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IAHCE PRESIDENT JANE CHAPMAN

Greetings from Jane's World!

As I sit and write this the autumn leaves are drifting by my window, it is a warm, beautiful fall day and I see a cloud of dust (no, it is not the Lone Ranger and Tonto) coming from my neighbors combine harvesting double crop soybeans while the only thing falling are the leaves and not rain or snow! Harvest is really close to being completed in this part of the state, all that is left is mainly double crop soybeans. And, that is the farm report from Jane!

Once again, the state board meeting was filled with much business and interviews of the candidates for the upcoming election in March. I was really excited to see so many people interested in serving on the state board. I think I should be excited unless that means they think I am really doing a lousy job and want to make changes! Hmmm! Seriously it is great to see more than one choice given to the delegates at the conference. No, not all of the positions have more than one but some do! All the candidates are very qualified and will add much to the state board!

I have been listening, I took my recommendations to the board, they agreed on some of them and so now we have less different due dates! Seriously I heard that all the time, "why do we have so many different due dates, they are hard to remember them all!" We consolidated as many as we could plus are asking for a by-law change to get one in sync with another date!

The March Conference is going to be so much fun and full of surprises and guess what? The board doesn't even know all the surprises that will happen at the conference! If you have never attended a conference, this is the year to start! I guarantee you, you will enjoy it, learn a lot from others and the share shops, and go away enthused and motivated!

I was looking for just the right saying to end this with and being a Snoopy Lover I found a picture of Charlie Brown and Snoopy together in bed with Charlie Brown reading to Snoopy and it says, "The most wonderful place to be in the world are: In Someone's thoughts. Someone's prayers. And in Someone's heart." I hope each and everyone of you are in all these wonderful places!



Later,
Jane

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st VICE PRESIDENT Sharon Middleton



As everyone is saying, "Where Did This Year Go?". I don't know but it went faster than the fastest train! Getting back to the subject, it has been a terrific year for IAHCE. We've had several counties who celebrated 100 years...how many organizations can say that! And, there will be more 100 year celebrations in the next few years. Congratulations to you all.

Many of you have sent me lessons you have presented in your counties since District Workshop and I will get them out to all of the other counties. I'm running a bit late, but you will get them. Please remember to send me ideas for lessons for the 2020 year. Ideas and suggestions are due to me by January 1. These are collocated into the different categories and sent off to our U of I liaison, Karla Beltzer. She then sends these ideas off to the U of I Educators who go over and see which ones are possible lessons. We then vote on 6 topics from their list for the 2020 year. And we thought we wouldn't get to the year 2000!

I have seen, and have been sent some, of your Program Booklets. You all are very busy in your counties. Lessons are what keeps counties going. Fun classes, classes for health and wellness, lessons for travel here and abroad, and many more topics.

At the state conference in March, we will spend more time for you to share with everyone how you go about getting lessons, besides the ones from the U of I Educators. Have a list ready to tell others what your favorite lessons have been in the past and those coming up in 2019.

We will only have 1 hour to get all this done. Come with a positive attitude and lets go into the new year with great lessons to take to our membership and those new to IAHCE.

Sharon Middleton



2nd VICE PRESIDENT Angela Hicks



As I reflect back over the past six years there have been moments of feeling confident and doubtful; moments of happiness and sadness; and but most importantly there have been sparks of accomplishment and inspiration! I have two quotes I live by in my life, the main one is –

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

The other one begins *"Aspire to"*

meaning my hopes, ambition, and goals. To accomplish the job of IAHCE Second Vice President, the main goal was to look at the membership positively with the idea that we work on what we could control which was increasing membership.

To accomplish these goals I had to *"Inspire"*. Many women before me, inspired me. They showed me how worthwhile this organization is through their leadership. Sharing their knowledge and encouraging participation. Showing dedication to their family and community. Inspiration is all around us...people, books, nature, caring attitude, smiles when we don't feel like smiling, kind words, etc. As the IAHCE Second Vice President, I was inspired to share the basics of how to market our organization, how to present ourselves to encourage others to join, and how to follow-up. It has been so encouraging to see that many counties have gained new members. You have it within yourself to inspire!

The list of inspiration is endless we just have to stop, listen, and sometimes "let go". This brings us to the last line of the quote *"before you Expire"*!

My tenure as the IAHCE Second Vice President is about to expire! Yes, it is time for me to step down from the IAHCE Board so that another leader may inspire you!

It has been an honor to serve on the IAHCE Board first as the District 2/3 Director and then as the Second Vice President. This experience and the people I have met along the way have inspired me to become a more productive member of HCE, as well as, help others to become a part of the HCE team! Continue to let your light shine for HCE!

I shall return, as

"I Aspire to Inspire before I Expire"!

Angela Hicks



EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECRETARY Donna Richards



It was great to see you in August at the District Workshops which were fun, informative and very rewarding.

As you finish up “Celebration at the Crossroads”, make your plans to attend the 2019 IAHCe Annual Conference “Celebrating Around the World with IAHCe”, March 12th – 14th at Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois. Conference Chair Marilyn Schaefer and Co-Chair Pat Hildebrand have a great Conference planned.

Mail your Conference Registration Form and Share Shops Registration Form early to me at 803 W. Jourdan St., Apt. B3, Newton, IL 62448. Please remember that some of the Share Shops will be limited. Assignment of all Share Shops are based on Registrations first received are first served.

Please plan to attend the Secretary’s Share Shop at Conference to meet your new State Secretary, who will be elected during the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 13th.

Hopefully, your County President receives the President’s Pre-Annual Conference Packet in the mail at about the same time as you are reading this newsletter. If I have received your current list of County Officers (Secretary’s Report), then the packet reached the correct person. We use the reports for any mailings the Board needs to do.

Any questions, please feel free to send me an email at dsrichards001@hotmail.com

Thanks,

Donna Richards



TREASURER Beverly Combs



I really enjoyed traveling over the state and meeting you all at the August District Workshops. To those attending the 2nd Vice/Treasurer session, I appreciated 2nd Vice Angela taking lead of the session. She did a great job explaining why the county 2nd Vice

and county Treasurer need to work together on their membership report and submission of state dues. I hope some of what we shared will be helpful.

Remember to check the information I gave each treasurer for the various details involving your county treasurer’s

assignment. And, don’t forget that I’m only a phone call away if you need some help.

As the end of this year nears, here are some important items for county treasurers:

- By now you should have the Friendship Projects Fund monies mailed to me. If not, do so ASAP.

- Your county dues should be postmarked by January 15th, 2019. Don’t forget the transmittal sheet (green) that needs to accompany the dues check (payable to IAHCe). I included this form for each county treasurer at the August District Workshops. This form can also be found on our website – www.iahce.org

- Keep in mind that the number of members turned in to your District Director and the number of members you pay dues for must be the same. The number of recorded members is of December 31st, 2018.

- Failure to have the dues paid by the deadline will make your county ineligible to count it as a credit on the County of the Year form. The same is true of the Friendship Projects Fund monies.

Lastly, I hope you are planning to attend the March 2019 Annual Conference in Effingham. It promises to be another great conference.

Wishing you a Blessed holiday season with family and friends.

Bev Combs



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long



Well ladies, as another year is coming to an end, so is my term on the state board. I have made a couple of changes again this year, but this should be my last changes; hopefully this will make things easier for you. As most of you know you can now email me your entries, but I had to change my email address, so please make note of that. Of course you can still mail me your entries to the same address, but the board changed the due date to Jan. 31. Too many of you were complaining because there were too many different dates when



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

➔ Cultural Enrichment, continued

things are due, so now the reports and Cultural Arts show entries are due the same time, January 31. If they aren't postmarked by Jan 31, I am not supposed to even open them, so watch the date. Also, if you mail me your entries, remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope with them.

I did also change a couple of categories, but I am not going to tell you what that is, you need to go to the web site, IAHCE.ORG to look. If I told you, you would be confused anyway, so look. Or, if you don't have a computer you can email me, or call me and I can tell you what they are.

If you didn't get your ideas in to me for a make it take it yet, just let me know at conference on Tuesday what you would like to do, and the cost, along with a finished product, so I can show it in my room, or you can let me know before then. As always if you give me 2 weeks notice, before conference, I can make copies of the instructions for you.

We will be taking entries on Monday night, so bring them on down.

Can't wait to see you, many for the last time. We have some fun things planned, so come on down and visit, sit down, kick your feet up, and stay awhile.

Mail your stuff to Peggy Long, 1573 39th Av. Moline, Il. 61265. Or, email to peggylong661@gmail.com. Phone # is still 309-517-1032.

See you in Effingham.

Peggy Long



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES Norma Korte



Hello from Southern Illinois again and for the last time as Family & Community Issues Director. The fall harvest is almost completed; all we need is about two days of good dry-weather to finish the soybeans.

Trees are changing, apples are ready to pick, and pumpkins are showing up as yard decorations.

I wanted to express how much I have enjoyed being your Family & Community Issues Director. You have taught me a lot and I hope you have learned a little from me this past year. We didn't have time to discuss and share much at the August Workshops, so I am going to allocate more time at the March Annual Conference share shop for us to exchange ideas. You will also have an opportunity to meet the new Family & Community Issues Director that will be elected during IAHCE Conference business meeting.

This is a friendly reminder to send your Education Award applications to me for Family & Community Issues by January 31. If you know of a family that would be a good candidate for the Family of the Year, those applications are due on January 31. The time will get here before you know it, so get started now!! Remember that you are limited to 10, double-sided pages of supporting material for each application.

The Conference Committee has been working hard to organize a great conference again. Make plans now to sign up for the different share shops and be prepared to enjoy visiting with the HCE members you have met through the years. Have a great time at the IAHCE Annual Conference in Effingham, IL!

Best Wishes from Korte Farms for a Merry Christmas.

Norma Korte



INTERNATIONAL Cara Ausmus



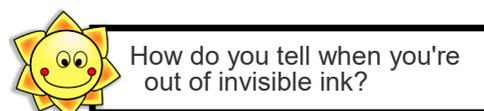
As we embark on our outbound exchange with Australia's CWA, we have Deon Maas preparing to travel and some extras in store for our members. She has a separate article on page 48 of this newsletter with her plans which include a blog while she is there and of course speaking to groups after her return. We are very excited about her preparations and plans. Be thinking about groups or counties having her be in an area or district to save travel time and expense. She is open to overnighting with our members to accommodate several groups at a time in areas away from her home base near Peoria. Think about how we can all work together to facilitate this. With January we will change International focus to learn more about India and that area's treats and treasures. At conference we will be touching on these two topics and learning more about how our Friendship Projects Fund money will be used and assigned with ACWW projects. There will also be news about a new exchange in 2020.

Please take the ACWW Survey conveniently on our IAHCE.org website if you haven't yet. Thank you for representing our country!

I hope everyone is able to see, learn and/or taste something internationally new between now and conference.

Good on you- Australia and Namaste- India. See you soon in Effingham!!

Cara Ausmus



EDUCATION COMMITTEE



CVH/SALES
Ashley Davis

As I write this article another year is almost over. It has been a busy 2018 for my family. We had two daughters get married in September two weeks apart. I will cherish all the great memories of 2018 and I have to say I have some great ones.

It was so good to see everyone at the 2018 District Workshops. I want to give all the District Directors a shout out for their hard work in planning the workshops. I always get excited when I know it's time to spend time with the State Board and HCE Members. I hope that ya'll are ready for the 2019 IAHCe Annual Conference. Isn't it exciting to know that we will be "Celebrating Around the World with IAHCe"? I am pretty excited to know I get to travel with an organization that has the greatest members. But before we leave on our world travels we have some work to do. It's that time of the year for you to be gathering all your volunteer hours and turn them in. I am getting antsy to see all the hours this year. I would like to say "Thank You!" for your hard work and dedication. You all are TRULY AWESOME!

Just a few reminders:

The **absolute postmarked deadline is January 31, 2019 to submit hours.** This is the date the hours must be to me, if you wish to be considered for State Awards. Please make sure members are listed **alphabetically by last name.** The forms can be found online www.iahce.org in the guidebook on pages 73-76.

I have a poem to share, it makes me think of all of you:

*When you volunteer,
you're not paid in money
You're paid in Love,
people may forget what you said
People may forget what you did,
But they will never.
Forget how you made them FEEL!*

I know that when I volunteer it makes my heart happy to know that I am able to make that one person smile. As I close I would like to say it doesn't matter how big or how small the number of hours you have, turn them in. You all deserve a pat on the back.

Hot New Item coming to IAHCe Sales: IAHCe is getting a Christmas Ornament!! There will only be 500 ordered. So, this is a limited item! The Christmas Ornament will not be released for sale until the 2019 IAHCe Annual Conference in March. The Christmas ornament will be \$5.00 each.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to you and you families. May God Bless you all.



PUBLIC RELATIONS
Pat Hildebrand



Fifty-three counties submitted articles for this issue. Great job from all the districts! You'll just have to read what all has been done and is being planned.

There are so many ideas for events and programs that are being shared. Look for the ideas for new programs, Holiday Bazaars, trips, tours, teas, displays, projects, State Homemakers Camp and the signing of HEA Week Proclamation plus different ways to promote HCE.

PROGRAM IDEA: Macoupin County held a special program for Founders Day...Heartland Mini Hooves (Mini Horses for Therapy). See pictures from Macoupin County on page 35 of this newsletter.



PROMOTION/PUBLICITY IDEA: Perry County members handed out plastic toy soldiers to remind people to pray for our soldiers and to thank them for their service to our country.

You all have done so many super-good programs and held events that warrant an Education Award! So, get those applications written and sent to me by January 31.

This issue contains all the information you need for 2019 Annual Conference in Effingham. If you plan to arrive Monday night, you can register then The program book will have some suggestions for Monday night activities if you are looking for something to do. Or, you can just ask at the registration desk about what's going on.

Some important things to do before Annual Conference:

- 1) Pre-order pin and bag.
- 2) Place an ad in the IAHCe 95th Annual Conference program Book (name only-\$10; business card size-\$25; 1/2 page-\$50; Full page-\$90.)

The Board is encouraging all counties to place an ad. It would be great to see 100% participation!

If you would like your county featured in the slide presentation at the conference, please send photos to **Sharon Davis, 16015 E. 700th Avenue, Watson, IL 62474** or e-mail them to her at skdavis21@gmail.com by January 31.

See you all in March as we TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD!

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Pat Hildebrand

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The IAHCE Nominating Committee interviewed potential candidates for the IAHCE Board on October 14, 2018. We want to thank these candidates for applying for a state board position and taking the time to travel to Effingham for an interview. The following names will be placed on the ballot for election at the 2019 IAHCE Annual Conference Business Meeting held March 13, 2019.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT



Norma Korte

Norma Korte of Massac County. Norma has applied for the position of **2nd Vice President**. Norma has been an active HCE member for the last 47 years and has held county positions of President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary & PR/CVH. Norma has held former IAHCE State Board positions which include 2010 -2014 & 2018 / Family and Community Director, 2015- 2017 served as 1st Vice President. “As a former IAHCE State Board member, I have learned more about state HCE responsibilities and how important it is to have an open mind to other’s viewpoints. I work well with all different kinds of people and have excellent organizational skills.”

SECRETARY



Cathy Earthington

Cathy Earthington of Fulton County. Cathy has applied for the position of **Secretary**. Cathy has been an active HCE member for the last 44 years and has held county positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. Cathy has 40 years of leadership experience in 4- H and was inducted into the 4- H Hall of Fame. “I have held many community & church leadership positions over the years. If I am elected to the position of Secretary, I will bring my love for organization and the ability to work well with others. I am the mother of 4 sons and 3 daughters by marriage and with my grandchildren bring an extra love for life.”

SECRETARY



Richey Vanderspool

Richey Vanderspool of Champaign County. Richey has applied for the position of **Secretary**. Richey has been an active HCE member for the past 3 years and has served at the county level as 1st Vice President and Cultural Enrichment Director. “I believe that with my abilities and qualifications, I would be the best candidate to serve IAHCE as your Secretary. I am a retired RN. I have been disabled since 2008 and have over come many obstacles. My disability slows me down but does not keep me from accomplishing my goals. I have 4 grown children all living away.”

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ISSUES



Eleanor Gregory

Eleanor Gregory of Madison County. Eleanor has applied for the position of **Family & Community Issues Director**. Eleanor has been an active HCE member for the past 7 years and served in county position as International Director. Eleanor had taught second grade for 45 years. She has raised 6 children and hosted 20 exchange students. “As I consider the responsibilities of selecting specific topics for the coming years, I may consider new slants on the previous topics and /or consider other relevant topics such as consequences of technology in our families. I would like to promote awareness along with specific actions that our HCE ladies can grab on to and truly make a difference in their families and communities. I love interacting with people and was one of the IAHCE ‘Baltic States’ ladies.”

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT, continued

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



Rita Overacher

Rita Overacker of Kankakee County. Rita has applied for the position of ***Cultural Enrichment Director***. Rita has been an active HCE member for the last 30 years and has held county positions of 2nd Vice President, International, PR & CVH. “I have held many leadership positions in church, scouts, 4-H and HCE. I am currently into promo sponsors for Kankakee 2019 County Fair and hold the position of election judge. It would be a great honor to be a part of the IAHCE State Board.” Rita has 4 children and 11 grandchildren.



