, was affected by the late growing season. It was rescheduled for a week later. Sales were up this year with a profit near \$3800, to be shared with the 4-H program.

The three Spring work days using recycled materials to make projects for the Rock Island County Fair was well-attended. An abundance of articles were distributed on June 18-22. This group of workers continue to contribute their time, talent, and supplies, under the direction of Nancy Edlund, Recycling and Community Outreach Director, to make this event a success.

In the early Spring, Recycling and Community Outreach Dir., Nancy Edlund, shared a request from the Veterans Assn. for one hundred (100) large bags for Stand Down Days. These bags would be presented to Homeless Veterans attending Stand Down 2014, at the QC Expo Center in Rock Island,

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Rock Island County continued

IL on Sept. 18-20, where they receive donated services and supplies/clothing. The bags would provide them with a vehicle in which to carry donated supplies and clothing that they receive at that time. The bags had to be made of sturdy fabric and be about 30" x 45" with a drawstring top.

Upper county units, Cordova and Riverdale, began their endeavor on June 4, cutting about 60+ sets and sewing them together. Some were finished and many sets taken home to continue. A follow-up workday will be July 22. A county-wide workday is also scheduled for September 12 at Christ Church in Moline, IL.

The County Annual Meeting on June 21 was held at Christ Church in Moline, IL with approximately 60 in attendance including guests. Members wore aprons, table decorations were mini-aprons, and program booklets were adorned with recipe files.

A Memorial service, followed by reports, new member recognition, attendance awards and recognition, election and installation of officers, and special recognition for Riverdale Unit for it's 50th year of organization. Lucille Mumma, original member of 50 years, was presented a certificate, gift, and a basket of cooking utensils, one for each unit member.

The adjournment of the business meeting led to our special program, "The Recycling Quilter." Cheryl Lennox, member of Cordova unit, presented her many projects from quilts to collages to aprons describing what and how she created each with emphasis on the recycled materials used. Included in her display were quilted projects that won awards and that traveled internationally on display. A delicious casserole and dessert luncheon followed.

The retired board members and newly-elected members met June 24 for lunch and a get-acquainted board meeting at Welcome Inn in Milan, IL. Planning began on program booklets for the upcoming year.

Lucille Mumma
Public Relations



*Above two photos:
HCE members sewing bags for the homeless veterans*

*Below:
Artwork made from recycled items*



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STEPHENSON.....

SUMMER!!

We have started the 2014 summer with plenty of rain, so the crops are really taking off! However, it has been difficult to make hay, especially baling any dry hay. Even the lawn mowing (about every five days) has kept us very busy!

Back on Saturday, April 5, the Quad County Heritage Arts Workshop was held at the Lee County Council on Aging in Dixon, Illinois. There were many classes on many different subjects. Lynn Lott, Stephenson County HCE Cultural Enrichment Director, taught a class on making Corn Husk Roses.

On April 25 and 26, HCE ran the Cub's Brat Stand in Freeport. The Cub Foods grocery chain offers non-profit organizations the chance to earn money for their group by operating their stand. This money-making opportunity has become so popular that groups are lucky if they can get a weekend (mid-March thru mid-November) once every two years. The weather was wonderful and, with the help of many HCE and other volunteers, we were able to boost our treasury with a \$2,000 profit!

On May 21, the Stephenson County HCE annual meeting was held at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. We had our business meeting and the election and installation of county officers. We were served a catered lunch of Kentucky Fried Chicken and homemade brownie bars made by several HCE members. IAHC President Marilyn Daughhetee provided the program on her trip to the ACWW Triennial in Chennai, India.

On June 4, we really started to think about the upcoming summer activities with a clean-up day at our HCE dining hall at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 28, the annual Stephenson County Ag Breakfast was held at the fairgrounds. This popular event feeds breakfast to 100's of people for a very reasonable donation. It takes many volunteers from different organizations to prepare

and serve this breakfast. Our HCE members bake and donate coffee cakes as well as serve and clean up after guests.

We had a booth at the Ag Breakfast with information on HCE and copies of past HCE lessons, as well as recipes to hand out. We also had an interesting display of "Look-A-Like Poisons." Can you tell the difference between a sugar substitute tablet and a heart pill? Reese's Pieces candy and an Arthritis pain pill? Cough syrup and grape juice? There were 18 different combinations displayed at the booth. Most homes have at least two dozen possibly lethal household products. About 4,000 people die from poisoning each year!

As I write this article, we are looking ahead to the July 4th Fireworks at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. SCAHCE sells homemade pie and ice cream before the fireworks.

The Stephenson County Fair runs from July 8-13 and HCE will again be operating the dining hall.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND FALL!

Janice Fryer
Public Relations

INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE (IFYE)



Ana Hevrdeis, a 4-H'er from **Lake County**, was sent by the IFYE program to Japan for 8 weeks this summer. Last year Anna's family hosted a visiting Labo* youth.

*Labo is a family-based Japanese youth organization

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DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks

At the August 19th meeting,
the winner of the
Membership Contest in Dis-

trict 2/3 will be announced and given a prize! Which county will it be??? Be sure to attend to find out! The most important take away from this contest is that we are all winners when we add even just one new member. Membership is key to our success as an organization.

Recently I took a little question/ answer quiz to see what my life motto might be and I came up with "be the reason someone smiles today"! So I hope that as you read this you have a smile---one that you can share with someone else. I once heard that smiles are infectious, so be the reason someone else smiles today!

As we wind up summer and head into autumn, let us (HCE) continue to be a presence in our communities. Lessons for Living, Cultural Arts Events, International Events, HCE Day, community projects, etc. all give each of us an opportunity to share how much the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education means to us.

A prospective new member might just be the person that rings up our groceries, checks us in at the doctor's office, sits by us in church, or might even live across the street. It is as simple as this--- lift your heads, square your shoulders, smile, and say "hello" my name is....

Lastly, I want to thank the counties that invited me to attend their annual meetings. It means so much to me to meet each and every one of you. I want to visit your county whether you need me to install your officers or not. I am still available to chat with you about membership. So give me call!

See you soon....at the district meeting or other events in your county!

Angela Hicks

SUMMERTIME SQUASH CASSEROLE

Angela Hicks

*1 lb. yellow squash, sliced
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup milk
3 Tablespoon parsley
1 cup Italian bread crumbs
3 well beaten eggs
2 Tablespoon melted butter
Salt/pepper to taste
Dash of chili paper, optional*



Cook squash and onions in water until tender. Drain. Mix rest of ingredients in separate bowl; add drained squash and onions. Pour into 9x13" casserole dish. Bake at 350 for 45-60 minutes. Garnish with shredded cheese and chopped green onions after baking. Serves 8.

(From Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)

DU PAGE.....

Our County HCE had a booth at the 4-H International night. We handed out treats after participants had the correct answer about South Africa. We also handed out HCE pamphlets and newsletters to parents.



Anita Master, HCE South Africa Booth, DuPage 4-H International Fair.

Our county members enjoyed a lovely afternoon at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. It took place at the beautiful Bloomingdale Country Club.

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DuPage County Continued

Keeping with state theme “Been Cookin’ 90 Years” some of the ladies wore their favorite apron. The table center pieces were antique white enamel cookware, decorated with purple and white flowers and ribbons.

The installation of officers ceremony was given by our District 2/3 Director Angela Hicks. She presented each board member with a unique wooden spoon.

At each place setting, members received a cloth tissue holder made by Anita Masters. Many door prizes were also given out.

Members attended our Spring Craft Days. The ladies made button covered heart shaped pins, painted wooden birds and sewer cloth jewelry boxes. They also made sixty “thinking of you “ cards for the veterans at Hines Hospital.

We continue to meet for our monthly Lunch Bunch, Quilting and Quilts for Kids group. We are looking forward to a busy summer.

Mary Lambert
President

DE KALB.....

