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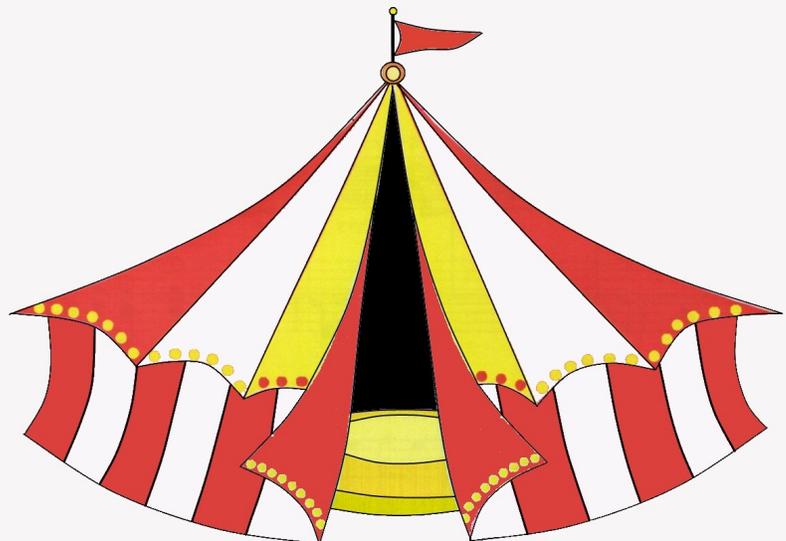
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INVITING you to an AMAZING HAPPENING at our CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA!



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From the Desk of the President

Greetings to you as you are busy shopping, baking and decorating for the holidays. Please take a moment and read this entire newsletter because it contains a lot of helpful information. I want to thank you all for your continued interest and support of HCE. HCE is a great organization because of your talents in creating lessons, inviting friends to meetings, volunteering and many other activities to promote our organization.



We are approaching a new HCE year. New ideas, new topics and changes will be making this an exciting new year. Many of you develop lessons, major and minor, that you use in your county. Please make sure you send this lesson to the IAHCCE First Vice President. Then other counties will be able to choose a lesson from this list.

Another annual conference is in the planning stages by Sharon Middleton, Chairman and Treasa Brookman, Co-Chairman. One exciting option we will have is the opportunity to have more share shops. The Deatur Conference Center and Hotel has more rooms enabling us to have extra classes. Rita Stewart, International Chairman, is in charge of securing a variety of choices for you. So I encourage you to make your reservations at the hotel and for share shops early. Rita has some interesting choices for you.

Please watch for the Pre-Annual Conference packet that will be coming to each president in December. It is very important that you complete the necessary forms and send them in so that the annual conference will run smoothly.

Have you checked the website, www.iahec.org for more information? We are constantly adding more information to assist you in your county.

Please remember as the new year begins, invite your neighbors, friends, new retirees or newcomers to attend your unit meeting, or a special county meeting. A personal invitation achieves results.

The winner for the quilt that I donated to IAHCCE for ovarian cancer will be drawn at conference. You will still have a chance to purchase a ticket there. All proceeds will be given to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

I feel certain that you will have a fun time with the theme the Conference Chairs have selected. So be prepared to have a great time at the circus themed conference. Sharon and Treasa have a lot of fun ideas planned for you. So come and enjoy the circus.

Have a blessed Christmas and safe travels as you visit family. Thanks for all the prayers and support you have given me and my daughter.

Blessings,

Marilyn Daughette
IAHCCE State President



EXECUTIVE BOARD



1st Vice President
NYMPHA WHITE

The falling leaves drift by my window,
the autumn leaves are red and gold, and
soon I'll hear old winter songs.

Remember those lines? Some of you
might. It is beautiful and enjoy it!

I almost can't believe that it is about time to think of the annual conference next year although we just had our Fall Workshop not too long ago. To each of you who attended the First Vice President workshop, thank you for coming and, of course, for sharing your success stories or programs from your counties. In fact, your suggestions for Lessons for Living is highly encouraged to be sent either to me or Susan Taylor, our University of Illinois Liaison Officer. If you want an updated list of county First Vice Presidents, be sure to send me your First Vice President's name, address and phone, especially if you have a new officer from last year. Those who send me their county newsletters, I usually pick up the name of their new officer. However, for those who don't, I have no way of knowing whether you have a new officer or not and that is where I need your help.

As of now, with counties being grouped together, I'm sure there will be more sharing of lessons and ideas between them. Collaboration might be the word and I hope everything is going on smoothly. Isn't it what our organization is all about? Remember our former name "Homemaker's Extension"? That's what most of the people in our community knew us by. I know all of you out there in the counties are doing well in your programs....just keep doing good work.

To my dear ladies who lend their melodious voices at the annual conference, here we are again getting ready to rehearse our songs. With circus and clowns as our theme, you may wear something related to the theme. Please let me know also if you want to join us again in our chorus so I will have enough music and folders for everyone.

Thanks you all our IAHCE families for all your hard work, cooperation and support thereby achieving another successful HCE year.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful, Healthful and Prosperous New Year.

Nympha White

2nd Vice President
SANDRA BECHTOLD



Membership - We all know it's necessary to keep our organization alive. It's great to hear all the activities you all are doing. I'm so proud of all you do and so proud of this organization. We can't keep it a secret.

Please bring your ideas to the conference and we'll discuss what everybody has been doing. Remember, we are just a grain of sand in a large sandbox. Sisters in a world wide-organization and we have much to be proud of.

Have the best of holidays and a healthy and happy one. May God bless you all especially your loved ones in harm's way.

Sandra Bechtold



SECRETARY
CAROLYN FISHER

By the time you are reading this, the President's Pre-Conference Packet will already be in the mail and on the way to the County Presidents. While working with putting all of the County Officers Lists on computer, I have found many holes and insufficient information.

The Secretary Report form asks for a (meeting) location for your county, meeting time, and date (month is sufficient) of your Annual Meeting. This helps the IAHCE President plan for visits and a time when she could call your county officers, if necessary.

The form asks for name, address, and telephone number. We do not ask for cell phone or e-mail address, but if you offer those, we appreciate those also. Some counties forgot that Illinois has more than one area code. Others have forgotten to include the addresses of their board members. Still others have only given me a list of names. And then I read in your county newsletters that you have new officers and the best information is what I see in print. If you want information to be received by the proper person, please supply that information. Our Bylaws state that a county organization

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needs only a President and Secretary to function. Some counties only have Executive Officers designated and have Directors-at-Large - that is perfectly legal; we can work with that. If you have an open position and do not specify a reference person, I will designate the County President as the contact person.

Certified Volunteer Hours are the most neglected position. Alice Grooms has been working hard to have the position properly recognized. Even some of our District Directors lists have not listed the position. Please supply that information if you have it.

The IAHCCE Board is here to assist you and recognize all of you as valuable members of our organization. Remember: a head cannot function without the rest of the body.

Be brief,

Carolyn Fisher



TREASURER JANE CHAPMAN

While out running early this morn, I was trying to compose this letter but I got totally sidetracked with the beauty of the fall day. The weather in Southern Illinois has just been

fabulous the last few weeks. The foliage is starting to turn and the leaves are beginning to fall. I hope each of you have enjoyed the great days of fall and have allowed the beauty to ease any stress you might be undergoing!

Just want to remind everyone that Pennies for Friendship are to be postmarked by November 20. The membership dues must be postmarked by January 15. Failure to have either of these postmarked by said date will make your county ineligible to count them as credits on the County of the Year forms. The dues, if not received by the end of January, makes your county ineligible to have voting delegates at the Annual Conference in March. A late payment fee of \$15.00 is also assessed to your county. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the numbers or e-mail listed in the front of this newsletter.

I want to wish each of you a great holiday season and I hope to see all of you at the Annual Conference in

March. Until then be happy!

Jane Chapman



COMMUNITY OUTREACH VI HUEBNER

The State Board members just returned from the October Board meeting. What a busy time. We worked hard on planning our 2011 State Conference, March 22-24, 2011. We will continue working on the projects we presented in August, 2010. There will be new material in your packets in March.

Send your Community Outreach Education Award applications to me by January 31, 2011. They must be postmarked by that date and sent to me or they will not qualify. Address is inside the front cover of this newsletter.

Vi Huebner

FAMILY ISSUES NORMA KORTE

Hello to everyone from Southern Illinois! I hope you have had wonderful harvest weather! We have been blessed with good weather during harvest. I noticed on the news that the northern part of the state has had a lot of rain the last few weeks. I was thinking of Marilyn and Jean in Section 1, & 2/3 and all the families in that area of the state and have wondered if they were affected or not.

During the District workshops, I had a chance to meet and get to know of few members in the various IAHCCE Districts and visit with the District Directors. I enjoy getting to know each of you better and gain a greater understanding for what you want presented for Family Issues topics.

In each of the workshops I explained my plans for the "Childhood Cancer" awareness project for the upcoming State Conference in March. I had the opportunity to meet Carolyn at the District 4 & 5 workshop. Because of her help, we will be having a doctor from the St. Jude's



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affiliate of Peoria as our speaker at the State Family Issues Share Shop. I am very grateful to Carolyn for her assistance with this project! My hope is that each of you will learn about some of the potential warning signs of childhood cancer. Cancer of any type, if caught early, has a better chance of being cured.

I also want to remind you to keep collecting your tabs to turn in to a Ronald McDonald House or local McDonald's restaurant. Some McDonald's restaurants collect the tabs, but others may not. Please make sure you have them weighed and documented in some form before you turn them in. The total weight will be listed in your tab collection report that is due January 31. The total weight, with pictures and a short statement of your experience are the required items for the application. The Family of the Year, and the Family Issues Education Award are to be postmarked by January 31, 2011.

I have really enjoyed reading so many of your newsletters. I appreciate seeing some of the Family Issues information also given to your members in your local newsletter. This helps all the members have access to this information. You may want to encourage members to use the information in unit lessons.

Some exciting things are being planned for the "Circus Extravaganza" this coming March and I hope to see many of you there! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and New Year.

Norma Korte

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT KAY BRINKLEY



It was such a joy to meet all of you at District Workshop! I appreciate all the participation and great project ideas that you shared with each other. I came away excited and hope that you all did too. I am sorry that some of you did not get the word about bringing a project for show and tell to share with the other counties. I did put this in the two previous State newsletters before workshop. We will be sharing projects for show and tell next year along with instructions. So you now have a year to get ready!

I am pleased to read in some of the county newsletters that some of you are doing book clubs. The Adams County book club not only discusses great books, they host a "Movie Night" for all HCE members and guests and they serve popcorn and beverages. This is such a great idea. Not only are they sharing their love of books and movies, they are also having a fun time as HCE members and letting their guests know about HCE. What a great way to use the public library! Gerry Henningfield, Ruth Malloy Cultural Enrichment Co-chairs for Lake Co. HCE are planning a day in November for HCE members to bring their sewing machines and join together in a day of fun making the pillow case dresses for the African Children. Way to go ladies!!

Cultural enrichment is not just about crafts and sewing. There are several categories listed in the IAHCE Guidebook, page 25. The categories are reading, writing, (we will do this again next year and I will announce it at Conference), Visual - visit museums (keep history alive), photography, painting, knitting, crocheting, arts and crafts and scrapbooking. Your units have a wide range of categories to pick from! I understand there are differences in county size and location, so each county will have to choose what is best suited for you.

Many of you will have your craft days during the month of October. You may go ahead and send me registrations for the cultural arts show. You do not have to wait until January. 31, 2011. As a reminder, you can choose 5 Heritage skills winners and 1 quilt. Please make sure this information is mailed to me: *Kay Brinkley, 109 Beverly Dr. Paris IL 61944*. Also my e-mail address will be changed by October 1, 2010, it will be: skbrinkley@frontier.com.

A few of our ladies have volunteered to do "Make-It Take-It" at conference in March. Thank you ladies so much for volunteering. This is such a help to me! I know these crafts will be so much fun to make. I am including a list of volunteers and craft offered later in this newsletter.

Many of you are getting ready for HCE week and craft day. I hope it will be successful with many new prospects for membership. Have loads of fun and fellowship with each other and remember our creed to be nice!!!!

Kay Brinkley

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INTERNATIONAL RITA STEWART



I can't tell you how busy this month of October is for me. I hope your month isn't quite as hectic as it is for me. As my brother reminded me, "Can't you learn to say no?" Well, I have not said that much lately so as soon as I finish this report on my activities, I better get busy and quit procrastinating.