Sonya Bishop

Sonya Bishop of Pike County. Sonya has applied for the position of ***Cultural Enrichment Director***. Sonya has been an active HCE member for the past 5 years and has served as Cultural Enrichment Director on the county board for 3 years. “I am confident with a computer and available technology. I try to cultivate art in my surroundings whether it be plants, accessories or pops of color. I pay attention to the details. I encourage those around me to be creative and learn new things. That sometimes the project you had planned turns out different than you pictured and better than you thought. The act of creativity is good for one’s well-being”.



Karen Davis

Karen Davis of Carroll County. Karen has applied for the position of ***Cultural Enrichment Director***. Karen has been an active HCE member for the past 11 years and has been President, 1st Vice President and Cultural Enrichment for her unit. Karen has been an appointed voting delegate to state conference for the past several years. “My previous experience in leadership roles has honed my skills and desires to be a part of the state board. I have coordinated and directed two area wide quilt shows to benefit the local library (Mt. Carroll, IL) I also served as a leader in home educators parent organization during a time of growth from 30 family members to 75. I have strong communication skills, both written & spoken. I hold leadership roles in my community. Currently, I am the face of Red Gate Embroidery (I have done your conference bags for the last several years). Early American Crafts and Heritage Skills are among my favorite things. I have enjoyed spending time in your conference cultural enrichment displays and assisting current director with duties of this position.”

In addition to the candidates described, nominations will also be taken from the floor for any of these positions. The person who is being nominated from the floor must apply to the Nominating Committee Chairman at least 72 hours prior to the business meeting and be interviewed by the Nominating Committee to be eligible for an IAHCE Board position.

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee – Mary Eustace, Chairman
Angela Hicks, Pat Hildebrand, Ashley Davis and Janel Kassing

VOTING DELEGATE INFORMATION

Voting symbols will be given to the voting delegates at the time of registration before the business meeting.

Voting Delegates must have the symbol in order to enter the Delegate seating area.

ALL VOTING DELEGATES MUST SIT IN THE ASSIGNED AREA – only Voting Delegates will be allowed in this area. Voting Delegates seated in other areas will not be allowed to vote!

Voting Delegates must be seated in the designated area by 8:15 a.m.

DISTRICT 1 NEWS



DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Becky Thomas

Happy Holiday!

I put my second IAHCCE Board Meeting under my belt in October.

I feel more tied in now that I have experienced the District Meetings across the state. I enjoyed participating in the program, The Leading Ladies

of Illinois. My story was a tribute because of the ancestry I have to the Apple River Fort. The entire program, with pictures, is on the IAHCCE website. Thank you Sharon Middleton and Clarence for creating a lasting memory.

Thank you to everyone that helped at the District 1, 2/3 meeting. I am grateful to Lee and Stephenson Counties in District 1 for the registration table, the Aim, Creed and prayer. I was excited to have many counties there to support me. I am learning to organize myself and planning to improve my meeting techniques!

The annual meetings are finished with Stephenson and Warren Counties. I hope all the counties are accomplishing their goals and programs. Ladies, you do so much in your communities, be proud of that activity.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Conference, Celebrating Around the World, in March 2019. May you have joyous holidays and a safe winter.

Becky Thomas



HENDERSON.....

Organized 1939

Greetings from Henderson County — one of the smallest counties in Illinois. As we only have 19 HCE members county wide!!!

We held our annual meeting April 28 at the Stronghurst Methodist Church. Members enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the church ladies.

Lisa Unger, pastor of the Stronghurst Methodist Church, presented the program "reach out"; we need to take more responsibility and reach out to the needy!!

Mary Alice brought the friendship plate filled with goodies. We decided to give it to Warren County HCE members to pass around. A member fills the plate with goodies, writes a note about their experiences with HCE, passes it on to another member!! We found it to be rather rewarding.

After the business meeting, Bev passed out certificates and awards. We are very proud of our members, as they volunteered 2,946 1/2 hours in 2017.

July was a very busy month with many HCE members volunteering at the Henderson County Fair as well as entering items.

September 17, HCE members held their fall get together at the Gladstone Community Building. We celebrated Illinois 200th birthday with members wearing Red, White and Blue.

The HCE board furnished the meat and members brought a dish to pass; a very good meal!! After the meal we all made a pine cone Christmas ornament. Mary Lee Taylor provided it and all of the items needed to make it.

Mary Alice gave a program on how Illinois became a state, it was very informative. We all learned facts about our state that we were not aware of.

On October 12, HCE members met at the Stronghurst Extension Office for a afternoon of making crafts. Mary Alice brought supplies to make 5 different Halloween and Christmas items. Members brought finger food to share. It was a fun time for all.

Individual units will be planning their Christmas parties in December.

Henderson County may be small but we still donate to 4-H, schools and food pantries and members donate many hours of their time for their community.

Happy Holidays to All!! Have a safe winter.

Bev Alecock

Public Relations, Henderson County



JO DAVIESS.....

Organized 1935

From Jo Daviess County: Greetings from the northwest of Illinois, at the top of Illinois!

The six HCE Units in the county have been busy this past year.



Service to others: Pictured are members of the Eureka Unit, who made catheter covers for the residents of Waverly Place in Stockton, IL. Receiving the project was Christine of Waverly Place. Members Arlene Orton and Deb Dombroski presented.

DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Book Bag Project:

All six Units in the county participate in our "Book bag Project". Members make books bags and contribute books for each of the book bags. The bags are donated to the various pre-schools in Jo Daviess County.



One of our county members, Fern Andersen, pictured above, who has moved from Stockton to Northbrook, continues to make book bags for her former Woodbine Unit. She makes over 30 bags a year.

Pop tabs:

The Units for this year have collected over 30 pounds of tabs, donated to McDonalds, and continues collect milk tops through Prairie Farms for the education programs.

Ann Coppernoll

Public Relations/Historian, Jo Daviess



LEE.....

Organized 1929

We awarded a trophy to a Home Economics 4-Hers for winning top honors at the 4-H Fair and Jr. show in July. We also provided a camp scholarship to a deserving 4-Her.

Our board members provided a Christmas donation of \$5.00 each to a non-profit organizations and/or causes usually within our county.

Marilyn Kemmerer, Natalie Witek, Cindy Wilson, Donna Wellman and Shirley Rees donated a total of 16 pies (apple and pumpkin) to help with the Farm Visit Day sponsored by Katie Pratt, who is a member of an Agri-Business organization.

Our country of study is Israel this year. We have a luncheon of a sampling of Israel's foods prepared by the board members. We selected the country because we have a member who has toured Israel and because it has been in the news.

Seven members attended the August IAHCE District meeting in Sycamore and served as registrars. We are distributing 8 oz. plastic water bottles for collecting "Funds for Friendship" to be submitted at the March IAHCE annual conference in Effingham.

Our recent Genealogy Lesson was very well attended. Jan Cronkite, speaker, showed a 30-minute video of her experiences in Ireland on her quest for family history. She provided helpful resources and suggestions for methods of research. Her presentation was enthusiastic and enticing.

Three board members helped 75 4-Hers prepare 12,000 meal packets on May 29th.

Our May Annual meeting celebrated the Illinois Bicentennial and featured the program "Women in Military History" presented by Carol Chandler, Lee County, Historical Society. Her presentation was spellbinding and informational.

Thank you,

Frances Eccher
Public Relations, Lee County



MERCER.....

Organized 1917

On October 11, 2018, MCHCE held a special event called "Tea and Topics". We chose to sponsor an event for members and friends of HCE with a special program that is similar to the SPIN Clubs established for 4-H members. Our program would be called "SPUN" Clubs that are SPecial UNits Clubs. We offered two sessions to accommodate those who worked during the day and needed the evening choice, or an afternoon session for those who did not wish to choose an evening session.



Mercer County is offering members and friends in the community an opportunity to learn new skills.



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They could join a small group and thus, learn a new topic, or join a group for companions who enjoy doing the same activity. Members could choose between a variety of topics such as—knitting, bridge, crocheting, photography, gardening, cooking 101, traveling, and even dining—to name a few. The response was good, and many were enthusiastic! We even have a few men who were interested in one particular area.

Each group will meet and set their own goals, develop their own standards, set meeting times, and determine their course of action to reach these goals. Some groups may meet a few times to evaluate their progress and then determine their next step. Other groups may decide on a longer journey if that suits their needs. This is all a learning process for each group and MCHCE as well.

Donna Pinger
Public Relations, Mercer County



ROCK ISLAND.....

Organized 1921

Come September, Rock Island County HCE Units were ready for the 2018-2019 year. Units had been given the September Lesson for Living earlier in the year and Leadership Day brought them up-to-date with reminders of things to come and encouragement to get everyone on board.

The three Lessons for Living, for the fall months, were given by University of Illinois Nutrition and Wellness Educator Kristin Bogdonas from our Rock Island Extension office. The first lesson was "Pumped for pumpkins", given with the help of Educator Martha Smith Horticulturist. It was well received, some saying, "I never knew you could do so much with pumpkins". The tasting of several recipes was interesting too. How about a dish of "Pumpkin Nice Cream".

The other two lessons were, "Fermentation 101", remember Grandma's old crock filled with cucumbers fermenting, held down in the liquid with a big plate with a rock on top. However, this lesson was a more up-to-date way of preserving food by fermenting. The next lesson, "The Art of Altering", not your clothes but ingredients to make healthier food dishes to serve, was well received. Again both lessons had samples of food from the lessons for everyone to taste. All the lessons were interesting and proved useful to many. In December, another lesson will be given to be used in January.

Cultural Arts Day was held October 6th, though not the number of entries the committee had hoped for, the entries showed a great deal of talent. Pictured is a wall hanging chosen to go to state competition. The speaker for the day was quite interesting. Mr. Clayton Peterson

spoke on the history of quilts in the Underground Railroad, a system used to help those trying to escape slavery in the 1800's.



Mr. Petersen with his underground railroad quilt. The blocks on his quilt copied signs used at that time.

He informed us that, as a hobby, he had made 164 quilts, mostly given away. Involved in Quilts of Valor, he showed four quilts he had ready to give to veterans.

The fundraiser sponsoring of the Barn Theater play, A Wrinkle in Time, was held November 8th. The Units came up with a variety of 'goodies' for everyone to snack on before the play. The play, a science fantasy drama, was a bit different for us but as usual well done by our local artists.

On November 17th, the Cultural Arts committee planned a Christmas craft day, a Make-and-Take featuring gifts in a jar as well as other crafts to make. We encouraged members and their friends to stop in for a couple hours and make the event a "A One-Stop Christmas Shopping" for them. More customers would have been encouraging, but something a bit different for us and maybe worth another try.



A winning wall hanging in one of the categories in State competition

It's time to think about eating Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas planning is upon us so HCE will only have one event in December which fits in well with the season. A Cookie Walk, with craft tables available for those who have crafts to sell, is planned for December 15th.

We wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season.

Mary L. Ecker
Public Relations, Rock Island County



Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells Theirs? "



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STEPHENSON.....

Organized 1923

Where did the summer go? It seems like we are always looking forward to its start, but then it's fall! By the time you get this article, we will be counting down the days to Christmas!

In September and October, after a summer break, Stephenson County HCE members met to assemble fidget quilts. This multi-year project has our members putting together the quilts for dementia patients, as well as children in need of quilts.

The 95th Annual Meeting of SCAHCE was held on Monday, October 15, at the Farm Bureau. Former IAHCE International Director, Pat Weitzmann, spoke at the meeting. She also installed the Stephenson County HCE 2019 board members.

Right: Registration Table—Directors Kim Planz, Cultural enrichment and Judy Shippee, International



Pat Weitzmann, former IAHCE International Director, with floral gift



Pat Weitzmann and Carla Meyer, SCAHCE president

Our Cultural Enrichment Director, Kim Planz, put together a county-wide project for donations to the veterans in the VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She got the hospital's list of items they could use, put it in the September Informer, and asked that donations be brought to our annual meeting. Our HCE members responded with lots of items for our veterans!

This year, our membership awards ranged from recognition of first year members to a 65 year member, Norma Fluechtling, Happy Hours Unit.

Blackhawk Unit, located in the Kent area of Stephenson County, was presented with the Unit of the Year. This unit is our largest with nineteen members. Their name is derived from the historical battle in the 1800's that took place in that region with Chief Blackhawk and his warriors. This unit is active in many ways, including collection of food pantry items at each unit meeting, sponsorship of a 4-H trophy at the county fair, donation

of coffee cakes for the county ag breakfast, recycling of medicine bottles and used greeting cards, donation of items for the VA veterans, etc.

Two of their unit members are on the HCE county board and one presents "Ag in the Class room" programs to Stephenson County students.

Our Homemaker of the Year was Judy Prasse, Harlem Unit. She has served on the HCE board in several different positions, including secretary and treasurer. She is active with her local HCE unit, church activities, the Genealogy Society, and serves on the committee for her high school class reunions. And, she is also a GREEN BAY PACKERS FAN!

The 2017 Certified Volunteer Hour Program awards of certificates and/or seals were presented at the meeting. Our county turned in a total of 12,537 hours!

In celebration of the 200th Birthday of the State of Illinois, the program featured a presentation by Scott and Peggy Whitney as General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant.



Left : Scott and Peggy Whitney have been portraying the Grants for almost 20 years!

Below: Lila Miche, 1st Vice president, with General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant



That's the latest news from Stephenson County!

This will be my last article as Public Relations Director for Stephenson County. I have really enjoyed the last five years in this position, as well as working with all our board members. Ann Runkle will be assuming this role in 2019. I'm sure she will do a great job, as she actually had this position before I did!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Janice Fryer
Public Relations, Stephenson County

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WARREN.....

Organized 1928

Merry Christmas, everyone! We've had a busy fall since our last newsletter.

Several Board members attended the District 1 meeting. After that, our county offered several classes:

- 1) Funeral Preplanning, led by a local funeral home director,
- 2) Garden glass tower class,
- 3) Tea folded Christmas cards,
- 4) Decorate a Styrofoam Christmas Tree.

We also hosted & served dinner for Warren Achievement Center folks. This annual event was held at the American Legion Hall, so these mentally challenged clients from 8 different homes can laugh, eat, sing and dance together. They have so much fun!

Nancy Housh, Cultural Enrichment Director, organized a trip for everyone to LaSalle, IL. where we enjoyed a Mule-drawn boat ride on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. What an interesting trip and history lesson for us all. You should try it sometime!



Pam Johnson

Then, Nancy also organized and hosted our Annual Meeting in October. Our new District 1 Director, Becky Thomas, was able to join us and install our officers. We had a wonderful program with Pam Johnson depicting "Mother Bickerdyke". This Civil War nurse was from Chicago and Galesburg, and cared for ALL wounded soldiers. What a strong, determined lady that "got things done" when others said it was impossible. Fascinating piece of Illinois history!

Then our annual Craft Show, Home-Based businesses & Bake Sale, in November. Everyone supports this money-maker by baking pies, cookies, breads, canning fruits & vegetables, and bringing in fresh fruit.

After all this, we're ready to relax and enjoy the holidays with family & friends.

We hope everyone stays warm and well. See you next year.

Peg Chambers
Public Relations, Warren County



DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR

Kathy Peterson



Kathy Peterson

District 2/3, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year!

My quote for 2019 as things are changing in all our lives good or bad.

Starting today, I need to forget what's gone, appreciate what still remains and look forward to what's coming next. AMEN.



DE KALB.....

Organized 1937

Happenings from DeKalb County

As DeKalb County was the host of the District Meeting in August, our fund raiser was a 50-50 raffle with monies going to buy items for Safe Passage in DeKalb

Our annual Membership/Birthday party was the "Mad Hatters Tea Party" held on October 18th. On this sunny fall day, members were greeted by white tablecloths topped with fresh fall flowers. Amalija Fedorowski (Sycamore Tea Timers) prepared a series of 3 courses starting with scones with jam and butter, tea sandwiches (radish & cucumber, herbed cheese triple stack and egg salad) and desserts (classic tea cookies, chocolate mousse and baked cherry tartlet) plus various teas. After tea, members shared stories and memories about their hats and family teacups. One lady was wearing a pheasant hat made by her grandmother and another was wearing a hat she had made at an HEA craft day about 50 years ago. Heather Coyle, our County Director, was able to attend and get to know more about our group. Members of the Sycamore Tea Timers assisted with serving the various treats and clean-up.



Barb Lawson and Eldina Oberg wearing their special hats for the tea party

Our all-county meeting was held on October 23rd with a very informative and a delightful lesson about Bees presented by Tom Montovan, a local beekeeper and farmer. We learned a great deal about the bee business and

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members asked a lot of questions so much so that we almost ran over our scheduled time!



Tom Montovan showing a photo of a bee's brain



Kay Coates looking at a photo of the cells of a bee hive.

