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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



May 2015

Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day to cop a line from the song book to describe how great this day has been. The sun is shining brightly, spring flowers are popping through, birds are singing, and I have been allowed to be here to enjoy the day!

I am your new state IAHCE president and you will find I approach things in a different way. Many of you may have found that out when I was the IAHCE state treasurer, right? If you do not remember me or know me I will take a few lines to tell you about myself. I am married and have been for 44 years (to the same guy), and have two great daughters who have provided us with two great sons-in-law, and seven absolutely super grandchildren. The grandchildren range in age from sixteen down to three years, four boys and two girls. The oldest daughter lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with the three children and the youngest lives about a mile away from me, on my old home place, with four children. I like to spend spare time gardening, reading, playing softball, basketball, volleyball, and baseball with the grandkids and of course we try not to miss a one of their games. I am also a 4-H mentor leader, a U of I Extension Master Gardener, and chair a local cemetery association.

I am excited to be your new president and look forward to meeting all of you in your own county settings. I got to go to my first county meeting this morning at Massac County and it was a blast. I want to be available to the membership and welcome e-mails, text messages, letters, or phone calls at any time. Communication I feel is very important in the survival of an organization and I think we have been a little weak in that area in the past. We have put too much emphasis on having members communicate via the internet and not some other method. Internet is awesome if you have it available or you are technology savvy. I noticed from a show of hands at Annual Conference when asked about being tech savvy, only about 20% of the membership raised their hands. So it is my goal and I think the rest of the board to try and reach that other 80%. We, meaning the IAHCE board and myself, encourage input from you, the members, on things that might help your county or the state organization to become better and more appealing to others. We want to hear from you!

As I have stated, I love sports and believe that a team approach to things is better than the individual approach, most of the time, when trying to accomplish a goal. So welcome to the “team IAHCE”! I feel every member’s responsibility is to do what it takes to make this a bigger, better, and more successful organization than it is already. I told them at conference with the help of a John Fogerty song entitled, “Centerfield”: Put me in coach, I’m ready to play today, Put me in coach, I’m ready to play today! Look at me, I can be centerfield for “team IAHCE”. So put on your walking shoes and cap so you will be ready to walk the walk and talk the talk to make this organization rise and shine to new heights!

Smile often and be happy!

*Jane Chapman*  
IAHCE President



## EXECUTIVE BOARD



### 1st VICE PRESIDENT Norma Korte

Wow!! Wasn't the 91<sup>st</sup> State Conference great!! You were given several ideas for lessons or programs to use in your counties through all the share shops. The Education Directors had a hard time selecting the winners of the awards again this year, and we have a new

President of IAHCE. It was an exciting and, admittedly, a very busy week!

Jenna Smith introduced her replacement, Caitlin Huth, during the business meeting. They worked with the First Vice Presidents to select the educator lessons for 2016. I appreciate your support in this selection process; I know it can be confusing at times.

The share shop lesson Jenna Smith presented at the state conference is available on our IAHCE.org webpage. The lesson is titled, "Pass the Pink Packet Please: Sugar Subs & Artificial Sweeteners". The lessons you picked for 2016 were: Consumer Economics - "New Ways to Cut Your Electricity Bill" and "Staycation and Vacation Planning"; Family Life - "Hold That Thought" and "Simplify Your Life by DeCluttering"; Nutrition & Wellness - "Five Ingredient Fix" and "Super foods to the Rescue".

We gave the last Health Smart Awards at the Conference this year. Just because we are not focusing on Health Smart for an award doesn't mean you should stop working on eating healthy and exercising. The example we set for our kids and grandkids makes a significant impact on their decisions and lifestyle choices. Thank you to Grundy and Adams counties for a great job on keeping records of what you are doing to stay Health Smart! I have noticed in some of your newsletters that other counties are going to keep track of hours walked, miles ran and weight lost as a group; keep up the good work! You could use this program in your Family Issues; Health, Food, and Nutrition; or Special Activity Education Award applications next year.

If you have any suggestions of lessons we need to address, please email or call me with recommendations.

Thank you again for your support!

*Norma Korte*



*"The Virtuous Woman; wisdom, honor, strength, rejoices, kindness, fears the Lord, noble, provider, industrious, blessed, dignity" Proverbs 31*

### 2nd VICE PRESIDENT Kathryn McNeely



I hope everyone enjoyed the 91<sup>st</sup> IAHCE Conference in Decatur. We realize we can't please everyone, but we try.

Hopefully you will put into use some ideas learned at the Conference. A personal contact is still the very best way to get someone to visit and eventually become a Home and Community Education member.

Plans are in place for the August IAHCE District Workshops. August 11, we'll be in Effingham; August 12 in Decatur; and August 13 in Oglesby. We hope to see you at your District Workshop.

Now is the time to start compiling information for your membership activity and membership activities reports for 2015 which will be due on January 31, 2016 and keep updating throughout the year. Save pictures of your events, newspaper articles, advertisement, programs and publicity for your reports. The newspaper articles are to include the publication number and name of newspapers. Try to type as much as possible in your reports.

The reports for 2014 were very good and hard to choose a winner. Keep up the great work!

It was brought up at Conference to try to recruit younger wives or husbands; plan the meetings for their needs; make the meetings shorter; provide baby sitting services; use modern technology to advertise our organizations; and 1 1/2 minutes is the time span to get your information out to the public.

A homemaker includes anyone maintaining a home or an apartment. Most people will have an occupation outside of the home, but still have basic needs that need to be met such as cooking, laundry, sewing, cleaning, budgeting, clothing, and health.

*Kathryn McNeely*



# EXECUTIVE BOARD



**SECRETARY**  
**Donna Richards**

Hope you found the 2015 State Conference fun, entertaining, and informative. It was great to see, speak, and visit with many of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your IAHCE Secretary for

an additional 3 years.

Reminder: After your County's Annual Meeting, send your county officer information to both IAHCE Secretary and your IAHCE District Director. Fill form (guidebook page 21) completely out, include your full Board, not just the Executive Officers. We would prefer to have email addresses, but some people do not want to divulge this information. Our IAHCE First Vice President sends many e-mail messages across the state.

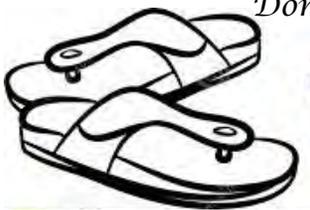
These lists are needed every year to keep our mailing lists up to date. We understand that sometimes the officers do not change, but a list lets us know that there were no changes. If you send a copied version, please check your copy to see whether you have copied the sheet fully.

If you want to submit your filled out form via email, my email address is [dsrichards001@hotmail.com](mailto:dsrichards001@hotmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you at the Secretary training during District Workshops in August 2015. Feel free to drop me an email or call me at 618-554-1790 any time with your questions.

Thank you,

*Donna Richards*



**TREASURER**  
**Beverly Combs**

What a great annual conference! I really enjoyed seeing many of you again that I met during the past year as well as meeting lots of "new" people.

A big pat on the back to the co-chairs Marilyn Schaefer and Mary Eustace in the planning of such an educational and enjoyable event

as well as to the rest of the Board for all their efforts to make this conference a success.

As part of the silent auction, thanks to all the counties and individuals who contributed items. The total proceeds of the silent auction was \$2075. The 50/50 winner took home \$500!

Here's hoping you have a great spring and summer. I look forward to seeing many of you again at the August District Meetings.

*Bev Combs*



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**  
**Louise Rodatz**

I am very sorry I couldn't attend the 2015 Annual Conference, better luck for me next year.

Thanks to the IAHCE Delegates for the reappointment for Director of

Community Outreach.

Congratulations to the Education Award winners, Good Job. If your project didn't win, keep trying, and submit your program in 2016.

Thanks to Norma Korte and Janel Kassing for presenting my share shop. I hope you gained some new information on community outreach projects.

I am looking forward to the District Workshops on August 11 to 13, 2015. I will be bringing new ideas to the Workshops to share. I encourage everyone to contact me if you have ideas or suggestions. I do get ideas from your County Newsletters, so please continue to send them to me.

Remember to check out the IAHCE.org website for information on submission of your project booklets, scholarships, or lesson plans.

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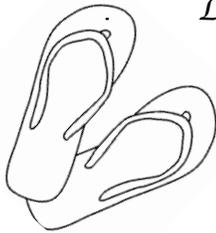


## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Outreach, continued

Congratulations to our new IAHCE President Jane Chapman, be supportive as she leads our State Home and Community Education Membership. Strive to continue to gain new county members.

*Louise Rodatz*



abounded. \$1,000 in mini-stipends was shared by 21 counties to help with their International activity expenses. And, a special thanks to all IAHCE counties for your efforts that led to collection of \$14,421.44 for Pennies for Friendship in year 2014.

At the International Share Shop held during the IAHCE Annual Conference, attendees viewed a PowerPoint presentation about the Associated Country Women of the World, ACWW, including an explanation of the lifecycle of Projects they fund through the generous donation of members like yourself. Mildred Lamprecht, Tazewell County International Director, provided two German made door prizes for the Share Shop.

A search in Estonia, Ireland and Nova Scotia is under way to select one woman to come to Illinois in March 2016 as a participant in the IAHCE International Homemaker Exchange. **We need hosts in Illinois for this expected visitor.** Please send a completed Host Application (page 41 of the IAHCE Guidebook) to Pat Weitzmann, International Director by July 1, 2015.

As of March 31, 2015, IAHCE has adopted a new ACWW project. It's Project Number is 0981, "Cultivation Skills and Education/School Support for Children, Women and Families". You'll hear more about it in future newsletters. The Project takes place in Sri Lanka, an island country of 20 million people Southeast of India, previously known as Ceylon.

I am honored to be re-elected to the position of IAHCE International Director for 2015-2018. My enthusiasm for connecting with the members of IAHCE and for furthering the education and good works of IAHCE members continues.

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

*Pat Weitzmann*



### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Pat Weitzmann

The "Fun Walk" at the beginning of IAHCE's March 2015 Annual Conference was a first time success.

The current IAHCE yearly theme "Come Together-Walk With IAHCE" and the ACWW "Women Walk the World" annual awareness program made a great fit for creating an inside walking track at the Decatur Conference Center, site of the Annual Conference.

Registering for the walk were 59 IAHCE members and one other Conference Center guest, a man interested in what IAHCE was all about. Even people that didn't register walked the course. At the 6 continent stops along the course, walkers received a flag stamp on their "Fun Walk Card" of a country that has ACWW members.

Thank you to the nine IAHCE members that staffed the continental stops and to the walk registrar. Some staffers dressed to showcase their focus country: USA, Chile, Ireland, Mongolia, South Africa, Fiji.

Ten counties did a Women Walk the World event in 2014. After the enthusiasm surrounding the Fun Walk, I hope even more counties were inspired to do a Women Walk the World event this year. *April 29 is Women Walk the World Day*; but walks can be scheduled on other days if desired. The deadline for submitting pictures and articles to ACWW for the Best Photo Contest plus possible inclusion in their CountryWoman magazine is May 15.

Congratulations to the Winners of International Education Awards. Thank you to all the International directors who sent me 30 award submissions. Creativity

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS



### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT Peggy Long

Dear Fellow Cultural  
Enrichment directors,

I really enjoyed seeing so many of you at annual conference. The work you do is so fantastic, and the enjoyment you get out of seeing everyone else's work is so good for me to watch.

I do apologize for not having all the descriptions when I read the winners. Sometimes the best laid plans go wrong. As you probably noticed I started out reading them but then we just ran out of time when we were writing them all down, so therefore the descriptions at the bottom of my list didn't get recorded on my paper. Next year I will ask for more help Wednesday afternoon getting everything finished up. So if you can help, send in your info on the reservations, and let us know, or just come to my room when you have time.

The winners, with descriptions, are printed in this newsletter. This year we had a total of 36 counties who entered items in the cultural arts show with 204 items entered. We had 206 votes turned in, and 15 reports.

We learn every year, something different we need to do, so we keep changing things as the problems arrive. We get a lot of these suggestions from your evaluations. so thank you for filling them out also.

One suggestion I read already, is if the quilts can be opened up, why can't the afghans. That is a good point, and something I never thought about, but duh, why not? So next year I will try that. Also, I was not happy with the way the top 5 are chosen, so next year I will add to the ballots a favorite entry overall, and we will choose the top 5 from that list. That way, even entries that have only 2 in the category will qualify. Think about that, and if you come up with a problem, let me know, before the next conference, so we can work on it. Please.

Also I will put VOTING BALLOT on the ballots in your packets so you know what they are.

If you didn't fill out your evaluations, but have a suggestion, let me know, and I will consider it, or try to explain why we can't do it. I have not had a chance to read all the evaluations, yet, but we will at the June

board meeting, so if you suggested something and I didn't address it, don't think it is being ignored. Well maybe, but I haven't read them all yet.

Hope to see you all at district workshops.

*Peggy Long*



### FAMILY ISSUES DIRECTOR Sharon Davis

Hello Ladies, I just finished my first IAHCCE State Conference as the Family Issues representative on the State Board.

I first want to thank Chairman Marilyn Schaefer and Co-Chair Mary Eustace for putting together a GREAT conference. They put a lot of work into it and it paid off. GREAT JOB!

A few of you in your evaluations was disappointed there was no packets to pick up in Family Issues. I wanted to let you know the reason why. I asked a guest speaker to come and speak on "Bullying" and she was going to have handouts. At the share shop I picked these up and if there is anyone who would like a copy of these I will be more than glad to send these to you at my expense. PLEASE send me an e-mail if you want copies or if you don't have e-mail a letter. This being my first year I'm learning a lot and next time if I have a speaker I will ask her to send me the handouts ahead of time so I can put them in packets for you.

Kim Spicer was the speaker that day in the share shop and she taught us how she teaches children about not becoming a bully and what to do if you are being bullied. She also explained steps on how to talk to our children and grandchildren in case they are being bullied. At the end she had us do a song that she does with her children in class.

If by using any of these steps we can stop a child or adult from being a bully or keep a child from being bullied all the better.

*"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD  
HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU"*

*Sharon Davis*



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE



## PUBLIC RELATIONS Pat Hildebrand

It was great to finally meet some of you and put a face to a name. I always look forward to getting your articles to see what you all have been doing.

Your county newsletters show that you have a lot of interesting, educational programs and activities which benefit your community.



Keep telling your story—talking, writing—whatever it takes to let anyone and everyone know what your county HCE is doing.