In my county of Perry we are involved in helping my niece, Sara Tanner, with a Zumba for the Cure fundraiser for breast cancer. Our Holiday Ideas event is approaching and as First Vice in the county, I'm the chairman. We are calling the event, "Give Thanks", with free soup and a big kettle we want our guests to fill with dollars or food which we'll contribute to the two food pantries in the county. Next, we'll be selling raffle tickets at Pinckneyville's big Mardi Gras. These funds will be used for the two Scholarships we give each spring. The President, Jane Chapman, and I are creating two tri-fold poster boards, one to be placed in Du Quoin and the other for Pinckneyville, which are to celebrate HCE week and volunteerism in our organization.

I haven't said much about my International business, but I would like to announce here that we will be privileged to have the ACWW Treasurer, Alison Burnett of Scotland at our 2011 Conference. Since we are having Scotland as our Country of Study for 2011, we will have someone directly from there and she will talk about Pennies for Friendship, etc. What a wonderful time we will have with Mrs. Burnett in attendance.

Rita Stewart



PUBLIC RELATIONS SHARON MIDDLETON



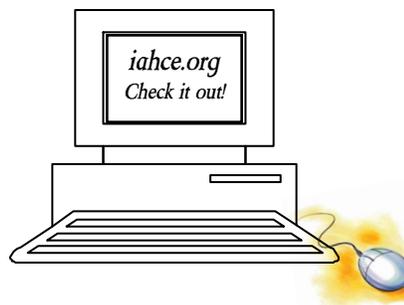
I have been reading all of the counties articles for this newsletter. I am so happy to see them all and read about what you are doing in your counties in programs, tours and, of course, how you are working at getting new members. Thanks go to all of the Public Relations or Information Directors for their articles.

It is exciting to see the different ways you are going about obtaining those new members. Whether it be teas and luncheons, book clubs or quilting classes, you all are doing such a great job. Keep up the good work!

If you have had a chance to browse through this newsletter, I always do that before sitting down to read something through, you will see we have our regular articles from the State Board officers, county articles, etc. What is in the middle is the registration information for the upcoming 2011 Annual State Conference. As Chair, I'm getting so excited about the things Treasa Brookman, Co-Chair and I are working on to make this one of the most exciting conferences you have been to.

"Inviting you to an *Amazing Happening* at our *Circus Extravaganza*" is the theme and everything we are doing is around this theme. Just imagine what you have seen at a circus—we hope that we will be able for you to relive some of those things in Decatur, March 22-24, 2011. Be sure to register early and reserve your room at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

Sharon Middleton





IAHCE EXTENSION LIAISON

I hope your programming is going well. With all of the changes in Extension, I'm sure there are new challenges but HCE is a strong group and will be able to cope through the change.

First, I apologize to individuals who have been having trouble getting in touch with me. My office moved June 22 to the Du Page County Office in Naperville – 630-955-1123 but the quickest way to contact me if you have e-mail – is setaylor@illinois.edu Please include a phone number and address in your message.

Remember, your Volunteer Hours are now worth \$20.85/hour. I'm sure there are monthly activities that you do – keep track and submit your information to your county designate.

Remember the Five Keys to Credit for Today files are available on the IAHCE.org website

It won't be long until the New Year will be here. As you are doing your planning for programs, remember to ask your members what topics of interest they have. By early February, send your suggestions to Nymph White, 600 Myrtle Avenue, Grand Ridge, IL 61325 or nym1019@yahoo.com and/or Susan Taylor – setaylor@illinois.edu so we can compile the suggested lists. At the March meeting, new lessons will be selected for Oct 2012.

With the proposed twenty family and consumer science educators (including 2 family consumer economics; 6 family life; and 12 nutrition and wellness) and sixteen horticulture educators future programs may look different.

"We change, whether we like it or not" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Susan Taylor
Extension Liaison to IAHCE Board

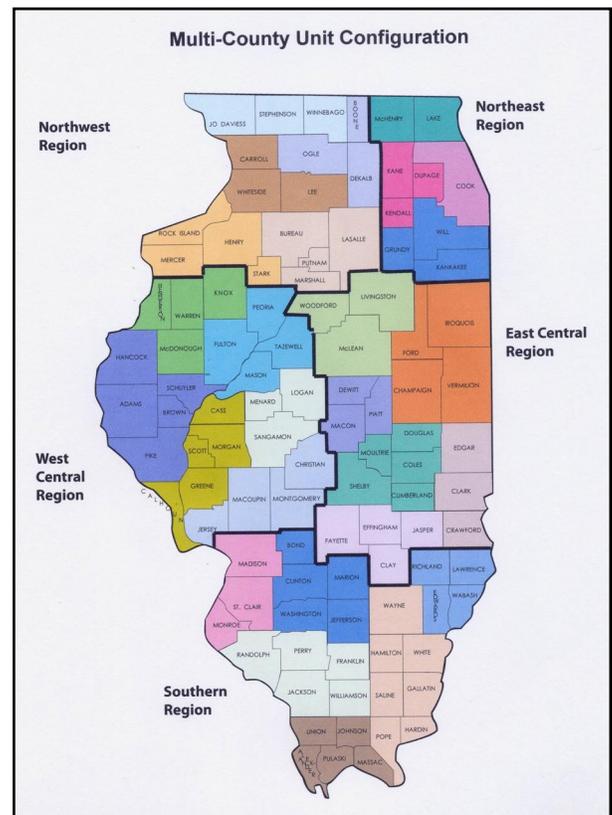
NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE!

To let the members know about the added addition to our website, the *State Newsletter*, we need contacts from each county to notify them that it is online. It will be online December 1, May 1 and August 1 of each year. No waiting for the postman with delays.

I will need an e-mail address of someone in each county to remind them that it is ready to be viewed. I would like the counties to insert this information into their newsletters to further inform your members.

Please remind your members who are subscribers that they will continue to receive their issue in the mail. When their subscription comes due, they will be asked which they would prefer. The cost will remain the \$6 per year for the three issues. Thank you!

Sharon Middleton
Newsletter Editor



This shows you how the counties have been merged together by the University of Illinois Extension.

IAHCE 2011 NOMINEES

The candidates for the IAHCE State Board 2011-2012 were interviewed and the Nominating Committee found all were qualified to serve on the Board.

First Vice President - (Programs/Lessons) Must have previously served on the State Board.



Treasa Brookman - Treasa is from Jefferson County and has been active in HCE for 42 years. She has served her county as President, First Vice President, Treasurer, Cultural Enrichment and Special Activities. On the State Board she has served as Cultural Arts, Textiles and Clothing, First Vice President and District 7 Director. Treasa has been married to Alfred for 52 years and they have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Lynn Kearney - Lynn is from Macoupin County and has served her county as Family Issues and President. At the State level, she has served as Family Issues Director and 2009 Annual Conference Chair. Lynn graduated college with a BS in Business Administration and English Literature. Lynn worked for 31 years, retiring in 2002. She believes that volunteering is important.



Treasurer - Maintains accurate records of all incoming funds and outgoing expenses of the IAHCE Board.



Jane Chapman - Jane is a member of Perry County HCE and has been married for 38 years and they have 2 girls and 6 grandchildren. Jane's work history has been dealing in money. After several different jobs as treasurer for different companies, she hired in as an accountant but retired after 18 years as an assistant manager for Crop Production Services. Jane has great people skills and a great sense of humor. She is very self confident.

Donna Richards - Donna has served Jasper County HCE as President, Vice President, Secretary, Cultural Enrichment and International. Donna is retired, single and has two grandsons. She has spent 45 years in accounting/booking/and payroll environments.



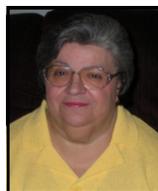
Public Relations - Shares material to counties about writing news articles and working with the media. Edits and types all articles for the State Newsletter and keeps an accurate record of subscribers.



Sharon Middleton - Sharon is from Macon County and has served as Historian, Treasurer and Second Vice President of her county. She has been married to Clarence for 43 years and has three children and three grandchildren. She is currently serving as Public Relations/Newsletter Editor of the IAHCE Newsletter. Of course, we can always count on her husband Clarence for help whenever we need him.

Sales/Certified Volunteer Hours - Keeps records of all volunteer hours and purchases items for the sales table and sells these items at Annual Conference and District Workshops.

Karen Halicki - Karen is from Macon County and has been HCE for 15 years. She has been married to Steve for 33 years and has one son. The Halicki's have been farming since 1982 so she is physically able to tote the items that comes with the sales. Karen is a loyal HCE member. She has served her unit as 2nd Vice President and Family Issues. She has been President of Macon County for two 4 year terms.



Marge Wilcox - Marge is from Jefferson County and has been an active member for 10 years. She has served her county as Public Relations, CVH Director and Ways and Means. Marge has one son who is 21 years old who no longer lives at home. Her husband passed away in December of 2005. She has unlimited time to volunteer.

Vi Huebner

Nominating Committee Chair

Committee: Vi Huebner (Chair), Alice Grooms, Jane Wood, Carolyn Fisher, Jean Pieroni



YOUR IAHCE BOARD AT WORK

Board happenings, October, 2010.



1. Parliamentarian, Debra Korte, presented a short lesson on parliamentary procedures to the board.
2. Encourage counties to send lessons they develop to State 1st Vice President.
3. Suggestions for a speaker to have at district workshops 2011.
4. Check on copyright before putting in newsletter or copy to give to members.
5. Make sure Education Awards and County of Year are sent to the correct officer.
6. Ordered new vinyl banner with our logo to use at conference.
7. Made corrections in IAHCE Guidebook.
8. Sharon will begin putting IAHCE Guidebook on website.
9. Cultural Enrichment Show will be judged by outside people.
10. District Workshops in 2011 registration information will be online.
11. Currently have 905 state newsletter subscriptions. It is paying for itself.
12. Will have extra sessions of share shops at conference as there is more rooms at Decatur.
13. There is a new summary form to be used for Certified Volunteer Hours (CVH).

ASK A FRIEND TO
JOIN YOU
AT YOUR NEXT
HCE MEETING!

DISTRICT WORKSHOP WINNERS

SCHOLARHIP WINNERS

- District 1 – Nellie Tacken, Lee Cty.
Marilyn Burkman, Bureau Cty.
- District 2/3 - Janice Hickey, Will Cty.
Judy Rosengren, La Salle Cty
- District 4 - Ann Twyford, Sangamon Cty.
Susi Ripka, Sangamon Cty.
- District 5 - Carol Ropp, Macon Cty.
Betty Calvert, Edgar Cty.
- District 7 - Adeline Blumhorst, Washington Cty.
Beverly Wynn, White Cty

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- District 1 - Audrey Musser, Stephenson Cty.
Mary Ecker, Rock Island Cty.
- District 2/3 - Susan Lamb, Kankakee Cty.
Joan Ziethen, Kane Cty.
- District 4 - Catherine Bienhoff, Adams Cty.
- District 5 - Kay Tresslar, Champaign Cty.
- District 6 - Melva Reid, Macoupin Cty.
Carol Boatright, Bond Cty.
- District 7 - Sidney Laird, Jefferson Cty.
Eileen Hoffinger, Hamilton Cty.



We'll see all the winners
at the
87th
IAHCE Annual Conference
in Decatur
March 22-24, 2011

NEWS



TEAL TOES HELP MAKE ALL AWARE OF OVARIAN CANCER

After reading about teal being the color representing ovarian cancer and they talked about painting your toes teal in the Hamilton County newsletter, the State Board decided to paint their toes teal to show Marilyn Daughhete that we supported her and her daughter who has had ovarian cancer. So above are some of the members who sported Teal Toes. We won't reveal who's toes are who's. To see the toes in color, check the newsletter at www.iahce.org

So I began right away on this quilt which uses teal fabric, the color used to denote ovarian cancer. I finished the blocks in a short time. My friend and sewing buddy, Marge Houghland, assisted me in putting the blocks together with the sashing and borders.

During the IAHCE District Meetings, I donated this quilt to IAHCE to raise money for research. All the proceeds from donations for this quilt will be given to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Tickets will be available anytime until the 2011 IAHCE Annual Conference in Decatur. At that time, the winning ticket will be drawn. If you would like a ticket before conference, please contact me.

Thank you for your support in helping many women fight Ovarian Cancer.

Marilyn Daughhete
IAHCE State President



PRESIDENT DONATES QUILT FOR OVARIAN CANCER

Last March at the annual conference, Lynn Kearney, Family Issues Director, announced the focus for Family Issues during 2010 would be to learn about Ovarian Cancer. This topic was something I was very interested in because my youngest daughter had just had her third bout with ovarian cancer. The East Central Illinois Shop Hop was also supporting ovarian cancer research along with the Blank Quilting Fabric Company. I, of course, was very interested in doing my part to raise money to assist in the research to help my daughter and many other women who have this Silent Killer.