It may have been overcast and cloudy but it didn’t dampen the spirits of more than 20 DeKalb County Homemaker Association members who took to the hiking paths to spread the word about ACWW and their plans for a better world. Pictures are on page 34 of this newsletter.

They were walking to build a women’s incoming generating factory in Tanzania, which will make clay water filter pots. The Homemakers have already financed lighting a classroom in the area with solar panels, installed by Engineers Without Borders from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Mary Lu Strack
DeKalb

GRUNDY.....

As I write this, the weather is hot and humid, and the local rivers and streams are at or above flood level.

Over half of our members and one guest, Nympha White attended the 75th Annual Meeting. Audrey Kaufman was recognized for being a 50-year member.

The theme for the day was, “What’s Buz-z-z-ing in the Air”. Ed Bell, a Bee Keeper from Oswego, IL was the featured speaker. He entertained and informed us about the lives and loves of bees and the people who care for them. He brought along a working hive and jars of honey to sell. The tables were beautifully decorated in yellow and black, and the meal was topped off with a bee hive shaped cake, baked and decorated by Betty Pierce.

In June, two of our members were featured on the local Morris radio station. They did a great job of promoting the Home and Community Education organization, telling about our volunteer projects, educational lessons, book club and the great friendships we enjoy.

The HCE lessons have been well received: even the one we weren’t looking forward to having.

All three of our Units are very involved in Cultural events in our area. Many of our members attend plays, etc., that are sponsored by our local library.

The Nettle Creek Unit is sponsoring a trip to the Drurry Lane Theater for lunch and the play: The 25th Putman County Spelling Bee in Oak Brook, IL.

The Morris Night Unit is going to Marseilles, IL to honor the Mid-East Conflict Memorial Wall and Museum. The Morris Morning Unit is going to the Carbon Hill School House and Museum near Coal City, IL and going out to lunch.

We will all be helping at the Grundy County 4-H fair at the end of July.

Happy Summer!

Ruth O’Hara
Public Relations Director

DISTRICT NEWS

KANE.....

We have experienced another successful year. Year 2014-2015 is our 97th year! We've made a change to our fiscal year to coincide with the state from January 1 to December 31. This makes bookkeeping easier.

Our Fun Day in February was a delight. We used the theme "Been Cooking for 90 Years" and members wore their favorite aprons and told the story behind the aprons. The stories ranged from humorous to emotional memories. The program was Victorian Ladies Secret which was an audience participation program from Naper Settlement. The presenter brings a traveling trunk of a Victorian lady which reveals the beauty and clothing secrets of that time.

Audience participation involved a member being dressed from head to toe (including a corset!) while the presenter spoke of the history behind the garments. Also included were their beauty secrets which were creams and lotions made in the home with items purchase from local chemists or pharmacies. The items included wax, glycerin, and Epsom salts. It was a fantastic afternoon. Four others counties attended our program--Will, Lake, Kendall and Du Page.

Four units, St. Charles, Plato Center and Hampshire/Henpeck had an African Safari Experience, attending the Safari Oasis in Hampshire to enjoy a buffet luncheon of traditional African preparation. The units discussed their experience for the year regarding their International Study. Owner Muhamadou Tunakara introduced and explained his three different creations.

Our Annual Meeting was In May and was a very "fancy ladies" luncheon. Our yearly Know and Grow awards were presented followed by a musical program of old favorite songs. Three Kankakee members attended along with Angela Hicks, Dist. 2/3 Director, and our County Extension Director Sandra Davis.

It has been a great year. Kane wishes everyone a relaxing, healthy summer season.

Elaine Bond
President

LAKE.....

Our spring began with "Chocolate: What is Your Pleasure" event on April 8, 2014. Attendees learned about buying, storing, and using chocolate while tasting samples of chocolate brought by the presenter Erin Miller from Uniquely Sweet Candy. As you can guess, it was "sweet" for all attending.

April 25 was our 82nd Annual Meeting at Maravelas Banquets in Fox Lake. The luncheon featured a presentation by Leslie Pencak from the Button Room, a local museum focusing on button collecting.

On May 9 Advocate Condell Hospital and Dr. Jordan Leasure along with North Shore Pro-Active Health participated in our first Women's Health Forum. Those attending took away much important information on breast health, maintaining strong bones and joints, achieving a healthy weight, and reducing stress.

LCAHCE hosted another event dealing with a Relevant topic for all of us. Craig Pierson, attorney from Pierson & Strachan, presented "Wills, Trusts, Probate 911" on June 13. We learned the most recent information/laws regulating the sale of homes, estates, banking, and living wills and trusts with emphasis on how to protect ourselves and our families when dealing with these issues.

LCAHCE had an informational booth at the 4th Annual BBQ Festival hosted by the Extension Office on June 21. Our members are learning how to crochet at the Extension Office in June and July. A series of three lessons is being given: Lesson 1 on materials and stitches, Lesson 2 on making an item, and Lesson 3 on finishing the project.

As I am typing this on July 4th, I will wish that all of you had a happy and safe Independence Day. Please take a moment now, as I did this morning while I took my walk through my neighborhood, to remember why we celebrate July 4th and to be thankful for the liberty that we still have after 238 years as the United States of America.

Diane Shearer
Public Relation Director

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace

Summertime well wishes from your District 4 Director. Our August workshop is just around

the corner.

The workshop for District 4 & 5 will be held in Washington, IL on Wednesday, August 20th. It will be held at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1420 N. Main St., Washington, IL 61571.

IAHCE Nomination Committee is accepting applications for President, Secretary, Community Outreach & International. The Guidebook lists the requirements for each position.

The IAHCE Cookbooks will be available at the August Workshop. The cost is \$18. Those of you that recently ordered and paid for the cookbooks may pick them up at the District meeting. If your county would like to donate items for the 2015 Annual Conference goody bags, please let me know. Anything would be greatly appreciated.

Don't ever save anything for a special occasion..... being alive is the special occasion! Looking forward to seeing you at the District Workshop!

Mary Eustace

SANGAMON.....

The Sangamon County AHCE held their annual County meeting late April with 65 members and several guests attending. After the business meeting was completed, District 4 Director, Mary Eustace, installed new officers for the next year. John Fulton, County Extension Director, spoke about the future of Extension and changes we all experience. A luncheon, made by several committee members was enjoyed by all. Following the lunch four Unit members modeled clothing from C. J. BANKS & Co. and we learned several different ways to tie and accessorize with scarves.

A Cultural Enrichment tour of the Springfield Chiara Center was taken by 23 members and guests with a delightful lunch and church tour.

In June, two Units drove to Lincoln, IL to have a tour of the Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College. Ann Moseley, assistant Director, guided everyone through the two floors of exhibits, and took us to the archives to show several new and old items in storage. This is a wonderful place to tour and our group enjoyed lunch at the Wild Hare Restaurant afterward in Elkhart, Illinois.

In September our County will start the new program year with a trip to Jubilee Farm, Springfield, Illinois, where we will have a lesson about growing organic fruits and vegetables.

Our Units continue to make Cancer Caps and donate to Ronald MacDonald House in Springfield.

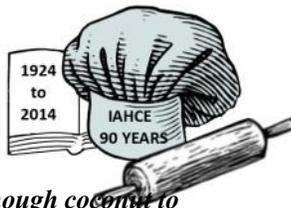
Also, in September, we will have a largest fundraiser of the year, our annual Fall Festival. The SCAHCE FALL FESTIVAL will be SEPTEMBER 27, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Chatham Community Center, 109 W. Mulberry St. Chatham, Illinois. Book and Magazine Room, Odds n' Ends, Bake Sale, Amish-made Quilt and Afghan Raffle, Craft and Holiday Gifts, Lunch served from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (Vegetable soup, BarBQ and Chicken Salad sandwiches, and a variety of pie). All State members and guests are invited to join us and enjoy a fun day.