*Pat Hildebrand*

## CVH/SALES Joan Stanley



It was great to meet so many of you at State Conference. I hope you will make good use of the packet I gave to each county at the share shop.

The website will have current information throughout the year. Go to [iahce.org](http://iahce.org), guidebook, sales items pp.67-68 and for the volunteer hours program pp.71-76. Please use current forms.

Thanks for reporting hours timely. You are doing a GREAT job. Feel free to pass on suggestions or ask questions.

*Joan Stanley*



### WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THE SHOES FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER?

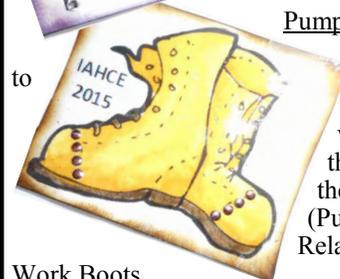
**Janel Kassing**, District 7 Director, wrote the installation for the Board members who were installed at Annual Conference. Using the IAHCE theme, Janel used a shoe to designate the duty of each of the officers.

**Sharon Middleton**, Decatur, made a pin to present to each Board member.

Examples of shoes for two of the Board members:



Pumps are a reminder to be pumped up and spread the word of HCE to the media and to the community. (Public Relations)



Work Boots show that members are ready to work hard to increase the HCE membership. (1st Vice-president)

### MEET THE 2015-2016 IAHCE BOARD

Front row: Beverly Combs (Treasurer), Norma Korte (1st Vice-President), Jane Chapman (President), Kathryn McNeeley (2nd Vice-President), and Kathleen Emery, (District 5 Director).

Back row: Cara Ausmun (District 1 Director), Angles Hicks (District 2 and 3 Director), Janel Kassing (District 7 Director), Mary Eustace (District 4 Director), Sharon Davis (Family Issues), Marilyn Schaefer (District 6 Director), Joan Stanley (CVH/Sales), Pat Hildebrand (Public Relations/Newsletter), Pat Weitzmann (International), and Donna Richards (Secretary).



# EXTENSION REPORT

# DISTRICT NEWS



## U OF I EXTENSION LIAISON Caitlin Huth

With the newness of spring, I am pleased to introduce myself as your new IAHCE Extension Liaison.

Hello! I am Caitlin Huth, Nutrition & Wellness Educator with U of I Extension. I teach nutrition and wellness programming to my three counties – DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt – and to other counties by request.

I enjoy teaching the telenets you listen to around the state, and I am also glad for the opportunities to teach in-person to the members in my counties. They have been wonderful supporters of other programming I do as well.

I would like to send an enormous thank you to Jenna Smith, your former Liaison. She is wrapping up a few last details and then all roles will be transitioned over to me. I know she has served you well and has been a wonderful mentor to me, both in my role as an Extension Educator and now as the Extension Liaison for IAHCE. I appreciate her guidance – and probably continued guidance.

To all those I got to meet at the 2015 Conference, thank you for the welcome. I look forward to serving as your Liaison as we continue this partnership between U of I Extension and IAHCE.

*Caitlin Huth*  
Nutrition & Wellness Educator



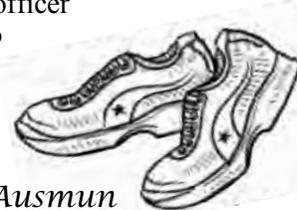
## DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR Cara Ausmun

Greetings from Mercer County! I have belonged to HCE for 28 years and my county is preparing for its 98th annual meeting.

I live in the house on the farm my great-grandparents bought 114 years ago. I literally wouldn't be here without 4-H! My parents met at a National 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Mom and I were both IFYEs (International 4-H Youth Exchange). She went to Switzerland in '51 and I to India in '81.

My daughter went to China in 2012 (not as an IFYE). She is working as a registered dietician in New Hampshire (Mom's home state). A recent text is that she's a certified maple sugar maker now. We both love to cook and learn about food. I collect cookbooks. It might be an addiction! I can read a cookbook for fun and ideas. I'm active in HCE, church, 4-H, and community events like our Friday food backpacks. I substitute teach and farm. I'm excited to be a District Director and have been to my first duty as Bureau County's annual meeting.

I look forward to serving District 1 at annual meetings and meeting more great HCE women at county and district meeting. My contacts are on the officer page. I challenge every hostess to have a guest at every unit meeting. Some of those guests will be our future!



*Cara Ausmun*

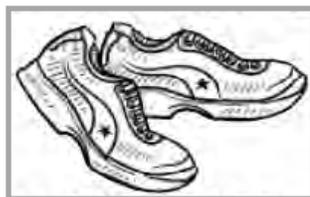
## KNOX.....

It is nice to have Spring weather. It just seems to energize you. We had our Class Day in February. That is where we have a day of classes to attend. Every hour you can choose from 5 different classes to attend. The cost is only \$25.00 and includes lunch. It is the last Saturday in February and is always a fun day. The profit provides a scholarship for a 4-H student attending Carl Sandburg College. It was good weather for this year's Class Day and attendance was good and a fun day was had.

In May we have a cultural arts project planned that will help some of the homeless in the area and will be distributed through the Rescue Mission.

We hope for your counties to have an enjoyable Spring.

Sue Ryder  
Public Relations



## Shoes for District Directors

### Running Shoes

District Directors are liaisons or “runners” between counties in their District and the State Board, visiting counties, and inspiring the membership to have program and activities to obtain new members.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### ROCK ISLAND.....

Rock Island County has not been sleeping all winter, but works continually on educating and contributing to their homes and community. Right after the holidays we began one of our main fund-raising projects: selling Geraniums. This fund-raiser is shared with 4-H clubs as well. Members of both have sold 5,500 geraniums for pick-up the first weekend in May.

In January we began receiving our teleconference lessons. Our first one was "The ABC's of GMO's" which brought in many guests, both men and women in the area. It was followed in February by "Being Mindful in a Busy World." And, most recently was the lesson, "Health Insurance for People 65+ Years" which also brought in some guests, along with many members.

Seven county council members attended the IAHCE Annual Conference in Decatur, IL March 17-19. At the Opening Luncheon, we were inspired by our guest speaker, Lori Kerans, Head Basketball Coach at Millikin University, in Decatur, who challenged us to pursue the ideals in the HCE Aim for Homemakers. In the following three days, we were able to avail ourselves of a variety of informative workshops, as well as attend business meetings, installation of officers, and awards banquets.

Cultural Enrichment displays afforded three of the articles sent by Rock Island County Best-of-Show Grand Prize ribbons. All three were entered by Linda Klyman. Those attending were pleased with their experiences.

Our spring craft show, "Spring Fling," was held on Sat., March 28, with around 30 in attendance. Crafts of Fluffy Wreaths, Alcohol Jewelry, Felted Wool projects, Hand-crafted Cards, Memo Boards, Folded Paper Albums, Napkin Folding, and How to Make Pie Crusts were offered. A former County Home Advisor, Carmen Walgrave, took us into the kitchen with the Pie Crust lesson, which even some of our experienced members were able to learn some fresh tips.

On Wednesday, April 29, we're looking forward to a county-sponsored bus trip to White Pines Dinner Theater in Mt. Morris, IL to see the production, Double-Booked in Cabin #4, while enjoying the buffet luncheon. Once this activity was announced, it was quickly sold out!

Our last big activity for the year will be the Annual Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting and installation of officers will be followed with a guest speaker and a delicious luncheon. Our guest speaker this year will be Colleen Curry from Donahue, IA, who works with

multiple fiber arts. We have much to learn and share, as we complete this year.

And we especially look forward to our new theme, "Come Together Walk With HCE," promoting a healthy, positive approach to all our membership.

Lucille Mumma  
Public Relations



### STEPHENSON.....

Greetings from Stephenson County!

Each December, the Freeport Health Network (FHN) sponsors the Community Festival of Trees at the Freeport Public Library. Non-profit organizations are invited to decorate the trees. This year, FHN's theme was "The Purpose of Art is Washing the Daily Dust of Life off our Souls"--Pablo Picasso. For our tree title, we used the wording of the theme and added "With HCE".

Several HCE members made tree ornaments from dish cloths--pantaloons, angels and mops. The angel tree topper was made with a dish towel and pot holder. A banner with the title was entwined around the tree, plus pictures of HCE activities/events were used for decoration. Hoping to spark interest in HCE and boost membership, we arranged a display under the tree on our organization along with contact information.

On December 17, the county board held their monthly meeting in the decorated home of board member Sandra Kubatzke. After the business meeting, members enjoyed a Christmas potluck and visiting with each other.

In January, Stephenson County HCE members turned in a total of 14,883 volunteer hours for 2014. Many local organizations and individuals received the benefit from all those donated hours.

In March, twelve members from our county were on the road to the 91st Annual Conference (17-19) in Decatur. Our days and evenings were filled with a variety of activities--meetings, luncheons, banquets, classes, shopping--vendors and silent auction, as well as the contest. Our members participated at conference by volunteering, donating to the silent auction (and buying items), entering several items in the cultural enrichment competition, and decorating shoes for the wacky shoe

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contest. Our county set up a display featuring the fidget quilt project, as well as a display board on autism. Three entries from HCE members took first place in the cultural enrichment competition. At the Awards Banquet, our county received eight award certificates. The highlight of the evening was when our county placed third in the state for County of the Year!

On March 21, 4-H Super Saturday was held at Highland Community College in Freeport (9 a.m.- Noon). 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers were able to sign up in advance for the workshops through the University of Illinois Extension (a nominal fee was required). Some of the workshops offered were mixes in jars, woodworking, bird feeders, decorated cupcakes, etc. Becky Thomas, HCE County Board President, taught the workshop on edible centerpieces. The class members had lots of fun creating their centerpieces from several kinds of fruit.

Started in the fall of 2014, our Public Affairs Director, Nancy Albrecht, continues to coordinate though FHN Hospice the fidget quilt (lap robe) project. In January and February, HCE members from several units met at the Freeport Farm Bureau Building for a workday.

The colorful, activity-laden quilts are used for dementia patients. Thus far 14 fidget quilts have been fully completed. The feedback from hospice has been very positive!



Janice Fryer  
Public Relations



## Fidget Quilt Work Day

1. Diana Ethridge
2. Lynn Lott,
3. Audry Musser

Have a wonderful SPRING!

## WARREN

Warren County HCE members have been busy even though the winter has been hard. The members have been sewing for the nursing homes. 52 clothing protectors and 8 quilts were donated to the Genesis Nursing Home in Aledo.



*Florence Roth, Patches n' Pans, with activity director of the Roseville Nursing Home where Warren County HCE members donated 52 adult clothing protectors, 7 quilts and 11 walker bags.*

The Warren County HCE sponsored the first of its 2015 County-wide-open-to-the-public sessions, "Hearing and Vision". 24 members attended to glean information.



*Amy Smith, a licensed audiologist, Beth Eyler, an optometrist, and Leon Martin from the Lion's Club were speakers.*

*Dorothy Livingston, Peg Chambers (Warren County HCE Chairman), Phyllis Kettering, Bonnie Heflin, and Loretta McKey made candy decorations.*



Members of MNU unit had a 'make and take' session on candy decorations from a lesson learned at the Knox County HCE Class Day. Lots of chocolate flying!!

HCE members Diane Fedorow and Barbara Patterson worked with beginning 4-H sewers. This was a session for Warren County 4-Her's organized by Diane Fedorow and her HCE unit. 9 4-Her's participated and 8 HCE ladies assisted.

Barb Pearson  
Public Relations

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### DISTRICT 2/3 DIRECTOR Angela Hicks

Hello to all my HCE Friends!

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual IAHCE Conference was so much fun! If you didn't get to be a part of the

fun this year...join us next year at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual IAHCE Conference at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria, March 15-17, 2016! I'm sure there will be lots of fun in store for us!

I'd like to give a shout out to District 2/3's, McHenry County, for receiving the Grand Award in Membership: Largest Net Gain!!! Congratulations!

We "unlocked the mystery of HCE membership" at the District 2/3 Share Shop at the Conference! I am eager to share the answer with you at your annual meetings, so give me a buzz and I'll be right over!

We selected a nomination committee for a new District 2/3 Director. If you are interested in applying for this position call Ginny Bellamy, Grundy County, email her at [gtbellamy@comcast.net](mailto:gtbellamy@comcast.net). The election will be held at the August District Workshop.

Speaking of the August District Workshop, it will be held Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, IL. Same place as last year. This time it will be before school starts....so parking will be closer!

See you soon at your annual meeting, District Workshop, or other events in your county!

*Angela Hicks*



**"Unlock the Mystery of  
HCE Membership!"**

### DU PAGE.....

In November, members enjoyed the Holiday Craft Workshop at the Extension office. After finishing their projects they made 180 Christmas napkin favors for the DuPage County Convalescent Center.

Our International Tea was held at the Extension office, featuring items from Germany, maps, flags and pictures. Our International Director, Marge Steinhoff, gave an interesting and informative talk on Germany.

*Members Marge Steinhoff and Jean Roe at International 4-H event.*



December, members enjoyed our Annual Holiday Tea and brought can goods for the needy; Our January board meeting was canceled because of bad weather.

In February, our County participated in the 4-H International Night at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. We had a booth displaying maps and pictures of Germany. Participants had to answer a question about Germany correctly, when they did, they were awarded pretzels (German biscuits). HCE literature and word puzzles were also given out. It was a very busy and fun evening.

In March, members attended the lesson, "Being Mindful in a Busy World". Seven members attended the IAHCE Conference in Decatur. We received awards for Public Relations and Community Service in District 2/3.

Our County continues to meet monthly for Quilting, UFO/Linus blankets projects and luncheon out.

Mary Lambert  
President

### GRUNDY.....

Snow and ice resulted in poor attendance at some of the Unit meetings the first couple of months of the year. However, everyone is gearing up for spring.

On March 14th, GCHCE had a table at the local Earth Expo where we made bookmarks with visitors and gave

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away books that were donated by our members. Many books. They were well received, by adults as well as children.”

Four of our board members attended the IAHCE Conference in Decatur. We were very happy to receive the Grand Award for the Walking and Weight Loss contest. Thanks to our energetic leader, Kay Bonneur. She will be honored at our Annual Meeting. We all had a wonderful experience.

Our next adventure will be in April to fix lunch for Elementary students who wrote essays for Government Day, along with their teachers and members of the Grundy County Board. It usually amounts to about 100 guests.

We are losing quite a number of members due to health issues, and had 2 deaths this past year. Hopefully we can find new members.

Ruth O'Hara  
Public Relations

## LAKE.....

Greetings from Lake County!