ACWW PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP

Over \$6,800.00 was sent to ACWW in London the beginning of this year. The \$6,457.42 was divided between Pennies for Friendship and Traditional Birth Attendant Teaching Program and a Workshop on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women in Tuvalu. The \$387.16 was divided equaling between Water for All Fund and Save the Sight Fund.

They sent a thank you "for the generous donations, which will help ACWW to continue supporting small projects for the benefit of women in need and their families."

Continue to collect those Pennies for Friendship.

DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT 1
MARILYN DVRIES

HENDERSON.....

We have been blessed with beautiful harvest weather, which the farmers richly deserve!! Since I missed the spring deadline I'll keep you up to date on our year so far.

We had our annual meeting April 24 at the Rozetta Baptist Church. Our theme was "friendship." The ladies from the church served a delicious brunch. After the usual business meeting and installing new officers, the West Central Music Department entertained us.

Many H.C.E. members volunteered their time at the fair judging and setting up. We are still selling knives at various events. We had our big bake sale at Weir's Fruit Farm during Heritage Trail Days. Proceeds from these help fund community projects such as college scholarships, books and healthy snacks for West Central schools, Basket for "goodies" for New Year's Baby and 4-H.

We also collected bags, blankets for foster children. We are collecting aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald house and use old blue jeans to make lap throws for Veterans Home.

Many H.C.E. members helped at farm safety days for school children from Warren and Henderson county schools held at the Stronghurst Fairgrounds.

We all enjoyed the international program on Israel held at the Gerlaw church in Warren County. We will be busy planning upcoming Holiday

events, such a float for the lighted Christmas parade to be held in Oquawka and holiday parties.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

Bev Alecock
Public Information

KNOX.....

Fall finds the members of Knox County HCE busy planning and participating in our upcoming activities.

Each unit has furnished a Linus blanket and we will get together in October making and finishing the blankets. They are donated to a local organization that is decided upon yearly.

Our cultural arts lessons so far this year have included an embroidered design on card stock. A luncheon prepared by Peggy Long is served and followed by the monthly lesson presentation. It is an enjoyable day for the participants.

In October we had our annual membership tea - "An Afternoon Tea". Our program was Aprons Though History and we encouraged attendees to wear their favorite apron. We had a display and information featuring our country, Israel.

In November our units will be busy baking cookies for our annual Cookie Walk held in two locations at a local Christmas craft show.

Each February we sponsor a Class Day with our local community college. That committee has been busy getting all of the classes, presenters and other information ready for that day.

Four county board members were able to attend the District Workshop and came back with renewed energy and ideas.

Lois Hobbs
Public Information

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ROCK ISLAND.....

Eight of our Rock Island County members left the District I workshop on August 17th with red noses....green curly hair...very large feet...and baggy pants. No, we didn't decide to make a side trip to a low budget Spa. We just got excited about next year's theme...the Circus!

Cultural Enrichment Director Lucille Michels began "Unmasking our Possibilities" with a special session for tying Veteran's Comforters on September 13th. Our Comforter Tying Days resemble the old fashioned Quilting Bees because county members come to enjoy the good food and good company for a good cause. Again this year our members attended the Veteran's Stand Down Days serving food, distributing clothing, and assisting with health testing. In addition to donating clothing and sundry items they distributed to homeless Veterans approximately 70 comforters made by HCE members.

Several of our members were asked to teach sewing classes to County 4-H members. Therefore, a SPIN Sew Club was organized and meets once a month. The first four classes included a windsock, Square Halloween Tissue box cover, "Hotdog" pillowcases for the military, and Magic Christmas stockings.

Our fall Lessons for Living were given on September 25th. They were "How Vitamins Affect Medications" and "Healthy Aging Month with Food".

On September 28th and October 19th members attended two of the four oil painting classes scheduled by Lucille and taught by Nina Stachewicz. The classes include Apples on a Tray, Cattails on canvas, Santa on a Plate, and St. Nick on a fabric board.

A Special Session was arranged on September 30th to sew Christmas Stockings for our military personnel overseas. In one day our members completed 140 stockings; the goal was 100.

On October 8th members of the Blackhawk and Busy Bee units of the RIHCE visited a Gourd farm owned by Dallas and Roxie De Shane. A slide presentation and tour of the grounds provided a world of information on the growing and drying of gourds.

On October 16th in celebration of HCE Month we hosted our annual Cultural Enrichment Heritage Awareness Day. Members and guests enjoyed a large and varied display of our Heritage Skills while they munched on light appetizers. The program "The Basics of Making Chenille" was presented by "The Queen of Chenille" Marge Houghland. Marge explained the process of creating chenille that could then be transformed into fabulous chenille items. The photograph shows Marge (center) with Marilyn Daughhettee, President of IAHCCE and Marilyn DeVries, District I Director, who were also our guests for the day. Our three Lessons for Living ("Food Substitutions", "Spring Cleaning: Make Your Own Cleaning Products" and "Is a Reverse Mortgage Right for Me?") followed the program and were very informative.



Our October calendar included our International Day observance on October 27th at the Tri-City Jewish Center. A speaker and refreshments were arranged by the center.

Members are anxiously awaiting a quilt class featuring the "Dum-Dum Quilt" that will be taught by Lucille Michels on November 15th.

Our Annual Playcrafters Fundraiser-Hors d'oeuvres Party will take place on November 18th at the Playcrafters Barn Theater. The production this year is "Treasure Island". It should be a swashbuckling favorite with local families. We would love to welcome any members of our sister HCE counties to this great holiday event. Get a group together and join us. Contact Emma for tickets.

In the Circus we call the Holiday's remember to find time to smile with the Ringmaster, dance with the high wire performers, and laugh with the clowns.

Brenda Wells
Public Relations Co-Chair

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STEPHENSON.....

Stephenson County hosted a Tri-County Heritage Workshop on March 27th, 2010. It was held at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau building. In the morning Mike and Mary Shore presented a program on Civil War era clothing. A variety of workshops were offered during the day. They included stamp art, ribbon embroidery, wheat weaving, bread baking and recycling greeting cards. A soup and salad lunch was served at noon.

The Annual Meeting was held May 5th at the Farm Bureau building. A Mardi Gras theme was used. Our speaker was Jane Shoemaker. She has written a book about her special needs child who is now an adult.

We continued the Mardi Gras theme for our Officer's Training. Our speaker was Sherry Bicksler, the Executive Director of the Freeport Pregnancy Center. Some of our members make basket liners and baby bath towels for the center. After the training session we enjoyed a lunch of baked potatoes, salads and desserts.

We assisted with the Pretzel City Recipe contest held on June 26th. Of the nine awards given, six went to H.C.E.A. members!

Our dining hall was open during the Stephenson County fair and also at the Antique Engine Show. This is one of our money makers.

Our International Meeting was Oct. 11th. We enjoyed learning about Israel and sampling food from that country. We also had a silent auction for some very beautiful baskets. This was also a money maker for us. Our membership is holding steady, but we are working on reaching new people who could be potential members.

We are looking forward to coming to the State Conference in March.

WARREN.....

Wow! We have just wrapped up a very busy September and October within Warren County HCE.

September started off with our International Brunch, coordinated by Lynne Devlin, International Director. Israel was our country of study, so foods and entertainment of that country were the focal point. We shared this event with Henderson and Mercer Counties. It was wonderful!

We hosted our annual Warren Achievement Center Party for this group of special people we dearly enjoy being around. Gladys Olson, Family Issues Director, organized this evening of food, music and dancing for our WAC clients. Each person was given a "goody bag" of treats to enjoy later.

October was our "Annual Meeting of WCHCE". We were honored to have both our State President and District 1 Director join us for this fun "Mardi Gras" party. Gretchen Allert, Cultural Enrichment Director, coordinated this entire event. The menu of Jambalaya, tossed salad, breads, bananas foster and beignets was AWESOME! We enjoyed the mask and parasol parade too! Fun day!

Our County Board officers (pictured) were installed and will take their office on Jan. 1, 2011, as will all our new Unit officers.



November is our BIG moneymaker event for HCE, our annual CRAFT & HOME SHOW and BAKE SALE! Yes, November 20, you can come to Monmouth, Illinois to do all your Christmas shopping. We have 3 locations for you: the VFW building, Lincoln School and the 1st St. Armory. Our crafters are at the VFW and Lincoln school,

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and our businesses who buy and sell products are at the Armory - with our HCE Bake Sale items. Every Unit bakes, volunteers time at the kitchens, and shops for Christmas, of course. We also have two 4-H clubs who help us during this very big day in HCE. We thoroughly enjoy bringing this annual event to our community and hope you will join us too!

Merry Christmas to all!

Peg Chambers
Public Relations

BOND.....

On June 9th, once again the Bond County HEA hosted the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the First Christian Church in Greenville. Eighteen people registered with 16 units collected. Extension members manned the canteen.

The Annual HEA meeting using the theme "Mardi Gras" was held July 19th at the Homemaker's Food Stand building. Sixty members and guests attended the meeting with the installation of officers. Carol Faust of the Bond County Health Department gave an informative talk on breast cancer, explaining the risk factors and the importance of early detection.

Bond County President, Georgianne Thompkins introduced the guest speaker, Susanne Koberczky, who gave an intriguing presentation and demonstration on vintage, historic dress, accessories and lives of the Southern women in Civil War times. She appeared first as a demure, modest and shy lady but showed how by changing the button-up jacket to an off-the-shoulder top of matching material, added jewelry or flowers to the hair, black lacy gloves, she became an exciting Southern belle. She also gave interesting facts about women's lives after the Civil War and stating that women actually fought in the war.

Homemakers Extension Food Stand at the Bond County Fair, August 5-10 is the Extension's way of providing funds for the county. Homemade pies and fried chicken dinners have earned a reputation for the homemakers group.

Each year our county has a quilt raffle to raise funds. This year the quilt was of embroidered blocks made by Francis Ganzer - our 65 year charter member who passed away this year. Her quilting talent and generosity will live on in this original handmade quilt.



August 19th several County Board members attended the District 6 & 7 Workshop in Mt. Vernon. Georgianne Tompkins, Carol Boatright, Shirley Voletine, Pat Sutton, Jeanette Brown and Hester Henry attended. Much good information was obtained for each office.

DISTRICT 2/3 JEAN PIERONI

Hello Ladies and Welcome to Fall!

I know that fall is on the way when I see the red of the Sumac. Then our Maples start turning gold and there's glorious orange pumpkins and Indian corn at the Farmer's Market. There are also deep purple egg plants, and red and green peppers. What a gorgeous time of year the fall is!

During the last few weeks, it seemed summer didn't want to let go with temperatures bounding from the 60's to the 90's and back again. From now on I hope we have typical fall days with a frost. It's a great time for making soups and chili. There's nothing better on a cold day but to come in the house and smell something bubbling on the stove or in the crock pot.

Your state officers have just completed their fall workshop in Decatur, where our Annual Conference will be in March 2011. It was three full days of hard work, fun and laughter. You'll be reading and hearing more soon. Get your reservations in as soon as possible - this will be one of the best!

Jean Pieroni



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Several members attended the Craft Day Camp in Du Bois, IL on September 16th. A brick snowman, painted tin lid, necklaces, painting on t-shirts and beaded irises were some of the items they enjoyed making.

October 11th was the beginning of HEA Week. We had a Craft Day at the Homemakers Stand. Many attended - all enjoyed a delicious chicken salad entrée, soup and fall desserts made of pumpkin or apples. The ladies and children carried home beautiful items like corn cob wreaths, teacup/saucer lamps, lighted glass cubes, painted wine bottles and barn plaques, Christmas felt decorations and ornaments, Christmas stockings and napkins, fall and Christmas filled baskets. We were happy to have ladies from Clinton, Fayette and Madison counties with us.

Shirley Volentine
Public Relations

Du PAGE.....

Our Annual Update and Potluck event was held in late August at the Du Page County Fairgrounds Home Economics building. The theme for the occasion was "Aprons".

Members attending wore aprons and brought more than fifty others that were displayed on a clothesline.

Besides the delicious Potluck the members enjoyed hearing about the history of aprons throughout the years, several fun skits about aprons, members shared personal stories about their aprons and were treated by a fun Kazoo Band and sing-a-long.

Door prizes were apron adorned detergent bottles. A great time was had by all.

Mary Lambert
Du Page County President

We went to our District 2/3 Workshop learning and listening. Getting together to discuss new ideas how

we can influence new members to join. Du Page County is trying to come up with some ideas to try to get new members for our units.

Our President, Mary Lambert, has set up a group of meetings to learn about cutting, sewing and piecing. It all comes together. Each week we are doing a different pattern, learning it's name and how it came to be



called that. Some of us have done some quilting. I am including a picture of three members with a quilt. One quilt is made of denim, one from pieces of materials and one from a sheet, adding fabric following the lines on it.