Once again this year, we had an entry in the local Sycamore Pumpkin Fest. This year's theme was "Pumpkin Carnival." We chose the midway game, The Highstriker or the Strongman with our own theme of "Ring the Bell with HEA" trying to feature various pumpkins as the Strongwoman, the ringer, the bell and the striker.



Our pumpkin "strongwoman" striking the bell

Betty Fewell
Public Relations, DeKalb County



DU PAGE.....

Organized 1930

Our county had a booth at the DuPage County Fair. Many lessons were handed out as well as information about HCE. Members also helped with the 4-H judging and fair exhibits.



HCE display at County Fair

Members continue to make "Thinking of You" cards for our Veterans at Hines Hospital. We get together for card games, quilting, and make Christmas favors for the elderly. We also had an Open House during HCE week. The Lunch Bunch continues to meet monthly at different restaurants for good food and friendship.

The DuPage County HCE held their Annual Potluck and Update at the fair grounds. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Members helped make the silent auction a success with their donations and purchases.

The money will be used toward our scholarships to be given out next year.

Members participated in a skit. When each letter was called, they would hold up a sign and a short comment of encouragement was read.



- D Desire to improve ones life
- U Understand the needs of others
- P Put fun and laughter in your life
- A Add new members by invitation
- G Get involved and share your talents
- E Eager to learn new things
- H Hugs are important
- C Call a friend to see how they are
- E Energizer bunny you may not be, but you Can do something for yourself and others.

Mary Lambert
President, DuPage County



KENDALL.....

Organized 1938

At the Kendall County 20th Victorian Tea, "Tea With Jackie O", four men who have helped with the Tea for several years, were honored as "Friends of HCE". But instead of recognizing them with a plaque, as is usually done, a donation to the Kendall County Food Pantry was given in their names. The husbands and sons of Seward HCE Unit members, have been in charge of the kitchen, heating the tea water, and working with the servers.



Left to right are Brett Reedy, Matt Reedy, a 4-H volunteer helper, Barry Saidat, and Sheldon Tweet.

Two other husbands have helped over the past several years. Their help has been tremendous, and adds to the success of the Victorian Tea.

Joan McEachern
President, Kendall County

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GRUNDY.....

Organized 1938

Hello everyone - I hope that your summer was spectacular!

In June we had a 3-unit meeting at the Grundy County Coroner's Office. WHAT!! It must seem weird but it was very informative and attended by 12 members and one spouse. We had a tour of the facilities, yes a tour, by the Chief Deputy Coroner.



The Grundy County Coroner's Office deals with all the deaths in Grundy County, approximately 365-400 deaths this year, no matter if the death is natural or accidental. We were also told about the Medication and Sharps take-back program where they are disposed of properly and not flushed down the drains or thrown in the trash. Taking your expired or unwanted medications to the coroner's office or the Morris Municipal Building for disposal is a lot better than just tossing.

Anywhere from 2 to 6 people have been helping out at the Park Point Gardens. Memory unit is in Morris once a month with Bingo. We come to help the seniors; some have had a stroke, others hard of hearing, or are just having trouble. They still love to play, and win prizes.

The Book Club has been busy reading the following books: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn; *True Fiction* by Lee Goldberg; and *A Place for Us* by Fatima Mirza. We will be reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah in October and in November, *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn. In December we try to get a cheerful, happy book to read.

We finished up CornFest just this past weekend. It is always the last week in September, starting on Wednesday with the Firefighters Water Fight which includes about 11 fire districts around the area. Many crafts were on display from quilts, wood crafts, ceramics, photos and paintings to name a few by very talented people. There were many, many food vendors - it is hard to pass up one with all the good smells around the street during CornFest.

The 5k run/walk was on Saturday morning and anyone can register and participate. The fireworks show was Saturday evening down by the Illinois River. The children get involved with box car races, a junior water fight and a photo contest. The best is the pie eating contest and the carnival. All ending on Sunday with a parade in the afternoon. There is so much more to do and see that I cannot put it all down, so you will just have to come next year! Fun is had by all!

Monica Evans
Public Relations, Grundy County



KANE.....

Organized 1918

Kane County has continued their "One Hundred Years" celebration through the months of July, August and September. Several Units take a summer hiatus, however the Board continues meeting and planning for the late summer and early autumn.

Members were encouraged to visit the July county fair and examine 4-H projects. Units continued recycling efforts, bring items to Board meetings. Mari Curless, Family Issues Director, suggested each Unit fulfill the IAHCCE project that recognized the local Fire and Police Departments by supplying homemade treats for the enjoyment of our first responders. It was reported by October that this activity had occurred across the county.



Grundy 4-H Fair was held the weekend of July 28-30 at the Grundy County Fairgrounds.



Monica Evans was interviewed by Kevin Schramm from the Morris radio station about HCE and how we help out at the fair and other community events throughout the year.

At the 4-H fair, we help with judging 4-H projects, baking pies, brownies and cookies. We also stir the beans for Sunday and served the pork chop dinners on Sunday evening.

Our walking club has stopped for the year and will start back up again in the Spring. Kathy Peterson always has goodies and a lesson for us.

The lessons this year from the U of I have been very informative, especially the last two: "Superpowers: Your Wishes, Done Right" and "Healthy Brain Food".



1st Responders Pingree Grove/Station 2
Happy firefighter with Joan Rossi

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To compliment the 100 Year theme a visit and tour to the Garfield Farm Museum at LaFox in Kane County was attended by 18 persons, members and a couple grandchildren. The museum is a work in progress, with restorations and programs throughout the year. The day was a glorious, sunny day and we enjoyed the livestock, turkeys and gardens. Particularly interesting was the restored Inn and current archaeological digs. The docents, dressed in period clothing explained the dining and sleeping accommodations available for travelers in the mid 1800's. Docents are volunteers deeply devoted and involved in the restoration work.

Garfield Farm Museum



Docent and Members and Grandchildren



Preparations for HCE Week were spearheaded by Joan Ziethen, 2nd Vice President. Visits were made to the Kane County Government Center and the Elgin City Council where proclamations of the week were read and presented to HCE members. An Open House at the Kane County Extension Center on October 10th was held for members and the public. Members prepared displays and talks about important events taking place in their Units. Mary Ebert, Treasurer, demonstrated butter churning with an early 1900's container and paddle. "New Life for Old Bags" presentation by Ceil Carey, solved the question, "why are we collecting Walmart/Jewel/Target/etc. plastic shopping bags?" Ms. Carey demonstrated the process for making pallets, a ministry for the homeless. Five hundred to 800 bags are needed to complete one crocheted mat.



HCE WEEK Proclamation, Elgin City Council Mayor Kaplain, Joan Ziethen, Nancy Haire, and Jean Jacobsen

Deborah Allan, a Kane County Government Board member, attended to observe and learn of the HCE activities occurring across the county. Fourteen members traveled to Kendall County on October 14th to support and enjoy their HCE annual Victorian Tea.

The Fun Day/Fine Arts and Crafts Day was held October 24th. Our "Spookarama" featured a Halloween theme with many members attending in costume. The morning was busy completing a Community Outreach program, the making of hand crafted Halloween cards. Almost 150 cards were made to give to residents of local nursing homes and the Hines Veterans Hospital. Members exhibited their work for the fine arts competition. Individuals voted for their favorite items and eight items were chosen to compete at the IAHCE contest in March 2019. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at noon. Jerry Turnquist, local historian and educator, narrated a power point presentation on the quirks and tales of Kane County bygone days, "Bet You Didn't Know This About Elgin History!" We were taken back to the origins of Elgin and to the current time. He led us through the population growth, mysteries about buildings, murders, missing persons and some more joyful experiences up and down the county over the years.

To all HCE members across the state, have a Joyous Holiday Season. Kane County looks forward to seeing some of you in Effingham in March.

Nancy Haire
Public Relations, Kane County



LAKE.....
Organized 1932

Hello Everyone from Lake County! Another year has passed by very quickly! It's already December and the Holidays (again) are just around the corner. Before you know it, we will be celebrating a New Year 2019! I am back again to report to you what has happened in Lake County since August!

Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial

Saturday, August 18, at the University of Illinois Extension Office-Lake County, the Lake County Association for Home and Community Education (LCAHCE) sponsored a historic perspective of Lake and McHenry Counties to "Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial."



Angela Hicks



Andy Blaul



Debra Fandrei



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There were three Guest Speakers, who gave excellent presentations. Debra Fandrei, Lake County Historical Alliance; Angela Hicks, President of LCAHCE; and Andy Blaul, Lake County Farm Bureau. The presentations were very informative. Door Prizes were given away and everyone had an enjoyable day. Forty-five people attended this event.

Margaret Hilliard, International Director and from the American Unit, gave a presentation on "Cast Iron Cooking with Margaret", at the Extension Office on August 29. She presented the history, different recipes and how to care or preserve your Cast Iron pan. She also prepared some recipes for everyone to have a taste. Some of the members, who had their Cast Iron pans in their family for a long time, brought them to the program. They shared with the other members, special memories on how certain family members cooked with their Cast Iron pan. Margaret's program was well attended with 48 members.



Margaret Hilliard



Sandy Henke and Margaret Hilliard



September 17, "25 Ways to Use Mason Jars" program was held at the Lake County Extension Office. Karen Wooten, a McHenry County HCE member gave this presentation.

Karen demonstrated different ways to use Mason jars other than using it for food preservation. A handout was available for the members with different ideas. Twenty members attended this program.



Angela Hicks
Judges Award
Special Award
Creative Writing 2018



Rose Ann Rend
Best of Show 2018

It was a Great Day for all of the 65 attendees at our Cultural Enrichment Day on October 4. We had more members participate this year than last year. The weather was beautiful; the art show entries varied and well made, 'Tea' themed food and beverages were delicious. Nine door prizes were given away, and the entertainment mesmerizing. There were thirty-four items entered for judging on the day of the event. Five items, Creative Writing entries, were displayed on Cultural Enrichment Day but judged in late September because of the review time necessary. Pat Weitzmann, Cultural Enrichment Director, thanked everyone who took the time to make wonderful items for the art show and shared on Cultural Enrichment Day.



Storyteller Lynn Rymarz of the suburban Chicago area gave a fantastic portrayal of Margaret Brown, 'Unsinkable Molly Brown', human rights activist, philanthropist and famous survivor of the Titanic Ship sinking April 1912. Mrs. Rymarz had the undivided attention of over 60 persons in the audience.



Before...
Before you were born, I loved you.
Before I forget your name, remember, I named you and I loved you.
Before I forget how you are related to me, remember, I gave birth to you and I loved you.
Before I forget to smile, remember, I smiled at you and I loved you.
Before I forget the words, remember, I gave the words to you and I loved you.
Before I forget the how, remember, I did know how to do many things and I loved you.
Before I forget to give you a loving touch, remember, I gave you hugs and kisses and I loved you.
Before I forget you, remember, I never forgot you and I loved you.
Before I can't remember, remember, I remembered everything and I loved you.
Before you forget, remember, I loved you and I still do
Before...

Written by Angela Hicks

That is all I have for now. Everyone enjoy the Holidays with family & friends. Be safe this winter season! I will be back in May!



Dianne Glozier
Public Relations, Lake County

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LA SALLE.....

Organized 1918

The year has been a busy one. In January, we held an Open House on the exact day of the first one 100 years ago.

In March, we hosted Sara Kenney from Australia.

In May, we held a Membership Tea. We presented the Homemaker of the Year Award to Carol Elmore. The Scholarship winners were announced and enjoyed a luncheon. A program was on Hats "Old & New" .

In July, we worked the Food Stand at the 4-H Fair. We had plenty of help from the 4-H Clubs.

LaSalle County Association for Home and Community Education in celebrating their 100th Anniversary have erected a flag pole in front of the Extension Office.

In October, Becky Kendall and Carol Elmore gave a fantastic lesson on Dump-licious Crockpot Recipes to the Units. They made some of the recipes for a taste testing. Everyone enjoyed them.

Our Annual Meeting and Cultural Arts Contest was held on November 5th at Pitsticks Pavilion in Ottawa. The Awesome Owls 4-H Club entertained us with an "Old Fashioned" Christmas program. Our theme for this year was Celebrate Christmas 1918. A business meeting followed. The Annual Meeting was our final 100th Celebration. We are very Thankful for the Organization having started in 1918 and hope to continue another 100 years.

Have a very Blessed Holiday season.

Darlene Hettel
Public Relations, LaSalle County



MC HENRY.....

Organized 1918

Summer is behind us and in northern Illinois our fall has turned cold and rainy. The leaves are starting to turn and a large percentage of the corn and beans are still out in the field.

Five of our board members attended the District 1, 2/3 meeting in Sycamore, IL, they all came back excited about HCE. We now are starting our 101st year.

We again are sewing Christmas Stocking for Operation Santa and also mini Christmas Socking for our local nursing homes which they use as tray favors or decorations.

In October, we had a presentation given by Karen Wootten (our 1st vice president) on how to make rag wreaths out of quilting material. It was a lot of fun and I finished my autumn rag quilt at home.

Pictured with their rag wreaths are Karen Wootten, Christel Mueller and Katherine Krohn.



Lake County invited us to attend their Cultural Enrichment Day on October 4th. We displayed some of the crafts that our members had made. It was a fun day and it was nice seeing what another counties activities are.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Florence Spesard
Public Relations, McHenry



LIVINGSTON.....

Organized 1918

Livingston County HCE celebrated the 200th birthday of Illinois with all units meeting on October 22.



The public was invited. The featured speaker for the evening was Gene Burnett, former chair of the Social Studies department at Pontiac Township high school. His address was entitled "How Illinois Became a State, 1818 - 2018." He spoke of the early days of Illinois history from the pre-Columbian era to statehood and beyond.

Burnett began the program by asking several questions of the audience about Illinois. The group seemed knowledgeable about the state flower (violet), state bird (cardinal) and many even knew the words to the state song.

He began his history lesson by talking about the prehistoric people that were living in this area as early as 10,000 or 11,000 years ago. He continued with more recent Native American groups during the Woodland Era of about 3000 years ago. He discussed the French fur traders and other early European settlers besides the French, such as the British and Spanish. While most people think of the American Revolution taking place along the East Coast, the area then known as the Northwest territory which included Illinois did have important significance in the revolution. But it wasn't until a large tirade of settlement overflowed into Illinois following the War of 1812 that



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people begin clamoring for statehood. President Monroe signed the resolution on December 3, 1818 and Illinois took her place as the 21st state to join the American union.

After the program refreshments were served and the units broke into individual groups for their monthly meetings. Groups were encouraged to continue with their individual unit projects and larger county projects. They were also reminded to keep track of their volunteer hours which are to be collected at the end of the year.

Connie Kostelc
Public Relations, Livingston County



WILL..... Organized 1938

The fall season is here and winter won't be far behind as the cool days and even colder nights signal what's to come. Our Cultural Arts Day called attention to the celebration of the 200 years since Illinois was inaugurated as a state.

The morning's featured speaker was Sandy Vasko, executive director at the Will County Historical Society, who spoke on Native American culture in Illinois before and after Europeans arrived. The afternoon program consisted of board members portraying memorable women in our states history, voting for the homemade crafts that will be sent to state for judging and a raffle to benefit our treasury.



Will County Board members who portrayed memorable women in Illinois history

Items going to state were those of: Carol Partilla (plastic mat for homeless); Eleanor Mestakovich (machine quilted pillow); Paulette Fries (Fairy House-Nature); and Sheila Stock (cloth wreath and owl and knitted holiday dish clothes).

Two new members were also introduced. They were Joanne Gawron and Ronnie Cagney. Money was also collected for the Friendship Projects Fund.

A special thanks was given to Fleckenstein Bakery of Mokena for the donation of the breakfast treats and

Desserts, to the Early Birds for kitchen duties, Jo-Ho's for the beautiful table decoration and the entire board for their hard work in preparing for the day's activities.

Island City Homemakers have been collecting lots of items for Operation Care Package. The unit had drop boxes all over town and the ladies also help pack the boxes.

We our looking forward to the upcoming holidays and wish our fellow homemakers the best of holidays as well as a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Relations, Will County



WINNEBAGO..... Organized 1938

W.C.A.H.C.E. had our Annual Meeting on May 16, at the Riverside Community Church in Machesney Park. We sang Happy Birthday to long-time Homemaker member, Marjorie Penwarden, who was turning 100 years old on May 30th. She is a member of the Hononegah Unit. Wife and mother of 7 children, Marjorie was always very involved in 4-H. She is an honorary leader of the Owen Blue Bonnets 4-H Club. When asked about her secret to longevity, she replied, take care of your feet and legs and keep moving. Happy 100th Birthday, Marjorie!

Our program for the Annual Meeting was Friendship Harmony. The group started in2004 with four friends who played different instruments and liked to get together and jam. Over the years there have been different friends who have come to the group, but it has remained at three who happened to get together. The original members are Rich and Mary Jane Koch with Cathy Schafman as the latest addition.



Marjorie Penwarden

Friendship Harmony



Installation of Officers

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Cathy plays guitar, Rich plays mandolin, Mary Jane plays dulcimer, banjhammer, and bowed psaltery. All three join in with vocals.