A lot has happened here in Lake County since I last reported in the 2014 December issue, so I will get started from where I left off.

In the beginning of November a Facebook page was created for LCAHCE. You can go to the Lake County Extension website, [web.extension.illinois.edu/lm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lm), click on the Facebook icon, and look for the link that says “Lake County Association for Home Community Education” (LCAHCE) and “Like US” on Facebook! So far we have 30 Likes!

On November 6, 2014 “What’s New in Textiles” was presented by Sarah Storaasli from the Town & Country Unit. Sarah brought in different types of fiber and explained how each one could be used. There were 15 women in attendance for this program.

International Day was held at the University of Illinois Extension-Lake County in the Auditorium on November 13, 2014, sixty-four women and two men had a “guten” time at the German International Event. The program began with German music and Pat Weitzmann giving a brief presentation of Germany. This was followed by a question and answer session with many women sharing their German Heritage with the group, and a wonderful music program by Mike Knauf’s Band.

*Mike Knauf's Band played traditional, lively German music using cow bells at Lake County International Day.*



Everyone enjoyed a wonderful German meal of Red Cabbage, Black Forest Cake, Preisebeer Cookies, Spaetzel, German Potato Salad, Sauerbraten and Brats with Sauerkraut.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Cookie Sale was on December 13, 2014. Members from each of the units participated by baking cookies and donating them for

## KENDALL.....

1. Kendall County HCE has set the date for their 17th Annual Victorian Tea! Sunday, October 17 at Cross Lutheran Church on Rt. 47, south of Yorkville. The ticket price is still only \$15.00, for 3 courses of tea goodies, and a great program, plus lots of door prizes. Contact Beverly Scott at 630-554-1530 for reservations.

2. Last September, Kendall County HCE partnered with the Chapel on the Green in Yorkville to hold a program that celebrated Extension's 100th anniversary and IAHCE's 90th, by having a program given by Rhea Hunter, who in period costume portrayed Emma Hart Willard, an early advocate for higher women's education.

Willard (1787-1870) took to heart the words of President George Washington in his "Farewell Speech" to the Nation. At a time when women were only provided basic education, she broke through the barrier of an all-male profession, believing women could master topics that men studied. The program was free, but donations were encouraged for the Chapel's air conditioning fund, and HCE did not have to pay for using the Chapel for the program. Information about Willard and HCE promotional flyers were passed out to those in attendance.

Joan McEachern

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the sale. Betty Wertke, Cookie Sale Chairperson, thanked everyone whether they baked cookies, volunteered to work the sale or helped in any way, in the January Close-Ups Newsletter. We had good publicity in the newspapers, radio, the Lake County Extension website and members who posted on Facebook. The sale was a great success and raised over \$1500.00.

Four HCE: Lessons for Living were given at the University of Illinois Extension Office. January 13th, "The ABC's of GMO's"; March 10th, "Mindfulness and Soul Care"; March 24th, "Health Insurance for People 65+ Years"; and April 20th, "Eating Well as You Age". These lesson are researched based and are presented by an Educator from the University of Illinois Extension.

Three Lake County Board members attended the 2015 IAHCCE 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in Decatur, IL. They were: Lauri Hargrove; International Director; Sandra Henke, Treasurer; and Jane Ellen Keroson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Jane Ellen will be reporting to the Board about programming for 2016 at the next meeting.

This brings us to our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. being held at Maravella's Banquets in Fox Lake, IL. A delicious lunch will be served and some lucky ladies will win wonderful Door Prizes. The theme for the program is "Something Blue." Patti Ecker, Chicagoland Singer and Multi-Instrumentalist will be entertaining the ladies at the Annual Meeting. I will have more details about the meeting in the August issue.

Well that's all I have for now. Enjoy the Spring-like weather and have a GREAT summer! Until then in August!



Dianne Glozier  
Public Relations/Newsletter Editor

### LA SALLE.....

"Hello" from LaSalle County. Spring is trying to reach our area. Taking too long as far as I am concerned! Cold & rainy today.

The State Conference had 354 members with 108 delegates in attendance. LaSalle County was represented by 4 board members. Upon arrival we registered, picked up our pink shirts & totes then started our "Walk Around the World". Thank you to Pat Weitzmann, International Director, for organizing this event. Great job!

We entered our shoes in the "Wacky Shoe Contest" and we're happy to announce that LaSalle County's Becky Kendall was one of the top three entries.

*LaSalle County won in the Nature items with Joan Anderson's wheat weaving entry in the "Cultural Arts" exhibit.*



We donated 3 "Book Baskets" to the silent auction.

We attended some interesting share shops. All in all, it was a good experience for us.

In November we had a booth at the S. Elizabeth House Walk & Bazaar---"Deck The Halls". Thru the sale of our craft/gift items & our baked goods we were able to make donations to Ill. Valley PADS for the homeless and to the Dani Brandon Child Advocacy Center. Most important, we attracted interest in our organization. We acquired a few new members.

November was also our "Country of Study" lesson. Sandy Martin, International Director, and Becky Kendall, 1st Vice president, presented a wonderful program lesson on Germany. The food was very tasty & the German exhibits were beautiful. Thanks to Anna Mattes & Carol Elmore, two of our members, for sharing their personal family histories & experiences of Germany with us.

LaSalle County continues supporting the food pantries in the county with money donations. We are presently supporting the 4-H fund raisers. Now thru March 15, 2016, Schwan's Foods will contribute a percentage on every purchase made by friends & family of 4-H members. This is done using a campaign number with Schwan's Cares A Fundraising Network. 4-H will also be hosting a couple fund raiser pizza parties. We give thanks

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to our veterans by sending care package items to the Veterans Home. We enjoy our monthly "Bingo" parties at LaSalle County Nursing Home. We also contribute items to the area nursing homes for the activity directors to use or distribute---greeting cards & scrap books from old calendars. This helps stimulate memories & get a conversation started.

We have had some interesting lessons during the winter-----"Does Birth Order Really Matter?", "The ABCs of GMOs" and "Saving \$ on a Limited Budget".

Will check in with you again in July. Keep on the look-out for new members!

Penny Carter  
Public Relations Director



## LIVINGSTON.....

The Livingston HCE board recently toured Salem Ranch as part of the association's commitment to local service projects. HCE has previously participated in service projects around the globe.

This year's projects include donating stuffed pillowcases and other items to the humane society, "Birthday Bags" for the Salvation Army and local food pantries and sewing colorful pillowcases for the OSF St. Francis, Peoria children's ward.

Another project is to make tied fleece blankets for the young men at Salem Ranch. Besides taking the fleece blankets for the students, the board and HCE unit members also took lounge pants for each of them.

Salem Ranch, in rural Flanagan, is a faith-based boarding school for troubled young men from age 13 to 17. Besides regular classroom activities the students also work with the horses on the ranch, woodworking and beekeeping including selling the honey.

Board members were invited to visit the ranch by Executive Director Terry Bengé. His wife, Stacey Bengé, is also a teacher there. She gave a presentation on the history and present activities at the ranch. After the presentation the women joined the students and staff for a delicious soup and salad lunch. The dessert of scotcheroos was provided by the HCE board members, who had asked what kind of snack the boys preferred. A tour of the facility followed lunch.



Livingston HCE Board tour Salem Ranch

*Left to Right: Connie Kostelc, Public Relations; June Stalter, Cultural Enrichment; Diana Taylor, Community Outreach; Evelyn Neuhalfen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Brenda Collins, Treasurer; Shirley Meenen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Arlene Martell, Family Living; Joan Haren, President; Stacey Bengé, Salem Ranch Staff*

Connie Kostelc  
Public Relations

## MC HENRY.....

Happy Spring, Ladies! Spring in Northern Illinois made it's appearance for a few days and then was back to old winter with a snow storm that left us 6 inches March 23.

Seven Ladies went to the 91st Conference in Decatur, We had a first timer, Barbara Freeman, who joined HCE last year. We all enjoyed the Conference, had a great time and learned a lot.

In November, we had HCE Day where we all brought in some of our antiques and a local Antique Dealer showed us how to incorporate them into our home décor instead of hiding them in a box, cupboard or closet. It was a lot of fun seeing all her interesting ideas.

One of our members, Carol Kruse, pictured with her plaque made the University of Illinois Extension "McHenry County Hall of Fame". She joined Home Bureau in 1947 in DuPage County and in 1958, she moved to McHenry County. She served on the Board for many years serving as Vice-president, Secretary, Cultural Enrichment Chairman and President 2002-2003. She has served in many offices in

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her unit. She sews blankets for the Linus project, quilt tops for the Lutheran World Relief, knits prayer shawls, and sews Christmas stockings for the military and mini stockings for the nursing homes and has been a 4-H leader.

*We thank you, Carol, for all your hard work, dedication and talent you have given to HCE.*



November, a lesson on “Houseplants” was given by Karen DeFalco, a Harvard Garden Club and West Dunham Unit HCE member. We learned how to care for our plants and how to divide them so we can share them with our friends.

February, a presentation on “Decorating Valentine Cookies” was given by Carol Hansen an HCE member from the Richmond Evening Unit. We all brought in homemade cookies and different icings and tips were provided.

March lesson was on “Learning How to Crochet for Beginners”. I again did not do well on my crocheting. I had a hard time to even make a slip knot. Handouts were provided so maybe someday I will try again.

All of our presentations are listed in the local paper and are free to the public. We have been having a good responses.

Florence Spesard  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR

Mary Eustace



It's finally here! Spring is here for all to enjoy. Our IAHCE Annual Conference was so much fun. *Come Together – Walk With IAHCE* has been an adventure to start our new year and I do hope you will enjoy it. At our conference we had many educational “Share Shops”, loads of fun with our “Fun Walk” and “Wacky Shoe Decorating Contest”. It was amazing to look out and see all the beautiful pink T-shirts & totes. The best part of the conference for me was the reconnecting of many friends I have met being your District 4 Director. Each County wants to know what challenge I have in mind for them this year.

Regarding our “Fun Walk”, we had 60 walkers sign up and participate in visiting the six countries represented with our ACWW. I would love to thank all of the volunteers whom dressed the Country part and helped with the walk. All members attending “T-Shirt Tuesday” luncheon received a pedometer to help keep track of steps walking with IAHCE.

I am looking forward to visiting my District 4 Counties for all of the Spring Annual Meetings and installing officers for the ensuing year. Lots of new information was sent home to all HCE County Board Officers with the State Board Officer packets. Please take the time to read and share the information.

Our August Workshop this summer will be held at the Decatur Club in Decatur, IL.

I would like to leave you with no matter where you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. Have a great summer and I challenge you to bring a friend to a HCE event or meeting. Membership matters and let it be YOU to bring in “just one more member”.

*Mary Eustace*

**Check out the IAHCE website!**

**[www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)**



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### ADAMS.....

Congratulations ladies of Adams County. We received the Grand Health Smart Award for walking, the 2014 Certified Volunteer Award AND two (2) 2014 Education Awards. One for Family Issues regarding outstanding volunteer hours and health program, and the second for Cultural Enrichment Special Activities, "Getting to Know Adams County". Thanks to Anne Willimann, Family Issues Chair and Sherry Sparks 1st Vice President for all their hard work on these programs. Thanks also to all the Adams County ladies for volunteering, walking, and attending the special programs.



*Linda Duncan, Pat Higley, Rhonda Fugate, Sandy McKelvie, Linda Lavery, Anne Williman, Melba Funk attend Conference.*



*Members show their magnetic boards.*

In November several members joined together to make crafts that were suitable for gift giving, Kiddie Bazaar items or personal use. Members created magnetic boards, towel aprons, and colorful night lights.

Saturday, December 7, 2014 Adams Co. held the annual "Kiddie Bazaar" in three (3) locations throughout the county. Area children were able to purchase Christmas gifts for their family, teachers, and pets in a safe environment. As always, it was a successful day. The children were excited and happy to shop for gifts, and the H.C.E. members enjoyed helping them shop and wrapping their gifts and everyone had fun!

A new Adams County fundraiser, "Applebee's Flapjacks" was held February 25, 2015. Applebee's cooked the flapjacks while H.C.E. volunteers were our waitresses. A delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and a drink was enjoyed by around 300 people. The H.C.E. county board declared it a success and voted to hold a "Flapjack" day again next year.

The end of our H.C.E. year is quickly approaching. Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015. It has been a busy and exciting year and we are looking forward to new programs and activities.

Suzanne Williams  
Public Relations

### PEORIA.....

Hello from Peoria County! We, like the rest of the state, are glad winter is behind us and looking forward to the spring and summer seasons.

So far this year, we have initiated a \$1,000 scholarship at our community college, Illinois Central College, in honor of Mary E. Kaufmann. A devoted member and leader in our organization passed away last year. We received many donations from family and friends of Mary and felt it was only fitting to begin a scholarship recognizing her lifelong love of learning. Mary dedicated many hours to PCAHCE and is greatly missed.

Peoria County was represented by seven PCAHCE members at the State Conference, *Come Together-Walk with IAHCE*. The conference was outstanding once again. Thanks go to the Chairs and Committee for their detailed and tireless efforts.

Our Special Occasion Day, S.O.Day, Luncheon in March was hosted by seven members with forty-two guests. The hosts did a terrific job of decorating their tables and a delightful lunch was prepared by our Ways and Means Director Carolyn Alaksiewicz. Our speaker, Bernie Drake, president of OLLI, did a wonderful job of taking us back in time with his presentation of "Famous Women of Peoria". He spoke of the trials, ordeals and accomplishments of women coming to, settling, and prospering in Peoria.

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In May, we will have our Annual Meeting, *Come Together-Walk with IAHCE* with guest speaker, Sharon Atterberry, playing and dressing the part of Aunt Lizzie Aiken, a Civil War Nurse.

Our Cultural Enrichment /Family Issues Director, Debbie Nimrick began collecting personal items for our veterans. So far, we have collected over 800 items. We can't thank them enough for their service to our country.

Julie Courtt  
PCAHCE Public Relations Director

We are looking forward to Membership Day coming up in March. Second Vice President Jody Harden has speakers on Tea Time in Civil War and why they dressed for afternoon Tea. We are always looking for good ways to add to our membership.

*There are long ships and there are tall ships  
and there are ships that sail the sea,  
But the best ships are Friendships,  
and Forever let them Be!*

Jessie Bumpus  
Sangamon County Treasurer



### TAZEWELL.....

Tazewell County Home and Community Education is extremely proud of the fact that every unit participated in 2014 in successfully raising \$3,255.52 for NVON's water filter project. Our goal was set at \$3,000 with no idea we could ever reach it. How very amazing it was that we were able to not only reach it but exceed that goal! It took teamwork and constant reminders how important the project was to needy people in the world.