A luncheon was held for the unit members who could come. It was held at a restaurant nearby and we had time to chat with members from the other units. A good time was had by all that came.

Craft days have been busy. We received many thanks for making of cards for veterans and nursing homes. We also have been making items for trimming things for Thanksgiving and holidays.

On October 28, 2010 we combined a membership tea with our International meeting. We had slides of Israel, our County of Study.

May we all have a great Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. Joy to All.

Miriam Ferguson
Public Information

KANE.....

We had ninety attend our Open House this past August 25 for a delightful program on purses by Boone County's Marilyn Smaha. Our next county event is International/New Member Luncheon November 10 at St. Gall Catholic Church in Elburn where World Traveler Kathy Wachowiak will enlighten us on life in Israel.

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We are thrilled to have our county's HCE Week proclamation signed by Governor Quinn, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our awesome Co-First Vice President Joan Ziethen. Last year it was the Mayor of Elgin, this year the Governor of Illinois, next year we can't wait!

Fun Day is March 2, again at St. Gall's, at which time we will collect book donations for the Little City Foundation's annual book sale in Skokie.

Beth Engbrecht
Public Relations

KENDALL.....

HCE DONATES BRAS TO SUPPORT1000

Kendall County Association for Home and Community Education last spring began collecting new and gently used bras for Support1000, a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization. They recently made their second delivery of 100s of bras. Support1000.org, began in November 2008 in Chicago to collect bras to donate to organizations that serve women. Originally their goal was 1000 bras, and that was reached by April, 2009. To date more than 5,000 bras have been donated, and Support1000 has sent over 3,000 bras around the world to schools, churches, organizations that provide attire for job interviews, homeless shelters, residential facilities for recovering addicts, Sioux tribes, a village in Kenya and many other organization and social services professionals who serve women.



The Executive Director and founder, Oz Du Soleil, says that Support1000 now stands as a commitment to satisfy a need that is much larger than imagined. With the help of social and case workers, they have also been able to donate to victims of domestic violence. The breadth of the list of recipients reflects the vast and international unmet need for women's undergarments. A list can be found on their website,

www.support1000.org.

If you work with women who are in need of bras, please go to their website and use the form to make your request. Support1000's mission is to aid organizations that serve women. They also work with social services professionals who make a difference for women in need.

Kendall County HCE will continue to collect new and gently used bras to donate to Support1000. For more information, please call Joan at 630-553-6407, or bras can be dropped off at the University of Illinois Extension office on Rt. 47 in Yorkville, phone 630-553-5823.

Joan Mc Eachern

LAKE.....

The Volo Unit of the Lake County Association for Home and Community Education was pleased to have member Betty Wertke inducted into the University of Illinois-Extension Service Hall Of Fame. Betty has a long and diverse history of volunteerism in Lake County. In 1962 Betty began volunteering with 4-H as a leader of the Volo Busy Bees. She was leader for 35 years, working with generations of children, including her own children and long after her own children were grown. Betty served on the 4-H counsel during this time. Betty says that her biggest accomplishment with 4-H "was to see people become adults and then become leaders in the community and active in Extension work also. It makes you feel good to see these kids grown up and reminiscing about their experiences in 4-H."

Betty has served in various capacities in her Volo Unit and LCAHCE, including President, Secretary, Treasurer and various Director of Action appointments. In her most recent position as 2nd vice-president of the LCAHCE board she increased our membership by working with the Unit 2 VP, organizing a tea for prospective members and arranging for a booth at the County Fair. She continues her service by serving as the Verified Volunteer Hours Chair and the chair of the Volo Clippers, collecting hundreds of dollars worth of

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coupons, which she sends to the service men and their families. She chairs the annual and very popular Christmas cookie sale and, in conjunction the Master Gardeners, a bake sale. These two activities are a major source of our funds.

As her most memorable accomplishment, "The formation of the Mes Amis which was not only daughters of the Volo Unit but also former 4-H members. I am proud to see they are still an active unit to this day."

Betty manages the family motel. She has three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Betty's community service includes having served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Volo and the U of I Foundation Board; she has been active in the Volo Business Association, the 4-H Council and the Home Economics Council. The Village of Volo named her Woman of the Year in 1996. She got special Recognition a UICES/4-H leader in 1976 and she was awarded the LUCI award 1998.

We are fortunate to have this talented and charming woman as a member of LCAHCE.

This year's Cultural Enrichment program, in addition to a presentation of numerous, beautifully knitted, crocheted, embroidered, and sewn items and photos, included a speaker from the Lake County Museum who treated us to letters written during the Civil War between Union Soldiers and their sisters. One of the sisters wrote such prolific and interesting letters that a friend of her brother asked if she would also correspond with him-she enthusiastically agreed. One difference between the letters of the men and their sisters-the women's spelling was much better due to the fact that the women had more education since they did not have to do as much of the farm work and spent more time in school.

The Best of Show among the needlework and other crafts was a Mardi Gras mask done by Sandy Henke in counted cross-stitch. It was lovely with very fine stitches and beautiful colors.

The Cultural Enrichment committee members prepared and served an excellent buffet for the HCE members and guests.

Betty Jean Thompson
Public Relations

La SALLE.....

La Salle County Association for Home and Community Education has been very busy as we begin our 93rd year starting with our food booth at the 4-H Fair in July. We met a couple of weeks ahead to bake pies for our food booth. We all pitched in and made 72 pies all together. They were enjoyed by all who attended the fair along with all our other food fares.



The County Board attended the District 2/3 Workshop in Sycamore, Illinois in August. Some new and interesting ideas and information was learned and brought back to share with members.

In October we made book markers for several area libraries. We attached a sticker on each one promoting our organization for HCE Week. There was also an article sent to four area newspapers about our organization and invited people to try a meeting.

In November we will be learning about Israel with a prepared booklet, a speaker and a luncheon. Our speaker, Reverend Chris Schoon, was in Israel recently and will share her experiences with us. Also in November we will be sponsoring Blanket Day at a local church. Several members will be cutting and tying fleece blankets which will be donated to local charities. This has always been a huge success and well received in our community. Last year we donated over 70 blankets.

We are also planning for our Cabin Fever Reliever in March 2011. We will be offering various classes, raffles and a luncheon to the public. This is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

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We have been busy providing activities for members and others in the community. We look forward to 2011.

Carol Link
Public Relations

Mc HENRY.....

We started this year out with a bang with a sew day workshop in June. Our members make Christmas stockings for our soldiers overseas. In July, we had a workshop on "Banking, Basics and Retirement" given by a personal banker from Chase Bank. In September a presentation was given on "Birds of McHenry County" given by a member of the McHenry Audubon Society. October, we had two workshops. The first one on "How to Make a Floral Holiday Centerpiece" presented by a local florist. The second on "Quilted Fabric Purse" presented by Marie Worth and Barbara Rowland members of Lake County HCE.

HCE Day was held October 20th at the University of Illinois Extension Conference room. Our entertainment was Arlen Bird, a quilt historian and member of McHenry County Historical Society. She gave a presentation of her many quilts starting from her Great Great Great Grandmother to the present time. The picture is of her latest quilt which is hand appliquéing historical ships. Members exhibited some of their antique quilts.



Best of Show was won by Betty Kubat with a purple crocheted afghan.

We hope you are enjoying our beautiful fall.

Florence Speasard
Public Relations

WILL.....

The Will County HCE International, Cultural Enrichment and Membership Day held in October was one of our better attended events. A "free" catered luncheon was offered as an incentive for members to

come out and enjoy a day of food, fun and fellowship. A highlight of the day was our featured speaker, Beth Randall, Certified Professional Organizer, who shared her gift of organization with our members. A special collection was held for Pennies for Friendship and a variety of Cultural Enrichment entries were voted upon to be sent to the state conference in March.



Cultural Enrichment Winners

Our county project is "Pillows Across America." Members are currently working on pillow cases that will be donated to a local charity. Joan Fleckenstein, Cultural Enrichment Chairperson, plans to have a workshop in the future for the members who would like to learn the art of making a pillow case.

Board members continue to be active planning upcoming events, programs and coming up with ideas to attract new members.

Will County HCE is looking forward to the upcoming holidays and wishes our fellow homemakers the best of holidays as well as a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Marianne Eisenbrandt
Public Information

WINNEBAGO.....

Winnebago County recently had a lesson and special lunch outing at the Command Post Restaurant/Camp Grant Museum at 1004 Samuelson Road, Rockford (815-395-0678). A delicious soup and salad buffet was followed by a speaker from the museum and a tour.

Camp Grant was built in 1917 and dismantled in 1921. The 1,100 buildings served as the largest army training facility in the Midwest in 1917. Over 50,000 troops trained at the camp during WW I. After the war it served a rehabilitation center for the wounded who returned from the Western front.

In 1940 Camp Grant was reactivated as an induction center and as a medical training post to train medics for WW II. It also served as a German Prisoner of War

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Detention Center. In 1946 the camp was no longer needed and most of the buildings were moved or demolished. Today the Chicago Rockford International Airport is

located on much of the site, but the restaurant and museum building was once a camp fire station. The museum has uniforms and hundreds of posters, photos and artifacts from the war years.

Neighboring counties would find this to be a worthwhile outing.



Jean Pollock

LIVINGSTON.....

The Annual HCE meeting for Livingston County was held at the extension office on Monday, April 19th at 1 P.M. We had the usual business meeting and then a local historian, Arnold Natzke, was the guest speaker. He did a wonderful job of telling about the schools in Livingston county from the time he started teaching to the present. He told of the many changes through the years and the location of many of the one room schools.

Our new officers were installed, after which we gave the 'Tater skit' using real potatoes. Those present got quit a kick out of it. Then cookies and drink were served..

Joan Haren



Front (l - r) Lucy Weichmann, 2nd Vice; Linda Vercler, Treasurer; Ellie Bossert, Community Outreach; Back Row - Joan Haren, Public Relations; Marsha Weber, President; Arlene Martell, Family Living; Donna Wessels, Secretary; and June Stalter, Cultural Enrichment. Absent from the picture is Nancy Orr, 1st Vice President. These are the officers elected for the 2010-2011 HCE year and were installed April 19th.

DISTRICT 4

Jan Edwards



The District 4 and 5 Fall Workshop was held August 18 at the Decatur Club in Decatur. Members in attendance appreciated the classes and the information distributed by state officers. We all enjoyed the

architecture of the building and the luncheon. Our next Fall Workshop will be August 24, 2011. Several locations were suggested for next year's workshop. I have begun to visit locations and will submit a recommendation at the March Board Meeting. A new District 5 Director was elected to serve a three year term. She is Nancy Remmers from Piatt County.

I have completed visits to District 4 counties. You are all unique but share many of the same qualities that make our organization so special. I look forward to seeing many of you at the March State Conference.

Jan Edwards

ADAMS.....

Adams County HCE Quilt Guild had a nice display in the Round Barn at the Adams County Fairgrounds in October. The Olde Tyme Association invited the HCE Quilt Guild to demonstrate quilting the old fashioned way, by hand, using an old quilt frame that had been donated to the Round Barn display. The Bow Tie Quilt was framed and rolled up so that eight people could be quilting at the same time. There was someone quilting on the 1st Sunday of each month, April through October. They also quilted for several other events.

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Some of our units have been sending personal items to soldiers overseas. They have also baked cookies for the Illinois Veterans Home.

A Proclamation was received from the Mayor proclaiming October HCE month.

The HCE book club hosted a free movie, *The Great Gatsby*, for the October activity. They served popcorn, tea, water, soda, etc.

The Paloma unit held a bake sale during the 53rd Fiesta in their community.

Some of our Units donated a trophy for the Adams County Fair.

Carrie Edgar, our County Extension Advisor has resigned and will resume a similar position with the University of Wisconsin in Madison. (Dade County)

Pat Vaughn
Public Information

HANCOCK.....

On June 25th, the Hancock County Home Extension sponsored the Van Buren, Iowa Barn Tours. Twenty-one people made the trip to Iowa. Our first stop was to Farmington, IA to visit the Hel-Mart Store. There we had the opportunity to take in a miniature doll house and barn display, a collection of different sizes and colors of a rocking horse display and a HO model scale train room display. We got to visit with, and ask questions, of the people who built the displays.

In addition to touring the restored barns, an Amish dairy farm, still working barns, historic farm sales pavilion, we had lunch at the Amish home. The other sites along the way were a country store, cheese plant, home winery and a greenhouse. The trip was enjoyed by all and the weather was great.



We have added a reading and quilt unit in hopes of bringing in more members. The Quacky Quilters have been very active. We have made tree skirts, table runners and a block of the month for our quilts, consisting of 12 different block patterns. We have five active members and five part-time members. Sue Ruble made the quilt pictured here for her brother's 60th birthday.