On Saturday, October 6, Cultural Arts Luncheon, Program on Buttons, and Cultural Arts Judging, was at Wesley Willows in Rockford. The speaker on buttons was Judith Winder. She gave us a lesson on the history and collecting of buttons, with displays of various examples and awards she's won. Many brought their own button collections and there was time for questions and answers. One thing we were all to remember and pass on to our friends and families was to be sure the button collections that are in probably most of our homes should not be thrown out, with out, being checked for value. Some old buttons can be worth much \$\$\$\$.



*Pat Vaughn's
"Buttons & Beaus"
BEST of SHOW*



Judith Winder, right, and Kohleen Bonassin are looking at buttons to see if there is a valuable button in this collection.

This display doll has two dresses with many tiny buttons on it. There is also a button tray in front of her with many buttons on display.



Pat Stahl
Public Relations, Winnebago County



Marriage is like a deck of cards....

In the beginning
all you need is two hearts and a diamond;
by the end
you wish you had a club and a spade.

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR Mary Eustace



Happy Holidays to each one of you reading this article. I can't believe this is my final article as an IAHCe State Board member. I will have completed 6 years as a District Director when our conference comes in March. I have loved every minute and really enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful HCE members throughout the state.

I am very happy to say my replacement Mary Johnson from Sangamon County is an outstanding and very enjoyable lady! You may already know her as she is one of our "Baltic States" ladies who traveled throughout the state and presented many programs to describe her experiences. I do hope you are planning to come to Effingham for the 2019 Annual Conference. The enthusiasm and new ideas for your county are shared through the hard work of our state board officers.

Enjoy your friends and HCE members these winter months and I'll be looking for you in the spring at our conference.

May God's blessings flow abundantly for you and your family.

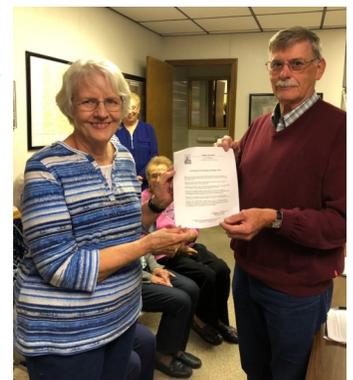
Mary Eustace



ADAMS.....

Organized 1917

"HCE Week" turned into a month-long celebration this year in Adams County as we officially celebrated our 100th birthday. Mayors and Village Presidents in Quincy, Mendon, Liberty, Golden and Camp Point, IL, recognized our organization by proclaiming October "HCE Week" or "HCE Month" in their community, and we were celebrated in the newspaper, on the radio and television.



Proclamation signed by Golden, IL Mayor Roger Flesner with Rosalie Post

The festivities peaked on Oct. 18 with a phenomenal birthday party attended by 100 members, including IAHCe President Jane Chapman, District 7 Director Janel Kassing, District 4 Director Mary Eustace and members of the Pike County HCE Board.



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Adams County, continued

L-R:
District 7 Director
Janel Kassing,
IAHCE President
Jane Chapman,
Heather Ator and
Mary Eustace



Nostalgic refreshments, such as finger sandwiches, homemade mints, fruit salad and birthday cupcakes were served from fine silver platters.

Teapots filled with flowers and pink and purple centerpieces adorned the tables.



Each unit developed an educational display about their group, and a slide show featuring 50-year members and old-time photos played throughout the event.

A county-wide history table showcased cookbooks, crafts and memorabilia from yesteryear, including food canning equipment from the early 1900s. A history book reminded members that Adams County boasted of more than 1,000 members in 1970; the county had 43 units at that time. We helped provide a library bookmobile in rural areas in the 1920s and we also sponsored an "exchange" twice a week for nearly 30 years that allowed farm women to sell eggs, chickens, vegetables, etc., in downtown Quincy. Some are quoted as being able to purchase a refrigerator or a gas stove for their homes with their profits. Yes, Adams County HCE history is rich, indeed.

Photo Booth



Members played old-fashioned games (such as jacks) at the birthday party, they dressed in hats and aprons in the photo booth, they bought chances for a beautiful quilt made by our Quilt Club, and they brought canned food items as "birthday gifts" to be given to three area food pantries.

Photos from our celebration can be seen on the Adams County HCE Facebook page.

County Board leaders planned these activities *in addition to* normal start-of-year organizing. We need a rest!

Amy Looten
Public Relations Director, Adams County



PIKE.....
Organized 1938

Nite Quilters show appreciation to First Responders



L-R Nite Quilters Jackie Williams, Linda Belford, Mary Eustace, president of Pike County HCE, Louise Gill, Debbie Wright, Ona Day Johnston, Joyce Dyer, Becky Ghrist, Debbie Steadback. Row 2 Firefighters Jim Shade, Chad Ruble, Bill Grimsley, Jeff Bonnet, Allen Motley, Matt Kirgan, Keenan Smith, Bruce McKee, Rob Seybold, Jason Thomas. Row 3 Firefighters Adams Rush, Dalton Kissinger, Scott Bennett, Brian Wade, Trent Benard, Michael Starman, Richie Williams, Todd Gratton. Back Firefighters Chad Knight, Jason Herron and Bryan Bristow.

Each year the Pike County HCE board chooses a community outreach project and suggests that each HCE Unit consider ways to show support of that particular initiative. This year it was to show appreciation to our county's First Responders. While discussing options at one of the HCE Nite Quilters meetings, it was suggested that a quilt be made to give to the fireman to raffle off as a fundraiser for their expenses. The firemen were contacted and they were delighted. Within four months the completed quilt was presented to the Pittsfield Firemen by HCE Nite Quilters along with the Pike County HCE Board President Mary Eustace.

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Adams County HCE visited Pike County in September. The group schedule was to tour the Court House and the Grimshaw House on Perry Street. A tour around the square was followed by a "Dutch treat" lunch at the Courtyard Café. The Pike Pipers entertained and Alice Cripe gave an overview of Pike history. After lunch, tours continued to the talking houses and the Grimshaw House. East School history museum and the All Wars Museum was open for viewing much of Pike County history.

Mary Eustace,
President Pike County HCE



SANGAMON.....

Organized 1947

Sangamon County has had a busy and productive late summer/early fall. Our ladies have been working hard on raising money to support our many projects. We've shaken up our fundraising efforts this year. Instead of our Fall Festival we've added several new activities which include a combined craft/plant sale with our Master Gardeners, a craft sale at the Master Gardener's Annual Meeting and an afternoon trivia event. With all our hard work, we have reached our fundraising goal for the year!

The ladies of SCAHCE have been committed to community outreach this season. We have an ongoing project of sewing fabric bags for Sadie's Dream for a Cure. This is a group that gives busy bags full of quiet activities to kids with cancer throughout the U.S. We were proud to present 40 filled bags to Children's Hospital at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.



Sadie's Dream for a Cure - bags delivered to St. John's Children's Hospital

The team at St. John's was so impressed with the giving spirit of our members, they asked us to help provide pillowcases to children admitted to the hospital. We applied for and received a stipend from Thrivent Financial to purchase fabric for the project. We worked on the pillowcases during HCE week and delivered over 80 to the hospital. This will also be an ongoing project.

During the summer we also put delivered over 70 First Responder Survival Bags full of all kinds of candy to police (both state and local), fire and EMS units throughout



Pillow cases and quilts heading to Inner City Missions in Springfield

Sangamon and Menard counties. We continue to provide weighted blankets to school districts in our area. We also provided small quilts and pillowcases to Inner City Missions in Springfield.

Our Second Vice President, Judy Bartels, organized a day bus trip to Bloomington to visit the David Davis Mansion and the Ropp Cheese Farm. What a delight it was to be greeted by McLean County HCE when we departed the bus in Bloomington! Our tour continued on to Elkhart for lunch and a tour of a historic chapel. This is our first bus trip in many years and our members and guest thoroughly enjoyed the day. Which direction should we head next??

We all got our passports and headed to the "Land Down Under" for an interesting and informative trip to Australia. Our committee put together a wonderful morning which included a speaker from Australia and many tasty samples of Australian cuisine.

International Day committee



Responder Bags



With all our activities, time has flown this summer. None of us can believe that the holiday season is almost here! How can it be November already? We wish peace and joy to all our HCE sisters throughout the holiday season.

Mary Johnson
Public Relations, Sangamon County

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TAZEWELL.....

Organized 1918

Greetings from Tazewell County-

We recently held our International Luncheon with approximately 50 ladies in attendance. Several members brought a dish from a recipe that they had researched for Australia. The food truly gave us a flavor of the country!

Several members brought in memorabilia from their trip(s) to Australia. Alice Moser, spoke of the Queensland area and of the items she brought with her. The Mosers have an "exchange daughter" who lives in that area and they have been there to visit her ten times!



Left: Items on display at International Day



Above: Alice Moser speaking about Australia



Left: Food table at International Day

Several members from our county attended Homemaker's Craft Camp at Monticello. Among them was Kate Schmitgall who celebrated her 40th year of attending the camp. Kate teaches crafts at the camp and annually has a quilting workshop in Tazewell County.

To aid in raising funds for the Zero Hunger Challenge, our units are collecting dimes, aiming to fill those small water bottles before we head to state conference in March! Each unit was given a bottle at the International Luncheon, so the challenge is on!



Vivian Gerriets and Darlene Curry recently attended a Tazewell County Board meeting where Tazewell HCE was recognized with a proclamation in honor of 100 years of HCE in Tazewell County.

Wishing all of you the merriest of Christmases and we will see you at the state conference in March!

Darlene Curry
Public Relations, Tazewell County

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

Kathleen Emery



It's fall again. I finally have some pretty colors in the trees and I think all the rain will take the leaves down.

Our state board was together recently and were busy planning for our 95th IAHCE annual conference. We will be "Celebrating Around the World" on March 12-14, 2019 in Effingham at the Thelma Keller Conference Center.

Sharon has planned some wonderful share shops for you. Please look for your state newsletter close to the first of December. Read that conference pull out section carefully and share with those in your county that might not receive it. It will be full of times, dates and special activities that will fill up quickly. The hotel staff has told me that the hotel should fill up in January. It's not that there aren't other places to stay that are close but it is nice to be in the conference hotel.

Please add to your 2019 calendar your District 4/5 meeting on Wednesday, August 7th in Springfield. More details will follow.

Continue to ask friends and neighbors to join our wonderful organization. All of you have great special activities that are a good way to have guests see us having fun and learning at the same time!

Thank you so much for your invitations to your meetings and activities. I love visiting with you and will look forward to seeing many of you in March at our conference.

I hope by the time you see this newsletter you will have had a blessed Thanksgiving time with your family and friends.

"It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared"-- Whitney Young Jr.

Kathleen Emery



CHAMPAIGN.....

Organized 1918

Champaign County HCE has been celebrating HCE Month during October with some great events:

October 17th was our *Membership/Recognition Event*. The theme was "Shine the Light on HCE at the Crossroads". We had 62 members attend and enjoyed lunch that was a Taco Bar with all the trimming and with rice and beans.

Our guest speaker was Natalie Kenny Marquez, who is a weekly guest chef on WCIA TV daily show *ciLiving*. She spoke about her experiences on the live weekly TV

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show. She is director of the “Urbana Market on the Square” on Saturdays. She has a blog and talked about her family history in Champaign County and “Family to Table” website connecting generations through farm, family and food (www.familytotable.com). Her great-great Grandmother and great grandmother were members of Home Bureau. Her great grandmother joined Staley Unit in 1947 and was Staley President in 1949-50. In 1951-53, she was President of the Home Bureau County Board and 1954-56 was Illinois Home Bureau Federation staff as Director of East Central District.

Natalie also gave a food demonstration of a family recipe and all received samples to taste. We also recognized 31 members for their years in HCE. We had 2 members with 65 year membership, Roberta Farley and Nancy Mathis; one 60 year member, Mary Miller who has been Unit President, County President and held an office on the State Board; 55 year member Teresa Wilson, Home Unit; and 50 year member Roma Chenoweth, Staley Unit. Others recognized for years in HCE were given a certificate of recognition and given a flameless candle on a star “thanking them for shinning a light on Champaign County HCE during their years in HCE”. The Royal Unit was recognized for having the most new members join HCE in 2018. Members enjoyed a time during the program with group singing. Action songs were the most popular.



Members present received certificates of membership

October 9th was game day. A fun day playing all types of games and most popular was BINGO. Members brought and enjoyed great snacks for the day. Pumpkins were available for members to paint to take home for decorations.

October 3rd was our *Cultural Arts Show*. Members brought their projects to be judged by five independent judges. Items were selected to be sent to the IAHCE State Conference in March 2018.



Selected items were:
Art Work, Janis
Duitsman from Royal

Projects selected:
Lynn Trotter, Bridgie
Cler and Janis
Duitsman

Not pictured:
Nancy Mathis

Unit; Quilt by Bridgie Cler from Pesotum Unit; Scrapbooking and Wall Hanging by Lynn Trotter from Dewey/Fisher Unit; Crochet Doilies and Embroidered Round Table Top and a Table Runner by Nancy Mathis from Mayview Unit.

Guest speakers were Carol Jo Morgan, co-founder of the Ideas Store. She showed several items made from recycled items that can be found at the Ideas Store. A local Artist Beth Chasco, talked about how she started painting and talked about the paintings she brought to show.

July 27th and 28th, we had our 7th Annual Garage Sale and Bake Sale at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. The sale was very successful. The garden and bake sale were exceptional.

July 7th was Champaign County’s 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Savoy Methodist Church. A power point presentation was given with pictures of Champaign County activities and events of the past 100 years. Speakers were Jane Chapman, IAHCE President, Kathleen Emery, District 5 Director and Mary Ann Fugate, past Champaign County Home Advisor. Around the room were a number of displays with items and events of the past 100 years of the history of Champaign County Home and Community Education. Each member attending was given a booklet on the history of the past 100 years of Home Bureau, Home Extension, and HCE in Champaign County.

Our next events will be on November 14th: *International Luncheon* at 11:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Auditorium-our Country of Study is Australia. November 30th and December 1st will be our 4th Annual Holiday Trees and Craft Sale. Several units will be decorating trees and wreaths for the event. Several vendors will be selling their handcrafted items. Members will be baking items for the bake sale during the event.

Our Family and Community Issues projects continue to be making weighted blankets for Autistic children in Champaign County and supporting the Developmental Service Center group homes.

Four HCE units support a group home by helping with any needs in these homes and do special projects for the homes at the holidays and do special projects for the residents on their birthdays, to make their day for them and make holidays special for the residents.

Check out our website:

www.champaigncountyhce.wordpress.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Carol Froeschl
Public Relations, Champaign County

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EDGAR.....

Organized 1937

On Monday, September 24th, the Mayor of Paris, IL signed a proclamation declaring October 7-13 as Edgar County HCE Week. It was explained that on Monday, October 8th, McDonald's would sponsor a McEvent to help raise money for Friendship Projects Fund. This money would be sent to ACWW for global projects such as Women Feed the World, Water For All, Women Walk the World, Nutrition Education Fund and General Projects support HIV/AIDS awareness.



Signing of the Proclamation

Thursday, October 11th, a guest speaker educated members and the public on Australia. The speaker lived in Australia for 23 years working with a mission and local HCE units provided some tasty dishes found in Australia. At the same time, members were encouraged to enter the cultural arts show. Members and guest voted on their favorite items from a large group of categories, to determine who will represent Edgar County at Annual Conference in March.



International Night

ECHCE sponsored a quilt show during local Honey Bee Festival. The show consisted of 54 quilts which were beautifully displayed. During Saturday and Sunday showing, the quilts were viewed and voted on to select winners in six categories. A raffle also took place for a quilt donated by member Marge Houghland of Stratton Unit. Gerry Wagner was the proud winner.



Quilt Show

Carole Halloran
Public Relations, Edgar County

MACON.....

Organized 1918

As usual, Macon County HCE has had a busy, productive, and entertaining summer! We awarded our five hundred dollar scholarship to a very deserving student, Zach Johnson. He is the grandson of one of our faithful members, Pat Bales. He is attending Richland Community College, majoring in Agricultural Business.

The annual program planning program was a success, and we were able to "brainstorm" and develop some wonderful programs for 2019. Our membership is such a talented group, and we are able to use our talents in the presentation of some of our programs. Some of the new programs will be a visit to the new Police Academy in Decatur, an educational and entertaining program about hummingbirds, an informative speech from a concentration camp survivor, and an instructional and fun activity about making a kitchen boa!!!

Perhaps the most wonderful part of this year was our 100th year celebration Saturday, September 8th. Our committee spent many hours developing this special event. We had entertainment by some special performers. Michael Scherer played the piano as members and guests entered the beautifully decorated large meeting room at the Decatur Club. The "Harmony Guaranteed Quartet" sang patriotic songs, and even dedicated a song to our own Sally Dennis!

Our speaker was Paul Osborne, owner and editor of our local weekly newspaper, the Decatur Tribune. He presented an enlightening speech about the past one hundred years of history of our great community.



Some very emotional moments were the honoring of our 70, 60, and 50-year members.