Our goal in 2015 is to recruit some new members. Our dream is to lure in one new member for each unit we have or about 20 new women. While word of mouth seems to work best, we hope to dream up some method of attracting members. Miracles are possible, but it may just take a lot of work on our part. Wish us luck.

Some of our group were able to attend the annual conference and we came away with some good ideas. We hope now to generate those ideas enthusiastically throughout the year. Next year, in East Peoria, we will share our successes or failures.

In April, members will visit Washington for shopping and lunch to have fun and to aid the businesses who suffered financial losses by the November 2013 tornado that devastated much of the community. There are unique shops around the village square that encourage browsing and shopping. A Step Back in Time, Holland's Mercantile, Lori's Kitchen Store, Le Fleur Floral Design, Holland's Carmel Corn, Madison's Cafe, and the Et Cetera Shop are a few of the shops that will be visited. The names hint at what can be found in each.

Shirley Kelly  
Public Relations Director

### SANGAMON.....

Hello from Sangamon County!

We have had a mild winter so far. Looking forward to spring and the flowers and trees budding and the sun's warmth!

We unfortunately lost our last Charter Member, Phyllis Summers. She passed away on January 30, 2015. She was a 4-H Leader for 50 years and a Charter member of Sangamon County Home Bureau for going on 68 years! Our hearts go out to her family.

All of our many Units in Sangamon County have done many charitable acts for worthy causes. We have donated money to many of our local Food Banks, made cards for Nursing Homes and Military people, made quilts for Nursing Homes and weighted quilts for Autistic children, donated aluminum tabs and money to Ronald McDonald House, gave wrapped Christmas gifts to Sojourn House Shelter for battered women, and made Cancer caps. Mary Lou Estill took over 130 of the Cancer Caps and donated them to St. Johns Hospital in Springfield. They were very thankful.

We are looking forward to our next fundraiser set up by 2nd Vice President, Jody Marden with Bob Evans during February 11th thru the 17th and we handed out flyers on this to be used when paying the check. The money will go toward our Scholarship Fund./Sangamon County gives 2 Scholarships to two worthy applicants. Applicants will be applying in April.

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## DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR Kathleen Emery

Hello District 5 Members,  
I think we may have spring coming at last. What a welcome change!

It was great to see many of you at the annual conference in Decatur in March. I hope you enjoyed your time at conference and your share shops and truly learned to "Walk with IAHCCE".

I have enjoyed your wonderful invitations to your counties annual meetings or installation events. I am available to visit with any of our District 5 counties. I also love receiving your newsletters and seeing all of your programs and activities.

Please save August 12, 2015 on your calendars for the District 4/5 meeting. It will be held at the Decatur Club, 158 West Prairie in Decatur. The District Directors will be planning what we hope will be a fun, entertaining and informative program for everyone.

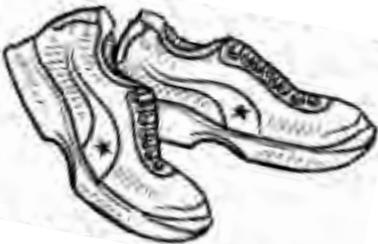
I was also so proud to see the accomplishments of District 5 at the annual conference. We received 12 Education Awards just to name a few, McLean County won the Grand Award for County of the Year for the second year in a row.

I know how hard it is to work on reports and keep records for the year and I applaud all of your efforts. Keep up the good work!!

As we all strive to add new members to our organization please remember:

*"People will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget  
how you made them feel !"*

*Kathleen Emery*



## CHRISTIAN.....

Hello and how are you from Christian County.

Do you really think Spring is here? Some days I'm positive other days I'm not so sure.

We had seven members attend the Annual Conference in Decatur. Everyone said they had a nice time and learned a lot at the work shops.

On March 24 we held our 79th Annual Meeting. Our theme was Walking down Memory Lane with HCEA. Chris Casey (Community and Economic Development Ext. Education) presented a wonderful program on What are Barn Quilts? Their history and a look at Calhoun County Quilt trail. We had several people who attended from the community who were not members.

Would like to invite everyone to Taylorville for the CCHCEA 22ad Table Setting Luncheon and Plant sale on May 2, 10 am to 2 pm., to be held in the Christian County U of I Ext. The theme this year is "Americana". The Master Gardner's will also be selling plants that day.

Sharon Turner  
Public Information

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## CLARK.....

Hello to all from Clark County! We are trying to be cheery after the long, cold months of the past.

We enjoyed our County-wide Spring meeting on April 15 at the County Extension Building in Marshall. We had our International lesson on Germany. Our meeting was enjoyed as the unit ladies gave sections of information on the country. As the ladies presented their parts, we enjoyed music and pictures from the country.

Our noon meal was the topping of the program with foods prepared by the ladies and enjoyed. We had potato soup, sauerkraut with brats, cheesy broccoli soup and vegetable soup as the starters and added cheeses of various types with crackers to complete the meal. For dessert, Sauerkraut Cake and Apple Cake were served. The ladies tribute was outstanding. During the program Many of the ladies showed what they had collected while

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traveling in Germany or what someone had brought to them.

This was also our day of Cultural Arts display. Many ladies had quilts, wall hangings, scrapbooking, paintings, and other arts to share. All ladies voted on their choice from each group and awards were given to the winners. No one had neglected learning more from the country of Germany or of the crafts done by the ladies of our county.

Several door prizes were awarded during the day and it was such a relaxing time.

We lost one unit at the end of 2014; but are trying hard to gain new members and for all to become more active.

*We are all working on how to prevent hardening of our personal attitudes for all of our people.*

Deloris Maurer  
Public Relations

*Difference Day* with monetary donations to several local food banks and local charities, donated boxes of tissues for local elementary schools, 2 units made ornaments for their local Village Christmas Tree, 12 shoes boxes filled for Operation Christmas Child, donations to “Operation Honor Guard”, and filled backpacks for local homeless.

We had 12 members attend the State Conference in Decatur. Champaign County received a 4<sup>th</sup> place award for 2014 County of the Year in recognition of the many activities and programs

Other awards Champaign County received at the Conference was 2014 certified volunteer award for the county with the highest number of hours reported in District 5; Education award in International for outstanding program in the category of Country of Study – Germany; Education award in Public Relation for outstanding program in the category of HCE week activities; and Joan Stanley certificate in recognition of leadership as President. Nancy Mathis, Mayview Unit, won *Best of Show* for her crocheting. All attending had a great time.



*Left to Right:*  
Carol Froeschl – Education Award Public Relations  
Marge Probasco – Education Award International  
Linda Holzhausen – highest Volunteer Hours for District 5  
Joan Stanley – Recognition of Leadership as President Certificate – 4<sup>th</sup> Place County of the Year Award

Public Relations Chairman has set up a website for Champaign County Home and Community Education With information about HCE and activities of CCHCE. Also, on the website is our monthly newsletter *The Chatter*.

Please look at our website:

<https://champaigncountyhce.wordpress.com>

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## CHAMPAIGN.....

Champaign County Home and Community Education held their International Luncheon on November 17, 2014 with 84 attending. Those attending enjoyed an interesting day of food, song, guest speaker and entertainment. We had a potluck with many dishes from Germany for us to taste. Our guest speaker was Eva Frayne, raised in Germany, instructor of German at Parkland College and a members of Champaign County HCE.

Our entertainment was Theresa Van Wakeman Wilson, who sang several Germans songs and Marvin Lee, playing the accordion of German and Polka songs. Two State Board members attended, Kathleen Emery, District 5 Director and Kathryn McNeely, Second Vice President.

Community Outreach Chairman, Elizabeth Michael, received a *Thank You* note from the Champaign Mixed Clovers 4-H club for HCE members donating fleece for making hats and scarves for their Warm-the-Kid Community Service Project.

The County continues to keep busy making weighted blanks for autistic children and Linus blankets.

All Unit's participated with projects for *Make a*

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We are planning our 97<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, luncheon and installation of new officers on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Savoy Methodist Church. We are working with our theme *Come Together, Walk with HCE*. The Methodist Church ladies will be preparing lunch. Our guest speaker will be Jan Seeley, Co-director of the Illinois Marathon. Our entertainment will be Logan Kirby, local County singer. We are making table decorations for the Annual meeting after our April Board meeting.

Our Spring Membership Event will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau auditorium will be our spring Membership Event, *Come Together and Walk Towards HCE*. Special Activity Chairman is planning a trip on May 23 to see *Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers* at the Watseka Theatre. Also on August 22 will be the date of our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard/Garage sale at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. This is our annual fund raiser.

Everyone have a wonderful Spring!

Carol Froeschl  
CCHCE Public Relations

## EDGAR.....

The Edgar County HCE made a presentation to the 5 Edgar County school districts Superintendents. The members had been collecting school supplies to give to them in January when students are low on supplies.



*A box was presented to each of the 5 superintendents (pictured in the back row) by several Edgar County HCE board members: (Front row, left to right ) Pat Brazelton, Gay Tegeler, Marty Webster and Marilyn Daughhete.*

### ***These Shoes Were Made for Walkin' (or maybe not)***



*The shoes were presented to President Marilyn Daughhete, Edgar County, at the Awards Banquet At Annual Conference.*

The shoes designed by:  
Marilyn DeVries, Stephenson County.

Seven Edgar County board members attended the IAHCE Annual Conference in Decatur. They enjoyed the share shops, food and meeting friends while making new friends.

Members attending were Marilyn Daughhete, Gay Tegeler, Marty Webster, Marge Houghland, Martha Fox, Dana Stites and Beth Sablotny. Dana and Beth were first time attendees.

Cultural Enrichment Director, Marty Webster and Marilyn Daughhete, Public Relations Director, each received an Education Award. Marge Houghland and Beth Sablotny received Best of Show in the Cultural Enrichment show.

Marilyn Daughhete Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS

### MACON.....

Macon County has been very busy since the last newsletter! We prepared many lunches for the Master Gardener's training sessions in January and February. We served lunch for the Gardening Insights Program at Richland Community College in February. This was a big job, but as usual, many of our wonderful members spent hours preparing and serving this luncheon for 240 people!

We had many interesting lessons during the last three months. Ann Adkesson, a former head librarian at Barclay Public Library in Warrensburg and a relative new member to HCE, presented a lesson about "Preserving Old Photos" and the "Best of Books". These programs were well attended.

In February, Dr. Jennifer Nelson, a horticulturist from our own Macon County Extension Office, presented a lesson called, "Put the Chicks in the Chicken Feeder."

Of course, one of the most enjoyable times of the year is during the State Conference, which was held at the Decatur Conference Center. We had over 30 members that signed up and attended conference this year.

We were honored to be named the Second Place County of the Year again! Gini Smith brought home the Grand Prize Award for the Family Issues Education category.

Tracy Zieber, one of our newest members, took First Place in the Woodworking category.

Overall, Macon County had seven awards. We are so proud of our membership! This year, we had over 25,000 volunteer hours for Macon County!

We have some new opportunities this year, as well as continuing with our support of the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. We continue to prepare lunches for the House, and recently, we provided 46 homemade pillowcases for the children. Many volunteers spent hours cutting, piecing, ironing, and sewing together the pillowcases.

Our new opportunities for our HCE group are the Child Advocacy Center in Decatur, and a new event named, "Make-Explore-Share". For the Child Advocacy Center, we have decided to collect items from their "wish list", such as juice boxes, cereal bars, small bottles of water, toilet paper, paper towels and other necessities. We will be collecting these items at our Spring Meeting in May. We all agreed that this was a wonderful, local organization to support.

Our other opportunity to help our community is a new program called, "Make-Explore-Share", which will be held on April 11 at our Extension Office. This is a collaboration between multiple organizations including the U of I, Decatur Arts Council, and Millikin. We will be demonstrating how to make a pie crust and the attendees will be able to practice rolling it out correctly. We will also have samples of those delicious cinnamon-sugar treats that we all make with the left-over pie dough!

We are looking forward to our new programs for this year. We will be learning about food myths, hummingbirds, tombstone tales, and eating out of the flowerbed. We know that these interesting programs will help us with our membership drive.

Linda Austin  
Public Relations



*MACON COUNTY: County of the Year — second place*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## MC LEAN.....

McLean County AHCE has enjoyed many activities finishing 2014 and starting 2015. A special time was had at the HCE holiday party December 6. Charline Watts of Crossroads-Global Handcrafts Store shared nativities made by artisans around the world plus members exhibited nativities. Hosted by the Eastsiders, Dry Grove and Money Creek units, the food was wonderful and make it, take it's were fun.

Workshops and classes were ongoing each month – card making for soldiers, sewing of comfort quilts to distribute in the county, plus construction of scarves, hats and gloves by knitting, crocheting or sewing for children in McLean County.

Hosted by the Night Owls Unit, HCE members and guests celebrated a wonderful afternoon recognizing new members and enjoying "A Tea in the Afternoon." Participants brought special teacups with which to enjoy tea and cookies. The program was by The Olive Bin, Bloomington on the history and use of different types of olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Tasting was available and encouraged by presenter Liz Mikel with her husband David helping.

Books read and discussed were *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Local leaders became informed on several topics and shared their knowledge with unit members on The Silent Killer of Teeth, What Every Woman Should Know about Varicose Veins and Freezer Meals in a Flash. Super Saturday in March was a tri-county event where presenters taught local leaders on three interesting topics. Those attending also enjoyed a style show from Christopher & Banks Clothing, modeled by HCE members.

21 HCE members attended the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the IAHCE and McLean County was proud to win the "County of the Year" award second year in a row.

Enjoy our pictures of our time at annual conference by liking us on Facebook! Peek at all the other events and their pictures because maybe you are in one.

See you in McLean County – come visit.

Pat Pulokas and Barb Jurgens  
Public Relations Co-Chairs



*Holiday Party (Dec 6)  
Nativities brought by members*



*Membership/  
Friendship Tea (Feb 14)*



*Super Saturday (Mar 14)*



*Pat Pulokas with  
Mary Estuce and  
Marilyn Schaefer*



*Fun Walk (Donna LaMar,  
Joann Hart from Chili  
with Nancy Messamore;*



*McLean County group  
minus Jenna Smith.*



## DISTRICT NEWS

### PIATT.....

Piatt County HCE has been busy...with two very different events, **Faith In Action** collaboration and our Annual meeting.