Elaine Murray
1st Vice President

EARTHQUAKE DESSERT

- Coconut (enough to cover bottom of pan)*
- 1 cup chopped nuts*
- 1 German Chocolate Cake mix*
- 1 stick of butter*
- 1 pound powdered sugar*
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese*

Mary Eustace



Grease a 9x13 pan. Cover bottom with enough coconut to cover pan. Sprinkle with 1 cup nuts.. Prepare cake mix as directed on box. Pour into cake pan. Mix butter, powdered sugar and cream cheese. Stir till smooth. Spread mixture gently over cake mix. Do not stir. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. (From "Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)

DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR Kathleen Emery



Hello District 5 members, I can't believe when you receive this newsletter it will be close to fall. I don't know where the

summer has gone.

The IAHCE 2014 District 4/5 Workshop will be August 20th in Washington, IL at the Crossroads United Methodist Church. Registration is from 9:00-9:30 and is \$20.00. Mary and I would like to extend a welcome to all of our counties.

It would be wonderful to see a 100% county turnout. Please try and have your officer's present to attend their respective workshops. Reservations and your money, payable to IAHCE, is due to me by August 1st. We hope to see you there.

I have so enjoyed coming to our District 5 counties for their annual meeting and installation of officers. We have so much we can all learn from each other. I love receiving your newsletters with your events and activities. Thank you for including those wonderful summer recipes. I will certainly be adding to my recipe box!

As your programs restart in September remember to "each one, add one" new member. Remember that neighbor or friend that you might have not have reached out to before and invite them to come to one of your meetings. Most of our members have become members because someone invited them personally to attend a meeting, special program or activity.

Looking forward to seeing all of you very soon,

Kathleen Emery

CHAMPAIGN.....

Summer is finally here and it is a pleasure to enjoy the outdoors after our long winter. Take advantage of the festivals, fairs and all there is to do this time of year.

Eight members from CCHCE were able to attend the IAHCE conference in Decatur. The workshops were great and it was so good to meet up with old friends and make some new ones.

Sunday, April 27th Elizabeth Michael attended the Autistic Walk at Hessel Park in Champaign. She was able to take 20 Autistic blankets that had been finished at the April sewing day to be given in drawings that day. She had many people stop by her table to enter the drawing and many thanked her for the blankets they had received last year. Many thanked her for all the work the volunteers do for the Autistic program.

Wednesday, April 30th was our 96th Annual meeting and luncheon held at the Savoy Methodist Church in Savoy. We had 88 ladies attend. Our guest speaker was Marilyn Daughhettee, our IAHCE President. She gave an excellent account of her trip to India to the ACWW 27th Annual Triennial Conference. We had a delightful lunch prepared by the Methodist Church ladies. After lunch Kathleen Emery, District 5 Director, presented the new officers for 2015. Our entertainment was Beverly Wolf and Jimmy Divan. Beverly sang old tunes and played the keyboard while Jimmy accompanied her on the guitar and sang a few tunes also. It was the kind of music you enjoyed singing and dancing to and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

May 19th we held a membership luncheon. We had 79 attending which included over 10 non-members. We opened with a short business meeting and then Eileen Miller gave a power point lesson on "Cookin' in The Kitchen Through The Years". In keeping with the IAHCE theme of "Been Cookin' for 90 Years", Eileen talked about the changes in kitchen equipment over the years. She concentrated on making breakfast with coffee, eggs and toast. She went from pumping water, cook stoves and iron skillets to Keurig Coffee

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HAM ROLL

Kathleen Emery

On a slice of boiled ham, cut on the number 6 slicer, place a teaspoonful of dressing and a bit of chicken. Roll tightly, fasten with a toothpick; dip in egg and crumb and fry in deep fat. Serve with mushroom sauce.

(From "Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)



DISTRICT NEWS

Champaign County continued

Makers, microwaves and smart appliance technology. A light lunch of chicken salad, veggies, fruit and cake with coffee or tea was served. Then door prizes were handed out and games were played while getting set up for a style show by C.J. Banks and Christopher and Banks. Six of our members volunteered to show two complete outfits each of the newest Spring fashions and colors. Afterwards we invited guests to join HCE and one new member was signed up.

Some of our upcoming events are: Saturday, August 9th will be our 3rd annual garage sale to be held at the Farm Bureau Auditorium on Country Fair Drive in Champaign, this is our fund raiser. August 20th will be District workshop in Washington, IL.

For HCE week we have Monday, October 20th set for our Cultural Enrichment Day. Friday, October 24th will be another membership luncheon. We will have a lesson on aprons through the years presented by The Tea Ladies of Bloomington, IL. We anticipate more new members joining at this time. November 17th will be our International Luncheon.

Our lessons given by the U of I Extension Educators on the 1st Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. have been very well attended

We enjoy keeping busy and thank our members for being so involved.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

CHRISTIAN.....

The two major items being planned are the Fall Retreat and CCHCEA's membership luncheon. Terry Miller has agreed to be the speaker at the Fall retreat. The Units are planning their Play Days. My unit (Center) is planning a trip to Tuscola and touring an old fashion candy shop. The communities in our area are having their Picnic's and, of course, County Fairs. So a lot of folks are involved in supporting the 4-H right now. Hope you all have a safe and fun summer.

Sharon Turner
CCHCEA Public Information Director

EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE held their annual meeting on April 8, 2014 at the 4-H building. The tables were decorated with aprons and cookbooks to follow the 2014 IAHCE theme. President Gay Tegeler opened the meeting with a welcome. Marilyn Daughhete, PR, announced an upcoming program to be given by Father Dominc, the Bread Monk, on October 4, 2014. She asked that all reserve that date to attend this fun and interesting lesson on making bread. More details will be given later.

A delicious supper was served to 43 members and 6 guests by McDaniel's Catering. The local 4-Hers served the meal.

Program was then given by Devon Flesor Story on the History of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, IL. Very interesting to hear how her Greek ancestors began making chocolate candy in Tuscola. She brought many Easter candies to sell (which, of course, we took advantage of).

A countywide lesson was given by Diana Bryket of Danville, IL. She explained how to create a fairy garden in different containers. They were so beautiful. She said to look around your own home for small items to place in your garden.



Diane Bryket and the Fairy Garden

One may use any size of container to begin a fairy garden. You must keep some of the plants trimmed to remain the right size.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Edgar County continued

President Tegeler called the annual meeting to order. One item of business was a bylaw change. The annual dues increase from \$10 to \$12 was approved and takes effect on May 1, 2014. New officers were elected: Penny Peterson, 2nd Vice President, Marty Webster, Cultural Enrichment, Pat Brazelton, International and Paulette Burgett, 1st Vice President. The new and remaining officers were installed by Marilyn Daughetee, IAHCCE State President, who used a Chocolate Chip installation.

2nd Vice President, Carole Halloran, announced a game night to be held at the 4-H building on April 29 at 7:00 pm. She encouraged all to bring a guest and any game they would love to play. Snacks will be served.

Tegeler announced that on June 3, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the 4-H building, a countywide meeting for June would be held on "Can you keep up with your grandchildren's technology". Debra Korte, Champaign, IL, will be the presenter. She has presented beginning and advanced share shops at the IAHCCE Annual Conference.

Marilyn Daughetee
Public Relations

MACON.....

Macon County HCE enjoyed our trip to Galesburg, Illinois, with Piatt and Dewitt Counties. We were able to visit the beautiful Orpheum Theatre and had excellent guides to explain the history of the theatre. It was constructed in 1916 at a cost of \$135,000, and was first used as a vaudeville house. It hosted many early stars of stage and screen, including Jack Benny, George Burns, Harry Houdini, Al Jolson, Edgar Bergen, Fanny Brice, and Blackstone the Magician. It is still being used today for plays and concerts. We went to the Packing House for a delicious lunch. Our group then split up and some of us went to the Railroad Museum and

others went to the Congregational Church. Both of these places had quite a bit of history and beauty.

Despite the rain that came down all day long, we all had a wonderful day! Galesburg is certainly worth the visit!!