Hancock County

PEORIA.....

Hello from Peoria County. The fall is a busy time for us with Lessons, the International Luncheon/Cultural Arts Day and our Bazaar. This year's Luncheon combined our Israel Country of Study lesson with a potluck and the Cultural Arts judging. Our bazaar, while still very successful was down a little from last year. We switched locations and the weather wasn't all to great but we had several outsiders that saw the press releases. Our special lesson by Lee Murdock was very successful. We had 17 outsiders, many of which were men, with a total of 72 in attendance.

We are on Facebook! Many of the magazines I receive at work have had articles about the importance of Social Networking. I took the plunge with our family business several months ago and decided to try it for Homemakers. It is a public page and can be viewed without a Facebook account. I have posted our units, lessons, special events, etc. For our Lee Murdock lesson, I ran an ad. You bid on how much you are willing to pay for the ad and choose who you would like to target, such as age, sex, miles within, etc. I bid up to 90 cents per actual click. The ad with our logo was shown on 71,075 news feeds. Only 10 people actually clicked on the ad with an average cost of 68 cents. At this time, I have yet to hear whether any of those clicks were actual people that attended but am excited that our logo was shown over 71,000 times!

That's all from Peoria County for now. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Julie Courtt
Public Relations

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TAZEWELL.....

Twenty-four members of HCE and their guests attended a festive fall brunch on October 11th in the Pekin Farm Bureau Auditorium to kick off HCE Week. These members were being honored for each having fifty or more years of membership. Some of their guests came from as far as Australia, Maine, Oregon and Colorado.

Pauline Trainor led the group in a blessing before the meal which was catered by Hallmark House of Pekin.

Following the meal each member with fifty or more years told the attendees about her initial HCE meeting and whatever else she thought of interest. Each received a fifty year pin if she had not already received one as well as a decorative garden stake.

Door prizes were awarded to Marcella Nelson, Bernice Kaiser and Ruth Hillman; Marguerite Eilers of Washington Unit II was named the person in attendance with the most years.

Each month the board has been awarding a cash donation to worthy causes that benefit the entire county. The first recipient was the Tazewell County Children's Advocacy Center followed by Dreams for Seniors and Tazewell Animal Protective Service. November beneficiary will be the 4-H Summer Camp dining hall renovation. As of yet the December cause has not been determined.

Shirley Kelly
Public Relations

WOODFORD.....

The Woodford County 4-H Fair was a time for much activity for both the 4-Hers and the County Extension members. HEA members offered a food stand during the fair and many volunteers spent many hours preparing and manning the stand for the 3-day fair. It's a time for working together and supporting the 4-H program in the County. We are so pleased to have such an active 4-H program with involved and interested parents.

Once again this summer our County Board held an Ice Cream Social in the Metamora Park in August. Every

Friday evening in the square in Metamora an old fashioned Band Concert is held and a different organization each Friday night is in charge of the pie and ice cream social. This year rain was a factor and there was a low attendance but in past years it has been a very successful money maker for the County.

Diabetic clinics continue to be offered once a month by the County. Each month there is a new and different topic which is helpful to diabetics who attend.

In September the Woodford County Extension partnered with Woodford County Heartline and Heart House to host the second Annual Quilt and Textile Show. Many exhibitors brought their items for display and the affair was open to the public for viewing these beautiful pieces. The proceeds went to benefit Heart House, a local agency to help those in need.

A "Living Gluten Free" workshop was held October 26, 2010. This workshop was open to the public and was presented by nutritionist, Ashley Simper, from OSF. More and more people are seeking information and services to deal with this most difficult way of life.

Our County, as most likely many counties in the State of Illinois, is experiencing change and major reorganization due to significant cuts to state and local funding. Many persons in our County have been very involved in stressing to our government elected officials in the county that HEA and 4-H are very important factors in the lives of our county residents. Woodford County will be partnering with McLean and Livingston counties, and we are pleased that Cynthia O'Neill, our former County Director, has been selected to be the new County Director for the new partnership. As we look forward to Christmas, may we all seek to challenge one another to be the best that we can be and be ready to help and serve where needed. May you and yours have a Blessed Christmas.



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DISTRICT 5 JANE WOOD



It is with sadness that I write this, my last newsletter article as District V Director. Nancy Remmers, Piatt County, will be installed at

Annual Conference in March. During District V meeting Nancy will be welcomed and take over the reins.

It has been an enjoyable three years meeting each of you, making new friends and seeing what wonderful things each county is doing. The last few counties I visited this year had new members! Does that mean this will be the year for an increase in membership? 2nd Vice Presidents don't forget to have you membership report to me by January 5, 2011. (See your 2nd Vice President's packet from District Workshop or pages 9 & 10 of the Guidebook for report forms.) Reports must be received on time for your county to qualify for County of the Year.

"Inviting You to an Amazing *H*appening at our Circus *E*xtravaganza" will be March 22-24. Hope to see you there!

Jane Wood

CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County Home and Community Education began our new year with a workshop on August 27th for all unit officers. The board members explained the duties of each chairman. It was very informative for all.

We are continually working on getting new members. We now have 399. We are planning a membership luncheon for HCE Week. On October 25th, we had

several speakers. The topics were Fall Decorations, Celebrating Your Life, The Aging Eyes, Autism and Weighted Blankets and the Champaign-Urbana Storytellers Guild. After a break for lunch which was provided with donations. This year we are also had a supper to reach the evening ladies. The speaker was Dr. Patricia Johnson from Carle Foundation speaking on ovarian, cervix and breast cancer. October 28th was our Cultural Enrichment Day. We had a potluck lunch. Everyone brought a covered dish and their own table service. Drinks were provided. We voted for the best entries to be sent to the State Conference.

The Philo unit is having great results having a coffee from 9 AM to 11 AM each Thursday morning in the library. They have gotten several new members this way.

We are having a quilt raffle as a fundraiser. The quilt was donated by one of our own members, Stephanie Humphrey. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. It will be raffled at our annual meeting in April.

We are continually working on neck coolers for the troops. We have a total of 1,835 made since January. We have also made 50 cakes in a jar for the troops and a total of 20 Linus blankets. We are also collecting used purses and clutches in good condition for Women in Transition. We are still collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Several members helped the 4-H with making Stockings for Santa to be filled and sent to the troops. 650 were made. November 6th, we will be helping the 4-H with their "Warm a Kid" project.

Dorothy Rogers, Special Activities, said her last bus trip to Bloomington had 55 on the Peoria Charter trip to the Wind Turbine Farm and the dinner theatre at the Conklin Barn. A good time was had by all. Her next trip will be to the Beef and Boards Christmas show in Indianapolis, IN on December 1st.

We are looking forward to another great year.

Sue Christensen
Public Relations

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CHRISTIAN.....

Christian County HCEA held its annual Table Setting Luncheon and Plant Sale on Saturday, April 24th in the University of Illinois Extension auditorium. This is the major fundraising event for Christian County Home Extension. The theme was Memories. There were 16 tables arranged with this theme.

The event was deemed a success with a good crowd enjoying the table settings, lunch and plant sale. The attendees using a ballot picked the winners.

The winning tables were Buckeye Eve, "Memories for You & Me" in the Elegant category; Rural Risers, "Remember When?" in the Casual category; and New Visions 4-H Club, "4-H Fun" in the Youth category.

The door prize was a beautiful hanging basket won by Mary Zindel of Stonington.

The Board of Directors from Christian County attended the District Workshop in Decatur, IL on August 18th.

HCEA Week was celebrated with a free workshop presented each day culminating with a booth at the Taylorville Chilifest to collect donations for Veterans Homes and donations to help stuff stockings for deployed troops.

We held two "Operation Santa" workshops. A kick-off was held June 18 when 62 stockings were completed with another 59 cut out. Fabrics and travel size items to stuff the stockings were also collected. Another workshop was held during HCEA Week on October 15th when 95 stockings were completed. With two workshops and donations of completed stockings from various groups and individuals, we have a total of 1000 stockings from Christian County.



Darlene Wilson pins tops down for hemming. Beth Sloman stitches the top hems to complete the stocking.



Georgette Merrifield
Public Relations

CLARK.....

The Clark County ladies held their Fall County-wide meeting on October 21 at the County Extension office in Marshall. We had our International lesson on Israel. It was given by the Zion unit. They gave history, religion, foods, government and many other details to the 43 women that attended for the day.

During the lesson, a large amount of pictures were shown and other memorabilia collected by Virginia Dean while on a visit there. We also were honored with the presence of Jane Wood, District V Director and Marilyn Daughhettee, our State President. They each gave many good ideas for the county to follow and gave the date for the 2011 state meetings.

For our noon meal, we had pita pockets with meat fillings, salads, beets, casseroles and desserts that represented the meals of Israel.

Five guests were introduced and also we recognized the one charter member, Louise Burkybile, a member beginning in 1944.

Susan Guinnip, our current county advisor, gave some details on the new arrangement of the Clark, Edgar and Crawford unit to be started in 2011. Marge Houghland represented the Edgar County units.

Our county collected 47 boxes of Kleenex to be given to the lower elementary grades of the county. Also, Heritage Home, a veteran's care, were well supplied with articles of clothing and toiletry articles. A new project got underway with articles for the overseas soldiers. This is done with the local library and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We held a short officers' training after the main meeting. This was conducted by each of the board officers. Many ladies had questions to be answered. Guides for the offices were handed to each of the officers.



Deloris Maurer
Public Relations

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EDGAR.....

Edgar County Home and Community Education Association has been really busy. Over the summer we organized, manned, and prepared food for the 4-H fair food stand serving 4-H families and friends during the 4-H fair.

Then in September ECHCEA hosted a fire safety lesson. Local firemen came and showed several videos demonstrating how it would be if you were caught in a fire and what you need to do to get out alive. Tips were shared and lots of good discussion made members and guest think what could happen but with a little planning, everyone can be safe.

Also in September during Paris Honeybee festival, a quilt show was held as a membership special event.

Over forty quilts were displayed, over 140 attendees voted, and four new members were gained. We had lots of request to sponsor another quilt show so the board will consider it in the spring.



Marge Houghland, ECHCEA President; Bernice Hays, winner of quilt donated by member Linda Barrett; Marilyn Daughhetee, IAHCE President; Penny Peterson, ECHCEA 2nd Vice in charge the event & membership.

During October, HCE Week was a special week declared by a proclamation signed by the mayor of Paris. Rev Mike Dixon shared his experiences when he traveled to Israel, which was an experience of a lifetime. The evening started by tasting some of the recipes representing Israel and then his slide presentation. As always the public was invited. A craft day was held Saturday, October 23 with a variety of crafts offered for members and guest to make. Lunch was provided for a small fee.

The ECHCE has started planning another county wide fun event which will be held in February. "Death by Chocolate" will be a lesson in the morning and then a lunch offered with you guessed it – chocolate! For more information on this fun day, contact president Marge Houghland at 217.463-7610 or 2nd vice chairman, Penny Peterson at 217.463.1010. As always – everyone welcome!

Carole Halloran
Public Relations

MACON.....

HCE is growing in Macon County! Membership numbers are increasing. Second Vice President Cathy Burgess reported an increase of 16 members during 2010.

Participation is also up. More than 70 individuals attended International Day on September 16. That number included members of Macon County HCE and Piatt County HCE who shared responsibility for educational displays about Israel and foods from that country. DeWitt County HCE members were invited and several attended. Displays on the culture, living conditions, education, fashion, music and government were informative and the food was declared "interesting and delicious" by several who attended. This is the first year International Day was planned as a "stand alone" event and held in the Illini Room of the Macon County Extension Office. The facility is wonderful for the event -- and had the benefit of being temperature controlled. Previous International Day activities had been held in June during the Decatur-Macon County Fair and had been subject to the whims of the weather.

HCE Week was a great success with more than 50 individuals participating. Many members were able to take part in two or more events, and several members brought guests. Rock Springs Center was the site for activities on Tuesday with a tour of the facility, old-time games and a potluck lunch featuring foods from recipes in old cookbooks from the library at Rock Springs. The sounds of hammers hitting nails were heard as ladies worked on the craft of the day -- candle holders and other decorative items made by perforating tin cans, reflecting the punched tin items popular in the 1890s. Guidelines for preparing an heirloom cookbook were also presented.

Wednesday found 18 willing workers with needles and threads tying blankets that will be given to children in crisis through Project Linus. The quilted tops, fiber filling and backing were assembled before the meeting, and the finishing will be done by others. Twenty-one blankets were tied.