- We worked with Faith In Action (FIA) on a fundraising event where they had an auction and we provided the midday meal. This effort combined our two events into one fantastic day October 11, 2014. We worked hard to provide homemade soups, sandwiches and pies to the crowd that day. We also put out our craft items and got lots of interest in these items throughout the auction. FIA for Piatt County raises money to be able to provide services to the elderly people of Piatt County. We raised money to be able to provide our county with lessons and services through Home and Community

Jo Bauer, Piatt County HCE president, did an excellent job of anticipating and organizing the event for the first time trying at combining our two events. We sure hope that we can do this again with FIA at their next auction. It was a long day, but a very rewarding one.

- The second event that we did last November 6, 2014 was our **annual meeting**. IAHCE President Marilyn Daughhetee presented a program on her trip to India with Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). She even wore a sari (Indian dress) that she had made for herself while in India.

We have some very long term HCE members in Piatt County. I would like to lift up one—Twilia Mackey. She is a 75 year member who is still actively quilting, attending HCE unit meetings, worked at our first combined event with Faith In Action. She is an inspiration to all of us with her warm, loving ways of encouraging everyone to be the best they can be wherever they land. She was a farmer's wife, raised a family, and was a 4-H leader. She is a faithful member of Cisco United Methodist Church. We thank, Twilia, for her leadership and dependability with all she has done for her community and her HCE unit.

- At our **Cultural Enrichment Day** on January 28, 2015, Mary Lucille Hays was our speaker. She is a U of I professor and journalist with a weekly column in our Piatt County Journal-Republican entitled "Letter from Birdland". Many, different articles were displayed, including soups, snacks, and chocolate desserts. All were judged- some went on to the IAHCE conference, others were eaten that day and recipes were shared. We had a great day!



*Mary Lucille Hays, speaker for Piatt County Cultural Enrichment Day.*

8 members attended the IAHCE conference and enjoyed all the opportunities to learn, share ideas, and get reacquainted with friends.



*Pictured L to R: Nora Hanaver, Frances Kurr, Martha Lynch, Jo Bauer, Louise Brewer, Betsy Wharton. Not pictured, but attending: Nancy Jo Carle and Carol Drayton.*

Two of our members earned..... Best of



Show.....

.....Vivian Faulkner-King with her hooked rug.

.....Evelyn Eads with her wearable art.

Congratulations!

Carol Drayton  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS

### VERMILION.....

Vermilion County, Illinois has finally moved out of the Deep Freeze! The weather is making the Spring flowers pop their heads up to the Sun. I see Robins sitting on my fence! Oh Happy Spring!

Just a glance at events that we have been doing.

On December 9th, a Tea and Cookie Exchange was well attended. Carol Davis certainly set us up in style, with all her china and various teas. And cookies, cookies, and more cookies. We certainly appreciate all the work and planning by her and her assistants.

State Conference was attended by two Vermillion County Board members, JoAnn Gerard and Mary Stampini. We know they had a very informative and enjoyable days spent at conference. They will report at our next board meeting.

Preparing for and attending "lunch and learn" training presented by Family and Consumer Sciences team from the U of I. Lessons are held at the U of I Extension Office, Danville. IL.

Here's a recipe to enjoy (from a Taste of Home insert):

#### Apple Dumplings

Sauce:	Dough:
2 cups granulated sugar	2 cups flour
2 cups water	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 cup butter or margarine	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon	3/4 cup shortening
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg	2/3 cup milk

Filling: 1/4 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 3 c. shredded, peeled cooking apples (3 or 4): Golden Delicious, Rome, Granny Smith, Jonathon, or Newton Pippins.

Directions for Sauce: In large saucepan combine sauce ingredients. Bring to boil. Boil 5 minutes; set aside. Makes about 2 cups sauce.

Directions for Dough: In large mixing bowl, combine dough dry ingredients. With pastry blender, cut in shortening until pea-size. Make well in center. Add milk all at once. Stir just 'til moistened. Knead dough on lightly floured surface 10-12 strokes until nearly smooth. Roll out to 12" x 10" rectangle..

Directions for Filling: Combine the 1/4 c. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon; set aside. Sprinkle apples evenly over dough. Sprinkle with sugar mixture. Roll dough into spiral, starting on a long side. Pinch seam to seal. Cut into 12 1" thick pieces. Place in a 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. Pour sauce over dumplings. Bake at 350 degrees or until golden. Cool in pan.

J. Diane Reddy  
Public Relations



### DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR Marilyn Schaefer

Just returned from State Conference which was held in Decatur, Illinois. We were honored to have 352 ladies and gentlemen attend the conference which was "Come Together, Walk With IAHCE in 2015". Hope everyone had a great time, I know Mary and I had a good time getting it ready for you. We were fortunate to have a great speaker at the Tuesday Luncheon, "Lori Kerans" coach at Milliken University, who spoke on "Motivation"...she was great.

We had approximately 75 ladies do the walk early Tuesday and I do want to thank Mary and her Unit for the Fun Walk, this was Mary's dream.

Now it is time for us to begin our year visiting all of the Counties in our districts. District 6 stills has the most members of all the Districts, just keep up the good work.

Don't forget that April 29<sup>th</sup> is suggested for "Women to Walk the World". You may do it anytime which is convenient for you and your unit.

District 6/7 meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham on August 11<sup>th</sup>, this is the same place as 2014. The District directors are presenting the program this year. Hope to see everyone there.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Have a great Easter.

*Marilyn Schaefer*



## DISTRICT NEWS

### CRAWFORD

The Crawford County HCE ladies made over 200 valentines to distribute to area nursing homes, Cila houses, and a Veteran's Home.



*Creating were: Martha Holt, Carolyn Coleman, Evea Miller, LaDonna Harris, Sandy Bryans, Karen Waggoner, Bonnie Finn, Norma Thompson, Jeannie Adams, Madeline Harris, Mary Weaver, Myrna McNair, and Susan Allison..*

Hope Dennis  
Public Relations

Senior Center and do a sewing project. They bring their machines, basic supplies, and fabric. HCE provides the project which includes patterns and instructions. The project usually can be made in 3-4 hours. We have made table runners, disappearing nine-patch table toppers, aprons, healthcare items, and tote bags.

On Tuesday, April 7, we are having a sewing session at the Extension Center to make healthcare items. This includes walker caddies, wheelchair caddies, clothing protectors, and catheter bag covers. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and sew 'til 2:00-3:00. Bring sewing machines and basic supplies and a sack lunch. We also need ladies who don't sew to pin, trim, and press. The public is invited to attend.

On Tuesday, April 21, we will be having a craft day. We also are going to be making pie crusts. Those wanting to learn how to make pie crusts can sign up for the 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. class or the 6:30 p.m. class. The classes are all the same. They are to bring 2 pie pans, and \$2.00 for ingredients. They will make pie crusts that are ready to take home and bake. We will also be making beaded bracelets and decorative garden stakes.

On Saturday, June 13, we will be having Father Dominic back to give an entertaining presentation with his bread making.

Mary Beth Hoene  
Acting Public Relations Chairman

### EFFINGHAM.....

First of all, we would like to congratulate Marilyn and Mary, all the state board members, and anyone else who helped organize the State Convention. We know it takes a lot of planning, scheduling, calling, e-mailing, texting, checking, etc. to put this together. You did a great job.

Eight board members from Effingham County HCE were able to attend the conference. On Tuesday evening, we received Education Awards in Family Issues, Community Outreach, and International. We received a Grand Award in Cultural Enrichment. We also received 3 "Best of Show" in the Cultural Arts Show. They were: Rosie Kramer for her papier tole project in Crafts, Bev Elving for her machine quilted quilt in the Quilts class, and Mary Beth Hoene for her "cooking apron" in the Theme class. We would like to thank all of our members for their help and support. Without them, this wouldn't have been possible.

Effingham County HCE has started a new project in the community. The fourth Monday of the month, we have "Sewing With Seniors." We meet with ladies at the



*Mary Beth Hoene, Ann Musser, Bev Elving, and Barb Spencer at IAHCE Annual Conference.*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## FAYETTE.....

The inclement Fayette County weather of January, February and part of March, and illnesses, again curtailed HCE activities including the meetings, but did not diminish the spirit of the members.

- **IAHCE Annual Conference-** Seven members of The Fayette County Home and Community Education who attended the Conference in Decatur included the Delegates: Donna Blair and Carol Bridges ; Flo Allen, Debbie Segrest Elizabeth Kasten, Anna Jean Rhodes, and Ashley Davis.

Their comments and voiced evaluations of the conference and the hotel accommodations reported at the following Fayette County Board meeting were very favorable. They all also agreed that the program book was very good.

- **HCE plans are being set in motion** as we strive to “catch-up” this Spring to “make-up” the opportunities and activities missed during Winter.

As we (HCE members) leave the kitchen and the “Been Cookin’ for 90 Years” theme and lace up our pink sneakers for “**Come Together, Walk with IAHCE**” theme, our talented Cultural Enrichment officer, Ashley Davis, has already created clever centerpieces and little shoe key chains favors in keeping with the theme. Several members met to make enough key chains to distribute at the conference and other functions.



*Fayette members making shoe key chains:  
Standing L – R: Carol Bridges, Flo Allen, Ashley Davis, Debbie Segrest. Seated: Anita Smith.*

- We recently submitted a special newspaper article to the local newspapers (and it was published ) sharing the information of “**What HCE Is**”, in an effort to interest

and reach new potential members. Although the local newspapers are faithful to print our HCE news articles and photos, we are still often asked, “What is HCE and what do you do ?”

- **Our monthly lessons** and topics are also described in the meeting reports, in hopes of attracting members.
- We learned that our lesson on “Bullying”, was lauded by a qualified professional, who commented that it was as good a lesson on bullying as she has seen.
- **Continuing** on with our other projects, we are also adding a fund-raising project. In keeping with our new theme, we are counting the shoes in our closets and donating a dime for every pair we have to benefit the **Country Women** projects.
- Members of the **Fayette County HCE will WALK** in a local Abe Lincoln Presenters parade, and hand-out HCE literature.

Panzi Blackwell  
Public Relations District 6

**PS--Again, we have a new theme that will be fun to work with, and will, hopefully, put us on the “trail” of new potential members, as we invite them to “step” across the threshold, and into the friendly, fun, and functional fellowship of IAHCE.**

## JASPER.....



*Jasper County HCE members assisted 31 Jasper County Youth make brownies to share with their families at home.*

HCE members provided guidance to the youth by demonstrating how to make the brownies by correctly measuring flour, sugar, and brown sugar, follow a recipe

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Jasper County, continued

and don't forget the most important part, clean up. Each youth went home with a delicious dessert, measuring cups and spoons and a 4-H 101 Cooking book to continue to their enthusiasm for cooking at home with their families.



Sue Sparks  
Public Relations

This program was well attended with over 70 people in attendance and also from the surrounding counties. We finished out the month of March with a program "Keeping Up with Your Grandchildren's Technologies". This one also was well attended and there was also lively participation at the meeting.

Jersey County HCE now has their own Facebook page and we have over 80 members from 3 different countries. Maila Haaglund, our Finnish lady who was an HCE Exchangee a few years ago in my home here in Jersey County is a member of our Facebook page and she does interact with us by sending pictures, etc. We have never lost touch with her since she has been in Jersey County. Over 30 people follow us every day on this page and we have also picked up people who are actually not members of HCE

Elizabeth A. Schwab  
Publicity Director

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## JERSEY

Jersey County HCE ladies remain very active in both our organization and in the community. In the month of November we presented "The Art of Delicious Desserts" which had been presented to us at our District meeting last August and it was a big hit – we especially enjoyed trying to identify the different desserts!

Then in December we had our Annual Countywide Christmas party and brunch. Also in December we collected more than \$800.00 which we shopped with to restock the local Salvation Army Food Pantry. We always enjoy this annual "shopping trip", as it gives us so much joy and satisfaction.

In January, our member Joann Kuebrich presented the lesson "Service Dogs and People with Disabilities" along with her dog Linda which she has been training this past year. This was a most informative presentation and there were several guests at this event. In February, Joann took Linda to Ohio where the dog was given back to the organization, and will either be placed with a person, or hopefully will be accepted to the breeding program, as Linda has great potential for this part of the program also.

Our February Lesson for Living, "Comfort Food – CHOCOLATE – What's the Surprise?!" was cancelled due to the inclement weather. However, we still have heard great comments about the recipes we had gathered.

In March we did two programs, as Jim Kramper with the National Weather Bureau out of St. Louis asked us again to sponsor another Skywarn Program, which is the training session for people to become certified weather spotters.

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## MACOUPIN.....

Happy Easter! Happy Spring! Time for gardens and flowers!

Our HCE units have been busy with interesting lessons, studying Lithuania and monthly Cultural Art projects. Hanging tree ornaments and hot pads were recent projects.

Four members of Macoupin County attended the IAHCCE State Conference in Decatur and found it very interesting and joyful! Our county is in the process of planning a multi-county Spring Retreat in Hillsboro April 21. A presentation of Culinary Herbs will be given, a craft of a hanging yard ornament and a lunch will be served.

The Mt. Olive unit has been busy making "nap blankets" for Head Start students. Blankets have been given to some shut-ins and nursing home residents as well as to the police dept. for use in times of emergencies. "Magic" pillowcases were made to be used to make little dresses for Africa/Honduras, etc. These along with simple draw-string skirts could be made if any unit is interested.

The Do More unit donated 60 terry cloth bibs for the residents of Pleasant Hill Village Healthcare facility.

Joyce Duelm  
Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## MADISON

Spring is just about here to stay and we are delighted. We had a successful Winter Warm up on February 7, as it really was warm that Saturday with about 57 participants for the day. They made Garden Bling, jewelry, acrylic "seascape and landscape" paintings as well as a water color class, quilt magic, candy making, rug hooking, scrapbook pages, etc.



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*Madison County President Vi Huebner and her granddaughter Hailly with our poster, Come Walk with Me for the Spring Kid's Make It and Take It on March 14th*

March 14th we had a Spring craft afternoon for kids 4-7 that they made their crafts to take home. We had about 10 stations. The parents and grandparents brought about 26 children. Desserts and drinks were provided for everyone attending.

The following week, 11 board members made their way to the IAHCE Conference and enjoyed the workshops and all of the activities. Thanks to all who made this conference possible. Madison County enjoyed it so much.

We have our Madison County Annual meeting on Monday, April 27th at LeClare Christian Church.

In May, we have our Membership Tea on May 12th, A walk for USO on May 16th at SIUE Gardens and our County Tour on May 28th to Warm Springs to see the Clydesdales, lunch and a stop at a Candy Factory in Columbia, MO and a side trip to Williamsburg, MO for a shopping stop.