They had written articles about their wonderful experiences in HCE that were read and published in our 100th Year booklet, "A Century of Learning and Serving". This very special booklet was compiled by Carol Ropp, Karen Halicki, and Sharon Middleton. Our units also supplied a room full of items ranging from the early 1900's to modern day items, as well as pictures and articles about their specific units. It was a memorable, heart-warming day that we will never forget!



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Our well-organized International Day was held in the Macon County Extension office. We shared this day with DeWitt and Piatt County. DeWitt County was in charge this year, and they did a wonderful job. We all enjoyed the tasty Australian food, and the presentations from the various units.



HCE Week was as spectacular as ever! We had lessons about “Salad In a Jar”, “Japanese Braiding - Kumihimo”, “Herbal Vinegars”, “Hostas”, and “Scrapbooking Paper Roses”.



The culminating activity was a trip to the Idea Garden, Prairie Gardens, and Cunningham Children’s Home. It was a very good week. We had several guests who decided to join our wonderful organization.

We continue to work on our pillowcases and chemo port pillows for our various organizations to which we donate. Our totals so far this year for these items are 322 pillowcases and 32 chemo ports. Macon County HCE continues to be an important part of our community and beyond. I am so proud to be a member of this great organization.

Linda Austin
Public Relations, Macon County



MC LEAN.....

Organized 1918

McLean County Association for Home and Community Education members experienced a glorious day at the 100th Annual Meeting – “100 Years of Purple Passion”! The “Celebrate at the Crossroads with McLean County” Annual Meeting was held on July 10 in the Mini Expo Building at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Don Meyer, retired U of I Extension Director, presented an interesting program with a special reading by Linda

Garbe. There was an entertaining Hat Style Show narrated by Donna LaMar. The 2018-19 board officers were installed by IAHCE president Jane Chapman. A proclamation was read by legislator Dan Brady. Many distinguished guests enjoyed a plated lunch. Featured were many displays of quilts, kitchenware, cultural enrichment projects, all HCE cookbooks, Margaret Esposito items, Unit and County scrapbooks, and Collection of McLean County Units histories: 1918-2018.

Linda Kobs & Anna Marie Chrisman at Annual meeting



Past Presidents & 50 Year Members at Annual meeting

A new McLean County cookbook was introduced for sale. HCE members wearing purple have marched in 5 parades during 2018 to celebrate 100 years, having marched in 7 last year.

“October was HCE Month” and to continue the 100 year celebration into the 101st year publicity of HCE events plus invitations to visit units and activities was widespread. Booths in libraries spread the news. Units did various special activities like taking cookies to first responders or food to farmers harvesting crops, etc.

The Attic Treasures & Bake Sale October 20th was a fund raiser held in the Trinity Lutheran Church Gym to benefit the McLean County 4-H Program.



Busy shoppers let loose

The extremely interesting international program on October 4th about Australia was presented by Bob Willerton. His view as a sheep farmer gave a unique perspective. Lively questions followed the program and food was enjoyed by forty some members.

October 18th was the eagerly anticipated fall trip. Twenty nine members and guests enjoyed a buffet at White Pines State Park and “Rick Lindy and The Wild Ones” music of the 50’s and 60’s. Cultural Enrichment included Play Day on September 10th with games, mixers, puzzles, snacks, drinks and conversation



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➔ McLean County, continued

enjoyed by 12 members. October 8th members made "In a Jar" gifts similar to small terrariums or snow globes.

November 18th the activity includes a Cookie Exchange and making a No-Sew Ornament.

Workshops and classes were ongoing each month – on Community Service day busy hands work on crafts or other special projects – including fidget lap quilts, hats, scarves and mittens for local children and Operation Santa stockings for military personnel. This year the Fact Find each month will help members learn about the counties in our HCE District 5 – first featured include Ford, Vermilion, Cumberland, Shelby, Clark and Douglas. Unit lessons began in September featuring "70 Years of Pillsbury Bake Offs", October "How Illinois Became a State", and November "Food and Drug Interactions". Books read in September and November and then discussed by members were – "Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles and "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

HCE summer bake sales at the Downs Village Market occurred June 13th, July 2nd and 11th, August 8th and September 12th. Sales brought eager consumers who line up to buy the wonderful delicacies talented members bake to sell. Our McLean County HCE members work tirelessly on money making projects because we believe in and want to support our communities and our local 4-H youth programs.

Thursday, August 2nd, McLean County HCE sponsored Young at Heart Day at the 4-H Fair which took place August 1-5th. This event was held for 60+ participants who enjoyed senior vendor displays, entertainment, refreshments and lots of fun. Seniors were admitted into the fair free that morning and had free parking. The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance began an 11-city tour at the event to make the public aware of Illinois' new 10-year smoke detector law.

The 4-H Alumni Bake off Auction held at the fair August 4th was heartily supported by HCE members either with baked goods, judging or buying auctioned pies, cookies, coffee cakes and assorted goodies.

*Fair Young at Heart Day
with Dynamics Band &
Michael Meyer, MC*



*Fair Young at Heart Dance Duo
with Banjo Band*



*Members responsible
for International
program on Australia*

*Eileen Norin,
Fran Burns &
Donna LaMar
at Fair booth*



Fall trip to White Pines State Park

Several members participated in the NVON meeting in Pewaukee, WI, July 16-18th. The August 15th IAHCE District 5 Workshop was held at the Bloomington Chateau Hotel. McLean Co HCE orientation for old and new board members along with supper was August 28th. The Cultural Enrichment Fine Arts Crafts Fair also occurred at orientation with entry judging taking place.

McLean County HCE website is: www.mcleanhce.org. Check out events and pictures of events posted on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education>.

September 19th Sangamon County HCE members came to McLean County to visit the David Davis Mansion and were greeted by McLean County HCE board members with a little welcome gift. Remember come visit us!

See you in McLean County.

Barb Jurgens,
McLean County Public Relations Team

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PIATT.....

Organized 1937

On June 4th the Piatt County HCE hosted the Tri-County HCE Board Meeting. It was held at the Cisco Methodist Church with around 30 individual board members present. Lunch was served after the meeting and hopefully enjoyed by all.



We also hosted Mr. James Ayers, a respected Monticello attorney, in leading an informative discussion on "Estate Planning: a Checklist". This educational presentation was held at Tatman Village, a local assisted living residential community, on June 7th from 9:30am to 11:00am. The meeting was open to the public. Thirty eight people were in attendance. Mr. Ayers explained terms, clarified laws, and answered individual questions about estate planning.



In an effort to support the local 4-H club members, the Piatt County HCE offered to teach loom knitting to any 4-H member who wanted to learn how to make a knitted winter hat. Brenna Bartlow of the Prairie Kids 4-H Club under Lynn Remmert is shown here with Carol Drayton, Vivian Faulkner-King, Martha Lynch, and Carolyn Wolter. Brenna had been already knitting with needles and wanted to expand her knitting skills to include the use of the loom. We will be offering a second loom-knitting class later in the fall.



Vivian Faulkner-King and Carolyn Wolter presenting Illinois history

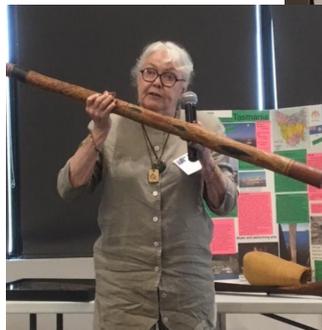
Vivian Faulkner-King and Carolyn Wolter presented an informational lesson on the history of Illinois to commemorate our state's 200th birthday. These ladies gave this presentation at the Cerro Gordo HCE meeting held on September 13th, 2018 in the Hope Welty Library.

This HCE group has many members who are avid quilters. Evelyn Eads, a Cerro Gordo HCE member, is shown here with a beautiful Christmas tree skirt that she had completed and brought to show as her finished project.



Eighteen HCE members from Piatt County met on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 with HCE ladies from Dewitt and Macon Counties at the Macon County Extension Office Building in Decatur to celebrate HCE's annual International Day. All three counties brought foods that are traditionally served in Australia. Following an Australian inspired lunch, the ladies learned about Australia itself. Joyce Boeringer presented a short informative talk about Queensland, Australia. Vivian Falkner King's display and talk told about the colorful state of Tasmania.

Joyce Boeringer with her Queensland, Australia Information board



Vivian Falkner King's display about Tasmania, Australia

Piatt County HCE spent time this month to recognize and celebrate HCE WEEK. On Monday, October 8, 2018, several HCE volunteers helped some of our local 4-H members practice using some of what we call heritage skills. They worked on learning how to sew on buttons correctly, loom knit a winter hat, and do old-fashioned needle knitting, crocheting, and primitive rug hooking .



Carol Drayton watches as Miriam Seevers teaches two 4-Hers how to sew on a button correctly.



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➔ Piatt County, continued

Piatt County HCE members prepared and served a delicious brunch for the Faith in Action Purse and Pie Auction fund raiser on Saturday, September 29, 2018.



*First row: Twilia Mackey, Louise Brewer, Alice Briggs
Second row: Colleen Vaughan, Joyce Boeringer, Carolyn Wolter, Jean Clarke, Frances Kurr, Carol Drayton
Not pictured: Judy Greene*

In the evening of October 8th, HCE had invited Frank and Cindy Grgurich to lead a public discussion on dehydration (ex. vegetables, fruits, herbs, nuts, and seeds). Frank and Cindy together have 40 years of experience using their own garden produce to dehydrate, store, and rehydrate foods for their own use.



Frank Grgurich leading a public discussion on dehydration

On Tuesday morning, October 9, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Andy Davis, the assistant director of the local 4-H camp, conducted a tour of the camp for several of our HCE members. This tour was especially interesting to some members because we had attended 4-H camp here when we were kids a “few” years back. Louise Brewer was especially interested in seeing how the camp has changed because she attended this same 4-H camp soon after it originally opened.

Louise Brewer taking a picture of the 4-H Camp Cafeteria



It has been an eventful year for the Piatt County HCE organization: full of events that were both fun and educational!

Kathleen Glenn
Public Relations, Piatt County

PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION.....

Organized 1938

October came in with a blast of cold, hopefully we will still have fall. PAHCE board members made 68 little dresses. These were delivered by the Methodist Church Mission. They work more with the Asian Countries and make you remember that not only Africa have children that need dresses.

The PAHCE board and HCE members sewed 24 walker bags with cheerful colors and material. These bags are being delivered to Danville Veteran’s home.

Our International Luncheon was October 18th with 27 members and friends and good food. Our guest speakers were Mary Ann Johnson and Eleanor Gregory.



Mary, Eleanor and Josephine Marner, County International Director

For three and a half weeks they were in the Bosnia Countries which are along the Russian border. They did a very special presentation representing IACHE women of the state of Illinois in signing papers on special Festivals and having their pictures taken with Royalty.

Two of the PAHCE board members made a beautiful quilt and sold raffle tickets as our money making. Drawing was after the program and our own Ann Huffman of our Arthur Bourbon unit won the quilt.



Ann Huff, quilt winner

Will look forward to the state convention.

Josephine Marner
Public Relations, Prairie Association

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.



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VERMILION.....

Organized 1919

Hello from Vermilion County HCE!

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, VCHCE had their international luncheon on Australia. Twenty-eight members and five guests attended the meeting at the Bismarck United Church.

The potluck included foods from the Australian recipe booklet and other favorites. Table runners were made of different Australian Aboriginal quilt fabrics.



A display table had information about ACWW and where our Pennies go to help families in other countries. There were pictures from our Women Walk the World at Kennekuk County Park on Thursday April 26, 2018.



Our speaker was Shirley Splittstoesser of Urbana. She has been to Australia three times. Her daughter-in-law is Australian.

She is the speaker for Danville Area Community College's Lunch and Learn programs, where she shares information, pictures, and personal stories about her family's travels all over the world. She has been to all seven continents.

It was a fun and educational day.

Article from Mary Stampini

J. Diane Reddy
Public Relations, Vermilion County

"Light Up HCE"

DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR

Debbie Segrest



Are all of you ready for the holidays? I think I'm as ready as I'm going to be, except last minute, "Grandma, I really wants" from my granddaughters, Lexi and Emmy. Good thing my grandson, Silas, is too young to tell me what all he wants. So who is ready for colder weather, winter winds, and snow?

Don't throw anything at me, unless it's a snowball - I'm ready! Since I was born and raised in northeastern Indiana with Great Lakes effect winters, I miss those winters. There is more ice down here, which I don't like! But I would love to build snowmen, make snow angels, go sledding, and have snowball fights with my grandkids. Don't you love settling in with a soft big sweater and fuzzy slippers on, sipping hot cocoa, with a good movie or a good book and a loved one by your side - in my case that would be Lexi, Emmy, Copper, and Bebe.

Be sure to remember these important dates!!!

- Nov. 20, 2018 - Friendship Projects Fund is due to the State Treasurer
- December, 2018 - watch for, open, READ, and SHARE your 2019 Annual Conference Packet, choose your voting delegates early rather than later and remember, they do Not have to be a county board member. This could lead to new county board members!
- Jan. 5, 2019 - Membership report is due to your District Director, that would be me.
- Jan. 15, 2019 - State membership dues at \$5.00 per member based on membership as of 12/31/2018, MUST be postmarked by Jan. 15 or county delegates cannot vote at the March Annual Conference
- Jan. 31, 2019 - 2018 membership activity or activities reports and 50 year member form due to State 2nd Vice President
- Jan. 31, 2019 - Education reports & volunteer hours due (please check your guidebook for details).

For March Annual Conference - please attend and encourage other HCE members and non-members to attend! This is a great way to build membership!

- *Arrive early on Tuesday and join the Scavenger Hunt.
- *Bring your banner and stand for display.
- *Donate items for the Silent Auction, be sure it is something that you would be proud to give as a gift yourself, be prepared to give a value for your items.
- *Pre-order Conference bags and pins.
- *Place an add in the IAHCCE Conference Program book (name only \$10, business card size \$25, 1/2 page \$50, full page \$90).



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➡ District 6 Director, continued

I would love to see 100% participation from District 6!!!! If you want your county featured in the slide presentation at conference, please email your photos to Sharon Davis by February 1, 2019.

Be sure to register and bring your cultural enrichment items - we are allowed 8 per county and 1 quilt. Let's fill the room with District 6 entries!

Remember my personal challenge to District 6 ----- the County with the highest number of NEW members will receive a special prize from me personally! See you at conference!

Be safe and God Bless,

Debbie Segrest



BOND..... Organized 1944

Fall is here! It has been a busy summer for Bond County Extension.

On July 24 we held our 74th Annual Meeting at the Bond County Fairground HCE food stand where a nice group gathered for a bountiful luncheon. We celebrated Illinois and Bond county.

Installation of officers was led by our new District 6 Director, Debbie Segrest. Thank you, Debbie. Awards for volunteer hours were passed out by Shirley Volentine. A moment of silence for deceased member, Carla Mollet, was acknowledged.

John Coleman from Bond County Historical Society gave some interesting facts about Bond County. Pam Chase had a story telling about "Hats" - very comical.

August was a BUSY month for Bond County. The food stand run and manned by extension members. This year was no exception. Even with the change in menu, they were very busy with an outstanding year. Congratulations on another successful year!

Day after the fair concluded was the District 6 Workshop in Effingham. Several Bond County ladies were in attendance. Much good information was received and shared.

October 16 was our International Potluck featuring recipes from Australia. The speakers were our own county members who spent several weeks visiting Australia. Pam Chase and Carol Boatright shared many interesting facts and sights they saw with slides and stories.

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations, Bond County



CLAY..... Organized 1947

Greetings from the Great South!

Almost sounds like a cold weather greeting and that's exactly what we're experiencing in this part of Illinois. Summer seems to have moved right into winter except for the beautiful show of color as I look into our woods.

Clay County HCE members took a trip to the Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur and enjoyed all the fall activities. We unfortunately had to cancel the International meeting as our speaker cancelled. Our Farmerette unit is very active with many things but most of them are getting older and have decided to become mailbox members. They will continue some of their charitable activities they are always involved in.

Joann Stanford our family and community issues chairman was very busy organizing meals, as a thank you to our law enforcement and emergency personnel. We took each of the many agencies Subway meals and a special thank you for all they do for us. Joann did a great job and HCE board members assisted her.

As the holidays draw near, Clay Co. HCE wishes all the units throughout the State wonderful holidays and wishes for a peaceful/blessed and WARM New Year.

Beth Fancher
Public Relations, Clay County



CRAWFORD..... Organized 1947

Hearty Soups Lesson

Mary Liz Wright, Extension Educator gave the October HCE lesson and explained all the various names: chowders, stews, bisque, etc. and how they relate to the region who eats them.



Attending: Susan Allison, LaDonna Harris, Helen Brackett, Bonnie Finn, Barb Miller, Juanita Jochim, Jeannie Adams, Jo Carter, Myrna McNair, Penny Lycan, Mary Kay Jurcin, Rhea Hayden and Hope Dennis

Milk Presentation for HCE Week

Brenda McCoy gave a very interesting talk on her family's dairy farm. The McCoy's have owned and operated a dairy farm for 3 generations. A soup supper followed.