The challenges and delights of international travel were the topic of the presentation on Thursday. It was followed by a demonstration and tasting of simple appetizers given by Mindy Peterson, Program Coordinator. She also offered suggestions for entertaining with an appetizer buffet. The afternoon

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session on decorative painting, led by Sharon Middleton, was so interesting and challenging it went on long after it was scheduled to be over.

The week concluded with a visit to Long Creek Vineyards. Included was information about the making and storing of wine and an opportunity to sample the nine different wines bottled there. HCE members and their guests supported the winery by purchasing wine to take home. Lunch together at the Main Hangar Restaurant at the Decatur Airport was an opportunity to visit and review the activities of the week.

Macon County's edition of Mardi Gras on Wednesday, October 27 was a great success! Beads, masques, umbrellas and lots of decorations in purple, gold and green set the theme. Dixieland music by the GoldenAires had our toes tapping and hands clapping. We are planning and preparing for the 2011 IACHE Conference and looking forward to seeing many of you at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel in March.

Nancy Muirheid
Public Relations

Mc LEAN.....

August was a busy month for McLean County Home & Community Education, starting with the County Fair at the beginning of August. Our booth at the fair showed what we have been doing and what is being offered in the coming year. There were many handouts giving information, as well as displays. The Cultural Enrichment Contest was for members and non-members and drew people to stop by and examine them and ask questions. It was an opportunity to encourage women to join the organization. The District 4 & 5 Workshop in Decatur was well attended. The Joint Board Meeting potluck was well attended as the old and new boards met for training and passing on information in preparation for the 2010-2011 year.

The four bake sales held during the summer at the Downs Village Market brought in \$1700 and have proved popular with the shoppers, and has been a good way to let others know about Home & Community Education.

The September lesson for the Units "The Many Shapes & Uses for Pasta" given by Charlotte Talkington was interesting as we looked at many types of Pasta (many which we couldn't name). Pasta itself is low in calories. It is what we choose to put with it that adds the calories.

The Read & Share group met and meets bi-monthly and continues to grow as more women tell about the interesting books being discussed.

We designate October as HCE Month in McLean County. Two Units put up displays in their local library. There was the Cultural Enrichment Workshop on "Beginning Knitting". We served a Luncheon for Extension Staff as appreciation for their support.

October 20th was the fall County Bus Trip. Forty-nine members and guests, including several husbands, left the Extension Office at 6 a.m. headed to Iowa on a trip called "The Back Roads of Iowa". The first destination was Fairfield for a tour of the 106 year old Harper Brush Company that sells their products nationwide. It was interesting to see how the brushes were produced and learn the history of this business. At the end of the trip everyone received a small brush from the company. From there, we headed to Cantril and made a stop along the way at Yoder's Indian Creek Furniture. A very delicious lunch was served at the Cantril Township Hall by the Cantril Grass Roots ladies. Some time was spent in the Dutchman's Store which carries all kinds of items and is where the local Amish shop. As we toured the area on the bus, a guide told many interesting facts about the countryside and its rich history. There was a short meal stop on the way home. The group arrived back in Bloomington shortly after 8 p.m., tired, but pleased with this outing that was offered by HCE.

October 21st was our International Night program. Israel was the country of study this year. Seventy-four members and guests sampled foods that were prepared by members of the Units. Israeli Sabbath Stew and Israeli Sukkot Stew were the main dishes. The Sukkot Stew was a favorite. The combination of the meat, vegetables, and fruits blended together made a very tasty stew.



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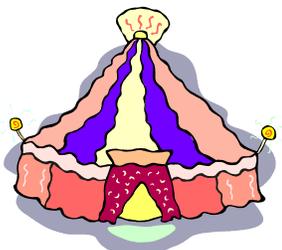
We served Israeli Couscous Salad and Israeli Vegetable Salad. The Vegetable Salad was served in half a pita bread pocket. Dessert was Polish Apple Cake and Rugelach. Rugelach is always served at the annual Jewish Food Fair in Bloomington. Ted and Donna Loy gave the program. They have done much study about Israel and the land around. In 2005 they toured the country and took many pictures of the places they visited. They shared some scriptures that related to the spots they showed. Every country has an interest in what happens in Israel in the past and the future. We thank the Loy's for their sharing to help us have a better understanding of the people and their struggles to maintain their country.

October 27th is "Make a Difference Day". One Unit stayed after their morning meeting and spent the afternoon making food items for the Festival of Trees that is held Nov. 11-13th. They sewed Cot Sheets for the Children's Foundation and did fleece comfort blankets for the local hospitals. The comfort blankets are an ongoing project of McLean County HCE.

Sheila Wells
Public Relations

SHELBY.....

Shelby County HCE held an international training for the unit international chairpersons on September 28th. Members attending provided samplings of dishes from Israel, the country of study. They enjoyed the food and discussed the recipes, then enjoyed a slide show and presentation by Pastor Richard Corwin from Bethany, IL. Pastor Corwin, his wife, Patti, and their three children saved for three years to go on a trip to Israel. The family learned about the country and the people, and found both to be kind and interesting. They never feared for their lives while there; although he admitted that when he and his wife again visited, they did enter more dangerous parts, such as Bethlehem where they were more aware of the conflicts.



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I know that all of you are busy making plans with your families and friends to celebrate the holidays. I hope you are also making plans to attend the IAHCE Annual Conference held in March. It looks to be a great time for all attending! Each year I go, I make more new friends and strengthen my old friendships. I learn new things. I am dead tired by the end of it all, but always I go home enriched by the experiences. Please make a point to attend in March. You will be glad you did.

I have one more county meeting to attend this fall as I write this. I enjoy seeing all of your friendly faces and hearing of the wonderful events you plan for your county when I attend your meetings. I also try to go to as many county events as I am able to attend. Let me know if I can help in any way with your events.

Thanks for another great year!

Debbie Borries

CRAWFORD.....

LaDonna Harris, Shirley Thacker, Phyllis Neeley, Bonnie Wright and Barb Miller attended the state Fall District Workshop in Mt. Vernon on August 19. They represented Crawford County HCE, and brought back information packets for each Board Member.

Bonnie Wright, Vera Harris, Barbara Miller, Kristie McCleave, Norma Thompson, Nina Drummond, Shirley Thacker, Jeannie Adams and Lucy Dennis enjoyed a beautiful day in Marshall at the Kolarama Gardens. Lunch at Lincoln Trail Park was delicious and they even had the opportunity to visit the Hosta Gardens! Thanks, to the Try Hard Unit for planning this fun-filled day!



The HCE Board will once again sponsor their annual \$250 scholarship. This is to help a Lincoln Trail College female student who is in need of financial help. All Units and Mailbox Members are encouraged to help

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with this extremely worthwhile project. We are helping our community in many ways! The scholarship will be awarded in January 2011.

Here is a super easy way HCE helps our county schools!

HCE members are currently collecting "Box Tops" symbols off of food/paper items. They cut out those little squares on boxes and drop them off at the Extension office OR will take them to November's Annual Meeting. Last year, we gave "Box Top" money to all four county grade schools (Robinson, Hutsonville, Palestine & Oblong). Hopefully, the schools were able to get books for the library or "learning" toys for the classrooms.

The Crawford County HCE furnished a large variety of delicious desserts at a recent fundraising dinner. The Oblong Community Club sponsored the event for Lawrence Crawford Enterprises workshop for exceptional citizens and asked HCE members to help. HCE members supported the event with their dessert donations and over \$1500 was raised! Funds will be used for transportation and gas costs as well as other necessities at the workshop. There are close to 52 clients who attend the workshop on a daily basis.

Debra Tedford

EFFINGHAM.....

Effingham County Association for Home and Community Education celebrated HCE week with a Heritage Days theme. A proclamation recognizing HCE week was signed by County Board Chairwoman Carolyn Willenburg with HCE County Board members present.

On Tuesday, October 19, Heritage Craft day was held at the University of Illinois Extension Center with the public invited to attend. Quilting, tatting, knitting and crochet were taught. Carol Hartke demonstrated pie crust making using lard like our ancestors did.

On Thursday evening, October 21, Rosemary Gibbons, R.D., U of I Extension, gave a presentation on Heritage Cooking, complete with a meal and cookbook

for participants. Ellie Maroon gave an interesting presentation about old cookbooks, sharing tidbits from cookbooks from her own collection. Carol Hartke gave another pie crust making demonstration. Again, the public was invited.

HCE County Board members also distributed items made by members throughout the county for our Community Outreach projects. About 2000 bookmarks made from greeting cards were distributed to three area schools and two libraries. A book, "Quilts! Quilts!! Quilts!!! The Complete Guide To Quilting" By: Diana McClun & Laura Nownes and a magazine "Special! 1920's Original Redwork Mini Designs! Quilt Almanac" by: The Editors Of Quilt Magazine were donated to the Altamont Public Library.

Catheter bag covers and walker caddies were presented to Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Effingham Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, all of Effingham and Lutheran Care Center in Altamont.

Our next project is making Christmas Stockings to donate to the local FISH organization, a group that hosts a Christmas store for disadvantaged families.

Linda White
Public Relations

FAYETTE.....

On September 29, 2010, the Mayor of Vandalia, Rick Gottman, responded to a letter requesting that the week of October 11-16 be proclaimed National Illinois Association for Home and Community Week. He presented the proclamation to club president Flo Allen and Community Outreach Director, Anita Smith.



The Fayette County HCE units have been sewing dress for the project "Little Dresses for Africa". Over twenty dresses were finished and on display at the October Board meeting and more are in progress. In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, most of those attending the meeting were wearing pink and a pink candle was lighted. Dropping

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in on the meeting to see the dresses was mayor Rick Gottman of Vandalia, who made complimentary comments concerning the good works the Fayette County HCE units do in the community.

The Fayette County HCE units are holding a fundraising raffle for a \$100.00 WalMart Gift Card. The drawing will be December 20, at the Board meeting Christmas party, in time for Christmas.

The HCE International dinner was attended by 36 HCE members and three guests, with every unit (Bingham/Ramsey, Sefton, St. Elmo, St. Peter, Vandalia Day, Wheatland and Wright's Corner) represented. The tables in the Phillips Building in St. Elmo were decorated beautifully in Autumn colors and objects, thanks to Karen Denning, Chairman of the St. Elmo unit. The potluck serving tables were laden with food, including some dishes prepared from recipes from Israel. Israel was the featured country and the guest speaker was Reverend John Eisfelder, gave a very informational, interesting talk on his trip to Israel. He told of the foods, customs and gave many sidelights on the people living there. He displayed photographs he had of Galilee, the Synagogue where Jesus sat and taught.

It has been a busy summer for the units. They have prepared Christmas cards to send to the military, sewed the dresses for Africa, visited the Brookstone Estates Assisted Living establishment with cookies and entertainment, "adopted" a local nursing/rehabilitation center and other projects and community/benefit helps.

Pansy Blackwell
Public Relations

experiences while living in Israel as well. Wally provided us with some geographical information and other tidbits and the units provided a delicious tasting of Israel foods.

In addition, MCAHCE gave a gift bag including a afghan and a year membership to mother and grandmother to the first baby born during HCE week at Anderson Hospital,

Maryville, IL. Pictured is Joyce Cornwell, Pat Harmon and new arrival Morgan Wimberly with mother Alisha Wimberly born on October 12th. Their home is in Bethalto, IL.



In September, Pat Harmon and Joyce Cornwell presented a \$300 scholarship to Lewis and Clark Community College to be presented to a student who earned a 3000 GED score and would use this money to further their education.

As I conclude our report, Madison County is preparing for Christmas in November--Let it Snow to be held on November 4th. Of course, we are hoping for no snow that evening and a lot of fun for our audience. Mike Cassidy of Glen Carbon will provide the entertainment that evening with songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s mixed with Christmas music.

We want to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season as we reflect on our many blessings and those we love around us. See you in 2011.

Gloria Hartmann
Public Relations

MADISON.....

Fall greetings from Madison County. One of our big events for HCE week was International Night with Wally Fisher coordinating the event. She planned a fantastic and informative evening with Sandra Tamari, a International Student Counselor from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, bringing us insight about Israel. Her 90 year old father-in-law shared some of his



MONROE.....

The Monroe County HCE (Home and Community Education) has been busy for the last several months. During the end of July, the ladies, as well as some of the members husbands, their children and/or grandchildren, helped during the Monroe County Fair. They either baked brownies, cookies or served soda to the many who attended the County Fair.

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During the months of August and September, several Units took their turns visiting at the Monroe County Nursing Home(s) to celebrate the birthdays of anyone living in the Assisted Living/Nursing Home(s). There were also several trips which Ginny Sweet planned and members, as well as non-members attended. One of the trips consisted of a tour to the Jefferson Barracks National Historic Park, with a guided tour of the park, as well as the museums, by the Director of the National Park.