Our Spring Meeting was April 30th. As always, we had a scrumptious lunch served by Cinda's Catering. Our speaker was Brian Replogle, the manager of the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, Illinois. The house is currently under remodeling, so we will not be able to start serving meals for them until September or October. He had an excellent presentation about the beginnings of the house, the families that the house serves, and what the future appears to be for the house. We were pleased to learn that the Macon County area is the largest group that is served by the Ronald McDonald House. Donations of food and personal items are always welcomed!

We also collected \$130.00 of donations for our very hard-working and dedicated Macon County Honor Guard. We all appreciate what wonderful services they provide here in Macon County!

This spring and the beginning of summer has been and will be very busy for our group! We have had a tour of the ADM Research Kitchen, an excellent lesson on outdoor grilling, presented by Caitlin Huth, and a decorating lesson provided at Haines & Essicks in Decatur.

Future lessons will be about creating recipes from the garden, a tour of the Elwin Tree Farm presented by Carol Ropp, president of the Maple Grove Unit, and our International Day Event at the Macon County Extension Office.

Our country of study will be Germany, and we are currently deciding what dishes to serve, and what topics that each unit will present.

Of course, October is HCE week for us, and we are looking forward to all kinds of lessons and activities. These activities include a tour of Jo-Ann Fabric Store, a lesson by Doug Gucker about Agri-Tourism in Central Illinois, a tour and lesson at St. Mary's hospital, a cookie and candy exchange, a make-it and take-it craft morning, and

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Macon County continued

a basket making lesson about creating a candy corn basket. This will be a wonderful week for all of us!!!

We are happy to report that we have increased our membership by many members. We are devoted to getting the word out about our wonderful group, and it seems to be working!!!

Linda Austin and Ann Adkesson
Co-Public Relations

Saxby...

...*The Readiness Squirrel*
of *chasing4Life.org*

Saxby gives hugs!



HCE enjoyed a spring tour called "Meander Southwest McLean County on May 20 when 50 people learned about the many interesting aspects of this part of the county: ghost towns, agriculture, geography and history including visits to Sugar Grove Nature Center & Funks Grove Maple Syrup Center. Also visited were the Bloomington/Normal Sanitary District Sludge Farm and the McLean County Poor Farm. Lunch and other sights in Atlanta ended the day for an interesting and fun trip.

Twenty one members and guests enjoyed the Artesian Bread Workshop on June 9. We learned about the gluten free breads and enjoyed the samples.

The book "*Playing with the Enemy*" was reviewed recently at the Read & Share.

Each month there is "Comfort Quilts", "Dresses, Shorts & Pants" and "Card making for the soldiers" workshops.

Our lessons included programs on Container Gardening, Cutting Food Costs and Mobility and Flexibility. Our fact finds have informed us about Fenugreek, Mustard Seed and Dill.

We held our 96th McLean County HCE Annual meeting on July 8th with 90 members and guests attending. Jan Reimer gave a wonderful program entitled, "Cookin', Then & Now."

McLean County 4-H Fair is July 30 to August 3 and HCE will host a membership booth plus volunteer to help in different capacities such as superintendents, fair judges and secretaries.

See you in McLean County – come visit.

Pat Pulokas & Barb Jurgens
Public Relations

Mc LEAN.....

McLean County AHCE has had a busy three months.

The Disaster Preparedness family day we sponsored on Saturday, May 3 had over 300 people of all ages see the many exhibits and emergency responder vehicles and booths.

Eddy Weiss and Saxby, the Readiness Squirrel, both of Chasing4Life.org presented special programs. Captain Brad McCullom of the Bloomington Fire Department presented a fun puppet show on bicycle and fire safety.



Three TV stations get footage of the big day!

DISTRICT NEWS

SHELBY.....

Thirty nine members and guest enjoyed a bountiful Pot-Blessed Salad Supper. From chicken salad to cheese spread to strawberry delights, we tasted and talked and tasted and went back to get just another little taste.

Following supper, Carol Calkins, Customer Service Representative for the Hodgson Mill Company of Effingham spoke about the history of that company. She traced their roots from Missouri to Effingham where the company is now located.

“Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour, the mill.
Back of the mill is the wheat and the shower
And the sun, and the Father’s will.”

Quote opening the program from “Farm and Home Cook Book and Housekeeper’s Assistant” copyright 1907.

We welcomed a group of new members from Shelbyville Rehabilitation Center to HCE.

Kathy Yakey
Shelby County HCE News

Registration Hostesses were International Director, Mary Stampini and guest, Joyce Brutlag. A short ceremony of induction of officers was conducted. Meeting was adjourned. Prayer was given by Pat Bailey, prior to luncheon. There were a total of 30 in attendance. A luncheon was served by Applewood Foods.

Our special guests at the annual meeting were, Joan Stanley, Champaign, Illinois. Joan is Certified Volunteers / Sales for IAHCE, and our IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughhetee.

Our feature program was Marilyn, doing a power point and telling of her trip to Chennai, India, for the Associated Country Women of the World Triennial Conference.

Diane Reddy
Vermilion County Public Relations

VERMILION.....

*Vermilion County has been
“Cooking for 95 Years!”
Founded 1919,
and still cooking and learning in 2014.*

The annual meeting of the VCA for HCE took place June 11, at Crossroads Christian Church, Danville, Illinois. Theme of the meeting was “The Grand Old Flag!” Tables were decorated with red and blue place mats and small American Flags for center pieces.

Mary Stampini hand crafted favors of small red, white and blue aprons for each guest. Eleanor White presented a question and answer session on the United States of America flag code. The information about “Our Grand Old Flag” was very interesting and educational.

Volunteer recognition was presented to the members by Public Relations, Diane Reddy.



**DISTRICT 6
DIRECTOR
Marilyn Schaefer**

As I am writing this note to you, summer is going way to fast. I hope everything is well with you. I just returned from State Board Meeting and have lots to share with you at our District Workshop in Effingham. I know many of you will be traveling a long distance....drive safely.

I have enjoyed visiting many of the counties in District 6 at their annual meetings. Thank you for inviting me. I do apologize for the ones I could not get to as I had several booked for the same day. I have learned many interesting things, made new friends, and enjoyed a lot of entertainment and was treated to a lot of good cooking. Also my husband has been very ill the past six months so that has not helped but pray to the Lord that he is on the mend.

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DISTRICT NEWS

District 6 Director, Marilyn Schaefer continued

If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me I will be serving you until March 2015 and can run again but trusting the Lord for me to make the right decision.

As you go about your day, take the time to listen to your neighbor, friend, relative, co-worker or acquaintance if she would like to join HCE. I told you at last State Conference in Decatur I would have a prize for the county that got the most new members in District 6.

Will see you in Effingham at St. John's Lutheran Church at 901 W. Jefferson for District 6 workshop on August 21st.

Marilyn Schaefer

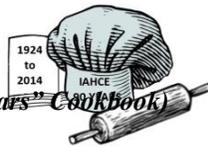
STRAWBERRY GLAZED FRUIT SALAD

Marilyn Schaefer

- 1 qt. fresh strawberries, halved*
- 1 20-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained*
- 4 firm bananas, sliced*
- 1 jar or pouch strawberry glaze*

*In a large bowl, gently toss fruit.
Fold in glaze. Chill 1 hour. Serves 8.*

(From "Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)



BOND.....

The first joint meeting of U of I Extension partnering with Home and Community Associations (HCE) Bond, Clinton, Marion, Jefferson and Washington counties was held May 3 at Kaskaskia College Lifelong Learning Center, Centralia, IL. "Realize... It's Your Life" program brought home, family and community together in a learning and fun environment.

The U of I Extension and HCE recognized their years as partners in history with speakers and activities from their communities. This year Extension celebrates 100 Years. Afternoon workshop topics included a culinary food demonstration, protecting consumers from fraud and scams, wellness living and bridging into technology.



Five from Bond County attended the 100 Year Celebration of Extension including Helen Leonhardt, right, program coordinator for Family Consumer Service for the five counties.