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Attending: Helen Brackett, Billie Bailey, Jeannie Adams, Phyllis Adams, Barb Miller, Mary Lee Shaw, Noralee Buntin, LaDonna Harris, Velda Eubank, Hope Dennis, Sandy Bryans, Susan Allison, Jo Carter, Penny Lycan, Leah Buser, Pat Scholfield, Wanda Swope and Mary Kay Jurcin.

Special thanks to: Jeannie Adams, Phyllis Adams and Hope Dennis for providing the soups and to Susan Allison for making sandwiches and desserts.



Pictured are the presenters and the crowd on hand for Uncork the Holidays.



Upcoming programs and events included: Food and Drug Interaction, Thanksgiving potluck, February heart health program, international night on Australia, our 74th annual meeting, a spring bus trip, and of course looking forward to annual conference! We are increasing membership, had a new unit formed, and are very active.

Karen Voss
Public Relations, Clinton County



2019 HCE Board Installed

Debbie Segrest, District 6 Director (right) attended the Annual meeting and installed officers.

1st Vice Pres. - Susan Allison ; 2nd Vice Pres. - LaDonna Harris; Secretary - Jeannie Adams; Treasurer - Sandy Bryans; Cultural Enrichment - Barb Miller; Family Life - Helen Brackett; Public Relations - Hope Dennis



HCE Week Window Display
LaDonna Harris created a display honoring HCE in the U of I Extension window using our banner.

Hope Dennis
Public Relations, Crawford County



CLINTON.....

Organized 1945

The Clinton County AHCE held a successful 2nd annual "Uncork the Holidays" on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Carlyle KC Hall. There were 5 wineries present and 19 other vendors. A program was presented by florist and a winery owner representing the 5 wineries that were present. This is our major fund raiser for the year. And it was very successful. The event included: wine tasting, food tasting, vendor fair, and a educational program.

FAYETTE.....

Organized 1948

The Fayette County Home & Community Education Week was acknowledged by Mayor Ricky Gottman with a proclamation, which appeared on the front pages of the Vandalia Leader and the St. Elmo Banner newspapers, complete with photos.

As is traditional with Fayette County HCE, we offered a baby-gift basket and certificate to the first Fayette County mother which delivered her baby during our HCE Week or shortly after.

This year, Dakota Violet Burke was the winner as she was born on October 21, 2018. Baby Dakota and her mother, Genny, will be invited to the Board meeting to receive the basket of gifts and certificate.

The Fayette County HCE units had various activities, including collections for organizations and for various causes to help others.

Some members traveled to Bond County to enjoy the popular chicken dinners prepared and served by the Bond County HCE during their county fair.

This is a very real attraction at the fair and draws people to enjoy the Bond County HCE ladies home-cooked meal with all the trimmings.

Fayette's last event was our International Dinner which featured Australia. We were fortunate to have such a well-informed speaker right in our midst as Edith Runkel.



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➔ Fayette County, continued

She is a member of the Vandalia Day unit and had visited the country “down under.” She gave a very interesting account of her visit to Australia.

Edith Runkel



Our write-up, with photos, was given good coverage in the local newspapers.

The Sefton Unit’s Annual HOB0 Day was held again with the usual delicious Hobo Stew. The recipe for the stew is: as follows: Flo Allen brings a succulent, ready-to-eat beef pot-roast, bubbling in a large pot, to which is added cans of vegetables brought by the members with no consultations or planning what-so-ever.

No matter what, or how many, cans of the vegetables are dumped into the pot, the stew always comes out delicious. Each member brings two cans, one for the pot and one to be donated to the food pantry.

Hobo attire is encouraged, but optional, This year, member Delores Dukeman, not only dressed like a hobo, but also brought in a “Hobo” friend.

Delores is very talented and can be always counted on to contribute to the fun.

*Right:
Delores Dukeman
and hobo guest*



*Below:
Willie, the Wanderer*



Always present for the HOB0 Day is Willie, the Wanderer, a hobo which was found hiding under a pile of old clothes in a second-hand store, and was dug out and purchased immediately to be the mascot for the events.

He has been adopted in as an honorary member of the Sefton Unit. He always stands amidst his tiny camp fire (electric candle in twigs), his tiny blue granite coffee pot, a tiny matching coffee cup, a tiny opened Pork & Bean can, and usually a little hobo dog at his feet.

Willie, the hobo is maybe not the best dressed member of the Sefton group, but he is certainly the quietest member of the unit, and an example for us all. We are not downgrading the hobo, but honor them as a part of America’s

history, in a more innocent time, when we were not afraid to help out a person who for whatever reason, lived his life traveling and always seemed willing to do chores for a sandwich and a cup of coffee, buttermilk, etc.

We are now gearing up for the holiday season and launching our annual fund-raiser.

From Fayette County HCE - We wish all of you blessings and good wishes, and thanks for all you all do to make the IAHCE the great organization it is.

Panzi Blackwell
Public Relations, Fayette County



JASPER..... Organized 1945

Mayor Mark Bolander signed a Proclamation to declare October 8-14, 2018 as HCE Week in Jasper County, in commendation of IAHCE members for their dedication and commitment to the welfare of local communities throughout our county and state.

*Jasper County
HCE Board officers
Judy Milsap, Marge
Thompson, Donna
Richards and Amy Tarr
standing behind
Mayor Bolander*



HCE WEEK was recognized and celebrated state-wide to

promote HCE, uniting counties in creating public awareness and information about the organization, which was organized in 1924 in Illinois. Originally known as the Home Bureau Federation for farm wives, over the years the organization has continually evolved to meet changing times and needs. Today, HCE is comprised of over 6,200 women and men from 74 associations in 102 counties in Illinois.

The mission of IAHCE is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences, while encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community. Altogether, IAHCE members across Illinois volunteered more than 607,000 hours of their time to service projects last year.

October was a busy month for Jasper County HCE! Three fundraisers were held to benefit Toys For Kids. Butter Braid Sales, Toys For Kids Fundraiser at The Hill (celebrating their 2nd Anniversary of business & serving pulled pork sandwiches) and Toys For Kids Fundraiser at the Ambraw River Eagles (selling pork burgers & brat-wurst and desserts...the desserts were made by the Ste. Marie HCE Unit.) Also, RADA Cutlery was sold at the Extension Office during October and November.

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About The Hill !

The owners of The Hill (Roger Wheat and Jim French) recently celebrated their 2nd Anniversary on Saturday, October 6, 2018 by serving pulled pork sandwiches (with 4 different BBQ sauces), chips and cookies as a fundraiser for Toys For Kids of Jasper County. A total of \$901.50 in free-will donations were collected from the day's event!!

Everyone who gathered in The Hill's new addition to eat, visit, and enjoyed musical entertainment by Wes Hagan & his finance, Megan. A big THANKS to the owners of the Hill for their generosity! Also, THANKS to Keller Farms, Siever's Market, Olney WalMart, Olney Rulers, Olney Save-A-Lot, Olney IGA and Jasper County Pork Producers for donation of food and money, and grill use to make this event a great success and in helping the Toys For Kids Committee (Jasper County HCE) with this very special project !



Jane Ochs and Connie Elliott serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and cookies at The Hill during the Toys For Kids Fundraiser

A large crowd of 95 people attended the Jasper County HCE Plus "Tasting Party" and lesson on Instant Pots, Crock Pots, and the latest in kitchen gadgets, Thursday November 8, in the Sunrise Community Center in Newton. Mary Liz Wright, Educator, U of I Nutrition and Wellness conducted the lesson. All those attending went home with the lesson and recipes. A drawing for a free HCE membership was won by Joann Birk.

Mary Liz Wright and large crowd at "HCE Plus"



Judy Millsap
HCE Board President, Jasper County

JERSEY.....

Organized 1919

Hello everyone, it's Lena from Jersey County. Our year has been going great. We have had some great lessons: Food and Waste Challenge, Money talks Crucial Conversations, Attracting Hummingbirds to your Yard, File of Life, Steamboats, New Ways to Cut your Electric Bill, Cooking with Squash, Minnesota, and for November it will be Safely recycling of Plastics.

Our Craft club has been working hard on Irish paper folding Christmas cards, Chicken Scratch Christmas Trees, and Battery powered Snowmen. Our Quilt Club has finished our mystery quilt. We are working on Microwave Bowls and any unfinished projects anyone may have.

On October 31, 2018 Jersey County hosted Unit 18 Meeting with Christian and Macoupin Counties. This was held in Hillsboro University of Illinois Extension Office. The theme was Halloween. The guest speaker was Kathy Bagby who spoke on the Piasa Bird and Ghost Stories.

Our upcoming Lessons for Living for next year will be: Fall Prevention, Cooking for 1 or 2, Gateway to Gut Health, Landscaping, Making your own Cleaners, Food Cravings, Insta Pot Modern Kitchen Appliance, Louisiana, Fix-ins & Nibbles & Mugs.

We have had some challenges this year, but we are a team. We stick together, we work hard, and we overcome these challenges.

Lena Robeen

Newsletter/Public Relations/CVH, Jersey County



MACOUPIN.....

Organized 1930

After a meal, installation of officers and silent auction, an interesting program was given by Heartland Mini Hooves about therapy horses at Macoupin County Founders Day.

These mini horses visit nursing homes, hospitals and schools, and provide educational programs.



Vicki Laughlin loves the Therapy Mini Hooves.

Joyce Duelm
Public Information/CVH
Macoupin County

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MADISON.....

Organized 1936

Madison County has been busy with our summer and fall events. We had a program on The Baltic States presented by Eleanor Gregory and Mary Johnson in July. We had to cancel our Summer Cool Down workshops in August due to lack of interest. We are going to try again next year with a new location.

In October, we had our Walk for Hope for Heroes at the Gardens of SIUE and our International Night featuring the country of study, Australia. Our International Directors made amazing food giving us a sample of what it tastes like to eat in the county and we watched some plays presented by our members that included facts about the country. We had a little over 100 participants!

*Photos from
International Night*



We celebrated HCE week by putting up a board at the Farm Bureau with bookmarks that people could pick up and color. On the back were details about how to get involved in HCE. The board will remain in place until the first week of November. Speaking of November, it's our annual Christmas in November event at LeClaire Christian Church in Edwardsville. A catered meal and entertainment will be provided and participants will have the chance for some amazing gift baskets.

One of our units, the Alhambra Leef unit, is putting out a challenge for each club to donate 10 gallons of milk to your local food pantry. They donated theirs to the Highland Food Pantry earlier this month. As we prepare for 2019 we have many events scheduled and hope you will take the time to inquire with us about what we do for some of them so you might take them back to your unit and/or come out to visit us by participating. Here is a list of what's being planned:

February 2nd- Winter Warm Up (A day of workshops involving crafts, gardening, health, cooking, etc.)

Location TBD

April 13th- Children's Spring Make it and Take It at the Farm Bureau in Edwardsville

April 29th- MCHACE Annual Meeting

For more information about these events please inquire at emhohl@gmail.com

Emily McDowell
Public Relations, Madison County



MARION.....

Organized 1946

The July meeting of the Marion County Association of Home and Community Education Board began with attendees answering Roll Call with "What interesting thing has happened to you lately?" and the Membership Report. The Secretary's Report of minutes from the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's Report read and approved. It was noted that proceeds from the George Portz and The Friends of Bluegrass concert Fundraiser were deposited after July 1 and will be included in the July Report and while there were not substantial, we did clear our cost for this family friendly event. Ideas for new and additional fundraisers for the General Fund were discussed during the portion of the meeting that deals with new business.

Checks in the amount of \$300.00 for Scholarships that have been approved by the Scholarship Committee were requested for Ashton Woodward, Abenny Brown, Joel Buerster, and Haleigh Day. A fall book sale was discussed to benefit this Scholarship Fund. The sale will be held at the Marion County Extension Office located at 1404 East Main in Salem on Saturday, September 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In other new business, ideas for a Membership Drive and Membership Social with a date to be announced were discussed.

Eight members of the Marion County HCE Board attended the IAHCE District 6 & 7 Workshop held in Effingham on Thursday, August 9. After reports were read at the August Board meeting, each of the members present who attended gave a synopsis of the workshops they attended for the various officer and director positions. As always this was a very informative conference and great fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

District 6/7 Workshop

Front Row: Ruth Jones,
Helen Leonhardt

Middle Row: Phyllis Henson
-Phillips, Donna Schwartz,
Paula Barksdale

Back Row:

Dorothy Bruce, Pat
Young, Carrol Murray



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Preliminary plans were discussed for HCE week which will be held in October.

A reminder was made that a Book Sale will be held by the Marion County HCE Saturday, September 1, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marion County Extension Office located at 1404 E Main in Salem. Books from your favorite authors of fiction, non-fiction, self-help, and children's titles will be available for a donation to the Marion County HCE Scholarship Fund. The 2018 /2019 Program Year kicked off Thursday, August 30 with a lesson on "Reducing Electricity Use" by Steven Groner, Extension Educator.

The September meeting of the Marion County Association of Home and Community Education Board was held Monday September 17. Plans were finalized for the Marion County HCE Week to be kicked off Tuesday, October 9, with a New Member Social at 1:30 pm at the Marion County Extension Office. Teapots and teacups with saucers will be shared by members in a show and tell event and English tea and cookies will be served.

Michelle Moreno, Chief Operating Officer, Spero Family Services, presented the September Lesson regarding their organization and the services they offer to our county. Volunteers are needed and can mentor young people or present life skills seminars for youth enrolled in their programs. A donation was made to their organization and information shared regarding opportunities for work or internships locally.



Individuals representing Units in Marion County enjoyed learning about SPERO Family Services in their September Lesson. First Vice President and Treasurer, Connie Williams presents a donation from the Marion County HCE to Michelle Moreno, Chief Operating Officer, Spero Family Services.

Wednesday members are encouraged to try and recruit a new member for their Unit and Thursday the October Lesson on Plant Pathogenic Virsus, a Webinar conducted by University of Illinois Extension Personnel, will be shown at 6:30 pm at the Marion County Extension Office in Salem. Friday members are encouraged to clean their drawers and closets in an effort to find items to be used to make fidget blankets for autistic children

and the memory impaired. Saturday members are encouraged to visit their local library and curl up with a good book and attend church on Sunday. Marion County HCE week will end with the Marion County HCE Board meeting to be held Monday, October 15.

Connie Williams
Public Relations, Marion County



MONROE.....

Organized 1941

Members of the HCE Board attended a meeting of the Monroe County Commissioners to have a proclamation signed for HCE Week which was celebrated October 14 thru October 20th



Pictured are (back row standing) HCE Board members Dorothy Kohler and Rose Anne Bense along with the county commissioners.

Oh My..... Pie! was an informative presentation given by HCE members Sharon Scherer and Gracia Schlafly. Each gave a demonstration and tips for making terrific pie crusts. Sharon demonstrated how to make enough pie dough to create 17 crusts that can be frozen and used later. Gracia demonstrated making a crust using boiling water and showed how to make a quick quiche.



Pictured:
Gracia Schlafly
and
Sharon Scherer

A "Learn to Paint" class was presented by HCE Board member, Donna Meidinger. Those in attendance painted a winter scene with evergreen tree and snowman. It was a fun afternoon and the results are shown by the smiling faces with their finished project.



DISTRICT 6 NEWS

➔ Monroe County, continued



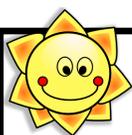
1st Row: Gracia Schlafly, Donna Chitty, Louise Meyer, Lorraine Hoffmann, Carol Hoffmann
2nd Row: Donna Meidinger (instructor), Lucille Ohms, Carol Postlewait, Rita Randle, Rose Anne Bense, Sharon Scherer and Dorothy Kohler

The Monroe County Home and Community Education (HCE) held their annual Cultural Enrichment Contest on October 17 at the County Annex in Waterloo. Connie Vogt, from Heartland Travel presented a program on travel.



Pictured: 1st row: Sharon Scherer - Heritage Needle work, Knit Other, and Sewing, Rosemary Yaekel - Crochet Afghans, Carol Bay - Crochet-Other.
2nd row: Gracia Schlafly displaying for Pat Statdler - Counted Cross Stitch, Ericha Johanning - Photography,
Not Pictured: Betty Gross - Quilt by HCE member.

Rose Anne Bense
President/Public Information, Monroe County



I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper.

She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad.

The fly didn't stand a chance.

RICHLAND..... Organized 1945

Richland County Bazaar

Top Raffle prize Quilt donated by Brad Rubsam in honor of Rosa Rubsam and John Bailey. Hand pieces by Rosa, finished by Carol Bailey and Machine quilted by Barb Thomann.



Nineteen wonderful baskets for the basket raffle'

Right: Carol Baily, Cultural Enrichment Chair explains Make-It-Take-It to Lisa Weiler and Eve Novak



Left: Jane Kocher is running the White Elephant stand and Dorothy Weidner surveys the selections



Pleasant Grove Unit : Ramona Caudell, Eleanor Steber and Mary Sheridan selling some of the 100 dozen (Bakers dozen) Bratzels the Unit makes for the Bazaar.