Monroe County's HCE decided to hold its 1st "Visions of HCE" Program on October 12, 2010. This was for each Unit, which there are 6 units in Monroe County, to come and discuss any ideas for the Board Members to use for future use to improve the County's HCE program.

After the meeting was over, Dr. Carrie (Linnertz) Daigle, M.D., who is currently working at Progressive Family Care in July 2010, spoke about Menopause: What You Should Know. She gave a handout about what to expect, when does it happen, etc.

The next project that HCE is helping with is "Harvest Night", which is being held at the Community Center, in Hecker, Illinois. This is going to be the third year for this event, which has been very successful for the last two years. Everyone who has attended has walked out with either nice prizes, items they won by bidding on and so much more. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.harvestnight.net>



The people in the photo are front row L to R: Doris Matzenbacher, 2nd VP; Virginia "Ginny" Sweet, Special Activities; Freda Woodrome, International; Janese Mehrtens, President and Fay Stamm, 1st VP. The people standing are L to R: Toni Blandford, Treasurer; Bernadette Gregson, Cultural Arts; Judy Wild, Community Outreach; Janice AuBuchon, Family Issues; Norma Reheis, Secretary and Ericha Sondag, Public Information

Ericha Sondag
Public Information

ST. CLAIR.....

We have been busy; we kicked off our Fall season with a recycling tour of a facility here in St. Clair County. This location only recycled yard waste and trees to make compost and mulch. It was amazing to see such a huge place dedicated to one product. It makes you wonder if other counties are handling their waste in a productive manner, I hope so.

A luncheon followed the tour. Our board members made and served Roast Beef Stew, Salad and Bread Pudding. Everyone enjoyed the day. June Donze, our Family Relations and Community Outreach Chairman, presented each member with a bottle of Homemade liquid soap that she made.

Our HCE week began with International Day, a Focus on Israel, presented by the Freeburg Unit. They planned and presented an extraordinary lunch and photo slide program, given by a lady who had visited the area twice and had an Aunt and Uncle living there. She had a lot of first hand information on this region. I do not have all the reports from other units on their celebrations of HCE week. Morning Achievers' Unit collected and donated supplies for our Troops and wounded Veterans.

Many of our Units have started on this years sewing projects. O'Fallon's Morning Achievers Unit made 14 Children's quilts and 101 stuffed bears and cats for the children's hospitals, and cancer caps for a local oncology center. This unit will meet in November and make neck coolers for the troops and Little Dresses for Africa. Fairview Unit has made 39 Little Dresses for Africa. This project is being embraced by most units.

We are busy making plans for the County HCE Christmas Party. Our members always enjoy this.

June Wagner
Public Relations



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DISTRICT 7 TREASA BROOKMAN



Boy! Has the south been hot and dry? We are ready for the cool autumn days. We had a very successful District

Workshop in August. Our newspaper writer with the weight loss and big pants gave us full page coverage in the Centralia Sentinel Newspaper.

We are ready for Barbara Spencer, newly elected District Director to come back as director after March Conference. Welcome Barbara!

I'm excited about the conference theme of *Inviting you to an Amazing Happening* at our *Circus Extravaganza*. It's so much fun going to the circus. Peoria, IL was where I used to go to the circus back in the 1940's. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the circus.

Treasa Brookman

JEFFERSON.....

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving.

In August our Community Outreach Chairperson, Ann Ganieany, collected school items to be given to One Hope United, for children in need. She also delivered two twin size quilts to Angel Cove, a local home for unwed mothers.

District meeting was great! We not only learned what not to carry in our purses but we also heard from a local newspaper reporter who covered, as a reporter, our December 2009 Lesson for Living, "Let's Take Off and Get Fit" and was inspired to lose a great deal of weight (to date he has lost about 70 pounds).

In August we held an Officer Training session in combination with our monthly lesson on Soups. This was truly a tummy warming and pleasing lesson as all the recipes were provided by and prepared by County Board Officers. All were delicious and at least one very unusual – Lettuce Soup!! As they say don't knock it until you've tried it. Potato soup that brought back fond memories of my mother and a Ham and Bean

soup that had a flavor that said to me "You know you love me, make me at home."

In September we sold large Amish mums. On the day to pick them up we held a "Unmasking the Possibilities with HCE, Free Brunch and Make it and Take it Craft Event". We updated our HCE Officer Responsibility sheets in September. We also had the Jefferson County Board Chairman sign a proclamation declaring October 17th thru 23rd as Home and Community Education in Jefferson County.

Our activities for HCE Week included:

- Sunday – Go to Church
- Monday – Book Club or read a book
- Tuesday – International Night
- Wednesday – Deliver Food to Rescue Mission
- Thursday – Take lap robes to Nursing Home
- Friday – Call or visit with a shut-in
- Saturday – Take a friend to lunch day

For International Night the County Board members each fixed one or two dishes from our Country of Study, Israel. Our speaker for the evening, Teri Thompson, spent 17 years in Israel in a Kibbutz. She told about the Israel she came to love while living there. We asked members to bring in non-perishable items of food to donate to the Rescue Mission.



Marvin & Vivian Scott, Ann Ganieany, Sidney Laird delivering food for the Rescue Mission.

October 30th we will meet to make a 'Rag Quilt'.

Starting October 30th running thru December 31st Clara Brian: Home Bureau Photographs (1918 – 1926) will be on display in the Barbara J. Beck Family Education Center at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mt. Vernon. The first Home Bureau adviser in Illinois shares life in remote parts of Central Illinois in the early part of the 20th Century. This documents the women who served their families, homes and schools, as well as other aspects of their lives. More information may be obtained by calling (618) 242-1236 or visiting www.cedarhurst.org.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marge Wilcox
Public Relations

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PERRY.....

After the District Workshop, it was time to get busy in Perry County. The board decided to help the Pinckneyville Pregnancy Crisis Center by donating diapers and baby bottles to low income new moms.

The backpack program for school age children continues where after school snacks are dispensed to low income elementary age children through two church organizations. Besides donating to that, food pantry items are still being collected as well as people are beginning to make the "Little African Dresses."

The units donated baskets for the annual Holiday Ideas Day raffle. There was no charge to attend the November 4th event but food and money donations were accepted to fill an apple butter kettle in order to eat lunch. The program was called "Give Thanks" and featured displays and time and talent booths. The finale was the drawing for the baskets and quilt prize.

The week of October 23-31 was Perry County HCE Week. The Mayors of Du Quoin and Pinckneyville signed proclamations. The board wore purple and white to the monthly meeting. The David and Susan Epplin family of Cutler, Illinois were chosen as the Great American Family nominee and graciously accepted. Two display poster boards were set up explaining the benefits of joining HCE and showed all the volunteer endeavors going on. Mardi Gras activities were on October 30 and HCE had a booth as they have for several years. They are also trying to help 4-H members get the money together for their enrollment this year.

The wrap up for HCE Biggest Loser Season 5 was November 11. Local people are still enthused by this program lead by Sara Tanner.

One other new activity is an afterschool reading program on Mondays. HCE members and others are helping slow readers play "catch-up" with the help of some local high school students. At Christmas the board will donate to the Five Star clients to buy them Christmas gifts.

Soon Christmas bells will ring. Here is a picture of President Jane Chapman being Santa Claus to our

Silver Spoons retirement group. Rosie Konkel is the accordion player who provided polka music.

Carolyn Bathon
Public Relations



POPE/HARDIN.....

Greetings from the very Southeastern tip of Illinois. We are enjoying a very pleasant fall and finally have some relief from the extreme heat and humidity of the summer months.

Our District 7 Workshop in August was a great learning experience and such a motivator.

Our local Home Education Association units took time at our September meetings to set our calendars for the rest of our year. Many varied programs and activities abound. It certainly appears to be an exciting time to be an HCE member!

Several of our members attended the Southern Illinois Craft Camp held at Du Bois Church Camp. That is such a worthwhile experience. Each of us had the opportunity to learn many new and varied skills.

October found us collecting Pennies for Friendship during our local meetings.

We will make another delivery of our donations of books, magazines, personal toiletries, craft items and clothing to the Marion, IL Veteran's Hospital the week prior to Veteran's Day.

During our Christmas meetings we donate monies and/or items to the Pope and Hardin County Golden Circle's food programs and the 4-H's.



Joyce Anderson-Hardin County, Mitzi Bray, Treasurer and Helen Gallimore-Pope County

All throughout the year we collect Campbell soup can UPC's, Box Tops for Education and aluminum tabs to donate to charitable organizations.

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We certainly wish all of you the best during the upcoming holidays as you share time with family and friends and be thankful for all of our blessings. We wish you the best in 2011!

Joanne Martin
Public Relations

RANDOLPH.....

Eunice Buening of Chester was among the large attendance at the Randolph County Annual Meeting last spring in Red Bud. She is the last of the charter members for Randolph County. Eunice joined when she was living in Percy in 1945. At that time, the organization was called Home Bureau, and Randolph County had a home advisor position in Sparta that was supported by the University of Illinois. Eunice served on the county board for six years, first as secretary and then as citizenship chairman. She attended the State Conference two years, which at that time was held at the University of Illinois in Urbana. At the present time, she is serving as International Chairman of the Chester Day Unit, her 10th year in that position. For many years, Eunice enjoyed attending the one-day craft camp in West Frankfort, which is now held in Du Bois. The camp would have a different theme each year, and in the costume contest, Eunice would win a prize every year. Eunice said the biggest change over the years is not having a home advisor in the county and not having every lesson come from the University of Illinois as they had in the past.

Randolph County had a very successful past year. There was a gain of 37 new members and two new units were formed. It gained the county a plaque at the IAHCE Conference in Bloomington. There were six board members in attendance at the conference. The county also received a certificate for having the highest percent of county membership participation in the certified volunteer hours program, as well as having the most new participants in the program.

Two fellowship nights with a salad potluck were held. The first one's theme was "Aprons" and a member of one of the county units shared her collection with a humorous presentation. IAHCE President Marilyn Daughette was a guest last year.

This year the theme was "Dolls" and a lady from Belleville shared her doll collection. Members also brought their dolls. Members participate in the Linus blankets as an ongoing project. They are donated to local charities. Items are also being collected for the veterans at Jefferson Barracks Hospital in St. Louis.

A large number of members attended the annual meeting in April. Centering on a Mardi Gras theme, the guest speaker was a woman who had visited Argentina. Treasa Brockman installed the new officers.

For the second year, the county held a craft day at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex near Sparta during the Grand American event of the Amateur Trapshooting Association. The ladies enjoyed making beaded silverware, button bracelets and mini photo albums. Women that participated came from all over the country.

Members assisted with the judging at the 4-H Show Days. They also donate \$1 of their dues toward the 4-H program.

The third Bunco Party was held as a fundraiser, and at that time the annual quilt winner was announced. Four board members attended the workshop in Mt. Vernon in August.

Jane Lucht
Public Relations

SALINE.....

Saline County had a good turnout for the Annual International Night. I think the Country being Israel made it much more interesting as we should all already know some history on this country. Our speaker had been there several times so was very familiar with towns and places she visited. She also mentioned that being experienced with the area she knew where to go and not to go for safety reasons. She and a friend that went with her did at one time cross into a danger area. She said to her friend, "Pray, Pray, Pray" and a soldier appeared and they followed him out of this garden to where they knew they were in safe territory.

Several Homemakers Unit had friends that had been in

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Israel and everyone had a lot of original items from the Country. Our contest was the best three decorated tables won a prize. This was really interesting with so much information and items from the area as you can see in this photo.



The Saline County Homemakers Extension board sponsored a Chicken and Dumpling Dinner to raise money for 4-H. Two ladies

(Barbara Agin and Georgia Murphy) in Country Friends Unit volunteered to make more than 60 batches. This was a BIG success as we had to turn a lot of people away and even gave some money back to those that had tickets and didn't get served. We were sorry that everyone didn't get served but HAPPY we succeeded our goal.

From Saline County to your County with Family and Friends, have a Safe and Happy Holiday, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Georgia Murphy
Public Information

JACKSON.....

Jackson County HEA celebrated HEA Week with a program called "Sharing a Piece of the Pie" to discuss and relate the changes from Illinois Extension. Each unit was encouraged to bring their most unusual pie to the meeting. Jackson County HEA President Becky McIntosh and Illinois Extension Director Julie Mumbower were on hand to discuss all of the changes that were occurring with our piece of the pie here in this New 5 County Area. The program was well attended by our membership and each member went away with a better understanding of the changes that will be occurring in Extension and several new pie recipes.

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PIKE.....

They say "Busy hands are happy hands" and I can tell you the HCE members of Pike County have truly been blessed.