Bond County was honored to have Oleta Schaufelberger (a long-time HCE member) be the "featured quilter" at the Historical Society's 12th Annual Quilt Show on May 3 in Greenville, IL. Many of her quilts were on display—especially designated as her greatest quilting project was a "crazy quilt" which took her 5 years to complete.

Two scholarships were awarded in Bond County to graduating seniors—Josie Koontz of Smithboro, IL, a Mulberry High School student and Taylor Wright, student from Greenville, IL, at Greenville High School. Josie will attend Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN. Studying nursing—specializing in mental health. Taylor is enrolled at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL specializing in art and then a 4-year college for exercise science or athletic training.

Home and Community Educations Red Cross Blood drive brought in 13 units at the June 3 collection. We were honored to have two men earn 20 gallon pins (160 units).

Shirley Volentine
Bond County Public Relations

DISTRICT NEWS

CRAWFORD.....

After each Crawford County HCE Board meeting, a program is presented. After the June HCE Board meeting, members learned about “bees and beekeeping” from a special speaker. Arianna Goss, 13 year old beekeeper, gave a presentation about her hobby. She is the granddaughter of mailbox member, Rose Michl.



Barb Reynolds, Brandon Brock and Hope Dennis

Brandon Brock was the HCE \$300 scholarship recipient. He is the grandson of Barb Reynolds (Nightengale Unit). He is currently working toward a Criminology/Law Enforcement degree at Lincoln Trail College.

Hope Dennis
Public Relations

FAYETTE.....

The last three months have been busy ones for the Fayette County HCE, but also fulfilling and fun, regarding the projects, activities, meetings, etc.

The arrival of Spring was welcome, after a winter of ice, snow, and cold weather, which curtailed some of our activities, but the lull in action seemed to have fueled the inspirations and ideas for community works.

The Vandalia Day Unit’s HCE Honeys Team for the Relay for Life raised a total of \$3,300.00 with their assorted fund raisers for the cause.

Ongoing projects for the Fayette County units

include books for children, plastic for outside benches for nursing/assisted living facilities, non-perishable foods, and supplies for the food pantries, baby needs for the Lighthouse pregnancy center, Box tops, and used printer cartridges for schools, soda can tabs for McDonalds, items for veterans, and more.

Our Annual Get-Acquainted-Day theme was “Been Cookin’ for 90 Years” with the wearing of aprons and tiny chef’s hats and apron sand tiny cooking utensils used in the room and tables decorations. The “Scarf Lady”, Glenna Taylor, entertained the large county-county HCE groups with demonstrations of the art of wearing scarves.



Glenna Taylor, “Scarf Lady” chose Carol Oldham to be a model.

Our HCE Annual Meeting was held June

17 and although attendance was down, the tables were laden with good food, accompanied by good fellowship and conversation.

Special guest and speaker was our IAHCE sister, Ellie Maroon of Altamont and a past officer of IAHCE, who officiated at the installation of officers and presented each one with a wooden spoon, decorated with ribbons of the club’s colors. With a display of a select few of her extensive cookbook collection and shared some historical and interesting facts about several of the older ones.

Longevity memberships: belonging 60 years plus AJ Rhodes, Mary Ellen Lovett (also Senior member Recognition-100 years old); 50 years plus: Dorothy Harpster, Mary Stokes, Sally Behrends, Lucille Fisher, Rith Schnake, Evelyn Probst, Gert Garrett, Marilyn Magnus, Elizabeth Kasten, and May Della Probst.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Fayette County continued

It has been a good, informative (lessons) and fun (theme decorations) year for Fayette County HCE. We have grown some in membership, while we regret and miss those we have lost through relocations, illnesses, and death.

As always, I am looking forward to learning of the next year's theme. (Can hardly wait-couldn't we have just a little hint??) "Been Cookin'" has been a lot of fun!

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations

members. They have the opportunity to get to know each other, get great ideas for programs to share in the county, and have lots of fun along the way.

Sue Sparks,
Public Relations



*Jasper County HCE Board
Mystery Trip to
George Rogers Clark Memorial
Vincennes, Indiana.*

JASPER.....

A new unit was formed in Jasper County this year. Their goal for the first few months were to become more acquainted with their area in Illinois. In addition to the lessons provided by Jasper County Extension, the group has toured art studios, an ethanol plant, and heritage restaurants.



The Jasper County Monday Morning HCE group met with art gallery owner/"trash to treasure" artist, Steve Meadows, as they toured historic Palestine, IL. Charter members, Vera Hetzer and Norma Kennedy are active members of the unit along with two newly signed members.

Jasper County HCE was honored to have President Marilyn Daughhetee as guest speaker at their Annual meeting. Her insight and stories about her trip to India delighted everyone!

The county HCE Board is trying to spark more interest in getting members to serve on the Board. One method which has been quite interesting is a Mystery Trip planned for the board

JERSEY.....

As usual, Jersey County HCE members stayed active and had some very well attended programs and activities. We finally hosted the Spring HCE Retreat in Hillsboro on April 8 and made many new friends. The now defunct Montgomery County HCE ladies recently traveled to Jerseyville & Jersey County for a tour of the Fulkerson Mansion at Hazel Dell Farm, did some shopping at some of our unique little shops and had lunch at the historic 518 Restaurant due to their participation in the retreat.

On April 17, Chris Casey, Unit 18 Community & Economic Development Educator presented a program on "The History of Barn Quilts and Tourism – the Economic Impact".

Donna Schuckenbrock of Fieldon, IL displayed several of the barn quilts she has painted. Donna has also donated a 4 x 4 barn quilt to be displayed on the Exhibition Building at the Jersey County Fair. There were 38 people in attendance for this program and there was a lot of interest from the outside.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Jersey County continued

Hopefully, in the future, we can get a Barn Quilt Trail established here in Jersey County like they have in Calhoun County, which at the present time has 82 barn quilts on display.



Barn Quilt Display

We celebrated our 83rd Anniversary at our Annual Meeting on May 14 at the Peace United Church of Christ in Jerseyville. In keeping with the theme “IAHCE – Been Cookin’ for 90 Years”, we had Terry Frank, Executive Sous Chef from Lewis & Clark Community College give a presentation of “White Chocolate Crème Brule Bread Pudding”.

This was his original recipe and was a big hit, and can be found in the current issue of our HCE newsletter.



Sandra Bechtold and Chef Frank

On June 19, we traveled to Otterville, IL, a little village southwest of Jerseyville in which stands an unknown “jewel” in the State of Illinois. Hamilton Primary School, the Nation’s 1st Integrated School and Illinois’ 1st Free School, can be found in this tiny town. Dr. Silas Hamilton, a Vermont physician settled his practice in Otterville in 1830 with his

slave George. Upon his death in 1834, he left behind \$4,000 to establish a primary school in Otterville that would be free to residents, along with his freed slave George. As the 1st integrated school in the nation, the Hamilton Primary School opened in 1835.

For more information regarding the history of this school go to www.HamiltonPrimarySchool.com

After touring the school we traveled to Grafton, IL, a quaint little river town in southern Jersey County to have lunch.

We booked a shuttle to take us up the hill to Aeries Winery and Zip-Line facility where we overlooked the confluence of the Illinois & Mississippi Rivers while we ate. No, none of us took the Zip-Line!

Elizabeth Schwab
Publicity Director

MADISON.....

Where is the Summer going? Madison County sailed through the spring with our annual meeting on April 28, 2014 when we welcomed Eleanor Gregory as our new International Director on the board and awarded our \$500.00 scholarship to Victoria Wieseman, a graduate of Staunton High School.

Joyce Cornwell and her group of 1st Vice Presidents did a splendid job with the membership tea. MCAHCE board members entertained the ladies with a Kitchen Band and Joyce recognized the new members and their sponsors. The tables were decorated with vintage tablecloths, old time kitchenware items, aprons, etc. to emphasize the 2014 IAHCE Theme.