With Spring, we have many activities coming our way. Happy Spring from Madison County!

Gloria Hartmann,  
Public Relations

## MONROE

Monroe County, proud home of the 2015 IAHCE Family of the Year... Ron and Sharon Scherer... had a busy fall and winter. In September, professional local photographer Alan Dooley taught "Photography 101... Taking Better Photos" attended by a dozen HCE members and guests. (See photo at end of article.)

In early October, Special Activities Chairman Diana Hamilton organized a wonderful trip to Springfield to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Fourteen guests and 16 members enjoyed this informative day trip.

Cultural Enrichment Chairman Sharon Scherer added a new twist to our Cultural Enrichment contest, held October 16. She teamed up with the Monroe County Historical Society to hold our contest in their brand-new museum. The cultural art entries were displayed along with museum pieces. While judging proceeded, Sharon's talented daughter, Debra presented a lesson on "Making Deco Mesh Wreaths."

Monroe County is lucky to be the home of the Waterloo German Band and they, along with Columbia Sister City representatives Diana Hanna and Barb Miller, entertained and educated eighty members and guests about Germany. Apple, cheese and cherry strudel and other German delights were devoured throughout the evening.



*Members of the Waterloo German Band entertain HCE members and guests during International Night - Germany, November 2014.*

Our Community Outreach Chairman Carol Hoffmann continued her work coordinating the county Linus Blanket project. By the end of 2014, Monroe County

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## Monroe County, continued

HCE members had made and contributed 60 Linus blankets for seriously ill or traumatized kids. In addition to these blankets, June Valentine voluntarily taught a textile and home economics class to seventh and eighth grade students at St. Peter and Paul Catholic School to make these wonderful blankets.



And finally, we ended the winter with the lesson, "What Every Person Should Know about Maintaining a Car", a handy lesson given by Rahn's Hometown Auto Repair, Waterloo, IL. (Picture below)



*Columbia sister city members Diane Hanna (left) and Barb Miller talk with guests after their presentation on Germany.*



*Photography 101 Class....SMILE!*

We're already busy this coming spring and summer—hope yours is wonderful.

Gracia Schlafly  
Public Relations

## **RICHLAND.....**

Our HEA (IAHCE) Week is planned for April 12th to 18th, 2015.

- Our week will kick off with the Blanket Brigade workshop from 1-3 on Monday April 13th at the Extension office meeting room.  
This group has donated 3,572 blankets over the past 12 years to Richland Memorial Hospital to give to children in the hospital to keep!
  - On Tuesday afternoon Sandy Franklin will show us how to make adorable smocked Christmas Ornaments. We have a limit of 10 people so sign up is required.
  - Tuesday evening Mary Liz Wright will do a canning program and test lids for those in attendance.
  - Wednesday morning Debbie and Mike Hanson will do a program on Woodworking, and that afternoon we will go to the Library for a Genealogy discussion with Kathy Hursta.
- We will wrap up the week with our annual meeting and dinner. Our program will be a young student from Germany which is our Country of study this year. Sally Wysong, our local International Director has even put together a small cook book of German recipes for us.



*Loretta Steber, Nell Cokley, Lisa Weiler and Sally Wysong attended the Annual Conference in Decatur.*

Lisa Weiler  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS



### DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR Janel Kassing

Happy Spring to all!

What a great conference we had. Lots of great information was shared. Now the board continues to plan an interesting district workshop for you. The 6 District Directors will be preparing and presenting the program. I think you'll all find it fun and interesting.

We will also fill you in on our next theme. Mary Eustace and I are working hard on that. You know how much fun Mary can be - hope I can equal her fun loving attitude.

Looking forward to going to all my Annual Meetings. Each county does such a good job planning an entertaining meeting for their members.

Congratulations to Kankakee County on their 100th Anniversary Celebration. I attended the celebration on April 11.

At any time you are welcome to call or email me with questions you may have. We know that necessary forms can sometimes be hard to find. Be sure to call if you have any questions.

Welcome to our new state president, Jane Chapman, who is from our district. Jane is very interested in growing our membership.

Have you recruited a new member lately? Take time to ask someone to "take a walk with HCE".

*Janel Kassing*



### FRANKLIN.....

Thank goodness, just maybe we are going to have spring now. One week, we had all four seasons in one week. If it would stay dry for a few days, maybe farmers can get into the fields.

Our "homemakers" managed to stay busy during this time. After completing our Christmas Ideas Day, we rested a bit before starting other projects. The Lesson for Living for November was on the topic of Alzheimer's. December is a slack month for completing reports, getting ready for the holidays, and spending time with family and friends.

Our Lesson for Living for January was on the topic of Hospice and we were privileged to have someone from Southern IL Hospice explain to everyone how the organization works and the fact that they operate on donations and whatever a person's insurance and Medicare would pay - often not enough. A person's family is never billed.

February was such a nasty month that we had three cancellations. We could not have our Lesson on Bees and it is rescheduled, our yearly Membership Luncheon had to be cancelled at the last minute due to ice and is scheduled for May, and the ladies who sew neck coolers could not meet either. We had a splendid lesson in March on the subject of Food Substitutions and the Board prepared recipes using the different substitutions. Joy Richey, our former county leader had written the program and came to teach the lesson. The lesson for April is called Knight or Knave. Bob Rea who does impersonations of different people, will teach the ladies (and gentlemen) about Charlie Birger and the notorious Birger gang who lived in and operated in about a 3 county area.

On Mar. 28, we hosted a home, garden, and craft show. We have several vendors who are with us every time.

Several of our members meet one Wed. per month to make the neck coolers. They were able to make and send more than 2,000 again last year. Our 69th Anniversary and annual meeting will be April 22. We have been planning a very special day. In the mean time, we are putting for our organization every way we can. We've had a stamping class to make cards, 2 wreath classes making those ruffled mesh wreaths, and another craft class planned in November to make a wall hanging

Barbara Spencer  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS

### HAMILTON.....

Our winter here in Hamilton County was not bad at all until February arrived. Then we were hit with two different snowstorms, record low temperatures, blustery winds, lots of snow days at school and cancelled, postponed and rescheduled activities.

We started our winter activities in November with our Salad Luncheon and Style Show. It was a great event with a large crowd attending. Our town has a Christmas parade and our HEA members served cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies.

We held our December board meeting on December 1, followed by a Christmas Party with a catered meal, a great way to start the holiday season.

In January, we had a very informative lesson on Alzheimer's/Dementia. We had some good projects planned for Cabin Fever Day but unfortunately that was the day one of the snowstorms hit and it had to be cancelled.

Our members have a new fundraiser selling Streak-Less microfiber cloths. They are great for cleaning and they are selling good.

Karol Brown, our Community Outreach Director, continues to have great support from everyone collecting soda tabs, hard plastic items, box tops and labels, stamps, and plastic bags.

Family Issues Director, Sue Deitz, continues to have articles in our monthly newsletter on "Bullying" which has become a big issue in our society.

We have completed our NVON Water Filter Project after purchasing five water filters.

Our annual Taco Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale is being planned for March 30.

Janet Braden, Special Activities Director, is planning a Barn Quilt Bus trip to Indiana on June 4.

Four board members are planning to attend the IAHC Annual State Conference in Decatur.

Now we're waiting for spring and warm weather to get here. Hope everyone has a great summer!

Bernadine Drone  
Public Relations

### JACKSON.....

The ladies of Jackson County have been busy this winter trying to stay healthy and warm. Not only with the grey, dreary, weather but with projects for upcoming Spring season and the annual meeting later this month. We have had several days of icy weather and snow. One day of ice in March closed the Extension office along with our scheduled program of Yoga and Stretching for Seniors.

The yoga class has been rescheduled for May when we will have a more pleasant day. Nonetheless we have endured and have hosted many health related classes for our members.

In January our members attended a program on Insurance for 65 and older.

In February, we had a presentation on Acupuncture and the "8 Secrets to Increase Defense against Flu".

In April we are attending a Shade and Container Gardening Program. Also at our Annual Meeting in April, we hope to kick off our walking program for members and the community.

Then in May, we will have an on line Secrets of GMO's along with the scheduled Yoga and Stretching for Seniors.

In July we will have a presentation from local honey farmers.

This past March we had seven Board Members in attendance at the IAHC 2015 conference in Decatur. It was great to attend the share shops and lessons this year.

We have several new fundraisers and a fashion show later this year to prepare for and will endeavor to bring in new members with each fundraiser to Jackson County HCE.



Jackson County HCE  
Board Members in photo:

*Back Row, L to R, : Becky McIntosh, President; Jane McLaughlin, Treasurer; Brenda Jones, Secretary, Jean Conrod, Public Relations.*

*Front Row, L to R, : Lyn Christy, Second Vice President; Francis Lindeman, Family Relations/Ways and Means and Lynn Pierson, Cultural Arts*

Jean Conrod  
Public Relations

## DISTRICT NEWS

### JEFFERSON.....

In April, we held our 71<sup>st</sup> annual meeting. Our theme was 'Been Cookin' 71 years'. Each of our units decorated their tables using items used in the kitchen. Some of our members also wore aprons, a few told us the history behind the apron they were wearing, and many were family heirlooms. Guests were asked to bring unusual or antique kitchen items and our guest speaker, Sarah Mae Waite, presented each item and explained how they were used.

Our new District 7 Director, Janel Kassing, did a wonderful job installing the officers, and kept with the theme "Been Cookin". We all have an important role in our organization; it takes all of us (ingredients) to have a successful organization (recipe).

Our Lesson for April was 'Easy Appetizers', it is always good when you can eat what you learn, all the units seemed to enjoy this lesson also.

May brought sadness to all our hearts with the loss of our dear friend, Marge Wilcox. She brought a lot to the table and we will miss her, as a board member, unit member and most of all as a friend. R.I. P. Marge.

On May 3 several of our members attended the 'Realize...it's Your Life' to celebrate 100 years of Extension and the partnership with Home and Community Education groups. The program included several workshops and exhibits on topics for home, family, and community, along with a delicious lunch.

We all had information to bring back and share with our members. Helen Leonhart presented "Honey and It's Uses". Honey is found in a variety of different foods and products, such as makeup and medicine. This was an informative lesson. This lesson also brought to light the plight of the honeybees in our state, Illinois suffered a tremendous loss of bees due in part to the harsh winter. Honeybees are vital to our food supply. Honeybees pollinate 30% of the food we consume. Be 'bee friendly', let the honeybees live.

In June, we welcomed in our new President, Sidney Laird, Barb Shurtz, our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Cara Fairchild, Family Issues Director and Imogene Lamczyk, International and CVH Director.

Our lesson for this month was Editable Centerpieces, another interesting lesson and a creative way to decorate a table. It is amazing what you can create with some toothpicks, wooden skewers, and a few varieties of fruit or vegetables.

In July, the Jefferson County HCE took a bus trip to the Sophia Sachs Butterfly House, in Chesterfield, MO. We picked up a few members from Clinton County on our way. We enjoyed a nice lunch before arriving to the butterfly house. The tropical conservatory houses nearly 2,000 tropical butterflies in free flight. 150 tropical plants along with 80 species of butterflies thrive in the conservatory. After a pleasant afternoon at the butterfly house, we enjoyed a little shopping and ice cream.

July was lesson free for us so our members could take the time to help our 4-H with their general project show and the 4-H fair.

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless.*

Thank you to all our volunteers.

Sil Morss  
Public Relations

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### Notes from Jefferson omitted from December newsletter

Our JCHCE Board members enjoyed a day of new ideas, some easy craft ideas, lunch, and fellowship with other HCE groups, at the fall workshop in August...In August, we also approved ideas for HCE week coming up in October. Our August lesson was "Delectable Desserts" our local newspaper advertised it for us and we had several guests because of this.

In September, we finalized our HCE week activities. Our theme was thanking other volunteers for their contributions to our community. We also finalized our Special Event Saturday craft ideas. The September lesson was "Arrangements for Doors"; We held a membership drive/quilt ticket sell at our local Kroger this month. We also handed out flyers to International Night and Special Event Saturday. We gained one new member with this event.

In October, JCHCE along with the Waltonville VFW auxiliary, made a visit to the Marion Veterans Hospital and helped with BINGO night. Each Bingo prizes was \$5.00, donated by JCHCE members, and the VFW.

We celebrated HCE week the 19 – 25. \* met at our local Historical Village, toured the facilities and each left a donation for the Village, managed by local volunteers, who create educational programs throughout the year.\* brought material donated by HCE member to Crossroads Community Hospital, the women's auxiliary, a volunteer group, sew little bears to bring a smile and comfort to the young children in

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Jefferson County, continued

the hospital.\* International Night, study of Germany, the write up in the newspaper brought in several guests, two, possible new members. Our guest speaker, a citizen of Germany, studying here in Southern Illinois, along with the German food, the fellowship among the crowd made for a wonderful event

During HCE Week, we also had a wonderful write up in our Sentinel Newspaper \* collected food for the food pantries and our HCE members gave generously \* gave lotions collected by HCE members to the Marion Veterans Hospital in Marion, IL \* gave homemade cookies, donated and made by board and unit member, Sarah Mae Wait to the volunteers at the Lifeboat Alliance, our local homeless shelter \* left a monetary donation given from the JCHCE \* had a "take a friend to lunch" and tell them about HCE \* held a Craft day. The public was invited to come in and make a bowl holder for the microwave, Hobo bags, plant pokes, jewelry craft, and a paper clip craft. We also had a table where anyone could sign Christmas Cards (donated by HCE members) for Soldiers. We sorted, folded, and cut plastic stripes from shopping bags to make the homeless mats. There was also a lesson on how to crochet the mats.

This year's HCE week was successful in getting information out about the JCHCE, and in letting other volunteers of the community know us and possibly join us.

Remember to count your blessing,

Silvana Morss  
Public Relations



### **MASSAC.....**

The Massac County Home and Community Education (HCE) Annual Meeting was held Saturday, March 28, at the Metropolis Community Center. The theme was "Come Together Walk with Massac County HCE". The theme incorporates the importance of exercise and healthy choices, and looks at the importance of sharing HCE lessons with others in our families and community. Norma Korte introduced local members to the newly-elected Illinois Association of Home and Community Education (IAHCE) State President, Jane Chapman. Jane provided comments to the group about the value of communication in sustaining HCE membership.

Cindy Davis from the Southern Seven Health Department was the guest speaker. Her presentation focused on the theme for the meeting. She also provided handouts about healthy habits and exercise suggestions.