Victory Unit:
Virginia Resor,
Una Kocher and
Barb Ochs.



Lisa Weiler
Bazaar Chairman, Richland County

DISTRICT 6 NEWS

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing



Ladies,

I want to thank you all again for your kind words and hugs as I have traveled through this nightmare. You are all so special to me and it will be so difficult to say goodbye to you all when I finish this term in March, 2020.

Can't wait to be at all your Annual Meetings this Spring. I already have 2 dates so please let me know as soon as you know it. Please keep in mind that I will be gone to Australia from March 20-April 12. I'll probably be a zombie for a few days, but will be ready to go!

Conference is March 12-14 in Effingham. Join us for a fun couple of days-we will have German, French, Italian and Mexican meals to spice things up. "Celebrating HCE Around the World " is the theme. Come prepared for a great time! See you in Effingham. Let's try to light up Effingham with our new members-conference is not just for officers. We will again offer totes, pins and the purple state t-shirt for pre-sales.

Deon Maas is our IAHCE Australian exchangee. She is doing a recipe book and picture/power point presentation to take to Australia. These need to be to her by January 15. She will also do presentations in counties after her early April return. I can try to get her to our June mini district meeting. Her email is tommaas@mymctc.net

Please remember to get your membership report to me by January 5. This was given to the 2nd Vice at August workshops. Also state dues are due to Bev Combs no later than January 15.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You all have a place in my heart forever. See you in March.

Janel Kassing



HAMILTON..... Organized 1961

In this area, we had a lot of hot muggy weather during the summer and now in autumn we had hot weather followed by unseasonable cold temperatures. We can only wonder what our winter will be like!

Our activities slowed down somewhat during the summer months. In August we sponsored a 4-H Parade of Projects at Heritage Woods, and the September lesson, held at the same place, was "Energy Efficiency is SMART." In October we had a local man's presentation on his version of "Antique Road Show," which was very interesting.

Three women from Hamilton County attended the District workshop in Effingham in August -- board members Becky Belcher, Lucille Auten, and Phillis Parr.

In addition, several women attended the multi-county Fall Fest on September 25 in Harrisburg. This year's theme was patriotism, and celebrating Illinois' 200-year anniversary. Presentations were given by the Honor Flight organization, a woman's collection of feed sacks and items made from them, and bee-keeping. A local choral group sang a variety of patriotic songs. The lunch was delicious, as always. This is a good event to attend.

Our international night was held on October 8th, with 75 attending. 4-H clubs had booths from the countries they were studying. Some wore clothes from those countries, and had all sorts of information as well as food representative of the country. Very good! The speaker for the evening was Tena Karcher, who gave a great program about her travels to Australia where she visited her long-time pen pal. Board members brought food from Australian recipes for everyone to enjoy, followed by many door prizes.

We continue to collect and take hard plastic lids and other items, which are donated to schools in the area, as well as medicine bottles with lids, stamps, and boxtops for education, and Karol Brown, Community Outreach director, disperses them to the various places. Sue Deitz, Family Issues director, has provided great articles for our newsletter.

It is hard to believe that it's nearly time for the holiday season. I hope it will be a good one for everyone and that the new year will be a happy and healthy one for you and your families.

Bernadine Drone
Public Relations, Hamilton County



JEFFERSON..... Organized 1942

Hello friends, Jefferson County started celebrating the month of August with a membership drive and volunteering our time to help with the annual 4-H barbeque. All units made pies or cakes for the dessert table, members helped with chopping vegetables and fruit, serving and helping folks to their tables and clean up when the event ended. Other members set up in the city park handed out brochures and walked around and talked about JCHCE and its programs and why volunteering in the community is important. They had great responses from some members of the community.

We also discussed ideas for HCE Week. In keeping with the celebration theme, we agreed on "Celebrating Family Friends and Traditions." Our lesson for the month was the gelatin lesson, combined with our Advisory meeting; board members brought gelatin recipes to taste.



DISTRICT 7 NEWS

➔ Jefferson County, continued

September—Our new chairperson Donna Vancil was impressed with the School Safety plan called A.L.I.C.E. she heard about at the Fall Workshop. She thought this could be beneficial to the schools, staff and parents of our county and this information should be passed along. The board agreed with her and we will host a program bringing this information to the community on October 25 with Deputy Sherriff Clint Taylor who has had training with the ALICE program.

We finalized our plans for HCE week and International night. We all agreed to make pillow cases for Veterans at a community care facility, Saturday of HCE Week we will have a workshop teaching how to make magic pillow cases out of patriotic material which has been donated or a monetary donation was given to purchase the material. Veterans Day week; we will present the pillow cases to the veterans. We also agreed to have thank you cards available so people can write a note to thank a veteran who will be going on the Southern Illinois Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Our lesson this month was on popcorn, what an informative lesson this was; it is not just popcorn with butter anymore.

October— HCE week is the second full week in October. In our newsletter we sent out an activity for each day of the week for members to participate in, if they choose to. Our country of study was Estonia. We had speakers Eleanor Gregory and Mary Johnson tell us about their trip to Estonia. They gave a wonderful presentation.

November—we will be finalizing dates for 2019—already time to make and hand out the new programs books. Also, we will be getting together our thoughts and papers for the End of Year book.

All of us here in Jefferson County wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to a new year celebrating around the world.

Sil Morss

Public Relations, Jefferson County



JOHNSON.....

Organized 1950

JOHNSON COUNTY HCE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
Australia was highlighted on October 2, at the Extension Building in Vienna, with a potluck supper, featuring Aussie recipes, along with some local specialties, to celebrate International Night.

Ann Stachoiwiak, International Chair, welcomed members and guests, including several husbands. Ann had previously distributed recipes to the units and seen on the buffet were such as: Damper; Aussie Meat Pie; Aussie

Potato Bake; Pavlova; Lamingtons; Potato Hot Pot; Shepherd's Pie; Anzacs; and Tea Bread, along with several Johnson County recipes.

Commented speaker, Pam Reuscher, who with her husband, Ric, had spent a month in Australia, "The food here tonight is much better than the Australian food we had there."

She showed a menu featuring Kangaroo Meat Pie, Kangaroo Salad, at \$18, and Hamburgers, at \$30. She said she didn't venture much in eating the exotic foods, such as the grubs that the aborigines love, as well as kangaroo tails, lizards, snakes and wild berries that they thrived on.

"We ate lots of potato dishes," Pam shared.

She also shared many stories of their adventure through the outback and visits with the aborigine tribes, "journeying across 1000 miles of virtually nothing," she said, with hot days, cold nights and red sand.

Gas stations were many miles apart and gas sold for \$8.50 per gallon, in American money.

Dehydration was a definite problem, with signs along the way, encouraging tourists to drink plenty. There was even an opportunity to check urine samples in the rest rooms for dehydration.

Camel rides were a must, with many photos of this venture. Camels are not native to Australia, but were brought there by the Afghans, centuries ago, and have adapted well. They are now being exported from Australia to the Middle East.

Rabbits were also brought to Australia from England in the 1850s, with presently an estimated 10 billion. "It is now illegal to own a rabbit there, unless you are a magician!"

Of course, they saw wallabies, wombats, crocodiles, kookaburras, and plenty of rabbits and kangaroos, the only animal that cannot travel backwards. Bush grass, 20 feet tall, and enormous termite mounds were also seen, along with lots of flies, for which they wore face netting for protection from their bites.

They also visited the major cities of the country, seeing the famous Opera House in Sydney, inside and out; the Harbor Bridge, with a walk to the top offered; a rotating restaurant; the beautiful flowers of Victoria; and Melbourne, a world-wide sports center, with much to see.

They also took a "side trip" to Tasmania, to see the infamous Tasmanian Devils, a horrible creature that eats every part of any small animal they kill. One half of the opium grown in the world comes from Tasmania, with its rolling green hills.

Pam displayed a number of the items she brought home, including crafts made by the aborigine women; a boomerang, which the aborigine men continue to use for hunting; and many more.

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On the left is Ann Stachowiak, International Night Chairman, and on the right is Pam Reuscher, the guest speaker, who provided the program on Australia

Driving on the left side of the roads, English-style, and adapting to the many Australian dialects, both posed a challenge, but the trip was an amazing adventure, that Pam recommended to anyone looking for "something different" to do.



REMEMBERING CATHERINE MUCK 78-YEAR- HCE MEMBER

Catherine Muck at 2016 HCE Mother's Day Luncheon, where she was recognized as the organization's oldest member

Catherine Muck, rural Tunnel Hill, in Johnson County, passed away September 2, at Baptist Health Center in Paducah, Kentucky. She turned 99 years old August 5.

Catherine was the oldest member of the Johnson County Home and Community Education of the University of Illinois Extension, having been a member for 78 years of the Ozark unit, of which her mother had also been a member.

Catherine is remembered for her dry wit and sense of humor and her love of reading. She also enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and embroidery.

Dixie Terry
Public Relations, Johnson County



MASSAC..... Organized 1947

Three Massac County HCE members ended HCE week by participating in the MG Walk on October 13 at Washington Park. It was a cool morning, but all enjoyed doing and helping with this important effort.

Pictured (left to right): Millie Wilson and Norma Korte represented Kiwanis and HCE.

Carol Duncan also participated.



INTERNATIONAL EVENT was held September 27th at the Massac County Extension Office. Australia was the country of study; John Strickland, was the guest speaker. Mr. Strickland lived in Australia for almost 20 years and now lives in North Carolina. An interesting fact John shared was that all citizens are required to vote in the federal and state elections. If they do not vote, they are fined \$100. All Australians are entitled to subsidize basic health services under the national system, which is funded by an income tax. Many have private insurance as well.

Fuel expenses are double to what we have here in the United States.

John Strickland



Each person who attended received a gift. One attendee received a gift card from the Outback Restaurant in Paducah. Thank you to the committee who planned the evening, to Glenda Frazine for sharing her scrapbook of their trip to Australia, and to the HCE members who provided food to sample.



DISTRICT 6 & 7 meeting was held on August 9th in Effingham. Judy Parr, Millie Wilson, Dorothy Holt, and Norma Korte represented Massac County (pictured above.)

*Thank you to all the HCE units and members for your participation in the 911 recognition of our Emergency Response Teams in Massac County!
The gifts were very much appreciated.*



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➔ Massac County, continued



Thank you for goodies & continued support over the years!



Men & women of the Metropolis Police Department

Special anniversary wishes go to **Brad & Dorothy Burklow** who celebrated their **70th wedding anniversary** with a family celebration in July. Dorothy has been a member of Volleville Unit HCE for 65 of those years.

Norma Korte
Public Relations, Massac County



PERRY..... Organized 1947

Once again Perry County is participating the Bicentennial activities of Perry County, this time in conjunction with the Perry County 4-H and supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation a bench was presented to the largest state park in Illinois, Pyramid State Park located in Perry County. The 4-H members tagged 30 trees along a mile-long trail with a plate that contained a bar code. You can take phones that have a QR Reader program on it, hold it up to the bar code and info about the tree will appear.

The bench, made from bottle caps, is located along the trail. A big dedication ceremony was held in August with U of I Extension people present, dignitaries from Perry County, Perry County U of I Extension Master Gardeners, and many other friends of Pyramid State Park.



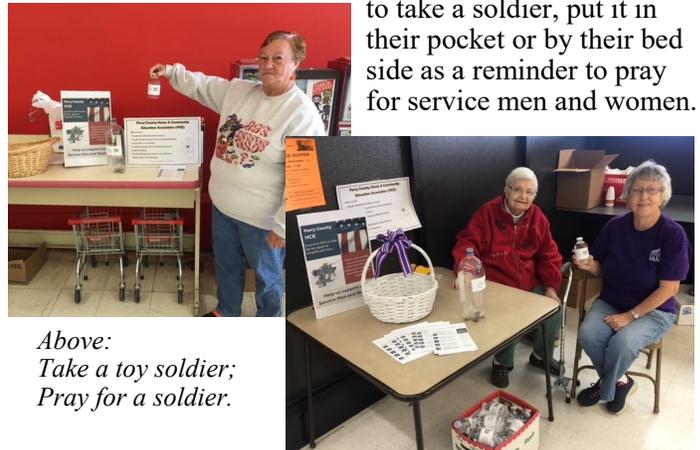
A local youth enjoying the new bench at Pyramid Park donated by Perry County HCE and 4-H Federation

August also found us busy with our yearly yard sale. The membership donates items to be sold with the money going to the Perry County Treasury. This is held over a week-end that a huge event, the American Thresherman show, is going on. The event brings into the community over 10,000 people so HCE receives a lot of exposure! The weather was great, this year, the crowds were good, the items for sale were super, and we made over \$1,000 for the treasury!

September found the units regrouping after taking July and August off. County president, Jane Chapman, visited all the units wishing them a “Happy New Year”, and sharing the programming for the coming year.

October’s big event was celebration of HCE Week. The Perry County commissioners signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 8th as HCE Week in Perry County. This proclamation as well as the one received from the governor of Illinois were printed in the local newspapers!

Baskets of toy plastic soldiers were placed in the three grocery stores in Perry county with a sign asking persons to take a soldier, put it in their pocket or by their bed side as a reminder to pray for service men and women.



Above:
Take a toy soldier;
Pray for a soldier.

Passing out water bottles for the Zero Hunger campaign

On Friday of HCE week the “Zero Hunger Challenge” was promoted at these same grocery stores plus the local WalMart! Bottles of water were passed out along with a sheet explaining the Zero Hunger Challenge. Donations were accepted that day and many dimes were collected! Once again, great exposure for HCE in Perry County!

In October, we set up a stand at the annual Mardi Gras flea market where we seek donations for a quilt that some lucky donor will receive if their name is drawn.

Members work at the HCE booth during Pickneyville’s Mardi Gras Flea Market



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The donations are used to finance the two \$500.00 scholarships given by HCE to Perry county residents. The flea market this year was well attended as the weather was perfect so once again HCE gets some great public exposure and many donations were received!

Sara Tanner
Public Relations, Perry County



PULASKI-ALEXANDER.....

The summer flew by. In July, the Pulaski Unit invited the Shawnee Unit to join them for an outing of a luncheon at Giant City Park. About seventeen enjoyed the day. Also in July we welcomed the opportunity to serve food for the Youth Fair and 4-H Show at our county fairgrounds. Thanks to our Pulaski and Shawnee Units for the food they provided, or helped in the kitchen in any way. The proceeds went to our Scholarship Fund.

In August, Martha McMunn and Flora Helman, of the Pulaski Unit, attended the District Meeting in Effingham. The day was enjoyable along with getting information on the up-coming year for each office holder, learning the new theme, and visiting with friends.

Board President June Badgley gave us dates of upcoming events in community and in HCE. The board gave a donation for a cancer benefit.

We celebrated HCE Week in October with a poster at the Grand Chain library, a drawing for mums, and newspaper announcements.



Betty Shumaker with HCE information display at Grand Chain library

Australia, the 2018 IACHE chosen International country of study, was represented very well by speaker Wilma Kraatz at our October 1st meeting at the Mounds Extension Office. Her daughter has lived in Australia for fifteen years so Wilma has had opportunity to visit and get acquainted with the customs and culture there. Even though the language is English, different meanings and accents cause some confusion for visitors.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

Alice Mae Mathis, Agnes Thurston, Marilyn Kerr, Margaret Ann Grace,, Wilma Kraatz, June Badgley, Flora Helman, Sue Johnson, Anna Inman, Lucille Bierbaum, Betty Shumaker

The 11th Annual Multi-County Home and Community Education Association Conference was held October 25th at Shawnee Community College. A choice of classes to attend were presented by FCS Extension Educators. Janel Kassing gave instructions on Iris Folding. Phil Morris, Tourism Director of Vienna, IL was the keynote speaker for the day.

Come join us on the first Tuesday of the month for meetings. We learn new things and make new friends. We look forward to the holiday season.

Martha McMunn
Public Relations, Pulaski-Alexander



UNION.....

Organized 1948

The HCE of Union County has been involved in doing a lot of things for the community. One of the projects they have done this year is quilts for the Children’s Medical Resources Network in Anna and the pregnancy crisis center in Carbon-dale. They make hand-made children’s quilts. Already this year they have had 2 sessions of quilt making so far with a third scheduled soon.

The HCE gets together to make quilts for a raffle that goes towards a scholarship each year. They also make quilts to help sponsor 4-H projects and expenses for the HCE group. The group enjoys getting together for lunch and fellowship.

The group does hand quilting on consignment quilts. This year we made a quilt for a lady who lives in the St. Louis area. This was an heirloom quilt from her family featuring birds from all 50 of the United States.



Members of the Union County HCE group.

Pictured from left to right: Debbie Rossberg, Suzie Kessler, Judy Huckleberry, Lois Clutts, Jane Bauer, and Betty Bland



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Union County, continued



Baby quilts being made by the Union County HCE ladies.



Consignment quilt finished by Union County HCE ladies.

Pictured from left to right: Lois Cluts, Jane Bauer, and Suzie Kessler.