Membership tea was followed by the County Tour on May 22 to Magic Chef Mansion, lunch at Zia's on the Hill and a tour of Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. We had two buses with 89 members and guest.

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DISTRICT NEWS

were distributed to 4-H clubs in Madison County to complete and return to us to give to the Linus blanket project.

On August 2, we are having our Summer Cool Down at Senior Services Plus. Some of the workshops include teneriffe embroidery, embroidery, macramae, bread dough flowers, silk scarf dying, crochet necklaces, water color classes, shabby chic glass art for the garden and more. If you are interested in getting a registration, contact Joyce at 656-1331 or Claudia at 433-1907. Deadline for registration is July 25th. There is a \$10.00 charge which includes lunch. Some classes have additional fees for materials.

On August 25 we will be working with Monroe County to host IAHCE President Marilyn Daughettee and a presentation on her trip to India. For more info, contact Vi at 254-0368. Lunch will be furnished.

On Saturday, September 13, we will have a quilt show featuring quilts of Madison County HCE members which they made or own. It will be 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Madison County Farm Bureau Auditorium (back entrance), 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville, IL. Also, there will be a dessert tasting featuring over 20 desserts made by various HCE Units in Madison County. Free to the Public!

We will have our International Night on Germany on Monday, October 13 and last but not least we will conclude our 2014 activities with Christmas in November--Buttons and Bows!

If you have questions about any of our events, contact our MCAHCE President, Vi Huebner, 254-0368.

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations



DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing

I was so excited to attend 12 Annual Meetings from late March to early May. My husband traveled with me and we enjoyed many of your marvelous meals. Thanks so much for the invitations. I look forward to coming to the couple of counties I could not visit this Spring for some activity you have this year and revisiting those I went to next Spring.

We held a mini district meeting in later June after the state board meeting. This is always a great sharing time. We have another scheduled for October 28, right after the October state board meeting.

By the time you read this, reservations for district meetings will have been due. I am anxious to see you again in Effingham. We will hold a district meeting there and announce the 2015 state theme.

Our state board meeting was held from June 15-18 in Decatur. It was a busy several days and I'm still trying to become acquainted with state board.

Keep working on gaining new members. Let's increase our membership. More chocolate chips always make the cookies taste much better and more members can only make our organization all that much better.

I just returned from 2 weeks in Florida. Really enjoyed days in the sun, at the pool and walking on the beach. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon at District meeting on August 21.

Janel Kassing

EVERYONE

NEEDS TO WORK TO GET NEW MEMBERS!



BEGINETS Janel Kassing

Sift together: 1 1/3 cup flour, 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt

Blend in gradually: 2/3 cup milk and 1 egg, well beaten

Drop by tablespoon into hot, deep fat for 2-5 minutes.

Drain on absorbent paper, then roll in sugar.

(From "Been Cookin' 90 Years" Cookbook)

DISTRICT NEWS

HAMILTON.....

We waited a long time for warm weather but once it got here, we are continuing to have warm and humid weather. Hopefully the humidity won't last all summer.

We started spring with a lesson on "Salads and Garnishes" which was very good. Getting to sample the finished products was even better.

We held our Annual Meeting on April 24th at St. Clement's church hall. We had a very nice meeting followed by a delicious catered lunch. After lunch, Paula Hatfield, Extension Program Director, talked about the GIFT Garden. (Growing Illinois Food Together) The "Fruit and Veggie Players" presented a skit. We had our first ever "Oscar for Womanhood" award which went to Becky Belcher.

With summer coming on, our members will not be afraid to hit the road in their cars after attending our May lesson on "Car Care for Women." It was a very informative lesson given by Ronnie Birkner of Teffertiller Motors and was well attended.

The last event for this program year was our annual picnic. It was a great day with 55 attending, including residents from the two local nursing homes and the assisted living facility. Everyone enjoyed the lunch at beautiful Dolan Lake. Several took part in painting projects after lunch. The weather was great with a nice cool breeze during the activity.

We continue to have "walking" in the courthouse basement for all who wish to attend. We are also still collecting soda tabs, box tops and hard plastic items. We have donated a significant number of pounds to various schools and organizations this year.

Our members keep busy year round on various projects. We will take a short summer break and be back in full swing this fall.

Have a great summer!

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations

SALINE.....

We have survived the ice and snow of winter!

We are planning ahead for our Annual Meeting, "90 Years of Cookin'", on Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. The Units will join the Board in preparing food and we will review 2013 and give awards, including a 25-years pin to Georgia Murphy.

Barb Lambert will again be chairman for our



"Arts in the Park" on Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Harisrburng City Park with Artisans, Crafters, Music, Food and our popular Cupcake Walk.

Wanda Raley
Public Information

WHITE.....

Hello from Southern Illinois! White County borders Indiana and Kentucky. It boasts the big Wabash and the little Wabash rivers, as well as Dolan's Lake. Our scenic countryside is rich with daffodils, bright colored tulips, and azaleas in rainbow hues.

White County HCE members are staying quite busy this spring with many projects that serve the entire community. Our units are scattered throughout the county and we plan activities for all of our residents.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

DISTRICT NEWS

White County continued

The service projects participated in by White County in 2013 include:

- Collected items for Veterans; delivered them to the Marion Veterans Hospital.
- Helped with 4-H pork chop dinner by providing all the desserts.
- Assisted in judging the 4-H show and served breakfast to the participants and their families.
- Donated two \$50.00 checks to the 4-H members who excelled in home and family projects.
- Collected and delivered items to the White County Food pantries.
- Gathered soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.
- Collected General Mills Education coupons for two White County schools.
- Made desserts and served at the Red Cross blood drives in White County.
- Helped with the White County Farm Fest for Pre-K students by providing a craft for 150 students.
- Delivered treats to the caregivers at the nursing homes in White County during HCE week.
- Provided chocolate treats for the White County Christmas.
- Made donation of money to the local schools to help fund activities.
- Members of HCE went to the schools and read to students.
- HCE members volunteered at White County nursing homes.
- HCE members volunteered at the Norris City Museum.
- HCE members made cancer caps that are available for cancer victims.

We are now getting ready for the April Style Show and Salad luncheon. Members from each of the units will model the new spring fashions. We are taking donations for the beautiful gift baskets made by the individual units.

The City of Carmi and White County are starting to plan for the Bi-Centennial celebration in 2015 and 2016. White County Home and Community Group will assist with those historical events.



White County chairman, Ruth Norris and second vice Bonnie Remley delivering packages to veterans hospital, Marion, IL.

Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...
it's about learning to dance in the rain!

Glenda Ackerman
Public Relations

RECIPE FOR A GOOD UNIT



1 intelligent Chairman
1 handful of efficient officers
1 smart secretary
1 smooth executive committee
A smattering of "mixed nuts" commonly called members

Several dozen good eggs, not hard boiled

Mix with fun and plenty of common sense. Add a generous amount of diligence, service, foresightedness. An unlimited supply of tact.

Lastly, add equal amounts of push, pull and pep. Use a light but firm hand and stir with enthusiasm. Sweeten the Chairman occasionally with honeyed words. Use a soap on members and rub it in. (There is nothing like lubrication to prevent frustration.) Introduce new ideas and allow to simmer. Season with a yearly project. Mix all together with one big booster meeting. Cover with glory and honor. Serve with hospitality and music.