In addition to the business meeting, the 2015 HCE Scholarship winners and their parents were introduced. Massac County High School senior Paige Ellerbusch was present, with her mother Carol Ellerbusch. Other scholarship recipients who were unable to attend were: Kristin Suggs and JoAnna McConnell. Norma Korte, who recently attended the IAHCE state conference in Decatur, Illinois, announced the state awards Massac County received because of their efforts throughout the past year.

Awards earned by Massac County HCE included: Leadership Award, Dorothy Holt; Highest Percentage of Members Participating & Highest Number of Members participating in District 7 for CVH; Education Award in Membership Special Activity featuring an outreach program to promote membership; GRAND Award for Community Outreach earned for participation in the Celebrate Youth conference activities and the 4-H sewing workshop where members made pillow cases for children in the hospital.

The Unit of the Year was awarded to the Volleville HCE Unit. Additional awards from the day were: George's Creek, best table decorations; George's Creek and New Frniers Unit, tied for the best attendance award. Door prizes were given out before the Homemakers Prayer. Focusing on the theme of healthy living and exercise, everyone walked around the community center before they lined up for refreshments of fruit, vegetables, light sandwiches and water.

Massac County HCE will work together with 4-Her's on April 25, 9:00 a.m. at the Massac County Extension Office to help 4-H members improve their sewing skills and make dining scarves for residents of the local nursing homes. Anyone is welcome to attend the workshop.

Other upcoming events include the annual Celebrate Youth conference at Shawnee Community College on May 19-20 and the HCE Salad Luncheon on October 7<sup>th</sup>.



*Millie Willson, 2nd Vice president received the Community Outreach GRAND Award at Annual Conference.*

Norma Korte  
Public Relations

# DISTRICT NEWS

## PERRY.....

Perry County HCE members have kept busy, as usual, the last few months. December saw our units celebrating the Christmas season with parties and get-togethers.



*County president, Jane Chapman, entertained Silver Spoons Unit members.*

County President (now IAHCe president), Jane Chapman, entertained members of our Silver Spoons Unit with a costumed reading of the *Night Before Christmas* and the *Rest of the Story*. Despite the hectic schedule of the Holiday season, our members still took the time to bless others.

We hosted a bed-turning /quilt show at the Coulterville Care Center. Members also donated 653 Christmas cards with attached quarters for the Anna Veterans home.

January was a month of reaching out to help others. Our members collected and donated plastic caps and lids to the local Girl Scout troop to be recycled into a bench that will be placed at the new Pinckneyville Community Hospital that is still under construction. Several members also made mats for the homeless out of trash bags.

The month of February, our local county had an emphasis on our country of study, Germany. Several of our units enjoyed outings to local German restaurants to taste authentic cuisine. The lesson for the month was also Germany. Our members, once again, collected Valentines with quarters attached for our local Veterans Home. This time they collected a whopping 365.

Perry County marched into Spring by becoming the home of the new IAHCe president, Jane Chapman! We are proud of her accomplishments and are sure she will be as big a blessing to the state organization as she has been to ours at the county level. We had several members attend Annual Conference in Decatur. Our units are still collecting plastic caps and lids and are now donating them to the St. Bruno Catholic School as they can have a bench made for their playground.

Sara Tanner  
Public Relations

## RANDOLPH.....

It has sure taken a long time for spring to arrive. Having been inside during the inclement winter weather, a Cabin Fever Event was held on March 2, and there was snow on the ground. Various crafts were introduced, and those in attendance learned how to make them.

Including were: an angel string art card, arm knitting scarf, crochet hanger covers, a garden apron idea and an Easter table favor for the Human Service Center, along with a variety of other tips and ideas.

Six members of the board attended the conference in Decatur in March. They came back with a lot of ideas that will be presented to the units. We are honored to have District 7 Director Janel Kassing on our board, and she will be co-chairperson of the 2016 conference.

The annual meeting is April 30 and the theme will be on Germany. Deitt Schneider of Venedy, who has visited Germany several times, was asked to be the speaker.

Jane Lucht  
Public Relations



## SALINE.....

Saline County Homemakers made a donation to the Saline County 4-H program. Homemakers also presented checks at the 4-H Achievement Night in October to the "Best First Time Food Demonstrator" and "Top Food Demonstrator". Homemakers continue to support the County's 4-H program by serving as show judges and inviting the clubs to unit meetings in August to show off their projects.

October has our ladies busy with International Night. The units decorated tables about Germany and several members shared interesting facts about the country and its culture. A potluck meal was enjoyed by those attending. This was also the night of the Cultural Arts Contest. The display tables were filled with items made by our very talented ladies.

As a fundraiser, our ladies served a Chicken and Dumpling Dinner in November. Colleen Alvey and

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### Saline County, continued

her workers did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Our members brought in homemade cakes and pies for dessert. The event was well attended. For Veterans Day, we collected items for the Marion V.A. hospital. County Chairperson, Jody Moore, delivered boxes filled with puzzles, books, personal care items, socks, shirts, snacks and gift cards to the V.A. hospital.

Saline County members helped bring in the Holiday season by serving hot cider and homemade cookies at the "Harrisburg home for the Holidays" celebration. The public event held at the Pioneer Village featured the lighting of the Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Now that the snow and ice have melted and the days are getting longer, Saline County ladies are looking forward to our 2015 programs and events.



*Pictured with Board Secretary, Barb Lambert, are 4-H Federation Officers Callie Oxford, Alex McRoy, and Tyler Bond.*

Barb Lambert  
Public Relations Chairperson

### WASHINGTON.....

The Washington County ladies have been busy quilting. There is another beautiful quilt for our annual quilt raffle.

Our WCHCE annual meeting will be held April 28, 2015 at the Okawville American Legion hall with registration beginning at 6 p.m. with the theme "Walk with HCE". There will be "Chair Yoga" led by Elizabeth Gonzales and our District Director, Janel Kassing, will install the new officers. A collection will be taken as "Pennies for Friendship", also. The transition meeting of old/new officers will be held in June. Our Community and Family Living Director made "Bibs" for the local Veterans in the Nashville Hospital.

Our "Washington County Home Bureau" was organized October 1, 1947 with 400 members signing the Constitution, with Mrs. George Dueker as President. There was a song written October 1, 1947.

#### *Home Bureau Song*

*Chorus:*

*We're learning, we're learning  
of what these things are made;  
and if they're really worth the price,  
the price that must be paid!*

A Bicentennial Memory booklet was printed in 1976, compiled by Washington County HEA. The following was a printed poem:

*It is easy enough to fuss and find fault  
When others are doing their best,  
To sneer at the little that they have achieved  
When you have done nothing but rest.*

Adeline Blumhorst  
Public Relations



### WILLIAMSON

Williamson County HCE is proud of the volunteer hours of our first male member shown here with an exchange student from China, Fan Shi, who entertained the Care and Share unit at their Christmas Party in December with his violin music.

Phillip Stucker leads all 80 or so county members with almost 3,000 volunteer hours of the more than 13,000 hours from our county. Philip's hours were gathered from work with historical groups and as president of

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*Fan Shi and Phillip Stucker entertain at Care and Share Unit Christmas Party.*

the Herrin Area Historical Society. Most of his hours are spent taking foreign students on weekends to see area places of interest and to meet with groups he is involved in such as the Illinois Chapter of the Trail of Tears and meetings of those of Cherokee heritage here in Southern Illinois. We are looking forward to presenting Phillip and others who turned in CVH at our annual meeting on April 30.

International directors, Karen Williams and Billie Mathis have invited retiring HAHCE President Marilyn Daughhette to speak about her trip to India and the ACWW Triennial Conference during her term. We may get an update on the NVON water filter project also and their upcoming July conference in Bloomington.

We are looking forward to meeting in Perry County for our fall Family Issues Update event which will include several downstate counties this year. Our fall bazaar in November is our main fundraiser and we feel it was a success although we may move the next bazaar from Williamson County Fairgrounds unless building improvements can be made. Several units are already beginning to make items for the bazaar, and the county has several ladies making the plastic crocheted mats for the homeless.

Our county is still fixing lunch for the Lighthouse Shelter in Marion on the fifth Saturday months. Several units donate Gumdrops for food for students in Southern Illinois and other worthy causes such as Night Shield, clothing for homeless veterans and area women's shelters.

Marie Samuel,  
Public Relations

## SUPPORT FUND REPORT

### 2014 IAHCE CHAMPAIGN REPORT

Champaign County Home and Community Education was granted approval for a grant request for a booth at the Fisher Fair July 8-12, 2014 for the purpose of informing the public about Champaign County HCE and invite them to join HCE.

- Our display showed the public our projects, our focus on the home as well as community outreach, international awareness, cultural enrichment, family issues and continuing education with our up-to-date *Lessons for Living* on health, food & nutrition, aging, families, children, education, environment, etc. brought to us by the University of Illinois Extension Educators.
- Our display followed the 2014 theme "Been Cookin 96 Years" with using vintage aprons and vintage cooking utensils.



*Display at Fisher Fair:  
Carol Froeschl  
and Mary Lou  
Younger,  
Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Presidents -  
Membership*

- Our display had several hand-outs: tri-fold flier with information about Champaign County HCE, monthly newsletter "The Chatter", upcoming county events for 2014 the public is invited, 2014 list of *Lessons for Living*, ballpoint pens with our name and website on them, Cultural Enrichment Guidelines for State, and a handout to promote our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual garage sale in August.
- Our display had a map of Champaign County showing where our 16 HCE units are located in the county, notebook with copies of past *Lessons for Living*, display boards showing our the projects and IAHCE awards our county had received at the State Conference, a weight blanket for Autistic children was displayed with information hand-outs on how to make them.

Members of the public that signed up that they are interest in further information on Champaign County HCE, their name was put into a drawing for a 1 year membership for 2015. We had about 10 people sign that were interested in more information and attending a unit meeting. The

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## SUPPORT FUND REPORT

### Champaign County Support Fund Report, continued

people were contacted several times and arranged for them to attend a Unit meeting. Also, each received our monthly newsletter "The Chatter" for three months. Champaign County was granted approval for a second grant request for HCE *Membership Event* during HCE on October 24, 2014.



- The purpose of our Membership Event on October 4, 2014 was to increase our membership by inviting the public, family and friends to come and learn about Champaign County Home and Community Education and share in our celebration our county being 96 years old.....*making a difference for families since 1918.*
- At our membership event we had *The Tea Ladies Inc.* from Bloomington as our featured speakers on vintage Aprons. The presentation showed antique and vintage aprons, their significant changes in women's daily life. Attendees were asked to bring or wear their favorite vintage apron and a little story about it. Several aprons were brought and each member showed and told a story about their aprons. The audience participation was enjoyed by all.
- Two lessons were presented at the event. A lesson was demonstrated by one of our members on *How to Make an Apron from a Man's Dress Shirt*. Also, a lesson was also demonstrated by one of our members on *How to Make an Apron from a T-Shirt*.
- A Power Point Presentation was presented entitled "Been Cookin 96 Years". Champaign County was one of the first few counties in Illinois to begin rural homemaker education in 1918. Our entertainment for the day was one of our members who has a lovely singing voice and she sang with pianist many songs that followed our theme of the day. Lyrics sheets were hand out for everyone to participate.
- A buffet lunch was served to the members attending.
- We invited any guests attending to become a member. Every guest attending received a membership packet that included; tri-fold brochure, list of county board members, a copy of our monthly newsletter *The*

*Chatter*, list of 2015 program lessons, list of upcoming events open to the public, our constitution and bylaws, information on IAHCE with state map of the districts, information sheet on our affiliates, what HCE means, copy of lessons given in the past and ball point pen with our name and website on it.

Those guest that joined that day had their names put into a drawing for a free year's membership for 2015. We had six guest join at our event. Two others joined the next month after attending our event. All new member joining HCE at our Membership Event received a purple HCE Apron made by one of our members, Mary Lou Younger. A Certificate was presented to the Unit with the most new members in their unit in 2014 – Staley Unit.

Special guest was Kathryn McNeely, IAHCE Second Vice-President.

Both projects/reports were on display at the IAHCE State Conference in March.

Carol Froeschl  
Champaign County  
Membership Chairman

### **SUPPORT FUND GRANTS**

***Bev Combs, Support Fund Chairman***

#### **REMINDER - June 1, 2015, DEADLINE**

- Are you planning an activity that could possibly be used by other counties as a learning tool?
- Will you be reaching a lot of people with your activity? Could you use some financial support for this activity?

If the answer is yes to any/all of the above, consider applying for a grant from the IAHCE Support Fund. The guidelines and application can be found in the Guidebook at [www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org). The guidelines are on pages 63a and 63b. Read them to see if one of your county/multi-county programs will qualify. Then fill out the application form on pages 64 & 65 and submit it to me, Bev Combs, treasurer. It must be postmarked by June 1, 2015.

The applications will be discussed by the Support Fund Advisory Committee in August and counties will be notified of their decisions before September 1, 2015.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### 2014 COUNTY OF THE YEAR RESULTS

#### TOP FIVE SCORES

1. McLean County-District 5  
14,270
2. Macon County-District 5  
10,270
3. Stephenson County-District 1  
7,980
4. Champaign County-District 5  
7,680
5. Adams County-District 4  
6,780

#### **District 1**

Lee County 2,240

#### **District 2/3**

DuPage County 3,280

McHenry County 2,780

Kankakee County 2,310

#### **District 4**

Tazewell County 4,260

#### **District 5**

Edgar County 6,700

#### **District 6**

Monroe County 6,740

Fayette County 4,250

Effingham County 4,130

Bond County 2,970

#### **District 7**

Jefferson County 4,550

Perry County 4,410

Hamilton County 4,350

Franklin County 3,500

Pulaski-Alexander 3,170

Jackson County 2,970

### 2016 NVON CONFERENCE WILL BE HOSTED BY ILLINOIS HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Sharon Middleton was the chairman of conference. As you know, she has a 2 year old grandson that had a liver transplant in 2014. He is doing great now. But also in December, 2014, his mother had twin boys. Remember Sharon was babysitting for Crosby since his birth and now has the twin boys. She is now watching all 3 boys!

She felt she needed to step down as chairman and asked me to help her out. I contacted the president of NVON, Lylene Scholz, for her approval and received that. I will now be the chairman of the NVON 2016 Conference.

I know that you all will help IAHCCE to provide an interesting, educational and fun conference in 2016 at the Normal, IL Marriott Hotel. Please call me if you want to be a part of hosting this conference.

My contact number is 217-251-4903.