Our 10th Annual Pike County HCE International Dinner was held on Sept. 16th at the Farm Bureau Hall in Pittsfield, IL. This year's featured country was Israel, the Holy Land, food and cultures. Approximately 90 members and guests attended the dinner. Our very special guest for the evening was our own Marilyn Daughhetee, the Illinois State Chairman. Our guest speaker shared his time with us with stories of his mission trip to Israel.

We also held our "Christmas in October" Craft show on Saturday, October 9th at the Farm Bureau Building in Pittsfield, IL. We had beautiful galvanized buckets filled by 15 county HCE units. Using our imaginations and crafts in filling the buckets became an awesome competition among the different units and brought amazing raffle sales. Profits turn into charitable gift giving for Pike County deserving families in need for the holidays.

God loves a generous heart. I am very proud of Pike County HCE members and their willingness to volunteer and help throughout the community. We are also collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House campaign. This is a win-win situation for our efforts and for all who is helped at the Ronald McDonald House.

May each and everyone enjoy love and peace this holiday season. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank

Mary Eustace
Public Relations



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SANGAMON.....

In September we held our annual Fall Festival. The weather was a beautiful fall day. A variety of craft items were for sale at our Holiday Bazaar table. Our members donated a lot of "Odds and Ends" to sell as well. A bake sale and a hot lunch was also available for hungry customers.

A local chef came and held a food demonstration. He prepared ratatouille. Even though the finished product looked too pretty to eat, everyone in the room took a sample. Very tasty.

At the end of the day we held our raffles for numerous member-donated door prizes, an Amish Quilt and an Afghan made by member Linda Sichlau. All of our leftover food and sale items were donated to local charities. It was a successful day.

Glenna Schlemm
Public Relations

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CLAY.....

The Clay County Board of the H.C.E. and some units have had to make some changes since the Extension Office has moved to the newly renovated depot in Flora, IL. All units meeting places have remained the same except they now meet at Louisville Methodist Church basement (for a fee) temporarily until they can find another place. They have a small unity membership.

Public Relations Chairman has sent reports to all three Clay County papers besides personally asking women and men to become members of the H.C.E.

Six board members attended the District meeting in Mt. Vernon on August 19th and came back to Clay County with good information to share with all the units.

The H.C.E. of Clay County did not have their annual Country Store in October. The plan now is to have a bake sale in the spring as the annual fundraiser hopefully somewhere in Flora that will be rent free. It will be less work for the members.

On November 4, the Clay County H.C.E. had their International Program Brunch planned by chairman of the Community Outreach and Intercultural Office, Joan Stanford. Several members of the H.C.E. prepared food and drinks from the kitchens of Israel. District VI Director, Debbie Borries and a U of I person, Rachele Hollinshead were also in attendance.

H.C.E. members brought toothpaste, toilet paper, bath soap, shampoo and laundry detergent to be donated to the food pantry. Also collected were tabs from soda and food cans and the Pennies for Friendship.

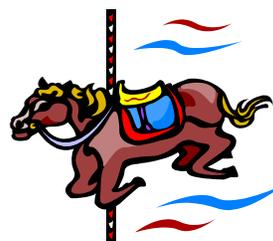
The different units will be having the following lessons: Pasta; Financial Professional; Mortgages; Homes for All Seasons; Healthy Desserts; Retirements; Food Trends; Fruits & Vegetables; Horticulture; Tough Topics and some minor lessons not decided yet.

We've had sadness in Clay County H.C.E. this year—we lost a good board member, a great former board member and at least one other member. Hope 2011 will be better.

Christmas plans are being made for the Christmas season and plans for next year's state meeting will be for Clay County members to attend.

Not too many wish to keep CVH's hours, but it is worth it since it means more for all Extension work. I've also tried to encourage not only keeping volunteer hours but also to subscribe to the State Newsletter as it is very informative.

Eula M Lewis
Public Relations.



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CLINTON.....

"H.E.A. Week was October 3-9": To help celebrate, Clinton County homemakers presented the first baby born from the county with a baby quilt and "Parenting the First Year" newsletters. Pictured are Katrina Haar, mom, holding baby Ella. Presenting the quilt on behalf of the homemakers is Toots Tebbe (on the right) and Barb Lammers, quilt designer.



"Christmas in October" was held October 21, 2010. This year the theme was "Santas". Jeff Bair of "Grim and Gorly Florist", Belleville, Illinois was the guest speaker. Jeff's program consisted of demonstrating many floral arrangements to more than 300 women in attendance. A "Santa" story, which was a "passing to the right gift game", was read by Karen Voss. Each woman in attendance received a present playing this game. H.E.A. members donated many wonderful handcrafted items for this raffle. It is the only fundraiser for the group. Everyone is also encouraged to bring a toiletry and school item for the needy in the area. Many more gifts were won through attendance prizes by the committee along with a program booklet which included recipes of the food and punch sampled by all. Over \$600 was raised to benefit "dollars for friendship".

Cindy Niemeyer

MARION.....

Marion County HCE had a candy making lesson October 12, that was well attended and had four nonmembers in attendance. We also had our annual Salad Luncheon, bake/county store and did the drawing for our quilt on October 22. Sorry I don't have any figures on how well we did. We had lot of food and help which was great. I want to thank all for all their delicious food and help.

Phyllis Henson
County Board Chair



Meet Anushka

I met her in 2004 when she contacted me by e-mail about American Women for International Understanding (awiu.org). She was

living and working in Boston at the time. She wanted to join AWIU (I was membership chair) but we had to have her meet some of our members for her to be sponsored. She came to Chicago and visited our Chicago AWIU Chapter. She joined in April 2005.

She was born in Sri Lanka, was educated at the University of London (Economics Honors Degree in 1994) and Harvard University Special Studies in Administration & Management, 1996. At the time she was teaching at Harvard

She moved to New York City and started an AWIU Chapter. The Board held a meeting there, and I arranged a meeting with her and Patricia Altshuler, the ACWW UN representative, because I knew she would be interested and Pat wanted to retire, or cut back.

Anushka arranged an AWIU delegation to Sri Lanka (her parents still live there), but she ended up not going with us because the Tamil Tigers were very active at the time...and she was afraid (there were bombings just before we got them--near Columbo, the capital.). Now that the Tamil Tigers have been defeated, she has been able to visit Sri Lanka.

Joan McEachern

Check out the
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Website at

<http://www.acww.org.uk>

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UPCOMING DATES

2011 IAHCE Workshops

- District 1 & 2/3..... August 25
Location TBA
- District 4 & 5..... August 24
Location TBA
- District 6 & 7..... August 23
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

2011 IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 22-24, 2011 at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel in Decatur. Registration forms are in this newsletter or online at www.iahce.org

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

CWC - September 21-22, 2011 - Columbus, Ohio
ACWW 2013 - Chennai, India.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - April 1, 2011

GUIDELINES FOR FAMILY ISSUES PROJECT TAB COLLECTION DONATION

The collection of aluminum tab collection project will be a statewide activity to help charitable organizations. The aluminum tabs will be donated to organizations, such as the Ronald McDonald House, who in turn recycles the tabs and uses the money to help keep their facilities available to families who need assistance.

1. Each county in Illinois is allowed to participate in the project.
 2. For this project, only the aluminum tabs (not the entire can) should be collected.
 3. The aluminum tabs should be weighed and certified by a written weigh scale ticket. The scale ticket should include the following information: name of business where scales were used, signature of employee completing the scale ticket, official weight printed on the scale ticket.
 4. Deliver the aluminum tabs to any local, charitable organization (such as a Ronald McDonald home or other organization). Pictures should be taken when the tabs are delivered, and a brief story written that explains how the tabs will help the organization or families who are assisted by the organization.
 5. The report of each county's activity for this project must be mailed by the postmarked date of January 31. Items in the report should include:
 - Scale tickets with name of business, signature, and weight information
 - Pictures that depict the delivery of the tabs and the story that describes how the tabs will help the organization or families associated with the organization. (refer to Guideline #4)
 - Short written statement that describes what your county has learned from this project.
 - The report will be on display at the State Conference.
 6. The county with the largest amount of tabs collected and delivered will be recognized at the State Conference in March. A county wide trophy will be presented.
- Final reports should be mailed to the Family Issues Director, Norma Korte.
(No money should be turned in to any HCE representative. If the county chooses to recycle cans also, then please give the money to a charitable organization of your choice or use it for your county funds.)

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MAKE-IT TAKE-IT CLASSES FOR 2011 CONFERENCE

I want to thank these ladies for volunteering to do a "Make-It Take-It" at conference in March; this is such a help to me! I know these crafts will be so much fun to make. I am including the list of volunteers and crafts offered. Again, thank you ladies so much.

Make It Take-It's Available at Conference 2011

Lucille Michels, Rock Island Co. - Stick Snowman.

This delightful snowman is fun to make and sits around the house for the holidays or use as a gift. He has button eyes and wears a fleece hat and scarf. **BRING one "super stack" Pringles can.**

Cost will be \$3.00.



Donna Young, Kankakee Co. - Hanging Picture Frame.



This is made from Popsicle sticks. Paint and glue on decorations, ribbon, rhinestones then put in a picture and hang on Christmas tree or any place you choose.

Linda Tarpley, Lee Co. - Glue Pin.

Everyone will love this very unique pin project. The pin is real jewelry and can be worn.

Mary Lou Simmons, Wayne Co. - Eight Pointed Pin Cushion. This is a great project for everyone that has pins!!! No sewing machine needed!



Ruth Sutton, Bond Co. - Santa Claus Tin.

This is adorable. It can be used alone as a decoration or to hold a candle or you can put CANDY in it and give to ME!



Jeanne Lee, Christian Co. - Operation Santa. Making home made stockings for deployed troops. Includes a pattern and uses Christmas fabric. You only need basic sewing skills. Collect travel sizes items to stuff stockings.

Cost: Price of fabric

Yvonne Miller

These ear rings, short dangle style, with choice of pearl or crystal, takes about 30 minutes to make.

Cost will be \$6.00



Yvonne is also doing a spool craft out of wooden thread spools. You may bring your own or pick from her collection.

Cost will be \$6.00

If any of you are still interested in providing a craft at conference, please contact me by phone, e-mail or mail.

Many of you have just celebrated HCE week and craft day. I hope it was successful with many new prospects for membership. Have loads of fun and fellowship with each other and remember our creed to be nice!!!

Kay Brinkley
Cultural Enrichment

DISTRICT WORKSHOP - AUGUST, 2010

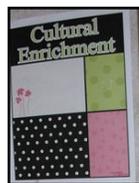
Here are just some of the things that were going on in our District Workshops this past August.



District 1 & 2/3
Sycamore



District 4 & 5
Decatur



District 6 & 7
Mt. Vernon





ACWW Treasurer, Alison Burnett

I was born in Falkirk in the central belt of Scotland, went to University in Glasgow and married my husband Alan in 1971 and moved to Glasgow to live. I have 2 boys – Scott and Neil and we spent 13 years in Kippen, a small village near Stirling.

In 1992 Alan and I moved to South Wales where we have lived for 18 years. My husband is a doctor and he moved to Wales to become the Professor of Haematology at the University of Wales College of Medicine. In 1974 Alan, Scott and I spent a year in Chicago where my husband worked in the University of Chicago Hospital with Dr. Charles Huggins. We both thoroughly enjoyed our time in Chicago and have a special love of America since that time (both my boys and

their families spend holidays in Orlando).

On moving to Wales, I gave up my work as a Business Studies teacher and became very involved with the WI and in 2001 became Gwent Federation ACWW representative. I joined the UN committee in 2004 after attending the Conference in Tasmania and in 2007 I joined the finance committee after the Conference in Finland and became ACWW Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance committee after the Conference in Hot Springs.

I have 2 granddaughters – Jenni 2 years and Emily 1 year who both live in Glasgow and so we are heading back of Scotland to live on the Isle of Arran (off the west coast of Scotland) where Alan has built a house (in his spare time). We moved in last December, although it is not completely finished (and may never be!) and I love the peace and quiet and beautiful scenery. It is said that Arran is Scotland in miniature as far as scenery is concerned.

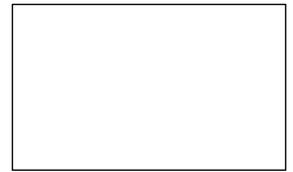
I am really looking forward to coming to Decatur and telling you about Scotland, although you may be able to tell me things I don't know from your studies! I also hope that there will be a chance to talk about ACWW.

Alison Burnett

As you may have read in this newsletter, Alison will be at our Annual Conference in Decatur. We hope she will speak on ACWW and Pennies for Friendship and on Scotland. You won't want to miss Alison. Be sure to register for the conference. All the information needed is in this newsletter in the center pull out section. Be there to welcome her to the United States and Illinois.

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