Copied from
"BEEN COOKIN' 90 YEARS" IAHCE cookbook
District 6, Jersey County, Sandra Bechtold

2013 EDUCATION AWARDS

Community Outreach Awards List

| <i>Citizenship</i> | <u>District</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Lake Co. | 2/3 | Sue Jehlicka |
| Pike Co. | 4 | Mary Lea Prentice |
| Macon Co. | 5 | Karen Cahill |
| Monroe Co. | 6 | Carol Hoffmann |
| Randolph Co. | 7 | Ruth Nagle |

Environment

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| LaSalle Co. | 2/3 | Dawn Ahearn |
| Promote 3 R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle | | |
| Jefferson Co. | 7 | 2/3 Janice Wagner |
| Promote 3 R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle | | |

Safety

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| McLean Co. | 5 | Cindy Kelley |
| Network with other organizations to share facts and knowledge | | |

Special Activity

| | | |
|---------------|-----|-------------------|
| DuPage Co. | 2/3 | Carolyn Fisher |
| Champaign Co. | 5 | Elizabeth Michael |

GRAND AWARD-Special Activities Effingham County 6 Carol Hartke Bookmarks for Schools and Public Libraries



Cultural Enrichment Awards List

Textiles & Clothing

| | |
|--------|-----|
| DuPage | 2/3 |
| Macon | 4 |
| Wayne | 7 |

Heritage Skills

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Rock Island | 1 |
| Kane | 2/3 |
| McLean | 5 |
| Randolph | 7 |

Special Activity

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Stephenson | 1 |
| LaSalle | 2/3 |
| Adams | 4 |
| Edgar | 5 |
| Bond | 6 |
| Perry | 7 |

GRAND AWARD WINNER

Effingham County 6



Taught "How to sew" with Girl Scouts,
made Christmas stockings

Family Issues Awards List

Family Living

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| McLean | 5 |
| Education Award | Family growth & Development |
| Adams | 4 |
| Education Award | Assisted with Blood Drive |
| Kane | 2/3 |
| Education Award | IAHCE 95 th Birthday Party/Annual Meeting |
| Champaign | 5 |
| Education Award | Fund Raiser & Awareness for Heart Association |

Special Activity

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Effingham | 6 |
| Education Award | Chemo Duck Awareness & Giving program |
| Stephenson | 1 |
| Education Award | Autism Awareness program |
| McLean | 5 |
| Education Award | Disaster Preparedness program |
| Kankakee | 2/3 |
| Education Award | Autism Weighted Blankets 104 made, 30 orders |
| Wayne | 7 |
| Education Award | Autism Weighted Blanket |

Health, Food & Nutrition

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Macon | 5 |
| Education Award | Health, Exercise, & Fitness program |
| Madison | 6 |
| Education Award | Health Smart for the family |

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2013 EDUCATION AWARDS

Family Issues — Special Activity, continued

Franklin 7
 Education Award Health Smart, diet and exercise program

LaSalle 2/3
 Education Award Teaching pie making with 4-H'ers

DuPage 2/3 South Africa
 Appreciating wildlife in the Rainbow Nation

Morgan 4 South Africa
 Sharing travel stories spices things up

Macon/Piatt/DeWitt 5 South Africa
 Speaker, displays and food rocked

Effingham 6 South Africa
 Plans & Execution a "Foodie's" Dream

Washington 7 South Africa
 100% Education 43% Event Attendance-Great

GRAND AWARD-Health, Food & Nutrition

McLean 5
Organized Healthy Diet, Exercise, & Weight Loss Program

Weight Loss Award McLean
 with 90 pounds lost and 10,096 hours of exercise recorded

2013 Family of Year
 Lynn & Linda Rader, McLean County



Other County of Study

Pike 4 Honduras
 Imagine - A Veterinarian Mission

GRAND AWARD 6 Monroe County
SIE & Fundraiser
Boosted by Public Relations Plan including Social Media



International Education Awards List

County of Study

Lee 1 South Africa
 Educating members Extensively & with Fun

LaSalle 2/3 South Africa
 African Styled "hats" are Elegant Mobile Displays

Tazewell 4 South Africa
 Newsletter Articles Built South Africa Interest

Champaign 5 South Africa
 Enthusiastic Speakers Enlightened Attendees

Clay 6 South Africa
 Rotary Int'l and Clay County HCE-Good Pairing

Jefferson 7 South Africa
 Year's Education & Special Event Plan-Well Done

Special International Event

Stephenson 1 South Africa
 Learning made easy with an accomplished speaker

Public Relations Awards List

HCE Week

DuPage County 2/3
 Promoting lessons during HCE Week

Champaign Co. 5
 Promoting their lessons and events during HCE Week

Washington County 7
 Promotions daily during HCE Week & the use of the 2013 Theme "The Many Hats of IAHCe"

Public Relations

Tazewell County 4
 Promoting upcoming lessons and events in several county newsletters during the year

McLean County 5
 Promotions monthly of lessons & events featuring for members and non-members

Monroe County 6
 Using the media to promote county lessons and activities

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2013 EDUCATION AWARDS

Public Relations, continued

Special Activities

- Stephenson County 1
Featuring a great idea to promote HCE with Christmas Tree & miniature items
- Kankakee County 2/3
Promoting the 89 "Weighted Blankets" project in the community
- Macon County 5
Using lessons at the library for new members to learn about HCE

GRAND AWARD WINNER
Madison County 6
Using all areas of Public Relations
for lessons, county events,
and the 2013 theme



MEMBERSHIP AWARDS LIST

Special Activity

- Massac County
Membership event drive during HCE week

Activities

- Perry County
Activities held all year to promote membership

Net % Gain

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Williamson county | .1000 |
| Bureau County | .1081 |
| Madison County | .1102 |
| Perry County | .1157 |

GRAND AWARD
FOR MEMBERSHIP
Perry County



Certified Volunteer Hour Awards List

Highest number of hours reported

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Warren Co. | 1 |
| Lake Co. | 2/3 |
| Pike Co. | 4 |
| Champaign Co. | 5 |
| Madison Co. | 6 |
| Franklin Co. | 7 |

Highest number of members participating

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Warren Co. | 1 |
| Lake Co. | 2/3 |
| Pike Co. | 4 |
| McLean Co. | 5 |
| Macoupin Co. | 6 |
| Massac Co. | 7 |

Highest Percentage of members participating

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Warren Co. | 1 |
| Kane Co. | 2/3 |
| Pike Co. | 4 |
| McLean Co. | 5 |
| Fayette Co. | 6 |
| Pulaski-Alexander | 7 |

In Memory of
Marge Wilcox
 1949-2014

She died on May 1, 2014. Visitation and funeral were held on May 4, 2014 at Faith Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, IL.

From March, 2012 until April 16, 2014, Marge served as Community Outreach Director on the IAHC State Board. She submitted her resignation due to her health. She also served as CVH/Sales Director on the Jefferson County HCE Board.

Marge was also active in the Faith Lutheran Church.

Marge is survived by a daughter and grandson.



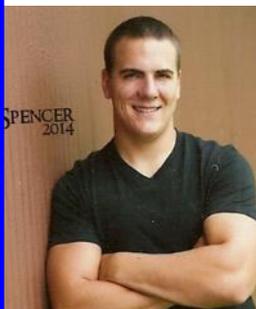
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Sarah Loos, Pinckneyville, Perry County



Sarah's educational goals are to hone her abilities as a musician and to prepare herself for her aspired career. She plans to obtain her Bachelor of Oboe Performance at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Upon completion, she will attend graduate school to earn a Master's Degree in Oboe Performance. This will ultimately allow her to perform in a professional symphony orchestra. Sarah says, "I will continue to take advantage of all the opportunities the conservatory presents me. I truly love studying and performing music for people and with your help, being able to do what I love will be made possible."

Spencer Cook, DuQuoin, Perry County



Spencer is currently a senior at DuQuoin High School where he was captain of his football and basketball teams. He also is attending John A. Logan College. His future plans are to Attend McKendree University. He is pursuing a degree in law enforcement. Spencer says "Getting my degree will help me be successful by giving me the knowledge to know what to do and how to handle things. College will also teach me responsibility and how to handle challenges by myself. It will also teach me to be a leader in the workforce. This scholarship will help me attain my goals of a college education and becoming a successful worker in today's society."

Allyson Bingham, Griggsville, Pike County



Allyson's educational goals include attending the University of Iowa majoring in Elementary Education. She has chosen this career because of her love of working with Children and is looking forward to teaching them in a public school. She says it is rewarding to see the excitement of a child when he or she accomplishes a new task or skill and she is looking forward to that experience. After she graduates from college, she plans to teach in a public school system for a few years then return to college to obtain a Master's Degree.