Thanks so much.

Marilyn Daughhettee



### KANKAKEE HCE MEMBERS CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, April 11, 2015 A celebration was held at the Quality Inn, in Bradley Illinois. Past and present members of County HCE attended as well as other Counties thru out the state. IAHCCE state board members also attended.

State Representative Kate Cloonen read a state proclamation recognizing Kankakee HCE for 100 years of service and presented it to county president Lorraine Wildman. Dinner music was performed while everyone dined.

Entertainment was provided by Mary Cantway and also by the Kankakee Valley Theater company, Rag Time singers. Marla Behrends, former agriculture radio host and former 4-H member, gave a video review and talked about past and present HCE activities.

State Vice President, Kathryn McNelly read a letter of congratulations from new state president Jane Chapman congratulating Kankakee HCE on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Given out during the event were 50 and 55 year membership awards to Iris Robinson (50) and Betty Jo Baker (55) years.

A display of quilt blocks from different units thru out the years was on display along with several scrapbooks and photos of past and present members. A silent auction was held to raise scholarship funds, along with pennies for friendship. Half the money raised from pennies for friendship was given to the tornado victims from Fairdale, Illinois.

All guests left with a big smile on their face and a 100 year celebration coffee mug and a goody bag provided by local sponsors.

It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

Rita Overacker, 2nd Vice President and International Director

# WACKY SHOES



# T-SHIRT TUESDAY



# FUN WALK

Thank you to all 8 who helped raise \$154.09 by their participation.  
3 pair raised over \$30 each. They were recognized with a symbol of clean water.

- 100 years of Kankakee Co. shoes—lady
- Becky Kendall of LaSalle
- Contrasting deck shoes/with a face

Thanks again for all 8 participants!

Marilyn Burkman  
Bureau County



# 2014 EDUCATION AWARDS

## Community Outreach Awards

### *Citizenship:*

- Macon County District 5  
Ronald McDonald House Donations
- Monroe County District 6  
Linus Blankets
- Rock Island County District 1  
Fabric Duffle Bags for Stand-Down
- Sangamon County District 4  
Adopted Aperia Care Facility
- Jefferson County District 7  
Supplied Food Banks

### *Safety:*

- Monroe County District 6  
Identity Theft
- McLean County District 5  
Disaster Preparedness

### *Environment:*

- Jefferson County District 7  
3 R'S Reduce-Reuse-Recycle
- DuPage County District 2/3  
Animal Welfare

### *Special Activity:*

- Sangamon County District 4  
Weighted Blankets for Autism
- Kankakee County District 2/3  
Weighted Blankets for Autism
- Stephenson County District 1  
"Fidget" Quilts for Dementia Patients
- Effingham County District 6  
Making items for Nursing Home Patients



**GRAND AWARD**  
**Massac County District 7**  
**Learning and sharing with 4-H**

## Cultural Enrichment Awards

### *Special activities:*

- Stephenson District 1  
Boat trip on the Pride of Oregon
- Adams District 4  
Getting to know Adams County

- Macon District 5  
Activities & lessons during HCE Week
- Monroe District 6  
Art contest at County Museum
- Jefferson District 7  
Trip to Sophia Sachs Butterfly House

### *Textiles & Clothing:*

- Edgar District 5  
Made stocking for the troops & filled them
- Perry District 7  
Taught crafts at Craft Day

### *Heritage Skills:*

- Wayne District 7  
Taught heritage skills at different events



**GRAND AWARD**  
**Effingham District 6**  
**Assisted Girl Scout Troop to sew**  
**Christmas stockings**

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## Family Issues Awards

### *Family Living*

- McLean County District 5  
Sewing, Food Bank, Appreciation
- Wayne County District 7  
Autism

### *Health, Food & Nutrition:*

- McLean County District 5  
Exercise & Mobility
- Adams County District 4  
Volunteer Programs & Health
- Perry County District 7  
Focus on Apples
- Kendall County District 2/3  
"The art of delicious desserts"

### *Special Activity*

- Effingham County District 6  
Mobile Food Pantry Project
- McLean County District 5  
Disaster Preparedness
- Stephenson County District 1  
Living Well Senior Expo

# 2014 EDUCATION AWARDS



## GRAND AWARD

Macon County District 5  
Healthy Living

## Health Smart Award

Grundy County  
20,383 hours walked 192 lbs. lost  
Adams County  
5,498.5 miles walked 18 walkers



## FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Monroe County District #6  
Ron & Sharon Scherer  
Accomplishments and service to their community

Morgan District 4  
Germany-Planning Teamwork  
Macon District 5  
Germany-Sister Cities presentation  
Monroe District 6  
Germany-Great PR work, 48 guests  
Wayne District 7  
Germany-Good networking & 50% attendance



## GRAND AWARD

Madison County Special Event  
Germany-Speakers, music,  
"Little Red Riding Hood" performance

## International Awards

### Country of Study:

Knox District 1  
"Experience the Country"  
Lake District 2/3  
Artful planning & execution  
Sangamon District 4  
Wunderbar presenters and handouts  
Champaign District 5  
Variety & attention to details were great hallmarks  
Effingham District 6  
Planning impressive, harmonica music  
Ingenious  
Washington District 7  
Well attended event caps off educational year

### Other Country of Study:

Lee District 1  
Brazil-Comprehensive education  
Perry District 7  
South Africa & Kansas fit well in a "Passport Party"

### Special International Event:

Stephenson District 1  
Germany-Heritage food recipes  
DeKalb District 2/3  
Women Walk the World -Tanzania focus

## Public Relations Awards

### Special Activities:

Tazewell District 4  
"Water Around the World" fundraiser  
Edgar District 5  
"Autumn Harvest Breads"  
Franklin District 7  
Christmas Ides Day and Health Fair

### HCE Week Activities:

DuPage District 2/3  
Gained members; clothing for needy; bookmarks  
Champaign District 5  
Gained members; heritage focus  
Jefferson District 7  
Community Involvement

### Public Relations Activities:

Lee District 1  
Variety of programs promoted through media  
Tazewell District 4  
Raised \$3,000+ for NVON's Water Around the World  
Madison District 6  
Networked with numerous organizations



## GRAND AWARD

McLean County District 5  
Used a variety of technology and programs

# Awards

## Certified Volunteer Hours

### Highest Number of Hour Reported:

District 1	Stephenson	14,883
District 2/3	Lake	21,942
District 4	Adams	23,226
District 5	Champaign	37,063
District 6	Fayette	22,291
District 7	Jefferson	16,883

### Highest Percentage of Members Participating:

District 1	JoDavies	51%
District 2/3	Will	61%
District 4	Adams	79%
District 5	Macon	77%
District 6	Effingham	48%
District 7	Massac	62%

### Highest Number of Members Participating:

District 1	Stephenson	58
District 2/3	Lake	56
District 4	Adams	154
District 5	McLean	157
District 6	Fayette	47
District 7	Massac	38



### Grand Award: Member over 1000 Volunteer Hours

Marilyn Daughhete 3272 Hours

## Membership

### Special Activity:

Massac County District 7

### Activities:

Madison County District 6

### Membership Net Gain:

Bureau County District 1

.97%

McHenry County District 2/3

1.07%

Scott County District 4

1.06%

Ford County District 5

1.06%

Madison County District 6

1.06%

Johnson County District 7

1.06%



### Grand Award: Largest Net Gain

Henry County District 2/3 1.07%



### FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Ron and Sharon Scherer, Columbia, IL (Monroe County) pictured with grandson, daughter and Sharon's parents,



### COUNTY OF THE YEAR

McLean County

# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AWARDS RESULTS

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
106 Artwork	Charcoal drawing	Eva Novak	Richland
201 Baby quilt	Hand Embroidered	Marilyn Peradotto	Perry
302 Counted Cross Stitch	Birds and Lilacs	Thelma Harms	Sangamon
407 Crafts	Winter scene 3-D tole	Rosie Kremer	Effingham
509 Crochet afghan	Window pane pattern	Sharon Raymond	Livingston
601 Crochet-Other	Blue Doily	Nancy Mathis	Champaign
703 Hand Embroidery	Pillow Case	Loretta Hogen	Stephenson
806 Hand Quilted Quilts	Embroidery on quilt	Sharon Crowson	Madison
903 Heritage Needlework	pillow/crewl & candlewick	Shirley Schadewaldt	Stephenson
1003 Jewelry	pop tab necklace	Diane Ethridge	Stephenson
1101 knit afghan	preemie afghan	Beth Sablotney	Edgar
1207 knit other	Black, grey, white shawl	Carol Keneway	DeKalb
1301 Embroidery	vest with flowers	Marge Houghland	Edgar
1414 Machine quilted quilts	Celtic waves, black, blues	Bev Elving	Effingham
1504 Nature	Woven wheat crosses	Joan Anderson	LaSalle
1602 Photography	close up of flower	Linda Klyman	Rock Island
1704 Recycled	pencil and pen birdhouse	Linda Klyman	Rock Island
1802 rugs	tree of life hooked rug	Vivian Faulkner-King	Piatt
1904 scrapbooking	homemakers camp	Kate Schmitgall	Tazewell
2004 Table runner	blue and white crazy quilt	Carol Bursott	Richland
2109 Wearable art	matching jacket and purse	Evelyn Eads	Piatt
2202 Wall Hanging	fiber art/jewelry beads, etc.	Linda Klyman	Rock Island
2301 Wood	paint burning	Tracy Zieber	Macon
2402 Current Theme	cooking Apron	Mary Beth Hoene	Effingham



# BEHIND THE SCENES AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



District 1 Director, Marilyn DeVries decorated 66 shoes for the centerpieces at annual conference. Check out all the boxes.

Filling Goodie Bags



All the items for the Goodie Bags



Randolph County members, Charlene Woods, Shirley Hohgreffe, Gert rude Helmers, Joan Wiegand and Donna Websell worked late in the evening volunteering to blow up balloons and set them out to mark the "Walk Around the World" route.

Getting instructions for Opening Luncheon.



Below: Janel Kassing places pedometers on the table while Conference Chair, Marilyn Schaefer, places song sheets on the tables for the Opening Luncheon.



Cultural Enrichment set up and ready for viewing and voting.



District 2/3 Director Angela Hicks practices for the Opening Luncheon: "These Shoes were Made for Walkin'"

# NEWS and NOTES

## THANK YOU



FROM MARILYN DAUGHHETEE  
PAST IAHCE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you during my terms.

A special thank you to Marilyn Schaefer, Conference Chair, in trying to surprise me by making arrangements for my son, Rusty, to the conference on Wednesday night. I spoiled it by getting off the elevator just as they were trying to sneak him in the hotel. It was wonderful anyway. Thank you, Marilyn, I loved it.



Congratulations to Jane Chapman as the new IAHCE State President. I know you will enjoy it as much as I did. At least now, there is only 1 Marilyn on the State Board. It will make it simpler when you ask for Marilyn instead of 3 of us answering at once.

Blessings to all,  
*Marilyn Daughhete*

Newly elected president, Jane Chapman, Randolph County, is presented the gavel by retiring president, Marilyn Daughhete.

### AFFILIATED WITH ACWW FOR 80 YEARS

2014 marked the 90th anniversary of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE), USA. Happily, it was also the 80th anniversary of IAHCE's affiliation with ACWW. While IAHCE have undergone a number of name changes over 90 years, it has not changed its mission to promote social and economic well being in homes and neighborhoods through education, leadership and volunteerism.

IAHCE has been with ACWW since the beginning, according to ACWW's 75th Anniversary history book, when ACWW's 3rd Triennial Conference met in Washington at the beginning of summer in June 1936. Nearly 7,000 American women attended in Washington, including 188 from Illinois. At the IAHCE Annual Conference in March 2014, IAHCE International Director, Pat Weitzmann had the opportunity to give a brief history of IAHCE's affiliation with ACWW. She also gave an update on ACWW, including the then recent 2013 Triennial Conference's Resolutions and Recommendations.

*-copied from the Countrywoman International magazine of the Associated Country Women of the World, January-March 2015 issue.*

### CLARENCE MIDDLETON HONORED



Clarence Middleton, Macon County, has been the IAHCE official photographer for several years.

He has always done outstanding work capturing the special, memorable moments of our annual meetings.

He was recognized for his dedication at the Annual Conference Awards Banquet.

A certificate of Appreciation was presented by IAHCE President, Marilyn Daughhete.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Deadline for submitting entries in Women Walk the World Best Photo Contest  
May 15, 2015
- Host applications for International Homemaker Exchange  
July 1, 2015
- 2015 NVON Conference  
Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia  
July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 IAHCE Workshops  
Districts 6 & 7  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
903 W. Jefferson  
Effingham, IL 62401  
August 11
- Districts 4 & 5  
Decatur Club  
158 W. Prairie, Decatur, IL 62526  
August 12
- Districts 1 & 2/3  
Illinois Valley Community College  
Oglesby, IL 51348  
August 13
- 2015 CWC USA/ACWW USA Area Meeting  
September 20 – 22  
Hyatt Regency Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
- 2016 IAHCE Annual Conference  
Embassy Suites, East Peoria  
March 15 - 17
- 2016 NVON  
Marriot Hotel, Normal, IL  
July 18 – 21
- 2016 ACWW Triennial Conference  
University of Warwick England  
August 18 – 24
- 2016 CWC USA/ACWW USA Area Meeting  
September, 2016  
Location To Be Announced
- 2019 ACWW Triennial Conference  
Melbourne, Australia  
TBA



A great big  
**THANK YOU**

## GOODIE BAGS

On behalf of the IAHCE board, Marilyn Schaefer, 2015 Conference Chair, and Mary Eustace, 2015 Conference Co-chair want to thank all the counties and volunteers who helped with the **GOODIE BAGS!**

The bags held everything from brochures, bookmarks, candy cards, coins, and coasters to fans, key chains, pens, ornaments, tissues, and samples.

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|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Adams                    | Bond     | Christian  |
| DeWitt                   | Edgar    | Effingham  |
| Fayette                  | Franklin | Hamilton   |
| Franklin (Browning Unit) |          | Kankakee   |
| Lake                     | Macon    | Madison    |
| McHenry                  | McLean   | Monroe     |
| Perry                    | Piatt    | Pike       |
| Randolph                 | Sangamon | Wayne      |
| Stephenson               |          | Williamson |
- Decatur Tourism Bureau



*From: Teresa Brookman*

*Walking gets the feet moving  
The blood moving,  
The mind moving,  
And movement is life.*



*-Carrie Latet-*

*Come walk the beach  
With me!*