Jane Bauer
Public Relations, Union County



WASHINGTON.....

Organized 1947

Autumn days are here in Southern Illinois and the farmers are busy in the fields. Our WCHCE are also busy selling quilt tickets and attending their events.

Our WCHCE Annual Meeting was held April 23, 2018 in the New Ninden Schoolhouse, New Minden with the theme "Celebrations". A buffet dinner was served and the HCE members served desserts. Memorials for our deceased WCHCE members, Bernice Englemann, Winona Huckshold and Sue Wilkey Mueller were presented. The speaker gave an interesting talk about way to save in our households. The officers were installed by Jill Gevke.

The ladies finished their quilt and we are now selling quilt tickets which will be drawn at our Christmas special program in November.

We are celebrating WCHCE Week in our county October 7-13th. A radio interview was given by our president, Nancy Russell on radio station WNSV 104.7 Nashville, IL. A window display at the radio station WNSV showed the events of HCE and photos of members and the quilt. A letter was sent to all the county churches telling of our events with a "Welcome to Join". The International program was held October 9th at the Irvington Community Hall with a tasting Bee of recipes from the country of Australia as prepared by the members using the recipes from our guest from Australia—she visited our HCE program in Peoria, namely Sara Kenny.

The members visited and gave cards and cookies to our veterans in the local hospital and nursing home. A visit

to our local farmers markets and our extension office with thanks for their help.

As we celebrate our state's anniversary, we will visit our museums, the Nashville Depot, and all local places in our county.

We are fighting hunger with the collection of dimes in our water bottles for the challenge, "Zero Hunger Challenge."

AUTUMN DAYS

By Kay Hoffman

Autumn days are here again

The sky is sapphire blue

Festive scenes are on Display

In warm and vibrant hue

When summer days drift into fall

The world turns red and gold

And everywhere we chance to look

His gifts are manifold

Adeline Blumhorst
Public Relations, Washington County



WAYNE.....

Organized 1942

Wayne County has had a busy summer and fall. In July, units entertained 4-H club members by having them join our meetings to show and describe their projects. It was very interesting to see the various projects and what a great job they had done. One unit had a rooster join them. He entertained by crowing continuously.

August was picnic month, however; most units enjoyed a nice night out and let someone else do the cooking. During the months of August, September and October our local towns hold different fests. One of HCE's fund-raisers is a beautiful quilt made by members. HCE sets up a booth at each to sell tickets for donations. The quilt is then given away at our annual meeting in April.

Our International Night was held on October 22 at the Bob Boyles Hall on the Frontier Community College Campus. We celebrated Australia by serving samples of its native foods, prepared by the HCE Board Members. Our guest speaker was our local doctor, Dr. Steven Mitchell and his guests who traveled with him to Australia and New Zealand. We enjoyed seeing their slides and hearing about their experiences and fun times. We learned many things about Australia & New Zealand. Each person attending International Night was asked to bring a donation for the Wabash Area Development Center. Many items were donated to this project. We also donate items to the pregnancy center throughout the year.

The Craft Club has continued to be very active. I am sure they are even busier now making holiday crafts.

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Everyone have a happy Holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

Rusti Grogan
Pubic Relations, Wayne County



WHITE..... Organized 1940

Summer has come and gone, Autumn is here and leaves of red, yellow and orange are swirling around. Tomorrow it will be time to rake.

We have had a busy start this year with multiple events and activities. We started off with District 6 & 7 workshop in Effingham and brought back some good ideas.

Our September lesson was *Gifts in a Jar*. Our October lesson was *Dips* given by Ruth Norris. We took homemade desserts to the nursing homes and collected for the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington DC. We had a meat sale fundraiser and it was a success.

We are now working on our Harvest Bazaar Fund Raiser in November.

We had our 5-County Harvest Fest in Harrisburg and honored our Veterans and our Illinois 200th year celebration with Abe Lincoln impersonator, who was a good look-alike. We had a speaker on Honey and Honey Bees.



Earl Webb was our Abe Lincoln guest speaker at our 5-county Harvest Fest

We had our International Day with guest speaker, Nancy Hardy who shared her experiences while in Australia. We had many Australian dishes prepared to taste with a Peoples Choice Award for the best dish. As you can see we are having a busy start this fall season.



Nancy Hardy was the guest speaker at International Day about Australia

*International Day:
We honored our veterans and gave a donation to the Honor Flight*



HCE Week was busy with many activities in our community. We have 96 members in our White County HCE this year and are hoping to work on getting new members.

We have signed up to ring the Salvation Bell this month. This is only a short list of projects we are working on. So thanks to our volunteers; we could not do any of this without all of you.

- ABILITY: IS what you are capable of doing.
- MOTIVATION: Determines what you do.
- ATTITUDE: Determines how well you do it.

Thanks,

Fran Matheny
H.C.E. Public Relations, White County



WILLIAMSON..... Organized April 1918

Williamson County HCE had an August International luncheon and program featuring Australian displays, food and speakers.

Shown below are **Kevin & Kay Jameson** who gave our **program** holding the Australian flag. Kaye Jameson, wife of Kevin from Australia, also showed a picture of the Aboriginal flag and told about teaching children in rural Australia. International chair Billie Mathis was assisted by Judy Cox. Many Australian recipes were shared and the food sampled at the luncheon.



Decorations and displays were appreciated including fabric from Australia with Aboriginal designs brought



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EXTENSION REPORT



Williamson County, continued

by our guest, Lynn Gross, whose display included many items brought back from visiting her sister in that country.



A group of 67 attended the September 20th Five-County

Pieced by Williamson Co. member, Barbara Eastwood, and hand quilted by a resident of Crab Orchard, Il. This years November 3rd HCE Bazaar raffle quilt is shown here.



The bazaar features baked goods, an array of crafted items, lunch items to keep shoppers fed, and pre-sold Raffle tickets for the drawing held that day. With a patriotic theme, this colorful quilt is one of several Barbara has donated.

Marie Samuel
Public Relations, Williamson County



After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife Came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem They had even had in the years they had been married.

On and on and on...neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched—with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, " This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off her on Mondays and Wednesdays, but On Friday, I golf."

Karla Belzer

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Hello IAHCE!

It was great participating in the District Workshops earlier this year and I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone at Annual Conference.

“Lessons for Living” Updates

For those planning for 2019, a reminder that UI Extension lesson schedule – package lessons, educator-taught (Skype) lessons, and pre-recorded lessons – is currently available. Register with your local Extension office. All lessons marked as “NEW” will be available in January 2019.

If you are looking for more lessons, check with local agencies and business, staff in your local Extension office, and other Cooperative Extensions around the county. A great resource to check out is the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association website at <http://www.ieha-families.org/lessons.php> They have many great lessons that may be of interest to your units.

Speaking of lessons, it’s time to start thinking of topics for 2020 (sounds strange to say that year!). We’re looking for lesson topics in the three FCS categories – Consumer Economics, Family Life, and Nutrition and Wellness. Send your program ideas to your 1st Vice President or to Sharon Middleton. At conference, we will hold a meeting with all 1st Vices to narrow down the ideas.

If you have suggestions or comments on FCS lessons through UI Extension, please feel free to contact me at 815-632-3611 or kbelzer@illinois.edu

Sending you warm wishes for the upcoming holiday seasons. See you in Spring!

K. Belzer

Karla Belzer
Family Life Educator
Serving Carroll, Lee and Whiteside Counties
University of Illinois Extension Liaison

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2019 Homemaker Exchange Program to Australia



**DEON
MAAS**



Follow along with IAHCE's 2019 exchange program to Australia. Fulton County HCE member, Deon Maas, will be writing a blog during her six-week adventure to the Land Down Under. It can be found at deontoaustralia.blogspot.com beginning in early March 2019.

Deon joined her mother's HCE unit when she was a stay-at-home mom, and then rejoined the group after she retired. Deon currently serves as her county's International Chairman. Her mother was a 50-year member.

Sara Kenny, IAHCE's 2018 inbound exchange participant, will greet Deon in Perth. Deon will stay with several host families in Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Geraldton, and Perth in Western Australia. Sara and Deon will then fly to Melbourne where they will join the IAHCE delegation to attend the Associated Country Women of the World conference. IAHCE International Chairman, Cara Ausmus, and Deon will then visit Tasmania before returning home.

Although details of her home visits have not been finalized, Deon is preparing PowerPoint presentations to show to host families and groups about Illinois, ILHCE, and her own life on the family farm. Deon plans to take examples of local crafts, representations of Illinois manufacturing, and materials that show the activities of the HCE groups around the state. She is also compiling recipes to share that will include her and her late mother's recipes, as well as recipes from her county's HCE members and IAHCE board members and district directors. Her hope is to give an overview of traditional Midwestern recipes and to showcase Illinois ingredients.

A retired art teacher, Deon has participated in two other exchange programs. In 1972, Deon was a Youth for Understanding exchange student in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The next year, her family hosted her oldest Brazilian brother for several months. Since that time, Deon has returned twice to the country and her oldest Brazilian brother and his wife have visited Deon's family several times.

In 2008, Deon was selected for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. She was one of 120 U.S. teachers who participated in the three-week program. The group studied Japanese history and culture in Tokyo, and then visited schools in different regions of the country. Each teacher then incorporated what he or she had learned into their curriculum. Deon wrote a blog during this trip, which can be found at deontojapan.blogspot.com.

Deon is the inventor of the Anti-Ouch Pouch mastectomy pillow, which her local HCE unit makes for their annual community service project. It is a soft, shaped pillow that hangs from the shoulder and provides comfort after a lumpectomy or mastectomy. It is also used for chest and shoulder surgeries, as well as for broken arms. It is an ongoing nationwide community service project for the American Sewing Guild. Each year, approximately 1000 pillows are made by sewing volunteers and donated to Central Illinois mastectomy patients. The pillow was featured in a segment on the PBS show, *Sewing With Nancy*. The directions and an instructional video can be found online at the ASG website.

Deon has written one book, *The Beagle and the Brain Tumor*, about the role of her dog in the house when her husband was terminally ill. She has also written several sewing articles and is a frequent speaker at her local sewing guild meetings.

Deon looks forward to sharing her trip with the IAHCE members!



ACWW Friendship Links Program

Whether you are a letter writer, use electronic communication or both you are welcome to become a 'pen friend' with a woman in the USA or elsewhere in the world. To begin the process just complete an Associated Country Women of the World Friendship Links Application. It's on the IAHCE website, www.iahce.org, page 35a of the Guidebook and in the website's Forms section.

Send the completed application to Pat Weitzmann, Friendship Links Coordinator, 23485 Eagle's Nest Road, Antioch, IL 60002. Or, contact Pat for information or an application: pweitzmann5@gmail.com or 847-308-6256 cell phone.

Sara's Been Busy

On September 30 the IAHCE Year 2018 Homemaker Exchange participant Sara Kenny of Australia and her husband Mike were part of a Country Women's Association of Western Australia working party to Timor-Leste (East Timor).



In a subsequent email to Pat Weitzmann, organizer of Sara's exchange to Illinois, Sara said "I had an amazing time in Timor Leste with our CWA group. We liaise with Bethany, the daughter of one of our members, who, with her husband, is a doctor in Timor. Bethany set up all the projects, financed by donations from members, and we built a motor bike shed, built and painted 29 benches for patients, made 4 blackboards and PVC soccer goals for a school, lined a consulting room, built screens and donated plants and pots for the AIDS area. Members donated education supplies, Days for Girls packs, reusable Indonesian style nappies, lots of baby clothes, toys, sporting stuff and musical instruments. All our cases were packed when we left from the Perth airport.

I was in charge of the mural painting and my little group churned out 10 murals!! The most interesting was painting mums and bubs on the wall of the ward where new mums and their babies rested after birthing!



An early group of us went for a 6 am walk about a mile to see the Placenta Tree. Many people believe evil spirits are out to harm their babies, so hang the placentas in bags and buckets on a special tree to lure the spirits in that direction."

Our IAHCE outbound exchange participant Deon Maas of Fulton County will surely come back from her visit to Australia in March 2019 with more great stories about members of the Country Women's Association of Western Australia.

Submitted by Pat Weitzmann, past IAHCE Board Member



Illinois State Homemakers Camp

For the first time, several Kane County HCE members attended the Illinois State Homemakers Camp in October.



Left to right: Mari Curless, Naomi Redman and Junia Epperson followed the theme of "Camp Safari" for their table decoration.

The 2019 Homemakers camp will be over Columbus Day weekend, October 11-17 at the Illinois Memorial 4-H camp in Monticello, Illinois. The theme is "Under the Sea."

Let's Top 2018 AC Auction \$\$\$"

Counties are asked to donate one or more items. Remember to bring GOOD quality items....items that you would want. Especially popular are handcrafted items, original and unusual items, and theme baskets.

Also, note that we will be available to accept auction items on Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. and encourage you to do so if you come on Monday afternoon.

—Beverly Combs and Kathleen Emery

Look for Bev Combs, Kathleen Emery and Marilyn DeVries in the Convention Center Hall in front of Room D.



AUGUST 2018 DISTRICT WORKSHOP WINNERS

District 1	
Newsletter	Janice Fryer, Stephenson
Scholarship	Ann Runkle, Stephenson
District 2.3	
Newsletter	Judith A. Corson, McHenry
Scholarship	Betty Pierce, Grundy
District 4	
Newsletter	Anita Ashcroft, Morgan
Scholarship	Vivian Gerriettes, Tazewell
District 5	
Newsletter	Bette Ohlenkamp, McLean
Scholarship	Catherine Kellog, Prairie
District 6	
Newsletter	Diane Sinclair, Clinton
Scholarship	Cheryl Hackler, Madison
District 7	
Newsletter	Donna Wetzel, Randolph
Scholarship	Gertrude Helmes, Randolph



IAHCE PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE

Purpose: To increase awareness of IAHCE;
To increase membership

Marketing IAHCE is becoming more important than ever because of decreasing membership.

Organizations exist because groups of people working together can achieve more than all the individuals in the organization could produce when working separately.

To maintain the quantity and quality of programs and activities in meeting the needs of the community, it is imperative that the membership grows. The brochure will provide awareness of the many educational opportunities available to the state of Illinois.

Description of Proposal:

Five thousand tri-fold brochures were developed for statewide identification and promotion of IAHCE and member recruitment. A single of the brochure was sent to each county HCE president (74) in the December 2017 packet. An additional 25 copies were given to each county (1,850) at the 2018 Annual Conference.

—Public Relations Committee

If your would like to have additional copies, they are available from Ashley Davis, CVH/Sales for 25 cents each.

GREETINGS FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY

Organized 1945

The board members attended the District meeting in Effingham and enjoyed the fellowship and new ideas.

There was also a good attendance from the county at the Five-County Event held in Marion this past September. The speakers were interesting.

In October, the board sponsored a “Public Safety” event at the Randolph County Courthouse.



Randolph County Sheriff Shannon Wolff provided information on how to protect yourself and gave safety tips.

The presentation was followed by a tour of the county jail. Several visited the county museum in the courthouse complex. Spouses were also invited.

Plans are to organize a Craft Unit to get together for fellowship and sharing ideas and making crafts.

The members are looking forward to having Janel Kassing, county chair and district director, return from her trip to Australia in March.

Jane Luchet
Public Relations, Randolph County



Did you know?



Line dancing was started by women waiting to use the bathroom.



THANK YOU ... for hosting the IAHCE Board Dinner
 Standing: Hostess Mary Lou Strack
 Seated: Carol Keneway (L) and Kay Coates (R)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that there are a couple of Scholarship opportunities through IAHCE.

Ruth B. Sayer Scholarship

A Project of CWC, this scholarship is available for fostering the educational development of women. It is \$500 and up to four (4) are awarded yearly. Applications are available on the CWV website (www.cwcusa.org) and must be sent to Jane Chapman for a signature. For this reason, the deadline to her is February 15.

IAHCE Scholarship

The form is available online and in the Guidebook, pages 58-59. The deadline to apply is May 1 and applicant must be a member of IAHCE or have a parent or grandparent who is. Please check with a board member if you have any questions. Forms will be available at the state conference in March.

—Janel Kassing



My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 5, 2018 Membership report due to District
- January 15, 2019 State membership Dues at \$5.00 per member based on membership as of 12/31/18, must be postmarked by January 15 (or county delegates will not be able to vote at the March 2019 Annual Conference
- January 31, 2019 Membership activity reports for 2018 are due to 2nd Vice President, Angela Hicks
- January 31, 2019 50-Year Member Form due to 2nd Vice President, Angela Hicks
- January 31, 2019 Education reports and Volunteer Hours due to Education Directors
- March 12-14, 2019 95th Annual IAHCE Conference Effingham, IL
- April 3-10, 2019 ACWW Triennial Conference Melbourne, Australia

2019 District Workshop Dates

- August 6, 2019 District 1 and 2/3
- August 7, 2019 District 4 and 5
- August 8, 2019 District 6 and 7



See you at 2019 Annual Conference in Effingham, March 13-16 as we **CELEBRATE AROUND THE WORLD WITH IAHCE**

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