Tyler Harm, Columbia, Monroe County



Tyler is attending Southeast Missouri State University majoring in Business Management. At graduation he will receive a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. He selected this major due to his strong leadership skills and interest in the field. Tyler writes, "Throughout college, I hope to further develop my leadership skills and overall knowledge base in an effort to prepare myself for my future. My primary goals over the next four years are to get good grades, continue to build a strong reputation and exceed the expectations of those around me."

Jenna Meiners, Mackinaw, Wayne County



Jenna has been quite involved in many extracurricular activities in high school and has received numerous awards including placing 8th in the accounting competition at the 2014 Future Business Leaders of America State Conference. She plans to major in accounting and be a CPA which requires five years of schooling. She says, "Receiving this scholarship will aid me in getting all the schooling I need to get the best education possible and help me achieve my career goals of working in either public or private accounting. I am a very dedicated, hardworking student and I will continue to work even harder while being a student in college."

Women Walk the World in Illinois, USA

JERSEY COUNTY

braved the chilly weather on April 29 to walk outside accompanied by a four legged friend.



LEE COUNTY

reported a sunny, but cool day for their walk on April 10.

ADAMS COUNTY

recognized members at their Annual Meeting for their outstanding volunteer hours and Walk Around Adams County miles.

DE KALB COUNTY

had walkers both inside and outside on May 13.



A national drug store chain, Walgreens, provided pedometers and a backpack for participants.

Funds were raised for both a clay pot water filtration business initiative in Tanzania and ACWW. Later in the year other counties will report on their WWW activities.



EDGAR COUNTY

walked around the Edgar County fairground—walking at their own pace. The group of 15 collected Pennies for Friendship.

LAKE COUNTY

chose to walk inside during their annual meeting on April 25.

At various stations around the room, flags of countries around the world were displayed and Pennies for Friendship donations collected.



DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



Greetings from Adams County! It has been a busy and exciting year. Adams County celebrated 96 years at our annual meeting on April 29. Our theme for the evening was "Been Cookin' since 1918", and in keeping with the theme, members wore one of their favorite aprons. We were entertained by several members modeling their aprons in an apron style show.

Scholarships were awarded to 3 very deserving young people Ashley Hibbert a member of Paloma HCE, Marcus Jansen grandson of Linda Duncan of Unity Nite, and Allyson Willimann granddaughter of Anne Willimann.

Units are planning one day trips to spend time together and enjoy each others company. Several board members have expressed interest and are excited to attend the fall conference for districts 4 & 5 on August 20 in Washington IL. We are looking forward to hearing new ideas and meeting members from other counties.

Wishing you a great summer!
Suzanne Williams
Adams County Public Relations



Left: Fayette County May Della Probst received a 50 year certificate and pin from Anna Jean Rhodes



Above: McLean County Disaster Preparedness Day



Right: Lucille Fisher celebrated her 101st birthday at Fayette County Get-Acquainted Day

Below: Crawford County HCE Board at a Bees and Bee-keeping program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for a "few good " women to become a member of IAHCE State Board.

This coming year, four offices will become available. The President, Secretary, Community Outreach Director and International Director positions are up for election.

IAHCE State Board Applications are on page 54-55 of your Guidebook.

Deadline is October 1st.

Duties are in the Bylaws.

President - must have served on the State Board for one term (3 Years).

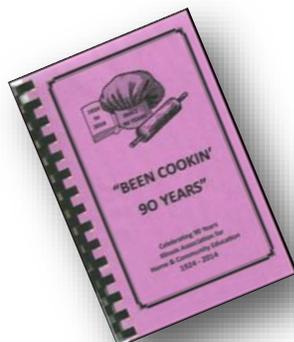
The deadline is quickly approaching for these offices.

As the Chairman for the 2015 Nominating Committee, please feel free to ask any questions about this process. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate for one of these positions, please fill out the forms and get them to me before October 1st. Our addresses are in the front of the newsletter.

Thank you,

Nominating Committee

Marilyn Schaefer, Chairperson
Donna Richards
Kathryn McNeely
Angela Hicks
Mary Eustace



UPCOMING DATES

2014 IAHCE District Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3....August 19, 2014
Illinois Valley Community College
Oglesby, Illinois
- District 4 & 5.....August 20, 2014
Crossroads United Methodist Church
Washington, Illinois
- District 6 & 7.....August 21, 2014
St. John's Lutheran Church
Effingham, Illinois

NVON (National Volunteers Outreach Network)
July 21-23, 2014
Sheraton at Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, Indiana

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

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

2014 JUNE BOARD HAPPENINGS

- Scholarship committee selected winning applications
- Finalized plans for the August, 2014 District Workshops
- Support Fund committee reviewed applications submitted
- Heard presentations from 3 hotels for 2016 conference
- Selected site for 2016 NVON conference to be held in Illinois
- Discussed centerpieces for 2015 Annual Conference to match theme
- Board approved ordering more cookbooks
- President reported as of June board meeting has traveled 3,493 miles to do presentation on India
- Nominating committee accepting applications for the following offices: president, secretary, community outreach, international. (district 1 director and district 6 director to be elected at district workshops)

NEWS & NOTES

CWC USA 74th General Meeting
September 25-27, 2014
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Print registration form from website:

cwcusa.org/events

Registration deadline is August 25, 2014

UPDATE ON CROSBY

Hi from sunny Utah! Just wanted to send you all an update on my Grandson, Crosby Steele Hoots who was, yes I said was, on the list for a new liver! He had been taken off the list for a short time. When they put his name back on, June 12, 2014 we were so happy. To make the story even better, they called on Friday the 13th to rush to the Barnes Children's Hospital in St. Louis; a liver was available! Off they went with us shortly behind. After some delays and the normal things at a hospital, the surgery was scheduled for Saturday, 11:00AM. The nurses came in, checked everything and carried him off to surgery. The wait is the worst but by 7:30PM we were allowed to see Crosby. Within an hour or two his yellow eyes and skin were almost normal. He was in and out the first couple of days in ICU but then started recognizing us and taken to a regular room and was on his way to a great recovery and on June 25th was home feeling almost like his old self, less than two weeks after surgery!

He has been eating like a regular little boy and I bet by the time he has been to the Dr., he will have grown an inch or two. I want to thank everyone so much for the prayers, notes and donations to COTA in honor of Crosby H.

The reason we are in Utah is that we have just been to Phoenix, AZ to see our other new Grandson, Jackson Matthew Middleton, our son Scott and his wife Renee's new premature little one. He was due in August but made an early arrival while Crosby was in the hospital in St. Louis. He came in at 4 lb. 11 oz. Pretty good for a premie. We couldn't be in both places and his other Grandma was able to go out to be with mom and dad. He is still in the hospital so we had to see him! Another beautiful baby boy and doing so well, will be home very shortly. While out here in the "HOT" weather, decided to visit the Grand Canyon too! Have to be home by Monday, HCE board meeting to head up. So goes my tale.....See some of you at the District Workshops in August.

Sharon Middleton, Macon County

NVON Sharon Middleton



Several of the Illinois IAHCE members will be attending the NVON Conference in Indianapolis, IN in July. We will be representing IAHCE as we are one of eight states that belong to the National Volunteer Outreach Network. If you are not familiar with this organization that you are a member of, check their website. The address is on the IAHCE.org website under Related Sites (www.nvon.org)

I will have an article in the next IAHCE newsletter giving you some of the highlights of that conference when we return.

The state of Illinois will be hosting the 2016 NVON Conference. I am the Chairperson and will be asking many of you if you will share some of your talents. There should be more information on that conference by District Workshop and I will be in contact. The date of the conference will be July 19-21, 2016 at the Marriott Hotel in Normal, IL.



He had assumed a cookbook
would come with a cook.

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